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CATTLE.

THE FUTURE OF THE CATTLE BUSINESS.

The Journal is often asked to give its opinion as to the future of the cattle industry. This is something that no one can foretell with certainty, consequently, any prophecies in regard to same must be more or less guess work.

As long as the demand exceeds or is equal to the supply, good prices will be maintained in the markets. But, if the supply should ever exceed the demand, there will necessarily be a decline in prices.

Cattle booms do not begin in the market centers, but always in the range country and for this reason, prices on the range are not always regulated by or in keeping with the prices of beef in the market centers.

The present activity, or more correctly speaking, the present boom, was not, in the opinion of the Journal, brought about or put on foot by high prices in the market centers but by a shortage of cattle on the range country and a consequent surplus of grass, which means cheap grass, together with an abundance of cheap money.

In as much as this boom is not brought about by high prices in the market centers, it will not be regulated by the price of beef in the market centers unless the price of beef very materially increases or declines but will no doubt hold good as long as there is a surplus of cattle on the range and an abundance of money to be had at reasonable rates of interest.

Under ordinary circumstances, when only matured beef cattle are sent to market, the number of cattle on any range or territory may be relied upon to double every three years. At this rate the range country would soon become overstocked again. Conditions, however, have materially changed within the last few years and instead of our she cattle being kept on the ranges for breeding purposes as is usually the case when prices are high, a large percentage of them are either going direct to market or being sent to other states and territories to be prepared for market.

Twelve or fifteen years ago Texas marketed only matured cattle, either aged steers or dry cows. Later on that part of the state above the quarantine line found it more profitable to market their steers as two-year-olds to the Northern range than to be matured by them in Montana and other Northern range states and territories. These Northern ranges, formerly the great maturing grounds for our young steers, have during the past few years given way very largely to actual settlers and sheepmen, going away to a great extent with the large steer ranches and also materially curtailing the demand for our two-year-olds.

For these reasons the Northern ranchmen have found that even with an abundance of free grass they cannot compete in buying our young steers, with the feeders who use in maturing their cattle the cheap corn of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, and other corn feeding states. Besides, Texas ranchmen located above the quarantine line find that it no longer pays to hold their young steers until they are even two years old but that it pays better to sell them at from six to eight months old to be put on feed and matured early in the feed by the feeders throughout the corn belt above referred to.

Quite a large number of the calf crop of 1893 throughout the Panhandle country (unborn calves) have already been contracted for fall delivery to Northern feeders at prices ranging from \$15 to \$24 per head. As long as these prices can be realized, but few steers will be kept or matured in the Panhandle country. There are now, comparatively speaking but few two-year-olds in the section of country referred to and in the opinion of the Journal, a native three or four-year-old steer will be a thing of the past in the Panhandle of Texas within a year or two. In fact, a two-year-old will be as great a rarity as the four-year-old is now.

These constant changes in the handling of the business make it impossible to compare the present conditions and outlook with those of ten, twelve or fifteen years ago. The Journal does not look for much further advance in the price of cattle but it hopes that present prices, which are certainly good enough, will be maintained at least for a few years, and believes that they will be maintained as long as money remains plentiful and easy.

The Journal also believes that the ranchman who owns or absolutely controls his range, who does not overstock his ranch, but provides his herds with plenty of grass and water and who uses none but registered or full blood bulls, will continue almost indefinitely to find the business profitable.

It believes that she cattle bought even at present prices and located on good ranges, properly managed and properly bred, will bring reasonably satisfactory returns. The Journal cannot conceive of a business that would be more stable, more satisfactory or give better returns year by year with another, than a good Texas ranch stocked with good graded cows bred to registered or full blood bulls, as long as the calf crop can be sold each fall at even as much as \$12 per head.

But, while looking at the rosy side of the picture, it may be as well to admit that the time will come when a great many of the pastures and ranches will be overstocked, and especially will this be true in the event of a severe, protracted drought.

It is equally true that the time will come when from political agitation or other causes, money will not be as plentiful and easy as at present, which means that pay day is likely to come at a time when a great many of those using borrowed money will not be ready for it.

The result will be that while those who are out of debt, who have provided themselves with plenty of grass and water, who have graded up their herds and managed their business prudently and cautiously, will continue to

prosper, yet the time is coming no doubt, when those who have speculated wildly, who have overstocked their ranges and not given the necessary attention to breeding up their herds and who are heavily involved, will be confronted with a drought, or a stringency in money matters, or both, that will cause heavy losses.

In this connection it may not be a miss to state that there are cattlemen in Texas who have followed the business exclusively for a lifetime and who, notwithstanding the many ups and downs of the industry, have always made money. The increase in their herds have during the seasons of low prices, more than offset the decline in values, while others, being unable to withstand a decline, were forced to the wall, and so it will continue to be to the end of time.

HORSE.

AN AMERICAN HORSE.

The standard bred horse commands more utilities and commands better prices than any other class and consequently his breeding is a most important subject with American horsemen. Upon this subject Col. Henry Exall of Dallas, delivered an instructive address at the National Stock Growers' convention at Denver, from which the Journal makes the following extracts:

"Were I about to start to breeding I should want to raise a horse that would be blood bay or rich brown, beautifully proportioned, with splendid style and carriage, fine mane and tail, fifteen three to sixteen hands high, weighing from 1100 to 1200 pounds, kind, but full of courage, with perfectly natural trotting action, with the speed of the wind if I could get it, or, at any rate, with enough to brush a 2:10 gait, and the ability to pull a buggy on the road twelve or fifteen miles an hour without apparent effort and with ease and comfort to the driver. Such horses, if not good enough to race, are worth, single, from \$500 to \$1000 each and in pairs \$1500 to \$5000, according to speed and finish, and are ready sale in any large city. By a proper selection of our best mares and stallions horses can be bred and raised to match this picture with almost the same degree of certainty as a Berkshire pig, of a certain breed, with a certain well defined method of treatment, will weigh a given number of pounds at a given age.

I have under my own observation an example of the prepotency of a deeply bred trotting horse which fully justifies the position taken. This is a mare bred in his 4-year-old form to thirteen mares of different types, only one of which had borne a colt before, and all were of unknown or short breeding except one. Twelve colts resulted: Eleven of them took standard record as 2, 3 and 4-year olds. This certainly equals the pigs.

If you desire to breed for such results you should in the first place choose the mare that comes the nearest to the ideal of what you want the colt to be. If I should choose her I should want to know that her dam and granddam were, as individuals, as good as she and that her sire and grand sire were great producers. I should want to know that I could in a marked degree, I should then want this mare to be better individually and to possess to a larger degree than her ancestors on either side the high order of development for which I was striving.

I had but \$1000 to invest, and it would cost that \$1000 to buy such a mare as I have described. I would rather pay it for her and be for the time a "one-horse" man than to buy ten \$100 mares for the same money. For the produce of one well-bred mare of the right kind will sell in the market for as much as the produce of the ten common ones, and it would in return be infinitely more profitable to have just the one, as you would save the expense of breeding and keeping the other nine mares, and with one mare only you could afford to select the best stallion in the land to breed to, almost, regardless of the charge.

If I had been particular in the selection of the mare I would be fully as much so in the investigation of the history of the family of the horse that I was to breed her to. I should want him to be individually great, and a great producer; his sire great, and a great producer; his sire's sire great, and a great producer, and that the females on the sire's side should have been great producers. I should want his dam and granddam on the mare's side to have been of royal lineage and worthy of their breeding.

In a stallion thus fortified with great producers and performers for generations on both sides the instinct to trot, and trot fast, would be so fully inbred that I would expect to count with reasonable certainty, barring no accident upon his colts being superior to that of his sire or dam, combining the good qualities of both and being able to show a 3:00 gait as soon as way-wise, and to trot a mile in 2:20 or better with a short season's handling. From this class of breeding the chances are no more than even for getting a colt of great speed, possibly worth many thousands of dollars, but failing in this you would at least have a horse that combines all the most desirable qualities of size, style, speed and endurance, and that inherits with these qualities a disposition to work and to be kind, useful as a carriage horse, useful as an express horse, useful by intuition, education and instinct wherever an animal is hitched and pulled.

Breeding has been almost totally abandoned in the last four years, and it was estimated that there were not as many horses in the United States in 1893 as there were in 1890 by about 2,000,000, the decrease being proportionately much larger in the high grades of horses than in the cheap and less desirable ones.

Nothing but very high prices will stimulate the people generally to start to breeding again, and when they do start, the scarcity of merchantable stock will be intensified by the number of mares that will be withdrawn from ordinary use and put to breeding. It will be at least six years after the

breeding industry is well under way again before the colts resulting from such breeding will be old enough to be in general use. In the meantime there will be a great scarcity of horses, and correspondingly high prices.

Life is too short to exploit heretofore unprofitable theories, when great success can be immediately attained by combining the blood of those families that have always been and are now pre-eminently successful. The great trotters, the uniform trotters, the early trotters, the trotters that will trot naturally and without expensive handling, and that will sell best and quickest in all markets of the world, will be produced most readily and with the least uncertainty and expense by combining the blood of the best individual animals that have descended through the most approved and most successful trotting lines, from such lines as Electioneer, George Wilkes, Alexander's Abdallah, Dictator, Happy Medd, Volunteer, Mambrino Chief, Pilot, Jr., etc.

The two-minute trotter, as a rarity, of the 2:04 to 2:15 trotter in numbers, the fast road horse, elegant carriage horse, the high-stepping park horse and the general utility horse, most sought for in all the markets of the world will be a legitimate and inevitable result of such a line of breeding.

SWINE.

The brood sow does not need to be fat to bring big, strong pigs.

It does not pay the farmer to sell his corn at present prices. When hogs are bringing \$3.50 to \$4 the corn can be fed to them so as to make it bring a much better price turned into meat than it will bring as grain.

Have plenty of pasture for the pigs to enable them to make their growth with but little grain. Let them have the run of a wheat pasture in the winter and as soon as it can be done have a alfalfa field for them to graze on.

A proprietor of a packery suggests that it would be of advantage to farmers and breeders to have their hogs ready for market at different seasons of the year. This could hardly be arranged among so large a class as that interested in the swine industry. In an address delivered at the recent meeting of Texas swine breeders at Dallas by T. C. Slaughter he gave good reasons for preferring September as the best time for selling everything that weighs from 150 pounds up, and his success in handling hogs gives weight to his opinion.

Artichokes or any of the root crops that are relished by hogs are a valuable addition to their feed and undoubtedly assist in maintaining them in good, healthy condition, but they are not, as is sometimes claimed, an absolute preventive of disease. While they alone will not fatten a hog, they have a very decided value as a feed and by their aid in digestion and as a "condition" food they enable the hog to assimilate better the corn and other feeds given him. In doing these things they do enough to give them an important place on the farm where hogs are raised, and hogs should be raised on every farm in Texas.

MAKING PORK CHEAPLY.

A very great improvement has been made in the economies of handling hogs after they reach the place for slaughter, resulting not only from the fact that the entire animal finds some utility in which it can be employed, thus obviating any waste, but also from the improved methods and appliances employed in all the processes of preparation for the consumer. All this has tended to reduction in the price of the finished product.

It seems that the processes and economies of the packeries have been so

perfected that with them the cheapening influences upon the trade can go but little if any further. Any further reduction must come from methods and means during the rearing and the feeding period. It is probable that there will be a material change upon the farms, resulting from the fact that corn will become less a factor in the making of the hog than it has been heretofore. "Farmers who have been most successful in growing and feeding hogs," says P. C. Holme in the American Swineherd, "have learned that their hogs are produced at less cost when they do not rely wholly on corn. They find that they can grow better hogs and have healthier stock where they make grass, clover and other green and succulent feeds a large part of the ration."

Heretofore the corn belt of our country has been almost exclusively the hog growing belt, but while the states which raise a large surplus of corn will continue to employ it extensively in feeding, Texas has the ability to produce the products which are so valuable in building up the animal as well as the finishing feeds that she will be able to raise and prepare her hogs for the packer more cheaply than Indiana and Illinois. The climate, with its early spring and late winter gives nearly ten months of the year free from weather that prohibits grazing, and during the other two months there are no many days of winter storm. Over a large part of Texas alfalfa will arrive, and there is no better pasturage for hogs, and almost anywhere grazing crops and others that will cheaply develop the animal can be easily produced. The breeding can be so arranged that the pigs will come in January or early in February, weaning them when the spring is opening, and before the severe cold of the following winter they can be shipped to some of the packeries or stockyards. A test made at the Arkansas experiment station shows how valuable the forage crops are in pork production, and that corn is neither the cheapest nor the best feed.

A grade Poland-China sow with five pigs was turned into the rye March 23d. Rye had been sown the fall previous and was about six inches high. They did not relish the rye and had to be fed corn to keep them up. After a week or so they were turned on clover and fed some grain. The sow remained with the pigs until May 15th. Late in July the pigs were put on sorghum, which had been planted April 15th, and was heading out. They did well until the stalks became hard. In September two pigs were put on sweet potatoes and three on peanuts. The pigs on peanuts did the best, and lived there until the ground froze in December. They were then fed all the soaked corn they would eat until January 3d.

During the test the pigs had grazed one-fourth acre of clover, one-fourth acre of sorghum and two-fifths acre of peanuts, making in all less than one acre. They also had a mixture of charcoal, salt, ashes and slacked lime. At the close of the test the pigs averaged 242 pounds. The value of the grain fed to the pigs and sow while the utmost care must be taken. The cost of the feed was \$10.61. Rent on land was called \$3.00. Value of green crops \$4.50. Total cost of 1,215 pounds, or five pigs, was \$18.11, or a cost of one and a half cents a pound gross—nothing said of the quality of the pork. With this rotation they used only 4 1/2 bushels of corn to grow a pig of 243 pounds at ten months old.

You cannot successfully breed swine without making some outlay of money. You must buy new blood every year, and the best is none too good. In this the improved methods and appliances employed in all the processes of preparation for the consumer. All this has tended to reduction in the price of the finished product.

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THEY AVERAGED \$372.37.

Forty Lots at Yesterday's Hereford Sale by Hill Realized \$15,020.

The dispersion of the Hereford cattle known as the Sycamore Springs herd took place on the 15th at the stock yards sale pavilion as per announcement in the Journal. The cattle were not up in the usual sales day dress, as it was but about six weeks since the owner, Mr. H. M. Hill, concluded to disperse it, yet they were in good every-day Whiteface dress and brought greatly advanced prices as compared with those realized at three similar public sales that of Funkhouser in October, 1896, that of Sothern and Scott & March in April, 1897, which made a general average of about \$151, while the sale yesterday made a general average of \$372, or a gain of 105 per cent.

Buyers and visitors were out from half a score of states, resulting in 16 lots going to Missouri, 8 to Texas, 5 to Kansas, 4 to Iowa, 3 to Illinois and 2 each to Nebraska and Colorado. Missouri buyers secured about 40 per cent of the cattle.

Walter B. Waddell, of Lexington, Mo., topped the sale on the cow, lot 21, Lady Superior 46,166, with the four-months' bull calf, lot 44, at side, for \$735. The highest priced bull was lot 48, Enterprise 56,907, that went to F. M. Shattuck of Manhattan, Ia., at \$550.

SUMMARY.
8 Hill bred bulls brought.....\$ 2,930.00
Average..... 336.25
4 Hornaday bred bulls bright 670.00
Average..... 167.50
28 Hill cows brought..... 11,295.00
Average..... 403.39
1 cow out of condition..... 125.00
40 lots brought.....\$14,895.00
General average..... 372.37
Total amount realized..... 15,020.00
The Hornaday draft of four bull calves averaged 10 months of age and were grandly bred youngsters and had been up in anything like sale-ring condition would doubtless have brought more money. They did not bring their real value, yet it illustrated very forcibly that offerings should be in good form or condition to fetch the better prices.
W. P. BRUSH.

THE COMING SALE OF REGISTERED HEREFORDS AT BELTON, MO., APRIL 15, 1893.

