





CATTLE.

It is certainly an occasion for wonder when all the cattle come from...

There are, however, the natives yet to come, and of every branch of the cattle supply this is the hardest to anything like correctly estimate.

Speaking of the shortage, there is no man who will watch the receipts and study the existing conditions...

The Mexican cattle ghost that was trotted out of the closet with the hope of scaring somebody has failed in the purpose for which it was intended...

The fall round-ups and brandings in Texas are for the most part over, what few there were...

Replied to the Journal's letter of inquiry regarding the number of cattle on foot in this country...

The general land office reports 500 applications to purchase and 450 applications to lease school and other lands...

The Kansas City Drivers' Telegram on Thursday says: The first shipment of Mexican cattle under the new order was here today...

Land Commissioner Baker of Austin sends the Journal the following: Will you do me the courtesy to request through the columns of your paper all country papers...

tee was finally closed yesterday, said the Fort Worth Gazette of Sunday. The deal has been on for some time, but was only yesterday...

The United States consul at Montevideo speaks as follows in a recent report about Uruguayan cattle: "No country in the world, comparatively to its size, shows as great a variety of stock with its corresponding products, as does Uruguay."

The Dallas News says: It will be remembered by all those who attended the late cattle raisers' convention that J. W. Tuttle, the Mexican cattle buyer, came up today...

Capt. Dan McCuningham, governmental quarantine inspector at El Paso, has returned to his post on a trip to the north...

Dr. J. B. Taylor, one of the largest cattle owners in Texas, and who with his brother is proprietor of the famous "Joe Patchen" arrived last Monday...

It will be news to many to be told that the first venture made in exporting cattle was with Texas cattle...

The fresh beef trade with foreign countries has only been in existence about twenty-eight years...

There has been occasional thoughtless reference to the demand of cattle in proportion to population, as though it were an evidence of reduced beef supply...

One of the biggest cattle sales made in Texas for a long time and perhaps the largest ever made here by a trust...

a condition of quality of meat and profit of production. If this is done, nothing can prevent maturity at an early age...

So with decreasing numbers of cattle in proportion to population we cut more meat and have an increasing surplus for exportation, which requires beeves of fine quality, fresh beef of high grade...

There has been a decrease in the past year of over 40,000 beeves and about 25 per cent of the products, the total value falling off from \$1,200,000 to \$750,000...

More than three-fourths of the beef products (77 per cent) went to Great Britain—mostly as the fresh beef. An increase of canned beef exports to Europe, especially to France, is noted...

PRESENT NEEDS IN THE CATTLE INDUSTRY. If those of our readers who have intelligently watched the cattle business...

The facts of the situation thus hastily sketched are, we believe true, and will be generally admitted to be so. Cattle are scarce and good cattle are scarce...

It seems to follow therefore that if cattle are scarce it is a good time to replenish the herds. In the industry as a whole the best fact in breeding is that it would be a good idea to reform in this respect...

These are points for our stockmen to take into consideration. On the basis that 20,000 have and will be shipped from the Panhandle this year...

BUCHANAN'S CRESYLIC OINTMENT. Standard for thirty years. Sure death to Screw Worms and will cure Foot Rot.

of the same kind of bulls is not likely to pay next year or the year after, and if some breeders of fine stock have been wise enough to maintain and improve the character of their herds...

EL PASO NOTES. From Monday's Evening Times. W. H. Tuttle, the Mexican cattle buyer, came up today...

Mr. A. P. Bush will receive a couple of trains of cattle tomorrow from the Mexican Central for shipment over the Texas and Pacific.

Mr. H. H. Patterson has been appointed by the M., K. and T. railroad company as the live stock agent for the republic of Mexico...

Mr. J. C. Burke, whose cattle valuation was raised to the extent of \$3000 last Friday, wired the secretary of the treasury, who within twenty-four hours instructed Collector Davis to pass Mr. Burke's cattle through in bond in future...

Learning that a San Antonio firm was preparing to export Texas cattle, a letter of inquiry was sent them by the Journal and the answer thereto is herewith given.

THE JOURNAL DOES NOT KNOW THE GENTLEMEN composing the firm referred to, and consequently cannot vouch for their statements, standing, etc.

Now that cattle are not so numerous as formerly, and are in the main confined to pastures, the following from the Amarillo Champion deserves the thoughtful consideration of every cattleman in the country:

There has been a decline of 1 cent per pound on hides in the markets during the past week. The only kind of hides that have kept up to the top notch of two weeks ago are northern unbranded steer hides...

MIRACLES IN FORT WORTH. Veno Makes Rheumatic and Paralytic Ripples Walk and Cures the Weak, Nervous and Dyspeptic in a Most Remarkable Manner—The Cures Are Performed by Veno's Electric Fluid and Veno's Curative Syrup...

Last night the city hall was occupied by Veno, the great healing power of European fame. He comes here and stays here by such newspapers as the St. Louis Chronicle, who speaks in the highest praise of him...

Commenting on the above from the Las Vegas, (N. M.) Opinel, the El Paso Times says: The above was shown last evening to a Texas cattle man who is here to receive Mexican cattle...

LESS THAN HALF. Dallas, Tex., Nov. 1, '95. Editor Journal: Replied to your inquiry of recent date: As far as we know, about 1000 or 1100 head of cattle will be fed from our mill this season...

FRUIT TREES FOR TEXAS. Galveston Nursery & Orchard Co. Hulon, Galveston County, Texas. For pear, peach and plum trees guaranteed free from disease or injurious insects...

FRUIT GROWERS. Do you wish to plant large, vigorous and healthy fruit trees and grow fine and valuable varieties? Then send your orders direct to McKinney Nurseries.

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VIGOR OF MEN. Weakness, Nervousness, Debility, and all the train of evils from early errors or overwork, sickness, worry, etc. Full strength, development and vigor restored by the use of the medicine...



SWINE.

There is a renewed amount of interest in swine raising in this state just now, and without some untoward happening like cholera the development of this industry will be remarkable.

The hog show at the fair and the sales made by those having stock on exhibition are but minor evidences of the rapid stride being made in this important branch of agriculture.

It is certainly remarkable how the farmers of Texas have neglected their interests and stood in their own light in the matter of raising hogs.

One of the principal things to be dreaded in their development is that the cholera germ, the dread scourge of the night, the dreadful scourge of cholera.

There are so many ways of getting the cholera started in a community that it is useless to talk about it in this issue.

Speaking of this dread disease which is more common this year than for several years past, that mysterious authority, "Exchange," is credited with saying: "In some sections of the country it amounts almost to an epidemic."

It has been generally held that hog cholera is superinduced by close, filthy, unventilated quarters, by a heavy diet of one kind of food, by a want of sufficient succulent or laxative food to prevent constipation, by feeding swill that has reached or nearly reached the state of putridity, by overcrowding, want of exercise, etc.

Natural conditions favor the Texas hog raiser, and if properly taken advantage of, the production of swine from piglets to slaughter pen can be accomplished with less cost than in any state in the Union.

tioned than if given an exclusive diet of dry feed, no matter how prepared. This will also be a matter for future treatment in these columns.

