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CATTLE

In our editorial column will be found full details of the proposed car company, which, while having no connection with the Cattle Raisers' association as a body is projected by its members individually. The success of the new company seems feasible. "The Cattle Raisers' Palace Car Company," it is understood, is to be the title. The Journal would have preferred to see it named "The Texas Cattle Raisers' Car Company."

While just at present there is about the same demand for light but well finished steers as during the past twelve months, heavy cattle are also being sought. Some slaughterers need them and they are also in demand for export trade. Last season heavy cattle were wanted as much as now, but the supply was then more plentiful and that of the light grades correspondingly less, which created the impression that the demand was mainly for the latter.

A great change has taken place in regard to the values placed upon heifers by purchasers of fat cattle during the last few years. Before the beef business had been developed, shippers discriminated against heifers and they could only be sold for city slaughter. Now the large firms engaged in slaughtering cattle and shipping dressed beef to all the leading cities of the country purchase heifers as readily as steers, although they still endeavor to secure them at a slightly lower price than steers of equal quality. But a mixed lot of heifers commands as good a price as if all were steers, for butchers know that heifers dress equally as well as steers, and the beef is undoubtedly as good. But to secure the highest price, heifers must be well-bred, and fully finished, otherwise they will be discriminated against. At sixteen to eighteen months the heifers would not have arrived at maturity and would be rather light in weight to meet the requirements of the best trade. From 1200 to 1500 pounds is the desirable weight, and it will usually require an eight, even with good feeding and feeding, of from twenty-four to thirty months to give a weight of 1200 pounds or over. Cattle cannot be fattened in six or seven days, but it requires from eight months to a year. It does not pay to feed a heifer to a finish, and from three to four months on full feed will usually give better results than when feeding is longer continued. These are the views of a practical cattle feeder recently expressed in the columns of the Live Stock Indicator.

SHORTHORNS IN ENGLAND.

Mark Lane Express says: "The last number of Thornton's Shorthorn Circulars completes the record for the year 1896, and affords exceptionally entertaining reading to those who are admirers of England's premier breed of cattle. The trade has shown a steady improvement. In 1895 there were thirty-seven sales, at which 1542 head of cattle were offered, the total amount realized by the sales being £43,331, or an average of £28 (\$130). This it will be remembered, was a move in an upward direction, and was thought a very healthy sign. Last year, however, the rise in values was more than maintained. There were only thirty-three sales, but at these sales seventy-nine more cattle were offered, or a total of 1703, the amount realized being £49,093, or an average of £28, an increase in the average of £2. The collective bull sales have also left as good a result as the private ones. Taking the four principal collective sales we only find in one instance that there is a substantial decrease on the average of 1895. At Perth there were 149 bulls sold last year at an average of £26, against the average of £21 for 1895. At the first sale at Birmingham 249 bulls were sold at an average of £38, against 206 at an average of £24 in 1895. At the second Birmingham sale the average of 1895 was not reached. Last year 123 were sold at an average of £27, whilst in 1895 eighty-seven were sold at an average of £33, but there was an increased volume of trade, which made up for the falling off on this occasion."

TEXAS CATTLE IMPROVEMENT.

So much has lately been said and written about the improvement in Texas cattle of late years that those who are not posted by ocular evidence might reasonably enough suppose we had nothing within our borders but white-faces and Shorthorns, Galloways and Jerseys. That impression would soon be dispelled, however, by taking a trip out in the country in almost any direction. It is a fact the big stockmen have made rapid strides in the line of grading up cattle and their smaller brethren are also well up in the procession. Outside of that, there is room for any amount of improvement in our flocks and herds. From the fact that the big cattle companies and private owners are the main shippers to foreign markets, the impression is naturally enough conveyed from seeing their shipments that they are fair representatives of Texas cattle. This is not the case, and we have regretfully to assert that, after making all and every proper allowance, the little bunches of cattle scattered over the state, especially in the east and south, are a long way from being as good as they should be. Purchases from their owners, mostly farmers or small stockmen, are generally used for home consumption and rarely find their way to the large markets. There is need for the introduction of good bulls and weeding out of scrubs all over the sections named more particularly. If one man's stock does not justify his purchasing a fine bull, he could club in with his neighbors in purchasing one, obtain one and charge his neighbors for service. The investment will be found a good one, in proof of which the cases of those stockmen who have been improving their herds and the top prices they consequently obtain may be cited. The Journal repeats the advice it has so many times urged upon its readers, to lose no time in making every effort towards improving the herds. Get rid of the scrub bulls, and, if necessary, sell enough stock of any class to furnish the money to buy full blooded animals. It will be found the best investment a stockman can make.

THE FARM.

The heaviest yields of forage secured at the Texas station were from sorghum, white African millet and large African millet, in the order named. Drills gave better results than broadcasting. Thirty-two forage plants were tested.

In experiments made in Kansas with kafir corn, the largest yield obtained was 98.7 bushels of seed and 12.29 tons of fodder per acre. The largest yield of grain was obtained with plants 45 inches apart in 32-inch rows. The red variety grows 6 to 9 inches higher and ripens earlier.

Level culture of corn should be practiced as much as possible. The new cultivators have three small shovels on each side in place of the two large ones found on the older cultivators. The new cultivator is a thing of the past, and the plan has gone to sleep with its cousin the barshare plow. Let them sleep in peace.

The ability of the farmer to transact his business in a business-like manner is increased in proportion to the increased knowledge of his business details, and in the same proportion are his profits increased. Too often is loss a result of carelessness in keeping accounts of outlay and productions.

Harvesting is now well under way in the corn belt. The farmers are blessed with bountiful crops. More attention should be paid to the matter of shocking the grain than is usually the case. Well put up shocks will prevent much damage by wind and rain. After heavy rains the shocks should be turned. If shocking is to be postponed until late in the fall it will pay to have the grain home and stack it at the house.

The velvet bean, according to the Florida Experiment Station, is richer in fat and fiber than the cow pea. The following is the analysis: Air dried, 2.29 per cent; albuminoids, 21.36 per cent; fat, 7.14 per cent; carbohydrates, 60.75 per cent; fiber, 8.46 per cent; the average of the cow pea, air dried, is, fat, 3.8 per cent; albuminoids, 24.3 per cent; fat, 1.7 per cent; fiber, 5.7 per cent; carbohydrates, 65.5 per cent.

Farmers who know their duty and do it are now keeping the plows pushed for all they are worth, whenever the weather and condition of the ground will permit of it. No one thing will half make good corn more than constant cultivation just shallow enough to stir the top soil and deep enough to kill weeds. Corn which was planted in the first week of May is now ready to lay by within the next two or three weeks. After corn gets to a certain stage it is a positive injury to work it at all.

TO KILL JOHNSON GRASS.

The J. S. Wyal process for destroying Johnson grass has proved so thoroughly effective in Wharton county among planters who have tried it, that Mr. Wyal, a resident of Spanish Camp, in order to answer hundreds of inquiries and to give his remedy to the world publishes it as follows:

Plow deep, then after fifteen or twenty days take a 28 or 30 inch cotton sweep, set its wings down flat and sweep close and clean the ground from one direction. After about fifteen days cross sweep it. Repeat this process and plant nothing on the ground, and after the third or fourth sweeping plow up the roots, turning them over every few days. Besides having exterminated this grass on his own farm, Mr. Wyal refers to Messrs. Hood & Martin, G. C. Duncan, W. A. and G. A. Northington, his neighbors, all of whom are extensive planters of Wharton county, who have used his process successfully, and will testify to what is here claimed for it.

SORGHUM AND PEAS.

Sorghum started this month will be ready for the hogs before they can be turned into the pea fields. If intended for hay, it should be sown very thick, as the smaller the stalks, the better the hay. Cows, mules and hogs all thrive on it. The hay is much superior to corn as a food for dairy cows. It is superior also to Johnson grass, and unlike the latter, does not become a nuisance. Let the seeds get nearly ripe and feed both stalks and seeds to it. It should be mixed with plenty of dry feed.

The sowing of cow peas may also begin this month. If the peas are to be planted in the corn land, a good plan is to put them in some time in May. If it is decided to plant them in the drill, let the corn get a start, and then plant a modified bunch variety; the free-vining varieties, by their luxuriant growth, tend to choke out the corn. The object for which peas are sown is to be planted in a manner in which they are to be planted, should exercise a deciding influence in choosing the variety. If a dense mat of vines is desired to remain on the ground, decay and be turned under without cutting, some of the luxuriant recumbent varieties should be chosen, as Red Ripper, Calico, Black, Gourd; Unknown is also good. If the object is a heavy yield of peas to be gathered, select Unknown, Clay or White Brown Hull, the Unknown first choice. For hay or for ensilage, the erect growing varieties, as the Unknown, Clay and Whipoorwill, are best.—Southern Cultivator.

HORSES AND MULES.

A farmer can raise a horse to three years old and make good money on him at \$75; that is in comparison with other farm products.

I cannot tolerate nor do I have any confidence in a man's religion who will jerk his horse, says a writer. When I see a horse dodge every time his owner comes about his head, I know that the horse has been jerked, and his owner ought to be jerked by the cruelty to animals' society.

The large majority of farmers who own horses seem to be quite anxious to get rid of them, and at a low price, says the Breeder and Sportsman. Where the farm is mortgaged, and the horses can be spared better than anything on the farm, this is all right, as it is better to lose the horse than home, but where it is not, we regard it as a very unwise and foolish thing to do. The Kentucky Stock Farm, in a country like ours, where one extreme follows another, it is not wise to float with the current or follow the herd. From 1880 to 1890 we bred entirely too many horses, and the result was a natural consequence we are now suffering a period of low prices. Our next predicament, if all signs do not fall, will be a great scarcity of horses.

We base this opinion upon the fact that everybody is selling and that very few are breeding. We do not believe there are more than ten per cent of the horses being bred in the United States today that there were six years ago. This can not possibly help but produce a great shortage, and this shortage in supply can save but one effect—namely, to increase the price. As it takes five years to produce a four-year-old, and as the time can not be abridged by any possible means, and as the breeding began to fall off quite materially in 1893, four years ago, the shortage is bound to begin to manifest itself inside of the next two years. The produce of mares bred this season will not be four years old, or ready for market, before 1902, and between this and that time we predict that there will be a much greater shortage of horses of all kinds than has been seen in this country for many years.

ADVANTAGE OF FALL COLTS.

To the man who is breeding only one or two mares, and who wishes to work them a part of the year, having them foal in the spring is a real inconvenience. To such the excellent advice given by a writer in the National Stockman will be of interest. It is as follows:

We hear much of the decrease in the number of sheep the last few years, and it has been great. I am certain that within the limit of my acquaintance there has been a greater decrease in the number of colts raised. Business cannot be carried on without horses, and it seems certain that before long there will be a scarcity of horses in this country.

The newer countries compete with us in the production of meats and wool, but horse breeding seems never to have reached great proportions in the countries where the horse breeds can be grown so cheaply. The dangers and expense of shipping afford reasons why they will not. The American horse market will remain for the American farmer to supply. I do not believe that the increase in general over supply as the cause of the present depression in business, but there is no doubt that the comparatively high prices of horses a few years ago stimulated the business of breeding so that an increase in number of horses was thrown upon the market at a time when business was contracting. These two influences working together have forced prices a way below the line of profit.

A reaction has come in this business as it does in every industry. The scarcity of horses will force prices up again. With the almost universal lowering of values, it is not necessary that the prices should return to their former high level to make horse breeding profitable.

WHICH IS BEST.

