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THE FARM.

It is a common mistake to suppose that all weeds are killed by frost, and when a good freeze has come they give the weeds in gardens and among the crops no further attention. The truth is that some of the worst weeds are not injured by light frosts, but are thereby incited to produce a few seeds to perpetuate their species the following season. Very small weeds, only two or three inches high, will do this. The safest way is to plow or cultivate them under the soil. The seed in connection with the plant being then green will often rot, while if the seed drops to the ground from the frost plant it will not easily rot, but is sure to give trouble in future years.

If there are manures lying about the barns or yards now they are bound to lose a part of their substance with every fall of rain and by reason of heading in the heap, says an exchange. The proper thing to do is to get them out into the fields or pastures at once, preferably the latter. This plan will in any case give ample time and opportunity for the liquids of the manure to become incorporated with the soil. It is, in fact, the only way to save anything like the full value of the manures on the farm. The loss of the manures on the farm is the straight road to the loss of fertility. The richness of the soil is carried away in the good crops produced, and when the farmer fails to return in any degree manures back whence they came he is destined after a little to see his once bountiful crops grow beautifully less and less as the years come and go.

The value of Kafir corn has again been well illustrated by the experience of 1896. It withstands heat, hot winds and drought better than does Indian corn. The leaves remain green for a considerable time after the seeds mature. It can be planted late in the season with greater prospect of success than can corn. Stock of all kinds eat seed, stalks and leaves readily. In some cases profitable use has been made of the crop at small cost, by turning the stock cattle and horses into a field of Kafir and allowing them to do the harvesting, they having been first accustomed to the food. There is considerable waste when the unground seed is fed; less with sheep than with other stock. When grinding it is not practicable, it is through better to feed the unthreshed heads, as the seeds are more thoroughly masticated in this way than if the threshed grain is fed.—Prairie Farmer.

SWEET VERSUS FIELD CORN.

It is a prevailing idea that sweet corn has more virtue than field corn. There is no difference except that the former is less hardy and more difficult to grow. The sweet corn has its nutriment in the form of sugar or saccharine matter, while in the field corn it is in the form of starch, which is changed into sugar in the stomach of animals.

The human stomach likes its carbonaceous foods in their most complete form, so as a rule we prefer sweet corn to field corn, and sweet potatoes to the tuber now worth ten cents per bushel; but there is no evidence to show that these are any better foods, though they are obtained at greater cost. But the animal kingdom is better prepared to transform the starchy foods into fat than is the human stomach. The same line of reasoning that leads to a preference of sweet corn for sweet corn for swine feeding.—Cor. Mass. Plowman.

TEXAS TOBACCO.

Mr. C. F. Ederle, a cigar manufacturer of Fort Worth, in a conversation let drop some information in regard to the growing of tobacco in Texas, and how, if it is properly cured, the Texas product can be made to rival the favorite Havana. Conditions are now ripe for a change of base in the Havana trade, and Texas growers should take advantage of it.

"It is not generally known," said Mr. Ederle, "and should be, that Texas is producing tobacco that is of as high a quality as any grown anywhere in the United States, and promises to rival the famous Cuban leaf as soon as the growers in our state become familiar with the methods of curing and preparing the staple for market that obtains in the 'gem of the Antilles'."

"While there has been more or less tobacco grown in the state for many years, no one took hold of the industry with an intelligent appreciation of its importance. This is the absence of heretofore. The planters in Montgomery and adjacent counties learn the Cuban system of betuning or preparing the product. A wrong impression prevails among smokers as to the famous flavor of the Havana cigars. It is not a natural flavor, but is given the weed by betuning. In this business many thousands of gallons of Spanish wine are annually used. This secret, however, should not be very difficult to learn, when so much is involved, and I firmly believe that Texas is destined to revolutionize the tobacco business before many years, at least a year or two, and the revolution now in progress in Cuba keep that unfortunate island in a turmoil for an indefinite length of time, a Texas substitute for 'pure Havanas' will be forthcoming."—Houston Post.

CATTLE.

From Field and Farm: When breeding cows are taken up for the winter and kept in the stable or in a corral with sheds they are more likely to meet with accidents that will cause them to abort than when they run on the range and hence the necessity of giving them special attention. Probably more loss is due to having a vicious cow or two in the herd than to any other cause. A cow that is continually watching for an opportunity to hook or butt its companions should never be allowed to remain where she can do harm, as she may cause losses that will exceed her own value. Such a cow should be sent to the butcher, unless regarded of special value as a brood cow, in which case she should be kept separate from the herd during the winter.

A CORRECTION.

Mr. Harry Landa, V. P. and manager of the Landa Cotton Oil Co., New Braunfels, under date of 10th inst., writes the Journal as follows: "In giving list of cattle being fed at oil mills, you state that the San Marcos lot is included in those of New Braunfels. This is a mistake; we have no connection with any cattle being fed at San Marcos mills. Between five and six thousand head are being fed at our mill with our product, and we have nothing whatever to do in connection with the San Marcos outfit. Please make the proper correction, and oblige."

RED POLLED CATTLE.

The counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, which form the eastern "bay-window" of England, are distinguished as having originated a distinct and valuable breed of horses, cattle and sheep. The cattle are the Red Polls, which have within the last few years grown largely in favor on both sides of the Atlantic. The breed, as it now exists, was formed by crossing the coarse, uncolored, polled cattle of Suffolk with the small, red-horned animals of Norfolk. The former, though without claims of beauty or beef qualities, were large producers of fairly rich milk. The Red Polled breed has, by careful and skillful management, become thoroughly well established, and very uniform in appearance and characteristics. It combines aptitude for both milk and beef to an extent which renders it about as nearly as may be a "general purpose" breed. While the Red Polls have, perhaps, not in either one quality or the other, achieved such phenomenal records as some individuals of the special breeds, they have in both directions proved to be exceedingly useful farm animals. One of the largest English herds of which the milk records have been made public is the Wellington herd of Mr. Garrett Taylor. This contains more than one hundred pure bred Red Polled cows, of which the milk record has been carefully kept for many years. In 1894, the best yield of one cow was 12,050 pounds; in 1895, 10,135 pounds; in 1896, 10,216 pounds. Thirty-six of the cows gave from 6,000 pounds upwards, the average for the thirty-six being about 8,000 pounds. The milk record of another herd, that at Caistor Hall, is reported with an average of 12,000 pounds in a year. A third, that of the Earl of Bathurst, averaged 6,435 pounds, three of the five animals being heifers with their first calves. The Tring Park herd of twenty-seven cows averaged 6,730 pounds. These are selected records and show only the best in quality, but they are not as rich in butter fat as that of Channel Island cattle, is fairly good. The yield of the Nocton Hall herd of twenty-four cows was tested, and the record kept for the year ended March 31, 1895. The proportion of butter fat was from three to six, the yearly average for the entire herd being 3.92 per cent.

As beef cattle, the Red Polls are little, if any, inferior in quality to the special beef breeds, even if not always equal to the best of them in early maturity and ease of fattening. At the last show of the Smithfield club, London, eleven fat Red Polls were entered for competition. The first prize in its class and championship of the breed, was awarded to His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, an animal of the year old, and weighing 1,618 pounds, having made an average daily gain of 1.68 pounds. It had already won similar honors at the Norwich fat stock show. The first prize for steers three and not exceeding four years, was won by a yearling of the Caistor Hall herd, three and a half years old, and weighing 2,156 pounds, in addition to their combined capacity for milk and beef, the Red Polls possess another characteristic which unquestionably assists to increase their popularity. This is the absence of horns. Shakespeare's foresters sang, "The horn, the horn, the lusty horn, is not a thing to laugh to scorn," but in these utilitarian days the horn is a thing not to be desired on cattle. It is much easier and more humane to breed from polled parents than to remove horns. Red Polls were brought to the United States several years ago, and are distributed from Massachusetts to Iowa. Men like the Tabers of eastern New York, Hills of Ohio, and Ross of Iowa, have accomplished much in importing, breeding and raising the purity of American bred animals. But long before their time there were representatives in the United States of the original races from which the improved breed was formed. Hon. Lewis F. Allen wrote nearly thirty years ago of polled cattle "kept on Long Island, near New York city, in New Jersey, about Philadelphia and in some other sections of the country," adding: "They are probably descendants of the polled cows of the counties of Suffolk and Norfolk, England, famous for their good milking qualities, and which, no doubt, were brought to this country at an early day."—George A. Martin, in American Agriculturist.

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HORSES AND MULES.

"The popular idea that the age of a horse can always be told by looking at his teeth," said a veterinary surgeon, "is not entirely correct. After the eighth year the horse has no more new teeth, so that the tooth method is useless for telling the age of a horse after he is eight years old. As soon as the set of teeth is complete, however, a wrinkle begins to appear on the upper edge of the lower eyelid, and a new wrinkle is added each year, so that to get at the age of a horse more than eight years old you must figure the teeth plus the wrinkles."

Next to Chicago, the largest horse market of this country is Kansas City, and the largest stable is that of the Union stock yards. This city, standing at the very gateway of the great breeding sections that lie between the Missouri river and the Rocky mountains, naturally receives the great overflowing output from that section. There is an immense traffic in horses and mules in New York, but the grade of stock handled is inferior to that of more northern cities. Cincinnati does a large trade, while that of Buffalo is immense. It has been demonstrated during the last eight years that the highest prices for the very best trotters and trotting-bred stock are obtained in New York. There is no city that has a higher class of sales stables than Boston, and the best horses of every kind are in active demand at good prices.—Mirror and Farmer.

THE FAMILY HORSE.

A horse that is difficult to find, and one that is in constant demand, is one that can be guaranteed to be safe for family use, says a writer in Horse World. "At any place where horse sales are held, one cannot but be impressed by the large number of searchers after horses suitable for family use. For this purpose a horse must not only be sound and good looking, but he must be absolutely safe in the strictest sense of the word. He must be afraid of nothing, and must be possessed of sense enough to behave under circumstances which to the average horse would mean a runaway. He must be safe for a woman to drive, and in many cases the woman will know little about driving and nothing about horses, who should be done in case of an accident. In view of the dependency that must necessarily be placed on the family horse, it is not to be wondered at that horses suitable for that purpose are scarce, and also that they command high prices wherever they are offered. The only wonder is that some enterprising man does not make a specialty of high-class, reliable family horses."

HORSE TALK.

The horse is a noble animal, in spite of the fact that he is not above work. The horse invented horse racing when he ran with other colts; but he didn't invent betting the other fellow's money on the result.

The horse hasn't much of a voice, but he can shout. It's the shout-jackass that does the loud talking. The horse can say neigh, yet he may be led into temptation if the halter is strong enough.

The prehistoric horse had five toes. The man who walks home from the race track wearing off his superfluous four a little bit later talking about the horse can afford to laugh the horse laugh at the bicycle and trolley car. By and by there will be none but nice, easy jobs left for horses.

The horse has been the friend of man from the first appearance of the latter on the planet.

The dark horse is much in men's mind just now, yet the dark horse is not altogether a stable character. If wishes were horses and the wish were father to the thought, then the thought would naturally be a colt.—N. Y. Recorder.

HOW A HORSE SWIMS.

It must not be supposed that a horse always swims naturally and with ease the moment that he is off his feet in the water. The animal under such circumstances has but one motion, to keep his head out of water and to lift his shoulders as high as possible.

In doing this his hind quarters sink and he finds himself almost standing on his tail, or at least in a position three-quarters erect.

In such an attitude, if the rider draws up the reins, or throws his body back in the least, the animal's hind quarters will sink more and more, his body will take a vertical position, and, beating the water vigorously with his forefeet, he will finally sink.

As soon as the horse gets off his feet in the water, let the rider grasp the animal's mane, leaning at the same time well forward upon his shoulders, but without touching his head. The rider's knees should be pressed tightly to the horse's sides, otherwise he is likely to be swept off by the water.

This is the only position which will enable a man to remain in the saddle and the horse to swim at the same time. The reins must be held loosely and each well to one side.

A wagon passed through northeast Kansas recently bearing this inscription: "Colorado and irrigation. Kansas and castigation, populist administration, h—l and damnation, I'm going to my wife's relations, and make no demonstrations."

Why don't they come to Texas, where they need no irrigation, and with pluck and inspiration they can bring their wife's relation, and engage in speculation, and receive a free salvation, in a climate of glorification, under a democratic administration.—Ozma Courier.