Appropos of the big hog show at the Dallas fair, full mention of which was made last week, the swine breeders of the North who had their respective breeds on exhibition on Friday night gave a banquet complimentary to the swine and cattle breeders of Texas.

TEXAS SECOND IN HOGS. G. W. Simpson, president of the Fort Worth Stock Yards company who was in Chicago recently from Boston, just after having closed the deal with the Chicago Packing and Provision company, was interviewed by a daily newspaper reporter and said:

The discovery of cotton seed meal as cattle food has revolutionized the cattle business in Texas, and instead of the long hours, which were formerly shipped, it has become a quick producer and shipper of fat cattle.

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TO OUR LADY READERS—A SHORT TALK ON A LIVELY SUBJECT. There are a few households in this country that do not number among their possessions a sewing machine, and it is the hope of every housewife who does not to soon remedy the defect.

well when the first machine was brought to the farm house, and what an object of interest it was not alone to the family but to the neighbors.

One of the greatest drawbacks toward buying a machine heretofore has been their cost, and even today the most of those who buy pay twice, and sometimes three times as much as they should.

At first it was slow work. The publishers knew that they could not afford to "take hold" of anything that would savor of fraud, and raised up to believe that there were only about three machines of any account, they did not have confidence in the new venture.

We believe that no lady or gentleman who ever read the Journal would class it in the category spoken of above. Were our disposition that way, as it is, simple business proposition we could not afford it.

The "Stock Journal" sewing machine is as pretty and as serviceable as any machine made. It is highly finished and the Texas bulkhead, that now it can be sold not only to the trade of this country but is being exported on the hoof to England.

FACTS ABOUT ATLANTA. Under date of November 2, a prominent Texas railroad official who does not want his name used, writes the Journal as follows:

The exposition is now rapidly approaching and we are now in receipt of information from our friends in the South that the Atlanta exposition is in many respects more interesting than the former one.

As near as fifteen years ago it was the exception rather than the rule in families in the country to own a sewing machine. This writer remembers

Advertisement for DATTLEAX PLUG. Features an illustration of a man in a suit holding a large plug. Text: "CHAMPION OF THEM ALL. DATTLEAX PLUG. THE LARGEST PIECE OF GOOD TOBACCO EVER SOLD FOR 10 CENTS."

Advertisement for THE COTTON STATES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, ATLANTA, GA. Includes a table of train schedules for New Orleans, Mobile, and Atlanta.

Advertisement for The Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York. Features an illustration of a man and text: "Issues Policies on all approved plans, which are lower in cost and more liberal in terms than those offered by any other company."

Advertisement for S. G. GALUP & FRAZER, PUEBLO SADDLERY. Features an illustration of a saddle and text: "Makers of the PUEBLO SADDLE. Arrived in this great prairie at the World's Columbian Exposition."

Advertisement for DR. FRANK GRAY, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Text: "Practice confined to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Special attention to surgical diseases of the eye and the proper fitting of spectacles."

Advertisement for WOOD & EDWARDS, Hat Manufacturers and Repairers. Text: "Furnish with John L. Stuenkel, Philadelphia. No. 844 1/2 Main St., DALLAS, TEX. 50th, Dearly and Season hats cleaned, dyed, stiffened and trimmed equal to new for \$1.25. Work guaranteed first class. Orders by mail or express promptly attended to."

Advertisement for FEED MILLS. Text: "Sold with or without elevator. Medal awarded World's Fair. Crush corn and grind any kind of small grain at the same time, mixing in any proportion desired. Use conical shaped grinders. An entire departure from all other mills."

Advertisement for North and Northeast. Text: "If you have any intention of going to the North or East this fall or winter, you should advise yourself of the best route from the South and West. This is the Louisville and Nashville railroad, which is running double daily trains from New Orleans and Memphis through to Louisville, Cincinnati, Nashville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Montgomery, Thomasville, Pensacola, Jacksonville and all Florida points; Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo and all points North and East. Pullman sleeping car service through. Specially low rates made to Atlanta during the continuance of the Cotton States exposition. For particulars as to rates and through-car service write T. H. KINGSLEY, Trav. Pass. Agent, Dallas, Tex. (N.O.) KILKENY, Div. Pass. Agent, New Orleans, La. C. P. ATMORE, Gen. Pass. Agent, Louisville, Ky."

Advertisement for Greenville Headlight. Text: "The Greenville Headlight is read by more people than any county paper in North Tex. As an advertising medium it can not be excelled—8 pages, all home print, and only ONE DOLLAR a year. Reaches more Hunt county farmers than any paper in the county. The advertiser's friend."

Advertisement for LIGHTNING STUMP PULLER. Includes an illustration of the machine and text: "Write for Prices and Free Catalogue to Kansas City Hay Press Co., Kansas City, Mo."

Advertisement for GUNS. Text: "Kilmer, Remington, Smith, Winchester, etc. Catalogue sent free. 877 1/2 Wichita Road, Dallas, Tex. per 100, \$1.00. L. A. C. Co., 541-543 Main St., Kansas City, Mo."

Advertisement for THE GREAT ROCK ISLAND ROUTE. Includes a map of the route and text: "This map shows a modern 'up-to-date' railroad, and how it fits its own line to the principal large cities of the West."

Advertisement for Great Rock Island ROUTE 1. Text: "And has double daily fast express train service from Texas as follows: Don't overlook the fact that train No. 2 saves you a whole business day en route to Colorado. Pullman Sleepers and Free Reclining Chair Cars on all trains. City Ticket Office corner Fifth and No. 4. Lv. Fort Worth... 8:40 a.m. Lv. Bowie... 11:31 a.m. Lv. Ringgold... 3:59 p.m. Ar. Kansas City... 8:20 next a.m. No. 2. Lv. Fort Worth... 8:40 a.m. Lv. Bowie... 10:40 a.m. Lv. Ringgold... 11:19 p.m. Ar. Kansas City... 5:25 p.m. Ar. Chicago... 9:56 a.m. Ar. Denver... 7:25 p.m. Main streets. W. T. ORTON, C. T. A."

Advertisement for UNITED STATES PAINT MFG. Co. Text: "Manufacturers of the United States Water and Fire Proof Paint for tin and shingle roofs, iron tanks and all iron work, tents, tarpaulins, wagon covers, etc. also manufacture tents awnings, tarpaulins and wagon covers. Twenty-second street, near Strand, Galveston, Texas. Please mention this paper."



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The October crop reports of the United States department of agriculture makes the general condition of corn 95.5 per cent, a decrease of about 1 per cent from the September estimate.

Wheat sowing has been given a decided impetus in the Texas Panhandle by the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, which is hauling seed to the farmers, the freight to be paid when the crop is harvested.

The address delivered to the Milan county farmer's institute by T. A. Evans of Hutto, the special agent of this paper, should be read by every farmer in Texas.

According to the Cincinnati Price Current there have been 700,000 fewer hogs packed in the West the past season than a year ago.

Too much cannot be said or written just now of the danger in front of the farmers in their work for next year.

