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CATTLE.

Whenever conditions in the island of Cuba permit its people to return to their natural industries the plantations and ranges will have to be re-stocked with cattle, and Texas would, in the natural order of things, be called upon to furnish the bulk of the supply, which would probably amount to nearly half a million head. Should an army of occupation be sent out by the United States to restore peaceful conditions the shipments of beef by way of Galveston would become very large.

South American competition with our export cattle business is worthy of serious attention. In 1895 Argentine sent to England 39,494 head of cattle, in 1896, 65,699 head, in 1897, 73,867 head. The growth in number is more important from the fact that there has also been a very great improvement in the quality. Distance, however, is a factor in the business strongly in our favor. The longer voyage from Argentine exposes cattle to more risk and fatigue and they arrive at port in worse condition than do the cattle from the United States. From this country the freight is about \$10, from Buenos Ayres it is \$23.

The value of registered sires is demonstrated in the great sale made to F. B. Sotham out of the XIT herd reported several weeks ago in the Journal. It will be remembered that he contracted for every male calf dropped before June 1 in two of the company's pastures at \$24 per head, the number being estimated at 2000. The dams of these calves, as well as the calves, are by registered Hereford bulls, but are themselves out of straight Friesian cows brought in from the Southern part of the state at \$8 each. Mr. Sotham, in a recent letter to Breeders' Gazette, says his customers prefer to take them at \$24 per head, because of these two infusions of registered blood, to taking others with less breeding at \$8 per head less money.

The United States department of agriculture has recently issued a bulletin showing the number of live stock in the country on January 1. The returns, as given in this bulletin, report 29,284,197 oxen and other cattle, and 15,840,886 milch cows, a total of something over 45,000,000 cattle of all classes. This shows a decrease in all classes of about 1,345,000 head, and a decrease of nearly 1,600,000 head of oxen and other cattle. The number of cattle used in beef in 1897 showed a decrease of 1,377,000 head. This, however, does not show the decrease in beef supply, for there has been as decided a reduction in the weight of the animals going to the beef markets, the majority of them being offered at a younger age than has formerly been usual, as there has been in the number.

The vigorous preparation for war which the government at Washington is making has already resulted in large contracts for canned meats and has, it is said, some effect in advancing prices of a common class of cattle. A declaration of war would immediately enlarge this demand to considerable proportions, and arrangements would at once be made by the war department to provide fresh meat for all military points that could be reached, because of its being a more wholesome diet than canned, pickled or salted meat. The fresh meat would be supplied both on hoof and dressed. These demands which war would stimulate would not be accompanied by any diminution of demand throughout the country, for during the vast expenditures of money which war necessitates the purchasing power of the masses engaged in the peaceful industries of the country would be strengthened. Just now the restriction of credits is hampering the cattle industry and buyers of stockers and feeders who must wait and depend upon future conditions do not easily procure means for their transactions. This is a condition that war expenditures would tend to relieve. The consumption of meat in the army would be larger than that by the same number of men in civil life, while but little, if any less would be taken throughout the country. Undoubtedly enhanced prices would soon ensue, and the advanced prices of beef would give such strength to the demand for stock cattle and feeders that plenty of the abundant capital of the country would again find satisfactory investment in cattle paper.

The money that Texas cattlemen have been paying out in the purchase of pedigreed breeding animals has been judiciously invested. The value of the beef blood in their herds is no longer questionable. It has been demonstrated by the sales of thousands of calves and yearlings, and even of unborn calves at prices fully up to those given for mature steers of scrub stock during recent years. The feeder knows that conditions must be exceptionally favorable to enable him to prepare a steer of no breeding for the beef market at any profit. Many of the farmers during the season just past thought that it would pay to buy any sort of an animal for their feed pen. Few of them had such experience or scientific knowledge of feeding as would enable them to get the best results with the means at their hands. This is the explanation of so many half-finished, unsatisfactory animals going on the market. With well bred cattle the opportunity for profit was far better. The inherited ability to take on flesh in larger ratio to the quantity of feed, and early maturity were the money-making factors that feeders found in this class of stock, and experience ever tends to make discrimination stronger in its favor. The preference for this class is a fact the Texas breeder has recognized and with enterprising sagacity he is fast perfecting his stock to the requirements of a market in which judicious selection must continue to play so important a part.

HORSE.

Do not compel your horse to stand on a hard floor or to sleep without comfortable or clean bedding.

Don't speed a horse on a rough or paved road, or with more than the weight of a driver and a light vehicle behind him.

A short overcheck rein does not make a stylish horse. It merely betrays the inhumanity of its owner, or his ignorance.

After long confinement the exercise given a horse should at first be moderate, the exertion demanded of him being increased gradually.