Yes, provided they will make thorough reformation, and moral reformation, build a decent habitation, work with determination, avoid all dissipation, pay every obligation; and rise in estimation by free participation and co-operation with Sabbath ordinance and every regulation that elevates the nation.

SWINE.

The Collin County Swine Breeders' association met at McKinney December 8 and elected officers for the ensuing year. H. B. Singleton of Lebanon was chosen president, and T. M. Wilson of McKinney secretary.

In the natural order of things, it is reasonable to expect an advance in the hog market. At Chicago, receipts of hogs last month were over 300,000 less than in the corresponding month last year, and receipts for this month are light. Loss throughout the country by cholera is greater than generally supposed, and should certainly act beneficially on the market.

Result of recent experiments at the Kansas State Agricultural college to determine the relative values of Indian corn and kafir corn in fattening hogs resulted in favor of the former. It is claimed that it required 1.33 pounds of feed more to make a pound of gain in the latter case than in the former. The advantage always claimed for kafir corn, however, is that a crop can be raised through droughty seasons, when impossible to raise Indian corn.

HOG CHOLERA.

The following circular has been issued by Dr. A. W. Blitting, the experiment station veterinarian at Lafayette, Ind.: "Last year Indiana lost 580,500 hogs by disease, entailing a property loss of three and a quarter million dollars. Nearly the entire loss was due to cholera and swine plague."

The disease is well disseminated in the state this fall, and the season of greatest loss will soon be upon us. Every effort should be made to lessen its ravages as much as possible. An important factor in reducing the loss is to provide proper shelter, as all hogs with only a mild attack, or having apertures in the skin, may take a relapse if exposed to a cold rain or a sudden change to rough weather. There are thousands of hogs now in a condition to become affected with pneumonia, which would escape if given a little protection. Any shed which will keep off the rain and break the wind is sufficient. The floor should be dry. But little bedding is needed, and that renewed frequently. Burn all litter and bedding once a week. Keep the herd divided, so that crowding is impossible. Remember, a straw stack is the most unfavorable place that can be provided for sick hogs.

"The essentials in prevention are good food, pure water and clean, dry quarters. The station would be pleased to receive information from any source as to the presence of the disease and of all successful ways of checking it."

CHOLERA-PROOF HOGS.

We used to hear about breeds and strains of hogs that were cholera-proof. We hear no more of them. Now, however, facts abundantly testify that some hogs are cholera-proof. In some herds one or two brood sows will go through a siege of cholera, eating among the dead and dying, and remain in the most perfect health and vigor, and occasionally, but very seldom, we hear of some of these sows being cholera-proof. We would say that these animals were worth their weight in gold, for that would be stretching it, but they are worth more money than any man would dare ask for them, and should not be sold under any circumstances short of a heavy loss of usefulness.

It will usually be found that brood sows that have had the disease and recovered will not succumb to it on a second visit. We therefore regard animals of this kind as worth double the usual value in times like these. This matter is of practical importance to the breeder. It is the cholera-proof happy hogs that have been attacked in time to allow the survivors to be put in the best condition for breeding. It is questionable whether in fact the farmer has sustained any real loss in the line of brood sows if he has saved 50 per cent with their breeding, and has lost 50 per cent with their raising. He has much less fear of the ravages of disease in the future. Save these brood sows, and males likewise, by all means. They are worth plenty of money.—Wallace's Farmer.

PROPER CROSSING.

Good advice to those who wish to better their swine stock is to select from one of the leading breeds, and order a sire (or a pair, if that is what they want) from the same source, stating what kind of females are kept, and their form—whether short and blocky, or long, fine and small boned, or coarse. Every one who breeds any considerable number of pure-bred swine has families which differ in their characteristics, and he can select from one of which has the points that the herd of the buyer lacks. For instance, a farmer who had for several years made a specialty of breeding and selling young pigs two months old to his neighbors for feeding, and who had Poland-Chinas which were so fine in blood, but he observed that the neighbors who had long, coarse sows raised fine, strong pigs, great feeders, growthy and in every way desirable, while his own pigs, while always looking well and keeping fat, "broke down" at a certain stage. In fact this peculiar weakness had been aggravated by the Yorkshire crosses. An improved Yorkshire or Berkshire would have given better results in this case, but the breeder of small Yorkshires could and would have given him a better sire for his purpose, by selecting from a different family, if the buyer had explained what he needed, or if he had described his sows.

SHEEP AND WOOL.

The South Dakota sheepmen are going into the business with increased vigor, and introducing new blood in their flocks, in the belief that wool will shortly receive protection.

All farm products are now sold on close margins, and it is very likely that a small bunch of sheep, well improved and cared for, will return a better per centage on the investment than any class of domestic animals.

The best breed of sheep for low, flat lands is the Kentish or Romney Marsh sheep, which flourish in their native habitat, the reclaimed marsh and fen lands on the southern coast of Kent. So says "Wool Markets and Sheep."

There is a good deal of knowledge expended in the feeding of sheep to do it in the right way. In feeding do not spread out the hay or fodder. Too much is wasted this way. Have a rack to feed in, and do not give them more than they will eat up pretty clean. Feed regularly the same amount at the same time every day.

FEEDING SHEEP.

C. F. Curtis, an authority on sheep, says: "Those who set out to feed sheep will do well to observe a few essentials. First among these is a dry yard. It need not be large, but it must be dry and well bedded. Keep it fresh and clean. Next, insist on absolute quiet of the sheep. If necessary, keep everybody and everything out of the yard except the man who feeds them. Let nothing frighten or disturb them. Wild, restless sheep never fatten rapidly. Another essential is constant access to clean, wholesome water. Feed at regular intervals, and a uniform ration. Make all changes very gradually. Sheep cannot be put out to full feed in as short a time as cattle. Feeding too heavily at the start is a very common mistake in all kinds of feeding. It is of the utmost importance to start right. An animal that is overfed at the start rarely does as well afterward. Another essential, and one of the first things demanded, is a feed trough that sheep will not get their feet into. Clean this trough before every feed. If any grain is left, do not expect the sheep to eat it. Remove it and give fresh grain. Regulate the feed so that none will be left. Stale feed curtails the appetite and impairs digestion. It is useless to throw a lot of feed into a dirty trough for sheep, leaving a part of it from day to day, and wonder why the sheep do not grow. Every day's allowance of hay, grain and water should be fresh and clean. Keep salt constantly before them. Rid the flock of worms, ticks and lice. Do not grind any grain except for very old sheep."

WHY FARMERS SHOULD KEEP SHEEP.

The following are some of the reasons given by Prof. Thomas Shaw in the Northwestern Agriculturist why every farmer should keep at least a few sheep:

Because they would help to keep the land clean. In this respect no kind of live stock can compare with them. Sheep will clean out the underbrush that may grow in a forest or grove in quick order. The way is thus paved for the introduction of a grass covering which is better for the sheep or indeed for any kind of stock than the leaves of the twigs that previously covered the land. If they have access to weeds early in the season there is scarcely any kind of weed that they will not eat with avidity, and in the autumn they make famous scavengers when permitted to glean amid the stubbles. If everyone had a flock of sheep there would be very much less heard about weeds.

Because they keep up the fertility of the land. No class of live stock can compare with sheep in keeping up the fertility of the land when they may feed on it. This is owing to the very perfect manner in which they distribute their droppings, to the fact that insects do not waste it by working in it, and to the further fact that there is but little waste from washing. It lies close to the soil and becomes incorporated with it through the treading of the sheep.

Because they furnish a fine wholesome meat for the family at any season of the year. Those families on the farm who have no mutton meat what may be termed a choice luxury. Sheep bred small may be killed at nearly any season of the year, and the carcass can easily be preserved until used. Such a mode of providing at least a part of the meat is at once cheap and satisfactory. Such meat would cost but little and in addition to its tastefulness it is very wholesome. Those families on the farm who once cultivate the habit of eating mutton will not be content to gain by without this article of diet.

Also because they are profitable. Many of our farmers seem to think that they are not profitable, and judging by the prices that are paid for them on the farms, there would seem to be some truth in the idea. But when the industry is worked up as it ought to be it will be different. When sheep are kept on many farms in the same neighborhood there will be competition among the buyers as to who shall get them. When the quality at the same time is improved they will bring a better price, and when they are fed for market in the winter they will bring a better price still. Should buyers then fail to come, one farmer can ship his own sheep if he has enough of them. If he has not two or more farmers can unite in making up a shipment. In those better and brighter days that are ahead, sheep raising will be profitable. Sheep should be raised because the labor of raising them is light compared with that attending other lines of work. I would not have readers take up with the idea that sheep will get along without care. They not only want care, but they must have it or the returns will not come. The point I wish to emphasize is that the work is light.

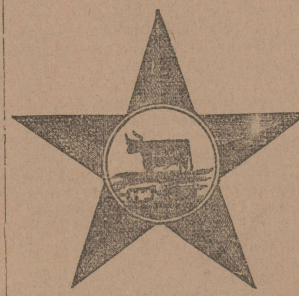
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Slaughtered in Kansas City.....	922,167	2,170,827	567,015		
Sold to Feeders.....	322,262	27,376	111,445		
Sold to Shippers.....	215,223	274,699	186,253		
Total Sold in Kansas City in 1895.....	1,533,234	2,346,202	748,244	41,593	

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WHATSOEVER.

One day in stress of need I prayed:
Dear Father, Thou hast bid me bring
All wants to Thee, so, unafraid,
The thing I ask Thee for—how small!
How trivial, ask I seem to Thee!
Yet Lord, thou knowest, who knowest
all,
It is no little thing to me,
So weak, so human, as I be!
Therefore, I make my prayer to-day,
I ask Thee for this little thing:
Round which my hopes so keenly
cling;
And yet, remembering what Thou art—
So great, so wondrous, so divine—
I marvel that I have the heart
To tell Thee of this wish of mine!

And as a father pitieth, then
Grant me this little thing, I pray,
Through the one sacred Name, Amen!
I had my wish. The little thing
So needful to my heart's content
Was given to my petitioning.
And, comforted, I onward went,
With tranquil soul, wherein were
blent
Trust and thanksgiving. For I know
Now, as I had not known before,
The Whatsoever's meaning; so
I avail not, or question more.
—Margaret J. Preston.

TO HOUSEHOLD.

I asked last week for some Christmas helps. The first letter opened this week is an answer. Kansas Housekeeper comes most opportunely with many wise suggestions for Christmas presents. I thank her for myself and Household.

Mrs. Thomas' letter is a fine sermon. The thought must often have occurred to all thinkers to wonder that as many people prosper as do. In health, strength, prosperity, how inclined are we to be independent of God and His mercies. We slight Him, as it were, but let sickness, sorrow, adversity come, how quick we turn and throw ourselves upon His slightest mercies. How divinely divine He is! He overlooks the slight, picks us up, comforts us and forgives. How unlike human nature. All who believe God is just, and all-wise, and rules our lives, must believe "whatever is, is best."

Purple Pansy must not think too hard of the Bachelor for betting on the election. Perhaps he has been taught a lesson. Betting is wrong, certainly; but the temptation men have to harm, bet, and call it, is many and hard to resist. I try to excuse them at election times. Their excitement and interest is something we women can not understand, therefore can not sympathize with. I am sure Bachelor will be grateful for Purple Pansy's sympathy, but I doubt if he is convinced he erred. He says things about as clearly as most bachelors do, but all men need wives to make them clear-headed and well-developed characters. Purple Pansy's thoughts and lines on "No Place for Mother" are beautiful and pathetic.

We have an article on that mystery of mysteries, Thought, this week. Purple Pansy's pen. It is a wonderful gift—the power to think. I wish more used it understandingly. Woods Boy writes upon the beauties and mysteries of Mother Nature and human nature. There comes reflective hours to all of us, when we wonder what we are, why we are, and what the end will be. Let us all give thanks and a sigh of relief that all the mysteries of life, of nature, of man, are in the hands of One who understands all things, but whose ways are beyond our comprehension. Let us say with a poet, "As long as God is in heaven, all is well upon earth."

GIFTS FOR LADIES.

There are many things to be considered in making Christmas presents, among them, the condition of your purse and the suitability of the present to the person for whom it is intended. Many very acceptable gifts can be made at home at a very slight expense, and are usually appreciated more than articles that can be bought.

A very pretty toilet cushion is nipped inches square, with heavy linen, and filled full of sawdust. The cushion cover is a piece of blue satin, just large enough to fit smoothly over the cushion. The edge of the cushion is ornamented with a full frill of cream-colored lace, and a small spray of wild rose, and a few leaves of eucalyptus. This is an ornament for any toilet table. A plainer and less expensive one is covered with white linen, with a cluster of pansies embroidered on the top with Asiatie filo thread. This can be removed whenever it is soiled, and when washed and replaced looks as neat and pretty as when new.

