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CATTLE.

Receipts at Kansas City for the week ending Nov. 21 were as follows: Cattle, 55,502; calves, 3,255; hogs, 50,101; sheep, 20,207; horses, 1,463. For the corresponding week last year: Cattle, 32,721; calves, 1,218; hogs, 71,769; sheep, 9,859; horses, 2,031.

The Omaha Daily Stockman has been figuring some on the cattle feeder supply in the Northwest, and finds a considerable shortage throughout Utah and Colorado, according to the reports of credible authorities. In view of their statements, the stockmen think the outlook encouraging for Nevada, Idaho and Oregon, as well as Nebraska cattle feeders.

WHICH BEEF IS BEST?

The Iowa Experiment Station, in Bulletin No. 33, recites experience with a lot each of open heifers, spayed heifers and steers. After giving relative cost of feeding each, gains and percentages of dressed beef, all of which figures are so close as to be almost identical, it concludes thus:

"Carefully conducted slaughter and block tests have not revealed any material difference in the character, composition or quality of the meat from the steers and heifers used in these experiments.

"But little if any benefit has been derived from spaying.

"In both cases the heifers have given more profitable carcasses on the block, even when granting the higher valuation put on the leading cuts from the steers."

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VACCINE FOR BLACKLEG.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 25.

To the Journal:

The writer has for some time past been a firm believer in the efficacy of vaccination after the Pasteur method as a preventative for blackleg in cattle. This decision has been reached partly from a careful reading of the favorable evidence from parties who have experimented on a large scale, and thereby checked the ravages of anthrax or charbon (which is akin to blackleg) where it was decimating entire sections of the country. It is not intended now to reproduce testimony of eminent state and national authorities, both in this and foreign countries. Suffice it to say that the system has the endorsement of a cloud of witnesses sufficient to set all doubts at rest. Thinking it would interest Texas stockmen to know something of the experience of parties in the state who had used the vaccine, the writer recently addressed inquiries to cattlemen and others requesting their opinion upon the preventative efficacy of the vaccine. Some of them have not replied. The following letters, however, have been received:

Washburn, Tex., Nov. 6, 1896.

Yours of the 31st at hand this morning, and in reply will say that Mr. Davidson and myself have inoculated and furnished vaccine for some 2000 head of calves and we have not obtained as good results from the inoculation as we had hoped for. We have had losses among our own calves from blackleg every year, and a year ago last August we inoculated our calves, but the loss during the year from the disease seemed to be as great as in previous years without inoculation. We have inoculated our calves again this year, and have only lost three or four head up to this date. Mr. Wood, cashier of the Amarillo National Bank of Amarillo, Tex., inoculated 136 head of calves in October, 1895, after having lost several head. The inoculation was carefully and acurately performed, but Mr. Wood's calves continued to die from black leg until some twenty head had died. They continued to die until he made a change of pasture, and so in some and smaller bunches has this been the case—that is, it seemed to do no good; yet on the other hand there were some bunches inoculated wherein it seemed to do good, especially one. I inoculated in the fall of 1895 sixty head, that of Mr. J. Scott, of Goodnight, Tex. Mr. Scott was losing from one to two calves every twenty-four hours, but after inoculation none died. There was one other bunch of calves of about 100 head where thirteen head had died before inoculation, but after inoculation none died. This inoculation was performed in October, 1895. I do not wish to say anything that will in any way reflect on the vaccine company, but it is my opinion that the vaccine will not perform all that it is claimed to do, and this seems to be the prevailing opinion of all those who have used it here. We had hoped that the vaccine would have absolutely prevented the disease, and it may do better than our experience leads us to believe. The operation of inoculation is somewhat particular and complex, and it is my opinion can not be used on large ranches.

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C. F. RANDALL, M. D.

Tascosa, Tex., Nov. 7, 1896.

Yours of Oct. 31 received. I really can not give any opinion about the Pasteur vaccine blackleg preventive. I used it last June on about thirty registered Hereford calves, and none of them have died. But this was only thirty out of about eighty of same class, and none of the others have died either. Besides, about 3,800 of our grade calves are here on same kind of pasture, and none of them have died. We have been loosing a lot of calves every winter from blackleg; so, perhaps, before this winter is over, my experience will warrant my passing some opinion about the vaccine.

CHAS. N. WHITMAN.

Galveston, Texas.

Yours in reference to practical experience with the use of Pasteur vaccine as a preventive of blackleg and allied authracoid diseases received. Will say I have inoculated several hundred head in this coast country, and although they have been turned out and grazing over land where charbon cattle have died and left lay, have as yet not heard of any inoculated cattle becoming affected with the disease, and am confident if the inoculation is properly carried out if affords absolute protection against charbon.

FRED J. BURKEY, M. D. C.

Cisco, Tex., Nov. 6, 896.

In answer to your favor of the 31st instant, I beg to state that myself and neighbors vaccinated 700 head of calves last spring, and so far as I have learned none have died. I can not say what will be the result, if any, until later. The losses were quite heavy last winter, but no vaccine had ever been tried. I hope it will prove a success.

L. E. BRANNIN.

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 10, 1896.

Our experience with Pasteur vaccine only extends one year back, but it has proved wonderfully successful. We have only a small herd of fine cattle, something over 100 head, but until we tried the Pasteur remedy we lost twelve to fifteen calves yearly from blackleg, and since using it have not lost one. Our calves showed no bad effects from being inoculated, for some claim it injures them. I know of several other parties that has tried the remedy with equal success, notable a friend of mine, Dan Polk, of D'Hanis, Uvalde county, who lost eighteen of his Jerseys out of about forty head with blackleg, and after getting the balance treated lost no more. I think enough of it to justify me in saying it is an absolute preventative of the disease.

A. Y. WALTON, JR.

Albany, Tex., Nov. 7, 1896.

Replying to yours of the 31st, have to say that we did buy some vaccine, but after learning that it had to be applied twice, and at different times, we decided not to use it, so can not give you any information about it.

W. D. REYNOLDS.

Coleman, Tex., Nov. 14, 1896.

I am in receipt of yours of recent date in regard to the Pasteur vaccine cure for calves with blackleg. My calves suffered last winter and spring quite badly, 15 or 20 per cent. In May I concluded to try that remedy, and ordered 1,000 doses of the virus. By the time it reached me the disease had entirely ceased, and the heated season hadbegun. I did not use it. I think it has appeared again in my herd. I will commence in a few days to inoculate all of my calves. R. H. OVERALL.

Colorado, Tex., Nov. 12, 1896.

Yours of Oct. 31, in regard to the use of Pasteur's vaccine as a preventative of blackleg in cattle to hand, and in reply will say that I have inoculated 500 or 600 head with the most beneficial results. My cattle last year were dying up to the day of the first inoculation, having lost 20 per cent up to that time, after which time I lost none. This spring I had one head to die between first and second inoculations. I am emphatically convinced from my own experience, and observations of others who have used it, that Pasteur's vaccine for the prevention as a preventative of blackleg is a great success. I will say I am not interested in its use or sale. JOHN T. JOHNSON.

Denver Field and Farm of 11th instant states: "Conrad Schaeffer, of Morgan county, is engaged in inoculating 600 head of cattle with Pasteur anthrax vaccine is a preventative of blackleg. Dr. Gresswell was on the ground to see that the work was started in the proper way. In this state last year 2,500 head of cattle were treated with the Pasteur injection with highly satisfactory results."

A correspondent, under date of 19th instant, writes: "Col. Lockhart, president of the Alfalfa Land and Cattle company, of Colorado Springs, Col., in 1894 lost 200 out of 650 head of stock. Blackleg started again in the fall of 1895, and the company immediately vaccinated 696 head. Thirty deaths occurred after vaccination, while, although but one-seventh of the loss of the previous year, was much too high. Col. Lockhart himself admitted that in going over so many cattle some might have escaped. This week he is having a thousand head vaccinated.

The above are furnished just as received, and readers can form their own conclusions. It may be as well to add that I am nowise connected with or interested in the sale of the Pasteur Vaccine company's preparations, my only desire in the matter being to benefit the stock-raisers of the country.

P. W. HUNT.

P. S.—I understand that two lymphs are generally used at an interval of a few days, but that the company are now working with the idea of making one application sufficient.

THE FARM.

Unless a careful selection of corn is made each year it will tend to "run out."

It will pay well, even this late, to put the tools and machine under shelter, if any are out.

A poor farm can be bought much cheaper than a rich one, and by proper rotation the poor farm can soon be made rich.

There should be regular hours for work on the farm. Too many farmers break down their health by exposure and overwork.

A writer wants some eminent agriculturist to explain why pumpkin and watermelon vines always grow crossways with the row?

Farmers can not afford to experiment except on a small scale. The business of the experiment stations is to carry extensive experiments.

Small machinery that becomes clogged with dirt on the bearings, can be cleansed, says a writer, by plunging it into boiling soap suds to which has been added ammonia. Afterwards wipe dry.

An exchange says: "The model farmer is always on the lookout for new ways of saving money and labor. A very cheap and serviceable basket for general use can be made from an old soap box or berry crate by nailing on half a barrel hoop for a handle.

There is never a time when cornstalks are quite so good as when they are first cut. Even when not exposed to rains ther is a gradual drying up of their juices, or else a partial decomposition that is more productive of loss. Hay and grain will keep with less waste, and will be better to keep for late feeding. Dry cornstalks, after being alternately frozen and thawed during winter, are not worth much for feeding.

In any city or village many turnips can be sold to private families by nearby farmers, if they will take the pains to call on people at their homes. It may seem slow work, but a wagon load goes off very quickly, especially if the farmer has besides the white varieties for early use some of the yellow turnips that will keep good until spring. There is often late in the season a market for the coarse rutabagas, which are then the only turnips that are in good condition to eat.

There is much less waste by fall manuring than is commonly supposed. If fresh manure from stables is drawn out as made and spread over the surface, the winter snows and rains leach through it, and whatever soluble fertility it contains slowly soaks into the soil. Unless the surface is frozen or the land is flooded from running water coming from above, there is never any washing of the surface soil to carry off its fertility. On the contrary, the manure is much better mixed with the soil than it could be if left until spring, when if plowed under the rains seldom come heavy enough to thoroughly soak the manure in the soil.

Charles Foster, of Fostoria, O., ex-governor of Ohio and ex-secretary of the treasury, was in Denver this week looking after some gold properties. "I am told that you can raise wheat out here for 30 cents a bushel," said he. "A year or two ago I was on the Dalrymple farm up in Dakota, where they have more acres, more threshing machines, steam gang plows and reapers than I can remember, or than I would care to state if I could. The manager of the big farm sat in his office and directed all the movements of the ranch by telephone. Wires ran in every direction, and reports were regularly sent in, so that he knew constantly how things were moving in this great wheat principality."—Field.

It is one of the advantages, or disadvantages as the case may be, of renting land that the man who rents has fully impressed upon him the need of getting full returns from every acre for which he pays rent. If the farm is owned this point is not often thought of. If the farmer gets a living, and if he can still lay by a few dollars in the bank at the end of the year, he thinks he is doing all that can be expected. Quite likely this is true in times of low prices, when it is most difficult to make farming pay. But it is not the result at which a farmer should aim. His attempt should be, even if not realized, to get some profit from every acre, and to make his best land produce as large profit as it is capable of doing. Whenever farmers aim at these purposes they will be able to withstand competition unless it comes from those whose natural facilities for cheap production are superior to their own.

FARMING FOR A LIVING.

There is no gainsaying the fact that if farmers would farm more for a living and not simply to make money, they would live better and make more money, too, says a writer. The essential thing to do, and it is of prime importance, is to produce all the food crops on the farm that are necessary to sustain the necessary laborers and stock and a surplus for market. On farms remote from market, farmers can not successfully diversify their agricultural pursuits. With the establishment of good roads and manufacturing enterprises throughout the country, the demand will be increased and the ability to transport products enlarged.

But it will pay the farmer to rotate his crops and diversify them sufficient to meet his own wants at home. Let him not only build up his home, but his land. No handsome residence with all the evidences of thrift and happiness looks in place on a farm whose soil is depleted of humus and given over to briars and brambles.

ARE WHEAT VARIETIES DEGENERATING?

The general failure of the wheat crop in Ohio this year has caused many farmers to think that their wheat is "running out," and the desire to change seed is more general than it has been for some years past, judging from letters received at the experiment station. While there is undoubtedly a great difference in the vigor of different varieties of wheat and their adaptation to different soils and climates, the tests made at the experiment station encourages the belief that a variety adapted to the soil and conditions of a given locality will tend to improve rather than to degenerate, if proper care is exercised in selecting seed from year to year. To illustrate: the two varieties of wheat which head the list at the Ohio station in a ten-year test, Valley, which has given the largest yield per acre, and Penquite's Velvet Chaff, which has given the heaviest average weight per bushel, are both varieties which originated or were first distributed from Southwestern Ohio 15 to 30 years ago. These varieties are not proof against all unfavorable conditions, and every season they are excelled in yield by some other sorts, but no one sort has yet been able to overtop either of them in the points mentioned in the average of a long continued test.—Southwestern Farmer.

DEEP PLOWING.

Nearly every one agrees that deep plowing is right, and every farmer almost claims to plow deep, says a writer in an exchange. Some soils may be plowed as deep as one foot or more and if this depth is reached, there is no danger of throwing the subsoil on top, as so many seem to fear, for if one foot deep is reached the furrow will not be wider than one foot, and so no bottom soil can find its way to the top—the soil is not turned over, as is the case in shallow plowing. The same writer continues: Right here some persons who are opposed to deep plowing are often caught in a "fib," for they give instances where they have plowed deep and the subsoil thrown on top as they state, spoiled the ground for several years after. Any one can see that if the plow goes down one foot deep the furrow cannot be merely turned over flat. The thing cannot be done, is not done, and when any one tries to get off that old and false "racket" just ask them if they see anything green in your "eye?"

Many persons are opposed to deep plowing because it is necessary to abandon prevailing methods and to adopt new ones, and to change is very painful to some people. But some of the advantages of reducing the cultivated area may be named, as, for instance, one-half the capital invested in lands will be sufficient; the interest on this useless investment is saved annually, which is a great sum to be considered. One-half the taxes only is required to be paid, and one-half the cost of keeping up repairs is only necessary so that this reduction of the area to be cultivated is attended with so many important and vital savings that must impress itself on every one as "the proper thing to do."

ON SUNDRY TOPICS.

Christian, Palo Pinto Co., Nov. 23.

To the Journal.

I wish to ask and answer some questions. In my travels over the country I see Jersey and Holstein bulls on a large per cent of the farms. What will be the consequence in a few years? Now the Durham or Angus are both good milkers and good beefers. The Hereford is a fine beef animal but no milker. I discarded mine on that account and I had as fine a bunch as money could buy.

There is a good deal of space taken up in the farm journals in regard to killing Johnson grass. I think it is the most valuable forage plant for this section. If I had to give it up I would certainly give up the ranch and the black mulicow and move to town. To exterminate small bunches scrape it up with a weeding hoe five or six times during the season. Where it is thick plow in spring and disk it six or eight times during the season. I use a 16-inch disk, two horses and a small boy and it kills it—did it last year, wet as it was.