It is yet an unsettled question as to the variety of sheep best adapted to the business and from which the greatest profit is to be derived; so far as the ewes are concerned there is no doubt that the Southdown is the best class of grades, native or common stock not over three years old, thirty or sound, will make a satisfactory foundation, but the sire of the lambs must needs be pure in blood of one of the well established breeds to insure best results. The Southdown ram has long been of generous growth, by some are considered undesirable in many particulars, as sires for the purpose; the lambs being larger and more growthy require a longer season to fit them for the market and it is the early lambs that command the highest prices. The Southdown ram has long enjoyed popularity and is still well to the fore as a sire of butchers' lambs; they finish up quickly and take on fat readily and at an early age, rather than devote their sustenance to the development of large size which is itself not specially sought in lambs for market, unless other things are equal. Shropshires and Oxfordshires have come to be extensively used for the purpose in late years and they fill the requirements with great satisfaction; both are of the "down" class with thick faces and thick legs, are considerably larger and heavier than the Southdown and a cross-bred lamb from either will mature with about as much facility and possessing nearly the same characteristics as the Southdown, with more size at the same age. The Cotswold or other coarse wool bearing sheep, for this reason, are considered undesirable for producing stock lambs as much sought after in localities where this business is followed.

Carpet moths do not like to make their nests where salt has been, and one may often get rid of them by scrubbing the floor with strong hot salt and water before laying the carpet.

SHEEP AND GOATS.

For worms in lambs try the following: One gallon of sulphur; one and one-half pints of copperas and the same amount of slacked lime, mixed with one bushel of salt. Keep this in tubs accessible to the flock at all times, and worms will do no damage among sheep. It is cheap and effective.

As soon as the lamb will eat give a little of this mixture: One part of oats, one of bran and one of linseed oil meal; grind all together fine and give at first a little in the hand. This tends to tame the lambs and avoids much inconvenience from any wildness that would otherwise occur in the flock and make the handling of them difficult.

The experienced shepherds of Scotland and England often grease the fleeces, using any cheap fat for the purpose. This is a very good protection for sheep feeding out of doors in the rainy winter. But grease is a protection too against winds and dry cold. Hence the feeding is to be regulated in regard to this fact. This accounts for the usefulness of mutton, which supplies the needed fat as well as protein for the fleeces.

If this congress would stop talking for one blessed week and devote that week to the passage of one little bill, putting a tax of 8 to 11 cents a pound on all the tens of thousands of bales of foreign wool now in transit to American ports, it would afford relief to an empty treasury, relief to sheepmen, and relief to a waiting and prayerful public that has long been wondering what congress was for anyway.

There never was a better time to engage in the sheep business than now. While there may not be very great profit in wool yet the people are becoming more and more a mutton-eating people. Then again a good flock of sheep will help to keep the farm clean of weeds and other forage which you do not like to have grow. They are good fertilizers, and are easily kept. Buy a good recorded ram and a few good ewes. Keep up the record and you will find the investment a good one.

SCOURS IN PIGS.

The present has been a very bad season for young pigs. All the ills to which they are exposed are unusually prevalent. The key to the situation is the character of the weather. It may be set down as an axiom in pig growing that the litter which does not get a good, large dose of sunshine the first week or ten days after farrowing stands a poor chance to live, and for this much needed sunshine we know of no substitute. The little pigs that do not get it are much less able to resist the ills incident to their age, and with the cold, wet weather that has been so prevalent it is not surprising that large parts of bran and shorts purchased and market litters have turned up their toes.

One of the commonest ailments this season is scours. A correspondent who stands as the representative of more than a dozen, writes that his spring pigs are thus affected and he can find nothing that will do them good. They begin to scour and about the third or fourth day go blind. Then, after lingering along for a day or two, they die. The sows seem to dry up about the time the pigs get sick, which makes it all the harder on them. His feeding, as he describes it, shows nothing particularly objectionable. Some of the sows are in pens with their young litters and some on grass with their pigs and following cattle on full feed, and still others on grass with corn in the evening and will manage equal parts of bran and shorts with water. There is nothing in this feed that one can say with any degree of positiveness is likely to produce scours, and the probability is that the cold rains and constantly cloudy weather rains and constantly cloudy weather uncomfortable ever since they came into the world, and that to this fact, rather than to the feeding, is due the trouble complained of.

The treatment of scours with young pigs that are sucking is generally best given through the dam. Probably the first thing to be done in a case like this is to look after the comfort of the litter, so that it has a good, dry bed and is kept warm so that the little pigs may be encouraged to lie quiet, which is of itself good treatment for scours. Feed the dam carefully and, anything a little bit sparingly does not hurt, give the sow a medium dose of laudanum, or give each of the pigs five drops camphorated tincture of opium, commonly called paregoric. Correct any errors there may be in the feeding, and above all, in the cases that occur this year, see after the comfort and the sleeping quarters of the litters, and guard them against colds resulting from changes in the weather and the frequent chilling rains.

SWINE.

The keeping of all the pigs can be the same up to five or six months old as the chief object to be sought is muscular development. At this age those to be kept for breeders can be separated from those to be fed for the market. By all means put the secondary animals in the fattening pen, for if sold as breeders they soon kill a breeder's trade.

As warm weather approaches sows and pigs should be given wider range. The pen should open upon a yard where fresh grass and access to fresh soil can be had as freely as the pigs desire. There is nothing like rooting, and the roots and grubs that pigs get thereby, to keep them in good health, and if well fed they will not do more rooting than is best for the soil to clear it of insect enemies to all crops, either in the orchard or in the pasture field.

There is nothing better to make young pigs grow than a patch of peas into which they may be turned in four or so every day until the peas become so scarce that all day is required to satisfy them. They furnish the same kind of nutrition that milk does, at a much cheaper rate. When thus fed their frames will grow rapidly, and they can be given corn for a late in the season without the injury that comes to hogs summered on grass and clover, and suddenly changed to corn.

THE STANDARD HOG.

Mr. Phil M. Springer, a leading authority on the Berkshire, gave the following reasons why they are so generally preferred:

"They have been known for a greater length of time than any other breed of swine now claiming attention. They are more perfectly adapted to universal use than any other. They are more widely disseminated throughout the world, and are reared in larger numbers as well as of producing regions than any other breed. As the Berkshire usually heads the list, he also forms the standard of comparison. The height of one man's ambition is to produce a hog that is heavier than the Berkshire; of another, one that will feed as well or one that is as prolific and hardy; or that will graze as well; or that will produce as fine hams and bacon, or in some one or more ways resemble the Berkshire—the pattern hog—the first that fills the eye of nearly every man that turns his attention to the rearing of swine. If popularity is claimed for any other breed, it is in comparison with that of the Berkshire. If color, it is said to resemble, or differ from, as the case may be, the Berkshire. If form of head or body, carriage of ear, or other points are spoken of, the comparison in each case is with the Berkshire. And, finally, in noting the composition of some of the newer breeds, the source whence their blood and most praiseworthy points are derived is usually said to be the Berkshire."—American Swineherd.

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ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The word "mulch" expresses very much to the experienced planter. A mulch about a newly transplanted tree or a bed of roses, consisting of partly decayed manure, will do more to keep the ground moist and loose and in condition to encourage growth than if a man should stand over them continually with a water pot. It is the best method known.

Mistakes are often made in trying to grow raspberries and blackberries by neglecting the plants after the first year, and they are failures to the extent of the neglect given them. This is a rule that will hold good in almost any kind of management. The best way to do is to keep them clean, keeping them in rows and giving them good and frequent cultivation. It may be necessary to stir occasionally with the stirring plow. The best plan is to plant the rows apart that a disc will pass between the rows and the stirring and cultivation may be done with this implement.

About borers, the essential points of knowledge are: (1) All borers hatch from eggs laid in or upon the bark of the trees, by insects which can fly. (2) The laying extends over a period of at least three months, usually beginning in May or June. (3) The eggs hatch within a few days and the little borers begin their destructive work in the under bark and wood. (4) The eggs are usually laid near the base of the tree, but not always. The round-headed borer, especially, may be found on any part of the body or larger branches of the tree. (5) The presence of the borer is manifest in the discoloration of the bark over the channel which it cuts, and sometimes by the chips thrown out. (6) The best remedy is the knife and the probing-wire. Some use a small chisel instead of the knife. (7) The times selected by the largest orchardists for fighting the borers are May and September.

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Texas State Horticultural Society will be held at Belton on July 14, 15 and 16 next. The good people of Belton have tendered the society a cordial invitation and substantial encouragement and assistance in the way of prizes, which are supplemented by the society and by individuals. There was an omission in the programme as published last week. We therefore reproduce below the corrected official programme.

Wednesday, 8 to 11 a. m.—Receiving dues and exhibits. Positively no entries for competition will be received after 2 p. m.

12 m.—Announcing the awarding committees by the president of the society.

2:30 p. m.—Awarding premiums by awarding committees.

8 p. m.—I. Music.

2. Invocation—Rev. R. C. Buckner, Orphans' Home.

3. Address of welcome—H. B. Hillier, Belton.

4. Response to address of welcome—Gen. John M. Claiborne, Rusk, Texas.

5. Annual address by the president—A. M. Ragland, Pilot Point.

6. Paper: Experiments in Peach Culture—R. H. Price, Professor Horticulture, College Station, Texas.

7. Paper: Growing apples on the Black Prairie Lands—E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney, and C. L. Kidd, Waxahatchie.

8. Music and 30 minute social communion.

Thursday, 9 a. m.—Report of the State Fruit Committee, viz: Gulf Coast Region—Gilbert Onderdonk, Nursery, and F. W. Malley, Hulen.

East Texas—John F. Sneed, Tyler. West Texas—A. Rawlins, Midland. Central West Texas—Willard Robinson, Cisco.

North Texas—Jno. S. Kerr, Sherman. Northwest Texas—S. D. Thompson, Bowie.

Middle Texas—F. T. Ramsey, Austin, and W. A. Yates, Brenham.

Southeast Texas—J. W. Stewenburch, Mexia, Chairman State Committee. A. Ragland, Pilot Point.

Question Box—T. V. Munson, Denison. Everybody ask questions, and hard ones.

2 p. m.—Reports of standing committees, viz: Injurious Insects, Tree Diseases and Injurious Fungi, Spraying, Insecticides and fungicides—Fred W. Malley, Hulen.

Vineyards—E. C. Campbell, Alvarado. Ornithology—J. C. Newbery, Pilot Point.

Stone Fruits—F. T. Ramsey, Austin. Can Fruits—J. S. Kerr, Sherman.

Small Fruits—J. M. Howell, Dallas. Vegetables, Geo. Graham, Waco. Ornamentals—Wm. Lomas, Dallas.

New Fruits—T. V. Munson, Denison. Marketing, C. Faulkner, Waco. Canneries—H. B. Hillier, Belton.

Fifteen minutes for questions.

8 p. m.—Address—Possibilities and Prospects of Irrigation in Texas—D. O. Lively, Fort Worth.

Paper—The Farmer and his Orchard J. C. Newbery, Pilot Point.

Paper—Fall-Grown Irish Potatoes—James Nimon, Denison.

Address—Fruit Growing. Does it Pay—General Discussion, led by J. S. Kerr, Sherman.

Paper—The Farmer's Truck Patch—P. W. Hunt, Fort Worth.

Report on Orphans Orchard—E. W. Kirkpatrick and R. C. Buckner.

Report of Committee on Nomenclature—R. H. Price, T. V. Munson and Gilbert Onderdonk.

Report of Committee on Co-operation in Matter of Express Companies and Shippers—F. W. Malley, J. M. Howell and C. Faulkner.

DAIRY.

The secret of making a profit in the dairy is to keep only good cows and to keep them well.

A cow that is beaten and worried will not milk well and her milk will not make good butter.