Denim will make a pretty and inexpensive table cover. You can now get almost any color you wish. Finish the edge with a wide hem turned up on the right side, or leave it, and down with feather stitching. Or perhaps you have some fringe in the house that you can put around the edge. Failing that, you can get cotton fringe from the store, that is made for this purpose, and is not expensive. A very durable and attractive cover for a sofa pillow is made of huckaback. This material is twelve inches wide, and costs 20 cents a yard. Cut the cover the desired size and stamp a wreath of leaves on the piece that is used for the top. Work the design in ink, and shade with brown ink. The fringe, in pale green. Other patterns are equally pretty, among them pink chrysanthemums, golden rod, and a vine of woodbine and berries.

A pretty wall pocket for letters, envelopes and cards is made of a circular Japanese fan. Cover the part where the paper is with silk or velvet, and put the word "Letters" across the front in gold letters. Fasten three strips of narrow satin ribbon across the front, sewing them to the fan, in spaces just large enough for an ordinary envelope to slip in between the ribbon and the fan. A pretty bow finishes the handle, and a brass ring underneath serves to hang the fan on the wall. Another pocket is made by covering a piece of cardboard, cut crescent-shaped, with velvet for the front and silk for the back. Fasten it to the fan, which is covered with the same material. The cardboard forms a pocket for the letters.

A laundry bag is made of canvas, and is one yard wide before it is closed

and three-fourths of a yard deep. The top is lined to the depth of six inches with yellow satin. Three inches from the top there are two rows of stitching, just far enough apart to allow a cord to be run in between them, which is used to draw the top together and to hang it up by. On the center of the front is embroidered a bunch of buttercups and leaves, using yellow and green Asiatie rope silk. The word, "Laundry" is written beneath it and worked in golden brown silk. Brown crash makes very pretty laundry bags. Outline a large flower design on one side.

A button bag is almost a necessity in the economical household. Cut a circular piece of cardboard four inches across, and cover smoothly with satin or other suitable material. Another piece of satin, six inches wide, should be long enough to shir quite full and reach around the cardboard, which is to be the bottom of the bag. Gather the lower edge of the long strip and sew it to the covered cardboard. Hem the upper edge and run a cord through the hem.

A pretty splashier to put back of the washstand is made of butcher's linen, finished with hemstitched hems. A cluster of plinks is embroidered in the center, using several shades of pink. Boston are silk for the flowers, and green for the leaves and stems. The mottoes, "Wash and be clean," or "Splash away," are often placed under the flowers.

KANSAS HOUSEKEEPER.

WHATSOEVER IS, IS BEST.
My Dear Mrs. Buchanan: You ask, "How many of you believe whatever is is best?" I shall answer your question in this way: I believe that if we trust the Heavenly Father, trust Him as a little child trusts a dear, earthly father, unconditionally and implicitly, He will order our life for the best.

Often sorrows rush over our souls, as the torrent of a mighty river; wave upon wave of desolation sweep over us; we feel that our troubles are greater than we can bear. Even then, when our life seems hopeless, there is some good working toward deliverance and triumph.

We must realize our helplessness, and commit ourselves to the care of Him who said: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The great trouble with us all is that we trust in our own arm to uphold us, and only after a great struggle do we consent to be still and wait on God.

When the poor human will is broken we turn our tearful eyes to heaven, acknowledge our weakness, pray for strength to bear and to wait with patience. "Tis then we gain that peace of mind which passeth all understanding. When God, in His inscrutable wisdom, calls one of our dear little children to come unto Him, it is hard for us to understand why our precious one should be taken from us. "I miss his footsteps all about the house."

The lisping tones, the sunshine of my home!
Dear Lord, did not your human heart grow sad,
E'en when you bade my little one to come?

Yes, I know the dear Father pities us, but He can see far into the future. He knows what is best for our little one, best for us. It may be years before we realize this, but it comes to us after awhile. All is made plain; we understand the all-powerful wisdom and love of our Creator.

We are content at last, and feel happy to know that our child is "safe in the arms of Jesus." So it is with all the troubles of life. There is a meaning to them all. Trust in God and wait. No matter how dark things may look, if God is leading us, we are on the way to something bright. No matter how great our trials, we may feel sure that strength will be given us to bear. God will never forsake us. "Man may dismiss compassion from his heart, but God will never."

"Blindfolded and alone I stand,
With unknown thresholds on each hand;
The darkness deepens as I grope,
Afraid to fear, afraid to hope;
Yet this one thing I learn to know
Each day more surely as I go—
Thou doors are open, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted, or I am laid.
By some great law, unseen and still
Unfathomable purpose to fulfill.
Not as I will."
MARY E. THOMAS.
Strawn, Tex., Dec. 8, 1896.

A GOOD LETTER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I have just finished reading the Household, which I find especially good this week. I am so glad to hear from Mary E. Thomas again, and trust that she will write often.

I like the view "Staked Plains Girl" takes of matrimony, and see no reason why any woman should enter into the wretchedness of a loveless union. To marry for a home, without any love for the one you wed, shows contemptible cowardice in not daring to battle for yourself; it is unjust to themselves, and to the world. Besides, many other reasons that ought to convince one that such a course is not right, it betrays a folly in believing that a happy home can be gained in this way.

With Florence Lyles, I admire "The Fatal Wedding." It is so touchingly sad, so beautiful, and full of music in general, and sad music in particular. I like the sweet solemnity of hymns, too. There is one entitled "Go Bury Thy Sorrow" that touches a responsive chord in my heart. We all have our sorrow, but there are

"Hills growing weary
With heavier woe,"
and we can best forget our own sorrows in ministering to others.

"Go bury thy sorrows,
Let others be blest;

Go give the sunshine—
Tell Jesus the rest."
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How beautiful the earth is under its mantle of autumnal glory! What rich tints the autumn leaves display! "Tis true autumn reminds us of declining life, reminds us that we, too, must pass away, but there is some consolation in the thought that, like the leaves, we may undergo a transformation and appear for a brief time beau-

tiful in the new raiment we don preparatory to our flight. Then there is another thought suggested by the bright-tinted autumn leaves that will around us—God's blessings that are showered around us. They are without number, like the leaves, and alas! too many are unheeded in the same way. We realize that the leaves are falling, and stop sometimes to admire the beautiful (the displayed) Blessings fall around us; we know they are falling, but do not stop to realize their full beauty. We value them often in a dull way, but our hearts are not as full of thankfulness as they should be. It is so near Thanksgiving, let us be thankful (the displayed) Blessings bestowed upon us, and endeavor always to be thankful.

I have lately read a piece entitled "No Room for Old Mother." It was so sad, and it seemed too cruel to be true, to think the girls could turn their mother away so coldly, but she had a loving son to turn to who promised her kind protection and love. The piece suggested to me a train of thought, and this is the result:

No room for mother, did you say?
No room for that dear form?
Why, she has made pleasant your weary way.

And sheltered you from the storm.

'Tis true her figure now is bent:
Her hair all streaked with gray;
But the best of her life for you was spent—
She has toiled for you many a day.

Her hands, perchance, are hard and rough;
Made so in a labor of love.
Will you now that love rebuff—
That love that is born from above?

If her voice is not as musical,
As in the days gone by—
'Tis unjust to let her whimper—
Cruel to cause her a sigh.

Has not that same dear voice
Soothed thee tenderly to rest
When ill and discouraged? Then re-
member—
That by it still you are blest.

Old-fashioned ways, did you say?
But they are kind and good.
They remind me of the way
Held by all dear motherhood.

Her eyes are dim with tears
Eyes once bright in youth;
Now they are dimmed by years,
Yet they shine with goodness and truth.

Don't speak of that careworn face!
Have you not caused her grief?
Can you not see the wrinkles trace
Her anxiety for your unbelief?

Your waywardness that caused her
pains—
Leaving its index on heart and brow?
She has worked and prayed for you
Till she is plain.

Will you forsake her now?
PURPLE PANSY.

AN ESSAY ON THOUGHT.

What a wonderful thing is thought! Our greatest vigilance can not prevent it from flying at times to forbidden subjects. It goes with greater speed than the fastest locomotive, and at the same time presents vividly its pictures to our mind. From one thing to another it plays for an instant, as water from the garden hose, on the next moment it is far away and has in passing touched on many things between.

Sometimes thought is as bright as raindrops glistening in the sunlight, radiant, sparkling; then again its rosy hues give place to a dull sordidness, a shadow of gloom, changing to dark despair. Happy is the person who confines thought to pleasant channels. Many bright thoughts and joyous ones make up the rivulets which empty into the vast sea of happiness, and sailing on it is bliss.

There are thoughts merry and sweet, and bitter and the merry ones ringing through our minds make sweeter music than vesper bells, while the sad ones produce strains that reverberate through the heart until its walls are high bursting.

We go from one thought to another until quite a train of thought enters our minds, and the results are dissimilar, and produces results unlooked for. Why? Thought rolls on, sweeping all before it, like a mighty engine, whistling at each station, but ever rushing on. Thought never stops; even in sleep it is present, and we dream of things that have come, and things to come; dream of impossible things, only possible when thought portrays them to our minds.

Thoughts, good, bad and indifferent, are fitting continually through each brain in the universe. They are countless, and yet each has some purpose, and each makes some impression.

Often 'tis not deep enough, and the same thoughts come again and again, until memory forever bears its impress. If the thought is noble and good, it is reflected on the face, in the eyes, in all its beauty; but if the reverse, each of the features of the face, and in all its hateful light. Then let us harbor beautiful thoughts, that, reflecting in the eyes, may show the nobleness of the mind and stamp upon the face the purity of the heart.

Thought goes further still: it prepares the way for some act, either good or bad. Then in all the furrows of life's scatter thoughts that will produce a goodly harvest of noble deeds.

PURPLE PANSY.

AN INQUIRY FOR OLD FRIENDS.

Dear Household Friends: Verily 'tis strange we have not met in dreams! Yet this vague transition from day to night enables the mind to condense the thoughts and feelings of a life into an hour. Sleep has its own realm of changeable fancy and cold reality—its dreams of sudden consciousness, tears and joys commingled.

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What deeds, what hidden springs of action, hourly glide from earth to tell us of the life above! Take cognizance, O my soul, of this all-absorbing subject, and guard with renewed ardor every avenue to the heart through which the wily tempter may allure thee from God.

Well, Mrs. Buchanan, what has become of Jolly Jim, Rather Fly, Pinery Girl, Bix and Mr. Bachelor? Are they to Friday or not? Why don't they write any more? They are not mad, surely. And there is Sea Breeze and Lone, who have not written in a long time. Why don't they write again?

No, indeed, Sweet Sixteen No. 2, I am not about to fall in love with Pap's girl, and that rascal of a Jolly Boy do think I am. Because I said I thought she was sweet, that's no sign I'm love with her at all. Well, I guess I'd better close by saying, Hurrah, for Rambling Ralph. With respect,
WOODS BOY.
Handley, Tex., Oct. 4, 1896.

POULTRY.

FORT WORTH POULTRY SHOW.

The North Texas Poultry and Fair Association held its second annual show in Fort Worth last week Tuesday to Friday inclusive. While it did not come up to expectations and the attendance was comparatively nothing, there were more birds by nineteen than last year. The display was good and the birds of an extra good quality. The following is a list of the exhibitors and prizes: Light Brahmas, Mrs. F. W. Burnett of Fort Worth; A. Branshaw of Dallas; Clyde Anthony of Bonham; W. R. Mickle of Birdville. In the Buff Cochins, R. P. Wilson, J. E. Randall, Fort Worth; W. B. Buckner, Dallas; W. P. Carson, W. R. Mickle, Birdville, and E. T. Branch, Dallas. White Plymouth Rocks, R. F. Tilford, Waxahatche, and E. E. Wright, Fort Worth. Black Minorcas, W. P. Akin, Graham and W. P. Carson, Randall, Buff Plymouth, Rocks, W. G. Kniffin, Hillsboro, and E. E. Wright, Fort Worth. Buff Orpingtons, W. G. Kniffin, Hillsboro; D. Ackley, Fort Worth; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth; W. B. Cox, Bonham. Bantams, S. B. Ferrell, Granbury; J. E. Randall and Mrs. Cora K. Hawkins, Fort Worth.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS ELECTED:

The stockholders of the North Texas Poultry and Fair association met during the show and elected the following board of directors and officers for the coming year: President, J. F. Henderson; first vice-president, J. E. Randall; second vice-president, G. D. Ackley; secretary, W. P. Hawkins; treasurer, Norman Nelson; directors, S. B. Ferrell, Granbury; A. G. Fowler, Handley; W. B. Cox, Bonham; R. A. Davis, Merit; J. E. Randall, Fort Worth; E. T. Branch, Dallas, and G. D. Ackley, Fort Worth.