There may be some excuse for clipping a coarse scrub, but even for such a horse it is not advisable. A well bred horse certainly ought never to be clipped. His fine, silky hair, when well groomed, gives him the best appearance of which a horse is capable. Cutting off the foretop and forward part of the mane is another odious practice that has come into vogue of late. If the horse is valued at all for his appearance, such a deformity as this depreciates him considerably, and there are many who would not buy at all for light harness an animal so disfigured.

At a recent horse sale conducted at St. Louis and extending through several days an unusually high class of animals was offered and the results were most encouraging to breeders. As on other recent similar occasions the leaders in prices were of the trotting bred families. Quite a number of handsome roadsters and coaches were sold for export to England, while a few were bought to be sent to France, but the bulk of the offerings were sold to gentlemen living in St. Louis, Chicago and other cities. One saddle mare brought \$750 and a coach team was sold for \$1925. There were a number of other sales running from \$400 up.

The brood mare should have as good care in every way as the horses that are kept in hand for regular work. Too often they are left to run out, exposed to storm and accident on a scanty range, so that foaling time finds them thin and weak. Under such circumstances the foal comes with an inheritance of weakness of the dam that throughout his life will accompany him, always making it impossible to develop him into an animal of usefulness and value. The best breeders know how much the future value of the colt can be influenced by care of the dam during gestation, but too many farmers give it but little thought. The value of their stock could be advanced very materially by attention to these things.

All who have tried to keep informed as to the conditions upon the farms and among horse breeders are aware that the time is near at hand when a great deficiency in supply of horses will be felt and that values will correspondingly increase. The advantage of these conditions will go chiefly to those who have kept up their breeding establishments and have managed them well, but the number of these is small. The object now should be the development of coming youngsters at as early an age as is consistent with vigor and health. For this the colt requires the very best treatment from the hour he is foaled. Care should be taken to protect him from every influence that can retard his growth. Keep him strong and in perfect health. If he is worth raising at all he is worthy of feed, shelter and care.

In the March sales of two stables in Indianapolis there were 3327 horses and mules sold, bringing the best prices that have been obtained at any time within three years. Fully one-half of the horses sold went to France, Germany, England and Scotland. In reference to this the Western Horseman says: "The significance of this is the fact that when it is considered that until a few years ago the movement was directly opposite. Thousands of horses used to be imported to this country from Europe every year, while now it is recognized on the other side of the water that American horses are superior to all others in wind, limb and other desirable qualities, and consequently they are bringing fancy prices when the full value of such advantages is realized. Europeans, particularly Germans, are driving American horses to their brewery wagons, for hauling freight cars short distances and for all drayage purposes. American coach horses are very popular in England, and it has long been admitted throughout the world over that the American trotting horse is without a peer in any country."

Col. Bates, a man who has handled harness and trotting bred horses for thirty years, says there are quite a number of excellent horses now in the stables at the Fort Worth race tracks, and they have been doing unusually good work in their winter training. The track is a fast one and in perfect condition. While, of course, none of the timing has been official, it is said that the best time made this season has been made in handling one of the horses now there at work. Of course, no names nor was the time given to the Journal man, but it is told to show what a track Fort Worth possesses and the quality of the goers wintering there. Among those who have horses now in training there are Sol J. Coleman of Deton, Doty McNellis & Pomar, Robt. McCart, Mike Murley, Mr. Kellner, of the firm of Ellis & Kellner, saddle and harness makers, and Pickens. Mr. Bates has been for several years a resident of Fort Worth, but knows all the important tracks of the country and alleges that the Fort Worth track has only one equal as to speed work, and the climate permits uninterrupted training throughout the year. Fort Worth ought to be a great winter racing point. Mr. Bates says the quality of Texas horses that will go to tracks outside the state this spring will bring reputation to Texas as a producer of speedy goers.

SWINE.

If the bag of the suckling sow becomes caked grease it will with equal parts of lard and coal oil, as warm as can be applied. One breeder says that in such a case he wrings a flannel cloth out of hot water as hot as he can bear it and lays it on the bag of the sow. The cake, he says, yields to the application and one is nearly always sufficient, but soon as the sow gets up give her a warm, weak gruel, or dishwater and keep it up at each feeding time until she is free from fever. Her appetite will improve and the richness and quantity of feed can be gradually increased.

In this line it is well to remember the advantage of plenty of good pasturage. Nothing is better to strengthen the health of the hog or develop the growing animal in frame, building up plenty of good bone and muscle. Texas can grow the peas and most of the root feeds mentioned above. The great value of artichokes has been mentioned so often that it would be well to give them a trial. A farmer in Louisiana says that his crop of 1897 produced him 880 bushels per acre and cost him less than 2 cents per bushel. It is claimed by those who have tried them that there is no food more healthy for hogs and some allege that it gives immunity from cholera.