December 11 has been designated Texas Day at the Atlanta exposition, and Governor Culbertson and staff, accompanied by a delegation of the state's representative business men, are expected to be present.

By the encouragement of such public institutions as fairs is a country built up, and those who missed the state fair should by all means go to the Texas coast fair, which will be in session at Dickinson, Tex., November 19-23, 1895.

It is only a question of a very few years that Texas will export her own cattle through her home port. The advantage to be gained from this way of our marketing is too apparent to be discussed.

"Carrying coals to Newcastle" would occasion no more surprise than the exportation from Boston a week since of half a million pounds of Montana wool to England.

This is the season of the year to purchase nursery stock, and readers of the paper are referred to its advertising columns, where the cards of the best nurserymen of Texas can be found.

The irrigation meeting held at San Antonio last winter bore fruit in a new and good irrigation law and in greater impetus to irrigation matters in Texas.

not favor big schemes, but because very many big schemes are not possible, but because a great many little ones are. In this the Stock Farmer voices what is a correct conclusion in more things than irrigation, as it is the small farmer, stock feeder and breeder who in the aggregate holds the balance of power in making the wheels of agriculture go round.

Texas swine raisers have a considerable advantage over their competitors in other states at all times, and just now more than ever. Cholera is raging in several of the big swine states, and the farmers are rushing their pigs, sows and other hogs to market on account of the fear of sickness.

Motive power is one of the leading questions among the stock farmers just now, especially since a number of them have purchased feed mills and are grinding corn for feeding purposes.

The acquiring of the Fort Worth packing plant by the Chicago Packing and Provision company has been heralded over the country as a mighty achievement toward making Fort Worth the center of a live stock market which in time expects to rival Kansas City in size and importance.

Fort Worth is to be congratulated. It is a nervy, plucky town full of good wide-awake business people who are keenly alive to the agricultural and live stock interests of the great Lone Star State.

Tyler people are displaying an amount of progress that is highly commendable. Not content to sit idly by and wait for the benefits of the fruit palace to accrue, they will have a live stock fair and business convention on November 21, 1895.

Every man interested in the advancement of our section should earnestly engage in pushing forward this initiative step, which will do more to open up prosperity to all classes than any deliberative body that has ever been held in Texas.

DOTS BY THE WAY.

Address of F. A. Evans, the Journal's Farm Institute Organizer at Cameron. The Milan county farmers' institute, mention of which has been made in these columns, was highly interesting and very successful.

finest lot of stock ever brought together in Milan county. The county court decided to order the sale of wild and farm products, preserved fruits and plain and fancy needle work.

The meeting was called by the president, Mr. W. G. Fields, of the county, who welcomed the farmers to Cameron and congratulated them on the exhibits made and urged them to cooperate in the work of the year.

The first thing after the landing on the mount of Ararat Noah went forth and commenced to till the soil, and planted a vineyard. He also used of the vine and became drunken.

We find the farmer first in regard to time, first in regard to number and find that he has supported all nations by the product of the soil. Coming down to the United States, shortly after the landing of the Mayflower, we find that he began to till the earth.

We find him first in the production of wealth; first in owning it. We find also that if the wheat crop of the world were cut off entirely the farmers of this country produce enough corn to feed the world.

One other feature I wish to call your attention to is the marriage vow. There is an old man or a young man here who stood in the presence of the minister and said: "In the presence of God and these witnesses I will love, cherish and cherish until death do part."

"In addition to the shipments of the sliced and dried root, the extract works at Deming have been running full time and sending the product to a factory to Eastern tanners and abroad. The market price is \$6 a ton for the wild green root from the land of the diggers, while the sliced and dried root brings \$40 per ton in Glasgow.

"An already large acreage is planted in the Pecos Valley. Some 800 acres in our locality have been planted, and a large company has been organized in California with ample capital to cultivate and manufacture the canaline. This is only the beginning of the matter.

Some of our farmers were learned until they could tell more about the nation's finances than forty national bankers, knew all the evils of government, the rottenness and corruption in the Democratic and Republican parties, and that Cleveland had run the price of cotton down to 4 cents.

Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

to diversify and keep within the demands of the consumption they must reap the result of their own folly. The aim and object of the farmers' institute is to teach diversified farming, teach you to produce all you can at home that you would otherwise have to buy, market at your nearest place.

We have been worse injured in the sales of our cotton this year by an over report too flattering than all the other reports of the cotton season.

FOR RENT. A farm of one hundred acres of Brazos bottom land, C. S. Mitchell, Euology, Bosque county, Tex.

FOR SALE. 1600 head of New Mexico stock cattle of good grade, color and condition, at the following prices: Yearling heifers, \$8; two, \$12; cows, \$14; with calves, \$17; steers, one, \$12; two, \$15; three, \$18; four, \$20.

FOR SALE. 700 3 and 4-year-old Central Texas Steers, in good flesh; ranch in San Saba county; railroad station Lampasas or Llano.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE 4000 acres of land in Shelby county, about half Sabine bottom land, balance hill pine land. Divided in 160 to 400 acre blocks.

WANTED—CATTLE TO PASTURE. I have 54 sections of land suitable for grazing purposes lying on the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos river, in Kent county. Can take care of 1500 cattle; fine grass and plenty of water.

WANTED—1500 cattle to winter at \$1.00 per head in southeast corner of Stonewall county; 16,000 acres in two pastures that have had no stock in them this year. Magnificent grass, shelter and water.

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A WORD WITH STOCKMEN. The Mansion hotel in Fort Worth has been actual headquarters for stockmen for a good many years, and it is not likely that they will go anywhere else now.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. GREAT AUCTION SALE. 50 HEAD OF IMPROVED CHESTER WHITE SWINE from the "World's Champion Herd".

IRRIGATED FARM AT A BARGAIN. 225 acres, absolute title, fronting north Concho river; 640 leased five years at 4 cents.

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BERKSHIRES. We respectfully desire a comparison with other herds as to quality and breeding. Especially do we take pleasure in showing first bred and best bred pigs to purchase or not, our herd of

HEREFORD CATTLE. Consisting of over 200 Head. Incidentally we will state that we are proud of our Hereford.

SUNNY SIDE HEREFORDS. Sunny Side Herefords are headed by SANHEDRIM, No. 46180, winner first prize at Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, and the great St. Louis fairs as a 2-year-old in 1892, and sweepstakes over all breeds in Texas.

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PERSONAL

Ed East of Archer City was in Fort Worth Sunday.

J. F. Newman of Sweetwater, a cattleman, was in Fort Worth Monday.

Ed Carver, who has been seriously sick at St. Louis, is reported convalescent.

W. A. Pierce of Waxahachie, an extensive cattle feeder, was in this city Wednesday.

W. B. Worsham of Henrietta, accompanied by his wife, visited Fort Worth Sunday.

O. C. Lane of Santa Anna, Coleman county, a cattleman, was in Fort Worth Sunday.

L. M. Coates, who is feeding 2000 head of cattle at Corsicana, was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Felix Mann of Eagle Pass, an extensive dealer in Mexican cattle, was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Will Montgomery of Comanche has just bought 1000 head of cattle in Colorado and Wharton counties.