It was decided to hold the next show the second week in December, 1897, beginning on Tuesday and holding four days.

The directors were instructed to increase the capital stock \$1000 if they think it necessary.

The general feeling is to give Dallas the next show if that city will exhibit and take interest in the matter.

Secretary Hawkins says it would, in the judgment of the most of the breeders, be a good idea to hold one year in Dallas and one year in Fort Worth.

Prizes are all paid or provided for and the association is now on a solid and permanent basis, and in good financial condition.

Premium list of the Texas State Poultry Association is to hand. The meeting takes place at Houston, Dec. 22 to 25, 1896.

When the Texas cow is bred up to the standard of the poultry now on exhibition in Fort Worth it will be something to crow over.—Mail Telegram.

Char a cob of corn occasionally for the chickens. Crushed oyster shells or sharp gravel should always be accessible. Everything which ordinarily goes to the swill barrel can be turned into profit if put into proper shape for food and mixed with other things, and we all know there is great value in the meat bones when crushed.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

A fruit man gives this advice: If it becomes necessary to remove any large limbs from the fruit trees, always make two cuts, one ten or twelve inches from where the limb should be cut. This will remove the weight and this will avoid the bruising and splitting, then the limb left can be cut close to the shoulders and leave the wound in better shape. Such wounds should be covered with grafting wax, or white lead will do.

No matter how far from market a farmer may be, he can grow a patch of strawberries and be sure of a market at home. It is astonishing how much fruit of all kinds can be eaten by a small family when the supply is unlimited. There are few neighborhoods where those who begin by growing a supply of strawberries for home use will not find a market springing around them from neighbors who keep on in the old rut be-

cause they think they haven't time to attend to such small affairs as the culture of berries. They are small in size, but more bushels of strawberries can be grown per acre than any kind of grain, and the fruits may be sold cheap, and yet bring more than grain profits.

It is surprising that some people think an orchard should be planted on land not fit for much else. True, such land can often be made more profitable in fruit of some kind than in raising grain or grass. But it does not follow that an orchard will not be a good investment on good land. Such persons have never calculated the cost—the greatly lessened cost, rather, in growing fruit as compared with other products, in a series of years. If they did they would find that, under fair conditions, the orchard is the most profitable piece of land of that size on the farm. This, to say nothing of the pleasure, and the advantage to health, of a regular supply of fine fruit.

If trees are to be planted in the fall, the earlier the work is done after the leaves have fully matured the better. So long as the leaf is firm on the twig it is needed there to help ripen the bud at its base. But so soon as it parts readily, which in a healthy, vigorous tree will be, generally, some time before frost, the tree, if to be planted this fall, should be dug and its leaves stripped from it, so that they shall not exhaust the sap in the twigs and body of the tree. If it is carefully planted, roots will form very quickly, as the soil there is warm, and roots will grow much quicker than those in cold soil in the spring. If the fall is very long and warm, the roots will get such firm hold of the soil and make nearly as much growth next year as it would if not transplanted.

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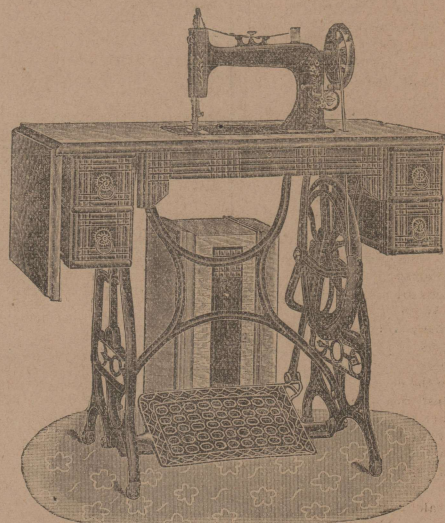


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MARKETS.

DALLAS MARKET.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12.—Reported from Thomas' yards:

CATTLE.

	Per Cwt.
Extra choice fat steers...	\$2 25@2 85
Fair to good steers...	1 85@2 10
Common to fair steers...	1 50@1 70
Extra choice fat cows...	2 10@2 50
Fair to good cows...	1 75@1 90
Common to fair cows...	1 00@1 50
Choice veals...	2 75@3 00
Common to fair veals...	2 00@2 50
Extra choice fat yearlings...	2 00@2 15
Fair to good yearlings...	1 60@1 75
Common to fair yearlings...	1 40@1 50
Choice milk cows, per hd...	20 00@30 00
Choice springers, per hd...	15 00@25 00
Bulls and stags...	1 00@1 75

HOGS.

Choice corn-fed hogs, weighing 225 to 300 lbs.	2 90
Choice corn-fed hogs, weighing 150 to 200 lbs.	2 75
Stock hogs...	2 00@2 25

SHEEP.

Choice fat muttons, weighing 70 to 80 lbs.	1 50@2 00
Common to fair muttons, per head...	75@1 00

All good stock that I have received this week has sold readily at prices leaving demand for all such stock active.

FORT WORTH MARKET.

Latest quotations are as follows:	
Choice grass-fed steers...	\$2 25@2 45
Smooth medium hogs...	2 00@2 10
Cows and heifers (fair)...	1 75@2 10
Cows and heifers (thin)...	1 25@1 60
Canners...	1 25@1 60
Bulls and stags...	1 25@1 60
Packer hogs, carloads...	2 90@3 00
Packer hogs, wagon loads...	2 65@2 75
Feeder hogs...	2 00@2 25

Market strong for hogs, for which demand is slack.

SAN ANTONIO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—The San Antonio live stock market, as reported by Geo. W. Haynes & Son, commission merchants at Union Stock Yards, is as follows:

Extra choice fat steers...	\$2 15@2 40
Fair common steers...	1 75@2 15
Common steers...	1 50@1 85
Extra choice fat cows...	2 00@2 10
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 50@1 75
Choice corn-fed hogs...	2 50@2 75
Choice fat muttons...	2 50@2 75

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

GALVESTON MARKET.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 12.—Reported for Texas Stock and Farm Journal, by A. P. Norman, Live Stock Commission Merchant:

Present Quotations:	
Beef—Choice, per lb. gross...	2 1/2 to 2 3/4
Common, per lb. gross...	2 to 2 1/4
Cows—Choice, per lb. gross...	2 1/2 to 2 3/4
Common, per head...	\$12.00 to 14.00
Yearlings—Choice, per lb. gross...	2 1/2 to 3
Common, per lb. gross...	2 to 2 1/4
Calves—Choice, per lb. gross...	2 1/2 to 3 1/4
Common, per lb. gross...	2 1/4 to 2 3/4
Sheep—Choice, per lb. gross...	3 to 3 3/4
Common, per head...	\$1.00 to \$2.00

Hogs—Corn-fed, 3 1/4 to 4; Market almost bare of desirable stock. Beef and cows, calves and yearlings in active demand at quotations. Prices strong with an upward tendency.

A full supply of common to fair sheep on sale, and sufficient hogs for present use.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Choice cattle were in demand at an advance of about 10c in prices, but the common to good droves held slowly. Sales were on a basis of \$2.40@2.75 for common to fair beef steers, up to \$5.00@5.25 for fancy cattle, with good beef steers at \$4.35@4.60. Stockers and feeders were in fair demand at generally steady and unchanged prices. Butchers and canners' stuff showed fair animation at last week's prices, so did Texas fed cattle and native calves. Some prime heavy Christmas cattle sold at \$5.25. Much lighter receipts of hogs than was expected caused a stronger and active market. Sales were mostly at an advance of 5c, common to prime droves going at from \$2.05@2.25. The bulk sold at from \$2.00@2.25 for packers and at from \$2.30@2.45 for others, pigs selling up with the rest. There was a fairly good demand for sheep, but so large a supply that prices were at a weaker market, and prices were in some instances a little lower. Sales of common to choice flocks were at from \$2.00@2.50 for inferior to choice, chiefly between \$2.75@3.50. Lambs sold at from \$3.50@5.00, and prime lambs were largely nominal at from \$3.10@3.25. Receipts, cattle 15,000 head, hogs 63,000, sheep 18,000.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cattle receipts were 7,000, shipments 2,000. The best grades were steady and the others slow. Texas steers ranged from \$2.50@2.40, Texas cows from \$1.50@2.50, stockers and feeders from \$2.00@2.30, bulls from \$1.75@2.75. Hog receipts were 11,000, shipments 800. The market opened strong to 5c higher; closed with the advance lost, the bulk of sales ranging from \$2.25@3.35, heavies and packers from \$2.20@2.50, stockers and feeders from \$2.00@2.30, light from \$2.20@2.30, yorkers from \$3.00@3.35, pigs from \$3.15@3.25. Sheep receipts were 2,000, shipments 250. The market was steady, lambs ranging from \$3.00@5.25, muttons \$2.00@3.50.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 14.—Cattle receipts were 6,000, shipments 1,000. The market was steady for best grades only; native shipping steers ranged from \$3.90@4.70, dressed beef and butchers' steers ranged from \$3.40@4.40, steers under 1,000 pounds from \$2.50@4.40, stockers and feeders from \$1.85@2.75, cows and heifers from \$1.75@3.50. Texas and Indian cattle were

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—There has been a moderate run of the good qualities of all classes of cattle since the opening of this week and the market yesterday showed more activity, and fat stock showed some improvement in values. Good fat beef advanced a full 1/4 cent per lb. At close yesterday very few fat beefs and good fat calves were carried over. Light receipts today. There was one lot of good fat Texas beefs in to-day about the finest steers received this season, and they were quickly sold at an advance above quotations. Good fat calves in demand; good straight cows and heifers closed firm; good heavy calves and fat yearlings are steady and in demand.

HOGS.

There are a good many common poor cattle coming from Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, which are slow sale and keeps the market full of these poor cattle.

Hogs are in heavy supply, the market rules weak and in an unsettled condition. Sheep in fair supply, and quiet; the inquiry is for good, fat, heavy muttons only.

Cattle—Good fat beefs, per lb. gross, 3 1/4 to 3 3/4; fair fat beefs, per lb. gross, 3 1/4 to 3 1/2; thin and rough old beefs per lb. gross, 1 1/2 to 2 1/4; good fat cows and heifers, per lb. gross, 2 1/4 to 2 3/4; fair fat cows, per lb. gross, 2 1/4 to 2 1/2; thin and rough old cows, each, \$6.00 to \$9.00; bulls, per lb. gross, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; good fat calves, each, \$8.50 to \$10.50; fair fat calves, each, \$7.00 to \$8.00; thin calves, each, \$4.00 to \$5.50; good fat yearlings, each, \$10.50 to \$12.00; fair fat yearlings, each, \$8.00 to \$9.00; thin yearlings, \$5.00 to \$6.00; good milk cows, \$30.00 to \$35.00; common to fair, \$15.00 to \$22.50; springers \$17.50 to \$25.00.

Hogs—Good fat cornfed, per lb. gross, 3 1/4 to 3 3/4; common to fair, per lb. gross, 2 1/4 to 3; ockitas, 2 1/4 to 3. Sheep—Good sheep, per lb. gross, 3 to 3 1/4; common to fair, each, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

AS USUAL.

The "Cotton Belt Route" has arranged to give its patrons an opportunity to visit their relatives and friends in the "Old States" at greatly reduced rates, and with the same provisions for their safe, speedy and comfortable journey as has in the past made the "Cotton Belt Route" the acknowledged favorite of the good people of Texas.

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G. W. WARNER, G. P. A., Tyler, Tex. A. A. GLISSON, T. P. A., Fort Worth, Tex.

A CHRISTMAS TRIP.

The thousands of Texans who came from the South Atlantic States find much pleasure in reverting to the happy days of long ago when they and their children, and often their wives at night, to recall those scenes of yore which now come in later years as visions of joy. There is a tender spot in every heart for the old home, and the memories which cluster about the dear old spot are so alive in the weary, weary struggle we make daily by day to build our New Year's home to which our children in future time will remember as we now turn to the old place which our loved ones in the evening of life await the final summons.