I have built me a runway and want information on sub-irrigation on a small scale.

Grass is short on Keachi this fall. I have lots of hogs to winter on. Steer calves selling at $5 to $8, owing to quality; yearlings $10 to $12. Fat hogs 2½ cents; there are no hogs here, all gave them away some time ago, and will buy bacon next summer at 12½ cents per lb. No cattle of any consequence to go to market; farmers generally in debt.

Good bye boys,

D. M. RIDER.

(The various cattle breeds all have their proper spheres, and each has its admirer. About Johnson grass, some one correctly defined it as—"A good thing if you want it, but h—l if you don't. W. M. Kee of Tyler, Texas, has experimented with underground irrigation and can give you some valuable pointers.—Ed).

A CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE.

A delicious Christmas cake may be made by creaming together one pound of sugar and three-quarters of a pound of butter; add nine well-beaten eggs and two tablespoonfuls of molasses in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved; a wine-glass of milk, one pound of flour, one pound each of currants and raisins, two ounces of citron, one grated nutmeg, and one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon. This quantity will make two large loaves.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

CREAM CHOCOLATE CARAMELS.

Two pounds of granulated sugar, half a pound of glucose, two ounces of paraffine, two ounces of butter, one pint of cream, one-fourth teaspoonful cream of tartar, four squares of melted "frosting" chocolate; mix together and cook over a slow fire, stirring every instant until the candy is brittle when dropped in ice water.—December Ladies' Home Journal.

HORSES AND MULES.

About 600 horseless carriages are in use in the city of Paris, the greater part of them by stores and business houses. The smooth asphalt pavements are particularly well adapted to their use.

Lomo Alto Farm, Dallas, Texas, has sold to United States Judge Chas. Swayne, the chestnut weanling colt Electrilkes, by Electrite, dam Hidene, by Gambetta ilkes. The colt is now at West Grove, Pa., in charge of Dr. M. E. Conard.

Three 3-year-olds by Electrite took standard records during the Dallas, Texas, meeting, and Elrod, 3, who has been out of condition, showed his ability to pace fast, as he was close up in 2:12¼ and 2:12½, and paced one fast quarter in 30 seconds. He has no record.

Of all domestic animals the broodmare is the least prolific, the least valued, the poorest cared for and the soonest disposed of. The brood-mare that raises, or even produces twelve colts is a world-beater; the broodmare that produces ten colts is a phenomenon; the brood-mare that produces seven colts in ten years is considerably above the average, and the brood-mare that produces five colts in seven years is regarded as one of the best.—The Horse World.

Our exchanges now all agree that the demand for the better class of horses is greater than the supply which is leading directly up to a horse famine when farmers generally will wish they had some good horses to sell. Scrubs do not count, the price cannot advance for common small horses for the markets do not require that class of horses any more. We have no horse cars to use up cheap horses and mules. The markets want better horses, more size and quality in city draft horses and more size, style, beauty and knee action in carriage and coach horses. As times improve, prices will advance according to the natural laws of supply and demand.—Western Agriculturist.

Benj. Binney has returned from a trip to England. He says the farmers are complaining bitterly about low prices for cattle. He saw an old friend from Ireland, who says he is only getting about half as much for his cattle as he got twenty-five years ago. He is in the horse business and took a lot over. He says the best demand over there is for brougham and carriage horses. Number one's are now selling at about $300@500 per head each. Darks bays are preferred, and they and the strawberry roans bring a good deal more than the choicest blacks. He saw some Western branded horses offered at Doncaster, but they could hardly be given away. In the colliery districts they use native ponies where formerly small mules were used. The latter were used so roughly by the drivers that they became too vicious to use. The same would be true of our small Western range ponies.—Drovers Journal, Chicago.

The Montana experiment station has begun experiments in spaying mares, of which it says: "Heretofore this operation has been performed chiefly in isolated cases of disease or vice. It is now proposed with over-production as an economic measure to limit the production and control in a measure the quality of our horses and render more valuable for work purposes those operated upon. It is believed that spayed mares will prove more tractable and kind than open mares; that they will prove neater and cleaner in the stable than geldings and that in every sense they will be equal, if not superior to geldings in form, symmetry, courage, endurance and all essentials that go to make up serviceable horses. In addition to these expected advantages, it is evident that mares not intended for breeding purposes are free from the danger of accidental impregnation by mongrel stallions which infest so many ranges. A number have already been spayed with apparently no greater danger than castrating colts, and it is desired to continue the experiments on a number of good mares in lots of twenty to thirty."—Denver Field and Farm.

DRAFT-HORSE PRICES.

Several very substantial reasons may be given for the draft horse market remaining so long in a quiescent and seemingly unimproved condition. Great depression still exists in all other branches of trade; why should the horse market alone advance? Thousands of farmers being hard up and with pressing obligations to meet are obliged to sell something, and no other animal or product of the farm sells any better to-day than good, sound draft horses. Then the large proportion of "green" young horses and the general deterioration in the average quality placed on the market as compared with that of two or three years ago is to my mind a fact not sufficiently considered and which naturally tends to keep prices down to a low level. A few years ago horse buyers would not purchase a 4-year-old gelding; now they are glad to get them if otherwise good enough. A neighbor of mine, for instance, sold a good 4-year-old grade Clydesdale, weighing 1620 pounds only last week for $155 to one of our keenest Milwaukee buyers. In the "palmy days" such a horse might have brought $250, but he would require to have been thoroughly hardened to work and a year older. But as good horses become scarcer every year buyers are obliged to pick them up earlier, and this is where the breeder of really good stock has the advantage over the man who breeds haphazard and whose stock are inferior or nondescript. The farmer who raises good draft horses is not only sought after by the buyers, but the later will pay much better prices and take the stock a year younger in order to secure them. And that farmer with his $155 can buy quite as many of the necessaries of life as he could have done half a dozen years with $255, and so realizing that fact he goes on raising more draft horses of a similar kind.—National Stockman and Farmer.

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Sold to Feeders	392,262	1,376	111,445		
Sold to Shippers	218,805	273,999	69,784		
Total Sold in Kansas City in 1895	1,533,234	2,346,202	748,244	41,588	

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NEWS AND NOTES.

The following Live Stock, Range and Agricultural news items, scissored from our Exchanges will be found of interest to our readers.

Latest advices from Buenos Ayres estimate Argentina's wheat crop 20 per cent. below last year's yield.

Next week, if possible we will republish, in revised and condensed form, with changes, if any since last report, the entire list of cattle on feed throughout the state.

Jerome K. Jerome's last story, previous to his engagement to write two plays, has been secured by the Ladies' Home Journal, and to be printed in the January issue. It is called "An Item of Fashionable Intelligence" and deals with life in the higher social circles of London.

S. W. Allerton of Chicago, a prominent cattle breeder, dealer and importer, and Chas. B. Murray, editor and proprietor of the Cincinnati Price Current are being prominently mentioned and strongly urged each by his respective supporters for the position of Secretary of Agriculture in Mr. McKinley's cabinet.

It might be added that the above are only a couple of shipments out of many similar. Since March last the Association through its inspectors, has caught and returned to or sold for owners account, over 2,400 head of cattle. Evidently it pays a cattleman to be a member of the C. R. A. In fact, it will pay a man owning even one hundred head of cattle to join the Association.

The Monmouth Daily Review, published at Monmouth, Ills., has just issued a "Hard Roads" edition commemorative of the completion of five miles of brick-paved highway—the first in that county. This enterprise was carried out by means of a special tax which was levied for the work, and the results have been so satisfactory that that it is stated more work of the same character will shortly follow.

Bulletin No. 39 of the Texas Experiment Station entitled "The Peach" is just to hand. It is an exhaustive treatise containing notes on varieties, nomenclature, classification, diseases, etc., also peaches recommended by Texas horticulturists. This is a most interesting and valuable publication and should be in the hands of every Southern orchardist. We will reproduce extracts in our Orchard department.

The cattle market has been exceedingly brisk all the week, considerable trading reported, enquiries numerous and new buyers turning up daily. How long the present demand and healthy prices will continue is a matter upon which opinions differ. It is highly probable, however, that within a week or two things will quiet down considerably. Soon as the pending requirements are filled. Meantime, it may be well enough to suggest that when everyone wants to buy is generally a first-rate time to sell.

The second really cold spell in this portion of the state this season was experienced last week when a cold norther on the 27th ult. was followed by a severe freeze. It was but a gentle zephyr, however, compared with the terrible blizzard reported throughout the whole northwest the same day. Reports from Minnnesota, Nebraska, Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, all state that severe loss and damage was caused by terrific blizzards, snowstorms and blinding sheets of snow and ice. In the state of Arkansas severe storms and blizzards are also reported.

The Fort Worth Stock and Farm Journal has recently made marked improvements and is giving a large amount of space to various classes of agricultura and kinds of stock. The Journal is a paper that every stockman and farmer in the country should read, as they will find a number of valuable and useful articles in it. The above, from our esteemed contemporary, the Archer Dispach, is gratefully appreciated. In addition to the matters mentioned the Journal claims to give all the stock news, and stockmen's doings of importance, throughout the country up to the time of going to press each weeek.

To give an idea of the work being accomplished by the Cattle Raisers' Association an instance of a recent shipment of two cars of steers from Memphis, Texas may be cited. These cattle were caught by the association's inspector at that point, some cut out of bunches and some on the range. The shipment consisted of 51 head—one car of 27 head belonging to one individual owner, the other 24 head were owned by catttlemen whose ranches are located as follows: Three different owners in Lubbock county, two in Crosby county, one in Scurry and Garza counties, one at Eddy, N. M., one at Fort Stanton, N. M. and one each in Greer, Collingsworth, Tom Green, Garza and Childress counties. In most of these cases the chances are the owners would never have heard of these cattle again were it not for the systematic operations of the Association.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal does not seem to think feeder cattle are too high in proportion to present prices of fat cattle, judging by the following recent editorial expression:

"Though the price of good feeding cattle is considered 'high' by comparison, it is not above the average. A year ago there was less than $1 per hundred difference between the best fat fat cattle and the best feeders, and the same ratio prevailed last spring. Now the best cattle are a little more than $1 above the best feeders, so that with all the talk of high prices they don't seem to be out of proportion. The advance of last week brought in a big supply, but with a drop of 30@40c the pens have been pretty well cleared."

Doing the right thing is good but doing the right thing at the right time is better. For instance, the ground that is plowed now and gets the benefit of rain and snow between now and planting time will be in better shape to withstand drought and retain moisture than that which is left unbroken till the eleventh hour. To fix the fence before the stock find their way through, beats repairing it after the damage is done and the stock become breachy. To make a nice warm, comfortable place for the farrowing sow beforehand, rather than after the little pigs come, and perchance all get drowned some rainy night is the best and cheapest way. And so on all through this program. "A stitch in time saves nine."

The executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association at their meeting in San Antonio last Friday, decided to hold their annual convention in that city on March 8th, next. The suggestion recently advanced in the journal of the advisability of holding the annual meetings of this body and the Cattle Raisers Association at the same time and place has therefore been adopted as the meeting of the last named Association is always held on the second Tuesday in March, which next year will occur on the 9th. Thus the two great organizations can meet on common ground, exchange ideas, transact business, and enjoy each others society. The Journal is gratified at the arrangement which it confidently expects will prove mutually convenient, agreeable and satisfactory both from social and business standpoints.

THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The programme for the fifth national irrigation congress, which will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., on Tuesday, December 15, is complete. This congress wil last three days. Many of the best known public men throughout the west will be in attendance at the convention. Among those from Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas who have been given a place on the programme are the following: John E. Frost, land commissioner of the Santa Fe; D. M. Frost of the Kansas state board of irrigation; R. D. Boyd, president of the university of Oklahoma; H. R. Hilton, of Topeka; J. V. Admire, of Kingfisher, Ok., and Thomas Knight, of Kansas City, Mo. The president of the association is E. R. Moses, of Great Bend, Kas., and the national lecturer is J. S. Emery, of Lawrence. The delegates from the State of Texas are: J. H. Glusgow, Seymour, Henry Sayles, Abilene, J. M. Neel, Bonham, C. S. Husten, San Antonio, Juan Hart, El Paso, H. H. Kirkpatrick, Marfa, F. A. Swinden, Brownwood, and Geo. B. Loving, Fort Worth.

SUBSTITUTE FOR LEATHER.

"The man who can find an available substitute for leather may consider himself a millionaire. All the world is looking for it, and it comes not. Surely something ought to be discovered that will furnish a suitable equivalent for the hide of beasts. Some day it will be obtained, and everycne will say, 'Why did we not think of it.'"

The New York Journal suggests the above pointer to the inventors, adding:

"Leather is going steadily higher in the market. It is said the reason lies in the fact that the animals which furnish leather are becoming scarcer; fewer of them are being raised. Whether this be so or not, it is cetain that before long mankind will be compelled to find some substitute for the hide of the beast. Already many inventors have recorded origianl suggestions at the United States Patent Office. Unfortunately they do not seem to have thought of anything better than paper. Paper is great stuff. All sorts of things, from telegraph poles to coffins, are made of it nowadays. But as a substitute for leather it is not wholly satisfactory."

CATTLEMEN SAVE BIG MONEY.

At Guthrie, O. T., on Thursday last, Judge Tarnsey rendered a decision that is of great interest to all of the cattlemen of the Southwest. It was in a case brought from the Kiowa and Comanche reservation to test a new point in the law passed by the legislature in 1895 giving the counties to which Indian reservations are attached for judicial purposes the right to levy taxes on all property in the reservation not belonging to Indians. The supreme court of September declared that only taxes for court expenses could be levied, and this decision makes invalid the retroactive clause in the law, wherein it is attempted to legalize assessments made by these counties in 1893 and1894 under an old defective law. Judge Tarsney holding that an assessment made before the law passed in 1895 was void. This decision will make a saving of $100,000 or more to cattlemen.

"Reports from Terrell indicate that 1800 head of cattle are being fed at that point instead of 1000 as given by the Texas Stock and Farm Journal."—Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter.

The Journal's information was obtained from the mill manager, Mr. P. J. Manning, who added "No other cattle are being fed here." We suppose the manager should know; at any rate we will bank on his letter rather than on "Reports that indicate". Given a choice, substantial statements are preferable to aerial "indications" every time.

CATTLE ON FEED IN TEXAS.

On October 23rd, last, the Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter, a paper published at and in the interest of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, made the following statements:

Arrangements have already been made with the cotton oil mills of Texas to feed from 60,000 to 75,000 head of cattle. A systematic inquiry made in person by a stock yards representative shows that more local money will be used than heretofore, and that in many instances advances are being withheld until after the election....The number of cattle to be fed in Texas this year from present indications will be about 40 per cent of last year's feeding, but if money gets easier after the 3rd of November the reports from which the falling off will not be over 25 per cent.... Presuming that money will be easier next month the number of cattle fed in Texas this season will approximate 200,000 head.