The reader interested in Hereford cattle will find, if he visits the aggregation of over 500 head known as the Mt. Pleasant herd, bred and owned by Messrs. Scott & March of Belton, Mo., the best herd of any in this country. Those in quest of good Herefords will find Belton very favorably situated, it being about 30 miles south of Kansas City, Mo., on three lines of railway, viz: the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis, the Kansas City, Osceola and Southern and the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf. On the morning of the coming sale, April 15, a special train will leave Kansas City via the "Memphis Route" at 8 o'clock a. m. and returning will reach Kansas City at 8:20 p. m. This will give all persons from a distance an opportunity to concentrate at Kansas City before and after the sale, which is the last of the public sales of Herefords so far announced to take place in the West this year. To gain complete information concerning the sale and offerings write to Messrs. Scott & March for a copy of the sale catalogue.
W. P. BRUSH.

KIPLING AND DEKOVEN UNITE.
Reginald de Koven and Sir Arthur Sullivan have both been mentioned by The Ladies Home Journal to give a musical setting to Rudyard Kipling's great "Recessional" poem written for the Queen's Jubilee. De Koven has finished his setting of the poem as a hymn with chorus and solo, and the composition will be published in its entirety in a forthcoming issue of The Ladies' Home Journal.



MURDO MACKENZIE.



COL. J. N. SIMPSON.

MURDO MACKENZIE, Trinidad, Colo.

The above cut of Mr. MacKenzie was received from the engraver too late to be used in our special convention issue, for which it was intended. Mr. MacKenzie came to this country from Scotland in 1885 to assist in the management of the Prairie Cattle company and remained in the service of that company until the 1st of January, 1891. During the last three years that he was with the Prairie Cattle company, he had the entire management of its affairs. The first three years of his service with that company were devoted to the management of its financial affairs. After severing his connection with the Prairie Cattle company, he took the management of the Matador Land and Cattle company, which owns a large ranch in the Panhandle, which position he still retains. Mr. MacKenzie was elected member of the executive committee of the Cattle Raisers' association in 1892, to which position he has been re-elected each year since, but on account of being unable

through press of other business, to attend to the committee's work he resigned his position as committee man a year ago, but was re-elected again at the recent convention and is now a useful member of that body. Mr. MacKenzie manages one of the largest properties in the state and has not only been able to give satisfaction to the directors of his company, but has also managed to popularize himself with his neighboring ranchmen and the cattlemen of the state generally. He is now regarded as one of the best posted and most successful ranch managers in the state.

COL. J. N. SIMPSON, Dallas, Texas.

The above cut of Col. Simpson was intended to be used in our special-convention issue of March 2d, but was received from the engravers after the paper had gone to press. Inasmuch as Col. Simpson was one of the original organizers of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, the Texas Stock and Farm Journal was quite anxious to have this cut appear among the other pioneers in the issue referred to. It

may not be generally known, nevertheless it is a fact, that the first call issued for the meeting of the cattlemen at Graham, Texas, that resulted in the organization of the Cattle Raisers' association, was dictated by Col. Simpson, who not only signed it himself, but took the liberty of affixing also the signature of quite a number of his friends among the cattlemen. It was also Col. Simpson who first suggested the protective and detective feature of the association. In fact, during its early organization and its first ten years of existence, Col. Simpson was one of its most active and leading members. As far back as twenty-five years ago Col. Simpson was one of the leading cattlemen of the Texas frontier. First a member of the firm of Conz & Simpson, afterwards Hughes & Simpson, who organized the Continental Land and Cattle company, of which Col. Simpson was one of the principal owners for a number of years. He afterwards removed to Dallas and the last six or eight years has been engaged in the banking business, but has all along been more or less interested and identified with the cattle business.

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THE FARM.

POULTRY, DAIRY, CROPPING, GARDEN.

Dirty eggs will not sell as well as those that have a fresh, clean appearance...

Statistician Hyde, of the agricultural department, says: "It cannot be questioned that the farmers of the country have received for their cereal crops of 1937 something like \$130,000,000 more than for those of 1936, and \$80,000,000 more than for those of any preceding year since 1892."

It is throwing away money to buy pure bred fowls unless they are given good care. On the farm it is often difficult to devote much special attention to the poultry and therefore results are more satisfactory to the farmer if he buys only pure bred cocks and gradually improves his flocks.

An interesting experiment in developing new varieties of strawberries has been suggested as follows: At fruiting time select the finest berries from the best varieties, crush the berries and carefully wash out and dry the seed; plant the seed in a protected spot, somewhat shaded, in rich ground. Transplant the most promising plants after the fourth leaf appears, and afterwards give them the same cultivation as is given to other plants. There will probably be no two plants exactly alike. They will differ in foliage, fruiting manner and time of maturing. They may bear but slight resemblance to the fruit from which the seed were taken and most of them may not be worth cultivation, but if one new and valuable variety is produced the result may become profitable as the experiment is interesting.

The Journal has often wondered how poultry statisticians have been compiled to enable writers to state with such an air of accuracy that the poultry product of the country amounted to a value of \$300,000,000. These are large figures, and the Journal is really inclined rather to believe they are not large enough than to think them too large. Probably there are reliable data of shipments, sales, etc., upon which this estimate is based, but who can compile a statement or form a reasonable conjecture of the many thousands upon thousands of transactions that take place by hawksters or between neighbors, or aggregate into one estimate the value of the poultry and the eggs used at home by the farmer or suburban producer? If facts accessible for statistical purposes present a showing of \$300,000,000 is it not reasonable to suppose that if all the values were reported half a billion would not tell all the story?

At the meeting recently held in Dallas for the purpose of organizing the Dallas County Farmers' Institute, one of the speakers, not a farmer, asserted that the diversification of crops which has received so much attention of late, could not bring to the farmers here any benefit unless a cold storage plant should be established in the city. While cold storage would be of service as to perishable products, there are so many other lines of profitable production that the conclusion reached by the speaker that the diversification of crops that they raise at home as far as possible all that they consume. All the recommendations that call for a change put this first and foremost. This call for the production of bread, meat, fruits, vegetables, dairy and poultry products. In the production of these many can be marketed with profit. Let the "standard" or money crop be considered as the surplus, and then there will be few if any credits to be asked for, and if prices are low when the crop is gathered the farmer will not be driven helpless into a market of unwilling buyers but can hide his time for better prices. Inevitably with such diversification the capacity of dairy and dairy departments will enlarge in relative importance and their proceeds will steadily develop in profit. They will add richness to the soil so that less acreage will be needed for equal crop production year by year, giving more and more to pasture and forage plants, increasing the capacity of the farm for carrying the live stock department. Nothing else so enables a farmer to improve the productivity and enhance the value of his land as handling live stock on it, and if he will develop judiciously this department of his industry will find himself steadily growing richer instead of poorer. Diversification means many things besides raising strawberries and tomatoes.

REDUCING COST OF PRODUCTION. At the Louisiana Experiment Station at Calhoun, La., a cotton raising test was made which is substantially reported as follows: An acre of poor pine land was selected and planted in cotton the first year. The crop, of course, was light. The second year the land was planted in corn and peas, the third year in oats, followed by peas and the fourth year in cotton, which yielded a bale to the acre. The lesson in this is that cotton can be grown at much less cost than what has been its average cost if a judicious system of crop rotation be practiced. All the crops raised in the above series were utility crops, that is, they gave to the farmer a valuable direct return from the soil at the same time that they were building up its productive qualities. The peas absorbed nitrogen from the air and transferred it to the soil, contributing to the latter as large a fertilizing value as would be obtained from 100 or 150 worth of commercial fertilizer. The result was the production of three or perhaps four or five times as much cotton as would have been produced on the same land under the ordinary system. It will be noted that to utilize best the between crops, corn, peas and oats the farmer should have had all the live stock that could be sustained on them. This involves the adoption of pasturing, than which there is nothing that more enriches the land. The pasture and food crops would be increased by the stock raised upon them, enabling a still greater number of stock to be raised on the same land. The cotton seed could profitably be used in feeding cattle, for that purpose being worth nearly as much as corn. The Journal believes strongly in diversification. While it believes that every farmer should raise other things than cotton it does not suggest that he quit raising cotton. But if he can by stock raising and crop rotation multiply the productive power of his land so as to diminish the cost of raising his cotton he may be able to make a satisfactory profit on the portion of his farm devoted to that crop.

It is so well established that the aeration of milk improves it that it should be practiced universally, not only on the farms where dairying is the principal business, but on every farm, although the dairy department is only for home supply. A number of aerating implements have been made and many of them can probably be bought at less cost than the process can be effected anywhere by such simple methods that an implement specially made for the purpose of freely exposing all the milk to the air is not necessary, though it may be so much more convenient and effective as to make its use a decided economy. Letting it fall through a vessel with a perforated bottom so that the falling drops or slender streams will descend through the air three or four feet will probably give such aeration as will be a decided benefit. This can easily be arranged on any farm and will occupy so little time and cost so little trouble that it is well worth while to practice it. After this exposure to the air the milk should be strained and set away. The result will be such superior quality in the milk as to well repay all cost of time or trouble. An arrangement can be made for this purpose by constructing near the

milking place a small shed framed for the vessels above and below and not only situated beyond the reach of offensive odors but kept scrupulously clean. The shed should be provided so that the inner portion could have free exposure to the sun, opening to the south and with a roof shifting or hinged. Of course would be used only until the milk is ready to be taken to the place where it is kept throughout the remainder of the day. Any farmer can build such an affair, a large goods box being, perhaps, all the material needed.

ARTICHOKE. A correspondent at Big Springs asks the following questions about artichokes. What is the best kind; what to obtain seed; price; time to plant; best kind of soil for their growth; can they be raised without irrigation; will they grow on sandy land.

Those who have had some experience in raising them generally prefer the Jerusalem artichoke. They are very white, have the form of a potato and a taste somewhat between a potato and turnip. Hogs eat them greedily and thrive on them. (2) The seed can be obtained from almost any seed house, and are in the catalogues of the Kansas Seed House, Lawrence, Kansas, and of the Texas Seed and Floral company, 306 Elm street, Dallas, Texas. (3) The latter house gives price, peck 50 cents, bushel \$1.50. (4) They can be planted as soon as the ground becomes warm, about the time for planting potatoes. (5) They flourish best in rich light soil. (6) In a climate like that of Big Springs some irrigation would probably be necessary and certainly would be beneficial. (7) Some sand in the soil is favorable to their growth. It is probable that any soil which will produce well either turnips or potatoes would be good for artichokes. They should be planted every year, the same as potatoes, but not so thick in the row and only one piece to the hill. The yield is heavy, some claiming that they will produce from 500 to 1000 bushels per acre. They make an excellent feed for any class of live stock.

EARLY MATURITY. Any means which can be employed to effect early maturity of fruit or vegetable adds much to the profit of the producer. There are some simple methods which may be adopted for this purpose. In the use of fertilizers the mineral fertilizers should be employed rather than the organic ones, and more effective plant food. The manures have a tendency to retard maturity. The nitrogenous fertilizers produce rank and leafy growth. Potash has a pronounced effect in hastening maturity.

There are certain plants whose valuable product is the seed or seed envelope, such as peas, beans, tomatoes, etc. These continue blooming so long that flowers and fruit are on the plant at the same time. By pruning the flower-bearing branch soon after the first flowers appear, the energy of the plant is directed to the perfection of the earliest portion of the crop, and some products can in this way be matured ten days to two weeks earlier than the normal time.

It is said that tomatoes can be made to mature a week or so earlier by selecting seed from the full grown green fruit directed to the perfection of the earliest portion of the crop, and some products can in this way be matured ten days to two weeks earlier than the normal time. In sweet corn the silk or female flower matures several days earlier than the male or stamens, and by shaking the latter the pollen may be made to fall earlier on the silk, hastening the maturity of the corn a few days.

The principles upon which these facts depend are simple and generally known. The methods described would give gratifying results to the farmer's home table but the result is of more importance if the crop is to be marketed for the earlier product may often very materially swell the net profit of the season's industry.

At Godthaab, on the west coast of Greenland, such a display comes up rapidly from the magnetic south, passes the zenith and then stretches away to the north. Its great velocity makes one think that its elevation above the ground must be small. If such an aurora is due to a charged mass there should be a change in sign in the deflection of the magnetic needle, the moment the aurora passes the zenith. At Godthaab I twice saw such displays, but unfortunately was too far away from the magnetic needle to tell whether it was affected or not. But M. Vedel, whom I had asked to study such matters while on the staff of the Ryder in the expedition to Scoresby Sound in 1891-2, has repeatedly seen small auroral draperies move with great rapidity from the ground to the north, and every time the needle has been observed to move toward the west with the approach of the aurora. "When the aurora passes the zenith the needle oscillates and returns to the position which it held before the aurora appeared, or deviates to the east when the aurora stretches away to the north. These observations show that these auroral curtains are due to electrical currents moving from the bottom upward. The electrical potential then decreases toward the top in these auroral curtains, and we think that our experiments confirm those of Vedel in proving that the potential of the air near the surface of the earth decreases and may even become negative during an auroral display. He comes to the conclusion that the

POSTER'S LOCAL FORECASTS. The storm waves will reach this meridian and the other changes will occur in Texas within twenty-four hours of 8 p. m. of the dates given below:

March 25—Warm. March 26—Threatening. March 27—Changeable. March 28—Cooler. March 29—Cool. March 30—Moderating. March 31—Warmer.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Copyright, 1938, by W. T. Foster. St. Joseph, Mo., March 19.—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 24th to the 28th and the next will cross the Pacific coast about 29th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 29th, great central valleys 31st to April 2d, Eastern states April 3d.

Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about March 29th, great central valleys 31st, Eastern states April 2d. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about April 1st, great central valleys 3d, Eastern states 4th.

Temperature of the week ending April 2d will average about normal in the Northern states and west of the Rockies, and above normal in the Southern states.

Rainfall for the same period will be about normal in the Northern states and west of the Rockies and below normal in the Southern states.

We are now, March 19th, at the turning point of weather conditions and all should prepare for the unusual and great extremes, severe storms, sudden changes. Just what the weather will be for the next ten days I have been unable to determine, except that it will not be a tame affair.

Sometimes these great disturbances expend their forces in a great hot wave, sometimes in a great cold wave, or in tornadoes, or hurricanes, great floods, or great wind droughts. Generally the nature of these great disturbances can be determined but this one is difficult and I can only warn my readers that unusual and severe weather will occur in many parts of the United States.

In next week's bulletin I will tell you about April and will give valuable information about crop weather of that month.

Up to this writing, March 12, Chicago, temperature has followed the forecast line running from cold about the first to quite warm 10th to 13th.

Auroras and the Weather.—Prof. M. Adis, of Blue Hill, Mass., observer, reviews Prof. Vedel's production on auroras and the review is given below: In these two contributions Adam Paulsen emphasizes the meteorological side of the question, "What is an Aurora?" as distinguished from the many ingenious physical theories which have been put forward by physicists. They are valuable additions to our knowledge of auroral formations and have a charm in this that no stretching of the observed conditions is necessary in order to accommodate them to the views held by the writer.

Our author first gives some experimental observations which show, he thinks, the existence and direction of electrical currents in the air and the influence of the aurora upon the electrical potential of the air near the ground. As yet there has been no general law discovered covering the relations of the magnetic needle and auroral displays.

Great auroral displays are for the most part accompanied with marked perturbations of the needle; but the observations of the circumpolar parties of 1882-3 demonstrated beyond a doubt that there are many auroral displays, particularly of the quiescent type, which are not accompanied with disturbed needle readings. It is plain that for sometime we have been classifying under one term—aurora—phenomena which are somewhat alike in appearance, but yet are of different origin.

Many of the difficulties now met in reconciling sun spot, auroral and magnetic periodicities will disappear when it is understood that there is one set of phenomena widely extended and magnificent in color which are accompanied with magnetic disturbances and other or less solar commotion; and another class of auroral displays which are local in character and more in the nature of manifestations of atmospheric electricity. With these preliminary remarks we proceed to abstract from the two papers.