Sam Culbrieth of Baird was registered at the Mansion Saturday night and went out Sunday morning.

Nell & Cook of Wolfe City bought 1000 head of the Dan Waggoner steers, which they will put on feed right away.

A. G. Godard of St. Louis, member of the live stock commission firm of Godard, Harding & Co., was in Fort Worth Sunday.

W. R. Moore, the Ardmore, I. T., oil mill man and cattle feeder, was in Fort Worth Sunday consulting his business associates.

W. L. Hawkins of Midlothian, a well-to-do farmer and feeder, was among Sunday's arrivals in Fort Worth.

A. J. Ligertwood, manager of the Matador ranch, was in Fort Worth Tuesday and reported everything in splendid condition.

J. P. Gordon of Sulphur Springs was here Friday on his way to Vernon, where he went to ship some cattle down to his place to feed.

W. R. Curtis of Memphis, Tex., a widely known and popular cowman, was shaking hands with his friends in Fort Worth Wednesday.

W. B. Scrimshire, a Big Springs cattleman, who has a string of feeders to sell, located in Concho county, has been spending several days in Fort Worth.

Hogg Bros. of Hamilton, Tex., in a letter to the Journal say: "Our advertisement in Texas Stock and Farm Journal brought us several offers of cattle."

J. W. Lackey of Sulphur Springs, who is feeding a large number of cattle, was in Fort Worth Monday. Said that he would have ready for shipment some cattle late in December.

J. T. Elliott, a well known Jack county cattleman, was in Fort Worth Tuesday. Said that he had not sold his feeders, and if some one did not take them by the first of next month he would ship them to market.

Pago Harris, general live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific, is out on El Paso looking after the shipment of Mexican cattle, quite a good many of which are coming through with more expected.

Marion Sansome of Alvarado, banker, cattleman and president of the Standard Live Stock Commission company, was in Fort Worth Wednesday. Mr. Sansome will feed quite a number of cattle this year.

C. S. Mitchell of Bullock, Bosque county, wants to rent out a farm of one hundred acres Brazos bottom land. There is no finer land in Texas than this, and those contemplating changing location will do well to write concerning this farm.

J. H. Boyd, who shipped the first lot of cattle to come through from Mexico, was here Saturday from Kansas City, where he got in his feeders for his stuff. He left Sunday for Chihuahua and in a short time will bring through another shipment.

J. T. Holt of Honey Grove, an extensive cattle feeder, was in Fort Worth Tuesday and called at the Journal office. He was on his way up to receive 600 head of cattle from Texas, bought a few days since through the cattle commission firm of Geo. B. Loving & Co.

Capt. S. W. Eastin and Knox of Jacksboro were in Fort Worth Friday night, en route to the Dallas fair. They reported that the section locally, a good rain having fallen during the week. Feed is plentiful, and if severe weather comes, stock will be tided over in good shape.

E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney, Tex., one of the best known nurserymen in the state, has an advertisement in this issue of the Journal. Mr. Kirkpatrick carried off first premium over all competitors at the Dallas fair, and any one ordering from him can rest assured that they will get the very best.

The Galveston Fruit and Orchard Co. has an advertisement in another column which should be read by everybody who expects to purchase anything in the nursery line. Their trees and shrubs are grown especially for Texas soil and climate. Write for price list and mention the Journal.

F. R. Hubbard of Mordú, Shackelford county, was in Fort Worth Sunday, on his way home from a trip to the fair, and called at this office. Said that feed is plentiful in his section, and if bad weather prevails through the winter stock will be carried through the cold spells on feed. He said also that the finest pecan crop for years is on the trees in his section.

Col. Jot J. Smythe of Grandview was in this city Wednesday and said: "I have 1300 steers on meal and hulls now and have 400 more that I will put on a straight-corn feed Monday. I have the corn and the hogs, and expect to put some first-class cattle on the market when they are finished. The hogs are of my own raising and are not for sale on the kind of market that is in force now."

J. L. Harris of Paoli, I. T., stockman and farmer, known to his many Texas friends as "Shorty," was a visitor in Fort Worth Sunday, having just taken in the fair at Dallas. He left Sunday night for Chicago for a week's stay. Said that quite a good deal of wheat has been planted in his section, and the farmers as a rule are feeling good.

J. H. Payne of Argyle, Denton county, a well-to-do farmer and stockman, was in Fort Worth Wednesday, and in answer to questions asked him by a Journal man said: "I will feed a number of cattle on straight-corn, given them in the pasture. I can get all the extra corn I may need and are not for sale except to give them what they want un-

til next June. I did think of buying a grinder, and may do so yet, but I doubt if the expense of power would be equaled by the advantage gained. I rather lean to gasoline engine as a motive power, as I think that they are the cheapest in the long run."

Star Williams, assistant live stock agent of the Katy, with headquarters at Parsons, Kan., was in Fort Worth Sunday in consultation with General Live Stock Agent Jones. Mr. Williams operates in the Indian Territory, reports the movement to market from that section as being practically over, and he will likely hustle some in this state for feeder business.

M. Lothrop of Marshall, owner of the celebrated Cedar Hill Jersey farm, and winner of the blue ribbon at the Texas State fair on herd of Berkshire hogs, has an advertisement in this issue of the Journal. Mr. Lothrop also won a number of prizes on Jersey cattle, and has a stock-farm that is a credit to himself and the state. Any-thing bought of him will give satisfaction.

W. P. Anderson, special agent of the Union stock yards at Chicago, was in Fort Worth Wednesday, renewing acquaintances, and telling of the attractiveness of Chicago as a market. Mr. Anderson has been coming to Texas for many years, and probably has a larger acquaintance among stockmen in this and other states than any other man living. The Chicago stock yards company know a good man when they get him, hence their long retention of Billy Anderson.

J. T. Dority and E. T. Nickels of Mt. Calm were on the market with two cars fine hogs consigned to the Standard Commission company. They are also feeding a lot of cattle in Hill county. They report several cars of both cattle and hogs will be ready for shipment from their section in a few days. There is plenty of grass and water in Hill county and stock is looking well. The people of Hill are glad to hear of the bright prospects for a good live stock market in Fort Worth.

Mrs. W. W. Dale of the "W" ranch in Burnet county, with postoffice at Lampasas, in a letter to the Journal renewing her subscription, said: "My husband, who is now dead, was a subscriber to your paper for several years and I expect to keep on taking it. We are on the ranch now, and I appreciate your paper very much, and it is a very good companion for my boys. I have two sons who are young men and need help and advice. The Journal is a great help to them, as they are still raising stock."

Brooks Davis has returned from a two weeks' stay at Channing, in the upper part of the Panhandle county, where he superintended the shipping of 2500 head of cattle from the Brooks ranch to market. He says that A. G. Boyce, manager of the XIT ranch in that part of the state, is engaged in shipping from 3000 to 4000 head of cattle to the markets of Kansas City and Chicago. Mr. Davis reports an abundance of grass and plenty of water in the Channing county. There is a lot of good cattle yet unshipped from that country.