Many farmers have given up the special sale and delivery of butter. They find the work of delivery in all kinds of weather and under all circumstances too exacting.

When cows have not received an abundance of salt, and then a change to regular salting is practiced, a great change both in quantity and quality of milk can be noticed. A still better plan is to keep it where each cow can help herself whenever she desires.

The farmer who does his own churning does not have to share his profits with the butter maker at the factory; his byproducts are in the best possible condition; he gets the benefit which comes from conducting every step correctly, and wins his reputation as a butter maker.

It is estimated that it takes 150 pounds of butter at a good market to pay for the keeping of one cow. At a standard of 4 per cent of butter fat, that amount of butter will require about 2500 pounds of milk. Therefore, a cow must yield 3500 pounds of milk to pay her way. In order to have a fair profit it is necessary that she yield something like 5000 pounds of 4 per cent milk.

Kicking is very often the result of pure nervousness on the part of the cow. A dentist set up in the far West, and his first patient was a cow-boy. He examined his teeth, and exclaimed: "Why, your teeth are drilled ready to be filled, but there is no filling in them." "Yes," said the cow-boy, "when he touches the nerve I can't help shooting." And it is just the same with a good many cows. When the test is touched they cannot help kicking. This should be borne in mind in treating a kicking cow, and no cross words or blows used.

There are many now-a-days who profess to give us the keynote to success in dairying. There is many a "to here" and "to there." In most of these calculations, the cow is placed first. This I believe to be wrong, decidedly wrong. First and foremost stands and must stand the man. Given a man who possesses the true instinct of a dairyman, and success will follow. Such a man will necessarily soon gather about him a good herd and good mechanical appliances. He will develop his cows and work up a good market. This done, what remains needful to ensure success?

In selecting a dairy cow, we should strive to get an animal that has a strong mouth, a heavy jaw, a large brain, a prominent, lively eye, large digestive organs, large nasal development, a good udder, and a prominent backbone. If she have these, she will have a mill to grind the feed, nerve force to supply energy, constitutional vigor to sustain action or staying quality, with digestive capacity to convert a large amount of food into dairy products. In general appearance, she should be wedge-shaped. Dr. Fawcett, the dairy expert says egg-shaped. She should be short and clean; there should be ample heart and lung room.

It does not pay to turn calves out until the days and nights are warm. I have seen calves put in an outside pen so early that they actually lost flesh and strength which it took months to recover. Quite frequently cold storms come in May when the calf is very young. If taken by such a storm, the calf ought to be put into the barn at once. The minute a calf begins to shiver it is going backward scours soon follow and loss is certain.

Whole milk is not so wholesome a food for the growing calf as part skim milk to which a handful of shorts or oil meal or a little of both has been added. Sweet milk tends towards fattiness. We do not care so much for fat in the calf which is intended for the dairy as we do for milk giving characteristics. These may be developed, yet must be brought out while the calf is young by a liberal diet which shall give the animal vitality and capacity to eat and digest the ration which will be given it later on.

SCOURS IN CALVES.

Scours in calves is always due to indigestion, and while the causes are many, the usual ones are either over-feeding or the giving of improper food. To prevent scours the calf should be fed regularly and often, as often as three times a day, and the milk given should be sweet and at a temperature of from 50 to 100 degrees. Sour or tainted milk will almost invariably produce scours in a calf even under the most favorable circumstances, and scours from cold milk is almost equally certain. The pails from which the feeding is done should be kept as sweet and clean as those that are used in the dairy itself, for stale milk settled in the crevices are fertile sources of injurious bacteria that contaminate the milk and thus produce bowel troubles whose usual consequence is scours.

If in spite of the good care that should be given, scours appear, the first thing to do is to cut down the ration and scald the milk before feeding it. Lime water may be added, in the proportion of one to five parts of the milk, or a raw egg beaten into the milk, or a raw egg beaten into the milk, or an excellent remedy. A teaspoonful of rennet in the feed has been found very efficient by many dairymen. If the discharges assume a bright yellow color from one to two tablespoonfuls of castor oil should be given, and if the affect becomes so bad as to cause considerable weakness, some stimulant, such as ginger or whisky, is found advantageous. With proper preventive means, however, the remedial treatment is only rarely necessary.

—Live Stock Indicator.

POULTRY.

"Dont's" are as important as "dos" in the poultry business. If you don't expect to pay attention to your fowls you had better sell them and let your industrious neighbor take your place, both will be benefitted in the end.

Chickens with canker should be at once removed from the flock and kept in separate quarters. It is very contagious. Wash the spots with burned alum dissolved in new rum. Cleanse thoroughly morning and night and remove the canker daily. A weak solution of nitrate of silver can be used to touch the spots, but this must be done with great care, as it is rather a severe treatment.

A great many persons take an interest in pure-bred poultry, probably because it costs but little to enjoy a small flock, while the numerous annual poultry shows stimulate competition for the prizes. It is a fact, also, that the farmer's boy who is given a flock of pure-bred fowls for pleasure is induced to take greater interest in pure-bred stock of all kinds. He learns the value of breeding, and gains sufficient knowledge in the management of fowls to convince him that success can be best attained by using the best in every department of the farm.

Air-slacked lime scattered about the house or yards will prevent disease in many instances, and always prove of benefit in any case. It is especially good for the dusting of roosts, walls and floors with this penetrating, purifying powder; while in the outer runs the earth is cleansed of much of the poisonous quality by the use of lime. No harm comes from the lime habit, but on the contrary, it is a great good that may be effected by contracting it. Cleanliness is the key-note, and the employment of agents of this sort is the right thing.

Select carefully your breeder from whom you wish to purchase. Inquire into his reputation and standing, and when you decide to send him your money do not expect too much. Be reasonable in your demands. If you wish a show bird fit to take a prize, do not expect to obtain one for \$5. There are cases where this sum may buy a winner for a small show, but they are rare. If you want strong, healthy, vigorous stock, you cannot buy it for 50 or 75 cents unless under extraordinary circumstances. There are bargains offered at such figures occasionally. Good stock of known strains costs a good deal more than the price. For example, a pullet bought in the fall and fit to lay is not dear at \$2 if she comes from a known strain of egg producers. She will lay over \$2 worth of eggs her first season and give you besides many good chicks. A cocker for a breeder should bring from \$2 to \$5 and lay upon his strain, health and vigor. Cheap, inferior stock is never cheap at any price and will cost more for feed generally than it is worth.—Exchange.

DIPPING CHICKENS.

The following receipt for liquid mixture for dipping chickens to rid them of insect pests, appeared some time since in the Journal, and is now repeated by request. A warm, sunny day should be selected for the operation: One-half gallon stock sulphur, 10 pounds kerosene, 20 gallons water. Put in kettle and put same to boil; after boiling, cool to milk warm, then dip chickens in, tail first, until covered, head and all.

THE DOUGLASS MIXTURE.

This famous poultry remedy, which ought to be kept on hand by every poultry-keeper is made as follows: Dissolve a pound of copperas in two gallons of water; then add two ounces of sulphuric acid. Put in stone jug and keep well corked. The dose is a tablespoonful to each quart of drinking water. When handling the sulphuric acid be careful, as it is poisonous. It is valuable for roup, cholera and other ailments, but must be administered with great care.

STANDARD VARIETIES.

There are eighty-seven standard and a large number of promiscuous varieties of chickens raised in this country. The standard varieties are divided as follows:

- (1) American class.—Barred, Buff, Pea-Comb Barred and White Plymouth Rocks, Silver Golden, White, Buff and Black Wyandottes; Black Mot and White Javas; American Dominiques and Jersey Blues.
 - (2) Asiatic class.—Light and Dark Brahmas; Buff, Partridge, White and Black Cochins; Black and White Langshans.
 - (3) Mediterranean class.—Brown Rose-Comb Brown, White, Rose-Comb White, Black, Dominique, Buff, and Silver Duckwing Leghorns; Black and White Minorcas; Andalusians and Black Spanish.
 - (4) Polish class.—White-crested Black, Golden, Silver, White, Bearded Golden, Bearded Silver, Bearded White and Buff-laced.
 - (5) Hamburg class.—Golden-spangled, Silver-spangled, Golden-penciled, Silver-penciled, White and Black Hamburgs; Redcaps; Silver and Golden Campines.
 - (6) French class.—Houdans, Crevecoeurs and La Fleche.
 - (7) English class.—White, Silver, Gray and Colored Dorkings.
 - (8) Game and Game Bantam class.—Black-breasted Red, Brown Red, Golden Duckwing, Silver Duckwing, Blue Pyle, White, Black and Birchen Games; the same varieties for Game Bantams; Malay and Black Sumatra Games.
 - (9) Bantam class (other than game).—Golden and Silver Sebrights; White and Black Rose-Comb; Booted White, Buff, Partridge, White, and Black Cochins; Black-tailed, White and Black Japanese and White-crested White Polish.
 - (10) Miscellaneous class.—Russians, Silkies, Sultans, Frizzles and Rumpless.
- The above ten classes may be subdivided into four general classes as follows:
- (1) The general-purpose breeds: The American class.
 - (2) The meat or table breeds. The Asiatic class.
 - (3) The egg breeds: The Mediterranean class.
 - (4) The ornamental breeds: The Polish, Exhibition Games, Miscellaneous and Bantam classes.

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The Whirligig of Time. Ten years ago the Page Company was proclaiming the advantages of elastic fences, while other manufacturers insisted that they must be rigid. Later the "planned" goods "right fence" were full of elasticity. Some of them are now trying to "appropriate" the Page principle and want you to buy their "Adam" using the same device. Until settled by the Courts, it is safest to buy of the owners.

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Jan. 1, 1860	\$22,707	Jan. 1, 1860	\$1,144,000
Jan. 1, 1870	6,363,392	Jan. 1, 1870	1,842,253
Jan. 1, 1880	8,547,081	Jan. 1, 1880	1,623,715
Jan. 1, 1890	50,509,253	Jan. 1, 1890	631,016,566
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THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES	
JANUARY 1, 1897.	
Assets	\$216,773,947
Reserve Fund (4 per cent Standard), and all other Liabilities	173,496,768
Surplus, 4 per cent	\$43,277,179
Outstanding Assurance	\$915,102,070
New Assurance written	\$127,694,084
Amount Declined	\$21,678,467
*Installation Policies stated at their commuted values.	
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The Society has paid \$283,906,331 to its policy holders, and in addition, now holds \$216,773,947 of Assets, of which \$43,277,179 is Surplus, making a total of \$470,730,526. This record, covering a period of less than thirty eight years from its organization, is over \$212,735,000 more than any other company has paid and accumulated within the corresponding period of its history.

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Jacksboro is agitating for a flour mill.

Improve your cattle; keep up with the procession.

An Alaska pioneer is arranging for a shipment of cattle to that country in order to supply the miners with fresh beef.

The suggestion that farmers having grain crops should stack them is very important, in view of the fact that it may be difficult to have it threshed within a reasonable time, and liable to injury from the weather, and deprivations of birds and animals.

The grain crop made, corn about safe, cotton doing nicely, live stock fat, grass and water abundant, vegetables in abundance, fruit crop fair, weather beautiful, health good, and farmers in better financial condition than heretofore; this is the present condition of affairs in Texas.

One of the evidences of prosperity in the cattle business is found in the reviving demands for grazing lands.

The leading ranch and cattle commission company in Fort Worth have had recently more enquiries for ranches than in some years, and in order to effect a sale prices must be very low, otherwise cattle owners lease land instead.

"While everything else was going to rack and ruin she increased and multiplied; she supported herself and the family, too. The very insects which would have despoiled the farm she fattened upon, laying her daily egg—the blessed egg that took the place of beef and milk, mutton and pork—and in good time after all these services surrendered her toothsome body to the cause of humanity." That is the way Secretary Coburn eloquently and truthfully eulogizes "the helpful hen."