The great displays which cover a large portion of the sky must have a peculiar effect upon the needle since the position and intensity of the light are constantly changing. In fact, there is the disturbing effect of the earth currents which in general a strong aurora induces. "But there is one auroral appearance which I have only seen during my stay in Greenland which is noteworthy. It resembles a certain lung, vertically and has a very rapid motion. "At Godthaab, on the west coast of Greenland, such a display comes up rapidly from the magnetic south, passes the zenith and then stretches away to the north. Its great velocity makes one think that its elevation above the ground must be small. If such an aurora is due to a charged mass there should be a change in sign in the deflection of the magnetic needle, the moment the aurora passes the zenith. At Godthaab I twice saw such displays, but unfortunately was too far away from the magnetic needle to tell whether it was affected or not. But M. Vedel, whom I had asked to study such matters while on the staff of the Ryder in the expedition to Scoresby Sound in 1891-2, has repeatedly seen small auroral draperies move with great rapidity from the ground to the north, and every time the needle has been observed to move toward the west with the approach of the aurora. "When the aurora passes the zenith the needle oscillates and returns to the position which it held before the aurora appeared, or deviates to the east when the aurora stretches away to the north. These observations show that these auroral curtains are due to electrical currents moving from the bottom upward. The electrical potential then decreases toward the top in these auroral curtains, and we think that our experiments confirm those of Vedel in proving that the potential of the air near the surface of the earth decreases and may even become negative during an auroral display. He comes to the conclusion that the

Better Than Cure—Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrhal Conditions. Mrs. J. W. Reynolds, of Elkton, Columbia county, Ohio, says she has suffered with congestion of the lungs, catarrh in the head and was troubled with a bad cough. She had tried a number of physicians, but they all failed to cure her. She was induced to try Pe-ru-na, and immediately a marked change took place. After using Pe-ru-na her cough ceased, and in a short time her other ailments were cured. She is now completely restored to health, and gives daily in pamphlet form. The book of the bronchial tubes produces coughing, raising of mucus, pain in the chest, and a condition known as weak lungs. If the disease is not checked it will continue to spread downward, through the smaller bronchial tubes, until it reaches the general lung tissue, where it will set up the disease known as consumption. If Pe-ru-na is taken at the first symptoms of bronchial catarrh no bad results will follow.

Dr. Hartman has published a few of the many testimonials he received from Kansas farmers for the liberal patronage of the Journal during the convention.

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POOLE IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: After leaving West, near Waco, I visited Mr. J. D. Skinner, who is a model farmer and stock raiser on a small scale and is breeding and raising some very fine Poland China hogs, and has one among the finest vineyards in the neighborhood. He is what I call a practical, prosperous farmer, and in addition to his farming interests operates a brick yard on a large scale; makes and burns several hundred a brick annually. He has invented a brick for irrigating purposes which works like a charm. It is moulded with a half hollow on one side of the brick lengthwise. The bricks are laid together making a two inch hole, three brick to the foot; a trench is made about one foot deep and the bricks are laid in it, breaking joints as if laying up in a wall. The joints give ample space for the water to escape, which gives a complete sub-irrigation system. The lanes or pipes formed by the bricks are far enough below the surface of the land to not interfere with the plow and will last forever. The pipes are placed about four feet apart. Mr. Skinner has several hundred feet in his garden, which gives entire satisfaction. He has been using them two years. The two pipes that supply all the water needed for several acres. He claims the sub-irrigation system does not require but little water, compared with surface irrigation, and the results are far more satisfactory. The outlay is not costly, and once made, the bricks are there for all time. A competent W. J. Duffel, who is Capt. Skinner's near neighbor, says he is one among the smartest yankees ever come to Texas.

After leaving Rockdale, my next halt was at Franklin, the county seat of Robertson county. I spent one day and night at this place and drank of the wonderful water that is there. I was well renowned for its health restoring properties. I made a number of acquaintances, and had a pleasant time, good hotel accommodations to anyone desiring to take advantage of the waters.

I next pulled up at Hearne. I noticed from the car window, a few miles out from Hearne, in the Brazos bottom some magnificent fine farms. One, in particular, which caught my eye was a farm in one solid body of 3700 acres, dotted all over with small houses. I was informed these farms were worked by negro labor and that the principal owner was Saturday evening, when I was there, and I want to say I never saw as many negroes in one place in all my life. The streets and sidewalks were literally jammed, yet good order prevailed and, as far as I could see, all seemed happy. I remember me of the good old days before the war.

My next stop was at the beautiful little city of Palestine, which has a population of 9000 or 10,000. I was much pleased with the town and people. A fine rain fell on Sunday night and Monday morning business seemed to be brisk. I met several old time friends, who gave me a hearty welcome.

Thence to Tyler, the county seat of Smith county, which is quite a nice little town of some prominence. The country is adapted to fruit and vegetable production. I noticed for sale in several stores vegetables grown this season. One truck farmer informed me he was planting twenty acres in tomatoes and a large crop of cabbage, potatoes, etc. I was a little curious to know what he expected to do with so many tomatoes. "Why," said he, "I find a ready market for them in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.," said he rather raise tomatoes at 30 cents per bushel than cotton at 5 cents per pound. Said he, "I raise all my pork, and some to spare, on the refuse of my gardens produce fifty acres give constant employment to myself and four hands."

I made a good list of subscribers here, as well as at Palestine. I desire to thank my friends and the many gentlemen for favors and liberal patronage to the Journal.

I pulled out of Tyler on the night train for Mineola, arriving at Mineola about 1 o'clock at night. In hunting a hotel I stumbled over boxes, fell in a ditch, had a dog chase me out of a

private residence, which frightened me so I longed to be at the Sunflower farm. However, I finally found a hotel, said my prayers and retired; slept soundly until called for breakfast. Here I made a fairly good list for the Journal; took dinner with W. B. Mansell, and I certainly enjoyed it. His good lady knows just how to prepare a hungry newspaper rustler something good to eat.

My next halt was Wills Point. I shall never forget my stay there. Here it was I joined the barrel brigade. It taught me a lesson for all time to come—to not trust too much in would-be friends. I was initiated in ancient and due form. P. C. Hawkins will please accept my many thanks for favors shown me. We took a stroll round the square, smoked cigars and drank several glasses of something else. All this time the boys were preparing a place to give me my first degree, and enough to know, they scarce me so bad I will be a long time getting back to my home.

I rounded up at Fort Worth on March 6th, and right here I want to thank John Millsaps, W. T. Carpenter, Mr. Good, J. R. Jeffery and many others for favors shown me during the convention, also desire to return my sincerest thanks to my many friends for the liberal patronage of the Journal during the convention.

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OUTSIDE MARKETS.

GALVESTON MARKET. Galveston, Tex., March 19.—All classes of fat cattle in demand at quotations. No calves, sheep or hogs offering. Prices strong, with upward tendency.

Present quotations—Beaves, choice, \$3.50@4.00; beaves, common, \$2.50@3.00; cows, choice, \$3.00@3.50; cows, common, \$2.50@2.75; yearlings, choice, \$3.00@3.50; yearlings, common, \$2.50@2.75; calves, common, \$3.00@3.50; sheep, choice, \$4.00@4.50; sheep, common, \$3.00@3.50; hogs, corned, \$3.50@4.00; hogs, masted, \$2.50@2.75.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., March 21.—Cattle receipts here 700 head, shipments 400. The market was steady to strong. Fair to fancy native shipping and export steers ranged from \$4.50@5.50, dressed beef and butcher steers from \$4.00@5.00, steers under 1000 pounds from \$2.65@4.45, stockers and feeders from \$2.00@4.50, cows and heifers from \$2.00@4.50, Texas and Indian steers from \$3.85@5.05, with superior Fort Worth cattle up to \$5.30, cows and heifers from \$2.50@3.40. Hog receipts 5300 head, shipments 700. The market was 5@10c higher. Yorkers \$3.70@3.85, packers \$3.80@3.95, butchers \$3.90@4.05, receipts 800 head, shipments none. The market steady and dull. Native muttons \$4.00@4.50, lambs \$5.00@5.50.

KANSAS CITY MARKET. Stock Yards, Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Last week's decline cut off the supply of good beef cattle and best offered to-day brought \$4.70. Choice cattle were nominally worth \$5.00 to \$5.20. The supply of rangers was moderate, and trade active at \$3.80 to \$4.55, on steady basis. Only a handful of cows and heifers arrived and were eagerly taken at \$3.25 to 10c higher, the bulk selling at \$3.25 to \$4.25. Over 1200 Southern cattle came in and were all weighed up by 10 o'clock.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., March 21.—Cattle rec'd stronger and in many instances 10c higher. Cattle sold as high as at any time this year, sales being \$5.00 to \$5.25 from \$3.25@4.00 for the poorest up to \$5.25@5.50 for choice consignments. The bulk of the offerings sold from \$4.35@5.10 and fancy beaves quotable from \$5.60@5.80, exporters were good buyers from \$4.85@5.10, stockers and feeders ranged from \$3.20@4.70, with a good demand. Best grades calves brought from \$6.00@6.50. The small supply of hogs in connection with an active demand resulted in a stronger market and prices largely from 2 1/2@3c higher. The bulk of the hogs sold from \$3.90@4.00, the commonest from \$3.75@3.80, prime heavy at \$4.07 1/2, prime light at \$3.97 1/2. Sheep were strong to 10c higher, lambs were barely steady. Inferior to prime sheep ranged from \$3.25@4.75, woolled fed westerns from \$4.25@4.60, yearlings from \$4.50@5.00, woolled lambs from \$4.75@5.50, mostly from \$5.00@5.40. Receipts of cattle were 45000 head, hogs 25,000, sheep 10,000.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET. New Orleans, La., March 3.—The arrivals of beef cattle continue light, and calves and yearlings are scarce. The market rules strong. Beaves, cows and heifers, calves and yearlings in good active demand. The receipts for several days being short of the demand. Hogs in full supply, weak and slow sale. There continues an active demand for good muttons. Good sheep selling for outside quotations. Cattle—Good fat beaves, \$3.75@4.25; fair fat beaves, \$3.00@3.25; thin and rough old beaves, \$2.25@3.00; good fat cows and heifers, \$3.25@3.75; fair fat cows, \$2.50@3.00; thin and rough old cows, each, \$7.00@12.00; bull, \$2.75@3.00; good fat calves, each, \$10.00@12.00; fair fat calves, each, \$7.00@8.50; thin calves, each, \$4.50@6.00; good fat yearlings, \$3.25@4.00; fair fat yearlings, each, \$5.00@10.00; thin yearlings, \$5.50@7.00; good milk cows, \$30.00@40.00; common to fair, \$15.00@27.50; springers, \$17.50@25.00. Hogs—Good fat corned, \$3.50@4.00; common to fair, \$3.00@3.25. Sheep—Good sheep, \$4.00@4.50; common to fair, each, \$1.25@2.00. ALBERT MONTGOMERY & CO., Limited.

COTTON, GRAIN AND WOOL. COTTON MARKET. Dallas, March 21.—Higher prices are paid by merchants for customers' cotton, but nominal quotations follow: Ordinary..... 3 15-16 Good ordinary..... 4 5-16 Low middling..... 4 9-16 Middling..... 5 5-16 Good middling..... 5 9-16 Middling fair..... 6 1-16 Galveston, Tex., March 21.—Spot cotton quiet and unchanged. Sales 569 bales. Ordinary..... 4 9-16 Good ordinary..... 5 1-16 Low middling..... 4 5-16 Middling..... 5 5-16 Good middling..... 5 9-16 Middling fair..... 6 1-16 New Orleans, La., March 21.—Spot cotton easy and unchanged. Sales 6550 bales. Ordinary..... 4 9-16 Good ordinary..... 5 1-16 Low middling..... 4 5-16 Middling..... 5 5-16 Good middling..... 5 9-16 Middling fair..... 6 1-16

GRAIN MARKET. Galveston, Tex., March 21.—Wheat—No. 2 soft, \$1.04@1.05; No. 2 hard, \$1.07. Corn—Quotations f. o. b. Galveston: No. 2 mixed in sacks is offered to the

trade c. a. f. Galveston track in carload lots at 42 1/2@43c per bushel; No. 2 white western 43 1/2@46c. Oats—No. 2 Texas or Territory 27 1/2@28c sacked; No. 2 white western 30 1/2@31c; clipped Texas 31@31 1/2.

Chicago, Ill., March 21.—Cash quotations are as follows: No. 3 spring wheat 92@96c. No. 2 red \$1.01 1/2. No. 2 corn 28 1/2c. No. 2 oats 25 1/2c. No. 2 white f. o. b. 29 1/2@30 1/2c. No. 3 white f. o. b. 28@29c. No. 2 rye 49c. No. 2 barley 34@40 1/2c. No. 1 flax seed \$1.11, new \$1.20. Prime timothy seed \$2.85.

Kansas City, Mo., March 21.—Wheat higher: No. 1 hard 90@91c; No. 2 83@90c. No. 1 red 94@96c. No. 2 83@90c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed 25 1/2@26c. Oats steady; No. 2 white 27 1/2@28c. Rye weaker; No. 2 45 1/2c.

WOOL MARKET. Galveston, Tex., March 21.—The comparative wool statement is as follows: This day, week, season. Receipts..... 21,570 9,460,508 Shipments..... 9,419,456 Sales..... 101,801 Stock..... 82,423 Twelve months' clip..... 11 @12c Six to eight months' clip..... 10 @11c Fine..... 8 1/2@9 1/2c Medium..... 8 @10c

NEWS AND NOTES.

CATTLE SALES. Alpine—M. B. Chastain to Willis McCutcheon, 40 Hereford bull calves at \$25. Jackson & Harmon bought 1500 one and two-year-old steers at private terms, as follows: From Norman & Morgan, 1000; from W. W. Bogel, 400; from Sam Schwing, 100. M. B. Chastain contracted his yearlings to J. D. Jackson at \$16.

Ozona—E. Jackson, of Devil's River, to W. E. West, 25 yearlings at \$15. Henrietta—W. H. Myers to F. P. Neville and F. L. Miller, 200 high grade stock cattle at \$25. Ell Dunlap, of Archer county, to T. J. Cook and W. J. Belcher, 82 cows at \$20, April delivery. H. Boddy bought from L. D. Major 165 one and two-year-old steers at \$20, and from C. S. Herd 35 stock cattle at \$16. Ballinger—A. Rutledge to Tom Richards, 380 stock cattle at \$17.50. Sonora—John C. Johnson sold his yearling steers to Halbert & Justice at \$15.

Amarillo—Mrs. Ada M. Scott to Rowe Bros., 2500 stock cattle. Kimp county—George Hodges to Dud Tom, of Fort McKavett, 300 two-year-old steers at \$19, and 200 three at \$24, 20 per cent cut on three and 60 per cent cut on two. The purchase was for Wm. Childers, of San Angelo. San Angelo—L. L. Wheat bought 600 yearling steers at \$12 around at Rock Springs. John Rae to Will Carson, 70 coming yearlings at \$16. W. I. Grinnell to Will Carson, 50 coming yearlings, at \$16. Ben Cole to F. M. Boren, 75 steers, three and four, at \$13. Uvalde—J. A. Mangum to W. A. Mangum, all his cattle, horses, etc., for \$35,000. Ellis & Dibrell to Sam Mangum, all the cattle on their Zavalla county ranch, 2300 to 2400, at \$20 per head, everything branded to be counted. Mr. Budd to McCommon & Woodley, 900 two-year-olds at \$14. H. B. Jones to S. Tom to C. B. Jones, 650 three-year-old steers at \$24, and 300 two at \$18.50. Colorado—P. M. Fortner to Sebe Jones, 200 Mexican steers at \$20. W. A. Johnson to J. M. Williams, 100 fine cows at \$30. Lagow & Nunn to Dr. P. C. Coleman, 150 steers, ones, two and three, at \$18, \$25 and \$27. San Saba—Gordon Walker and Jos. T. Williams bought 1000 yearling steers at \$15. Midland—A. S. Hawkins to W. R. Floyd, 40 cows at \$25. N. B. Brown to A. S. Hawkins, all the Ink Bar cattle at \$17.50. Connell & Pemberton to John Morton & Co., 2500 steers at private terms. J. S. Strawn to Doc Cowden, 550 cows at \$20. George A. Pemberton bought of Roll Dublin 400 yearlings at \$18.50. May delivery; of W. C. White, all his yearlings, about 50 head, at \$18; of R. F. Love, all his yearlings, at \$11; of Bruce & Barron, 75 yearlings, at \$18. Private terms—Lowe & Pena to Chris Mogford, of Gillespie county, 1000 mixed cattle, mostly steers, April delivery at Hebbroville, at \$13 around. John T. Lytle, of Lytle, bought of Snyder & Kritser, of Taylor, 1500 head of steer cattle, consisting of 521.75 per head, 500 three and 300 four, at \$21.75 per head. These are the cattle bought on private terms, by Messrs. Snyder & Kritser from O. G. Hugo, of Dilley. O. L. Eckhart, of Yorktown, to George W. Haynes & Son, of San Antonio, 1200 spayed cows at \$19.50 per head. Thos. H. Faile, of Boerne, to Charles Schreiner, of Kerrville, 200 dry cows at private terms. H. S. Tom, of Atascosa county, to C. B. Lucas, of Beckhart, 650 head of three-year-old steers at \$24, and 300 two at \$18.50, June delivery. Ike West, of San Antonio bought of Huebner Bros., of Bay City, 500 two-year-old steers and 100 three and up at \$17, fall delivery. Bennett & West, of San Antonio, bought of W. A. Winters, of Big Foot, 150 ones at \$12.50. Ike T. Pryor, of

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Light Battery K, First Artillery, U. S. A., has been sent from San Antonio to Galveston. A company of heavy artillery from Jackson barracks, New Orleans, has also been ordered to the same point and a force of engineers is employed in constructing fortifications. The fine stock show at Corsicana on the 26th is expected to be one of the most attractive exhibitions of horses ever made in Texas. Every fine horse in Navarro county will be entered and there will be a large number of other equally handsome animals from other counties. Because of a heavy debt burdening the tax payers of Hidalgo county the county judge, sheriff, clerk and four commissioners have offered to render their official services without any cost to the county until the debt is reduced. The saving to the county will be about \$2500 per annum. A national convention of horsemen will be held at the Palmer house, in Chicago March 30, to encourage breeding of the best classes of horses to suit the increasing domestic and foreign demand and to discuss market requirements and generally to advance the interests of breeders. Menard Enterprise: A large surveying and fencing outfit from Llano passed this morning on their way to Val Verde and Crockett counties, where they go to put in a 120,000-acre pasture for J. C. Stribling of San Angelo, but formerly of Llano.