M. O. Lynn, accompanied by J. M. Lynn and Jesse Hittson, two young stockmen, was in Fort Worth Monday en route from the Territory to his home in Palo Pinto county. Mr. Lynn has been in the Creek country since last April looking after a herd of about 4000 cattle belonging to the elder Jesse Hittson, the well known cattleman. Mr. Lynn has just finished shipping the cattle to market. He says that the greater part of the cattle for market in the Territory have already been shipped, although a good number will be wintered in the non. Mr. Hittson was on his way to Chihuahua, Mexico, where his father has made his home for the last few years.

W. J. Dee of the Chicago Packing and Provision company will be in this city on Sunday. He will be accompanied by the future manager of the Fort Worth Packing house, whose name is not yet given out, and some of the directors of the company. The packing houses will be formally taken charge of, and it is expected that President Dee will give out some important additional facts concerning the running of the business. Mr. G. W. Simpson, president of the Stock Yards company, will also be of the party, and probably some of the directors of the company. The piling up of that portion of the house works has never been fitted up, and for the other proposed improvements is now on the way from Chicago.

John Scharbauer, the big Midland cattle man was in Fort Worth Monday, having just come in from a week's stay at Kansas City. He said: "I found some of the cattle and commission men feeling pretty blue. The cans would have on the Texas cattle business. He said: 'My opinion is that if the incoming of Mexicans cuts out the cattle from the Territory, there has been some extra noise made about Mexican cattle coming in, but I was all over the cattle ranges of that country, and as far as people of my section number expected is set too high. I am satisfied that there will not be anything like 100,000 head to come across the border in the next year. The most of those that will be brought in here will be owned by Texas cattlemen and it will be next year before they reach the market.'

D. A. Gathings, of Cleburne, stockman and farmer, was in Fort Worth Saturday and called at the Journal office. Mr. Gathings has been in Texas forty-three years, and in common with those who have looked after their own interests, has a goodly number of this world's goods. Speaking of cattle, he said: "I bought a good bunch of beef cattle to feed this year, but when they went up at high prices I sold them, and now that they have gone off some I would like to buy some more. I have about 300 head of stock cattle in Johnson county. If I could sell them I would sell them. They are on short feed now, but unless I strike a trade today I will ship down feed crusher, and give them all the crushed corn, cotton seed meal and doughness they want. I also have a bunch of stock cattle in South Texas that I would like to sell. Speaking of crops, wheat is nearly all gathered up, and while the market is low, I believe it is bound to go up."

Colonel Jonathan Nesbitt, general live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton railroad, with headquarters at St. Louis, was in Fort Worth Saturday and paid the Journal force a welcome visit. Colonel Nesbitt is very much of a business man, but in idle hours appreciates a joke as well as anybody, and while his able lieutenant, Colonel Jim Wilson, is always glad to see him, his (Colonel Jim's) life is made anything but a bed of roses when Colonel Nesbitt runs down from St. Louis for a few days' sojourn, when he always has something new to spring on the debonair by-adoption Texas Colonel. Colonel Nesbitt has an interest in the Alvarado oil mill, and in answer to question propounded to him by a Journalite, said: "I understand that the fair for the mill has only received 3200 bushels of seed, while last year at this time we had 5000 bushels. Altogether last year we crushed about 12,000 bushels, but we do not look for more than 7000 bushels this year, about 3000 head of cattle on feed this year, while last year we fed in the neighborhood of 7000. We had 2000 head of cattle bought at Midland and

feed, but on account of the scarcity of seed we think they will have to be shipped to market. We are now feeding lots. We have a mill that grinds corn, soy and shucks together, and it saves a lot of roughness. Hulls are a big item, and with the corn we are using, we get along on our own hulls."

Captain A. E. Shepard of Marathon, Texas, a well known cattleman, was in Fort Worth Monday and in company with C. H. Silliman, with whom he is interested, went down to Austin. Captain Shepard had just closed the sale of about 1200 head of cattle he bought in Mexico eight months ago, and reports that they made him good and that he will in a few days go over to that country again after another lot. "More than 60 per cent of the cattle now coming from Mexico are being turned into Texas cattle here, and Texas pastures. Very few are being shipped to market, and not many will go. It would surprise you to see the number of Mexican cattle being taken north from El Paso, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and even Utah are taking a share of those that come across. Cattle are being taken to the very highest altitude with safety, and there is no question but what a cross of a good bull with a Mexican cow brings a good range animal. It is surprising how those little cows will bring good calves. 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MARKETS.

FORT WORTH MARKET.

Hogs are low, and no mistake. It is no trouble to find a reason for this tumble, the receipts at the big markets are very clearly. Just think of 51,000 hogs at Chicago in one day, and no immediate cessation of the view in sight. The cholera has played sad havoc with the farmers of the north and the big hog producing states, and those who have had the disease in their herds and those who expect to have a regular panic and are showing every thing on the market pigs, sows, half fat porters, and all. It is reasonable to expect that as soon as this panic run is over the market will assume a normal tone, but until they are all in a better price need be looked for.

The thing of interest around the stock yards this week is the recent sale of the packing house to the Chicago Packing and Provision company, which firm will take charge early next week with the avowed intention of pushing the thing for all it is worth. They have unlimited capital and vast experience, which together with confidence in the states ability to keep the market supplied throughout the year, should make them successful in this enterprise. The stock yards remain in control of the old company, who will redouble their efforts to make of Fort Worth a live stock market worthy of the great state of Texas.

Receipts of hogs have been light since the last report in this column, feeders evidently holding back on account of low prices. More has been paid for hogs to put on feed than they are now bringing on this or any other market, and their owners do not want to turn them loose at a loss. The following sales representative of the weeks market were made by the "Standard" live stock commission company.

Table with columns for No. and Price. Includes items like Choice shipping steers, Common to fair shipping steers, Choice fat cows, etc.

DALLAS LIVE STOCK.

Market quotations reported by Carter's stock yards: Choice shipping steers, \$2.75; Common to fair shipping steers, 2.50; Choice fat cows, 2.20; Choice veal calves, 3.50; Common to fair veal calves, 2.50; Bulls, 1.90; Stags, 1.90; Yearlings, 2.00; Milch cows, 2.00; Choice fat light hogs, 3.00; Good stock hogs, 3.25; Choice fat muttons, 2.50; Anything fat hogs ready sale, market goods.

NEW ORLEANS LETTER.

New Orleans, Nov. 6.—Dear Sir: Since the opening of the week the receipts of all classes of cattle have been small. Yesterday being a holiday, the market was closed, and the butchers a chance to work off the supply on hand. The market ruled active and steady, and closed bare of calves and yearlings. Good cows and heifers are in light supply. Good corn-fed hogs are firm. The weather is cooler, and we look for a better demand. Sheep dull and weak.