(The intermediate portions omitted above, refer merely to feed supply, class of cattle, etc).

A thorough enquiry among the commission men and others who are posted as to the number of cattle fed last year, resulted in their estimates being put all the way from 250,000 to 350,000, with none lower than the first named. According, therefore, to the Reporter's forecast, and giving it the benefit of the lowest estimate for last year, its figures would stand as follows:

Forecast No. 1—40 per cent short of 250,000, equals..... 150,000

Forecast No 2—"If money gets easier after Nov. 3," which it did) 25 per cent short of 250,000, equals 187,500

Forecast No. 3—"Presuming that money will be easier next month" (which it is) the number fed this season will approximate 200,000

The above, therefore, shows the Reporter's estimate under conditions now existing to be anywhere between 150,000 and 200,000 head. But if it be claimed that 250,000 head for last year is an over-estimate let us drop 25,000 head and the predictions will then stand thus:

No. 1—40 per cent short of 225,000..... 135,000

No. 2—25 per cent short of 225,000 168,000

No. 3—On "easy money" basis. 200,000

Or an estimate of from 135,00 to 200,000 head. So much for our sprightly contemporary's figures—now for the Journal's side of the case: The Journal felt and stated that a grave injustice and much damage was being done the Texas cattlemen and feeders by allowing the Reporter's statement, which it was satisfied was grossly exaggerated, to go unchallenged, and thereby hammer still more, an already depressed market, by representing Texas as feeding or going to feed over double the number of cattle that actually were on feed. The Journal does not, however, estimate that the statement in the Reporter alone could cut any figure one way or the other, but realized that the item would be greatly pounced upon and reproduced by Journals at every market in the country to the detriment of Texas stockmen. The expected has happened and the publicity already given the statement by that means is all that its author could possibly desire. (It is now a month old and is still going the rounds.) The most inexplicable phase of this wild-cat statement is what the motive could possibly be to induce a concern posing as the financial saviour of the cattlemen—the Moses that is to lead them out of the wilderness of ignorance and impecuniousness, into the sunny paths of knowledge and plethoric pocket books, if they will but harden not their hearts but hearken to the voice of their saviour, and turn their thoughts (and cattle) to the proper point—what motive we repeat can have induced the statement? Uncharitable people, it is true, are cruel enough to hint it was for the edification of eastern packers whose eyes perchance are turned in this direction. As to this "deponent cannot say"—certain it is, however, that the statement was a gigantic over-estimate. In order to get at the truth in the matter, the Journal forthwith addressed enquiries to every cotton seed oil mill in the state asking the number of cattle on feed, or to be fed this season, also the number for which each mill was furnishing feed. Several replies were received, but many were applied to a second and third time with stamped addressed envelopes enclosed. In many cases these last named were mills not running. The Journal published replies for the past three weeks and in this issue publishes the last installment giving figures from fourteen mills heard from since last report, and making a grand total of 74,248 head of cattle on feed with only four mills not heard from and at which probably no cattle are being fed. These four mills are Marlin, National Cotton Oil Co., Waco, and Galveston and Southern Cotton Oil Co., Houston. It is of course posible that a few small lots of cattle here and there may have been put on feed since these reports were started, but nothing that would materially change the figures given. On Nov. 4, the Journal expressed its belief that the number on full feed would not exceed 50,000, and then felt that if in error, it was best to err on the safe side. Had the election resulted differently it is very probable its estimate would have been none too low. The Journal has spent considerable time, trouble and some expense in getting up correct data in this case. The result, however, has amply repaid the labor, inasmuch as it now has the satisfaction of informing our Northern and Eastern friends, the gentlemen who buy our cattle, that, instead of figuring on a basis of 200,000 head as "estimated" by our exuberant contemporary, they can rub out those figures and insert instead, "under 75,00 head," as "proved" by the Journal.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Rockport New Era: Farmers from everywhere are flocking to Southwest Texas.

Sam Henderson, of Concho county, sold 500 head of four and five-year-old steers to W. J. Turner and G. W. Vaughan, of Runnels county, at $28.

Gonzales Enquirer: The Southern Pacific has shipped up to date 4,836 bales of cotton and the Aransas Pass 8,905, making a total of 13,741 bales, with several hundred on the public and other platforms around town awaiting shipment.

Bonham News: The fleecy staple continues to come in. Honey Grove has now received 17,000 bales, and from the way the wagons crowd the square daily it would seem that the receipts for the season would not fall under 20,000 bales.

T. C. Alexander, of Paris, Ky., is shipping 650 head of 1726-pound shorthorn cattle to the London market for Christmas. They are the heaviest cattle ever shipped from Kentucky, and it will require fifty cars to transport them to Norfolk, Va.

La Porte Chronicle: The Chronicle will make a big miss if a canning factory is not established at La Porte next season. The signs are most promising and the matter is being quietly discussed by a number of gentlemen who mean business, and have the funds.

Tombstone Epitaph: Among the five cattle buyers from the coast now at Phoenix is J. E. Dunn, who is looking at some herds. All of a sudden the demand has begun to increase rapidly and there are not so many fat beef steers in the valley as usual. Probably 14,000 head of beef cattle altogether is now on pasture.

Roton Range: A few days ago a fresh hide bearing the brand of —7 was found in Roton, the steer to which it belonged had ben stolen and slaughtered. If skilled detectives are any good the depredadors who have been stealing cattle in this section will soon come to grief and the villainous practice will soon cease.

Palo Pinto Star: Mr. G. W. McDonald says that he will give $2,500 to the first railroad that will come to Palo Pinto, and that he knows four other men who will do the same thing. Palo Pinto could raise $20,000 easy enough and if some company thinks it worth their while to build through the town they can get the stuff.

Sweetwater Review: F. M. Long bought some two-year-old heifers of John Bryan this week, paying $11.50 for same.....That Spaniard bought about 200 horses in this section Monday, paying from $15 to $20 per head. Thus nearly $4000 has been distributed among our people, and a lot of poor, scrubby outlawed stock shipped out and left the grass for their superiors.

Chicago Drovers' Journal, 27th: Texas sales included the S. H. Henderson cattle, 995 pounds, at $3.15; the Comer cows, 786 to 802 pounds, at $2.70@2.75; A. S. McWilliams, 836 pounds, at $2.90; Merchant & Sons, 890 pounds, at $3.10; B. J. Tiller, 882-pound stags, at $2.70; A. P. Bush, 838 to 962 pounds, at $2.90 @3.25. Corn-fed Texans, mainly from Missouri, sold at $3.65@4.425, averaging 1,025 to 1,202 pounds.

Texas Cattle.—Chicago Drovers' Journal, 26th: Receipts to-day were very small. Demand light and market of a holiday character. Prices steady. A lot of 32 Texans fed by J. V. Porter, of Bloomington, Ill., sold at $3.70. cows and heifers, $2.30@3.15; corn fed Texans, $3.60@4.15. The Sam Davidson cows yesterday, 253 head, averaged 801 lbs., at $2.55. The Tankersley & McG. cattle, 956 lbs., sold at $3.30.

Quanah Tribune: Farmers that diversified their crops have been making money in this country, even in drouthy years....Small stock farms will make the Panhandle within a few years the most prosperous portion of Texas....Lobo wolves are causing great damage to stockmen in the upper Panhandle. Several cow ranges have put out men with dogs to hunt them. Some cattlemen have lost over six per cent of their stock.

National Live Stock Reporter, 28th: W. Westhoff, of Cuero, Tex., marketed 970-pound steers at $3.20. * * * E. B. Carvermarketed 717-pound fed yearlings from Itaska, Tex., at $3.20. * * * Campbell & Richardson marketed 913 and 935-pound steers at $3.15 and other cattle from San Angelo, Tex. * * * Comer Bros., of San Angelo, Tex., marketed 783 and 811-pound heifers at $3.05, 927-pound steers at $3.30 and 1,113-pound steers at $3.50.

National Live Stock Reporter, 27th: John Ellis marketed 1,072 pound steers at $3.50 from Greenville, Texas.....T. A. Coleman of Cotulla, Texas, marketed a train of 1,067 pound steers at $3.15 ....Nix & Anson, Greenville, Texas, marketed 1,088 and 1,112 pound fed steers at $3.60....E. F. Comer of Colorado, Texas, sold 83 head 825 pound heifers sold to Henry Bischoff at $3.10 ....Jackson & McIntyre, Alpine, Tex., marketed cattle including 1,022 pound grass steers at $3.35.

Texas Cattle.—Chicago Drovers' Journal, 25th: Receipts to-day about 1,500 head. The market was uneven. Some choice heifers sold at $3.15 and cows at $2.55@2.75. Fed Texans from Missouri sold at $3.90@4.15 which cost $2.75 in Kansas City only three months ago. Sales included S. Davidson, 801-lb cows, $2.25; R. Wood, 810 lbs., $3.35; Wilson, 991 lbs., $3.40; J. J. Summers, 980 lbs., $3.10; J. F. Rogers, 957 lbs., $3.37½; E. T. Comer, 956 lbs., $3.35; S. A. Shott, 1124 lbs., $3.50; Dubois & N., 1007 s., $3.25.

Dallas News: R. E. Carroll, a farmer living south of Ennis, caught a white opossum on Chambers' creek, and on account of the variety of the species, he did not want to kill the

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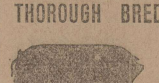
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HOUSEHOLD.

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TO HOUSEHOLD.

We have a new member this week, Artist. Read the grand reunion he proposes for Household.

Texas Tom is wrong in supposing Bachelor Maid to be a man. I had a pleasant call from her this week. She is a charming woman—a year or two too old to be called a girl. She is a small, dainty, dark-eyed, dark-haired woman. She is refined and cultured, and I think greatly hurt at her reception by the Household. None of you have received her kindly. Not even Circle Dot, whom she likes so much, nor Billy. She is a fine musician. If you could hear her play and sing you would take her to your hearts at once. I asked her to sing for me. She did so. I was so charmed I wished the entire Household could hear. You who have slandered her by calling her a man owe her an apology.

I know the bachelor maids of the Household will envy me when I tell them I had the pleasure of dining in company with the Bachelor. I hope every member of the Household had a good dinner and found something for which to be thankful. There is always much in this world for which to be thankful if our eyes were only open to these things.

TEXAS TOM ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Four Oaks, Tex., Nov. 18.

My Dear Mrs. Buchanan: As it is "all the go," I, too, would welcome you home were it not growing monotonous. Surely as hearty welcome awaits you here as elsewhere. I shall tender you my sincere thanks and endeavor to repay Rather Fly for his dauntless courage and daring effrontery—only that he might rescue a corpulent jack rabbit from the hungry cravings of a mangy coyote, by resounding and prolonging his calls for Sweater. Will not Gabriel (C. K. H.) stand with one foot upon repulsiveness and the other upon combativeness—ever waiving a forgiving banner—and blow as she had blown her last that we may resurrect and revive Sweater and welcome him once more into the Household. Let me whisper, don't mention the opening of the "keg of nails," they have already made too many coffins. Bachelor Maid is evidently a jolly good fellow whom the fool killer is not hunting, yet I do not admire his mode of procedure against the women—his mother was a woman, his grandmother was a woman, his best friend is a woman, and his wife (if he has one) is a woman. I could never stand without a word of protest and see an imposition on good nature, nor the weak overrun by the strong; neither shall I be a silent spectator here, even if he dons still another (feminine non de plume) skirt and sunbonnet to hide his identity while he mercilessly slaughters all womankind. A woman's character, like her life—she has but one—when once taken can never be restored. She must set an example worthy of being followed, or she must go the way of the transgressor. Man should assist in all that is elevating, rather than ditching the careless and unthoughted is the idea of

TEXAS TOM.

A PEN PICTURE OF HOUSEHOLD FROM ARTIST.

Casper, Wyo., Nov. 15.

Mrs. E. S. Buchanan and Household friends: I greet you with a smile. How true the words written by our circle mothers, "Eyes that meet without a smile soon grow cold." At this writing will not say anything on the subject under discussion.

I propose a grand reunion of the Household members at Fort Worth, the meeting to be advertised as follows:

Coming! Household Colossal Combination of Curiosities and Bashful Bellowers now on Exhibition at Fort Worth! The Most Stupendous Aggregation of Freaks Ever Exhibited in the World! Don't fail to see the Grand Street Parade, including the Wonderful Household Chariot Drawn by Magnificent Horses and Driven by the Renowned Expert (Uncle Ben)! A (Bachelor) Velvet Mouth Species of the Male Variety who has Narrowly Escaped Matrimony and other Dreaded Diseases after Having Been Fully Exposed; One Who Has been Confined in the Household Department while the Editor has Toured the East in Search for a Mate for this Peculiar Being! A Wonderful Quadruped, a Poor Dumb Beast that Manifests Some Symptoms of Being of Human Origin, a (Cowboy) that walks on Two Legs Instead of Four and emits discordant sounds in an evident endeavor to imitate the Human Voice! Don't Miss Seeing this Genuine Curiosity. Sweet Sixteen to One that this is the only female on exhibition that will state her correct age in public and exchange sly glances and autograph letters and photos with the Bachelors. (Hobo.) Positively the tenderest being ever exhibited; this raravis was first observed in the wilds of Texas about one year ago, at which time it was taken into captivity. This Hobo is positively too lazy to appear on street parade and we have decided after securing his permission to liberate him from captivity. Texas Tom—This remarkable freak is of a species that has not yet been classified by scientists. Another of main freaks (Sweater) made a sensational escape from the cage in which he was confined on the night of July 4th, and it is feared that he will not be recaptured. Fortunately we are able to exhibit his autograph letter in which he generously assumes all the responsibility, thus diverting any suspicion of a conspiracy. It is with regret that what has heretofore constituted one of our chief attractions (Blummer Girl) has got stuck on an elephant and had to be abandoned. This state of affairs is wholly due to her own girlish indiscretion and she is no longer to be considered in it. Bachelor Maid, captured in Maverick county, Texas, about two weeks ago. We positively guarantee this to be the original Bachelor Maid who actually drinks from a bottle and smokes a cigar just like a man. It is our duty to announce that our lightning exchange artist, Circle Dot, has developed into a Period. Be sure and see Rather Fly, the wonderful educated critic; never says anything, but chatters like a magpie. Wanted, a mate for our Billy; must be tame and exhibit a fondness for the ladies as well as for gentlemen. Artist is ordinarily a morose and sour individual; so sour that babies' nursing bottles have found their milk curdled after being wheeled past him on the street. He is a peculiar being, and can with one little jab of his pen silence the entire aggregation of freaks. The season's entertainment will conclude with a grand snipe hunt at which Pap's Boy and Pinery Girl will be left to hold the sack. We have a number of other curiosities which I haven't mentioned, but none of your te-he-ing, or I will get after you with my little pen.

ARTIST.