Childress County Index: The entire production of their young Hereford cattle for the coming three years has been sold by Aultman & McVane of Cheyenne, Wyo., to Boyce & Powell of Texas, at an average price of \$50 per head. The ranch is said to produce about 800 head per year, making the sale aggregate \$120,000. The public sale of registered Hereford cattle by Jas. A. Funkhouser of Plattsburg, Mo., and Gudge & Simpson of Independence, was held at the Kansas City Stockyards on the 16th. Twenty-nine cows were sold at an average of \$498.65 and 31 bulls at an average of \$468.11. Texas buyers took 9 cows and 4 bulls, aggregating \$5420. The United States supreme court in the case of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway vs. Charles Haber has affirmed the constitutionality and validity of the state laws of Kansas, prohibiting the transportation into the state of cattle affected with splenic fever, and providing for a civil action for damages in case of the infraction of the law. In Grayson county market gardening is receiving more attention than ever before and much of the land that has formerly been given to corn and cotton is now being planted in vegetables. A great many new orchards have been set out and many older ones enlarged. Pear trees are having the preference in the new planting, apples coming next.

Grand Falls New Era: The wild and woolly west is a thing of the remote past, at least as far as Texas is concerned. At the last term of the district court for Ward county there was not a single case of any kind, civil or criminal, for trial. The judge called up to the sheriff, deputies and constables and, after close interrogation failing to hear of anything requiring attention, he adjudged court without impaneling the grand jury. Henrietta News: Col. E. B. Carver is about quitting the cattle business and will go to farming. He still has left about 3500 head of 2 and 3-year-old steers in Archer pastures which he wants to sell and expects to sell within a few days, and he will then devote his attention exclusively to farming and politics. He has 1000 acres in wheat which looks as pretty as a parlor carpet, 500 acres in oats, 300 acres in corn, and is preparing to put in 200 acres in sorghum and 100 acres in millet. * * * C. T. Taylor of the Huronville neighborhood, shipped in a lot of East Texas cows the early part of the week to eat the luxuriant grass in his home pasture. * * * H. B. Bowen brought in 422 head of stock cattle from East Texas Tuesday and took them down to his pastures near

Coleman Voice: The rabbit hunt north of town Saturday resulted in the killing of about 200 of the furry pests. On account of the inclement weather, only a few persons participated in the hunt. The commissioner of the United States General Land Office has ruled mesquite is timber and cannot be cut off the public lands. This is hard on the settlers in a large portion of New Mexico and Arizona, where mesquite is about the only fuel. The first large auction sale in Germany of American horses took place in Berlin last week. It was very largely attended and bidding was lively. Three hundred horses were sold in eighty minutes, harness and saddle horses bringing from \$175 to \$300. Reports from nearly all parts of the state show that crop conditions are far better than the average for this season and that grass is coming finely everywhere. The prospect for the farmers and the stockmen of Texas are as encouraging as could be wished. In Cameron and Hidalgo counties there have been a number of dogs and sheep bitten by coyotes that had hydrophobia. Some fine sheep have been killed by the disease and the people of that section have been compelled to kill many of their dogs. At the dispersion sale of the Seymour Springs Hereford herd at the Kansas City Stockyards on the 15th, the 48 animals sold brought \$15,020, an average of \$312.37 per head. Three cows and five bulls, or eight of the forty-eight sold, went to Texas buyers, for an aggregate of \$2300.

Antelope. They are above the average of East Texas cattle. Parker County News: C. C. Pool, the ubiquitous correspondent of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal, and proprietor of the celebrated Sun Flower farm on the classic banks of the beautiful Clear Fork, in the immediate valley where Jose Maria, the famous Caddo chief, once dwelt in his buffalo-skin tepee and revelled in the luxury of nomadic opulence, was here last Tuesday. He was accompanied by Misses Florence and Lettie Coleman of Kansas City, two beautiful, vivacious and accomplished young ladies, nieces of Mrs. Pool, who are here for a few weeks' visit. VETERINARIANS KNOW ITS USE. Pomona, Cal., June 7, 1897. Since I have practiced my profession (Veterinary Surgeon) in this place I have had occasion to prescribe your Gombault's Caustic Balsam, contrary to my usual method of practice, which is to avoid the use or recommendation of any proprietary medicine, but experience has shown me its value. When I came here in 1893 the remedy was unknown. I think if I can make some arrangement with you for an exclusive agency for this community I can push the sale of the same in a way that will be highly satisfactory to you and profitable to myself. If you will come to some understanding with me, please advise me of the terms you are willing to give. WALTER P. KELTY, V. S.

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WILL WE HAVE WAR?

Since the days of our civil war our people have passed through no period so sensational as that which has followed the destruction of the United States warship Maine in Havana harbor on the night of the 15th of February.

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It does not seem to be believed by the public generally that the destruction of the Maine was an act of the Spanish government. But the report of the commission will soon be known.

But that would leave our relations to the Cuban struggle still to be considered. It is probable that public sentiment in this country will force our government to interfere.

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Oh, yes! You boys can laugh at me, But marry, you bet you would, And you'd smile right worse than that If you only thought you could.

Now I don't care so very much About what she knows in books, Or I'm not so very particular About what they call good looks.

Now what I want—but you all know, So what's the use to tell? For I won't be very hard to please, Just so it is a gal.

I want one that will cook and bake, And churn and wash and milk, And one that likes to sew and knit, And won't want any silk.

You know that silk, it costs so much; And I'm like all the rest— I'd like to do to dress myself, And then don't look the best.

But of course my wife will help me, As all good wives do, And get some of her things herself, And buy her dresses too.

I guess you know 'bout what I want, And may be more besides, But if you will just send me round, I'll be very much obliged.

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FAVORS COWBOYS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have been a silent admirer of the Household for quite a while, not having courage to write on account of that dreaded waste-basket. I will come now, if you will admit me, and hope I will not be a stranger long.

Nit Nix, why don't you come and tell us the rest of your cow hunt? Bashful boy, you write just like some one I've heard talk; 'pears like I know you.

I, like many others, prefer to live in the country, and especially in the spring time, when the little wild flowers bloom and the trees are so pretty and green.

Like gray-eyed, dimple darling, my jaded is a cowboy—one that is kind to his faithful steed and is kind-hearted and true. I hate to see any one that is cruel to a dumb brute, for I had almost as leave any one would strike me as to strike my pony.

Willie Sunshine is a cheerful creature. I like her letters so much; but I would bet her my hat that she is no happier in her country home than I am. I imagine those rabbit hunts are nice, and the round-ups also. There is nothing I enjoy better than a horse-back ride over the flower-gemmed prairie.

Brown Eyes, you write a splendid letter. Come again. I sympathize with Miserable Man, although I know nothing of the depth of his anguish; for I never loved or lost.

Texas Tom's letters are splendid; in fact, all of them, but I must go, for fear I wear out my welcome.

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THE SADDEST OF ALL THINGS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Were it not for your kindness and encouraging words I could never have summed up courage to write. I have been a subscriber to the Journal and also an ardent admirer for a long time. I would like to ask, do we understand the subject: "Is Marriage a Failure?" Of course it was not intended so by our Heavenly Father, but we, like Adam and Eve, by our transgression have in most cases failed. I understand when we term a thing a failure, it is something whatever it may chance to be, that does not turn out as we expected; so it is with matrimony. It may not be a total failure, but nine-tenths are failures, or at least we are forced to say courtship and marriage are entirely the reverse.

Before marriage the man strives to please, and after marriage the woman, and then can't, thought she tries very hard. Many times, oh! how we married women long for the kind words and pleasant smiles of gone by days! How our hearts would rejoice if we thought our husbands enjoyed our company. But my! we are a trouble now. If we succeed in getting him to go with us driving and he wishes us to hold the lines a minute, it's "Here, take 'em if you are going to!" and if we chance to touch him with our parasol it's "Take that thing out of my way or I'll tare it to flinders; why don't you look what you are doing?" Strange, but true, the more children that come into the home, the more indifferent the husband is. No one but a wife knows the trials and pain she bears for the man she loves. When I was first married my husband helped wash, carried wood and water and many times when we were fixing to go somewhere he washed the dishes, besides he always churned and milked the cows. But now I have four children, all small, and need so much help, and I have it all, or nearly all, to do. One more babe in the family and I guess I will have all; that is the wood to cut and milking to do. He is already complaining of having it to do. Now, instead of his helping me he reads his paper till I do all the named work, dress my children and self, then he seeks an opportunity to tell some one how slow I am, how he waited and waited for me to get ready. If those waiting husbands would put in their time trying to bear the burden so deeply upon the wife, the time would pass more quickly. Many men think the wife fit only for a slave for them, while other men make slaves of their children too. How often have we seen the mother busy and some poor, worn-out child carrying another half as large. With intricate looks it says, "Papa, take the baby; I am so tired, I want to play," but he does not take it; he says in angry tones, "Yes, here you come with that young one; take it away from here. I'm going to quit coming about the place." Poor little slave goes with its burden to play as best it can, or to sit and wait others play, who are so fortunate. While the good father buries his soul in the news or Bill Nye, or perhaps a love story. The average wife thinks she is in luck if she gets to eat without troubling with the baby, besides trying to hold it and wait on the table. Too many times with all to tend to, her appetite goes away before an opportunity to eat. Why can't a man either nurse or wait on the table? What a pity some of them don't save some of their overflowing gallantry till after they are married! I often wonder why the average country man never wands his wife to go to town to trade, and when they do it fix a lunch and break your neck to get there and back just like he thought something awful would happen; but he goes time and again; usually takes two days for it. And takes his meals at the hotel besides. Well, we spend the time at home, we know we will be late, but we try to have as much of his night work done as possible, regardless of the baby crying and the vexations of our own work going undone. He comes, he scolds the children, for maybe we didn't do quite all the work or it wasn't done quite right; perhaps we left the feed bucket out of the barn, etc. Without strict criticism of course he expects to stay next time as long as he pleases and find everything all o. k. Many things like this help to make married life a failure. But besides all this, there are things more painful when our husbands tell us they would never have married us had they known we were not willing for them to continue their pretended affections for their old sweethearts. How often do they tell us we do not suit them, etc. Oft times through our sickness we long for caressing words, but we hear their footsteps turn away. How can I cut marriage anything but a failure or sign my name else but—

BLEEDING HEART.

OUR FIRST WITCH. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: May I step in and chat a while? I will try not to talk too much, as that is my worst failing. I have been a silent admirer of the Household for some time and I cannot refrain from joining the merry crowd this evening. This is a beautiful place, situated on Cedar Bayou with its tall pine and magnolia. Come again, T. O. M. of Refugio, I love to hear from that part of Texas, as I once lived near the historic old town of Refugio. I admire Son Billie's letter.

I think the cowboys deserve praise to keep their spirits as jolly in all kinds of weather. Oh, well, I'll not say anything more about cowboys; it may be that I am partial to them. We have a good old fashioned campmeeting here every summer. I'd be glad some of the Household and Mrs. B. would come and enjoy campmeeting and going to preaching with us.

We are having quite a cool northern for this time of the year. I'm afraid it will prove injurious to berries and fruit. Old Timer's letters are very interesting. I dearly love to hear about the early times in Texas, for it was then my mother was a little girl. I believe according to what the people possessed in those times they were happier than now, but don't think me gloomy or despondent, for I am a jolly girl and believe in fun. I go riding and fishing every day when I have time. I am what you might call a farmer girl. I have a cow, feed chickens and pigs, work in the garden, milk the cows (when I have to). Now some of you are saying "she is trying to make us believe she is very smart." I can't say I really love this work, but can do it when called on. Well, as this is my first attempt, I will close before my letter gets too long. Love

WATER WITCH.

Cedar Bayou.

THE BIGGEST FIRE ON RECORD. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Again I attempt to entertain the Household for a few minutes. Everything is very quiet to-day. No sound can be heard save the chattering prairie dogs, and as I look out across the bare, bleak plains there is nothing visible except a little, poor dogie running his very best, his tail in shape of that of a rain-bow, and he seems to be pointed to a large tank; and I judge from his maneuvers he has a heifly tangled up under his dew claw. But here I must change my subject, as the dogie has vanished from my sight; he just went off into one of those draws that Mr. Konell tells the Household about. Mr. Konell, on what part of the Plains do the draws run west? All up through this country they flow east; that is their general course.

Now, how many of you ever saw a prairie fire. Of course, you have all seen what you called a prairie fire; but let me tell—however, it will sound a little fishy to those that have never been on the Plains—that, honestly I have seen a solid flame of fire from Fort Sumner, N. M., to Canyon City, Texas, a distance of 100 miles; and the grass was damp, too. Of course, it would have been worse had the grass been very dry. I notice a new member in our midst in the last issue, from Refugio Tom. How is the South Tom? That is my dear old home, and not far from Refugio. No, I won't think you are in love with me if you slip in by my side, but you mustn't talk too sweet, you know, for I am young and I am apt to—well, I will stop right here before I become sentimental, and that would just be too awful, wouldn't it? I think Cow Girl's letter was nice. Look here, Firefly, are you afraid you will get your little wings scorched if you stay longer? Your last was short, but I won't say sweet, for a reason unknown (at present). Konell says they have picnics in the shade of wire fences. I really don't believe I could come right out and tell a girl I loved her under a big live oak tree, much less a shakely old wire fence. Of course, this is merely imagination. A fellow never knows until he tries just exactly what he can do.

Well, I have taken more space now, I expect, than the Household will permit, so I will hasten to a close. Now spring round ups will begin pretty soon and I will have to jump side all the work or it wasn't done quite right; perhaps we left the feed bucket out of the barn, etc. Without strict criticism of course he expects to stay next time as long as he pleases and find everything all o. k. Many things like this help to make married life a failure. But besides all this, there are things more painful when our husbands tell us they would never have married us had they known we were not willing for them to continue their pretended affections for their old sweethearts. How often do they tell us we do not suit them, etc. Oft times through our sickness we long for caressing words, but we hear their footsteps turn away. How can I cut marriage anything but a failure or sign my name else but—

RAWHIDE BILL.