While the growing pig should have pasturage and range and should be industrious enough to take plenty of exercise to promote healthy digestion it is not well at all to force him to "rough it." The profit in raising them results only from raising them right. What is the best method of treating them depends much on local conditions. Pasturage in abundance, plenty of pure water, shelter from sun in summer and from storms and cold, and clean, well ventilated sleeping quarters are essential everywhere. If the native grasses are not sufficient cultivated pasturage should be supplied—and the pasturage should be the most important factor in developing the hog.

It is generally conceded by those who have made somewhat of a specialty of swine breeding that a sow should not be bred until almost or quite a year old. In an address recently delivered at the Kentucky Swine Breeders' meeting by Arch. Chappell he said: "At this age they are sufficiently developed to produce perhaps as large a litter as they will in the future. It is plain that the teats sucked by first litters are better developed, and consequently give more milk than those that are not. I have in mind a sow bred young that produced six nice pigs as first litter. These grew to be very fancy pigs. After this the sow produced ten nice even pigs. In a few days I noticed six of them were still even in growth and four were odd sizes, and so they remained uneven until disposed of. And what is more annoying to a breeder than to see pigs of all sizes following the same sow?"

Hog cholera is said to be almost unknown in England, Scotland and Ireland and on the continent of Europe, and there has been comparatively little of it in New England and Canada. It is reasonable to suppose that the smaller proportion of corn feeding has something to do with this comparative exemption from a malady that has caused losses aggregating many millions of dollars to the swine breeders and feeders of this country. Outside the corn belt corn is never fed in excess. The feeds used are bran, shorts, rye, barley, oats, grass, clover, peas, beans, turnips, potatoes, apples and artichokes. The hog is treated as a grazing animal as well as a grain eater, and the feed and pasturage accord with this recognition. Now nearly all these feeds can be raised economically in Texas. The hog can be profitably supplied in abundance with the diet having qualities that build up his frame, rendering him so conditioned and prepared that at the age of eight or ten months he can be fattened with little grain and go into the market smooth and well finished at the weight most acceptable to the trade, 200 to 250 pounds, and better far in the qualities that discriminating taste requires than the marketable hogs of the corn belt. In a few words, Texas possesses the conditions to produce the cheapest and the best of pork, with the least risk of loss by disease and with the most favorable conditions as to climate, for none but the agricultural press of the country, but it is probable that the value of any method or quality of feeding for this purpose lies in the health preserving qualities the feed possesses. A hog whose digestive organs are deranged is weak and feverish and in no condition to resist the assaults of any disease, and his unfavorable conditions are always aggravated if compelled to occupy filthy quarters and to drink impure water.

On the subject of stamping out hog cholera a writer in the Ohio Home-stead says: "Feed plenty of nitrogenous and fibrous or muscle and bone forming foods, and not so much corn. Here is where the all-corn men fall. Corn is rich in fat and heat-forming substances, but it is to a great extent deficient in those elements requisite to the growth of good bone and muscle and is too heating. Hogs fed on an exclusive corn diet are for these reasons unhealthy. They are continually in a feverish condition. Their digestive system is deranged and weak. In fact just in the right condition to contract disease, and to be quickly taken off by it. Grass, shorts, pea meal, turnips, mangels, sugar beets, carrots, potatoes and most especially artichokes tubers are all good, healthy, economical hog foods."

SHEEP AND WOOL.

It is said that in the Eastern States fewer sheep have been fed than ever before, and all the export supply of sheep and lambs has to be obtained in the West.

Give the sheep on the farm plenty of straw. They will convert it into the richest kind of food for crops. On any good farm, with good management, a flock of sheep will pay for its winter keeping in the manure it makes.

Legislative bodies have often been asked to adopt some measure that would give the live stock some protection from the ravages of wild animals, but it is probable that worthless dogs have occasioned heavier losses than all the wolves, panthers and other "varants" of the West. Near Belt, Montana, a few night ago a number of dogs attacked a herd of 505 finely bred and valuable sheep, and in the morning the herders, who slept in a house several hundred yards away, found about half a dozen of the curs still worrying and tearing the animals that were huddled and piled together in a corner of the sheep pen. Three hundred and fifty sheep were dead and others died later. This is an unusual case in the extent of the damage done at one time, but in every community where farmers are keeping sheep, there is more or less loss caused by dogs. In some localities sheep raising, which should be one of the most profitable of farm industries, has had to be abandoned on this account. It is a tragedy that certainly deserves the attention of our law-makers.