THE BACHELOR VISITS NEW MEXICO.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: The result of the election was too disappointing—I could not "face the music"—so I went to the mountains of New Mexico to cool off, and in the meantime amused myself shooting quail, mountain sheep and other small game, but absolutely refused to discuss politics; was so thoroughly disgusted that I on more than one occasion pretended not to even know that there had been an election. I have, however, recovered and, at least in a measure, have become reconciled, and have returned to "take my medicine," and am now liquidating my election debts demand on. By the way, I have concluded to become a candidate myself, and will take advantage of the opportunity here offered of getting my candidacy before the proper parties. I have already quit talking politics, and want to quit all similar and kindred foolishness, and want to settle down and become a good exemplary man, and realizing that it will be a very, very great undertaking, I want some one (a pretty young widow preferred) to help me; in other words, I am a full-fledged candidate for matrimony. Now, won't my friends of the Household help me out? With a little training I can make just as kind and good a husband as Mr. Buchanan, and am lots better looking; am ready to consider propositions; please don't hesitate girls, but speak right out. I am already in love with two beautiful young ladies and three charming widows, and am prepared on short notice to love as many more. I mean, of course, temporarily, but if some kind-hearted, good woman who wants a boy to raise will only take me, I will promise to give her my undivided time, attention and affection as long as she lives—won't even flirt with pretty widows until after my wife's death, and not even then if she objects.

Now, since I have become a candidate for matrimonial honors, I have also become a very close observer of women, especially pretty ones, and have been agreeably disappointed to find so much in them to commend. I am a little inclined to favor, not the full-fledged "coming woman," but one that might be termed as an "intermediate." I want my wife to be a "business woman." One that I can take into full co-partnership in all my business, as well as other affairs. She must be a good mixer and not afraid of men, a woman who will command the respect and admiration of all with whom she comes in contact, a woman whom my gentlemen friends will all love. It is not necessary that she should know how to cook, or perform on the piano. These are both fine accomplishments, but there are others that, in my opinion, more desirable, among which I may mention a business education, a knowledge of the world, its people, customs, mode of transacting business, etc. I admire a woman who can, unattended, if necessary, go wherever duty or business may call her, who can pay her hotel bills, check her baggage, change cars and travel with ease and comfort without the aid of any one.

I know a lady, a young widow, pretty and as bright as a dollar, who fills in a highly satisfactory manner one of the most important positions on the editorial force of one of the leading morning dailies of this state. She works at her desk every night and until 3 o'clock in the morning. She commands the respect and admiration of all who know her, and is especially loved by those who work with her. She does a man's work, and does it well, and in return receives a handsome salary. I got a friend of mine, a married lady, to ask her if she wanted to marry. She said no, otherwise I would have tried to cultivate her acquaintance.

While in New Mexico I was for a short time the guest of a very interesting family. Business reverses some ten years ago caused the head of the family to give up a good home, society and comfortable surroundings in Illinois and locate on a ranch in New Mexico, where he hoped in a short time to retrieve his lost fortune. The fates, however, seemed to have been against him, and he is still a poor man. He has two beautiful daughters. These young ladies (they are about 18 and 20 years of age) have been deprived, since coming to New Mexico, of the advantages of schools, fashionable society, etc. But they have been blessed with a noble, true, educated mother, under whose watchful care and tutorship the daughters have matured into not only beautiful but also accomplished young ladies. God gave them health, strength and brains; the good mother has done the balance. The oldest young lady teaches school in a little village forty or fifty miles away, for which she receives a salary of $60 per month, every dollar of which goes into the family fund. The youngest remains at home to look after the "old folks" and assist in caring for the stock. She is an excellent cook, performs beautifully on the piano, entertains splendidly, can ride a horse and round up the stock as well and as gracefully as a trained cowboy; in fact, can do anything necessary to be done, and, best of all, is kind and respectable to her parents and thoughtful and considerate of the feelings of those with whom she comes in contact. It is unnecessary to add that I fell in love with both these ladies, especially the youngest; but she, unthoughtedly no doubt, but earnestly, told me that her husband must not be more than six years her senior. She is eighteen—I am thirty two, fourteen years the oldest; that settled it. I came away without telling her how badly I wished to be only twenty-four.

In Eddy, N. M., I had occasion to call on the general manager of the Pecos Valley railroad. I asked the hotel clerk to direct me to the general offices of the company. He did so, at the same time telling me that the general manager was absent in the east, but said I would find his assistant, a lady, in the office, who would, no doubt, answer every purpose. The idea of a female assistant general manager of a railroad was a new one to me, and thinking there might be some mistake, I approached the hotel clerk again, he assured me that I had not misunderstood him, that Mrs. Sharp, a young widow, was assitant general manager of the Pecos Valley railroad, and was at that time in full charge of the business. Right then I would have cheerfully paid all my election debts if I could only have donned my best and favorite suit of clothes—the ones I always wear when I call on the widows. Unfortunately, I had left these in Fort Worth, and was reduced to the necessity of calling on the assistant general manager in my hunting garb. Of course I was embarrassed, and felt awfully awkward, but the ease, grace, business-like style of the assistant general manager in a measure dispelled my fears, enough at least to enable me to tell and transact the business in hand. Among other coutesies received from the fair manager pro tem was a pass over the road and a cordial invitation to call again. I was glad to get the free pass, but in my heart I really appreciated the invitation to call again the most, and would certainly have availed myself of the same if my less fortunate "chums," who were with me, hadn't put up a job on our return to Eddy and kept me out of town until we hardly had time to catch the train. But what I wanted to tell you was not so much my admiration for an experience with this good woman, but to call your attention to her as an instance of woman's success in the business world and to encourage others to do likewise. I was told by some of the best and leading business men of Eddy that Mrs. Sharp, not only fills a very responsible position, to the entire satisfaction of her employers, from which she receives a handsome salary, but that she also commands the respect, confidence and esteem of the people generally.

Before closing this already lengthy communication, I want to tell you something about another noble, deserving lady I met on my trip; however, I did not fall in love with her, was afraid to; she had a husband. I refer to Mrs. Stinson, who lives at Guadelope, an eating station on the Pecos Valley road. This good lady and her husband were formerly citizens of Eastern Texas; were surrounded by all the comforts of life, good society, etc. She and the deceased wife of ex-Gov. Hogg were sisters. Becoming overcharged with malaria, threatened with consumption, and generally broken down in health, and believing that good health was a boon to be prized above everything else, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson left the comforts of the home of their childhood and became health-seekers in the then "wild and woolly west." After their health and strength were in a measure restored, it became necessary that they also take some steps to replenish an exchequer that had by continued illness become depleted. In other words, their physical condition made it necessary that they remain in the west, while their impoverished financial condition made it necessary that they should at least earn a livelihood. Mrs. Stinson, like the brave true, noble little woman that she is, was equal to the emergency. She studied telegraphy and soon became a railroad telegraph operator. After making a success of this she was given the station agency for the road, to which she also added a cozy little dining room, where, in addition to her other duties, she serves the hungry passengers with splendid meals, good enough for the gods, all prepared, cooked and served by her in person, and unaided by ane one. Mrs. Stinson has shown what a little nerve and determination in a woman can accomplish, and has set an example worthy the emulation of thousands of other women who through misfortunes are brought to the necessity of earning a livelihood.

Now, I have hurriedly and, considering the grandeur of my subjects, briefly referred to five different ladies who have recently come under my observation, each a separate and distinct type of womanhood, but each a noble example of what true merit even in women may acomplish, but yet there are men still to be found in this grand free country of ours, conceited enough, selfish enough, and I may add, mean enough, to say that women must not be allowed to vote. I never expect to be a candidate for anything but matrimony, for which I am already squared in the race. All I need to insure my election is the vote of one good pure woman, something like the ones above referred to. I do not (thank God) want the votes of men, but if I were in reality a candidate for office, I would rather have the votes, and thereby the indorsement of a half dozen such ladies as those I have described, than to have ten times the number from the average bums and cross-road politicians of the sterner sex.

These are the kind of women I fancy, and if I can only induce some such an one to cast her vote for me, I will not only be elected, but will be happy and quit subscribing myself a

BACHELOR.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 20, 1896.

POULTRY.

THE COMING POULTRY SHOW.

The North Texas Poultry and Fair Association has about completed its arrangements for its second annual show. By the time the doors are thrown open at 10 o'clock, Dec. 8, the largest number of birds ever exhibited in a winter show in Texas will be on view. Everyone connected with the show is jubilant over its prospects and feels confident that it will be worth a persons while to attend. They are especially anxious to have the farmers and their families attend and see the fine stock on exhibition. It will be a fine place to buy a cockerel to improve your flock or a trio or breeding pen from which to get a start of thoroughbred fowls. There is as much difference between a common scrub chicken and a thoroughbred as there is between a fine thoroughbred cow and an old fashioned long-horn, and about the same difference in the profits in raising them. If a farmer brings eggs to market and some are large and some small, some white, some brown and some speckled, he cannot get as good a price for them as he can if they are all of a size and color, and in marketing poultry it is the same. If his fowls are all of a color, well fatted and even in size, they command a better price.

The farmer has one great advantage over the town people in raising poultry, and that is, that they can keep a hundred or two hundred hens at very slight cost, and therfore make a greater profit than those who have everything to buy.

Let the farmers visit this show and do not be afraid to ask questions about anything you see, as a poultry breeder is always ready and willing to answer questions.

One feature of this show will be an incubator hatcher. It is expected that there will be a 200 egg incubator on exhibition and that during the show it will hatch. This will be quite a novelty to those who have never seen such a thing, and to see it is alone worth the price of admission. The farmers should enter their best thoroughbred poultry and see how they compare under the score card with those of regular fanciers.

Come one! Come all! and see the grandest winter show ever held in Texas.

NUMBER OF CATTLE ON FEED.

To enable the Journal to definitely determine the number of cattle that are now being fed or will be fed on cotton seed meal in this State this fall and winter, it a few days ago, wrote the cotton seed oil mills in Texas, asking them to state definitely as to the number of cattle that would be supplied with feed from each mill. The following are the answers that have been received since last report. Every mill has now replied, excepting five, which most probably are not running:

Consumers Cotton Oil Co., Houston, Texas, Joseph R. Bowles, Gen. Mgr. We are not feeding any cattle this season.

Luling Oil Mill Co., Luling, Texas, C. W. Conley, Sec. We are not furnishing any feed for feeders, nor will there be any cattle fed here this winter.

National Cotton Oil Co., Houston, Texas, R. L. Hamilton, Mgr. We are not feeding nor furnishing feeders as it was late in the season before we leased the mill.

Caldwell Oil Mill Co., Caldwell, Tex., reported 250 head on feed which were included in last week's returns. The following note from the Company was, however, omitted through printer's error: "We will have sufficient feed for 500 head more, with good pens and plenty of water convenient and would like for parties desiring location for feeding purposes to correspond with us.

Navasota Oil Mill Co., Navasota, Texas, H. Schumacher, Prop. I am not feeding any cattle myself. Theo. Wilson, Ed Woodward and W. J. Foster are feeding some—perhaps 400 or 500 altogether.

Jefferson Cotton Oil and Ref. Co., Jefferson, Texas, Thos. P. Sullivan, Sec. Mr. J. B. Wilson, of Dallas, Tex., is feeding 1,000 head of cattle at this mill.

Moulton Gin & Oil Works, Moulton, Texas, G. Bueshers & Sons, Props. We are not feeding any cattle now and do not expect to feed any, nor do we know of any one else feeding here.

National Cotton Oil Co., Hearne, Texas, P. A. Fitzhugh, Mgr. We have no cattle on feed at Hearne. We expect, however, to begin feeding three or four small bunches within the next ten days or two weeks.

Sulphur Springs Oil Co., Sulphur Springs, Texas, B. Stanbach, Gen. Mgr. We are furnishing feed to Melson & Casady for 200 head; Kimberlin & Gregg 90 head; ——Foscue 100 head; DeBord & Co. about 300 head; ——McKinney 25 head; two other parties 50 head, total 765.

Lavaca Oil Co., Hallettsville, Texas, Fred Hillje, Sec. and Mgr. We are feeding at this place for Wm. Appelt 400 head; J. W. Bennet 100; C. C. Turk 100; Frank Rothe 100. We fed 800 last year.

Georgetown Cotton Oil Mill, Georgetown, Texas, W. F. Mervin, Mgr. We have contracted to feed as folllows: John Kritser 500 head; Chas. Sauls 225; J. W. Flinn 125, total 850.

Whitewright Cotton Oil and Mfg. Co., Whitewright, Texas, J. N. Hughes, Sec. and Mgr. We will feed not more than 600 head of cattle. Messrs. Geo. Long & Co., also James Graves will feed with us. Will not have feed for more on account of short crop and short run.

Consumers' Cotton Oil Co., Waco, Texas, Ed C. Talley, Mgr. We are this season feeding but a limited number of cattle here, namely, 1000 head for Mr. L. F. Wilson, of Kansas City, Mo., and 540 for the Waco Feeding Co., Waco, Texas. The prospects are that we will not feed any additional stock at Waco during this winter.

Landa Cotton Oil Co., New Braunsfels, Texas, Harry Landa, V-P. and Mgr. We will feed this winter as follows: A. D. McGeehe, San Marcos, 1,000 head; H. C. Storey, San Marcos, 1,000 head; A. D. Startz, New Braunsfels, 1,000 head; Gus Pfeuffer, New Braunsfels, 200, total 3,200. Contracts not all yet complete.

The Weimer Oil Works, Weimer, Texas, Hill Bros., Props. At present, indications are, that there will not be over 50 head of cattle fed here this season for shipment.

Ellis County Cotton Seed Oil Mill Co., Waxahachie, Texas. Your townsman, Mr. E. B. Harrold, is the only man we know who is feeding here. He can give you the number.

(Mr. Harrold says: "I am feeding at Waxahachie 1535; Barnes & Co., 662; ——Pierce 700; ——Walcott 300; total, 3,197").

Gainesville Oil Mill Co., Gainesville, Texas, has not answered our inquiry but we learn from a private source that there are on feed there, for Witherspoon Bros. 3,000; Chas. Smith, 1,100; ——Trout, 500; Lewis Cobb, 500; Beaty & Whaley, 300; Bud Bonner, 300; Sundry small lots 300; total, 6,000 head.

Belcherville Oil Mill, estimated 1,200; Greenville Oil Mill (private information) 1,000.

RECAPITULATION.

Belcherville	1,200
Navasota	450
Greenville	1,000
Jefferson	1,000
Sulphur Springs	765
Lavaca	700
Georgetown	850
Whitewright	600
Waco	1,540
Landa	3,200
Pelestine	1,600
Weimer	250
Waxahachie	3,197
Gainesville	6,000
Amt. for'd last issue	51,896
Total	74,248

FOR THE HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS TO THE SOUTHEAST.

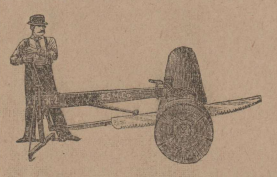
The Southern Pacific-Sunset Route, on December 21st and 22d, 1896, will sell round trip tickets to all points in the Southeast, good for return within 30 days from date of sale, at the rate of one fare for the round trip.