CHICAGO LETTER.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 4, 1895.—Last week's receipts of Texas cattle were not quite as heavy as usual, being 8000 both in and out of the division against 10,500 the previous week and 10,800 for the same time last year. The month of October showed quite a respectable increase over the previous month, and we think that this month will show fully as much over October. Last month's receipts were 54,000 head, of which about 16,000 head were not included in the quarantines coming largely from the Indian Territory and Southern Kansas. Receipts for the year to date foot up 3,000,000 head, a decrease of only 11,000 from the ten month's supply of last year, while the total decrease in the supply of cattle shows a shortage of 330,000.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 6.—Cattle—Receipts today were 17,000 head. Trade was weak and prices generally unchanged. Light and medium weights sold to the best advantage. Common steers ranged from \$2.35 to \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.25. A few prime cows brought \$2.00 to \$2.25. Calves sold at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for choice lots. Texas cattle were steady at \$2.75 to \$3.10 for steers and

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St. Louis Livestock.

St. Louis, Nov. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 6900; shipments, 1500. Market slow and easy; some sales lower. Export native steers, \$1.75 to \$1.90; fair to good shipping, \$1.85 to \$1.95; coarse butcher, \$1.50 to \$1.60; dressed beef and good butcher steers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; bulk of sales, \$3.00 to \$3.20; steers under 1000 pounds, \$2.40 to \$2.60; bulk of sales, \$2.60 to \$3.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.85 to \$2.25; bulk of sales, \$2.20 to \$2.30; cows and heifers, \$1.80 to \$2.25; bulk of sales, \$2.00 to \$2.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.35 to \$2.50; bulk of sales, \$2.60 to \$3.00; cows and heifers, \$1.75 to \$2.25; canning cows, \$1.25 to \$1.50.

Kansas City Livestock.

Kansas City, Nov. 6.—Cattle—Receipts, 5400; shipments, 2000. Best grades steady, others strong. Texas steers, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Texas cows, \$1.80 to \$2.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50; cows, \$1.00 to \$1.50. Hogs—Receipts, 10,300; shipments, 700. Market strong to 10 cents higher. Bulk of sales, \$3.50 to \$3.75; heavy, \$3.40 to \$3.65; packers, \$3.25 to \$3.50; lights, \$3.20 to \$3.55; yorkers, \$3.40 to \$3.50; pigs, \$3.10 to \$3.50.

The Wool Market.

Boston, Nov. 6.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter will say tomorrow of the wool market in market is placid, steady and firm. The position of combing wools has rarely been stronger than at this date. Certainly they have never been more firmly held at the seaboard. The rest of our market has run through the year on its own merits and has been determined by events that had little direct relation to market conditions on the other side. The aggregate of sales of all kinds in Boston, New York and Philadelphia is 5,624,300 pounds, of which 2,630,250 pounds were domestic and 2,994,050 pounds were foreign. The total sales in the three markets last week were 6,354,400 pounds.

COTTON.

New York, Nov. 6.—Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s cotton letter: The cotton trade is dumfounded, that the small receipts do not cause an advance in prices is to express the feelings of merchants adequate language. They simply do not know what to make of a situation where crop advices justify an advance which fails to appear. It would appear as though the breaking of the Kafir boom was more fascinating than had been thought possible. Whether it is this of the threatened partition of Turkey which has caused the withdrawal of the spinners from active European markets it is difficult to tell, but the weakness comes from the absence of the demand for actual cotton. Speculations seem to be leaving the market alone from the visible factors. The market shows improvement from this depression. The unseen factors alone prevent such a course. The semi-weekly receipts were reported 4,000 bales, but when posted as 75,000 bales the market eased under continued outside liquidation, closing barely steady at 2 points above the lowest. At the close a large amount of weak cotton was absorbed by a prominent spinning broker, but the undertone was uncertain. The market today has puzzled everybody in the trade, when it should feel the effect of the light receipts.

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Nov. 6.—Spot cotton, moderate business; prices lower; American middling, fair, 29-32; good middling, 4-37; middling, 23-34; low middling, 4-34; good ordinary, 4-1-3/4; ordinary, 4-5-1/2. The sales of the day were 8000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 7500 American.

Cotton Statistics.

Table with columns for New York, Nov. 6.—Cotton—Quiet. Middling, 8 1/2-16c. Net receipts, 3430; exports, 151; exports to Great Britain, 3422; France, 1013; continent, 760; forwarded, 1755; sales, 420, all spinners; stock, 178,604.

New Orleans Futures.

New Orleans, Nov. 6.—Cotton futures steady; sales 71,200 bales. November, 8.29 bid; December, 8.44@8.45; January, 8.46@8.47; February, 8.49@8.50; March, 8.53@8.54; April, 8.56@8.57; May, 8.60@8.62; June, 8.63@8.65.

Galveston Cotton.

Galveston, Nov. 6.—Spot cotton, quiet. Sales, 923 bales; middling, 8 1/2-16c. Receipts, 3150 bales; exports, 12,984 bales; stock, 122,975 bales.

St. Louis Cotton.

St. Louis, Nov. 6.—Cotton quiet, 1-1/2c lower. Middling, 8 1/2-16c; sales, 400. Receipts, 6040; shipments, 5062; stock, 20,513 bales.

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Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Nov. 6.—Wheat active and steady. No. 2 hard, 65@66 1/2-3c; No. 2 red, 60@61c; No. 2 spring, 54@54 1/2-2c; No. 3 spring, 50 1/2-51 1/2-2c; rejected, nominal, 50c. Corn irregular; higher. No. 2 mixed, 2 1/2-2 3/4c; No. 2 white, 2 1/2-2 3/4c. Oats scarce; white active; mixed slow. No. 2 mixed, 15c; No. 2 white, 17 1/2-18c. Hay, good grades firm; timothy, \$8.50 @11.00; prairie, \$6.00@7.00. Receipts—Wheat, 34,400; corn, 4700; oats, 6000. Shipments—None.

Available Grain Supply.

New York, Nov. 6.—Special and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering principal points of accumulation indicate the following changes in available supplies: Wheat, United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase, 1,286,000 bushels. Corn, United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase, 342,000 bushels. Oats, United States and Canada east of Rockies, increase, 849,000 bushels. Principal increases in available supply of wheat last week not covered in the official visible supply report include 750,000 bushels in northwestern interior sales, 129,000 bushels at Minneapolis, Ont.; 100,000 bushels at Minneapolis private elevators; 75,000 bushels at various Manitoba storage points, and 60,000 bushels at Louisville, Ky.

New York Produce.

New York, Nov. 6.—Wheat—Receipts, 631,500 bushels; exports, 271,800 bushels. Spot: No. 1 hard, 1 1/2-1 3/4c; No. 1 medium, 64@64 1/2c; No. 1 hard, 67 1/2-68c delivered. Options opened 1-8@1-4 under big spring receipts, declined 1-4c more, with quite an active switching between December and May, finally settled 1-8@1-4c on fears of political trouble abroad and closed quiet at 1-4c net decline. 2-10c; No. 2 hard, 65 1/2-66c 7-8c. Hides—Quiet. Leather—Steady. Wool—Quiet. Cotton seed oil—More active on speculative demand, held generally higher. Prime summer yellow, 25 1/2-26 1/2c; off summer yellow, 27@27 1/2c. Coffee—Options quiet at 10 to 10 1/2 points decline. The market showed indifference to European supplies and belief in large Brazilian crop. Apathy of spot market contributed to the depression. Closed barely steady at 10 to 25 points above 15c. November, 14.50@14.50; December, 14.05@14.05; January, 13.55@13.55; February, 13.00@13.00; March, 12.55@12.55; April, 12.05@12.05; May, 11.90@11.90; June, 11.55@11.55; July, 11.30@11.30; August, 11.15@11.15; September, 10.90@10.90; October, 10.75@10.75; November, 10.60@10.60; December, 10.45@10.45. Spot coffee—Rio dull. No. 7, 15 1/2-16c; mild, dull; Cordova, 18@19c. Sales, 750 bags; Rio, 6 1/2-8c; dull; fair refining, 3@3 1/2c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 1/2-3 3/4c; refined, more active, steady.