The Texas and Pacific Railway Company, many agents offers you an opportunity to go "back to the old home." Round trip excursion tickets will be on sale from all points on the system on December 21 and 22, 1896, to points in the Southeastern States, at one fare for the round trip, tickets good thirty days from date of sale. See your nearest ticket agent for further information, and do not fail to send 5 cents postage to the undersigned for a copy of the finest publication on Texas ever issued, to show to your friends at home.

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TWICE-A-WEEK COURIER JOURNAL.

Beginning the first of the new year, the Weekly Courier-Journal of Louisville, Ky., will be changed to the Twice-a-week Courier-Journal. It will be published Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The paper will be six pages, or twelve pages a week, instead of ten pages weekly, as at present, an increase of \$22 columns of matter during the year. The Wednesday issue will be devoted exclusively to news and politics, while the Saturday issue will be strictly a family paper—filled with stories, miscellany, pictures, poetry, sketches, etc. The political paper will not be changed, and the battle for pure democracy and true democratic principles will be continued successfully in the future as in the past. In spite of the expense involved in the improvements noted, the price of the Twice-a-week Courier-Journal will remain the same, one dollar a year, with liberal inducements to agents or old subscribers who send in new ones. A feature during the coming year will be the editorials of Mr. Henry Watterson on political and other topics of the day.

The above paper is offered together with the Texas Stock and Farm Journal at \$1.25 a year. Address Lock Box 767 Fort Worth, Texas.

An Amarillo paper says stockmen should quit branding calves for their loss by it. An Oklahoma paper says, yes, but down here they would suffer less by quitting—the loss of the calf.

SAN ANTONIO.

Office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, General Building, 518 Main Plaza, Jerome Harris, Manager.

Cyrus F. Elmer from Nueces county and who has a very fine herd of cattle in the county, was here on a visit this week. Mr. Elmer is, and has been, one of the most successful cattlemen in Southern Texas.

Sam Heard, a feeder and stockman from Hays county, paid the city a visit the past week to attend the funeral of his brother, who was killed in the railroad collision which occurred on the Southern Pacific railway.

T. T. McCommon, the banker and stockman of Fayette county, made us a visit to the city this week, and reports having shipped out some steers of his, for which he received in the market satisfactory prices.

W. H. Jennings, one of our big shippers and speculators, was in the city this week to witness the storming of the Alamo. He reports having just shipped a good crop of cotton to the market, which were fine and fat.

Thos. Weider, one of Bee county's stockmen, accompanied by his family, were registered at the Southern Hotel this week, and reports his county as having made a good crop of cotton, and while the corn crop is short, grass is all right.

John I. Claire of Beeville, made a flying visit to the Alamo city the past week, and reports having shipped out some steers of his, for which he received in the market satisfactory prices.

J. M. Dobie returned this week from Rio county, where he had been to look after his cattle in that section of country. He reports them as doing finely, and expects to have some early shipments out of this herd in the spring, for market.

J. W. Gibson from Waggoner in the Indian Territory, has been spending the last week in San Antonio and vicinity. Mr. Gibson is largely interested in cattle, and is at present wintering some eight thousand head of steers in the territory.

Thomas B. Jones of Wichita Falls, and who has cattle interest in the territory, has been spending some time in Southwest Texas, and while here has improved the opportunity to buy up quite a string of cattle for delivery in the spring of '97.

L. W. Kralke, the traveling representative of the National Stock Yards of East St. Louis, called upon us during his recent visit to the city, and we were glad to learn from him that the receipts of Texas cattle at his yards were good, and increasing.

D. H. Pryor, who has the management of Pryor & Walker cattle in Rio county, was a visitor to the city the past week, and reports the cattle on the ranch as in good condition, and expects to ship out the entire lot to the Indian Territory early in the spring.

J. E. Fouts from Wharton county, and who is at present the manager of the herd of cattle owned by Pryor and Walker, was a visitor to the city this week, and reports his country in fine condition and the cattle of Pryor and Walker in the very best of condition.

W. L. Darlington of Williamson county, and a farmer and stockman, has been a visitor to the city for several days the past week, and seems to be enjoying the best of health. He was here to meet the many visitors as well as to witness the storming of the Alamo.

D. W. McKee, one of LaSalle county's progressive and enterprising stockmen, was in the city this week and reports his county in generally good condition, better in fact than for years past. Mr. McKee, it is needless to remark, remained over to the storming of the Alamo.

A. D. McGee, a prominent feeder and stockman of San Marcos, passed through the city on his way to D. & A. Oppenheimer's ranch in Atascosa county to receive 1000 head of steers he purchased the past week at \$22.00 per head, and will put them on feed at New Braunfels.

J. J. Welder, one of Victoria's prominent stockmen, was a welcome visitor to our city this week. He reports in stock interest generally in good condition, and the outlook encouraging. Mr. Welder is erecting a very fine residence in Victoria, which he reports is not yet completed.

J. M. Campbell, who owns a good ranch and stock of cattle, Val Verde county, was a visitor to San Antonio during the storming of the Alamo, and made several purchases in the way of cattle to stock his ranch. He confined his purchases exclusively to female cattle.

E. C. H. Glascock, manager of the Colman Fulton Pasture Co., was in the city on a short stay the past week. He reports the stock of the company as looking unusually well at this season of the year, and that they have 1000 four-year-old steers which they will probably not ship before spring.

Gus Witting from Wilson county, paid us a visit this week and was here to meet the numerous stockmen from other sections. He reports having sold 2000 head of two and three year old steers for spring delivery, and also reports that he has purchased or secured an option on quite a lot of stock cattle.

D. P. Gay of Ballinger and a prominent cattleman of that section, has been a visitor to the Alamo city for the past week, and registered at the Southern hotel. Mr. Gay reports his section of the state as being in a very prosperous and encouraging condition so far as the stock interest is concerned.

W. T. Waggoner, a prominent cattleman of DeWitt, spent the last week in Southern Texas looking at some cattle, and returned to Fort Worth to join his family. Mr. Waggoner is not only interested in the stock business, but is also interested in the banking, mercantile and oil mill. He reports the cotton crop very short in his section, and the supply of seed very limited.

ited. Says he has a thousand head of his range stock on foot at his old mill at Bowie, and that they are doing well.

Capt. J. P. Moore of Fort Worth, who was recently appointed live stock agent of the "Frisco" railroad, has been traveling over this section of the state in the interest of his road. Mr. Moore is not new to this business, but has years of experience and the reputation of being one of the best live stock agents in the State.

W. Scott a resident of Fort Worth, and one of the enterprising and progressive cattlemen of the state, paid the city a visit on his return to Fort Worth the past week. Mr. Scott has been successful in his business enterprises, and always displays good judgment, and at the same time has the courage to back him in his convictions.

The storming of the Alamo drew to San Antonio this week an unusually large crowd, and for two days the hotels and boarding houses were taxed to their utmost capacity. The storming of the Alamo continued for two days on the close of the second day succumbed to the attack a "Santa Anna" and his little army. Lucian Lacoste of this city personated the Mexican general, and was a conspicuous figure, on his beautiful black horse. The scene of this action was laid at the "old fair grounds," about three miles from the central portion of the city, and was not as accessible as it might have been, considering the large crowd that attended. The grand stand was filled to overflowing and many people witnessed something resembling the battle. Among those who attended the battle were a great many representative stockmen from Southern Texas, and the large crowd and extra amount of work upon the correspondent, and limited space, forbids a personal mention of the long list of stockmen, which otherwise we would take great pleasure in doing. We hope, however, to see you all here again and to welcome you again to the city during our next annual stock convention.

Mr. A. J. Thompson of Toronto, Canada, is in the city and paid the Journal office a lengthy and most agreeable call Sunday. Mr. Thompson, it will be remembered, came here last year to purchase cattle for export, and made one shipment. Several others would have followed had he been able to buy them at what he deemed the proper prices, but claimed that the owners of the cattle were worth his while. While I have done no business so far, I think the outlook is better than last year, and there seems to be a greater disposition among the cattlemen to entertain the matter, and talk reasonably. For instance, I was at the Ardmore market, where the place was crowded with buyers and sellers. Even the most part of it in fair and square; showed me his bills, etc., and seemed disposed to do the fair thing all round. He asked me \$3.95 for some cattle—we didn't trade, however. They were shipped to Chicago, and the price was \$3.00.

The greatest trouble I see now is the cattle are not fat enough, and lots of them are being shipped out in that condition. I suppose the owners see a chance to make some money on present markets. There is one thing I wish shippers would bear in mind, and that is, if they weigh their cattle before forwarding and see for themselves what the shrinkage is. There's not one man in twenty that seems to have any well defined ideas about it, and if they will have their cattle weighed every time, the shrinkage will surprise them when they compare with market returns.

Referring to the editorial in last week's Journal on the subject of export cattle via Galveston, Mr. Thompson endorsed it strongly. "It's true, every shipper would like to see his cattle go to sea," he said, "but it's better to go to sea than to go to the pens after cattle. Parties can't be expected to ship cattle to any intermediate point on an uncertainty. Markets too, are not—can't be—established in a week or a year. It takes time and the surrounding conditions must adapt themselves and necessities arise for such centers, and it's at best a gradual thing."

Mr. Thompson expects to be here some little time and will visit the various feeding points. For facilitating his movements in that direction he provided himself with last issue of the Journal containing list of mills and feeders throughout the state.

FINING DONE IN 2 MINUTES. Have tried the Lightning Cure you recently described in your paper, and it is certainly a wonder. I can churn in less than two minutes, and the butter is elegant, and my wife considers more butter than when I use a common churn. I took the agency for the churn here, and every butter maker that sees it buys one. I have sold three dozen, and they give the best of satisfaction. I know I can sell 100 in this township, as they churn so quickly and make more butter than any common churns, and are so cheap. Some one in every township can make \$200 or \$300 selling these churns. By writing to W. H. Baird & Co., Dept. 121, 140 S. Highland Ave., Station A, Pittsburg, Pa., you can get circulars and full information, so you can see the money right at home. I have made \$80 in the past two weeks, and I never sold anything before in my life.

A FARMER.

Read This!

Lafayette Lamar Young formerly of Cartersville, Georgia, will learn something of benefit to him by addressing undersigned. Any person furnishing reliable information of him will be suitably rewarded.

THOMAS F. JONES, Adm. of P. M. B. Young, Kingston, Ga.

F. E. Roessler, traveling passenger agent of the Pecos Valley railway company, was a caller at the Journal office last week, and gave some interesting information regarding the best and best sugar industry, now making such favorable headway in the Pecos valley. Mr. Roessler exhibited a sample of best sugar, which in taste and appearance was fully equal to the standard granulated article. "The sugar mill at present in operation," said Mr. Roessler, "has a capacity of 25 tons a day, and negotiations are now on foot for the erection of another and much larger mill. A fair average

yield is about fifteen tons per acre. A ton of beets makes about 16 per cent, of 320 pounds of sugar. The farmers contract ahead with the mill before their beets are planted. The price now agreed upon is \$4 per ton for beets making 14 per cent of sugar, and 25 cents per ton for each 1 per cent over that. While fifteen tons an acre is about an average yield, it is frequently exceeded. One man last year made thirty-two tons, running 18 per cent, thus making over \$150 an acre. Irrigation is employed, of course. It costs \$1.25 per acre per annum for the delivery of water in the field. Land is worth \$35 to \$40 an acre, generally sold on ten years' time, at 6 per cent interest. The best pulp, which up to this time has been given away by the mill, is a fine milk-producing food, and also valuable, along with other feed, for fattening cattle. Alfalfa generally makes five to seven tons per acre, worth about \$8 a ton. Another coming and valuable industry in the Pecos valley is celery culture. Thanksgiving week I sold 400 bunches in Dallas at 75 cents each, while Michigan celery only brought 40 cents." Replying to the question as to whether this section of country was adapted for beet culture, Mr. Roessler said he saw no reason to prevent its being successful, "unless," said he, "the element of uncertainty of season. Beets need plenty of moisture when growing, and, after that, dry weather. There can be had in a dry country where irrigation is practiced."

Drovers Journal, 11th and 12th: The J. R. Jackson cattle, 1055 lbs. sold at \$3.75, the D. Rankin Missouri fed Texans, 1092 lbs. sold at \$3.65, and some Arizona cattle, 1219 lbs. sold at \$3.60. The Ardmore cattle, 1250 lbs. sold at \$3.85. Texas cattle: Receipts this week, 3,400, against 2,800 last week and 5,500 a year ago. The market during the week declined about 20c from opening to the close. Fed Texans sold at \$3.60@4.25; grass steers, \$3.05@3.30, and grass cows, \$2.25@2.55. The J. G. Bell cattle, 24 head, 880 lbs. sold at \$3.50. A cattle feeder sold some cattle averaging around a ton apiece for less than he was offered twelve months before. Such weights are never appreciated. The thick fat on the animals is worthless as beef.