For the Holiday Excursions, tickets will be on sale December 23d, 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and on January 1st, 1897, from all points to all points in Texas, good for return up to and including January 3d, 1897, at rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

LABOR ECONOMY.

From earliest time it seems to have been the one object of man to discover or devise an easier, better and more economical way of doing things. The history of the mechanical advancement of a people is almost a history of their intellectual development as well. It is not too much to say that the invention of various appliances, impossible to enumerate, have had their marked effect upon our high civilization. Those things which decrease labor, which relieve life of the hard grinding drudgery of the past, immediately place at man's disposal more time for study and improvement, which can but have the effect noted above.

With improved appliances at hand for every avocation of life it still remained for the late Mr. Marvin Smith, with his fine inventive genius, to do for the woodsmen and farmers of America what other individuals of like genius have accomplished for our homes in the invention of the sewing machine, and for our farmers in the invention of mowers and reapers. The result was the machine here shown, and since the advent of the Folding Sawing Machine, the felling of trees for the sawmill, or the preparation of the winter's supply of wood, or the cutting of cordwood for market, has become a comparatively easy task. The machine is so constructed that it can be folded up as complete and compact as a pocketknife, it weighs only 41 pounds. One man can carry the machine into the timber, saw down trees, and saw them up into any length he may desire, and saw more wood in a day than two men can in any other way, or as much as three men can chop with axes. The work can also be done at least 20 per cent easier, as the operator of the machine always stands erect, no matter what shape the timber may be in. The machine can be instantly adjusted so as to always saw the log perfectly square in two. The Folding Sawing Machine is manufactured by the company of that name at 66 South Clinton street, Chicago, and they will take pleasure in sending you their catalogue, circulars, etc.



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HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The I. & G. N. R. R. will, as usual, sell holiday excursion tickets to points in the Southeast, Dec. 21 and 22, at one fare rates, limited thirty days from date of sale for return.

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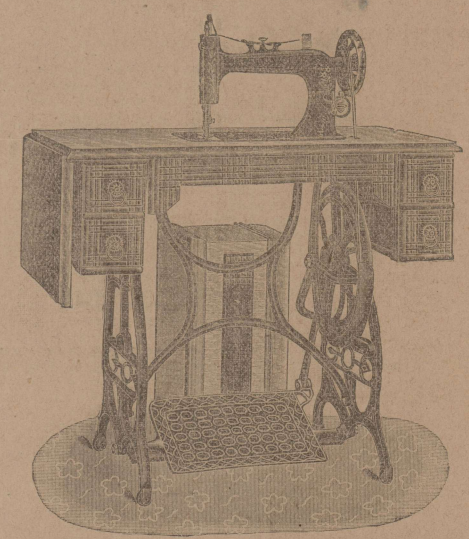


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Texas Stock and Farm Journal,

FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

MARKETS.

DALLAS MARKET.

Extra choice fat steers..	$ 2.25@ 2.65
Fair to good steers.....	1.85@ 2.10
Common to fair steers	1.50@1.70
Extra choice fat cows.....	2.10@ 2.40
Fair to good cows.....	1.75@ 1.90
Common to fair cows.....	1.00@ 1.50
Choice veal	2.75@ 3.00
Common to fair veal	2.00@ 2.50
Extra choice fat yearlings	2.00@ 2.15
Fair to good yearlings...	1.60@ 1.75
Common to fair yearling.	1.40@ 1.50
Choice milch cows, per hd	20.00@30.00
Choice springers, per hd..	15.00@25.00
Bulls and stags.....	1.00@ 1.75
Choice cornfed hogs, weighing 225 to 300 pounds, carload lots	2.90
Choice cornfed hogs, weighing 150 to 200 pounds, wagon lots	2.75
Stock hogs	2.00@ 2.25
Choice fat mutton, weighing 90 to 110 pounds...	2.00@ 2.50
Choice fat mutton, weighing 70 to 80 pounds	1.50@ 2.00
Common to fair mutton per head	.75@ 1.00

FORT WORTH MARKET.

Following are the latest quotations, as furnished by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company:

Choice grass-fed steers.....	$2 00@2 50
Smooth medium steers.....	2 25@2 50
Cows and heifers (fair)....	1 75@2 00
Cows and heifers (thin)....	1 25@1 75
Canners	1 00@1 25
Bulls and stags.....	1 00@1 25
Packer hogs, carloads.....	3 00@3 10
Packer hogs, wagon loads..	2 50@2 75
Feeder hogs (prime) carloads	1 75@2 00
Feeder hogs, wagon loads..	1 50@1 75

Hog market steady to strong at prices.

SAN ANTONIO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

San Antonio ,Tex., Nov. 21.—The San Antonio Live Stock market, as reported by Geo. W. Haynes & Son, Commission Merchants at Union Stock Yards, as follows:

Extra choice fat steers....	$2.15@2.40
Fair common steers.....	1.75@2.15
Common steers	1.50@1.65
Extra choice fat cows	2.00@2.15
Common cows	1.50@1.75
Choice veal	2.25@2.50
Common veal	2.00@2.10
Choice yearlings	2.00@2.15
Common yearlings	1.75@1.90
Bulls and stags.....	1.00@1.50
Choice corn fed hogs	2.50@2.85
Choice fat muttons.....	2.50@2.75
Common muttons	.75@1.00

The market well supplied with common cattle, sheep and hogs. Good shipping cattle in demand at quotations.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Kansas City, Dec. 1.—Cattle receipts were 1500 head, shipments 6100, and the market steady to strong, only local trade. Hog receipts 6000 head, shipments none, and the market strong to 10c higher; bulk of sales $3.30@3.40, heavies $3.20@3.40, packers $3.15@3.35, mixed $3.25@3.45, lights $3.10@3.40, yorkers $3.35@340, pigs $2.90@3.20. Sheep receipts 2000 head, shipments 900, and the market strong; lambs $2.90@4.35, muttons $1.25@3.25.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

St. Louis, Dec. 1.—Cattle receipts were 5,00 head, shipments 700, and the market strong. Native shipping steers $4.00@4.85, bulk of sales $4.30@4.60, dressed beef and butchers' steers $3.40 @4.50, bulk $3.90@4.20, steers under 1000 pounds $2.00@3.70, cows and heifers $1.75@3.50; Texas and Indian cattle steady to strong; grass steers $2.40 @3.70, fed steers $3.50@3.75, cows $1.50 @2.85. Hog receipts 5000 head, shipments none, and the market opened 5c higher, but closed weak, light $3.30@ 4.00. Sheep receipts 500 head, shipments none, and the market firm but no sales reported; muttons $2.50@3.50, common stuff $1.50@2.00, lambs $4.00@ 4.50.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 1.—At Chicago the cattle market was of the usual Saturday character. The receipts were disposed of readily at unchanged prices. In hogs there was an advance to-day of 5@10c. Sales were made at $3.10@3.60 for common to best droves, the greater part of the hogs crossing the scales at $3.40@3.55, while pigs brought $2.40@ 3.45, rough heavy sows were as usual the lowest sellers and choice medium and light weights sold the highest. Sheep and lambs sold readily on the basis of yesterday's prices. Sales were made at $1.75@2.25 for inferior up to $3.25@3.50 for choice to extra export grades, westerns selling at $2.50@3.35. Lambs sold at $3.25@5.25 for common to prime flocks, feeding lots going for $3.50@3.75. Receipts, cattle 500 head, hogs 13,000, sheep 5,000.

ADAM'S HEREFORDS.

The Journal takes pleasure in calling attention of its readers to the extensive Hereford Ranch, situated in Saqrache county, in Southern Colorado, and owned by Mr. Geo. H. Adams, of Crestone. Over 100,000 acres is under fence and the visitor finds 3000 whiteface breeding cows and one hundred and twenty-five registered bulls now doing service at the ranch. The young bulls old enough for service are high grades, three-quarters and up, well marked and good individuals. Notwithstanding sales have been quite satisfactory so far this year, there are about six hundred head of yearlings of both sexes and among them twenty-five pure breds that will be priced. Consult Mr. Adams' announcement elsewhere in this issue and write him for further particulars.

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SAN ANTONIO.

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Ben Duncan, one of the old-time stockmen from Moore, was in the city the past week and a guest at the Southern Hotel.

B. H. Borrum, a cattleman from Del Rio, was a visitor to the city the past week, and gives an encouraging report of the condition of stock and the range in that section compared with the past few years.

J. M. Kincaid, a prominent stockman from Sabinal, was in the city the past week, and reports his stock in fine condition, and the prospects for cattle and all kinds of stock wintering well as encouraging.

A. W. Withers, of Lockhart, who feeds quite a number of cattle each year, was in the city the past week and left over the International and Great Northern railroad for Millett, where he has some cattle in pasture.

R. M. Bennett, from Cuero, and one of its prominent stockmen, was a visitor to the city, and a guest at the Southern Hotel. He seems to be very much improved in health, and the Journal extends him congratulations on his improved condition.

W. W. Wallace, the county judge of Atascosa county, was a visitor to the city the past week and reports his county in every respect as in the best condition. Stockmen and farmers, he says, are both encouraged with the prospects for 1897.

A. S. Reed, a prominent banker and stockman of Fort Worth, and also a member of the executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association, was here on Friday to attend a meeting of the committee and returned that night to his home in Fort Worth.

W. A. Mangum, one of Uvalde's prominent cattlemen, was in the city recently. He gave an encouraging report of his cattle interest in that county. Mr. Mangum is and has been for a long while, a constant patron and reader of the Journal.

John T. Lytle was present at the meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association, which met here on Friday, and continued in session most of the day. Mr. Lytle being compelled to do so, left the city Friday evening for the west, on urgent business of his own.

H. B. Woodley of this city made a trip out to Sabinal and to his ranch the past week, and on his return went to Flatonia to look after some feed he has stored at that place to feed some of his steers. Says his cattle are all in fine condition, and he expects soon to commence shipping them to market.

Gus Witting, one of Floresville's prominent cattlemen, was in the city the past week, and called upon us at our office. Mr. Witting is a constant reader of the Journal, and like many others he concurs in the opinion that the future for cattle is perhaps better and more promising than any other branch of business.

William Jennings, a prominent shipper to the market, was in the city the past week, and was making preparations to ship several trains of cattle to market the coming season. He reports all the cattle purchased by him and held in Southern Texas as in good condition and a majority of them fat.

"Uncle" Henry Clare, the live stock agent of the Aransas Pass railway, was one of our callers the past week, and reported his road as doing quite a good business for this season of the year, and that the stock trains over that line were giving good time, and special care was being exercised in handling of the same.

J. T. Dixon, the live stock agent of the Wabash Railway, made San Antonio a visit this week, the first for a long while, and left for Beeville to look after the interests of his road in that section. Mr. Dixon assured us that his road was securing a fair share of the business, and had given general satisfaction to its patrons.

J. A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton railway, was a visitor again this week to our city, and made a short visit on the Southern Pacific railway west as far as Del Rio, in the interest of his road. Mr. Wilson's social and genial nature makes him a decided favorite with the stock shippers of Southern Texas.

W. H. Weeks, the live stock agent of the Cotton Belt Railway, was among our many distinguished visitors during the week and left for Beeville, hunting up business for the road. Mr. Weeks came down with the representatives of the executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association, and brought with them one of the severest northers of the season.

James McLymott, one of the leading sheepmen of the West, as well as one of the prominent cattlemen, paid us a visit this week, and brings encouraging news of the situation in West Texas generally. Says the sheep are generally fat and in fine condition, and are only now waiting for better developments in the way of an advance in prices.

John I. Clare, one of Beeville's prominent stockmen and shippers, paid the city a flying visit the past week, and reports that he has been unusually busy for the past month in shipping out his cattle to market, and that prices have been generally satisfactory until the past week, when the market suffered a decline of about 25 cents per 100.

A. G. Davenport, of Sabinal, was one of the West Texas stockmen that ate Thanksgiving turkey in this city as a guest at the Southern Hotel. He seems to feel encouraged over the prospects for stock in Southern Texas, and says the range in his section is better than for years, and that there are more fat cattle in that section now than for years past.

James F. Scott was registered this week at the Southern Hotel from Alice, and reports that in that immediate section the grass is very short, and will not make feed for stock after the first hard, cold spell of weather. This is owing to the fact that the past summer was so dry and so hot, and that the rains came too late in the fall to mature the grass before frost.

W. T. Way, the representative of the Strayhorn-Hutton-Evans Commission Company, returned to the city from an absence of about ten days. Says he was a portion of the time in the country adjacent to San Angelo, and that he found the stock business in a very encouraging condition. He arrived here with the "norther," and says it kept up with him all the way to San Antonio.

B. L. Crouch, from Pearsall, was in the city this week, and has prepared a bill for presentation to the coming session of the legislature, which will meet in January, in regard to the destruction of wild animals, which received the approbation not only of the executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association, but of all the visiting stockmen here this week.

A. S. Gage, one of the progressive as well as prominent stockmen of Alpine, was in the city this week stopping at the Southern Hotel, and reports his section of the country in the very best possible condition. Mr. Gage left here for Illinois where he expects to join his family, and spend the winter with them. Before leaving he ordered the Journal sent to his new address.

J. B. Harkness, a prominent stockman, and the present elected sheriff of that county, was a visitor to the city this week, and reported he had sold all of his 4 and 5-year-old steers to John Eldridge, of Pearsall. Mr. Harkness was formerly sheriff of Frio county, and was one of the best and most vigilant officers in the State. We congratulate him as well as the citizens of Frio county upon his election.

Vineyard & Walker, of agle Lake, Tex., purchased the past week from Charley Weil, of Corpus Christi, 1000 head of choice well-bred 4 and 5-year-old steers at $23 per head. These cattle were shipped to Houston on the 26th instant, and will be fed there at the Southern oil mills. Messrs. V. & W. have fed cattle each year for the past four years at Houston, and this is decidedly the best lot of cattle they have ever fed.

M. Sansom, the president of the Texas Live Stock Association, was a visitor to the city this week for the purpose of attending the meeting of the executive committee, which was called to meet here on Friday. Mr. Sansom as a presiding officer, will no doubt give general satisfaction to the members of the association, and his fairness, coupled with his ability, will mark his administration as a successful and satisfactory one.

C. W. Merchant, of Abilene, and who with John I. Clare, purchased the Geo. West cattle, came in from Beeville yesterday, where he has been superintending the shipment of these cattle to market, came into San Antonio Saturday and left that night via Fort Worth for his home in Abilene. He reports the market not so good the past week as heretofore, but expects to continue the shipment of the West cattle as soon as the weather clears up.

TEXAS LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Executive Committee Names San Antonio as the Next Meeting Place —An Interesting Program Prepared.

The executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association met in San Antonio, Friday, Nov. 27, for the purpose of fixing the time and place for the next annual meeting of the association, the formulating of a program and the transaction of such other business as might be brought before the meeting in the interest of the association.