New Orleans Produce.

New Orleans, Nov. 6.—Hog produce steady; pork, 8 7/8@9c; lard refined decline, 3 1/2-4c; exports, 14,556,400; hams, 4 1/2-5c; good ordinary, 4 1/2-5c; ordinary, 4 1/2-5c. The sales of the day were 8000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 7500 American. Futures closed steady at the decline. American middling, L. M. C., November, 4.38@4.40; December and December, 4.39@4.40; January and January, 4.39@4.40; February and February, 4.39@4.40; March and March, 4.41; April and April, 4.42; May and May, 4.43@4.44; June and June, 4.44@4.45; July and July, 4.45@4.46.

St. Louis Produce.

St. Louis, Nov. 6.—Flour—Dull and unchanged. Wheat—Continues lower. Extraordinary shipments of spring wheat and prospects of rain caused further liquidation in December, and a decline in prices which closed below yesterday's. No. 2 cash, 61 1/2-62c; December, 55 1/2-56c; May, 64c. Corn was stronger early on rains in the West, and prospects of their spreading, but offerings were so small that very little business was done, though the market closed firm and a shade higher than yesterday. September lower. No. 2 mixed cash, 24 1/4-24c; December, 24 1/4-24c; May, 25 1/2-26c. Oats—Quiet and steady, to higher for spots. Spot stronger with better in-

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quity. No. 3 cash, 17 1/2-18c; December, 17 1/4-17c; May, 20 1/2-20 1/2c. Rye—Lower. No. 2, 36c. Barley—Nominal. Corn meal—\$1.45@1.50. Bran—Saleable east track at 52c. Flax seed—Low, 87c. Timothy—Firm, \$3.10@3.75. Hay—Choice grades scarce and firm. Prairie, \$6.50@8.50; timothy, \$9.50@14.25. Butter—Fancy Elgin in good demand, steady; creamery, separator, 20@21c; fancy Elgin, 24c; dairy, 16@18c. Eggs—Firm, 16c. Whisky—\$1.22. Cotton ties and bagging—Unchanged. Pork—Standard mess jobbing, \$8.62 1/2-8.75. Lard—Prime steam, \$5.45; choice, \$5.77 1/2-2. Bacon—Boxed shoulders, \$6; longs, \$2 1/2-2 1/2; ribs, \$5.25; shorts, \$3.75 1/2-3. Receipts—Flour, 7000; wheat, 102,000; corn, 40,000; oats, 55,000. Shipments—Flour, 10,000; wheat, 20,000; corn, 23,000; oats, 13,000.

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Although the sheep is at present under a cloud, this is not a thing that occurs in all industries, and is to be accepted with patience as inevitable. Perhaps the owners of flocks are somewhat to blame for this disagreeable condition of the sheep, for by their own too hasty determination to sacrifice their sheep, but there is always a bright side to every cloud, although that in sight appears to be dark, and when the clouds pass, those interested should be done to improve their prospects. This is a good time to consider what may be attempted in this line.

The modern sheep is one of the most valuable evidences of that law of natural adaptation of animals to their environments that can be offered to the shepherd. As compared with the original wild sheep that fled before its ravenous pursuers and therefore must be supplied with means for its safety by flight, the modern sheep, with its short legs, its round full body, its broad back and its heavy coat, presents an entirely different make-up and one that clearly shows the character of our domestic animals. Nor can we suppose for a moment that all has been done that can be in this respect, or that there is no room for improvement in the breeder's still further adapting the sheep to our changed uses. And if any person doubts the ability of the intelligent sheep breeders of the present time to make of the sheep precisely what the public want, either as mutton or wool bearers, one glance at that interesting sheet of portraits of prominent Canadian sheep breeders given in our last number will remove all doubt on the instant. In fact, the excellence of our modern breeds of sheep is owing to the skill and intelligent efforts of such men as are here represented—the shepherds and kings of our neighboring community.

CONCHO VALLEY SHEEP NOTES. E. J. Williams and J. B. Harrison & Williams ranch, sold a half interest in 600 bucks to J. B. Cherbino, late of Middlebury, Vt., at private terms. Mr. Cherbino will move to Texas and make his home in Tom Green county. Since the partnership was formed the firm has sold 160 bucks and Mr. Williams sold 225 previous to that and Mr. Cherbino sold 190 of his Vermonters.

B. J. Williams sold to J. B. Moore of Sherwood, 305 thoroughbred merino, ewe lambs and took in part payment 12 acres of Edna with 100 head of shorn stock sheep at \$1.25 per head. Tom Taylor sold to Joe Thiele 1000 head of mutton with the wool on. Terms private.

Jackson & Richardson have received up to date 2631 bags of fall wool. Ep Davis bought from R. W. Hoskins 500 shorn stock sheep at \$1.50 per head. Mr. Davis also bought from Tom Taylor 1000 head of shorn stock sheep at \$1.25 per head.

Joe Thiele sold to Henry Laging 1600 stock sheep, wool on, at \$1.75 per head.—San Angelo Standard.

SCARCITY OF GOOD SHEEP. Poor pastures occasioned by drouthy conditions have been the means of driving a great many poor sheep upon the markets, and of this kind there may be said to be a plenty, but of good sheep there actually exists a scarcity, says the Phoenix (Ariz) Stockman and Feeder. We are anxious to write of this scarcity by inquiries that come to us from all over the West for good sheep, says an Eastern writer. Every poor sheep which finds its way into the market makes room for one of a better class, and likewise the adoption of better care, and it is to be hoped her profit to his owner. This news can come in any way which gives pleasure to us, for it has always been our aim to advocate better sheep, for mutton first and wool next, and finally for profit rather than for the health of the breeder. The future of the sheep industry is indeed very bright, even though prices are not so satisfactory for that which some sheep breeders are so desirous of getting rid of at this time. These breeders see the battle on the scrub in the distance, and they wish to place themselves in such a position that they may join the procession on to victory as it passes by the sheep ranch with its dilapidated sheds and other old-time paraphernalia. He who has good sheep can better serve himself by retaining the best and wait for future developments. Victory will reward those who wait.