The numerous lynchings which have taken place in Texas culminating in the tragedy at Tyler last Sunday are a disgrace to the people, and detrimental in the highest degree to the prosperity of the state.

The administration, or rather lack of administration, of our laws is the chief cause, and until there is some improvement in that direction it is useless to expect the practice of lynching to cease in the state.

If an accused party only has means sufficient to continue the fight, he may do so, generally, with the result of getting reversals and new trials, and finally wearing the case out.

The people have got tired of this, and in despair take the law in their own hands. The judicial system in our courts relative to criminal trials must be improved before the people will be willing to forego the privilege of occasionally taking matter in their own hands.

The Journal deems it urgent at this time, when the thoughts of the usual number of good, bad and indifferent citizens who are "thinking of moving" will be directed westward to warn all such that the Panhandle is no farming country and never will be.

The land is fertile enough to raise anything, there is no better stock country anywhere, but a farming country it emphatically is not. Why? Simply because the rainfall, though annually sufficient for all requirements, is so irregular and unevenly distributed that it cannot be depended on when most needed.

This present wheat crop is the first that has been made in that country since 1891. The five following years were failures, for lack of rain at the critical time, and likely as not the five coming years may also prove likewise.

The man who comes to west or Northwest Texas with a bunch of cattle sufficient to make a living off, and farms with the primary object of raising winter feed for his stock can do well. The man without stock, but with help, team, tools and a year's supplies ahead, or the wherewith to obtain them may, by putting in a grain and cotton crop hit it with one or both, but it will be risky.

The small stockman or stock farmer cannot find a better country anywhere for his purpose but to the man without stock, expecting to make a competency out of the soil the warning is repeated—West Texas is no farming country.

NOT A FARMING COUNTRY.

There has been a most extraordinary and somewhat injudicious booming in the Texas press for the past few weeks of the coming wheat crop. No doubt it is very fine, and unless injured by providential dispensation a most bountiful yield may be expected. This has been variously estimated at from eighteen to twenty-five bushels per acre, which is probably correct; an all round average of twenty bushels would be the Journal's estimate. The acreage in grain, to our positive knowledge has been greatly exaggerated. In Northwest Texas as far west as the west line of Baylor and Willbarger counties there is about the usual acreage planted; further west it is comparatively small, and on the Denver road after the Donley county line is reached, insignificant.

CATTLE CAR COMPANY.

The Journal has been aware for some weeks that movement was on foot emanating from members and others connected with the Cattle Raisers' association, for the formation of a company to build and operate a system of stock cars. The Journal's understanding was, however, that the promoters were not yet ready for any public announcement, and being so apprised could not, of course, mention the matter without being guilty of a breach of confidence. The particulars have, however, through some means or other, been obtained and published within the past few days, and are now public property. The newly formed company, which is to be known as the Cattle Raisers' Palace Car company, is formed for the purpose of constructing and operating a system of stock cars. It is not, as has been erroneously stated, a movement of the Cattle Raisers' association as a body, although its members are among the promoters of the new company, and the movement has the endorsement of the Cattle Raisers' association.

The plan as outlined in the prospectus, is as follows: An association car line to be known as the Cattle Raisers' Palace Car company. To issue bonds to the amount of \$600,000, in denomination of \$100 each, bearing interest at 5 per cent. These bonds to be sold to members of the association at 25 cents on the dollar, to be paid in two equal payments, extending over a period of three years. In addition to the \$600,000 bonds above mentioned, there will be an issue of \$200,000 non-redeemable bonds, also bearing 5 per cent interest, to be placed in the treasury of the association, the interest of these bonds to be applied to the general expense of the association. The bonds are to run fifteen years. It is estimated that the first cost of the cars will be \$300,000, of which a cash payment of \$70,000 will be required. It is not contemplated that there will be any preference in distributing these cars to members, nor any particular route to market specified. They will be used the same as the different lines of cars now in operation.

Mr. W. V. Newlin, the traffic manager of the Cattle Raisers' association, who was formerly with the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway company as general freight and passenger agent, and subsequently manager of the California Fruit Transportation company, has been active in the formation of the new company, and will be its general manager. The company proposes to close contracts for the cars so soon as \$500,000 worth of bonds have been subscribed, of which nearly \$300,000 has been already subscribed. While the new company is no part of the association, preference will be given in the distribution of bonds to members of the association, and a certain proportion of the profits will be set aside and devoted towards the expense of the association.

The plan has been laid before the members of the association, and the following amounts in bonds already subscribed: J. B. Wilson, \$25,000; E. T. Comer, \$25,000; S. B. Burnett, \$25,000; Sam Davidson, \$5,000; W. B. Worsham, \$5,000; A. P. Bush, \$10,000; L. F. Wilson, \$20,000; G. W. Simpson, \$25,000; R. J. Kleburg, \$25,000; J. R. Wells, \$5,000; C. S. Haggood, \$5,000; W. V. Newlin, \$25,000; A. Silverstein, \$10,000; Winfield Scott, \$10,000; D. B. Gardner, \$10,000; H. W. McKoy, \$10,000; Curtis Bros., \$5,000; Childress Land and Cattle Co., \$10,000; Jot J. Smythe, \$5,000; E. B. Carver, \$5,000; John Scharbauer, \$10,000. The list is now open and will be for some time, and not closed within thirty days, as incorrectly stated elsewhere. Inasmuch as the earnings and profits of stock car companies are determined by their ability to obtain sufficient patronage to keep them going—the different railroad companies allowing them certain agreed rates for mileage—and the promoters of the Cattle Raisers' Palace Car company, possess among themselves cattle sufficient to keep their cars continuously moving, there appears no reason why the new company should not be successful.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TICKS AND TEXAS FEVER.

The following important and interesting correspondence on the above subject has been furnished the Journal for publication through the courtesy of Director Council of the Texas State Experiment Station: Georgetown, Tex., May 22, 1897. Dr. M. Francis, College Station, Tex. Dear Sir:—About two months ago I had shipped from Tennessee a fine Jersey bull calf, eight months old, and I have been afraid since that he might take the Texas fever. I have read Bulletin No. 37 from the Missouri Station, which seems to prove conclusively that the fever is the result solely of ticks, and that it might be prevented by inoculation. Any information you can give on this subject will be appreciated. Have you any of the serum and what is it worth? Have you experimented with it sufficiently to satisfy yourself that it is a preventer? I have not turned the young bull in pasture yet, but have kept him in the yard. I have picked from him three or four small ticks. I am watching him very closely so as to keep them off. Do you think it advisable to leave a few on him at times? He is getting on so far very nicely. Do you think it advisable to inoculate if I can get the serum? Do you think the tick is the sole cause of the fever? Hoping to hear from you soon, I am yours truly, R. F. Y.

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College Station, Tex., May 27, 1897.

Dear Sir:—Your letter of the 22nd is before me. The observations and experiments made in various parts of the country during the last few years have demonstrated beyond a question that ticks are responsible for the disease called Texas fever.

As the mortality from this trouble is very high, I will offer you the following suggestions as to the treatment of animals recently imported into this portion of the country: Keep the imported cattle in a place that is free of ticks; select a grass lot in which no cattle have been for a year or more; erect a cheap shed for shelter and shade; supply water from a cistern or good well; keep the animal on a laxative diet, say green corn, sorghum or prairie hay, with a limited amount of bran and grain. If there be some calves among the lot let them suck Texas cows; I believe the milk produces immunity and explains the low mortality among calves. When ticks appear in considerable numbers, examine the stock frequently and apply some oil or grease to those parts of the body usually affected. You will find cotton-seed oil or black machine oil, applied with a paint brush, satisfactory. A sufficient number will probably escape detection to produce infection.

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Something new is added to our Household this week—something not only necessary to every household but to every life, that is Hope.

Dear little Dew Drop will write me a personal letter giving me her full address I will write her a letter telling her all I know about Miss Alcott.

CONSTANT ADMIRER. Constant Admirer writes us a good, long letter. I am sorry she missed seeing her former letters. You readers will be interested in what she has to say.

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Ike T. Prior returned Tuesday from a trip to Colorado county. C. W. Baker, the Bexar county stockman, was in town this week.

Jno. Melesworth, a prominent cattle man of Uvalde, is in the city. Jerome Harris returned Monday from a business trip to Honcho City.

Col. Jim Wilson of the Chicago and Alton, was in town this week for a day or so. C. B. Lucas of Berclair, the well known cattleman, was in town a few days this week.

W. S. Mabry, a cattleman from Colorado City, was a visitor in the Alamo City this week. A. P. Rachel, the cattleman of Bee county, made a short stay in the metropolis this week on business.

J. H. Belcher, of Henrietta, was down this week looking after his livestock interests in this section. W. H. Weeks, the Cotton Belt man, came down and left Friday among the cattlemen here.

E. Cockrill, the El Sordo cowman, was back in the city this week. He is playing capitalist now. E. E. Harvey of Fort Terrett, one of the largest shepherds in Texas, is in the city, a guest of the Southern.

J. W. McCutcheon, the well known and prosperous cowman of Alpine, is registered at the Southern. T. A. Kearns, traveling auditor International and Great Northern railroad, visited the Alamo City on business this week.

J. L. Barroum of Del Rio, who is interested with his father, Bob Barroum, in the cattle business, was in town this week. E. D. McGehee, the San Marcos cattleman, was in town a day or so this week. He reports everything in a flourishing condition in his section.

Judge R. E. Beckham, receiver for the El Paso National Bank of El Paso, is in San Antonio on business connected with the receivership. Col. C. W. Standart of Standart, Kinney county, one of the largest sheep raisers in the state, spent a few days in the city this week.

Ell Hirschfeld, the courteous assistant passenger agent of the Fort Worth and Denver, spent Saturday with his family in the city. Joe Ney of Honcho, was here attending court this week. Mr. Ney is sheriff of Medina county and one of the most popular and efficient sheriffs in the state.

Col. Wm. T. Way, manager of the Strahorn-Hutton-Evans-Co., has been absent this week in Fort Worth and other points, and will return probably Sunday or Monday. Col. D. H. Snyder of Georgetown, senior member of the firm of D. H. & J. W. Snyder, one of the most widely known and largest cattle owners in the state, spent Monday in San Antonio.

Thad B. Miller of Honcho City, was a caller at the Journal's headquarters Thursday. Mr. Miller is a prominent feeder and operator. He reports range good, crops good, and cattle good, but the latter hard to buy.

C. W. Merchant & Son had a shipment of steers on the Chicago market Tuesday which sold for \$3.10, which,

according to Mr. Merchant's view, was about 25 cents more than they were worth. He has not up to this writing returned the draft from his commission house for correction.

L. E. Merchant and wife of Abilene, spent several days in town this week, guests of the Southern. Mr. Merchant finished shipping to market the steers bought by C. W. Merchant & Son from Geo. West, this week. He says steers are scarce and hard to buy and that the Beeville country has had plenty of rain.

W. H. Jennings returned to the city the fore part of the week but has gone to Laredo to receive several thousand cattle bought by him on his former trip out there. These cattle were bought, doubtless, to eat up Mr. J's provender, consisting of brush, beans and pears, alluded to by the Journal's Laredo correspondent last week.

Jno. K. Rossom of the M. K. & T., was down here last week when the branches of San Antonio masticated the colt's mane, and promised himself and a friend of his here that he would buy a horse in the city while the branches were there. John always carries a rabbit foot and he went back to get it. The records show that he got it.