Every farmer should have a small flock of sheep to furnish him a supply of fresh meat, if for no other purpose. No other meat is so wholesome as the fat, greasy meat of the hog, and yet that is the meat supply to which very many farmers condemn themselves and their families with little interruption during the year. The sheep is not much more trouble to kill and dress than is a chicken. Its flesh is as wholesome as beef. Almost any farmer's family can dispose of a mutton while it is fresh. The mutton killed on a farm is better than that bought in the market, and killed after the worry of shipment and in a crowded pen. Of course there are other values to the farmer in a flock of sheep, each one of which alone would, under ordinary circumstances, make the sheep a profitable animal on the farm, but the value mentioned above is one that is rarely mentioned, though it is one that has an important bearing on the health and the comfort of the family.

In an address recently delivered by Mortimer Levering of Lafayette, Ind., before Canadian stockmen at Brantford, Ontario, he said: "The highest priced sheep sold in our markets today are those that are suited for the clubs and hotels in our largest cities. For such sheep a ready market is found in twenty-five and thirty cents per pound. When you can get \$37 to \$42 for the carcass of a lamb or wether you are entitled to distinction as a sheep-grower. In the large stock-yards of our country the highest price is paid for export mutton. Such sheep must be well matured at an early age, large and uniform, with good sized hams, not too fat and not at all lean. Ordinary common sheep put in pens and gorged on rich feed or swill from malt-houses will not meet the demand, for such sheep are too fat and the meat will never harden. Sheep must be of good blood, capable of maturing early, or good constitution by heredity, so that they can attain size and weight with exercise and on dry feed. The exercise makes muscle, and that is lean meat. Such sheep stand shipping and do not shrink or soften. Our export sheep come in competition in the foreign markets with those from many other countries and we should take a national pride in having our product compare favorably with any others. We have greater range, better feed and more favorable conditions to grow perfect animals than almost any other country, and all it needs to give us the credit abroad of producing the best and securing the maximum price and maintaining a steady trade is for our growers to use their brains and couple their work with intelligent reasoning."

ANGORA GOATS.
Mr. H. T. Fuchs of Tiger Mills, Burnett county, Texas, gives the following letter in reply to a number of inquiries from a gentleman who wishes information relative to the Angora goat industry: "The best Angora goats yield about four pounds of head per annum, whereas those that are kept in large flocks, but they will yield more if only a few head can be kept in a bunch. We always shear early in the spring and early in the fall. Shin oak country is pretty good for them, but a live oak country affords more feed in the winter if the oaks are not too tall, but the falling leaves of large trees give much food in the spring. "Angora goats are scarce, or rather they are hard to obtain because so many wish to buy—and I hear of none for sale. The cheapest way to care for them is to keep them unherded in wolf-proof pastures. They can easily be trained to come home by feeding a little and by salting regularly. They are easily handled after one learns how to handle them. The best market for mohair I know of is in New York, where several commission men sell it to the factories. "It is difficult to say what it will cost per head to attend to Angora goats properly, but any one going into the business will soon find that they pay as well, or better, than any other kind of live stock. Fine goats seldom bear twins. They pay quite well enough by raising one young one each year. "It is quite difficult to learn all about any business through correspondence. Practical experience will teach a man more in a few weeks than reading many books on such an industry as that of raising Angora goats."

COLLINS AT COLEMAN.

Writes About What He Sees and Hears.

Texas Stock and Farm Journal:

Coleman, the seat of government for Coleman county, has no standing monuments to the blighting, mildewing effects of a "boom." There is not an empty dwelling in the city, and but two vacant business houses. When the Santa Fe, or "The King's Highway" from Temple to San Angelo, was built the city builders on the way seem to have been a cool-headed, practical lot of fellows and didn't over do it, hence silent, gloomy monuments, where the owls and bats roost and croak, where the clink of coin of the realm and the voice of commerce were wont to be, are few and far between. The town is solidly built of limestone. The stocks of goods look bright and new, and the people in town and country are well dressed, look the pictures of good health, and are not as long visaged as one would expect to find in a country that has not had a "trash-moving root soaking rain" since the flowery month of June, 1897. The valleys, hills and tablelands, prairies and are as brown and bare as they were in December, and water for man and beast is getting to be a debatable question, and will not end even at the bidding of the real estate boomer. Crops of all kinds are suffering for moisture. Corn, fruit and garden truck were knocked out by the late rain, and the prospects for a yield of wheat and oats just now would not pass as collateral, even in a wild-cat bank. The fault is not in the farmers nor in the soil, for these valleys and tablelands are as rich as the bottom lands on the "Tom Bigby," and would produce as well "if it would only rain," however; they never fail to make good crops of drouth-standing forage stuff and cotton.