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It is hard to tell sometimes whether the shopper or the saleswoman feels the effect of shopping the most. Even the place of regular habits. This leads to dyspepsia or constipation or both; they are two links in the chain of indigestion and ill health. Headache is another, then follows backache, drowsiness, dizziness, an irritable temper and the "blues," all links of one chain binding down your energies and making life a burden. The way to throw off the whole trouble at once is to put the bowels and stomach into condition again. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets do this quicker, more comfortably and more naturally than any other remedy in the world. They actually cure constipation so it stays cured; you don't become a slave to their use; they strengthen the intestines to do their own work, tone the stomach and gently stimulate the liver. They are mild but sure, like Nature's self. Don't let any druggist give you a gripping pill. Insist on having Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

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DALLAS.

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W. B. Brezeale had cattle here last Thursday.

Walter O'Brien of Weston, had cattle here last week.

F. L. Coombs of Alpha, marketed hogs here Thursday.

J. H. Dudley of Plano, marketed cattle here last Tuesday.

C. P. Witherspoon of Ardmore, I. T., was here last Friday.

J. T. Cates of Midlothian, marketed cattle here last Tuesday.

T. C. Slaughter of Prosper, had cattle here last Wednesday.

Luke Meyers of Carlton, had cattle on the market here Thursday.

T. L. Higgins of Garza, had cattle on the Dallas market Thursday.

J. W. Holland, a Dallas county stock farmer, had hogs on Thursday's market.

G. A. Foster, the well known McKinney live stock man, was here for a day recently.

F. H. Sonntag, a sack farmer from Tarrant county, marketed hogs here Thursday.

W. J. Warren, this county, was here Thursday with cattle, which found ready sale.

J. B. McWhorter of Denton, a well-to-do stock farmer, was here with cattle last Thursday.

J. S. Newman of Salina, had a splendid good bunch of cattle on this market last Wednesday.

J. B. Dales of Greenville, one of the most successful meat feeders of Texas, was among the visitors here last week.

S. B. Shoemaker of Granbury, Hood county, had cattle sold here Thursday. He is feeding a number of cattle in Hood county.

L. M. Barkley, the well known Fort Worth cattle dealer, was in Dallas last week en route home from a business trip "down in the brush."

F. E. Laughlin had cattle on the Dallas market last Thursday. He is also feeding a good many cattle, all of which will come here to be sold.

B. L. Dair of Dallas, had cattle on the market last Thursday. Mr. Dair is a well-known dealer and trader, and this last lot of cattle were bought at Cleburne.

J. H. Nail of Wolfe City, who is feeding about 1000 steers at that place, was a visitor in Dallas last week. Reports his cattle doing fine and thinks the "wave of prosperity is coming."

Thomas P. Stevens of Fort Worth, and Florence Hall of Gainesville, were here last week returning from Kaufman, where Mr. Stevens sold to Mr. Hall 1500 yearlings for spring delivery at good figures.

Al Scarcey of Weston, a prominent stock farmer of Collin county, who is feeding a good string of cattle, has a shipment on the Dallas market Tuesday of each week.

R. C. Sanderson of Big Springs, a prominent cattleman of West Texas, was here Saturday. Grass, he says, is all that could be desired out there and cattle are doing well.

Frank Biggers of Higgins, a well known cattleman, was here Saturday and went to Fort Worth. Returned here Monday and went "down in the brush" to look at a string of cows which are for sale. He says grass is good and cattle fat in the Panhandle.

D. M. DeVitt, one of Fort Worth's big cattle owners, who has interests in different portions of the state, but principally on the Plains, spent a night in Dallas recently. He was returning home from a trip to Kaufman county. Mr. DeVitt is apparently well satisfied with the conditions, present and future, of the cattle business.

W. E. Cobb of Wichita Falls, was here Saturday. Says he's sorry now that he sold out before election. Looks for better and more prosperous times soon and thinks the cattlemen will be right in it. Ed is not out of the cow business by any means and probably never will be, even if he is now riding a bicycle and wearing patent bicycle shoes.

H. C. Beal of Colorado City, was here Saturday en route home from a visit to Kemp, Kaufman county, where he had been to try to buy a string of cattle. Had not traded any up to the time of his being here. Says grass is just as fine as can be in his section and stock of course in good condition. Reports considerable trading going on, and says things have picked up some and a better feeling generally is noticeable.

J. B. Wilson, who is widely known as the most successful cattle feeder in Texas, told the Journal man the other day that he was now feeding about 1000 head of cattle, that they were doing well and taking on the "big taller" in a most gratifying manner. This doubtless means that the J. B. Wilson cattle are shaping themselves to soon again top the market, something his cattle always do. Mr. Wilson expresses himself pleased with the market, and believes it will be even better soon.

W. M. Winters of Panhandle City, spent Sunday here, resting up, preparatory to taking a trip "down in the brush" where he wants to round up a good big bunch of last spring's calves and take home with him. Says his grass is good, besides which he has lots of good hay and a fine rye pasture, and he wants something to eat it. Mr. Winters was in Dallas once before in 1878, and says he finds several changes have taken place since then.

Uncle Bill Hunter, the best known man in Texas, treasurer and manager in Texas for the Strachan-Hutton-Evans Commission Company, was here Saturday. To the Journal reporter,

Uncle Bill expressed himself as well pleased with the present condition of the cattle industry and so far as he can see into the future, says there's nothing discouraging. Uncle Bill has spent a lifetime working with and for the cattlemen of Texas, and deserves his well earned reputation.

Col. James A. Wilson, the genial, big-hearted, hustling general agent for the Chicago & Alton railroad in Texas, spent Thursday of last week in the metropolis. Col. Wilson notices a flattening steadily improving in all lines of trade in the past few weeks; says everyone will soon realize how much good will come from the action of the people in continuing sound money in our country. Col. Jim is sometimes rather "talky" when it comes to politics, but when he says the cattle business shows healthfulness, it goes for good stuff, and he says it now.

John Scharbauer of Fort Worth, owner of the famous Goodnight Hereford herd, now located in King county, also an extensive owner of cattle in different parts of the west was here last week. Had been down in Kaufman looking up a trade, but had closed up nothing at the time of his visit here. Mr. Scharbauer's actions are always indicative of the outlook for the cattle business. When he wants to turn his money loose on cattle it's a sure sign that he sees something in it, and his eyesight is always good. He is reputed to be one of the most successful dealers in live stock in the country, and has been very successful in the business.

Allen Apperson of Wilmer, this county, was in town Friday, bringing with him a nice lot of butcher hogs and a load of good wool, both of which were sold here—the packing house taking the hogs and Crowder Bros. & Co. the wool. As the market on both these commodities was very low Mr. Apperson did not receive any more money for them than he could conveniently use. However, he accepted the inevitable with becoming grace and said he was pleased. To a Journal reporter, Mr. Apperson stated that his and other cattle in his neighborhood were doing well; also that the farmers are getting in shape to put in good, big crops next year.

NEWS AND NOTES.

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The price is the highest at which any beaver have sold on this market since September, 1895.

The Espuela Land and Cattle Company have about completed their shipments for this season. This company has recently shipped from Amarillo 90 cars of cattle—about 2500. Three trains numbering 1050 head were shipped one day and the entire lot sold on one ticket. The commission firm who handled the cattle stated it was the largest number ever sold on one ticket in Kansas City, and also beat the record at Chicago. A remarkably fat cow in the Spur brand was ordered cut out at market and sold separately. She weighed 1380 pounds and brought 4 cents. This cow was taken off the range and of course strictly grassed.

Kansas City Packer: The Texas cattle run to three markets during the season of 1896 amounted to 26,671 cars. Of the total St. Louis received 39.7 per cent, Kansas City received 31.8 per cent and Chicago received 28.5 per cent. Extreme light hogs were at a premium all summer, but have taken a back seat, and are classed as second and third choice now. Last week hog receipts were the largest since the week of December 5, 1891, when 39,065 arrived, while last week there were 31,300 received. Hogs are low and are liable to be lower, if the receipts don't fall off. It is said there are none in the country, but they keep coming just the same.

Devil's River News: Charles Schreiner, the Kerrville wool merchant, has sold all fall wool consigned to him at from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents a pound. Jo Moss and Hubert Wigzell, of Presidio county, have purchased of John Henderson, of Crockett county, 200 head of cattle, while last week there were 31,300 received. The King ranch outfit, under the direction of Mr. Ragland, received the Gunter Hereford herd of 609 head and passed through Sonora with them Wednesday. It will take about fifteen days to get them to the ranch. This is the first direct shipment made from Texas through to New York for years, Texas cattle having been bought in the Kansas City and Chicago stockyards heretofore. If satisfactory, it will be followed by other similar shipments.

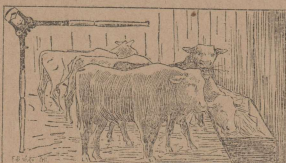
Maddison Hayes & Son of New York, bought last Friday of J. B. and J. E. Dale of Greenville, twenty-three car loads of fat cattle, 437 head, for direct shipment to New York. Price paid, \$3.50 per hundred pounds with shrinkage allowance of 75 pounds per head and freight paid by the sellers to St. Louis. The cattle averaged 1180 1/2 pounds, which with the allowance off, made 1105 1/2 pounds the buyers paid for. They were shipped via the Cotton Belt to Cairo, Big Four to Cleveland, Lake Shore to Buffalo and Central to New York. This is the first direct shipment made from Texas through to New York for years, Texas cattle having been bought in the Kansas City and Chicago stockyards heretofore. If satisfactory, it will be followed by other similar shipments.

Dallas News: Mr. T. W. Wilson of Navarro shipped to Dallas, forty head of stall fed yearlings. The average weight was 600 pounds. He also shipped to Kansas City sixty-three head of beef cattle. Temple this week Mr. J. S. Todd shipped to New York, 1000 head of cattle. This is the first direct shipment made from Texas through to New York for years, Texas cattle having been bought in the Kansas City and Chicago stockyards heretofore. If satisfactory, it will be followed by other similar shipments.

West Texas Stockman: J. W. Glover sold 39 head of scalawags last week at \$13. Fred McKenzie sold 45 coming 2-year-old steers to T. S. Snyder, of Georgetown, Friday, at \$15.50, spring delivery. Six hundred and twelve bales of cotton have been shipped from Colorado to date. It is now known that shipments will exceed

HORNS ON OR OFF?

There was a time, not many years ago, when a mulley or polled animal, one without horns, was something of curiosity. Of course people did not go miles to see them, but most of our readers will remember how oddly and out of place the mulley looked. More recently, by almost common consent, the people have demanded that for reasons of profit and humanity both to man and



among the animals themselves, there should be more mulleys and the practice of dehorning has sprung into popular favor. The very excellent practice has extended to such breadth that we should not be at all surprised if eventually the animal with horns will be as much a curiosity as the mulley was formerly. From the very beginning there have been those who bitterly opposed the dehorning practice as being unnecessary and cruel practice, but the tide of public opinion has turned against them and dehorning is the rule now, rather than the exception. While the operation in itself seems a little severe, it is certainly no more than is the drawing of a tooth.

those of last season. John T. Beal came in from Kansas City yesterday, where he has been with a bunch of beaves, and says prices are holding up well. Mr. Beal expresses himself as very much in favor of a scalp law, and says he believes the ranchmen will supplement the bounty paid by the counties with an equal amount. He has paid out over \$300 this year, himself, for lobo scalps in Crosby county.

Drovers' Telegram, 10th: Henry Kaderly, of Mulhall, O. T., was here yesterday with a shipment of steers weighing 1,568 lbs. that sold to Swift for \$4.75. They were the choicest territory steers ever seen here and had been fed ear corn 16 months. Mr. Kaderly bought them when they were in the Kansas City market made available yesterday when J. D. Boone, a wealthy ranchman of Mohave Co., Ariz., sold 1,300 head of fine sheep. Immediately after the sale he went to the probate judge's office and secured a marriage license marry Miss Clara Pickett, of this city. They were married last night at the bride's home, and to-day will return to Mr. Boone's home in Arizona. Mr. Boone can certainly have none but the kindest feeling for Kansas City, for not only did it furnish a good market for the sheep, but sent him home with a beautiful young bride.