Dimmitt, Texas.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal has received the March number of "The Cosmopolitan." The great movement of European nations upon the ocean shores of China make "The Land That is Coveted," the opening article, by William Elroy Curtis, one of timely interest. It is a brief review of the customs and characters of the Chinese, and is profusely illustrated. Theron C. Crawford, in an interesting paper, gives the results of a very close study of the Cuban sugar which has for months been the sensation of France. The story of "Gloria Mundi," by Harold Frederic is continued in this number. A short story by Richard Harding Davis, "The Man with One Talent," makes vivid some of the scenes of the Cuban struggle. "The Flight of an Empress" is an account of the escape of Eugenie from Paris after the fall of Sedan. The Cosmopolitan is for sale at all news stands at 10 cents per copy, or \$1 a year.

FROM LOWER RIO GRANDE RANGES.

Since my last communication I have spent an exceedingly pleasant week with old friends in and around San Diego, Alice, Driscoll, Wade City and Lagarto.

Hines Clark (Uncle Hines) came down from his ranch near Realitos Thursday on his way to Banquette to see Cotton Wright. Am satisfied a trade of some kind is brewing, but Uncle Hines would give nothing away.

W. M. O'Neill, from Beeville, came down Thursday on his way home from Sweden, where he had been looking at his cattle which are on rented range there, and reported them as improving rapidly. In San Diego I called on N. G. Collins and spent a very pleasant half hour with him. Says he was anxious to attend the convention but his health did not permit. Mr. Collins' host of friends will be delighted to know that he is regaining his former good health, and the writer earnestly hopes soon to see him able to navigate over the country as of yore.

J. W. Gallagher was very glad to see me, simply because I represent the Journal, and says he would not be without the paper for twice the cost. He believes that within a year from now our despised horses of to-day will be worth nice money, and expects to prepare himself for the emergency. He is also an enthusiast on the "baby beef" question, and has absolutely no use for blooded cattle.

I learned from Chase Hoffman that he had purchased 7000 acres of land near La Trinidad ranch adjoining his pasture, at \$1.30 per acre. Says it will cost him \$1.50 by the time it is fenced and properly watered, but does not object to that, as it is a fine open body of land.

Wm. Hubbard was from his ranch about twenty-five miles west of San Diego, for supplies and did not have time to talk further than to say stock of all kind looks well in his neighborhood. Mr. Hubbard has sheep and is not sorry for it, in fact, says he will Corpus last Friday to the right. Friday I called on my old friend Otto Brandt and enjoyed a half hour's chat with "the Jolly Blacksmith." Otto recently sold all his holdings of cattle at \$15.00, and is now ready to buy again in a limited way provided sellers are willing to take actual value, but he does not want any "water stock." Otto is a firm believer in improved stock and talks intelligently on the subject as well as very interestingly. He reserved his fine Holstein bull which, by the way, is a thoroughbred, registered and a beauty. He also has the registered Berkshire pig in Duval county, and he too, is something to be proud of. Good stock or none is the motto of Otto.

I am indebted to John Ball of San Diego, for many favors. John is a hot patron of the Journal. He went to the fair at the Fairgrounds, Beahm, pig in Duval county, and he too, is something to be proud of. Good stock or none is the motto of Otto.

H. H. Jeffries of Realitos, went down to Nueces Town Friday on the hunt for Major Moore shipped from Alice via Major Moore shipped from Alice via the Mexican National railway Saturday. He was to take actual value, but he does not want any "water stock." Otto is a firm believer in improved stock and talks intelligently on the subject as well as very interestingly. He reserved his fine Holstein bull which, by the way, is a thoroughbred, registered and a beauty. He also has the registered Berkshire pig in Duval county, and he too, is something to be proud of. Good stock or none is the motto of Otto.

A train load of the Pant cattle west out from Alice to the territory Saturday.

Sunday morning I left Alice and made my first stop at Otie Adams, where I took dinner and then entertained with some good music by Mrs. Adams. Otie has recently sold his cattle and now wants to reinvest. He stopped at Will Smith's, who had been a resident on the Sabbath, but the ox was in the ditch (casing in the well) and it had to come out, but it didn't.

Next, to R. King's fine place, five miles below Driscoll, where old acquaintances were very pleasantly received by Mrs. King. My only regret of this visit was that I was compelled to decline a pressing invitation from both Mr. and Mrs. King to remain over night.

Returning to T. C. Wright's at Driscoll, I found an hospitable welcome, and stopped for the night. Next morning I registered at the Hotel Wright, left for La Parra to assist in receiving the Green Davidson cattle, bought from J. G. Kennedy. Harry Garrett of Barroneta, spent the day there, looking at some bulls for his ranch. Mr. Wright took Harry and myself out through his pasture to see his cattle. He was certainly going to look at. Nearly all reds and well bred. In fact, if there are any cattle in the neighborhood as good, I would like to see them.

Book dinner with Mr. Robt. Adams and had the pleasure of seeing one of the best individual bulls I ever saw. He was a registered black, 18 months old, and looks like a young mountain. Mr. Adams has also a red polled registered bull 16 months old that is hard to beat. All bulls on this ranch are registered and Mr. Adams will not allow any other kind to roam in his pasture. Then made the rounds to Lagarto, Dinero and back. Every man, with the exception of two that I saw was absent from Lagarto, attending court in Oakville. At Dinero I met some old timers in the persons of Messrs. Mat Givens, Robt. Johnson and G. Ship. They made the rounds of their range and stock in good condition and improving every day.

Mrs. M. E. McNeill's cattle, which I saw myself, are rapidly taking on flesh and grass is growing finely.

Returned to Wades Wednesday night and to Mat's Thursday morning, where I spent a long and lonesome day as no stockmen showed up in town and very few other kind of people.

Over the route just mentioned I found water everywhere, grass coming fast and stock of all kinds, as a rule, in good condition.

T. Wright at Driscoll and A. G. Kennedy, in his "big" pasture near Lagarto has fine grass.

FORD DIX. Mathis, Texas, March 3, 1898.

CATTLE FOR SALE ABOVE QUARANTINE.

1000 highly graded steer yearlings, near Midland, at \$20.00 per head. 1000 highly graded Arizona steer yearlings, all from 1/2 to 3/4 Hereford, at \$18.00. 30,000 highly graded mixed stock cattle on free range in Eastern New Mexico, at \$20.00 per head. 200 cows and calves, in Stonewall county, for July delivery, calves all from full blooded cows, cows well graded, at \$30.00 per cow and calf. 2000 one-year-old steers, all in one mark and brand, highly graded, located about 60 miles north of Midland, at \$20.00. 7000 well bred two-year-old steers, located on the Plains north of Midland, at \$27.00, delivered on either the Fort Worth and Denver or Texas and Pacific.

4000 steer yearlings, all in one mark and brand, out of one of the best herds in the Panhandle, delivered on the Denver, this fall, with 5 per cent cut, at \$22.50. 6000 well graded steers, cattle, in Jeff Davis county on a splendid leased range at \$20.00 for the cattle, throwing in calves and 200,000 for the leases and improvements. 6000 highly graded mixed stock cattle, and 70,000 acres of patented land, near Fort Worth and Denver railroad, at \$20.00 for the cattle and \$1.50 an acre for the land. 800 cows, heifers and calves, located

in Presidio county, well bred, good native cattle, delivered at either Marfa, on the Sunset, or Toyah, on the Texas and Pacific, at \$30.50 for cows, \$15.00 for yearling heifers and \$8.00 for calves. 9500 steer cattle, including calf crop of '98, located on one of the best ranches in the Panhandle, containing 120,000 acres, near the Fort Worth and Denver railroad, partly leased and partly patented, price on cattle \$20.00 per head, counting calves; patented land \$1.50 an acre. This is one of the best herds and best ranches in the Panhandle, at \$15.00.

BELOW QUARANTINE. 500 steer yearlings, in Bosque county, at \$15.00. 1000 Wilson county, well bred heifer yearlings, at \$12.50. 10,000 choice, well bred Southern Texas two-year-old steers, at \$19.00. 2900 San Saba county three and four yearlings, natives of Bosque and Coryell and adjoining counties, at \$20.00. 1000 Victoria county ones and twos, at \$13.00 for the ones and \$17.00 for the twos. 800 highly graded, splendidly colored yearling steers, near Eagle Pass, at \$15.00. 1000 one and two-year-old steers, in Hayes county, at \$13.50 for the yearlings and \$18.50 for the twos. 1200 two-year-old steers, including a few three and four, Central Texas cattle but now located in Nolan county, at \$20.00. 1900 DeWitt county ones and twos, of which 1200 are ones and 700 are twos, at \$14.00 for the ones and \$18.00 for the twos. 6000 choice Southern Texas two-year-old steers, 2500 three years old, 3200 four years old and 1800 cows, at an average price of \$22.00. 1500 Frio county twos, threes and fours, well graded, growthy cattle, natives of Frio county, at \$18.00 for the twos, \$24 for the threes and \$27.50 for the fours. 1500 one, two and three-year-old steers equal number each, good Jackson county cattle, at \$13.00 for the ones and \$19.00 for the twos and threes. 500 highly graded, choice Tom Green county two year old, at \$25.00. 2100 twos and threes, half each, Central Texas cattle, now located in Nolan county, at \$20.00. 2700 choice mixed cattle, in LaSalle county, at \$20.00 for cows and bulls, \$12.00 for yearlings and \$16.00 for twos, throwing in calves. 500 good graded cows, May delivery, 50 per cent calves guaranteed at time of delivery, at \$23.00, throwing in calves. 3000 three and four-year-old steers, all in one mark and brand, in one of the best range counties in Southern Texas, at \$25.00. A well bred herd of Mexican cattle, numbering 4500 head, of which about 2000 are grown cows and about same number are steers and bulls, from one to four years old. Will be delivered at Laredo, at \$15.00, throwing in calves. 1200 mixed stock cattle, located near Sabinal, natives of Uvalde county, fairly well bred, first class good cattle, of which 700 are cows, 200 are heifer yearlings, 30 two-year-old steers, 25 three and four-year-old steers and 20 bulls. If sold altogether, and taken at once, the cows and bulls will be sold at \$20.00 per head, throwing in the calves, yearling heifers at \$11.00, yearling steers at \$13.00, two-year-old steers at \$16.00, three and four yearlings at \$24.00. These cattle must be sold at once, and are, therefore, offered at a bargain. A choice Southern Texas herd of 6500 mixed stock cattle at \$19.00 for the cows, \$12.50 per head for the yearlings and \$6.00 per head for the calves. 600 mixed Southern Texas stock cattle, of which over half are grown cows, at \$15.00 per head, throwing in calves. A choice ranch, containing 40,000 acres of finely improved land in Southern Texas, on which are located 1700 good graded stock cattle. Price of cattle, if taken within the ranch, \$14.00 per head, throwing in calves. Price of land \$1.50 an acre, one-tenth cash, balance in nine equal annual payments, at 6 per cent interest. The above is a partial list of the cattle we have for sale. If you want any further particulars in regard to any of these cattle, or to make an appointment with us, or if you fall to find what you want, or hear from you and we can no doubt supply it. We are anxious to do business and will make a special effort to please all buyers, both in quality and price of cattle, who may favor us with a chance to do business with them. THE GEO. B. LOVING CO., Fort Worth and San Antonio.

W. B. Worsham, of Henrietta, was among the prominent stockmen visiting Fort Worth on Monday.

Harry Trowers, the well-known commission man and cattle dealer of Kansas City, was in Fort Worth Monday night.

J. K. Zimmerman, of Kansas City, one of the owners of the "Shore Ranch," in Hill county, is spending a few days in Fort Worth.

Gus O'Keefe, who is ranching north of Midland, was here Sunday. Mr. O'Keefe was for a number of years ranch manager for Col. C. C. Slaughter, but is now in the cattle business on his own account, and making money.

I. W. Krake, representing the National Stock Yards, at St. Louis, returned here from a trip to South Texas Saturday. Mr. Krake says there will be about 10,000 cars shipped from the Southern ranches to the Indian Territory this spring.

Winfield Scott returned Saturday from San Angelo. Mr. Scott has put in ten days' hard work which will help up his cattle interests in the San Angelo country. Mr. Scott says he thinks cattle prices will hold up for the next five years, and that the man who sticks to the stock is sure to make good money.

Capt. W. J. Good, the wealthy stockman of Quanah, in connection with Major A. Drum, of Kansas City, now owns the V. N. ranch, in Bailey county, was in Fort Worth Monday night, returning from Kansas City. Capt. Good says he has late advice of good rain in the country around Quanah, and that everything is in good shape in that locality.

J. L. Pennington, live stock agent of the Santa Fe here, has prepared a list of shippers and the number of cattle to be shipped from Southern Texas. The number of cattle of all ages to be shipped will aggregate 477,950 head, and all will go to the Indian Territory pastures. Mr. Pennington said that he had figured that only thirty per cent of the beef cattle after grazing the usual time in the Territory, or about 150,000 head, and he stated that last year there were about 350,000 of this same class of cattle from South Texas sent to these markets. The balance of the shipments, young stuff, will go to Northern feeders after the quarantine regulations will admit them into the state.

The many friends of Col. C. C. Poole, traveling agent and correspondent of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, will be glad to know that the Colonel has finally gotten out of the information as to the whereabouts of his lost dog. A telegram dated San Angelo, March 14th, addressed to Col. Poole, care of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, was received at this office a few days ago, reading as follows: "Heard of dog; passed Sterling City markets after grazing the usual time in the Territory, or about 150,000 head, and he stated that last year there were about 350,000 of this same class of cattle from South Texas sent to these markets. The balance of the shipments, young stuff, will go to Northern feeders after the quarantine regulations will admit them into the state.

Assistant Live Stock Agent James H. Polk of the Santa Fe route, came here from San Antonio Sunday. Mr. Polk reports that an unprecedented shipment of cattle from South Texas to the Cherokee, Osage and other Indian reservations, for grazing, will begin next week, and states that there will be at least 500,000 head, and among the shippers will be some of the most prominent cattle raisers in the state. The necessity of shipping these cattle to the Indian Territory is occasioned partly by reason of the scarcity of grass and water in the southern section of the state, it not having rained in some counties down there for some months. While but a few cars have been shipped so far, Mr. Polk says that the work will be begun in earnest about the first of the month. Already 1,000 cars have been ordered for Alice.

POOR HEALTH.

There Are Thousands Who Suffer and Do Not Know What Ails Them. Victims of general debility who cannot give their disease a name. It is not necessary. This is all you need to know—you are run down, your blood is disordered and through your blood your entire system suffers. Give life and purity to the blood and all will be well.

DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC is the blood's most wonderful purifier. Here is a tribute to its merits: "Dallas, Tex., Dec. 16, 1897. "Pub. News, Dallas: Dear Sir—I gave the contents of one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic to my little six-year-old son, who was convalescing from a severe spell of fever, and found it had a wonderful effect in strengthening him and building up his system. "H. L. COOK, "Oriental Barber Shop." Read what a grateful man has to say of it!

"Lexington, Ky., Feb. 2, 1897. "I have found Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic the finest blood purifier of the times. One bottle has helped me more than anything I have ever taken. I can heartily recommend it. "H. W. RICE." "Pub. News, Dallas: Dear Sir—To those suffering from indigestion, loss of appetite, biliousness and general running down of the system, I cheerfully recommend Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. It worked wonders for me. "CHAS. E. FIELDS, "N. W. cor. Camp & Arden Sts." DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC has been on the market for forty-two years—ample time to prove its merit. It is prescribed by the medical profession in general as the only true iron tonic. It cures aches and chills. Sold everywhere.

Sample doses of Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills and Book of Dreams mailed free. Address HARTER, Dayton, O. Dr. Harter's Little Liver Pills do the business.

SOTHAM'S SALE.

SAN ANTONIO.

San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, Garza Building, 319 Main Plaza, where our friends are invited to call when in the city.

Henry Róthe of Hondo City, was here Friday. Says he has grass and water abundant, and cattle are fat.

E. A. Gildemeister of Council Grove, Kas., who has been spending the winter in this city, and incidentally buying up a few thousand cattle, returned from the convention Sunday morning and has spent the week in the city.

G. L. Burnam of Menardville, spent Friday here. Says his country is in good shape and cattle doing well. Mr. Burnam will take a string of cattle to the Territory again this year and will no doubt make plenty of money off of them.

Col. Wm. T. Way returned from Fort Worth Saturday morning. He said the convention was a big thing and that there was not much there to indicate that the cowman looked for any serious decline in cattle on the ranges or in the market.