The list of Journals coming to this office is reasonably long, and its missionary took a few hours off last Saturday, and put them in in interviewing a few of its Coleman county patrons as to how they like it, and having had some experience as a rapid reporter, I put down their answers "verbatim et literatim." T. H. Henderson, Coleman, Texas: "I think it is the best paper of the kind published in Texas." W. Y. Price: "I am a new subscriber, having put my name down at the last cattlemen's convention. So far I like the Journal very much." E. T. Nall: "The best stock and farm paper I know of." J. J. Jackson: "A dandy good paper. I couldn't do without it." W. B. Lewis: "I've been taking it for more than a half dozen years. It is the best stock and farm paper published. If it falls to come to hand by the last of the week, I'm lost."

C. N. McFarland: "The best paper of the kind in Texas. The Household department alone is worth the subscription price." J. N. Craig: "The Journal is all right. I consider it the chief of its kind." J. H. Tucker: "An excellent paper." W. B. Hughes: "Of course we all know that the Journal is the newspaper for stockmen and stock farmers. The Household department makes it a welcome visitor in the family."

W. O. Gann: "I've been taking it for a number of years, and would not be without it." R. H. Dunham: "It is good. Really the best paper I've got hold of." Since writing the front section of this letter, the clouds have "poured out" some water and the country looks fresh, clear, cool and the people are up and going as if nothing had happened. The elasticity in the recuperative powers of this country is wonderful.

Yesterday, Easter Sunday, the Journal's missionary worshipped with the Live Oak street Methodist church, South, and I don't know when I've seen a more stylish congregation, and notice is hereby served on Abilene that there is danger of the meed for having the most pretty women being transferred to Coleman.

R. M. COLLINS, Coleman, Texas, April 11, 1898.

"WAR TALK" THE ALL ABSORBING SUBJECT EVERYWHERE
This country is pretty dry at this writing, but some indications of rain. Stephens county had a fine rain Monday last, but Eastland county got very little. At Albany there was a fair rain. Reynolds Bros. are shipping out a train load of cows and steers 15-day from their oil here to St. Louis and Chicago. Some talk of a compress being erected here in time for the next cotton crop. At Albany dirt is being broken for the foundation of the new \$12,000 academy building.

Webb & Hill, the energetic real estate and cattle commission men at Albany, are to receive 1000 yearlings on May 1st, which they have determined to inoculate with Pasteur Vaccine. Judge Matthews is talking of vaccinating 3000 head about the same time. Mr. Hill says his firm has about concluded to buy no more yearlings unless first vaccinated for blackleg, and predicts the last of the month, hence every yearling contract will have a "vaccination clause" inserted. L. E. Brannin of Cisco, another firm believer in vaccination, entertains the same idea.

Reynolds Bros. lost several recently imported Hereford bulls from acclimation fever lately. It is something unusual for Northern bred animals to die this early from this cause. Not much interest in politics here so far. Eastland county delegation goes unrepresented. The Albany people say Sayers has got Shackelford county sure, and very probably Jones and Throckmorton too. But "war talk" is the all-absorbing subject everywhere at present.

P. W. HUNT, Cisco, Texas, April 16, 1898.

A good rain fell on the 11th over pretty much all the Texas country that was needed it most, reaching south as far as Brenham, and going beyond San Angelo, and north into the Territory. It extended along Red River west, including Hardeman county.

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TO HOUSEHOLD.

I cannot force all Isabelle says against preachers, neither can I, I am sorry to say, deny all. I wish I could attribute all Isabelle says to the fact, she was smarting from a hurt and wrote as an outlet for her feelings. There is no doubt that ministers as a rule have not a pleasing or gallant attitude toward women. This is due to two things. But I will not agree that civilization has eradicated that primary instinct of men—to protect women. I could not respect a man of any calling who had suffered this God implanted instinct to be eradicated from his nature. I have never seen a minister whom I could not respect, though few I admired as men. But Isabelle will please remember there is as great difference in ministers as in doctors, lawyers, princes, kings. I would not have encouraged Isabelle in her present mood by admitting the ungentle attitude of ministers toward women. It is a fact, except to vindicate my sex of accusations charged against them by all mankind—that women love bad men. Who has not heard dozens of men say that women prefer bad to good men every time. Women do not prefer bad men. Women do not love the bad in any man. Women love the good in men, for there is always the good, hidden perhaps, but there, appealing to women to arouse into activity. The primary instinct of woman, which civilization cannot lessen, much less eradicate, is to love best where she can be most helpful, give most where most is needed, therefore to the good man for her to love best that man of imperfectness, whose daily inspiration she may be to better living, who admires her moral strength and gains from it, who makes her feel she was not created to serve man, but to help, to elevate to inspire? Most men who are called worldly and are conscious of their own imperfectness love women for their goodness and purity and let them know it. They are invariably tender and chivalrous towards women, and show they feel their unworthiness in a way most appealing to every heart whose first instinct is to help, to give morally. There is implanted in the heart of every man a love of the good, the pure. It matters not how bad he is he goes about, perhaps unconsciously, but truly reaching for the good. He never looks for it among men. He expects it always in women. When he finds it he tries to win it, to cover up his imperfectness, to rise up to his first hopes of higher and better life. And thus bad men often win the purest women by a devotion and worship unknown to the good man. It is the possible good, not the apparent evil in a man, a woman loves.