In former days, when the sheep business was in all its glory, and everybody was making money, the sheepmen were not loth to write to the journals representing in part their interests,

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but now that the thing is changed and every man who owns sheep is trying to sell, it is different. This is a mistake, as there should be a sufficient community of interests to warrant those in the business to write and talk about it, and by exchanging note and experiences muchly benefit each other. There is no mistaking the fact that the sheep raisers have had a very hard time for the past few years, and many have had to lose their accumulated work of years in the panic which struck the wool market last year. From a Texas point of view, or rather of experience, there has been nothing in the sheep business but the wool, and every effort in breeding has heretofore been solely to get a heavier wool crop. This has resulted in a degeneracy in the meat-qualities of the Texans, even though the grade has not been advanced very far toward the pure-blood wool type. This can be explained by the quality of the original native stock, which was neither fit for wool or mutton, its only recommendation being hardiness, and its chief drawback the mark of inferiority, which has stuck to its progeny through generations of breeding with better bred stock. This is traceable largely to the use of grade rams, which as in all other stock has a tendency to breed back. With all of this the sheep business in this state is looking up to some extent, and the man who owns a good herd of combination wool and mutton sheep is reasonably sure to make some money. A great many trades are being made in the sheep country, and those who have held off for a long time are investigating again liberally.

RAISING GOOD MUTTON.

The man who has had a taste of spring lamb in all its sweetness, like the sheep-killing dog, never forgets it, and he may as well be fed on a well cooked saddle-flap as to again go back to aged mutton. Good mutton is not confined to breed alone nor is it found alone in the spring lamb; but the sheep that will produce the quick mutton of good quality is the future of the mutton industry. It will be one of the principal qualities in the coming sheep. It will be of about the size of a 200 pound sheep when mature, and one-half of this should be produced in the first year of its life. The profitable sheep will be this kind, and should have an absolute mutton-conformation. This conformation is that of a long body, round barrel, hardy and early maturing. It must be full in the parts of the carcass where the best mutton is found.

Whatever breed that will best fill the bill in its environment, will be the profitable breed. Lambs should drop not later than the month of March, and should be sold at or about the age of twelve months, except in market and "bush" districts. This of course only applies to such sheep as are sold, as it will always be necessary to keep up the breeding stock, which should be of a more mature age. The sheep of the prairie and the pony will have passed away, and good barns and well-fenced pastures will fill their function. The open shed, while very good for some purposes, will yield to the warm place for ewes at lambing time.

Good feed and plenty of it early bestowed on the flock will be the ever profitable mode of fitting the future mutton sheep. When the lamb is but a few days old it will eat if feed is placed where it can reach it. This is best done by providing lamb creepers. I have them, and it sometimes astonishes me to see how much feed the little fellows will consume. It is also astonishing how they grow if the feed is of the proper kind, and there is another astonishing time when they are sold for a very high figure and a heavy weight when about 1 year old. I have had them bring more money at this age almost twice over than I had at one time sold 3-year-old fat wethers for. Feed early in life and put them in the secret, and the transaction is bound to be profitable. It will be well to remember that the first 100 pounds will cost much less and sell for more than the second 100 on the sheep. This business is just in its infancy now, and it will not be long till its study and skill will be well understood by many, rather than by a few sheep breeders. Early maturity, quality of mutton, proportion of good mutton to live weight, and kindred characteristics will be the ruling ones in the future of the mutton sheep. Geo. W. Franklin in Montreal Journal of Agriculture.

EXCHANGE NOTES.

Inspection of sheep this year, both in the Chicago yards and at loading points for export, will be more stringent than ever before. Sheep showing but little scab, and which passed the inspection last year, are being held for condemnation this season. As the bulk of evidence tends to prove that the expense of dipping, when no scab is present, is repaid by the improved health and vigor of the sheep, making them assimilate a larger percentage of their food, what we might call the "insurance" against scab really costs the feeder nothing. Scab always means a serious loss. Be sure and dip thoroughly.

SELECTING SEED POTATOES.

Most potato growers delay the selection of seed potatoes for next year's planting longer than they should. It is not enough, as some say, to select the hills in the field as they are dug. The careful farmer will go through the hills while the potatoes are still in most vigorous growth, and choose the hills that have the most thrifty appearance. These should be marked by setting a stake beside each of the most thrifty hills and digging these first. As potatoes are never dug until the tops have died down, it is impossible then to know by the vines which held their thrifty longest.

Of course, not all of the hills thus first chosen will be left at the finish. The hill that is most thrifty one day may be attacked with blight, and its seed will be worth nothing for planting, by beginning early and weeding out the hills that fall behind, those that remain will produce seed that has the greatest vitality and will grow the strongest shoots the following season. This cannot be done if the potatoes are left until ripe. By that time all of the tops will have died and the comparative vigor of each cannot be determined. If the best hills and the best seed out of each hill were selected for a series of years, the vigor and prolificacy of the potato crop would be greatly increased.

Besides care in choosing potatoes of vigorous stock, it is important that some regard should be had to the potato itself, its shape, size and the position of its eyes. Variety has much to do with this, but there are individual peculiarities, independent of variety, which affect the shape and character of the potato. It is possible to change the shape of variety to a very considerable extent by careful selection of seed. Each eye of the tuber perpetuates in its growth the characteristics of the parent from which it sprang. Modified, it is true, by the circumstances under which the crop is grown. The large, rough-shaped and pronged tubers are generally produced by fertilizing with an excess of nitrogen. These should be avoided in selecting seed. A moderate sized potato of the right shape, a longish oval, will generally produce potatoes that will sell best. Most of the long potatoes begin to run out by growing pointed ends. This tendency to deterioration can be checked by rejecting such specimens when seed is being selected.—American Cultivator.

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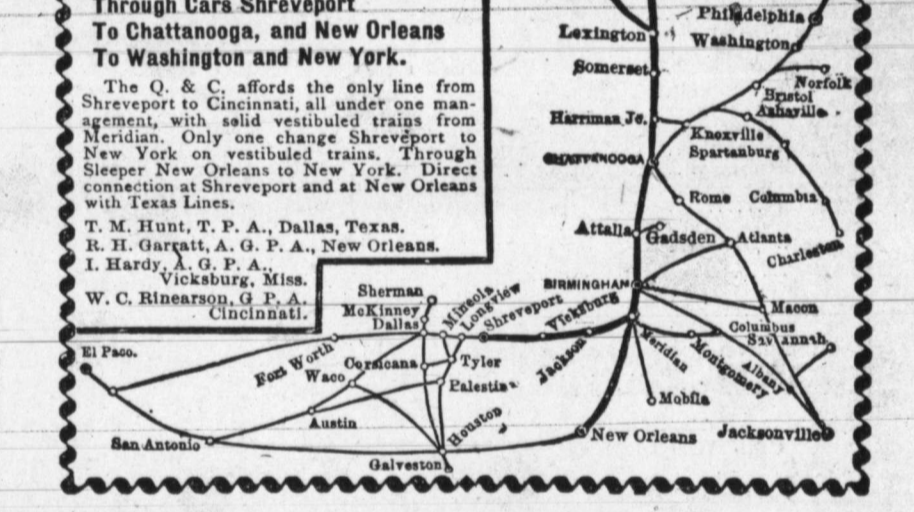
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