J. M. Chittim, the cattleman, whose home is in San Antonio but who has ranches in Maverick, McMullen and Bee counties, started for the Indian Territory a few days since where he and John T. Merchant have 11,000 steers and he has 8,000 individually. Mr. Chittim is one of the best feeders in Texas, in a prominent feeder and raiser of beef on his McMullen and Bee county ranches which he fattens on his Maverick county pastures.

Miss Annie Rawls, who has been stenographer in the office of Col. Wm. T. Way, manager of Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Co. at this place, has gone to Fort Worth in response to a telegram, to work in the office there for a time. Miss Rawls has, in addition to her many personal charms and retiring disposition, a faculty for talking and discussing business matters connected with the commission business which should be the envy of a majority of men in that line of business, and her selection as a helper in the time of need by the Fort Worth office is but another evidence of her peculiar adaptation for the work. The Journal's best wishes go with her.

In the list of "Southern Texas shipments," which appears in the San Antonio department this week, will be noticed shipments by Messrs. Duncan & Worthington, and also by Mr. Duncan, individually, of Hungerford, Whorton county, Texas, as having brought the best prices. These steers were crossed with "Brahma," or what is known as the Sacred cattle of India. The Journal correspondent has no knowledge of this breed of cattle save what he has seen within the jungles of an iron cage attached to a circus. The Journal does not advise stockmen to secure them in place of other breeds, but would like to have this difference in weight and price explained. Perhaps Messrs. Duncan & Worthington furnish the "wherefore" of the is.

BREEDING UP. The article in last week's issue of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, page 1, under the caption of "Present Cattle Conditions," has attracted much attention from the cattlemen of Southwest Texas (and also the attention of several exchanges, who either failed to give proper credit or any credit at all). It has not attracted the attention of stockmen down this way merely for the suggestions made, but it only verifies the conclusions reached by a majority of the cattle raisers way back in the 80's. Many of them only had cattle of the "razor-back" species, but they hung on to them. These conclusions were reached so far back that the stockman of to-day with his herd of graded cattle has doubtless forgotten that the Texas Stock and Farm Journal away back in the 80's gave him the same advice it is giving him to-day. The Kansas City Telegram last week stated that Southwest Texas was paying more attention to improving the breeds than any other portion of the state and that more fine bulls were being sold for shipment to Texas than ever before in Texas' history. Whether the Southwest is outstripping other portions of the state in this particular or not the truth remains that she is doing her duty and that "Excelsior" is her motto.

SOUTHERN TEXAS SHIPMENTS. The following shipments of live stock were among the receipts at East St. Louis the past week:

E. M. Lauder, Kerrville, 251 head of 92-pound sheep, \$3.80. W. J. Smith, Muldoon, 1 load of 1085-pound steers, \$4.00.

Wm. Blanks, Lockhart, 53 head 1102-pound steers, \$3.85, and 23 head 1024-pound steers, \$3.90. McCommons, Bladworth, Flatonia, some 953-pound, \$4.00, and some 997-pound, \$3.85.

A. J. Winston, Eagle Lake, some 944 and 973-pound steers, \$3.55. J. M. Dobie, Flatonia, one train of 1025-pound steers, \$3.90, and a load at \$3.40.

W. F. Taylor and Bro., Pierce Station, one train 1038-pound steers, \$3.85. A. H. Pierce, Pierce Station, calves at \$8.00 and \$8.25 per head, 782 and 792 pound cows, \$3.15, and 865-pound steers, \$3.35.

G. D. D'Worth, Gonzales, 221 head of 74-lb sheep, \$3.00. C. B. Welhausen, Shiner, 2 cars 1130-pound grassers, \$3.80. Keystone Land and Cattle Co., Pear-sall, 175 head 1008-pound grassers, \$3.80.

F. W. Jersig, Shriner, 86 head 1122-pound steers, \$3.80. B. J. Gillman, Pear-sall, 41 head 1040-pound steers, \$3.85. T. J. Buckley, Encinal, 821-pound steers, \$3.20, and 930-pound steers, \$3.55.

T. P. Bishop, Bastrop, 871-pound steers, \$3.50. Ed Laaser, Beeville, 1006-pound steers, \$3.55. Duncan & Northington, Hungerford, Wharton county, one train of 1044 and 1061-pound steers, \$3.85. G. C. Duncan, Strahorn, 165 head

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1105-pound steers, \$4.00. Mr. S. W. Pimm of Houston, who has been assistant to Geo. D. Hunter, passenger and ticket agent at that place, arrived in the city Thursday morning to enter on his duties as chief clerk to Homer Eads, general agent of the I. & G. N. railway.

The Houston Post in commenting on Mr. Pimm's departure from Houston, says: Since he has been connected with the city office of the road in Houston he has by uniform courtesy and close attention to business, attracted the attention of those in a position to appreciate good work, and when Mr. Eads was casting about for someone to be his chief clerk, the honor fell to Mr. Pimm. It is a merited promotion and the friends of the young man in this city, while regretting his departure from Houston, will be glad to learn that he is being employed by the Western Union Telegraph company, but a little over two years ago he accepted a position with the International & Great Northern at Palestine. Soon after he was transferred to the city office in Houston, where he has been ever since. His successor in the Houston office has not been named.

WEBB COUNTY. Laredo, Tex., May 27. I have made an eight-day stay in this town, and now that the time comes when I must begin making my arrangements to leave I feel that I have become so much attached to the place and the people of Laredo here that I am going to be no easy task for me, and in leaving I shall certainly carry with me the very best of feeling for every one whom I met here and don't know just how I am going to pay the many deep debts of gratitude I owe to my many friends here for their universal kindnesses.

Among those to whom I am especially indebted for favors and kindnesses, I may mention Ben. Louis, Christian, mayor of the city and manager of the well known Hamilton hotel; Louis Goodman of Nuevo Laredo, of the firm of Jose Goodman & Co., merchants and agents of the Bank of Nuevo Laredo; and also Mr. Bruni & Bro., cattle raisers, dealers and importers and dealers in hides and wool; Arturo Saloman, an old-time friend of mine whom I knew in Juarez, Mexico, and who is now proprietor of a large establishment in Nuevo Laredo; J. K. Barneta, cashier of the Laredo National bank, and also to Messrs. Milino and Coughley of the Milino National bank. The above named gentlemen have all exerted themselves in my behalf during my visit here, and have certainly earned me under many and lasting obligations.

W. C. Dougherty of Pear-sall, has been here for a week past. He received a train of Mexican cows from L. Goodman day before yesterday, which were very fine, and he was surprised at their being as good as they were, and am now favorably impressed at least with female cattle from our sister republic. They showed no breeding, yet they were a fairly straight, smooth lot of big-boned, big-framed cattle, such as will weigh well and will doubtless make the present owners good money.

Col. Albert Dean of Kansas City, United States inspector, etc., is here; came down on government business, a part of which was to inspect the cattle above mentioned, and he was on them all right and decided that they were good enough to come into this country. Col. Dean says he sees no reason for any fall in the cattle market for several years. Everything is favorable for several years of good times. He never knew at the country in general being in better condition than at present; ranges are splendid in every particular, crop prospects are all that could be desired, money is easy and plentiful, and altogether business is in good shape. Dean is an old-time cowman, is practical, conservative, and his views are taken from careful study and close observation. He personally inspects the yards at Kansas City each day when there and is at the head of the department in the government service. No better man could be in his place.

Eusebio Garcia is a well known merchant and cattleman of this city. He believes in good bulls, as is evidenced by a recent purchase of blooded males to head his herd. L. Goodman and Arturo Saloman took me for a drive in the country a few miles south of Nuevo Laredo the other day and showed me the farm of Mr. A. T. Theriot of the town across the river. Mr. Theriot has about 150 acres in cultivation, and while he is entirely removed from an aqueduct or any means of irrigation, yet he has as fine a crop of corn, sorghum, theosinte, goobers, cow peas, sweet potatoes, etc., as can be found anywhere, and if people saw better corn anywhere, and if people from a distance could see what is produced here, take a look at the country and examine the soil, no one would doubt the statement that this is an exceptionally fine country. Mr. Theriot came to this country fifteen years ago from Liberty, Texas; came out to die, but he has lived here all these years now, and looks like he might last forty or fifty years more.

A. M. Bruni of this city, tells me that he has delivered on this side of the river about 12,000 head of Mexican cattle this season. Mr. Bruni has three ranches on this side and is an extensive breeder as well as a dealer. By the way, Laredo is the leading hide market of Texas. Hide houses are all over the town. Hides are shipped here from everywhere. Even San Antonio hides come here for a good market. Laredo is a bully, good town in every respect, and I hope to

come back here again real soon. Bill Jennings came down with me, that got sick he had to go back to San Antonio. Don't know just what ailed him, but think Louis Goodman poisoned him on lemons. JOE LOVING.

THE STOCK FARMER'S PARADISE. The heart of every Texan swells with exultation as he contemplates the beautiful and growing crops throughout the entire state, which are now practically assured. The rains which have repeatedly visited every section of the state this spring have put a season in the ground which will make the crops over all the state get any more, but we will have plenty more, without a doubt. The oldest inhabitants, the Journal's representative among them, believe this year will be a record breaker. After a long drought these rains come like a benediction, ever giving sprouts into life; the fields the plains, the forests, alike respond to the beneficent touch of nature and clothe itself in a vast expanse of living verdure. 'Texas, Old Texas! How quickly and generously she rewards those who honestly seek her blessings. If those hard tollers of the blizzard-swept North only knew how easily they could acquire an ideal home in Texas, they would surely abandon their dug-outs and storm cellars and wend their joyous way to the promised land.

People of other states have a very contracted idea of the greatness of Texas; they think that San Antonio is located in the farthest inch of Southwest Texas, yet the living fact remains that there is an empire of virgin soil lying between San Antonio and the Rio Grande to the west, and the Gulf of Mexico to the south; there are stockmen and farmers here and there, all prosperous and independent, yet it is large enough and rich enough in natural gifts to support in comfort all the people of the great northwest from the Dakotas to Puget Sound, provided they adopted the practical and common sense life of a stock farmer, i. e., raise their feed and feed it. Everything will grow here that grows in a temperate zone; it is a hunter's paradise, and the climate is so friendly and wholesome that the ozone which you breathe is a present bliss and a joy forever.

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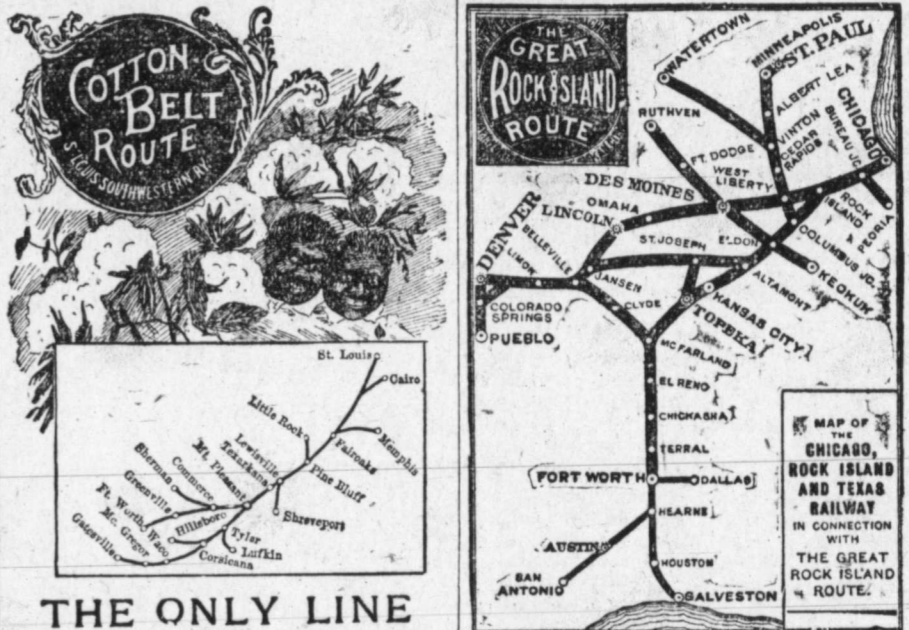
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DALLAS TIME TABLE.