Jim Chittim bought something over \$120,000 worth of steers from Geo. West Saturday and Mr. West evidenced his belief in reciprocity by turning round and buying about \$60,000 worth of yearlings from Mr. Chittim. Saturday is never considered a good day in the markets, either.

John W. Kokernot, of this city, who has a fine herd of cattle near Alpine, gives good reports from his section and says cattle are good enough to keep; he has none to sell and would at once be gunning for a buyer who would dare make advances to him.

Col. James Augustus Wilson of Fort Worth, state representative of the ever popular Chicago and Alton, came in Friday morning and spent the day shaking hands with his many friends and telling how fast cattle trains could run on his road.

J. D. Houston, of Gonzales, passed through San Antonio Sunday en route home from Fort Worth. Says the convention was the biggest thing he ever saw and he would not have missed it for \$9.00. While there Mr. Houston sold 1000 yearlings of his Midland ranch at \$20 per head.

D. R. McCormick, of this city, returned Thursday from a trip to the Cuero country, which he reports as being in good shape, and also says that the are doing well. Mr. Mc. is now somewhere up North on a yearling deal, and the Journal hopes to hear of his making a buy within a few days.

L. Goodman, of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, spent Friday in the Alamo City. He reports lots of rain in the Laredo country of late and says everyone is feeling much encouragement just now. Mr. Goodman has recently sold to Capt. A. S. Reed of Fort Worth, between 4000 and 5000 steers for delivery next month.

Col. D. R. Fant, of Georgetown, went down to his Santa Rosa ranch Wednesday, but said he would be back in San Antonio in a few days. The Colonel says his ranch is in fine shape now, as he has had a world of rain, and his grass is more than good. He will about sold off all his cattle and will soon begin delivering them.

J. W. Flin and Jno. D. Hughes, prominent cattlemen from Williamson county, called at the Journal office Friday morning. These gentlemen are looking for a good thing in the way of cattle and after they confided in the Journal man they were going and who going to see the Journal man felt that they would be sure to be back here in a few days saying they had bought themselves rich.

L. W. Krake, the Texas representative of the St. Louis National Stock Yards was in San Antonio Wednesday of this week. He reports the sale of the D. A. Nance, Kyle, cattle at his market on the 15th by stating that Mr. Nance's steers weighed 1180 pounds and sold at \$4.35; the Heard & Herndon steers of San Marcos, same day, weighed 941 and brought \$4.20.

C. Benavides, one of the wealthiest residents of Laredo, is spending a couple of weeks in San Antonio. Mr. Benavides is heavily interested in cattle and sheep and stated to a Journal representative that he had sold everything he desired to sell. His herd now consisted mostly of steers and money couldn't buy them. In addition to being a stockman, he also has a large mercantile establishment in Laredo. He will buy some good bulls before he returns.

Tom Jones, of Wichita Falls, spent Monday at the Southern hotel, this city, en route from the convention to his Hidalgo county ranch. As stated in last week's Journal, Mr. Jones has recently sold some two-year-old heifers, somewhere from 500 to 5000 head, at a price between \$10 and \$20 per head. Mr. Jones moved down South just in time to get full benefit of low prices to buy on and high prices to sell on, consequently has a pocket full of rocks now and is quite happy and content.

S. R. Nelson and A. K. Nelson of Musquiz, Mex., passed through San Antonio Thursday night en route to St. Louis. Mr. Nelson has large land and cattle interests in Comahuila, consisting of 185,000 acres on the Sabal river and some 8000 or 10,000 head of cattle. He has 100 to 150 thoroughbred bulls and is making a grand success of his undertaking. He said the cattle in some portions of the republic, notably Tamaulipas, were being depleted by buyers from Cuba and the United States, but that the interior was not likely to be affected by it.

Capt. Jno. T. Lytle, on his return from the convention Thursday, said that the round-up was a good one. The Journal representative asked him why San Antonio did not make him a pull for the next meeting of the association. The captain said that San Antonio did not care about going into a scramble for it. That she got it last year simply for the asking and he felt that South Texas could afford to miss it next year.

without a murmur. San Antonio as a live stock center would show up along side of any of the cities in Texas and that there was no selfishness among the Texas cattlemen. That they would always be found ready to recognize merit and that San Antonio would best subservise her interests by hiding her time, for all things come to him who waits.

Chris. Mogford of Fredericksburg, a well-to-do young stock man, was in San Antonio Friday en route home from a trip to Cameron county. While here Mr. Mogford met a neighbor who asked him what kind of cattle he saw down in the sand. He replied, "Good ones; better than ours (meaning those of Gillespie county) but don't you ever think they have not got a price on them." From something Mr. Mogford let drop during the course of his conversation with the Journal man, the latter was led to believe that some months ago he had made a contract with some one to deliver about 1000 yearlings at something like \$13.50 this spring. If this is true, Mr. Mogford may be in the market for some ones.

Mark Evans of Wagoner, I. T., was here Saturday. He spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Fort Worth. He came to San Antonio from force of habit together with a desire to buy something cheap. He is doing considerable figuring now and by the time this reaches the Journal readers they may just figure it out that he has closed a deal. He bought 500 cows from Naylor & Jones while in Fort Worth and Lawrence Balridge says that in drawing up the contract he failed to mention anything about the price in it. Mark said "that doesn't make any difference. I had to have the cows and there were others waiting. Jones and I know what the contract is. I drew it up. Mr. Jones read it and then we both signed it." This is no joke.

Col. N. G. Gullett and wife, of Victoria, are spending a week or two days in San Antonio. Col. Gullett is one of the old pioneers of Southwestern Texas and favored the Journal with a visit. He came to San Antonio way back in the 50s, at which time there were only two two-story buildings in the hamlet; one being on the northeast corner of Main plaza, now the site of the Elito hotel, and the other the stone building on the east side of the plaza. "Big Foot" Wallace then carried the mail from here to Santa Fe and made the round trip once a month. "It was quite different then to what it is now," said the colonel. "Indians were as plentiful then as cattle are now and 'Big Foot' had an escort of ten men on his trips." Col. Gullett moved to New Orleans, where he was engaged in the mercantile business, but returned to Texas in 1875 and located in Refugio county, where his pastures now are.

Col. Ike T. Pryor, Southwestern manager for the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, was seen by a representative of the Journal Saturday and was asked his opinion regarding the war. In reply Col. Pryor said: "I have watched with much interest the preparations of our chief executive and am now prepared to express myself as thinking that there will be no war. President McKinley does not want war; he is afraid of war, but he won't hesitate to make a good bid demand for indemnity from Spain, back up the demand with a show of what he can do, and Spain will pay the demand. We need not fear a war; such things come suddenly and when so much preparation can be made, it will end in arbitration. There is no need of uneasiness from a cowman's standpoint. We (meaning his company) are doing a good business in the face of all this war talk and have no hesitancy in accepting good business right on the eve of the report of the board of inquiry."

A GOOD CALF. The San Antonio office of Texas Stock and Farm Journal acknowledges receipt of a photograph of the Holstein-Durham steer calf recently marketed at St. Louis by D. A. Nance of Kyle, Texas. This calf weighed 1094 pounds at Kyle when two months and twenty days old and three days later in St. Louis weighed 970 pounds and sold at \$4.15 per hundred. When a Texas raised calf at twelve months old will sell on the market for \$40 the owner is certainly making plenty of money and is of necessity more than encouraged to continue his efforts in breeding and feeding.

TALLY TWO. Steers from Southwestern Texas which average 1900 pounds in the market are somewhat of a rarity, but that such a thing has been accomplished the Journal man states that C. B. Lucas of Berclair received a telegram from Chicago that two steers shipped with a trainload by G. E. King of Taylor from Austin, averaged 1900 pounds and sold at \$5.25 per hundred. Mr. Lucas stated that in putting in a lot of feeders for Mr. King he arranged with him to feed these two steers, as he was anxious to see what they would do. They were muleys, pure white, and had some Shorthorn blood in them, but Mr. Lucas admitted that they were for the greater part "just cow." The steers were six years old and had been fed during the winter more than the average Southwestern cow. "We have in the past," said Mr. Lucas, "been carrying too many cattle on our ranges down here. We have realized this for several seasons past, but it seemed like we would find ourselves with more stock on hand each year than we were prepared to care for properly. There is an object lesson on the sale of these steers, \$99.75 gross in Chicago beats \$25 to \$30 net on the range and the sooner we wake up fully to our sense of duty the sooner we will get to raking in the shekels in greater and more wholesome 'goats.' The Journal most heartily concurs in Mr. L.'s views and if the tick question is not speedily solved us cowmen of Southwest Texas would do well to go to raising fewer and better ones."

MR. BUEL ON THE WAR. President M. P. Buel of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company has been in the state for the past ten days looking after the interests of his company. Mr. Buel is one of the best posted men in the country on the subject of

marketing live stock and is thoroughly conversant with the influences that affect prices of Texas cattle.

Asked about the possibility of war with Spain and the influence it would have on values of cattle in Texas and on the markets, Mr. Buel said: "It is doubtful if war will be declared between the United States and Spain. The policy of our government indicates its determination to avoid conflict with other nations. In the event of war I believe prices for cattle in the great slaughtering and distributing centers would be strongly maintained. Values of stock cattle and other unmarketable cattle would be governed very largely by the condition of the money market. The advance in interest and discount rates would have a direct influence on all unmarketable products and would doubtless unfavorably affect the prices of stock cattle. The excellent condition of the Western country, financially and otherwise, would greatly modify the severity of any unfavorable conditions that might follow war with Spain, but, as before stated, I do not anticipate trouble and think this is the general sentiment of the people and determination of our government."

Mr. Buel is a frequent visitor to the state, likes the country and its delightful climate and has an extensive personal acquaintance among cattlemen and other people in Texas. He feels greatly encouraged over the business outlook in 1898, and is well pleased with his company in San Antonio connection lately established by Manager Pryor.

FORBIX IN MEXICO. Mr. I. C. Ray, the gentleman who has so far put up the money for the purchase of the Depez Bros' hacienda, was in Monterey, Mexico, on Wednesday. Mr. Erickson, from away out the country, being from Deerfield, Wis., and never owned any cattle before and is afraid if he puts market value on them somebody will buy them and then he will not have any. He left Sunday morning over the Mexican National for Fort Worth to attend the big convention.

Messrs. L. Goodman of Nuevo Laredo, and A. S. Reed of Fort Worth, were in Monterey Friday and together closed a contract with Senor Antonio Hernandez for 5000 steers, three and up. Terms private.

J. C. Ray, the most prominent dairyman of Tampico, came up to Monterey Friday on his way to the States in quest of a carload of good dairy cows. He came up to Laredo Sunday, looked around and Monday went to Moore to look at some cows, and will then go on up to San Antonio.

Capt. John F. Lytle and Mr. C. B. Moulaly both of San Antonio were in Monterey Saturday, just looking around as the captain expressed it. They returned Tuesday, headed for Fort Worth.

Messrs. Tom Coleman and W. H. Jennings went down to La Jarita Sunday to look at the Mulholland steers purchased from Mr. Santiago Sanchez and pronounced them better than they expected to see. They returned the same day, headed for the convention, but Mr. Jennings "slipped a cog" and remained over here a few hours. Bill says they told him the train left at 1:05 whereas it pulled out at 1:04, and he was left. However, he pursued his journey Sunday night in a "side door sleeper."

In addition to those mentioned, Capt. Dick Ware and George Hosier passed up Sunday conventionward, but expected to stop over in San Antonio one day.

Wobb Sullivan arrived in Laredo Sunday night, put on his "store clothes" and pulled out for the convention Monday at noon.

R. A. Guthrie arrived in Laredo Monday night from his ranch near Pescadito, and reports an abundance of rain; in fact, to much to suit him. Mr. Guthrie says since the splendid rains he has decided to hold his string of cattle till they get fat, and ship them to market instead of selling to some territory shipper, as he at first intended.

Tuesday morning I came down to Benavides; morning on the way plenty of water, wet ground, young grass growing nicely and the cattle along the way "feeling their oats."

At Realitos, Cliff Garrett took the train, on his way from the Barronera ranch to San Diego. Cliff says the crooks on the above ranch have been running for a month, but does not know whether it has rained at his own place yet, some twenty miles north of San Diego, as he left there the day before it commenced raining.

Whiteface cattle. While the prices were not phenomenal they were within the ambit of all progressive beef cattle breeders and reflect the value set upon well bred Herefords by the beef growing public.

Mr. K. B. Armour, of Kansas City, Mo. topped the sale on lot 40, cow, Bonnie S. 4th 68646, at even \$900. The highest priced bull was the twelve months calf, Bright Duke 71655, that went to R. A. Templeton, of Tekamah, Neb., at \$760.

Missouri buyers took nearly one-half of the offerings, securing 27 head, while 13 went to Texas, 9 to Nebraska, 5 to Illinois, 4 to Kansas and 2 to Colorado.

The advance in price since these same breeders made their preceding public sale in October, 1896, very strongly illustrates the growing value of purebred cattle since that time. The average in 1896 was about \$173, while that of yesterday was \$483.41, or over 178 per cent. Of course each succeeding year progressive breeders, such as are Gudgell & Simpson and Funkhouser, would bring out a little better cattle individually, as were those sold yesterday, when compared with the offerings in the former sale. Taking the ups and downs of well bred beef animals such as Herefords, Shorthorns or the Blacks, for the past twenty years, and it is safe to state that a well bred two-year-old heifer safe in calf by a first-class bull is a profitable investment at \$400. If a good individual, well bred, and both she and progeny well cared for, it is only a question of time when others will do as well as does the Sunny Slope farm or the successful gentlemen that sold yesterday.

Summary table listing various cattle breeds and their prices, including Gudgell & Simpson bulls, Funkhouser bulls, and Gudgell & Simpson cows.

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COWS OUTSELL THE BULLS. At Yesterday's Sale 29 Cows Averaged \$498.65, While 31 Bulls Averaged \$468.11. One Cow Goes at \$900.

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DALLAS MARKET.

The Armstrong Packing company reports the receipts of hogs and cattle fairly liberal during the past week. Cattle sold freely at strong to higher prices. The receipts of hogs show a larger per cent of immature animals. Finished hogs found ready sale at full prices. Packers and dealers are discriminating against light and immature hogs. In winter the light weights can be handled but now the discrimination against them is strong; 200-pound hogs well fattened, will sell readily at full top prices. Fat hogs, 200 to 300 pounds in carload lots, \$3.60; in wagon lots, \$3.45. For lighter, heavier and rough hogs 10 to 25 cents less per 100 pounds than the above quotations.

At Thomas & Searcy's stock yards business has been slow during the past week. The demand has been especially good for thin, well bred heifers, cows, steer yearlings and good young bulls. Sales were made during the week as follows: August Tosch sold 9 head cattle at \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.80 and \$2.90; J. B. Turley of Murphy, 7 steer calves at \$3.75; G. D. Farmer of Lewisville, 2 cows, \$1.75; O. A. Whitefield of Garland, 4 cows at \$2.60, and 7 at \$2.90; B. A. Whitehead of Seagrave, wagon load of hogs at \$3.25; F. M. Sevier, some cows at \$2.25; Luther Goforth of Garland, 3 cows at \$1.25, \$1.85 and \$2.50; J. J. Williamson of Mesquite, cow, \$3.20; Rector & Combs, carload of cows at \$2.37 1/2; E. A. Norman of Mansfield, 12 cattle at \$2.50 to \$2.80; S. A. Anderson of Rowlett, wagon load of hogs at \$3.20; R. E. Starks of Alpha, 46 hogs at \$3.55; W. A. Watson, 12 hogs at \$3.45 and 57 at \$3.55; Will Larkin of Alpha, 2 cows at \$3.00 and 1 steer at \$3.50; A. D. Jones and A. J. Dewberry of Mesquite, each had a wagon load of hogs which brought \$3.55. Quotations are given as follows: Choice fat steers, \$3.25@3.75; fair to good steers, \$2.75@3.00; common to rough steers and oxen, \$2.50@2.70; choice fat cows, \$2.50@3.00; fair to good cows, \$2.25@2.40; common cows, \$1.50@2.15; choice fat heifers, \$2.75@3.25; fair to good heifers, \$2.25@2.65; choice veal calves, light, \$3.25@3.75; choice veal calves, heavy, \$2.90@3.20; bulls, \$2.00@2.50; thin, well bred heifers, \$2.50@3.00; thin, well bred cows, ages 3 to 8, \$2.50@3.00; choice steer yearlings, per head, \$13.50@15.00; fair to good steer yearlings, \$10.00@12.00; common yearling steers, \$7.50@9.00; choice corned hogs, weighing 175 to 250 pounds, car lots, \$3.55@3.70; choice corned hogs, weighing 175 to 250 pounds, wagon lots, \$3.00@3.55; choice fat muttens, 90 to 110 pounds, \$3.50@4.00; choice fat muttens, \$3.00@3.50; good goats, per head, \$1.50@2.50.