A thoroughly good man never loves woman as worshipfully as does the bad man, never accredits to her as high a place in his life, nor as great importance. He does not need her, therefore never knows her at her best. She serves the good man. The bad man she helps, elevates. It is more satisfactory to help than to serve. The attitude of the preacher is not quite what I think. It is to apply the attitude of the larger, stronger vessel toward the apparently weaker, whose strength the larger has had no need to know. The good man having no need of woman's moral strength and help fails to appreciate her at best and is less pleasing in his attitude towards her. I hope no one who reads this will ever let pass unchallenged the declaration that women prefer bad men to good.

I would not have us do ministers an injustice in our Household. Let us hope Isabelle has, and that she will retract. Only a man who has drawn his inspiration in life from a woman seems to know how much to her are all the small, sweet courtesies he has a right to give and she to expect. Ministers do not draw their inspiration from women. To them she is far less than the angels, to the worldly man she is more.

I am amazed at Laura, seeing her fault so plainly yet continuing in it, again. Eve pays us a refreshing visit this week. Polly writes an encouraging letter to Bashful Boy. I agree with her in making the ideals high. The higher the ideals the better the men. One wise man tells us to "pitch this life high," another to "hitch your wagon to a star." Life will not reach its ideals. But the higher they are pitched the nobler this life. Let every man know that you expect noble things of him, that your ideals are high.

I have not opened a letter in a long time that presented a more pleasing appearance than La Golondrina's. It is neat, painstaking, well written, besides interesting. She is always welcome. I am much pleased with her desire for my picture. But it is impossible. If I were a beautiful woman it would be different. If I have any beauty it is not my face. But I am grateful for the interest. Of course Household members may correspond. Many pleasant friendships may be established in this way. I forwarded a letter from J. A. R. to Polly this morning. I have had to give to the giving waste basket six letters this week because the real name was not known. Sheep Herder's letter was very good and I was sorry not to publish it but cannot do so without knowing the real name.

Indeed we will welcome a coast country girl such as Yellow Pansy. Her letter is well gotten up also. It is a pleasure to be welcomed this week. It is a pleasure to be welcomed this week. It is a pleasure to be welcomed this week. It is a pleasure to be welcomed this week.

THINKS HOUSEHOLD BEST OF ALL

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Here comes another-cowboy? No, not a cowboy this time, but a merry girl wanting admittance to your charming circle. I have been reading the Household for some time and enjoy the cowboys' letters so much; in fact, all of them, but the cowboys are my favorites every time. They write such interesting letters. Old Timer, was it you who would give a description of a "rounding up" if wanted? I would like very

much to hear about one. Critic, I think you are entirely too hard on cowboys, for you can find no one with a kinder heart. Some of our best writers have quit us, I see. I am sure they would be welcomed back by all. Bashful Boy, I don't believe you are as bashful as you make out, for you write such nice letters. Come again soon and tell us about a cowboy's life. You said in your last that you had several songs which you would give to those who wanted them. I would like so much to have "Paradise Alley" and "Booklyn Theater Fire." If it is no trouble I would like for you to send them to me, and hope some time to return the favor. You can get my address from Mrs. B. Wasn't Tenderfoot's letter good last week? I agree with him; a man is a man without regard to his calling, if it be an honest one. Tell me, how do you like the poor fellow, don't know whether to sympathize with him or not, for I have never "loved and lost," as you say. The subject "Is Marriage a Failure?" is real interesting and I would like to hear more of the members express themselves. I have never been along there and know nothing about it. Where is our Miserable Woman? I, like Obdurate, think she and Man should correspond, get up a case and console each other. I wonder why they didn't take that "love cure" that was in the paper awhile back. I know they would have found relief. Now I'm making fun, for I sympathize with them both. Members, isn't the Household improving? I enjoy reading it better than any paper we take, and that is saying a great deal, for we take a number of papers. Mrs. B., do you allow the members of Household to correspond? I think it is so interesting to correspond with one you do not know, correspond with a person whom I never have seen, but she is one of my best friends. I know her well by her letters. We have such a pretty place, although it is not very large. We have two lovely parks, situated about a mile from each other, with springs and large pools each, also lovely drives. Then we have another spring about three miles from town whose water is just delightful. We have fine times going there on our wheels. How many of you like reading? I certainly do, and read a great deal. Another one of my hobbies is horseback riding. Oh, how I love to skim over the prairies. I am sure if I were a boy, I would be a cowboy. I wonder if all of you cowboys are gentle with your ponies. I have a lovely little black pony and can make him mind no other way than by kindness. If I whip him he only stands still and kicks, but I love him just the same. Dear Mrs. Buchanan, won't you head our page with your picture next week, or have you decided that you will not? Who was the member who wanted a great many of our real names? Come again and tell us your plan. Vox Homo, Woods Boy, Bad Boy, Jolly Jim, Careless Bill, our two Bashful Boys and many, many others whose names I can't recall, please do come real soon, for your letters are appreciated by all. Now, if dear Mrs. Buchanan doesn't pitch my letter in the waste basket, and I am welcome, I will make you another visit some time. Who knows where I can get a picture made? I will also write to Mrs. Buchanan and Household.