Tombstone Epitaph: Mr. Charles O'pal, of Roe, Montana, a wealthy cattleman of that section, is a visitor to Tombstone. Mr. O'pal has purchased many thousand head of cattle from the Arizona ranges, and is here on cattle business now. A report says that Kansas parties offer a contract for all the yearling steers in Sulphur Spring valley and Aravaipa canyon at \$10 per head, spring delivery. Within a few days the machinery will be placed in the territory at Phoenix. The Gazette says the plant is the largest and finest in all the southwest, being capable of handling 20,000 pounds of milk daily. Every branch of the manufacture of dairy products will be pursued, and it is hoped soon to have a butter and cheese factory supply all the inter-mountain region as well as the coast towns. Phoenix is the ideal place for dairying, as growing alfalfa is at hand throughout the year.

Drovers' Journal, Dec. 7, 8, and 9: Some 1150-pound Kansas steers sold at \$4.25. The D. C. Hill cattle 1216 pounds, sold at \$4.15. J. Shain, 1022 1/2 1022 pounds, \$3.75 1/2 3.80; Anderson Bros., 1101 1/2 1196 pounds, \$4.05. Out of 614 cars of cattle forwarded from six outside markets to Chicago during November, 245 cars came from St. Louis and 224 cars from Kansas City. They were about all Texans and Indians. Grass cows sold at \$2.25 1/2 and grass steers at \$3.05 1/2 3.30. Some 873-pound Mississippi cattle sold at \$3.40. Sale included M. J. Baker, 860 pounds, \$3.25; O. C. Baker, 780 pounds, \$3.30; Baker & T., 876 pounds, \$3.05; Baker, B. & T., 876 pounds, \$3.20; T. C. Coggins, 1004 pounds, \$3.40; Coggins & B., 862 pounds, \$3.25; Mayer & Son, 726 1/2 750-pound cows, \$2.56 1/2 2.55; J. H. Delcher, 960 pounds, \$3.75. W. J. Davis, 875-pound Mississippi cattle, 73 pounds, \$3.40. Dillon & Co., of Eva, Texas, marketed 20 head of 1250-pound cattle at \$3.20. The Ardmore, O. & M. Co. marketed 1265-pound meal-fed steers at \$4.20.

Drovers' Telegram, Dec. 8: J. S. Todd & Co. of Temple, Texas, had in a big string of meat-fed steers weighing 1008 lbs., that brought \$3.60. The feed-in-transit rate from Texas to market recently put into effect by the Santa Fe has begun to bear fruit. In this connection Mr. Titus says: "I know of parties who have gone to Texas with the intention of making purchases of cattle and shipping them to points in Kansas where they will be fed this winter and later shipped on to the market. 'There are a good many cattle on feed in Kansas,' continued Mr. Titus, 'but not more than there were last year, but the number in Texas on feed being so much smaller than last year I think the prospects of a good market for fat cattle later on excellent. From what information I have obtained from cattle feeding portions of Texas I do not think there are 50 per cent of the number of cattle being fed there that there were last year at this time, on account of the short cotton and corn crops in the state.'

Live Stock Reporter, Dec. 7: J. W. Williams of Cuero, Texas, marketed 1,050-pound round fed steers at \$3.25. Ingram and Sons marketed 967-pound steers at \$3.55, and 969-pound steers at \$3.60, from Greenville, Texas. Grass steers from Western Texas, 945 pounds average, sold at \$3.40. J. T. Welder marketed fourteen loads of steers from Sinton, Texas, at \$3.30. W. J. Turner, San Angelo, Texas, marketed 1,022 and 1,027-pound steers at \$3.45. J. T. Holt, of Honey Grove, Texas, marketed 941-pound steers at \$3.65, sold to Nelson Morris & Co., J. H. Ryburn, of San Angelo, Texas, marketed 786-pound cows at \$2.45, and 808-pound steers at

to which we all submit willingly, because it subserves our best interests. The after consequences of dehorning are really fraught with less danger than the drawing of a tooth and both operations are of such short duration that the pain and shock are very slight. The best way and indeed the only way to bring a savage to reason is to first disarm him—take from him all defensive weapons. As a result he at once becomes tractable in disposition and is ready to listen to reason. It is so with horned animals; once remove their



horns and they become quiet of disposition, and are much more easily and economically handled, for which reason the profit from live stock is greatly enhanced. In the selection of an instrument for dehorning, that one which will remove the horns quickest, cutting clean and not crushing the horn, must occasion the least pain and therefore be the most humane and best. These are among the claims made by its inventor and maker, A. C. Thomas, of Cochranville, Pa. Write to the gentleman, who will send you circulars and testimonials, etc., which will help you to reason this matter to your entire satisfaction and profit.

\$2.55. H. B. Shiner, Beeville, Texas, marketed 932 and 987-pound steers at \$3.25. J. B. & J. E. Dale of Bonham, Texas, marketed 1,074-pound steers at \$3.30, and 1,160-pound steers at \$4.00, meal-fed at Bonham, Texas, and sold to the St. Louis Dressed Beef Co. A year ago to-day the selection of an instrument for dehorning, that one which will remove the horns quickest, cutting clean and not crushing the horn, must occasion the least pain and therefore be the most humane and best. These are among the claims made by its inventor and maker, A. C. Thomas, of Cochranville, Pa. Write to the gentleman, who will send you circulars and testimonials, etc., which will help you to reason this matter to your entire satisfaction and profit.

National Live Stock Reporter, Dec. 9 and 10: The fed Texas steers at \$3.55 and \$3.65 to-day were shipped by Sidney Webb from Tuska. J. C. Dyer, of Hillsboro, Texas, marketed 1,074-pound steers at \$3.30. Lovelady & Lowe, San Angelo, Texas, marketed 652-pound heifers at \$2.65. W. H. Jennings marketed a good many cattle to-day from Southern Texas, including 1055-pound steers at \$3.25, and 943-pound steers at \$3.00. J. G. Smythe marketed 791-pound cows at \$2.55, and 912-pound steers at \$3.20, from Clint, Texas. Sidney Webb marketed 1033-pound steers at \$3.65 and 1050-pound steers at \$3.60, from McKinney, Texas. J. D. Jackson of Alpine, Texas, marketed 14 cars of Texas cattle including cows at \$2.50 and steers at \$3.25. J. J. Welder, a prominent cattleman living in Victoria, Tex., had a shipment of cattle to-day, from Pinton. In the shipment he had a grass steer averaging 1840 lbs that sold at \$4.50 per 100 lbs. The great cattle shipping point of the Texas Panhandle, shipped 4,965 cars of cattle to market this year. Sixty to seventy per cent of these cattle were lost to St. Louis because this city has no line running to and through the richest territory that is southwest of Missouri.

San Angelo Enterprise: P. Natten bought from J. M. Henderson 200 steers, mostly 2 1/2 years old, and received \$10 per head for them. Mrs. C. Frary sold to F. M. DeLashmuth 30 cows and calves at \$18, and 30 dry cows at \$12. J. S. Miles sold to Campbell & Richardson for F. K. Nance 5 old steers at \$15. Willis Johnson sold to Miller Bros. of Elgin, Kansas, 1000 steers, 4 and 5 years old, at \$25. These were shipped yesterday from Mills Station. N. B. Spearman bought from A. J. Bowman 20 cows and calves at \$20. Jackson Richardson sold to F. M. DeLashmuth 100 cows and calves at \$12 for cows and \$6 for calves. M. DeLashmuth bought from Jack Williams of Sherwood 50 steer calves at \$10. Will Seymour, of Water Valley, sold to Ralph Harris 100 steers, 3s and 4s, at \$10. Spring delivery. Wahrmund & McGowan, of Elgin, sold 1700 steers, 2s and 2s, at \$11.60 round. Piper & Pulliam bought from John Barry his entire stock of mixed cattle, over 400 head. It is understood that the price paid was about \$10.50. F. O. Perry has leased the M. P. Smith ranch in Sterling county, comprising about twenty sections of pasture land. Sam Runkles bought from Godfrey Miller 200 head of 1 and 2 year old steers at \$8.50 round. M. Z. Smisson bought from J. W. Knapp 84 oxen at \$17.75.

Reno Gazette and Stockman: Geo. Russell came from Elko last night and went to Carson this morning. He informed a Gazette reporter that Eastern cattlemen are buying everything in Eastern Nevada from yearlings to 4-year-old beef steers and are now trying to get hold of stock cattle. Ham McCate of Silver City bought 200 head of stock cattle, paying \$11 per head for them all around. The next day he was offered \$15 per head for the same band, to be delivered on March 1st. Mr. Russell says the stock interests in Nevada are looking brighter than for several years past. The Clover Valley Land and Cattle company, with P. W. Noble at its head, is one of the largest holdings in the state. The home ranch is thirty miles north of Golconda, and comprises 85,000 acres of land, half 300 miles of fence. One field has 40,000 acres. The company put up 25,000 tons of hay, 2,000 of alfalfa. They run between 7,000 and 8,000 head of cattle and 500 horses. They have feed lots for 2,500 head of beef cattle. In their beef country is an abundance of good warm water for the cattle to drink, making it the most desirable feeding point in the state. Mr. Noble has sold a part of this year's crop of beef, but has 600 head of steers and 250 fat cows to go to the shambles yet. This stock he is feeding at his home ranch, and he is holding them, expecting to get good figures later in the winter. Mr. Noble fed a bunch of cattle last year, and had the satisfaction of getting the biggest price for them in the Omaha yards ever paid for hay-fed cattle. He runs a dairy of twenty-six cows, making all the butter used on the ranch. The class of horses raised by the Clover Valley company is aid to be the finest in the state.

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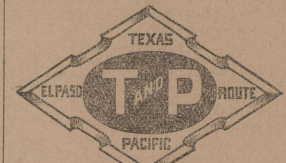
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Sidney Webb was down Saturday from Bellevue.

F. E. Herring of Vernon, was here last Saturday.

J. S. Todd of Checotah, I. T., was in the city Saturday.

M. L. Cotter, of Commerce, was in the city last week.

J. A. Powers of Mangum, O. T., was a visitor in Fort Worth Sunday.

J. N. Anderson of Wellington, was among the visitors here last week.

W. B. Hays of Adair, a well known cattleman, was in the city last week.

G. Beard of Colorado City, a well known cattleman, was here last week.

F. M. Barnett of Gainesville, a prominent cattleman was in the city Saturday.

R. K. Haisell of Decatur, was a prominent visiting cattleman here last week.

D. L. Knox of Jackboro, accompanied by his wife was in the city last week.

Robert Moodie of Canadian, a well known cattleman, was in the city Monday.

William Winters of Panhandle, a well known cattleman, was in the city Saturday.

E. D. Farmer of Aledo, a well known and successful cattle feeder, was in the city Friday.

J. V. Watson, of Hubbard City, a prominent banker and cattleman, was in the city last week.

Sam P. Butt of Childress, an extensive and energetic cattle dealer, was in the city Saturday.

F. D. Woody, of Decatur, a well known stockman, was in Fort Worth Thursday of last week.

Sidney Webb, of Bellevue, a prominent cattleman and extensive feeder, was in the city last week.

P. M. Granbury of Houston, a well known cattleman, was up from the coast country last week.

W. D. Jordan, national quarantine inspector, was down last week from Quana, his headquarters.

Charles Goodnight, of Goodnight, was among the prominent visiting cattlemen here last week.

D. P. Gay of Ballinger, a prominent cattleman and member of the Live Oak ranch company, was in the city last week.

B. H. Campbell of Wichita, Kas., was in the city Saturday. Col. Campbell is one of the most extensive cattlemen in that state.

J. J. Green of Saginaw, a well known substantial stock farmer was in the city Friday and was a visitor at the Journal office.

J. W. Corn of Weatherford, the well known cattle feeder, was in the city Saturday looking as jolly and good humored as ever.

Ralph Ozden of Koper, a substantial stock farmer, also representative of the Standard Commission Co. in his section, was in the city last week.

E. C. Sugg, of Sudden, I. T., was a visitor in Fort Worth last week. Mr. Sugg is one of the most extensive and wealthy cattlemen in that section.

E. A. Paffrath, or "Pat," as he is generally known, a well known cattle commission man, resident here, is back from a trip to San Antonio.

W. G. Stewart of Graham, banker and stockman, accompanied by his brother, who also is a cattleman in Jack county, were in the city Saturday.