The members of the executive committee present were M. Sansom, Alvarado; A. S. Reed and Geo. B. Loving Fort Worth; Jno. T. Lytle, Lytle; Vories P. Brown, Ben F. Darlington and Sol West, San Antonio. Col. Ike T Pryor of Columbus was represented by Homer Eads. Jno. W. Springer of Dallas, and J. H. P. Davis of Richmond, were unavoidably absent.

San Antonio and Fort Worth both asked for the next meeting of the association, and by a vote of seven to one the Alamo city was selected as the next meeting place, and the date fixed for Monday, March 8, 1897. The first session of the convention will be held at 9:30 a. m. of said day, and will be continued from day to day until the program has been completed.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee to confer with the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas which meets in Fort Worth, Nov. 30: Hon. A. S. Reed, Geo. B. Loving, M. Sansom, Vories P. Brown and Homer Eads.

The committee formulated the following program:

Prayer, by Rev. Bayard Craig.
Official welcome, by the mayor of San Antonio.
Address of welcome on behalf of the local stockmen, by some gentleman to be selected by the local committee.
Response, by Hon. A. S. Reed, Fort Worth.
President's annual message.
Address by Gov. C. A. Culberson.
Report of secretary and treasurer.
Reports of standing committees.
New business, resolutions, etc.
Subjects for Discussion.

"Live stock commission charges"—Discussion led by Col. W. E. Hughes of Dallas; to be followed by Col. C. C Slaughter of Dallas; and Jno. I. Clare of Beeville.

"The needs of the extermination of wild animals"—Discussion to be led by Capt. B. L. Crouch. of Pearsall.

"Railroad charges"—Discussion to be led by W. V. Newlin, Fort Worth; to be followed by Hon. J. W. Springer of Dallas, and Hon. A. S. Reed, of Fort Worth.

"Stock yards, feed and terminal charges"—Discussion to be led by Col Ike T. Pryor of Columbus; to be followed by A. P. Bush, Jr., of Colorado and Col. Geo. W. Littlefield, of Austin

"The swine industry"—Discussion led by W. C. LeBaron, Waco, Tex.; to be followed by Maj. W. R. Cavitt Bryan, Tex., and L. J. Carroway, Thorp Springs.

"The sheep and goat industry"—Discussion led by Capt. A. E. Shepard Marathon to be followed by R. M Taylor, San Antonio, and W. A. Guthrie, San Antonio.

"The horse industry"—Discussion led by Hon. Henry Exall, Dallas; to be followed by R. M. Parke, Kyle, and Col. R. E. Maddox, Fort Worth.

"The cattle industry of Texas"—Discussion led by Col. Geo. B. Loving, Fort Worth; to be followed by Hon. Frank P. Holland, Dallas; Wm. Kuykendall, Tilden; Jno. Kennedy, Corpus Christi, and Vories P. Brown, San Antonio.

"Texas fever and quarantine regulations"—Discussion led by Hon. R. J. Kleberg, Alice; to be followed by Hon. W. J. Moore, Galveston and Hon. W. B. Tullis, Quanah.

"The necessity for a live stock statistical bureau"—Discussion led by Col. W. L. Black, Fort McKavitt; to be followed by Capt. B. L. Crouch, Pearsall, and A. P. Bush, Jr., Colorado.

An address, "feed products," by Prof. J. H. Connell, College Station, Texas.

Following the above addresses the regular order of business of the association will be resumed.

The executive committee appointed Homer Eads, E. J. Martin and Vories P .Brown, of San Antonio, a committee on transportation and it is believed that the railroads will make a very low rate for this occasion.

The committee also endorsed a "wild animal scalp county bill" which will be presented to the legislature for their approval and enactment into law.

SWINE.

The attentionof Journal readers is called to the special offer of W. W. Stell, Paris, Texas, appearing at head of breeders' directory in this week's issue. Mr. Stell is an old reliable breeder of Poland China swine, and buyers can depend upon it that whatever comes out of his herd will be just as represented. At the Dallas Fair this year Mr. Stell's herd won in grand sweepstakes for best herd of one-year-old and up, besides taking several other premiums. Considering the quality and breeding of his stock, his prices are very yow indeed and should not fail to attract immediate purchasers.

I have known hog cholera germs, says a correspondent of the National Stockman, to be conveyed four miles on the wind, alight in a filthy hog pen and finally destroy all the hogs in it, while hogs in clean pens nearby escaped. There is a great disparity of opinion as to what filth is. Generally it omits a disagreeable scent. A stinking swill barrel or hog trough is not cleanliness, nor is a bad-smelling hog pen. "Hogging down" corn, especially when the weather is warm, is not a clean proceeding. A hog may eat part of an ear of corn, leave solid droppings on the remainder to fester in the hot sun, cholera bacteria alight upon it and breed, and then another hog comes along and finish the ear, disease germs and all.

WATER BEFORE FEEDING.

I have tried watering after feeding and also to have water on the feeding floor that hogs might eat and drink as they please, but it is a ruinous policy. One hundred and fifty hogs averaging over 300 pounds, being fed a few years ago, were making a gain of two pounds a day each on 14 pounds of ear corn, watered before feeding. Wishing to test the matter, I permitted them to return to the yard after feeding, giving them what water they wished, then allowing them to go to the hog house. At the end of the month they were again weighed, showing a gain of only one pound and a quarter each day. The weather and other circumstances were equally as favorable for feeding the second month as the first, and no change had been made in the amount or quality of feed. The following month with a return to the system of watering before feeding, although the weather was very unfavorable for feeding, showed a gain of a fraction over two pounds daily.—Cor. American Swineherd.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 22.

Editor Journal:

Please announce through your valuable paper that I offer for sale my small but select herd of Poland Chinas. I am too busy to spare the time necessary to look after them. This is a rare chance for some one to get a good small herd cheap in comparison with what the same hogs would cost him (and did cost me) when bought of the western breeder. Following is the list:

1. Sandow, boar 1½ years old; sired by the great World's Fair winner, J. H. Sanders, consequently half brother to the $1200 J. H. Sanders 2d.

2. A fine 6-months son of the famous Klever's Model.

3. Comfort Free Trade, sow; sired by the $800 Free Trade; her dam sired by Geo. Wilkes and out of the Matchless "Best of 1890."

4. Comfort Free Trade 2d, sow; reserved out of litter of above sow, and sired by Guy Wilkes 2d, sold for $950.

5. Attention Here, sow; by Purifier, half brother to the phenomenal Hadley, Jr., on her dam's side this sow traces to Free Trade and Tecumseh.

6. Attention Here 2d, sow; out of above sow, and sired by the $1000 boar Woodburn Medium.

7. Duchess of Walnut Grove, by King Victor.

As I have sold down to these few, which I had hoped to keep, I cannot sell less than a trio on one order—as I want to sell all or none. These animals are not only well bred, but are also choice individuals, and from the best herds in the west.

Prices and further particulars on application.

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Standard of excellence adopted by the American Berkshire Association:

Color—Black, but skin and hair occasionally showing tinge of bronze or copper color, with white on feet, face, tip of tail and occasional splash on arm, 4.

Face and Snout—The latter short, broad and meaty, the former fine, well lished and broad between the eyes, 9.

Eye—Very clear, rather large, dark hazel or gray, 2.

Ear—Sometimes almost erect, but generally inclined forward, medium size, 4.

Jowl—Full and heavy, running back well on neck, 4.

Neck—Short and broad on top, 3.

Hair—Fine and soft, inclined to thickness in male, 3.

Skin—Smooth and pliable, 4.

Shoulder—Smooth and even on top and in line with side, thick through the chest, 7.

Back—Broad, long and straight or lightly arched, ribs well sprung, 10.

Side—Deep and well let down, straight side and bottom line, 6.

Flank—Well back and low down on leg, making a nearly straight line with lower part of side, 5.

Loin—Full and wide, 8.

Ham—Deep and thick, extending well up on the back and holding thickness well down to hock, 10.

Tail—Well up on line with back, not too fine, short or tapering, 2.

Legs and feet—Short, straight and strong, set wide apart, with hoofs nearly erect and capable of holding good weight, 8.

Size and Symmetry—Size all that is possible without loss of quality or symmetry, with good length, 7.

Style—Attractive, spirited, indicative of thorough breeding and constitutional vigor, 3.

Total, 100 points.

WHAT THE STUDY OF THE HANDS TELLS.

Palmists say that long fingers are a sign of refinement. A short, stubby hand argues a lack of sensibility; a thin thumb, rather small, denotes weakness. Strength of character is shown by the thumb asserting itself over the other fingers. If the thumb curves backward its owner is obstinate. —December Ladies' Home Journal.

HOT WATER FOR HEADACHE.

Putting the feet in hot water will invariably cure a headache from whatever cause it arises. The head aches when, from any cause, the little blood vessels in the brain are too full. Putting the feet in hot water draws the blood from the head.



LOOKING AHEAD.

If you could look ahead a few months and see what was coming from those spells of weakness, loss of appetite, wasting of flesh and energy you wouldn't wait for disease to get a grip on you. You would begin right away to tone up your constitution with Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It doesn't work miracles; but it does what other medicine can't do and what doctors say can't be done—until they see it done right under their noses —it cures consumption.—Not always; to say that would be an exaggeration, but in a large majority of cases; in advanced cases which have been given up as hopeless.

The "Discovery" is not called a consumption-cure; it is a blood-maker. It gives energy to the blood-making organs to create new blood, full of healthy red corpuscles. This rapid supply of pure, rich, red blood drives out all diseases that have their roots in the blood: Consumption is one of these; scrofula, malaria, eczema, erysipelas, catarrh—are others. It is absurd to doctor them separately as lung, or skin, or head diseases. They must be driven out of the blood. You can rely on the "Goldene Medical Discovery" to do this every time.

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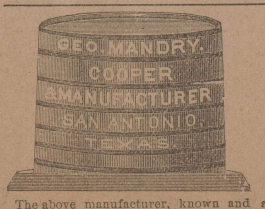
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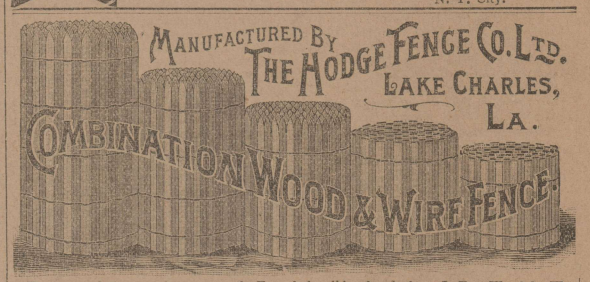
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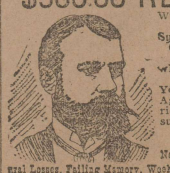
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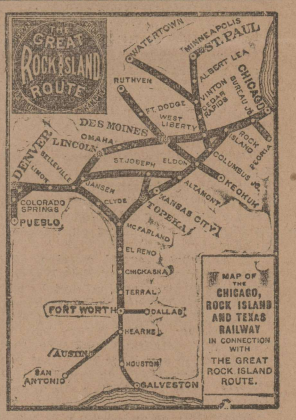
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DALLAS.

Office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, 145 South Ervay Street, Duncan H. Cummins Manager.

J. L. Bond sold a fine lot of hogs from his Trinity river ranch on local markets Tuesday.

F. R. Brum, of Lancaster, was in the city last week and disposed of a nice lot of cattle to local buyers.

J. K. Franklyn of Forney, was a Dallas visitor during the week. He sold a fine lot of hogs to the packery.

W. D. Davis, of Sherman, sold a fine lot of cows at Thomas' yards Saturday. He says Grayson county is all right.

J. C. Bryant, a well known Dallas county farmer, disposed of a good herd of cattle at the local yards Saturday at good prices.

R. L. Slaughter, the popular Howard county ranchman, was in the city recently, the guest of his father, C. C. Slaughter. "Bob" reports the lazy S range to be in fine shape.

Walter Mansfield of Seago, was in town during the week and spent an hour with the Journal crew. He reports everything lovely in his home community, and the people busy with the usual farm work.

G. H. Laughlin, of Muscogee, I. T., is at the Windsor. He is feeding a small bunch of cattle near Muscogee, and reports them to be taking on flesh at a rapid rate. The present cold spell however, has held them back some.

R. M. Boyd, a well known and prosperous small stock raiser of the Itaska neighborhood, was a Dallas visitor during the week. He reports Hill county farmers to be in good shape for the winter.

John Shanks, a cattleman of South Texas, was a Dallas visitor last week, the guest of his brother, Frank R. Shanks, the Journal's popular foreman. Mr. Shanks has recently returned from eastern markets and was on his way home.

J. E. Jones, who is feeding upwards of 300 head of cattle near the Santa Fe railroad station of Copeville, in Collin county, was in the city a few days ago. It is his intention to ship north in about thirty days. He gets his feedstuff from McKinney.

John W. Chambers from Presidio county, was in the city a few days ago, and in conversation with a Journal man said, live stock transactions since the election have been rather active, several small herds have changed hands during that period of time.

W. B. Mayo, a Dallas county farmer, is contemplating raising an early crop crop of tomatoes next year for local markets. Said he to a Journal man, I see no reason why it would not pay. I intend to plant my hot bed about the middle of December and this ought to throw the first of the crop on the May of perhaps the April market.

R. Tarleton, of Archer county, was in Dallas en route to his old home in Alabama a few days ago, and to a Journal man said: "The live stock interests are awakening up in our section. Several deals have been made lately, among them the 7 K people bought 2000 steers and carried them to their Lipscomb county ranch.

J. B. Teller, from Martin's Mill, Tex., was in the city during the week and called at the Journal office. He says his section is having plenty of rain and next year promises to be a good one on farmers, and you know, he concluded, when farmers are prosperous, as a rule, the remainder of human nature is in the same fix.

W. H. Fuqua, a prominent banker of Potter county, was in the city last week on his way home from Ennis. He said to a reporter: "The Panhandle is in better shape financially than for many years. We do not have any farming interests about Amarillo. It is a stock section and a great many cattle have been shipped from there and money is becoming easy."

T. T. Andrews, a well known cattle dealer, is at the Windsor. Mr. Andrews represented Tarrant county in the last legislature, and his record is pointed to with pride. He was always in touch with the stockmen's interest. At present he is representing a northern commission firm, and is in the city circulating among old friends, and doing a little business on the side.

Quite an interest is being worked up over the proposed stock yards for Dallas. Manager Barry who is a great hustler, is very confident of the final success of the venture. If the citizens of Dallas can once understand the importance and benefits to be derived from such an institution its completion will be only a matter of time. Efforts are being made to interest the Texas cattle men in the undertaking.

M. M. Percy of Marquette, Kas., was a guest of the St. James during the week. He is largely interested in hog culture and to a Journal man expressed his pleasure at finding so many well bred hogs in the state. Until a year or so ago Texas was supposed to be the home of only the razor-back variety, but a pleasant change has come over the scene. I am well satisfied with my Texas trip, despite the hard times. I made a goodly number of sales.