LA GOLONDRINA.

Dear Editor: I have not been in Household for so long I feel almost a stranger. I am such a busy girl I cannot stay long this time. I just want to ask kind Mrs. Buchanan one thing: Why do preachers treat women as if they were inferiors, one and all? Have you ever noticed there is no knightliness, no chivalry in the attitude of preachers toward women? I have been placed in an attitude lately to observe closely. When one observes closely one thinks seriously. There is a protracted meeting going on in our town. We have been entertaining preachers. We have always entertained preachers. I have yet the first one to see who is at all gallant or chivalrous toward a woman, old or young. They seem to think their vocation of saving souls exempts them from all those sweet courtesies voluntarily rendered to women by manly men. Women expect them. She never forgives the absence of them when justly hers, and a man who slights these small, inexpressible attentions which are her birthright, is lacking in some fine manly quality he is priest, preacher, bishop, pope. The only men with whom I have ever come in contact who do this as a class are preachers. I read in a book, recently out, this statement: "All the civilization of the ages will not eradicate the primary instinct of men—good or bad—to protect women." I was pleased with this and pleased to believe it is true. It is true of what we call worldly men, but, I am convinced, not true of preachers; and the fact that they labor so to save souls does not excuse them. It matters not what a man's occupation or calling, he must be a man for 'a' of that, for 'a' of that. Preachers act like they thought women were born for the low and humble walks in life, to serve, to look up to—preachers. I have never seen one yet who could quickly put himself in a woman's place, understand how she would feel under certain circumstances, treat her accordingly. I know Mrs. Buchanan is horrified at me and wishes she could make me stop. But she can't; I am too far away. Besides, I am so full I must express myself or explode. I am not allowed to say a word on this subject at home. I had an Easter greeting all ready to send our preacher, but I did not send it and will tell you why. My cousin and I, a girl about my age, went to church one night during the past week simply to please our preacher, which was not the right motive, perhaps, but we were very tired; had been entertaining preachers. After service we waited for our preachers to talk with friends as much as they liked; then we started home. Just outside the door we were stopped to meet the guests of some friends. Our guests went on home and we left us. We stood chatting with our friends and their guests until our pastor came out. His way home was the same as ours—at least through town. Our friends got in their carriage with their guests and invited our pastor to ride home. I was about to say, "Of course, he will not ride and leave us alone; he will see us safely through town." But before I realized he, as a man, would do such a thing, he entered the carriage, drove off and left us two girls on the sidewalk alone. I was

so tired I could not keep back the tears and, as a woman, I was hurt through and through. The instinct of man may be to protect women, but civilization has eradicated it from priest and preacher. I would rather a man would treat me with consideration due a fine natured and sensitive woman than to pray for my sinner. But I do not see why he could not do both. A cowboy would not have left us alone on the street at night, especially if a request of his had placed us in the situation. Civilization has not eradicated the instincts of the cowboy to protect womankind. When I marry I want a man without too much civilization. I want the primary instincts there and all chivalry towards noble women. Since I wrote last to Household we have moved to a small town near our old home. I hope the Household will welcome me back and Mrs. Buchanan will forgive my tirade against preachers. I mean it all. ISABELLE.

CONFESSES HER FAULTS.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: This is the very kind of weather that makes one have the blues—dark, rainy and cold. Our nice gardens and fruit trees look as if they thought Christmas was coming and we feel as desolate as they look, but trust a few minutes talk with your pleasant circle will wear off this lonely feeling. You always make us feel so welcome. I do feel so sorry for Bleeding Heart, indeed, that I often see such cases. I am thankful that my lot was not as so many others I am associated with. I have a good, kind husband—one that any woman ought to appreciate, but still he is not so polite and sweet as he was to me before marriage; but I am not what I was. I do not seem to him all smiles and loveliness as I did in sweetest days. It's generally this way. "Now, Jim, what made you stay so late?" or "Come here and take this baby," or "Go bring some wood; you don't care a cent how I am getting along, just so you have a good time." At the same time, I often see such cases. I believe it is too often our fault, though we do have many things to worry us and make us forget our duty. Mrs. Buchanan, my better half attending the convention and had a good time. I think I will try to go next time if nothing prevents me. You told us what a good time you had; I know you did enjoy meeting your friends. I would like to know how many of the Household attended the convention. I imagine there were many there. Love to Mrs. Buchanan and Household.