Table with columns: Texas & Pacific Railway, BRICK DEPOT, EAST BOUND, WEST BOUND, No. 1 leaves, 2 leaves, 3 leaves, 4 leaves, 5 leaves, 6 leaves, 7 leaves, 8 leaves, 9 leaves, 10 leaves.

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Table with columns: Texas Trunk, Arrive, Leave, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

THE DALLAS MARKET.

The receipts in the Dallas live stock market were unusually light during the past week. The shortage was in all lines. A decided improvement was noticed in all grades however, and prices were without fluctuations except on hogs. Hogs advanced 10 cents early in the week and receded 5 cents later. Conditions for both shipper and producer are favorable for the coming week.

The Dallas Packing company reports an average week in receipts and an improvement in price of 5c per 100 pounds. Demand is only limited by supply. The packer will handle all hogs it can get that come up to requirements in grades. Good fat hogs, weighing 175 to 250 pounds, carload lots, \$3.25; wagon load lots, \$3.15. For lighter, heavier and rough hogs, 10 to 25 cents per 100 pounds less than the above quotations.

Some of the representative sales made at the packing house during the week are as follows: Car hogs—W. W. Holsenbake one car averaging 160 pounds at \$3.15 per hundred; P. Bean one car 190 pounds, \$3.25; W. D. Hoyle one car 160 pounds, \$2.75; Brown Bros. one car 170 pounds, \$3.25; V. A. Davis one car 205 pounds, \$3.25; Lige Runnels one car, \$3.25.

Wagon hogs, one load each—P. K. Cox averaging 180 pounds at \$3.15 per hundred; W. M. Loveless 180 pounds, \$3.20; Paul Love 210 pounds, \$3.15; J. H. Hamly 170 pounds, \$3.15; S. A. Hall 180 pounds, \$3.15; A. P. Harp 220 pounds, \$3.05; A. Lathard 150 pounds, \$3.10; Ed Aikin 370 pounds, \$3.05; E. W. McKnight 185 pounds, \$3.15, 136 pounds, \$3.00; S. A. Kern 170 pounds, \$3.15; S. P. Welch 220 pounds, \$3.15.

Cattle—J. A. P. Harp 900 choice veal calves, light, \$3.00; common to fair veal, \$2.00 to \$2.50; bulls and stags, \$1.00 to \$2.00; steers three and four years old, per head, \$1.50 to \$2.50; steers two years old, per head, \$1.00 to \$2.00; steers one year old, per head, \$3.50 to \$4.50; 10.00; cows three to nine years old, per head, \$10.50 to \$12.50; heifers two years old, per head, \$8.00 to \$9.50; heifers one year old, per head, \$6.00 to \$7.00; choice corned hogs weighing 175 to 205 pounds, carload lots, \$3.25; choice corned hogs weighing 125 to 150 pounds, wagon lots, \$3.15; stock hogs, \$2.00; choice fat mutton weighing 90 to 110 pounds, \$2.75 to \$3.50; choice fat mutton weighing 70 to 80 pounds, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Among the representative sales made by Thomas & Seary during the week the following are noted: Cattle—Rector & Combs averaging \$76 pounds at \$2.75 per hundred, 880 pounds, \$2.50, 725 pounds, \$2.20, 600 pounds, \$2.00, \$2.00; E. Y. Brown 792 pounds, \$2.40; Sausage cattle, \$10.75 per head; Gibson & Graves 591 pounds, \$2.25, 760 pounds, \$1.50, 625 pounds, \$1.75, 600 pounds, \$2.00; J. A. Bellow 850 pounds, \$1.50, 650 pounds, \$2.25; A. J. Pulsak 726 pounds, \$2.25; Merritt & Huggins 650 pounds, \$2.25; D. R. Martin 726 pounds, \$2.40, 965 pounds, \$2.25, 840 pounds, \$2.00, 860 pounds, \$1.75; Rector & Combs veal calves 160 pounds, \$3.00, cattle 724 pounds, \$2.30, 880 pounds, \$2.40, 1090 pounds, \$2.40, yearlings, \$12.75 each, oxen, \$36.75; J. Jeffries 700 pounds, \$2.40; C. Goforth 7 cattle, \$14.50; J. J. Mandy sheep 65 pounds, \$3.50, 105 pounds, \$2.90, J. S. Burton 100 sheep 75 pounds, \$2.50, 110, 56 pounds, \$2.00; Willingham Bros. cattle, 838 pounds, \$2.10.

Rector & Combs of Alpha sold 100 head of fine cattle on the Dallas market this week. Thomas & Seary were the purchasers.

W. P. Newton of Forney was a visitor in the city Monday.

D. R. Martin of Arlington was a visitor in the city Thursday.

L. D. Myers of Waxahachie was among the week's visitors.

Ed Boxley of Oak Lawn was on the Central yards Saturday with sheep.

G. K. Stratton of Richardson was in the city Saturday with a load of fine hogs.

E. Y. Brown, the cattleman of Ennis, was among the visitors in the city this week.

J. D. Adkinson, the well known cattleman of Waxahachie, was a guest at the Windsor Monday.

C. Goforth of Garland, W. J. Wilson of Mesquite and W. A. Wright of Carrollton, sold hogs on Thomas & Seary's yards Saturday.

Col. Jas. B. Wilson returned Sunday from Terrell, where he has been for the past few days looking after his cattle interests near that city.

On last Saturday Wallace & Black of this city shipped four cars of fat beef cattle to Kansas City. Two cars were shipped from Farmers Branch in the northern part of Dallas county.

F. E. Dowlen a well known horseman of Hillsboro was a visitor in the city Saturday. Mr. Dowlen says business is picking up all over Hill county and prospects are brighter than for years.

J. S. Burton of Sherman sold three cars of sheep on this market last Friday. This was a trial consignment and Mr. Burton is so well pleased with the prices he received that he will come again in the near future.

W. O. Harrison, the efficient postmaster at Coppell, this county, was in the city one day this week and paid the Journal a pleasant visit both from a social and financial point of view. Mr. Harrison says everything is right up to the top notch in his community.

The following parties were on Carter & Sons' stockyards the past week: J. P. Myers of Dallas county with cattle, R. L. Duke of Dallas county with hogs, G. H. Kennedy of Dallas with sheep, R. D. Davis of Collin county with hogs, J. F. Sanders of Ellis county with veal calves.

Capt. E. B. Harold of Fort Worth passed through Dallas Sunday en route home from Terrell. Capt. Harold said to a Journal representative: "Everything around Terrell was looking better than for years and that there was a general air of prosperity in all lines of business. I believe that this year will put plenty of money in Texas and expect to see the boom times of the '80's repeated."

President Lawrence M. Kneply, of the State Fair association, returned Monday from an outing in Southwest Texas. Over two months ago Mr. Kneply went to Florida in search of health, and after remaining there two weeks, decided there was no place like Texas. He returned home and finished his vacation hunting and fishing along the Guadalupe river. Mr. Kneply will return in a few days to his camp and remain during June and July.

The following notice has been issued to the Dallas county pioneers: "The executive committee of Dallas County Pioneer association is requested to meet at the courthouse in Dallas at 10 a. m., Saturday, June 12, to determine where the annual reunion will be held; also other important business. Representatives from neighborhoods desiring the picnic are most cordially invited to meet with the committee. R. A. Tawkins, president; W. C. McKamy, secretary."

Work is progressing rapidly on the additional buildings at the packing house. The front will be on Alma street and will be of brick and four stories in height, including the basement. Manager Armstrong remarked to a Journal reporter that his company would soon establish a dressed chicken and turkey market in Dallas and would furnish the nearest shippers of dressed chickens and turkeys in large quantities to the Eastern markets. The wives and children of the farmers will be interested in this new departure and will no doubt be stimulated to raise more turkeys and chickens for this market.

J. A. Bellow, a prosperous stock farmer of Midlothian, was in the city one day this week with a load of cattle and in conversation relative to the crop outlook expressed himself to a Journal reporter as follows: "Texas is a grand old state. It is very true that for the past four or five years very poor crops were made, but this year with the vast oat and wheat, corn and cotton crops and advanced prices on cattle, will see the Lone Star State right in the front rank once more. We have had abundant rains around Midlothian, the farmers are nearly all harvesting wheat and oats and every one is feeling good."

THE AUSTIN DEWBERRY.

The Journal received this week three quart of the famous Austin Improved Dewberry, raised by Mr. J. W. Austin, proprietor of the Pilot Point nurseries. The Austin Improved Dewberry is a marvelous prolific, has a beautiful shiny black color, delicious flavor and is especially noted for its large size, averaging 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches in diameter. It needs no protection in the South. It will stand the drought and scorching hot winds of the South better than any other berry. Mr. Austin has a standing offer of \$100 for ten plants of any other dewberry or blackberry that will beat Austin Improved Dewberry for its five great qualities combined—quantity, quantity, size, beauty and earliness. Tested side by side on his nursery grounds. To any one wanting berries to eat, sell or keep, the Journal unhesitatingly recommends Austin's Improved.

AN OLD WAR RELIC.

Mr. W. E. Littlepage, living west of the river, says there is a fat, sprightly mule in Dallas county, which is his personal knowledge, is 47 years old. He says the animal was born on his father's farm in Missouri in 1850, and he has kept run of it ever since, and

has owned it several times. It is now the property of a farmer near Dallas, who traded for it for a nine-year-old, and who says it is as good as any nine-year-old mule on earth, as it is stout and quick, and does not appear to mind hard work, under which it keeps fat. Mr. Littlepage says this old mule was in the Confederate cavalry from start to finish of the war, and in the thick of many of the hottest battles fought; men and horses were mowed down and swept away all round, but this charmed old mule would come out of the carnage and destruction unscathed. After the war Mr. Littlepage bought the old mule and brought it to Texas, where it appears to thrive.—Times Herald.

COMING PROSPERITY.

The Dallas News of last Sunday's issue contained the following timely remarks by Hon. Barnett Gibbs on the future greatness and prosperity of Texas and Dallas county: "They can figure as they please, but the marketable crops in Texas this year, including live stock, will go over the \$200,000,000 mark. This of itself will not do Dallas as much good permanently as the movement now on foot among our own citizens to organize a manufacturing syndicate to take a certain amount of stock in every practical manufacturing plant that will open up in Dallas. Stock will be taken on a basis of every man's tax assessment, except in the case of a few who are to take more than 2 per cent of their assessed value."

"A plan has been formulated and details agreed on and will soon be presented to the people who own property in Dallas. It is intended to invest this money so as to realize dividends as well as to employ labor and thereby save any further loss of property values. If the people of Dallas will get closer together and work out the industrial problem along the lines proposed at a quiet meeting of some business men, held Thursday night, the second growth of Dallas will be more rapid and more substantial than the first. Our own people have got reserve fund enough to make it go."

"We have got a full-fledged city bit and have nothing to do but provide labor enough to keep enough industrial blood in circulation to maintain the city's life. There is more manufacturing capital looking to Texas now than ever before and the proposed local co-operation with it will bear fruit."

HORTICULTURAL EXHIBIT.