G. S. Dalton, a prominent farmer and small stock raiser of the Elam neighborhood, was a Dallas visitor the past week and paid the Journal office a pleasant call. Among other things he said: "I was very much pleased with an article that appeared in your orchard and garden department a week ago. I mean the one that treated of the benefits of having a family gorden about the place. I pay as much attention to seeing that the garden plot is in good fix each year as I do to the rest of the farm being in readiness. I am at a loss to understand why some farmers are content to eat bacon and bread every meal except Christmas when so many delicacies may be had for so little expenditure.

CATTLE DEALS.

Pearsall, Tex.—Stock is in good condition to winter; grass and water fairly good. Few sales have been made. Sheriff J. C. B. Harkness sold about 200 feeders to J. D. Eldridge. W. J. Slaughter yesterday shipped five carloads of beef cattle to Chicago.

Denton, Tex.—C. B. Eckleberger shipped one carload of fat beef cattle to Kansas City Saturday night.

Terrell, Tex.—W. D. Ferris received twelve cars of cattle to-day from Seymour over the Texas Midland railroad. They will be fed here for market.

Washita, I. T.—There were five cars of cattle shipped from here yesterday. Large cattle shipments are expected from this place in the next sixty days.

Marquez, Tex.—There has been no stock shipped from this point, nor any deals of any importance. This is not a stock country any more, but little being raised. There is no range nor ranches of any size.

Wellington, Tex.—Fine rain yesterday and last night. Weather nice and warm. Cattle in good shape. Trade in cattle very active. Messrs. Dick Goodwin, S. J. Glenn and F. Eiring have gone east to buy cattle to restock their pastures, being unable to procure them here, as buyers are so numerous.

Cameron, Tex.—Tom Peoples has fed 300 head of cattle at the Milam County oil mill this fall, and shipped 70. He will ship 170 head to-morrow. He has 500 on his ranch, and will 100 to 300 more this winter. He is clearing his ranch, and will have only 1,000 acres of pasture next year. The cattle are in excellent condition and grass very good on the ranch.

Kempner, Tex.—Cattle are in good condition on the range, and the grass is good, but there are not many of any kind in this vicinity except milch cows. Buyers have been paying $5 for yearlings, to be delivered in the spring. No sales of any other kind have been made here. Nearly all the steers were sold last spring—that is 3 and 4-year-olds—as well as dry cows.

The following movements of cattle are reported by the live stock editor of the Dallas News of the 30th instant:

Glen Rose, Tex.—Cattle buyers have been quite numerous for the past week in this section, and cattle are commanding fair prices. No large deals. Stock of every kind in good condition. Pasturage good, but feed scarce. Killing hogs is the order of the day, and many fine porkers are slain. County will kill enough bacon to do it.

Crawford, Tex.—Mr. James W. Richardson is now gathering cattle under contract for G. W. Williams, of Windfield, Kan. Mr. Richardson is paying for good thrifty yearlings $6 per head. For cows in good condition he gives $10. There are but few cows or yearlings here for sale. The beef steers were all sold last summer. People are going into the farming business in dead earnest. The bankers are loaning farmers money on easy terms, where they need it to prepare for making crops.

Oakville, Tex.—W. W. Jones passed through town yesterday with a train load of feeders. He reports grass fine and cattle enter the winter in good shape. Nevis Fleming, of the firm of Fleming, Austin & Davidson, bought last week of Mrs. King 9,000 head of cows, twos and threes. These cattle were at their Live Oak county ranch, where water and grass are plentiful. Mr. Fleming was in good spirits, and knows of no reason why stockmen will not come out on top. He favors a tariff on Mexican cattle to keep, as he says, "another bunch of suckers from going broke." Judge O. B. Wright, of Del Rio, says stock is in fine shape in his part of the country, that several carloads of fat calves have been shipped lately.

Kenney, Tex.—There is very little or no business done here in the cattle business, being exhausted, and now a farming country. The few cattle here as a rule are in fair condition, being fed during the winter season, and in the spring sold to local buyers or slaughtered during the summer months by the farmers for their own use. The farmers form themselves in clubs of from ten to twelve, and each one kills his yearling one week and it is divided equally among the rest until each one of the ten or twelve, as the case may be, has had his turn and all the yearlings are killed. By this means the farmer's beef does not cost him more than half what it otherwise would if he had to buy from the butchers.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

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animal and is offering it for sale. It is as white as cotton and has pink eyes. In all other respects it is exactly like other opossums....A company is being organized at Guthrie, I. T. to put up and operate a large cotton seed oil mill and cotton compress. The cotton output of the Territory this year was over 30,000 bales.

Texas Farmer: The State Board of Health of New York has a tuberculosis scare on. The New York Farmer points to the fact that a commite of two, drawing $250 per month each, has the tuberculosis department in charge, and are regretting lack of funds to properly guard the dear people. This is in line with some schemes which lecturing agriculturists have tried to work on Texas. A recurrence of like efforts may be again expected when the legislature meets. Texas Farmer claims the credit of exploding some of their nicely laid plans in the past, and will be on hand again at the proper time.

West Texas Stockman: H. C. Beal has returned from a trip to Menard county, and while down there sold 700 head of his 3-year-old steers at $18....Ben Van Tuyl bought fifty head of fine Hereford grade cows last week from J. D. Wulfjen, at $14 around....D. H. McNairy refused an offer of $13.50 for his stock of cattle this morning, with the privilege of cutting out his 2-year-old steers. "Bob" says cattle are now getting higher than a cat's back, but he is in no hurry to sell....Tom Trammell's Hereford steers shipped from Colorado last week, averaged 1291 pounds and sold at $4.25. Pretty good argument in favor of good blood, is it not?...Charlie Coppinger came in from Coke county Saturday, from where he is driving 1000 steers to his ranch in Scurry county....John B. Slaughter returned from his Gavett ranch Saturday, where he has driven 1000 steeers from Glascock county.

Amarillo Democrat: It is quite evident that before the grass comes again there will be a great scarcity of feed in the Panhandle. Cattle will be shipped from the lower country by the thousands, and these cattle will have to have the feed. So if the farmers are wise they will hold their feed, and be very saving with it, because it will be as good as gold in a few months....Mr. George Slaughter of the long S ranch, received 5 cars of fine Durham bulls last Monday, which he purchased in Illinois and Kentucky. This bunch is one of the finest that was ever shipped to the Panhandle, and Mr. Slaughter was equally proud of them. With such males as these it will only be a few years until the Panhandle will lead the old states for producing fine cattle. With a high grade of cattle, Texas can ship direct from the ports to the foreign markets, and this great advantage is being reached out for now by our leading men like the Slaughters.

Phoenix Gazette: The country from Benson east along the Southern Pacific railroad for two hundred miles is actually terrorrized by a large roving band of Texas outlaws. These men number at least 25 well armed, well mounted and daring men. Their plan of action seems to be directed against the property of the railroad and Wells, Fargo & Co., and while they prey upon the horses and commissary departments of the cattlemen of the San Simon and Sulphur Springs valleys yet they aim not to injure or destroy any property aside from that of the two companies named. It is evident that United States marshals' forces of New Mexico and Arizona are not in a position to successfully deal with these outlaws, and we think it is the duty of the government to take steps to put a stop to their further marauding. The marshals are doing all in their power, but they are so handicapped by legal restrictions that in a measure their offices are incapable to deal with the marauders.

Drovers' Telegram, 27th: Mr. Fred Horsborough, manager of the Espuela Land and Cattle company with headquarters at Espuela, Tex., had 839 cows her to-day which sold at $2.35, weighing 781. There was one spayed heifer in this shipment which sold at $4.00 and weighed 1,380 lbs. This heifer was gathered with the others on the range and had never been fed. She evidently knows a good thing when she sees it and stayed right with it....E. D. Harrington, of Midland, Tex., a big rancher man, is in the city. He tells of plenty rain and good ranges. Says he: "There is no diminution in the number of cattle on the ranges tributary to Midland, and I should judge that at present there are upward of 40,000 head of cattle on them. In the last three weeks at least 6,000 cattle have been shipped from Midland to the open markets. There are no forage crops raised on our ranges, and we simply depend upon the native grasses. There have been no losses of any consequence since 1885. The country is now fenced, and we calculate to place 20 brutes to each section of land, 640 acres, which allows 32 acres for each animal to forage on. Our calf crop was good. The cattle are being graded up chiefly with Hereford bulls. Some shorthorn bulls are used, but the preference is given to the Herefords. For spring delivery yearling steers have sold at $14.50; two-year-old steers at $18.00, and fat cows at $15.00. A small bunch of three-year-old steers sold a few days ago at $26.00, but the general market price is about $24.00."

San Angelo Enterprise: Jackson & Richardson sold to R. W. Prosser, of Val Verde county, several lots of stock sheep aggregating 14,000 head, at 50 cents to $1 for lambs and $1 to $1.35 for grown sheep....Jake Rathwell sold to J. T. Todd of Checotah, I. T., 176 steers, 3 and 4-year-old, at $24....G. W. Snyder sold to Richardson & Campbell 41 eastern steers and 19 cows at $15.50 round price....Campbell & Richardson bought from Anson & Verner 48 old steers at $23....Joe Funk sold to Will Childress all his steers, 3s and up, at $24....Will Seymour sold to Harris Bros. 187 steers, 3s and up. The price paid was about $20....Ben Cole sold to Harris & Childress 50 steers, 3s and up, at $24 and 50 2s at $18.50....Cawley & Baker sold to Campbell & Richardson one carload of cows, bulls and stags at $13.50....Sam Henderson sold to a Ballinger buyer 500 head of 3 and 4-year-old picked steers for market at $28....Jackson & Richardson sold to J. M. Shannon 1400 head of 4-year-old steers at p. t., April delivery....N.B. Eden, of Corsicana, bought from John Henderson 500 steers, 3s and up, at $23 and 50 bulls at $15....Zeb and Bob Owens sold to J. W. Lamon, of Kansas, 330 yearling steers at $12.65. This lot will be put on rough feed....Loftin & Taylor sold to P. Nation 225 steers, 3s and 4s, at $23.50....R. S. Wilson sold to P. Nation 20 cows at $15....P. Nation bought from J. E. Henderson 60 steers, 3s and up, at $16.50...Lowe & Lovelady bought from P. Nation, through J. S. Miles, 20 cows at $16....George Abbott sold to Lowe & Lovelady, for M. B. Pulliam, 142 cows at $16.25....A. G. Anderson sold all his cattle to Boyce Boucher. The prices paid were $22 for 3-year-old steers, $15 for 2s, $12 for cows, $12 for yearling steers, $8 for yearling heifers and $6 for calves. Take everything, no cutbacks, and use of the pasture for one year at $1 per head....Two Spanish officers are buying horses in this section for the Spanish army in Cuba, and are paying $20 a head for animals broken to the saddle. The horses must not be under 4 nor over 10 years old, not less than 14¼ nor more than 15 hands hight, jack measure. Last week they bought 250 head at Sweetwater, 150 at Colorado City, 375 at Big Springs and a number of head from Stanley Turner, Capt. Rice, B. Wade, Tom Dolan, Lewis Owens and others. They have been in Glasscock, Howard, Midland, Nolan, Mitchell, Coke and Sterling counties and are expected in San Angelo this week. They are traveling with Messrs. Jennings of New Orleans and Tennis of Big Springs, and pay spot cash for everything they buy.

FENCES IN AGRICULTURE.

Fences in agriculture serve the twofold purpose of enclosing animals on pasture ground and of protecting land from straying animals. They are formed of a great variety of materials and of very different structure. In countries where wood and stone are scarce, more especially where they have been long settled, hedges formed of various kinds of plants are common. These, when well kept and managed, give a clothed and picturesque appearance to the landscape. When stone is used as fences, they are built as walls. The form and mode of building varies with their nature and quality, and the degree of taste and nicety required. In new countries, where wood is abundant, the fences are all of this material. The snake fence, named from its zigzag form, is made by merely laying the ends of trees or rails above each other, and requires no further construction. These three styles were the pioneer fences, and have been in most places superceded by—

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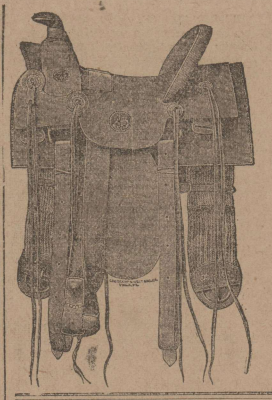
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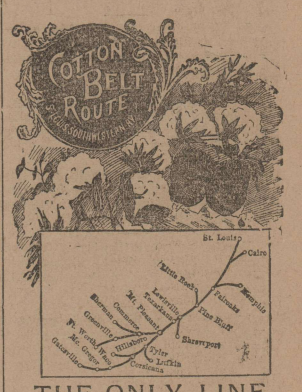
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FORT WORTH.

Office and Editorial rooms of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Scott Harrold Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

J. D. Birdwell, of Big Springs, was here Friday.

J. E. Merrill, of Round Rock, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

Geo. F. Gates, of Purcell, I. T., was in Fort Worth last week.

Wm. M. Murray, of Chico, was a visitor to Fort Worth last week.

W. S. Mabry, of Channing, was among the visitors in Fort Werth Friday.

R. R. Russell, of Menardville, was among the visiting cattlemen here last week.

Sol Myers, of Sonora, a prominent sheep and cattle man, is in the city this week.

S. R. Cox, of Abilene, a well-to-do stock farmer, was on the market here last week.

W. R. Curtis, of Henrietta, was in the city this week, meeting with the stockmen.

E. B. Carver, of Henrietta, agent for Cassidy Bros. & Co., was in the city Thursday.

Zack Mulhall, of Mulhall, I. T., live-stock agent for the Frisco railroad, was in the city Friday.

G. H. Connell, of Dublin, an extensive cattle feeder and dealer, was in the city last week.

H. K. Halsell, of Decatur, a popular and well known cattleman, was in Fort Worth last week end.

Lee Goats, of La Plata, a stock farmer and cattle dealer, was down from the plains country Friday.

Clabe Merchant, of Abilene, dropped into the city Monday morning, on his return from San Antonio.

M. Sansom, of Alvarado, president of the association, also left Thursday to be present at the meeting.

W. V. Newlin, Traffic Manager of the Cattle Raisers' Association, returned Friday from a trip to Chicago.

Sam Lazarus, of Sherman, an extensive cattle owner, ranching in the Panhandle, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

W. W. Miller, general live stock agent of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, left Thursday for St. Louis.

W. T. Sparks, of Floyd county, a popular and well known cattleman, was in Fort Worth last week end looking for dogies.

Z. B. and C. W. Akers of Dawson, Texas sold 2,100 head of two-year-old sters to J. W. Kennedy of San Saba, at $15.00.

A. S. Reed, manager of the Standard Live Stock Commission Company, was a caller at the Journal office Thursday.

Gus O'Keefe, of Colorado, a well known cattleman, was circulating among the brethren in Fort Worth last week.

L. H. Hallam, of Amarillo, as well known cattle commission man, with stock interest in Deaf Smith county, was in the city Friday.

C. E. Brown, of Childress, a popular cattleman, and one of the owners of the T I P ranch in Lamb county, was Fort Worth last week end.