W. R. Curtis of Henrietta, was in the city Sunday. Mr. Curtis is a well known and extensive cattleman with ranch interests in Hall and Donley counties.

H. C. Babb, of Decatur, the popular and hard-working representative of the Kansas City stock yards, was in the city last week, talking up his market to the cattlemen.

Eugene Ikard, formerly of this city, but now located in Falls county, where he is successfully farming and raising stock, was here last week on a visit with his old friends.

W. H. Chilson of Henrietta, was in the city Sunday. Mr. Chilson was on his way to Phoenix, Ariz., to attend the meeting of the irrigation congress to be held in that city this week.

Ike T. Pryor of Columbus, a prominent cattleman, holding extensive interests in the Indian and Oklahoma territories, was among the visiting cattlemen in the city last week.

E. B. Johnson and G. M. Rountree, of Norman, O. T., were in the city Thursday. These gentlemen are feeding cattle in the Oklahoma country, and are down this way now looking for feeders.

Messrs. Kerbergen and De Gaudrey of Iowa, were in the city Friday and favored the Journal office with a call. These gentlemen are well known cattle feeders and are now on the look out for several hundred head.

W. D. Tullis of Quanah, an extensive stockman ranching in Greer county, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Tullis is also a member of the state sanitary board, or as it is more generally known, the "quarantine commission."

Spencer & Birdsong, of Fort Worth, announce a closing-out sale in our advertising columns this issue. Here is a rare chance for any one desiring to engage in the dairy business, or wanting one or more Jersey cows or hogs, as the entire stock will be sold at a

sacrifice. These cattle, also the Poland-China sows offered, are all thoroughbred, and from the best and most fashionable strains.

H. R. Martin of Comanche, was one of the visitors here on Monday. "Uncle Henry," as he is familiarly called, is a prominent banker and cattleman in that section, and also has large stock interests in the Oklahoma country.

Clyde Anthony of Bonham, was represented at the poultry show here this week. He was unable personally to be present, but sent some fine poultry in charge of Mayor Cox of that city, who as well as Mr. Anthony was an extensive prize winner.

W. H. Gaines, of Palo Pinto, was a caller at The Journal office this morning. Mr. Gaines, who is a well to do stockman and farmer, and an old friend of The Journal, evinced a practical renewal of his friendship by noting his subscription up two years.

Dick Walsh, manager of the well known J. J. ranch in Armstrong county, was in the city last Friday on his way to Kansas City. This ranch of which Mr. Walsh of Dublin, Ireland, is principal owner contains probably among the most highly bred cattle in the Panhandle.

E. L. Rucker of Claremore, I. T., was in the city last week, and made The Journal a pleasant call. Mr. Rucker is a cattle owner and dealer in the Cherokee nation and is down now after some purchases. He states that cattle conditions are fair in that country and grass not extra good.

E. P. Freeman, lately of Alvarado, now located in Fort Worth, was a caller yesterday in company with Mr. J. J. Thompson. Mr. Freeman has been connected with the feed and cattle business at Alvarado and other points, and is pretty well posted on all pertaining to the industry.

J. H. Barwise, Jr., of Wichita Falls, was in the city Friday of last week. Mr. Barwise, though a comparatively young man, is an old resident of that county; his father was county judge some years since, and Mr. Barwise is now engaged in farming and stockraising under the "Y" brand.

W. B. Stickney of St. Louis, was among the visitors here last week. Mr. Stickney, who now has the honor of being president of the St. Louis Live Stock Exchange, was at one time a resident of the Lone Star state, and for some years correspondent of the Dallas News at Henrietta.

Samuel Sealing, of St. Louis, was in the city Thursday of last week on his return from a visit to the Indian Territory, where he has extensive cattle interests. Mr. Sealing is a member of the weekly and old-established commission firm of Sealing & Tamblin, of St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago.

M. Sansom, of Alvarado, president of the Texas Live Stock association, was among The Journal's callers last week. Mr. Sansom, as most stockmen know, is a large and successful cattle feeder and shipper. He states he has not shipped anything lately, but has some good stuff now to send forward in a few days.

R. M. Bessie, of Big Springs, was in the city Thursday on his way from his ranch in the Indian Territory, and called at the Journal office. Mr. Bessie is a well known and popular stockman, and also a cattle feeder. He has a bunch now on corn feed at White Eagle, in the Ponca reservation, where his pasture is situated.

H. P. Morrow of Amarillo, formerly railroad agent, later a successful merchant and now cashier of the First National Bank of that great cattle shipping centre, was in the city last week. Mr. Morrow is also interested in cattle jointly with Mr. Fluqua, president of the bank, on their ranch near Mobetie, Wheeler county. They have a choice herd of Hereford cattle.

Herman Specht, of Iowa Park, was in the city last week. Mr. Specht is the owner of what is known as the Specht colony, in Wichita county, between Wichita Falls and Red river. He organized and settled this colony in '88 and '89, with substantial, well-to-do farmers from Iowa and Illinois, who now own pretty homes and valuable farms throughout that section.

C. B. Williamson, of Roswell, N. M., was in the city last week. Mr. Williamson is one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of that place. He thinks prospects are now good for expansion of the Texas Live Stock market from Roswell to Washburn or Amarillo. The beet sugar factory at Eddy, Mr. Williamson states, is a success, and will be a grand thing for that country.

F. A. Gallagher, inspector at St. Louis, was in the city last week. Mr. Gallagher was a caller at The Journal office last week, on his way to Childress, where he intends spending some time. Mr. Gallagher says the association's business there, as at other points, is so thoroughly systematized that it is next to impossible for cattle to pass through the wrong hands without detection.

Mr. F. G. Buford of Buford, Tenn., who has of late been making headquarters at Fort Worth, has just received a car of high grade Jersey heifers fresh milk, or soon to be. Mr. Buford also has a highly bred saddle and pacing stallions. All this stock is for sale at prices in keeping with the times, and is deserving the attention of those needing such. See ad. elsewhere in this issue.

George Kramer of Waco, was in the city last week. Mr. Kramer is a successful and prosperous farmer and stock raiser in McLennan county. He believes in hog raising and encourages his tenants, of which he has several, likewise. Mr. Kramer frequently furnishes hogs to be fatened on shares, which plan he states, works well. He thinks hogs can be raised in Texas cheaper than in any state in the Union.

W. M. Atkinson, of Roswell, N. M., was in the city last week, and made The Journal a pleasant call. Mr. Atkinson was on his way from Goodnight with a couple of cars of graded and full blood Hereford and Shorthorn yearlings. These cattle were purchased from Mr. Charles Goodnight, and were destined for the ranch of the Milne & Bush Land and Cattle company, near Roswell, of which company Mr. Atkinson is vice president.

J. B. Armstrong, of Shenandoah, Ia., proprietor of the Pleasant Valley seed farm, advertises his seed in this issue, and with ad. sends copy of his pamphlet on corn growing, which he will send with sample package of corn to any address for 5 cents. The pamphlet alone is worth more money, containing many valuable hints, also extensive list of testimonials from patrons of Mr. Armstrong, who, by the way, is considered the most successful corn grower in the world.

R. J. Wilson, of Denton, manager of the Denton Cotton Oil company, and member of the firm of Wilson Bros., cattle feeders, was a pleasant caller at The Journal office last week. Messrs. Wilson are now feeding individually 460 head of cattle, which he states, are hard to beat, and will soon be in prime condition. Talking of the feeder lists in The Journal, Mr. Wilson stated that in the report from Denton a printer's error made one item read \$50 instead of 150, thus reporting 750 head too many from that point.

W. P. Carson of Randall, introduces himself in the Journal's advertising columns this issue and his card will henceforth appear in the paper. Mr. Carson is an intelligent, progressive farmer and fine stock raiser, making specialties of Poland-China swine, and some half dozen breeds of fancy poultry. Mr. Carson was a successful exhibitor at the poultry show here last week, securing three first, two second and one third prize on his chickens. With pleasure recommend him to intending buyers who may trade with him in full assurance of getting a fair and square deal.

S. B. Burnett is back in the city after an extended trip to his ranch in Wichita county. While away he also supervised the shipment of three train loads of the Ardmore cattle on feed which brought respectively, \$4.20, \$4.10 and \$3.90. Capt. Burnett sold this week from the 6666 ranch, 1105 head of feeder steers to J. J. Smyth of Grandview, which will be ranged in the old pasture this coming spring. Capt. Burnett says that considering the drought that county has recently experienced everything is in pretty good shape there.

J. B. Dale of Bonham, was in the city Saturday and was an appreciated visitor at the Journal office. Mr. Dale is the senior member of the extensive cattle firm of J. B. and J. E. Dale. As may be seen in our News and Notes column, Messrs. Dale have just sold twenty-five cars of their mated cattle from Bonham for direct shipment to New York. This is a noteworthy item, being the first shipment of its class from Texas for years. Unless very extreme weather is encountered in transit, Mr. Dale thinks the shrinkage on these cattle will be very moderate, as they were in fine condition. I don't think I got as much as I ought, said Mr. Dale, but then he added goodly quantities, we did very well on them and are satisfied and hope the buyers will be also.

Col. J. A. Wilson, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton railroad, dropped into The Journal office for a chat a day or two ago. The colonel, as everybody knows, is a Republican of the deepest dye. Before the election he was strictly an "offensive partisan," and is now going around wearing an "I told you so" kind of smile. This with reference to the big revival in business which he claims has followed. He says he never before has seen such a universal demand for all classes of cattle. Parties who shipped lately have all made money and are re-investing. Col. Wilson is very jubilant over the business done and now being done by his road, which, he states, forwarded from Kansas City to various points during the last eleven months 8409 cars of cattle. The receipts of Texas cattle by this road and others was published last week, and, as may be seen, the C. & A. makes a good showing.

W. L. Black of Fort McKavett, was a caller at the Journal office Monday on his return from Chicago, where he had been on a business trip. Col. Black is as enthusiastic as ever on his pet subject, the establishment of a national bureau, with a branch in every county, where full statistical information as to supply and demand of all farm products, stock, etc., would be recorded and obtainable. Another feature of this bureau, or exchange, would be the establishment of the various grades of all products to be regarded as standard. This would be a valuable educational feature for the people, and enable every grower to determine for himself the value of his products. The subject is interesting, and of the highest importance, but, being of necessity complex, and embracing many details, it is too lengthy to be ordinarily dealt with. Col. Black is therefore preparing a pamphlet on this subject, which will be published and distributed in due time. The scheme has already received endorsements from governors of thirty states, besides boards of trade, leading business men and others. Talking on the subject of this state's undeveloped industries, Col. Black remarked: "Take Ankara goat skins, for example. You can't buy the genuine article in Chicago. Just for curiosity, I inquired at leading establishments in Chicago for them, and was shown instead the skins of Chinese goats, the hair of which is shorter and coarser. These they call and sell as Ankara skins, but the genuine article is not to be had there."

W. B. Cox of Bonham, spent the best part of last week in the city, in attendance at the poultry show, where he was a large and active exhibitor. Mr. Cox is one of the most prominent citizens of Bonham, having the honor of being mayor of that thriving city. He is also one of the best known and most successful breeders of Barred Plymouth Rock chickens in the state, of which he makes an extensive specialty. At the Fort Worth poultry show he came off more than victorious, having captured no less than fourteen prizes, namely, six specials and three first, three second, and two third association prizes. In a chicken cat show, he was also successful, capturing the "interest in fine poultry in fast developing in Texas, but as a rule our people have an erroneous idea as to

prices and values. This applies to other fine stock, hogs for instance, as well as poultry. Here in Texas we raise just as good birds, and hold our own all the way through with the older states, and yet we don't get over fifty per cent of what they realize on sales. The average farmer here will almost take a flit if you ask him over a dollar or two for a sitting of eggs or a bird. Now for instance, a pen of Light Brahmas are owned by my friend, Clyde Anthony of my city. He secured on his birds here three first, one third and three specials. Judge Hewes of Trenton, Mo., an expert, who judged here and has been judging all the fall said that was the best bird of his class in over four hundred that he had seen this year. I don't suppose Mr. Anthony would take \$50 for him—he cost him \$35. Now, how can he afford to sell eggs and chickens from such stock at the price of scrub stock? This pen of Plymouth Rocks of mine here cost— I am afraid to tell you how much— anyway, they are not for sale. Good birds or their eggs cost money, but it pays to buy the best, and according to the people get educated up to it they will find the truth of what I say."

Mr. Cox promised to send an occasional contribution for the Journal's poultry department.

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