The management of the Texas State Fair and Dallas Exposition are making unusual preparations for the horticultural exhibit of this year's fair and promise the public the finest exhibit of the kind ever seen in Texas. The entire premium list has been revised and all premiums on useless plants will be weeded out and premiums on all plants that will add beauty and attraction to this feature have been increased. General Manager Sydney Smith said to a Journal man: "There will be a special exhibition of chrysanthemums held on Saturday, the 30th of October, and as the premiums offered are very liberal, the prospects are that there will be a grand display of this popular flower."

"We give below some instructions to amateur florists on the general cultivation of chrysanthemums and would like for all lovers of Dallas to grow a few to make a special effort to grow several varieties and help make this department of the fair an occasion long to be remembered by lovers of the beautiful flower. To grow first-class chrysanthemums they should be planted out as early as possible from March till May in well prepared ground, where they will not be shaded at any time. Keep the ground well cultivated and watered during the summer. As the plants grow, divide the plants out of the shoots, so as to make the plants bushy and of a symmetrical form. About the middle of August dig the plants that are intended for exhibition purposes and pot in rich soil. Use from 8 to 10-inch pots, and according to the size of the plants, then shade for a few days till the plants have become accustomed to the change. The plants should be dug on a cloudy day if possible and just when the buds are beginning to appear. The plants are about the size of a small pea pick off all the buds on each shoot except the middle one and from then on keep all the new buds that form picked off except the ones you have selected to grow for large flowers. Give the plants good drainage when potted and mix a little charcoal in the soil for red varieties that are inclined to burn. After the pots are well filled with roots give weak applications of liquid manure once a week and gradually increase as the plants grow stronger. As soon as the buds begin to color discontinue all feeding. Do not leave the plants to the exposure of strong winds, rain or cold nights. After the blooms begin to develop select the most beautiful varieties for exhibiting at the fair."

"We hope all of our home ladies will take an interest in the growth of these flowers and show the neighboring cities what Dallas can do when it comes to growing beautiful flowers."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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the north and west, and through his brother agents, keeps posted as to supply and demand of any products that are raised in his section. "Our main object," he remarked, "is to place the stuff where it will be disposed of at minimum cost, in other words, place it with or near as possible to the consumers." Mr. Crawford then handed over to "mine host" the proceeds of several shipments of beans on which he had just received returns. They averaged just 49 cents per half bushel basket, or say \$1.00 a bushel, which with the season so well advanced was a fair price. The first beans shipped by Mr. Monday this year brought \$6 per bushel in Minneapolis, and good figures have been realized throughout the season. At least \$1.50 per bushel clear of all charges, picking, loading, which is worth about 12 to 15 cents per bushel, has been realized on the wax bean crop in this section this year, and the yield has been from 100 to 125 bushels per acre.

Reaching the union depot on the return trip the following morning, between three and four hundred half bushel baskets of beans were noticed piled on the express company's trucks awaiting shipment. They were destined for Trinidad, Pueblo and Denver, Col., St. Joseph and Kansas City,

Mo., Lincoln, Neb., and many other points.

Lack of space prevents enlarging further herein on an industry that has already assumed good sized proportions in Texas, and is capable of being extended indefinitely. There is not much fear of glutting the market as beans are nearly as staple an article as bread in hotels, boarding places and private houses, not to speak of the demand for canning purposes. They are easy of culture and gathering and in suitable soil as certain as any crop that is commonly raised. P. W. H. Fort Worth, Texas.

IN JACKSON COUNTY.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Jackson county is in the neighborhood of four hundred miles immediately south of Collin county, Texas, and like Collin, is located in the center of the black land belt. As before stated in these columns, the black land belt is about one hundred and twenty miles wide, extending from Red river on the north to the Gulf of Mexico on the south, and it is conceded on all hands to be the richest belt of farming lands west of the great river and east of the Rockies, and that this belt of rich lands is specially adapted to the use of the farmer is settled beyond the province or range of a reasonable doubt by the fact of lands in this belt having been in cultivation for more than sixty years and a total failure of crops having never occurred. It can, with the experience of the past as a guide, be put down as being in the rain belt, and taken as a whole it comes as near being a belt of country like all sorts of men can be suited in soil, water and climate, and any section of the same dimension in the world. But 'tis of Jackson county I started in to sing, and I will speak of its good points in the order of their importance, first the soil, subsoil and the "lay" of the land, and as to the fine as the most exacting could demand, the southern half being black waxy hog wallow, while the northern half is mixed; i. e., timber, prairie, black waxy and black sandy land, and the next point of quality necessary to keeping the people in a reasonably good humor, being necessary to life and health, is plenty of good water. In this Jackson county received a "Benjamin's mess." Good water is reached in forty or fifty feet, and it is said it is blessed with a number of living, running streams. The county is bounded on the west by Arnesa creek, Lavaca, or the Cow river, runs through the county from northwest to southeast, while the Navarro (Navajo) traverses the eastern part of the county, and is navigable for boats as far up as that old town "Texana," the long-time ago seat of government of Jackson county. And besides all this it has about twenty-five miles front on Matagorda bay, and as to climate it is the world. And after the foregoing blundering, clumsy description of soil and climate it is hardly necessary for the Journal to scribble for an installment its growing cotton, fruit and garden truck, and is reasonably productive of all cereals except wheat. A word more as to climate and on we go. Jackfrosts seldom comes this far south; cabbage and roses grow all the year round; overcasts are almost white, most of the time. During midsummer the days from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. are hot, but during these hours if in the shade a gentle sea breeze makes one feel powerful good under his shirt and the people one and all seem to understand this, for about 11 a. m. they break for the shade, dismiss all cares and glide off into the land of dreams and not return until about 4 p. m. I heard one "accidentally" say they lost the noon "siesta" in order to be able to spare some time at night fighting mosquitoes. But to put it short, Jackson county has the good land, timber, water and climate, and with a little new blood in the turning corner of a little capital, will make it one of the best counties in Texas, and the price set on these good lands being from \$2.50 to \$20 per acre will attract the farmer in North Texas and elsewhere, and the prospect is very bright. A prediction that home hunters will be here by the thousands this fall and winter.

Edna, the county site, was named after Miss Edna Mackey of California, and is located in the center of the county on the Houston and Beville branch of the Southern Pacific railway, and has a population of, say 1200 souls, four church houses, high school, one bank, two good hotels, two drug stores, a grocery store, seven dry goods, three hardware, three saloons,

and room for a whole lot of good people in the nice little city, and the rich country surrounding it. The city and this splendid county belongs to the people living here; no loan company has ever taken in a tract of land in the county on account of the borrower failing to pay. The big pasture men are some of the best men with the best and these big pastures of rich lands will in a few years be things of the past. The Journal's scribe tenders thanks to County Judge John O. Rowlett for acts of kindness and marked attentions. R. M. COLLINS, Edna, Texas, May 25.

Use the Long Distance Telephone to all points.

TO STOCKMEN.

The citizens of Amarillo have leased twenty thousand acres, or what is known as the Tol War pasture, three miles from the stock pens. There are four miles of running water on the land. This grass and water is free to all who drive trail herds to Amarillo. This will obviate driving through the lane west of town.

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Among the many sheep dips offered to the public, the COOPER DIP alone has stood the world's test for more than half a century, and still stands triumphantly at the head. It is used on one-fourth of the sheep in the whole world every year, and always returns many times over what is invested in it. For its power to increase the yield of wool, as well as to cure and prevent scab, it stands unrivaled and unequalled. There are others, but none like COOPER'S. It is the only original POWDER DIP. Send your name and address, and receive valuable information free. COOPER & NEPHEWS, Galveston, Tex.

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From St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago the Burlington route runs through vestibuled trains of Pullman standard or compartment sleeping cars, chair cars (seats free) and dining cars to St. Paul, Minneapolis and the northern resorts. Best line from Kansas City to Chicago or St. Louis. Consult your ticket agent.

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W. L. GREENHILL, C. T. A.

SOME QUERIES.

If you live to an old age, are you sure that you will be adequately provided for? When you die, will you leave your family in as good a position as they now occupy? What are you doing to protect your family if you die, or to help provide for your own old age if you live? How can you accomplish this? By means of an Endowment policy in the Equitable. See the advertisement on another page. "The Equitable Life of New York," J. A. Green, Jr., manager, Hurley Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

REDUCED RATES VIA THE KATY.

\$3.00 Waco and return, account state centennial, Christian church, sell May 31 and June 1st, limited for return to June 5th. \$8.25 Houston and return, account State Epworth League (colored), sell June 2d, limited for return to June 7th. \$3.90 Denison and return, account School of Instructions Woodmen of the World, sell June 5 and 6, limited to June 5th.

W. L. GREENHILL, C. P. & T. A.

The best sugar factory at China, California, will have, it is estimated, 144,000 tons of beets the coming season from which they should make 20,000-tons of sugar in the sweet by-and-by.

A PIONEER SHOEMAKER.

WORKING AT HIS TRADE ALTHOUGH EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OLD.

Mr. James McMillen, of Champaign, Has Followed the Shoemaker's Trade All His Life—Every Day at His Bench Working With Apparently the Same Vigor as a Young Man—A Sketch of His Life.

At the advanced age of eighty-five years, James McMillen, of 115 West Washington street, is one of the most active men in Champaign, Illinois. Mr. McMillen is a pioneer citizen of the city, and his form is as familiar on the streets as that of any citizen of the town. All his life Mr. McMillen has followed the trade of shoemaker, and every day he has his bench, bending over his work with apparently the same vigor he commanded when he was a young man.

He has a little shop on North Wright street, in the vicinity of the University of Illinois, and he is the official shoemaker, as it were, for the students of that institution.

As a young man, Mr. McMillen was absent from his bench for several weeks, and his familiar form was missed along the streets. The local newspapers announced that he was dangerously ill. For months he was a sufferer, but finally he appeared again at his shop, and has lost but very few days since that time, which is worth about 12 to 15 cents per bushel, has been realized on the wax bean crop in this section this year, and the yield has been from 100 to 125 bushels per acre.

There was no small amount of local interest in his case, and a reporter visited him, to have him relate the story.

"I feel," said the spry old gentleman, "that I owe my life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Something live a year ago it appeared to me that I was almost a physical wreck. I was suffering from a disease of the

kidneys. A thick scurf had formed on the bottom of my feet and my ankles were terribly swollen and inflamed. In fact, they reached such a condition that I could not walk, and it looked as though my days were numbered.

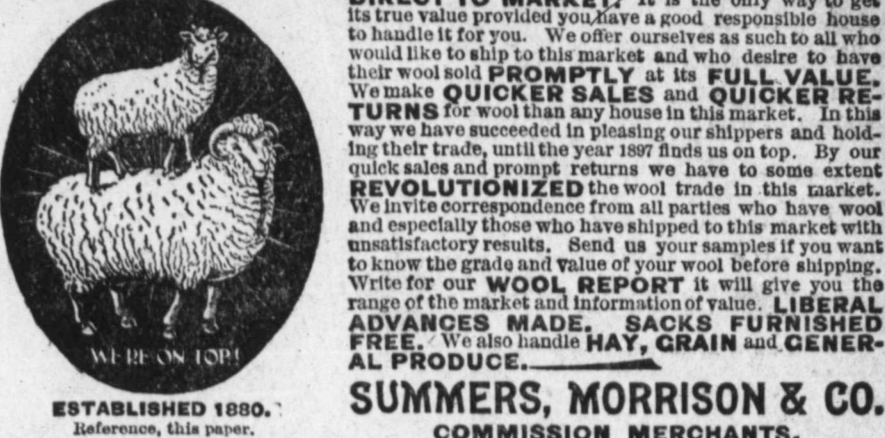
"I read in the newspaper testimonials from people who claimed to have been cured of kidney trouble by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and thought that I would do no harm to give them a trial. I bought a box of them at the drug store and began taking them according to the directions. It may seem strange, but it is a fact that I felt better in less than a week, and in a few days I was able to take them. After I had taken a few pills my urinary discharges became almost as black as tar and I noticed at the same time that the pain and soreness were leaving my kidneys.