F. J. Hall, of Gainesville, a prosperous stockman and extensive feeder, was in the city Thursday, and made the Journal office a pleasant call.

Parties wanting tip-top Shorthorn bulls or heifers should attend W. P. Harned's sale at Bunceton, Mo. Don't forget the date—Dec. 10.

Homer Eads, live stock agent for Missouri Pacific railway, was in the city Monday, and called at the Journal office. Mr. Eads is down rustling up business for his road.

J. T. Dickson, of Quincy, Ill., live stock agent for the Wabash railroad company, was in the city on a business trip Monday, and favored the Journal with a call.

A. W. Hudson, of Kansas City, a well known cattle owner and dealer, with extensive stock in the Panhandle Texas and Osage Nation, I. T., was in the city Saturday.

A. McCartney, of Waxahachie, a prosperous stock farmer, was in the city Thursday with a car of hogs, and made the Journal office a combined social and business call.

W. B. Thomas, of San Angelo, a popular stockman, was in the city last week. Mr. Thomas was taking a carload of cattle which he shipped from Sulphur Springs to his Western home.

J. W. Tripler, of Montrose, Col., was a caller at the Journal office this week. Mr. Tripler is a well-known cattleman, and is down on a business trip to Texas, along with his friend, Mr. Carney.

John Gibson, of Waggoner, I. T., one of the most extensive and best known cattlemen in the Territory, was in the city last week and made the Journal office a pleasant call.

W. B. Root, of Hicks City, Mo., in a private letter to the Journal, says they are feeding the usual number of cattle at that point this season, but hogs will fall short of the usual number.

J. C. Stribling, Jr., of Llano, a prominent and prosperous stockman of that section, was in Fort Worth last week, and reports favorably of stock conditions in his country.

J. B. Gray, a popular and prominent young cattleman and part owner of the well known Moon ranch in Cottle county, left Saturday on a trip to the old country. Mr. Gray sails from New York for Glasgow (Scotland) to-morrow, and will not return until February. He will, however, be kept posted on live stock movements here while away, having left instructions to have the Journal forwarded to him during his stay in "Bonnie Scotland."

A. S. Reed and George B. Loving, of Fort Worth, left Thursday night for San Antonio to attend the executive committee meeting of the Texas Live Stock Association, of which they are members.

W. R. Mickle, of Birdville, was a caller at the Journal office last week. Mr. Mickle is a large and successful breeder of fine poultry, and possesses a well deserved reputation for fair square dealing in that line.

Geo. R. Allen, editor of the Childress Star, was in Fort Worth Tuesday, and made the Journal a fraternal call. Mr. Allen states that stock farming is now the universally recognized and only successful method in that section.

Benjamin Duncan, of Pleasant Hill, Mo., a breeder and dealer in thoroughbred stock, was at the yards Saturday with a carload of fine Shorthorn cattle, young bulls and heifers, destined for Hagerman, New Mexico.

J. W. Spencer, president of the Farmers' and Mechanics' bank, of Fort Worth, attended the funeral of his late friend and associate in business, John R. Hoxie, at Chicago, on the 22d instant. Mr. Spencer was one of the six honorary pall-bearers.

E. J. Clarke, of Kent county, was among the visiting stockmen here last Friday, and Mr. Clarke says stock are doing well in his section. On the subject of destruction of young stock by wolves, Mr. Clarke says he and his neighbors are having much trouble and severe loss.

W. D. Jordan, of Quanah, state quarantine inspector, was among the arrivals in Fort Worth Thursday. Mr. Jordan is much gratified at the manner in which the quarantine laws have been enforced the past season and the co-operation afforded by the state sanitary board.

J. W. Burgess, of Blue Mound, the well-known Shorthorn breeder, shipped in last week a carload of fine bull calves from Sedalia, Mo., to his ranch in this county. Major Burgess has an enviable and well established reputation as a Shorthorn breeder, and handles nothing but tip-top stock.

W. L. Lyon, of Canadian, was among the visitors in Fort Worth last week. Mr. Lyon, who is an efficient and valued employe of the Cattle Raisers' Association, being inspector for that section of country, was down to consult Dr. Frank Mullins on a throat trouble to which he is subjected.

C.T. Carney, of Meeker, Col., a prominent cattleman, came down with the blizzard last week and was a visitor at the Journal office. Mr. Carney says the stock interests generally in Colorado are in fairly good condition and that just now there is considerable demand for cattle, especially steers.

J. W. Snyder, of D. H. & J. W. Snyder, of Georgetown, Tex., says in regard to the number of cattle to be fed in Texas this winter, that it will not be 30 per cent of the number fed last winter, in consequence of the reduced yield of cotton and consequent reduced supply of cotton seed meal.—Drovers' Journal.

A. P. Bush, of Colorado; E. T. Comer, of San Angelo; C. B. Lucas, of Berclair; W. T. Waggoner, of Decatur; A. G. Boyce, of Channing, and J. B. Wilson, of Dallas, members of the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers' association, were in the city Monday, in attendance at a meeting of said committee.

William N. D. Bird, live stock examiner in the Bureau of Animal Industry, who has been stationed at Arkansas City, Kan., was in Kansas City on the 26th instant, on his way to Alpine, Tex., where he will inspect importations of cattle from Mexico, which may be brought across the Rio Grande at Presidio.

J. A. Gamel, of Chickasha, I. T., a well known cattleman, was a caller at the Journal office Thursday, on his return from Upton county, where he also has extensive ranch interests. Mr. Gamel says grass is good and cattle looking well, vegetation still uninjured by frost and a larger crop of weeds than he ever saw in that county before.

J. L. Harris, traveling agent for the Chicago stock yards, arrived in the city Thursday from a trip to South Texas, and departed the following morning on another missionary tour. Mr. Harris says the shipments from South Texas are exceptionally heavy just now, and that he is mixing it pretty well with the boys and getting his share.

J. W. Bardwell, of Ennis, a well known cattle dealer, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Bardwell is feeding a bunch of steers at Ennis, but says operations in that line are limited there this year, on account of the loss of the oil mill, which was destroyed about two months since by being blown up with dynamite, it is supposed, by an incendiary.

J. F. Neff, senior editor of the Drovers' Telegram, was married Nov. 25 to Miss Sara Green, of Kansas City. A reception at the home of the bride followed the church service. Mr. and Mrs. Neff left the same day on the Santa Fe for the City of Mexico, where they will remain about one month. The Journal extends hearty congratulations and best wishes.

A. D. Evans, of Chicago, secretary of the Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission company, after a visit of several days in the city, left Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Evans, for Kansas City, en route to Chicago. Mr. Evans was much pleased with prospects of the cattle situation and business generally, from opinions formed during his stay at the Texas cattle head center.

T. S. Snyder, of Georgetown, was among the visitors at the Journal office last week. Mr. Snyder is a well known and extensive cattle operator, and has handled Mexican cattle largely. He says that the cattlemen are slow about tackling them this season, as most of those who handled them last year lost money. Mr. Snyder states that the Corralitas Cattle company will shortly move 7,000 head of young cattle from their ranch in Chihuahua to West Texas.

H. C. Babb, of Decatur, agent for the Kansas City stock yards, was in Fort Worth Wednesday. Mr. Babb was just back from a trip to Amarillo. He reports shipping pretty well through up there, and says there are lots of buyers, and good prices being paid—calves $10@12 and yearlings $17@18, for instance, for good graded stock. Carter Temple, of Amarillo, sold a bunch of about 300 ones and twos at $18 and $23. The "Spurs," Mr. Babb says, are shipping out about six trains of cows and feeder steers.

W. K. Bell, of Palo Pinto, was among the visiting cattlemen in town last week, and paid his respects to the Journal office. He reports everything in good shape in that section, but seems considerably worked up about the depredations and havoc being made upon the game in his section by pot-hunters. Mr. Bell thinks the legislature should take a hand before all the game is destroyed. In this the Journal is emphatically of the same opinion, and nearly a year ago placed itself on record as being in favor of a revision of the game laws. Mr. Bell also wants the legislature petitioned for the enactment of a scalp law to rid the country of wolves and leopard cats, which are now very numerous and troublesome in that section.

T. T. Andrews, of Kansas City, was in Fort Worth last week, visiting among his many friends and acquaintances. Col. Andrews was formerly extensively engaged in the cattle business in Texas, and later on worthily represented this district in the legislature. He is now manager of the Kansas City branch house of the well known live stock commission firm of Clay, Robinson & Co., a position for which he is eminently fitted from his intimate practical knowledge of all pertaining to the cattle business. Col. Andrews is a bright and forceful writer, as well as a polished speaker. His speech at the rather stormy meeting of the cattle raisers' convention in this city, last March, in the endeavor to throw oil on the troubled waters, was the oratorical gem of the proceedings.

The Chicago Drovers' Journal, in a biographiacl sketch of the late John R. Hoxie, says: "He was a prominent during the boom that struck Fort Worth in the late seventies. Years ago he acquired 15,000 acres at Taylor, Tex., and converted it into the San Gabriel ranch, one of the finest pieces of property in the state, and on which there are at present 4,000 Berkshire hogs. During the Fort Worth boom he dived deeply into it, being a large owner of the dirst of that city. He was also the inceptor of the packing house system there, and spent much money and time in an endeavor to build them up. He fought hard for the Aransas Pass deep water harbor scheme, and was a shining light in Texas affairs all through the boom period."

Doc Bannard, buyer at the stock yards for the Standard Commission Company, in talking "hogology" to a Journal man the other day, remarked on the gradual scarcity of the old-time Texas razor-back hog. A marked improvement may be noticed in the shipments received here compared with formerly, and the number of razor-backs is decreasing all the time. Being asked what distinctive breed predominated in the hogs sent in, Mr. Bannard said that the large majority were mixed breeds, principally Berkshire and Poland-China crossed, and occasionally one of these breeds crossed with the Red Jersey. Once and a while a car of Chester Whites is sent in, which command equally good prices, class considered, as the others, but this breed does not seem to be very commonly handled in Texas.

J. S. Sherwood, of Ryan, I. T., was in the city on business, and to visit his children, who are at school at the Polytechnic college, and Mrs. Sherwood, who is also staying at the college. Mr. Sherwood states that the movement of cattle over the quarantine line since the 15th has been very heavy. In his section, besides sundry small lots shipped and driven within the last few days, a herd of 20,000 passed through the upper end of the Kiowa country; another 20,000 herd passed by way of Anadarko, and a herd of 10,000 through Fort Sill, all going to the Cheyenne country and the Cherokee strip.

D. M. DeVitt, a well known cattleman, resident at Fort Worth, with stock interests in Hockley county, has just returned from Kansas City, where he was on the market with three trains of fat cows, steers and calves, which he sold at satisfactory prices. Chatting with a Journal man on the subject of the present demand for stock, Mr. DeVitt remarked: "I am very much afraid that the men who are now buying stockers and feeders at high prices are liable to get hurt. All the farmers in the corn belt have lots of cheap corn, hay, fodder and feedstuffs of all kinds which they all want to put into cattle. Money has eased up since the election, so that they are now able to get all they want. They are buying to utilize their feed, and as soon as their requirements are supplied prices prices will drop. In fact, the market is now lower than last week. As evidence of the assertion that feeders are too high, it is only necessary to look at the price of finished steers. The former are evidently too close to the latter in price to fit healthy or normal conditions. I saw one particular instance where a farmer bought stockers above their actual value just because he had an abundance of feed, and was not spending any of his own money—that is, he was furnished them by a commission house to feed.

COL. McGUIRE REGAINS HIS VISION.

J. M. McGuire, of Comanche, an old settler and well known stockman in that section, returned home Sunday, after a stay of a couple of weeks in Fort Worth. Some time since, while riding through the brush, Col. McGuire unfortunately got struck in the eye by a twig. After having endured intense pain and having consulted several oculists, some of whom insisted upon the eye being removed, he came to Fort Worth and placed himself under the care of Doctor Frank Mullins, the eminent specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Upon arrival, he was almost totally blind, the other eye having been also affected by sympathetic action. After two weeks' treatment, during which Dr. Mullins performed a most delicate surgical operation, and removed several particles of foreign matter from his eye, Col. McGuire returned home practically cured, thankful for the restoration of his eyesight, and receiving the congratulations of his family and friends upon its fortunate recovery.

As will be seen elsewhere in the proceedings of the executive committee of the Texas Live Stock Association, which met here Friday, Nov. 27, for the purpose of fixing a time for holding the next annual meeting of the association, it was decided to meet in San Antonio on the 8th of March, 1897, just two days before the meeting of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, which practically means that the meeting of the two associations will be held here at the same time. This is a very fortunate thing so far as San Antonio is concerned, and will give the city one of the largest crowds to entertain that it has ever had of representative stockmen, or any other class so far as that is concerned. It will require about five days for both associations to complete all the work that will come before them. We hope the stockmen, especially in Southern Texas, will all attend and contribute to one of the largest gatherings of stockmen ever assembled in this or any other State. There is no question but that the railroads will do their part, and put on a rate that will be satisfactory to all who wish to attend. The Journal in advance extends to all stockmen a cordial welcome and greeting.

The Idlewild herd sale by W. P. Harned, at Bunceton, Mo., will be a notable event among Shorthorn fanciers. We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harned, just before going to press, in which he states: "While it is best to attend the sale and see the stock, any one can with perfect confidence send bids to Col. Judy, the auctioneer, by wire or letter, and they will have honorable attention. Bids should be directed to Bunceton, Mo., and are as safe as if the party were present." This is one sale that intending buyers of Shorthorn bulls can't well afford to miss. As already mentioned, there are more pure Cruickshank bulls in this offering than have gone under the hammer this season at any one sale; the other standard families also carry a large percentage of this blood. We are told by those who have seen them that any one will be impressed with the blocky, beefy, vigorous appearance of the entire lot, the heifers included; most of these latter are yearlings, and have their life of usefulness before them. There certainly is a good opportunity here to get hold of a first-class Cruickshank bull to head a herd.

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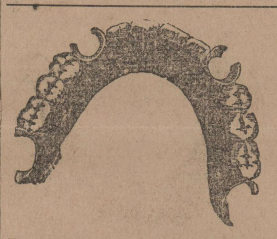
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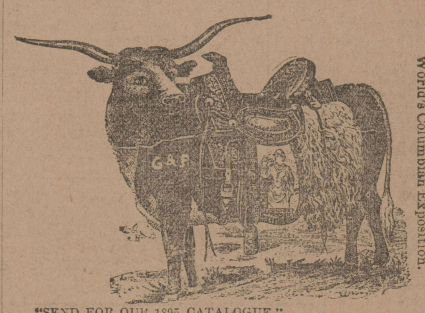
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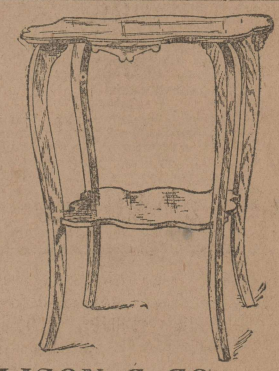
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