Patrick O'Connor, a prominent ranchman of Kaufman county, was in the city Wednesday. A. P. Bush of Colorado, president of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, was registered at the Windsor Thursday. W. V. Prestridge of San Angelo, associated with Leon Halpin in the ownership of the wool scouring mills of that city, was in Dallas Thursday. J. E. Haynes of Ames, Ill., will furnish any of the Journal's readers with a free circular telling "How to Raise Hog Food." See "ad" and write him. T. S. Foster of Decker, Texas, wants to sell a lot of young mules or trade them for cattle. These mules are from one-half bred Norman mares, and are all black and large. See his "ad" on another page. The 17 head of Texas-raised and Texas-fed cattle exhibited by Miss Beale Wilson, daughter of J. B. Wilson of this city, were sold at Chicago last week for \$5.40, the highest price paid for Texas cattle since 1895. W. L. Foster of Shreveport, La., wants a purchaser for two or three hundred steers. Mr. Foster sold the bunch recently advertised in the Journal and wants it understood that this is a different lot of cattle altogether. A Silberstein of this city, sold in Chicago last week 18 head of Texas-raised and Texas-fed cattle, averaging 1503 pounds, at \$5.80. \$78.56 is a creditable price for a steer. They took third premium at the Fort Worth Fat Stock show. Attention is called to the advertisement of the Barse Commission company of Kansas City. They are thoroughly reliable and in position to handle your stock at the best advantage. Consign your shipment to them when you go on the Kansas City market. Mr. H. O. Samuell, a well known farmer living just beyond the city limits of Dallas, announces as a candidate for commissioner of District No. 1. Mr. Samuell has been a citizen of Dallas county many years and his friends say that he is well qualified for the position which he seeks. The Journal acknowledges the receipt of a catalogue of the Sherman Commercial nurseries, bearing upon its cover a beautiful illustration of the Alamo pear, a very superior pear originated in Grayson county. The catalogue gives a long list of fruits and flowers, adapted to Texas soil and climate. C. S. Barclay, West Liberty, Ia., breeder of Shortorns, offers for sale a lot of fine yearling bulls and some cows and heifers in this issue of the Journal. Mr. Barclay gives special attention to orders for single animals and for carload lots and if you are in need of bulls or other young stock it might be well to correspond with him. Major W. V. Johnson, whose ranch is in Lynn county, spent a few hours in Dallas Monday. Major Johnson has bought in Mexico, about 100 miles below the city of Chihuahua, about 1500 exceptionally good steers, those who saw them passing through El Paso say that they are the best lot of cattle they have seen brought out of that country.

Texas State Poultry Journal is a welcome addition to the exchange list of Texas Stock and Farm Journal. Texas State Poultry Journal has purchased the Texas Fancier and published its first number March 15. It is published monthly at Waco, Texas, and promises to become valuable in assisting the development in Texas of a poultry industry that has already attained important proportions. A. T. Mabry of Howard county, was in Dallas Thursday. Mr. Mabry, having been raised on a farm, has been cultivating land in his pasture by irrigation and raises in abundance Federal vegetables that he can use, as well as all the hogs necessary to supply his ranch. He has sold out his cattle and has some valuable horses, but wishes to stock up again with cattle his 40-section pasture, which is well watered and equipped for the cattle-business. The pasture lies 14 miles south of Big Springs.

The Armstrong Packing company of Dallas, makes liberal propositions to shippers of live stock. Owing to the fact that the company is the only buyer of carload lots of hogs in this market, it puts itself in competition with all packing centers by offering to guarantee that there will be no additional freight charges for stopping at this point, and if the packing house is not able to offer to the shipper what he may consider full value for his stock it will be fed, watered and re-loaded without expense to the owner or shipper. An organization of Kentuckians residing in Dallas was effected on the evening of the 15th at a meeting held at Smith's hall, about 250 names being enrolled. Ed. C. Smith was elected president, Dr. A. A. Johnson vice president, H. C. Weaver secretary, and Col. P. B. Hunt treasurer. The executive committee chosen was B. O. Welser, Mrs. H. C. Weaver and Ed. C. Smith. The music and recitations were excellent and every one present had a good time. The regular meetings of the association will be held on the first Tuesday evening of each month. All ex-Kentuckians are cordially invited to attend and enroll their names as members. J. B. Wilson of Dallas, had three cars of Texas cattle on the St. Louis market last week, weights and prices as follows: One car, averaging 1361 pounds, sold for \$5.85; one car, averaging 1327 pounds, sold for \$4.80, and the third car (heifers), averaging 1250 pounds, sold for \$4.60. These were not show cattle, but indicate the improved quality of Texas offerings. The National Live Stock Reporter of the 16th says that the best Texas steers on the St. Louis market a year ago were offered by J. M. Nance from Hearne. They weighed 1102 pounds and sold for \$435, being 211 pounds less than the average weight of Mr. Wilson's shipment. Mr. Wilson's cattle averaged about \$63.30, Mr. Nance's \$47.55.

The Journal has received the handsome catalogue issued by the Electric Wheel company of Quincy, Ill. It gives extracts from a paper issued by the agricultural experiment station of Wisconsin, showing the influence of width of tire of draft wagons. On a macadam road 2518 pounds on wide tires can be hauled with the same power required to haul 2000 pounds on narrow tires; on gravel road the power required for 2482 pounds on wide tires equals that required for 2000 pounds on narrow tires. On dirt road, dry, hard and free from dust, the proportion in favor of wide tires is 2500 to 2000. But the greatest advantage of wide tires is on clay roads with mud deep and drying on top, or dry on top and spongy below. The Journal has shown in its Farm Department in former issues the value of wide tires in keeping roads in good condition. The catalogue of the Electric Wheel company contains a number of reports and extracts from papers showing the advantages to the owners of wagons with wide tires in economy of power in draft as well as to the community in preserving the condition of roads. They must form an important feature in all "good roads" discussions.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, March 19, 1898. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: During the past few years there has been an ever-increasing inclination amongst herd owners to raise the standard of their range cattle and some of the highest bred animals of the country are being selected for that purpose. On Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week, the Hill and Hornaday, the Gudgeon and Simpson, and the Funkhouser annual sales of thoroughbred Hereford cattle took place at the Kansas City Stock yards, at which the following purchases were among those made by range cattle owners: Richard Walsh, manager of the Adair ranch in the Panhandle of Texas, made these purchases of bulls: Bellman, 71629, calved October 1, 1896, \$410; Blanchard, 71643, calved February 22, 1897, \$450; Calvin, 65902, calved March 1, 1896, \$675; Hesiod 405, 71463, calved December 15, 1896, \$405; Hesiod II, 71465, calved March 3, 1897, \$480; Nestor, 71478, calved March 15, 1897, \$300; Prodigal, 71483, calved January 8, 1897, \$400; Missionary, 71761, calved July 19, 1896, \$100; and Pharaoh II, 71798, calved December 6, 1896, \$450. D. L. Taylor of Trinidad, Col., paid \$290 for a cow, Bright Duchess 26th, 71653, calved July 1, 1896, and \$505 for a bull, Roseberry 71789, calved October 6, 1896. R. Neal of Palo Duro, Texas, bought these cows: Bellona 4th, 71639, calved September 23, 1896, \$430; Magic, 66319, calved May 4, 1896, \$400; Mendota, 68658, calved February 11, 1896, \$320, and Morena, 71477, calved September 15, 1896, \$396. The local live stock market, as well as those at surrounding points, has been unsettled and prices have declined on all grades of cattle. Dressed beef establishments are loth to increase their stationary holdings until a definite conclusion shall have been arrived at in regard to the condition of our international affairs, and consequently their purchases to the immediate demands of the trade. A conservative estimate of the decline is 20 to 30 cents on dressed beef steers, fancy cattle bringing \$5.00 to \$5.30 with the bulk of the offerings going at \$4.30 to \$4.85.

On account of the limited supply, cows and heifers are only 10 to 15 cents lower than at the beginning of the week. Stockers and feeders are of so many different varieties that a uniform estimate cannot be evolved; however, the demand for stylish feeders and fancy stock cattle remains practically unabated at \$4.25 to \$5.25, denoting a decline of 10 to 20 cents, while medium to common lots are a quarter to a half dollar lower than at the high time during the month. Receipts of Southern cattle were liberal during the week and J. B. Wilson of Dallas, Texas, marketed a load of 1471-pound steers at \$4.80, but they were strictly fancy and would have brought \$5.00 a week earlier. Sales in the Southern division were largely at \$3.90 to \$4.30, for steers, while cows and heifers crossed the scales at \$3.00 to \$4.25. Trade in hogs was on the quiet order all week with prices ranging from \$3.65 to \$3.80, against \$3.70 to \$3.85 on last Saturday. Fairly liberal offerings of sheep arrived during the week and the tendency of the market was generally stronger. Shorn sheep and lambs are selling at 75c to \$1.00 per head, less than wool grades. Common to choice flocks sold at \$3.50 to \$4.50, inferior to good ewes bringing \$3.50 to \$4.10. Yearlings were in demand at \$4.50 to \$4.85, and Western lambs brought \$4.40 to \$5.35; a few choice natives fetched \$5.50. Shorn sheep were scarce and in demand.

Receipts for the week were 29,000 cattle, 55,000 hogs, and 22,000 sheep. F. H. B. ABOUT BLACKLEG VACCINE. The following correspondence will be of interest to stockmen and will doubtless prevent them from being imposed upon in the purchase of the remedy in question: From Pasteur Vaccine Co., Chicago, March 8, 1898.—To Director Pathological Laboratory, Medical Department University of Texas, Galveston, Texas: Dear Sir—Will you not kindly inform me whether the statement in a circular issued by the Southern Anthrax Vaccine company, of Galveston, Texas, that vaccines for anthrax and blackleg are being prepared at your laboratory, is true in substance and in fact; and also kindly let us know the name of the "expert from the Pasteur Institute of Paris, France," under whose "direct supervision" it is stated in the said circular the said vaccines are being prepared? Thanking you for an early reply, we are, (Signed) HAROLD SORBY, Mgr. From Allen J. Smith, Professor of Pathology, University of Texas, Galveston, Texas, March 11, 1898.—To Harold Sorby, Manager Pasteur Vaccine Co., Chicago, Ill.: Dear Sir—Vaccine for anthrax is made here in a small amount, but we have reached no more than the experimental stage, and are unwilling to allow it to be used save in an experimental way. In case of a success the Southern Vaccine company with which we have absolutely no connection and do not care to have, has asked to be allowed to purchase the same. We have done nothing with blackleg, have not even a specimen of the disease. As far as the circular you mention is concerned I know absolutely nothing of its existence, and will demand its immediate withdrawal. I am mortified to have the university placed in so ridiculous a light through the business of an unqualified and untrained "expert" I suppose is my demonstrator, Dr. Gouman, and when I showed him your letter he was quite as mortified and angry as I was. (Signed) ALLEN B. SMITH, Professor of Pathology. From Pasteur Vaccine Company, Chicago, March 14, 1898.—To Prof. Allen B. Smith, Department of Pathology, University of Texas, Galveston, Texas: Dear Sir—I have your favor of the 11th inst. and note that your department repudiates the connection claimed by the Southern Vaccine company of Galveston, that you do not care to have any such connection; that you are only experimenting with and not manufacturing Anthrax Vaccine as stated by the said company; and that you have done nothing with blackleg much less anything with the manufacture of a vaccine as inferred by the said "Anthrax Vaccine" (?) company. We note also that the use of the name of your university is entirely unauthorized and that you will demand its immediate withdrawal. We trust that you will do so at an early date, as owing to the successful and extensive use of our anthrax and blackleg vaccines in this country during the last three years, many unscrupulous persons are offering remedies that they call "vaccines" which are destined to deceive the owners of live stock and by their failure bring into disrepute our valuable and genuine vaccines. The Denver (Colorado) Times has recently exposed a fraud unearthed by State Veterinarian Creswell, where a mixture of capsicum, ginger and mustard was sold as a "vaccine." The cattle upon which this so-called "vaccine" was used contracted lockjaw, and twenty-four head died of that disease. In view of your remarks it is possible that the "vaccine" (?) of which the Galveston Anthrax Vaccine company claims to be the "sole manufacturer" is of a similar nature. In conclusion permit us to say that we should be pleased to supply you, without charge, with such quantities of our genuine anthrax and blackleg vaccines as may be needed for any experimental tests that you may desire to carry on from a scientific standpoint. From a practical point of view, our vaccines have proved themselves to be of inestimable value in this country, as witnessed by the large number of stock owners who have used them with so much success and satisfaction during the last three years. PASTEUR VACCINE CO., (Signed) Harold Sorby, Mgr. Send a dollar for a bottle of Dr. Gouddy's Magic Linctum. Cures barb wire or other cuts without leaving scars; also burns, festula and piles. Address John Monroe, 287 Main street, Dallas, Texas.

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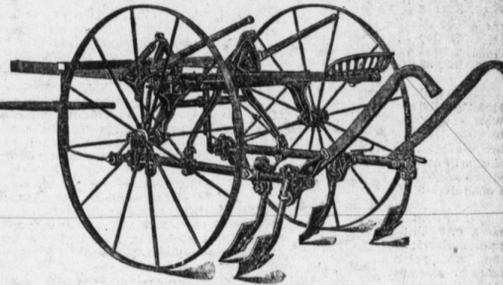
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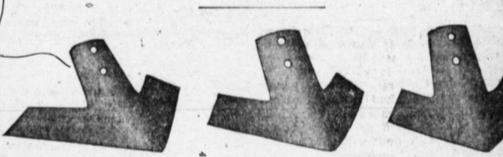
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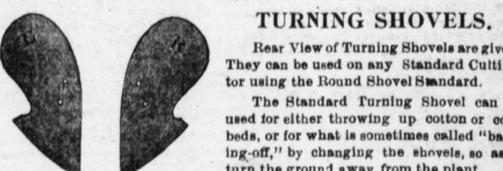


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THE FORT WORTH MARKET.

At the Union Stock yards here the receipts for the past week have been rather light. The demand for all classes of stock continues good. The hog market has declined about 10c since our last report. Quotations to-day as follows: Beef steers, \$3.00 to \$3.75; feeders and stockers, \$2.75 to \$3.25; choice fat cows, \$2.75 to \$3.00; medium fat cows, \$2.25 to \$2.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.25; butchers and oxen, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fat corned hogs, heavy, \$3.25 to \$3.65; fat corned hogs, light, \$3.25 to \$3.65; mast hogs, \$2.25 to \$3.00.

The following are some of the sales reported by the National Live Stock Commission company: 107 Alabama cows, \$15.00 per head; 6 Alabama steers, three, \$22.00; 6 Alabama steers, two, \$16.00; 5 Alabama steers, one, \$12.50; 53 Alabama heifers, one, \$10.50; 76 hogs, average 226 pounds, \$3.55; 64 hogs, 250, \$3.50; 95 hogs, 188, \$3.47 1/2.

The Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company report the following as part of their sales for the past week: 64 hogs, average 167 pounds, \$3.40; 10 cows, \$17.50; 34 bulls, \$42.25; 85 hogs, 205, \$3.67 1/2; 10 cows, \$22; 55 yearlings, \$15.00; 10 calves, \$14.00; 8 cows, \$22.50; 6 bulls, \$17.50; 8 steers, \$91, \$2.40; 79 cows, \$18.75; 36 yearlings, \$15.00; 40 East Texas yearlings, \$11.00; 15 cows, \$16.00; 27 East Texas yearlings, \$10.50; 16 cows, \$57, \$2.85; 20 bulls, \$25.00; 9 bulls, \$75.00; 10 bulls, \$220, \$2.50; 46 cows, \$22.50; 5 bulls, \$25.00; 5 calves, \$12.00; 7 yearlings, \$15.00; 7 bulls, \$85, \$2.25; 25 yearlings, \$15.00; 22 cows, \$22.50; 325 cows, \$30.00; 10 cows, \$20.00; 13 bulls, \$30.00; 101 hogs, 214, \$3.66; 44 hogs, 149, \$3.50; 73 hogs, 205, \$3.66; 67 calves, \$11.75; 19 calves, \$8.00; 21 hogs, 233, \$3.50; 109 hogs, 167, \$3.37 1/2; 16 cows, \$19, \$3.00; 73 hogs, 221, \$3.55; 162 hogs, 140, \$2.75; 12 cows, \$67, \$2.85; 181 cows, \$16.00; 260 cows, \$30.00; 200 cows, \$25.00.

W. T. Hudson, of Haskell, Texas, was here Saturday.

F. J. Burch, cattleman of Clayton, New Mexico, was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

J. D. Jeffries, a prominent cattleman of Clarendon, Texas, was here Saturday.

D. W. Snyder, the prominent cattleman of Georgetown, Texas, was here Monday.

M. B. Irwin, representing Swift & Company, Chicago, spent Sunday in the city.

Dan McCuningham, United States Veterinary Inspector, returned to the Fort Friday.

George D. Oaks, the veteran cattleman of Mineral Wells, was here Wednesday.

C. E. Dewey, of Chicago, Ill., was here Friday, looking for 3000 two-year-old steers.

Sid Webb, the well-known cattleman of Bellevue, was here Friday night en route to Terrell.

H. J. Hensley and J. S. Price, both cattlemen from the Indian Territory, were here Saturday.

Ben Garland, of the Cherokee Nation, passed through the city Thursday en route to Quanah.

J. C. Morton, of Tampa, Kansas, was here Friday. Mr. Morton was en route to West Texas on cattle business.

Charles Goodnight, the well-known Panhandle cattleman, is spending a few weeks at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Col. John N. Simpson, the well-known banker and cattleman of Dallas, was in Fort Worth Saturday night.

J. S. Todd, of Checotah, I. T., came down from his ranch Friday. Mr. Todd reports fine rains in the Indian Territory.

M. B. Huling, of Lampasas, who is establishing a big cattle ranch on the staked plains, was in Fort Worth Sunday.

J. A. Peacock, an old time Texas cattleman, who is now engaged in mining in Mexico, is spending a few days in Fort Worth.

H. D. Rogers, Chicago, well known in live stock circles in Texas, was among the visiting stockmen in this city on Friday.

Uncle Hillary Bedford, of Benjamin, was here Saturday. Mr. Bedford reports grazing good and plenty of water in Knox county.

It was reported here Friday that Meyer Half was loading forty cars of cattle at Midland, which will go to the Osage country, I. T.

Six cars of stock cattle were received at the Stock-yards here on Saturday from Montgomery, Alabama, shipped by Mitchell & Behr.

Col. Wm. Hunter of this city, is taking a little trip west over the Texas and Pacific, visiting Abilene, Colorado City and other points along the road.

"Farmer" Shaw, editor and proprietor of the Texas Farmer, of Dallas, was circulating among his many friends in Fort Worth a few days ago.

E. B. Beck, a cattle dealer of Sulphur Springs, in a private letter to the Journal reports the sale of 360 head of one and two-year-old steers at \$18 around.

Jas. L. Harris, formerly known as the "Sycamore" of the Washakie, but for the last few years general agent for the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, came in from Mineral Wells on Saturday.

J. H. Belcher, of Henrietta, spent Saturday in the best cow town in Texas, Fort Worth. Mr. Belcher is one of the solid cattlemen of the state and a pleasant gentleman to know.

Melvin C. Hancock, a prominent cattleman of Seymour, was in Fort Worth Saturday returning from Kansas City.

Burk Burnett had two cars of cattle from Axtel, Texas, at the Stock-yards Saturday. They were billed to Burk Station, in Wichita county.

Charley Coppinger of this city, who owns a fine ranch and herd in Scurry county, has reports from his ranch that fine rains have fallen all over that section.

J. W. Fields, of Dallas, one of the old-time cowmen, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. Fields has a ranch in Coleman county, and left for Coleman to inspect his cattle.

Col. A. M. Britton, formerly a prominent banker and cattleman of this city, but now a citizen of Denver, Colorado, spent the greater part of the past week in Fort Worth.

Major W. V. Johnson of Colorado City, was here Tuesday. Maj. Johnson has a ranch in Lynn county and reports all conditions at the ranch as favorable for the cattle business.

A. W. Hudson, who has a fine ranch on the Double Mountain fork of the Brazos, returned here from the ranch Sunday. Mr. Hudson has been shaping up the spring work for his outfit at the ranch.

H. D. Rogers, of Kansas City, was here Friday and reported the sale of 4000 cows and 2500 steer twos to W. Bruce, of Meade, Kansas, but declined to name prices.

C. H. Baumhough, of Woodbine, Kansas, was here yesterday. Mr. Baumhough was accompanied by Wm. Atchison, of Kansas, and J. M. Stephens, of Chicago, en route to Midland on cattle business.

W. M. Forsythe, of Sarcoxie, Mo., returned home Friday night. Mr. Forsythe purchased 1000 steers, twos, while in the state, but declined to give the price paid.

Ben Hackett, of this city, says that his feeders shipped from Bonham have so far averaged about 1050 pounds and sold for an average of \$4.25 per hundred, and will make good money at this figure.

A. H. Arnett, Dickinson, North Dakota, in a private letter to the Journal, says: "We are having a big snow storm through North Dakota and Montana. So far, however, it has not killed any cattle."

M. D. Lankford, a prominent stockman of Baylor county, in remitting his subscription to Texas Stock and Farm Journal, says: "It is a dandy good paper and every stockman and farmer should take it."

Lee Woods, of Sherman, was here Saturday. Mr. Woods has a ranch near Purcell, I. T., and reports the loss of some young cattle from black leg. He will inoculate all his young cattle with Pasteur Vaccine serum.

F. C. Youman, of Kansas City, was here Friday, en route home from South Texas. Mr. Youman has purchased about 6000 cows, which he will ship to the Territory and hold on the stock until fat enough for the canners.

At the Union Stock-yards hotel, Thursday was registered the following visitors: W. A. Shaw, of Dallas; D. P. Fairchild, of Reagan; Oscar Omalie, of Kansas; J. W. Shelton and J. B. Moseley of Berwin, I. T.

A. G. Boyce, Channing, Texas, manager of the Capital Syndicate Company's mammoth ranches and herds in the Panhandle and Second Vice-President of the Cattle Raisers' Association, was at the Worth hotel in this city Friday night.

C. W. Merchant, the well known cattleman of Abilene, spent Saturday in Fort Worth returning to Abilene Monday. Mr. Merchant reports good rains in the Abilene country, says grass is growing rapidly and the country generally in fine condition.

W. B. Elkin, of Abilene, a prosperous young stockman, was here Thursday. Mr. Elkin says the Abilene country has had good rains recently and that the indications are that another bountiful crop will be raised this year. Cattle are doing well and grass is coming up in good shape.

E. B. Carver, the well-known representative in Texas of the Cassidy Bros. Live Stock Commission company, spent Friday in Fort Worth, and while here purchased of Scott & Harold 3000 of the tops of the Gunter & Jones cows at \$23.

Oliver Loving, manager of the Loving Cattle Company, of Jack county, after spending a week or ten days visiting in the city, returned to the ranch a few days ago. Mr. Loving reports cattle in fine condition in his locality, and says that the ranch was never in better condition at this season of the year.

At the Stock Yards here Friday the following were registered at the Exchange Hotel: J. W. Braselton, J. H. Richards, Duncan, I. T.; M. Behr, J. Mitchell, B. G. Naylor, Montgomery, Ala.; Chas. T. Barry, Vernon, Tex.; Henry Bowers, Miami, Tex.; Sol Ellison, Wichita, Tex.

Among the visitors at the Stock-yards here on Friday was Jacob Doid, of Wichita, Kansas, who operates the packing-house there. Mr. Doid was shown over the yards and expressed himself as being pleased at the accommodation for live stock in transit and for sale.

C. J. Larimer, live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific railroad, returned Thursday from a trip to Louisiana. Mr. Larimer stated that J. M. Daugherty, Clabe Merchant and J. H. Parham are in Louisiana, buying cattle and preparing to ship those they have already purchased. Mr. Larimer says that the moving of cattle from the west on the Texas and Pacific will, he thinks, commence in about ten or fifteen days.

The popular old-time cowman, Dick Worsham, came down from Henrietta Sunday and was greeting his friends with a cheerful smile.

J. C. Denison, Secretary and Treasurer Union Stock-yards and Transit Co., Chicago, accompanied by his wife, returned from Mineral Wells Thursday, where they have been spending a few days, and left for Chicago in the evening.

C. L. Tillman, Tucson, Arizona, was here Thursday. Mr. Tillman states that cattle are held at very high prices all over Arizona, and that wherever water is found a herd of cattle will be found also. He states that the range is excellent.

"What's the news, Ben?" asked the Journal rustler of Ben Hackett at the Stock Yards Saturday. "Just say," replied Ben, "that Col. B. Hackett has returned from his feed pen adjoining the Stock Yards and that his 'old sisters' are doing as well as could be expected."

R. K. Wylie, the well known cattleman of Rannels county, is quite ill at the Delaware hotel in this city. Mr. Wylie arrived in Fort Worth Monday night returning from Marlin, Texas. He was quite ill when he reached the city Monday night, but was resting better Tuesday and it is hoped will recover in a few days.

J. W. Knox, banker and cattleman of Jacksboro, was in the city Wednesday and speaks very encouragingly of Jacksboro's prospects for 1900, being connected with the balance of the world by rail. Mr. Knox says it is now a settled fact that the Rock Island railway will build a branch at an early date from Bridgeport to Jacksboro.

W. K. Bell, of Palo Pinto county, was here Friday. Mr. Bell says he is in the market for some low-grade cows and wants the meanest lot he can find to put with his pure bred Galloway bulls. He thinks there is more money in using full blood bulls and cheap cows than in any other way at the present price of cattle.

A. T. Atwater, Secretary of the Evans-Snyder-Buel Company and manager of their St. Louis office, was in Fort Worth Wednesday, returning to St. Louis from San Antonio. Mr. Atwater expressed himself as being well pleased with the result of the recent efforts of his company in Texas and expects a very satisfactory business from the state this year.

Mr. W. E. Connell, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Midland and a prominent ranchman of that locality, has recently removed to Fort Worth and purchased what is known as the McCarthy residence, one of the finest in the city, and will make this his home in future. It is understood that Mr. Connell will shortly become associated in the management of one of the leading banks of Fort Worth.

V. O. Hildreth of Aledo, Texas, advertises elsewhere in this issue of the Journal a registered five-year-old Shorthorn bull, which is claimed by competent judges to be one of the finest animals of the kind in the state. He is in the prime of life, in splendid condition and a very desirable animal for any one wanting a pure bred registered Shorthorn bull. Those interested should correspond with Mr. Hildreth at once or call and see the animal at Aledo, a station on the Texas & Pacific railroad, midway between Fort Worth and Weatherford.

Walter P. Stewart, who owns one of the finest ranches and best herds in the state, located in Lost Valley, in the western edge of Jack county was in Fort Worth Saturday, returning from a visit to his ranch at his home at Waco. Mr. Stewart reports an abundance of rain on his ranch and says that cattle have wintered in that section of country better than for many years; that the green grass is now coming rapidly, and that the country shows every indication of having passed through the winter and of an early spring.

L. F. Wilson, of Kansas City, who owns a large ranch and also a small but choice herd of registered cattle in Archer county, was here Wednesday. Mr. Wilson, as is well known, is quite the "bear" on the cattle market, and is always too high to suit aim, and, in fact, according to his idea, out of the market, when Mr. Wilson goes on the range to buy; but when he markets his cattle, they never bring as much as he thinks they are worth. In other words, friend Wilson's like Bob Taylor's district schoolmaster, he can "teach either the round system or the flat system." That is, he can talk prices down when he wants to buy and up when he wants to sell.

The cattlemen here have been much pleased with the mild, pleasant weather we are having, but are a little dubious about whether it will continue; some of them think it is too good to last, and that a blizzard is liable to show up at any time. It has been observed that the conditions are very much the same now as those preceding the destructive blizzard which occurred in April four years ago, which lasted two full days. The peach crop was ruined and many trees were killed. Great loss occurred on the ranches on the plains that caused a wall to go up from the cattlemen of that section. All are hopeful, however, that the pleasant weather we are having will continue.

Samuel Sealing, one of the pioneers in the live stock commission business in St. Louis and senior member of the firm of Sealing & Son, who has spent the past two weeks in Texas looking after his interests in this state, was at the Worth hotel Friday night. Mr. Sealing has the reputation of being one of the best judges of beef cattle in the market, and it goes without saying that he occupies the front rank along with successful live stock commission merchants of the United States. Mr. Sealing is largely interested in several cattle ranches in different parts of the state and has many friends, admirers and customers, who always extend him a hearty welcome on his periodical visits to Texas.

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It is reported here upon good authority that the people of Amarillo have secured the extension of the Pecos Valley railway to that point from Roswell, N. M. The necessary funds to sign a contract to this effect was raised and the contract signed on Thursday, the 17th instant.

The Journal desires to call special attention to the advertisement of Cassidy Bros. Live Stock Commission Company, which appears in this issue. This well known firm has houses at both National Stock-yards, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri. It is one of the oldest and one of the most reliable live stock commission firms in the business—one that never fails to give perfect satisfaction to its customers, and one that will always receive a fair share of the Texas patronage. Parties wanting to form a connection with a first-class commission house in either Kansas City or St. Louis, will do well to correspond with this company, or with Mr. E. B. Carver, their Texas manager, whose postoffice address is Henrietta.

W. H. Godair, of the well-known Chicago live stock commission firm of Godair, Harding & Co., was in Fort Worth, stopping at the Worth hotel, Friday night. Mr. Godair has large ranch interests in Texas, and in addition to doing a lucrative live stock commission business in Chicago, also operates extensively in young steers and mixed bunches of cattle in Texas. Mr. Godair is firmly of the opinion that the present prices being paid for beef, and the prospects generally, do not justify the prices now being asked for Texas cattle, especially the common grades. He thinks it is all right to pay stiff prices for well-graded cattle, but that there is no profit in the commoner grades.

The Pasture Vaccine Company are doing a big business with their Blackleg Vaccine, and having splendid results. Write for particulars and testimonials from Texas and Territory to P. W. Hunt, State representative, Fort Worth.

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Manager "Lazy F" Ranch, Seymour, Tex., Feb. 28, 1898. "Have just seen Mr. C. T. Porter, manager of the Continental Land and Cattle Company's Baylor County ranch and asked him regarding the Pasteur Vaccine; he says his calves were vaccinated early with the result that I have never lost a single animal since. Have sold my yearlings to the same parties for the last three years who purchased them as pasture stock; they are all well and some high graded cattle in good condition of flesh. The cattle I represent north of the quarantine line are all over the state of Texas all of them good and some high graded cattle of all classes and ages, to be delivered at present or in the future on railroad to their respective localities. We give 10 per cent cut-back on steers or cows at the ranches. Address me Lock Box 62, Fort Worth, Texas, as I make Lock Worth my headquarters."

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Correspondence solicited from purchasers and sellers. If you are in Fort Worth be sure and see me. It is no trouble for me to answer either letter or question and will take great pleasure in doing you any favor within my power.

For reference I give E. B. Harold, Cashier First National Bank, Fort Worth, Texas; Wm. N. Stone, Cashier First National Bank, Galveston, Texas; R. W. Wood & Son, Vernon, Texas, and all the responsible parties who know me in or out of Texas.

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Geo. T. Moore, of Quitaque, Tex., manager of the "Lazy F" ranch, is an enthusiastic believer in Pasteur Blackleg Vaccine. Write to the Pasteur Vaccine Company's state agent, P. W. Hunt, Fort Worth for copy of testimonials given by him and many others who have tried it.

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