"A few days later the swelling began to go out of my ankles, and at the end of a few weeks it had entirely disappeared, taking with it the terrible scurf which had formed on the bottoms of my feet, and caused me so much trouble. I continued to gather my lost strength, and at the end of six weeks I felt entirely recovered and resumed my work at the shop. I think I took from four to five boxes of the pills and have taken none since."

Mr. McMillen's residence on West Washington street, is more than a mile distant from his shop, but nearly every day he walks the entire distance, more so in evening, and he could not do this if that swelling still existed.

Mr. McMillen has no backwardness in talking of the merits of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He has no hesitancy in recommending them to all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood, and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes (never in loose form, by the dozen or hundred) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$3.00, and may be had of all druggists or directly by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Rochester, N. Y.

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FORT WORTH.

Fort Worth Office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Scott-Harrod Building, Main St., where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

FORT WORTH TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for destination (Chicago, Houston, Denver, etc.), departure times, and arrival times for various railroads.

FORT WORTH MARKET.

Reported by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission Company.

The receipts of cattle the past week have been fairly liberal and prices have held up very well considering the increased movement of grass cattle. All offerings have found ready buyers as we have customers for all classes of cattle.

enterprising live stock dealer and transacts considerable business in this section of country.

John H. Belcher of Henrietta, the well known cattleman whose extensive interests are located in Clay county and in the Indian Territory, was in the city Tuesday.

Dan Lain of Mansfield, member of the firm of Lain & Watkins, merchants and live stock dealers, was in the city Tuesday. This firm are regular patrons of the Fort Worth market.

Milton Wyatt of Harrington, Kans., was in the city Friday. Mr. Wyatt is on the lookout for feeders to put on the Kansas pastures which are reported to be excellent just now.

Dr. S. J. Irvine of Terrell in a recent letter pays the Journal a graceful compliment in the following: "I am no farmer or stockman, but your paper is to me very interesting and instructive."

Samuel Scalling of St. Louis, principal of the prominent commission firm of Samuel Scalling & Son, of St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, was here Sunday circulating among the stockmen.

George A. Wright of Palestine, was among the visitors in Fort Worth Tuesday. Col. Wright is a prominent banker and merchant of his city, as well as an extensive cattle owner and operator.

The bunch of sheep offered in advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue is worthy the attention of anyone desiring a bunch of this size. They are healthy well bred and in good condition.

C. C. Johnston of Midland, Texas, in a recent business letter to the Journal gives the following brief but satisfactory report of conditions in his section: "Lots of rain, grass good, cattle fat and easy sold; cattlemen happy."

E. B. Carver of Henrietta was down Sunday. Mr. Carver is enthusiastic on the fine grain prospects in the Panhandle; he estimates the wheat yield at twenty-two bushels and the oat yield at sixty bushels per acre.

Chas. McFarland of Alamo, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. McFarland is a progressive and successful stock raiser and dealer; he has just sold 1000 head of three and four-year-old steers to Mr. George Boggs, agent for Greer, Mills & Co. at this point.

The advertisement of a small tract of land which appears elsewhere in this paper is worthy the attention of those who are thinking of moving to Fort Worth, which, by the way, is one of the healthiest and best cities in the state.

Page Harris the efficient and popular livestock agent of the Texas and Pacific Railroad company, has resigned his position to accept that of chief clerk in the office at Dallas of Mr. L. S. Thorne, general manager of the same road. Mr. Harris' successor has not been appointed.

W. V. Newlin, traffic manager of the Cattle Raisers' association, left Friday for Chicago to attend and give evidence before the interstate commerce commission in the case of the association against the railroad companies on the \$2 per car terminal charge question.

S. B. Burnett and family returned Tuesday from the 6666 ranch in Wichita county, where they have been staying for the past three weeks. Capt. Burnett says the small grain prospects are exceedingly good, and that he never saw grass finer or cattle looking better this time of the year.

R. M. Collins of Abilene, one of the Journal's most efficient traveling representatives, was in the city several days last week on his return from an extended trip in Southwest Texas. Mr. Collins will rest up for a few days, after which he will go on the war path again in the interest of the Journal.

R. K. Erwin of Waxahachie was in the city Thursday. Mr. Erwin is a popular and well known cattle dealer, who was sometime since engaged in the commission business at the stockyards here, and is now interested in an oil mill at Waxahachie. Mr. Erwin reports all Indian crops so far for immense crops in his rich section of country.

William Stewart of Hastings, Neb., arrived in the city Friday with three trains of the Austin and Verner (San Angelo) cattle, which he bought some time ago. These are all two-year-old white-faced steers and are very fine. Mr. Stewart is taking them to Hastings where they will be put on feed. He may probably hold them till next year.

R. H. Looney of Colorado was in the city Friday. Mr. Looney is a well known stockman in his section, and was over this way looking for a carload of blooded bulls to put with a bunch of cows he has recently purchased in Mills county. Mr. Looney says he never saw stock and grass looking better at this time of year in West Texas. They have had an abundance of seasonal rains and conditions in the country are all that could be desired.

W. L. Black of Fort McKavett passed through the city Saturday on his way home from Kansas City, where he had been on business. Col. Black has for a long time been uniting in his efforts toward the passage of a bill for the establishment of a statistical bureau, and states that he has great hopes of its being put through shortly by Senator Vest, who is author of the bill. Col. Black has had most flattering endorsements of the plan from the governors of various states and other public men.

J. H. Bryson of Comanche, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Bryson, who is a prosperous and progressive stock farmer, had just come in from a trip through Tarrant and Dallas counties, during which he states he purchased from various parties 28 head of full-blooded highly graded Shorthorn bulls. They were loaded at Eagle Ford Wednesday for shipment to Mr. Bryson's ranch. Mr. B. is of the opinion that a cross between Hereford and Shorthorn makes the ideal steer for the market.

J. A. Harmonson of Justin, Watkins and Love of Mansfield, R. D. Berry of Cleburne, W. H. Mayfield of Roanoke, J. M. Coffin of Haskin, Caddell and Byron of Aubrey, Scholard & Warren of Hillsboro, G. L. Carney of Eddy, and G. D. Boyd of Grandview, were among the prominent stockmen who patronized this market last week with cattle and hogs, all of which were consigned to and sold by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company.

E. M. Trammell of Plainview, Texas, wishes information of his son, Lee Trammell, aged 20 years; was with a man named Charlie Johnson of about 35 years of age; was last heard from in October, 1896, when he was working on a farm near Honey Grove, and wrote that he would start from home in a few days. His parents fear some mishap has befallen him, and will thankfully receive any information concerning him. Texas and Indian Territory papers please copy.

John W. Springer of Dallas, manager of the Continental Land and Cattle company, was in the city Wednesday on his way to the company's headquarters at Estelline. Mr. Springer was feeling pretty good over cattle conditions generally. Speaking of the market he remarked that there was rapidly drawing to a close and things will be pretty quiet until about the first of September. As regards the sorby virus for prairie dogs, Mr. Sorby says the results so far have been varying; he will be able to report more definitely after a little while.

J. W. Burgess of Fort Worth, the well known Shorthorn cattle breeder, was interviewed by a Journal reporter Wednesday. He says the fine stock business has been in a somewhat depressed state and prices are satisfactory. Major Burgess had just sold to Mr. W. D. Johnson of Fort Worth 32 head of fine bulls for use on the Putnam ranch in Erath and Hood counties, which Mr. Johnson has recently purchased. Asked his opinion as to the Paquin sero-vaccine remedy for the prevention of Texas fever, Major Burgess said: "From what I have learned I am disposed to think favorably of it, and believe it will do what they claim. I expect to go north in July and will investigate it further. I understand the proprietors propose to inoculate the cattle and insure them for 10 per cent of their value. If so, I think I will make a trade with them and have the inoculation done on my bulls I expect to bring down. As you know, perhaps, I am a great believer in the efficacy of vaccination on the Pasteur method for preventing blackleg, as I saved my herd two years ago. Mr. Richards of Cotulla was losing cattle all round me and I don't see why this other should not be a success also."

Editor Philip Hale of the National Live Stock Reporter has a mission in life, namely: to tell the stock shippers and the world generally about St. Louis' advantages as a market and to perform his work in the most effective manner. He is in the city at present, and says: "The editor of the Live Stock Reporter does not claim to own the Fort Worth stockyards but he comes next door to it."

W. T. Waggoner of Decatur was in the city Friday. Mr. Waggoner is the city with his wife, was on his return from Nashville, where they had been attending the exposition. Their daughter, who had been at school at the Belmont academy, also returned with Mr. Waggoner. Mr. Waggoner will be very busy for the next two or three weeks harvesting his wheat crop; he has over 1000 acres which he says is very fine. Grass and water on his range, Mr. Waggoner states, were never so plentiful and the cattle seem more than usually contented. They are all in the condition and Mr. Waggoner says he will have between twelve and fifteen thousand four-year-old steers ready before very long, either to ship direct to market, or to sell to feeder buyers.

M. B. Huling of Toyah, was in the city Wednesday on his return from his old home at Lampasas, where he had been spending some time. Mr. Huling is a prosperous stockman, although just at present not actively engaged in the business, having sold his herd, numbering about 10,000 head to Winfield Scott last fall. Mr. Huling says that down in the Lampasas country people are asking all sorts of prices for cattle, common little yearlings going at \$12. He seems to think there is some uncertainty as to the present high prices holding up, although not apprehensive of any material decline on account of the general shortage of stock. He has decided just when he will re-enter the cattle business, but is figuring on a range so as to be ready whenever he concludes to buy.

J. L. Johnson of Pecos, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Johnson is a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., his brother being W. D. Johnson of this city. He says cattle are doing well in his section and the calf crop the heaviest for years. Illustrating the rapid advance of the cattle lately, Mr. Johnson cited an instance which is nearly on a parallel with the much advertised Sawyer Cattle company sale. A certain bunch of Reeves county steers, numbering 1000 head of two and three years, were purchased last April by Johnson Bros. at \$17 and \$21, delivered at Amarillo. Twenty days after, they turned them over to a second party at \$19 and \$23, who twenty days later still sold them to a third buyer at \$22 and \$26. The record was lost at that point, but probably before now buyer No. 4 has gotten them at \$26 and \$30. They were native raised cattle, extra good size and condition, and had they been well bred as the plains cattle would no doubt have commanded much higher prices.

Harold Sorby of Chicago, agent for the Pasteur Vaccine company, in a business letter to the Journal dated 28th inst. says: "You may be interested to learn that Mr. Wm. Gould Bask of Coleman, Texas, recently wrote us as follows: 'Last autumn I vaccinated with your vaccine 200 head of coming yearlings. After vaccination only three of those operated upon died, and I consider the result highly successful, as out of 650 head of unvaccinated calves I lost altogether about 100 from blackleg. I purpose vaccinating all my calves this spring.' In connection with the last sentence I would say that Mr. Bask has recently ordered your vaccine for about 600 head. This morning's mail also brings an order for enough vaccine for 1000 head from Mr. Jim F. Wilson of Alpine, Texas, and so the good work goes on, as one after another sees the benefits of vaccination, and decides to adopt the system. The vaccination season, however, is rapidly drawing to a close and things will be pretty quiet until about the first of September. As regards the sorby virus for prairie dogs, Mr. Sorby says the results so far have been varying; he will be able to report more definitely after a little while."

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