LAURA.

A NEW MEMBER AND ADMIRER. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Will you admit a visitor from the coast country? I have been a constant reader of the Household for some time and enjoy reading its many good letters. I am the youngest of four girls and am fond of all kinds of outdoor exercise; also music, flowers and pet animals; am not a musician, but, then, I sing sometimes to a audience of three cats, as my sisters generally have some excuse and get as far away as possible. We have an oyster bed and enjoy fresh oysters from September until the last of April. In the summer we go fishing and sometimes bathing, but our bathing room is not a first class one, since its foundation is blue mud, instead of beautiful white sand. As this is a very quiet and secluded place, we have "up-to-date" bathing suits—usually made from cut sateen with the letters "L. and L. feed and bay, Galveston, Tex.," across the back. If I had a camera I could furnish the Household with several views, such as the above description, for example. With love to all. YELLOW PANSY.

SMITH POINT, TEXAS.

HIGH IDEALS MAKE BETTER MEN.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: May I come in and chat awhile this windy evening? I would like a seat by the Bashful Boy, as a good many of my remarks are to him, and I also have a desire to find out whether he is as bashful as he claims to be. I must beg pardon for coming again so soon, but Mrs. B.'s cordial welcome gave me courage and I have so much to say I was afraid I would forget some of it if I waited. Now Bashful Boy, my private opinion of you is that you are not bashful at all. I believe you are one of those modest young men we sometimes meet who are not bashful, neither are they fast. If you are one of these, don't try to be anything else, for you are just the right kind of a boy, I think. You asked for some advice. Well here it is—please do not pursue you won't take it. People who ask for advice never do.

So you are partial to black eyes and hair—mine are very dark brown; how will they do? You say you are a coward; well I am not. If you are only afraid of cows and coyotes I don't think you are a very big coward, but if you are afraid to say no when you should, then you are a great coward. I used to be a moral coward, but with God's help I am not now, and he will help you too, if you ask him. The way to cure your bashfulness is to treat all girls as if they were sisters, and do not try to make love to them. Do not be in a hurry for a girl to take advantage of leap year, unless you are already an old bachelor, but go to work and get a home ready to take her to and you will surely find the right girl some day. I do not think she will have to do all the talking either. I will send the song you asked for to Mrs. Buchanan and she will send it to you. Please send me the song, "Two Letters."

Poor Bleeding Heart, your sad letter brought tears to my eyes when I read it. How I wish I could say something to comfort your poor broken heart. But as I am only a merry school girl I can only say "Look to Jesus." He will help you. How sad it is to know such cases are, but are we girls not a great deal to blame? I think when we raise our ideal of man then there will be better men and happier women. Let us require the young men we associate with to be as pure and gentle as they require us to be. Let us require them to treat their mothers and sisters as well as they do their sweethearts, and then I think we will not hear the sad cry from so many unhappy wives. I like to know how the young men I associate with act and look when they

haven't got on their company manners. Give me the boy that thinks mother is before any one else, and that trusts mother with his affairs before the other boys.

Bashful Boy, when you go a courting, go some time when she is not looking for you. That is the way to judge a girl. There is much more I want to say but I hear some one say why don't she hush? Well, I will. Lovingly. POLLY.

ANOTHER WILD FLOWER.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Will you let another West Texas girl be admitted to the Household? I enjoy reading the Household department. I agree with Humty Dumty for I am a dear lover of cowboys and I think there are no better men on earth than a cowboy. My brothers are cowboys. I don't agree with Miserable Woman, for all the men are not like that one thick-skulled fellow to her. Do you think so Rose Bud? I agree with you about marriage a failure, for I don't think any girl should marry under the age of twenty-one. Vox Homo, come again, for I think I know you are, as you are from my country, would like to write to you. My dear friend, Violet, come again, for I know who you are. Will any of the Household members send me the "Cowboys' Sweet By and By." I will close for this time. Love to all. WILD ROSE.

LUBBOCK, TEXAS.

JOHNSON GRASS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: I am informed by your valuable Stock and Farm Journal that its columns are at all times open for the discussion of all subjects having a tendency to promote or injure our agricultural or stock industry. I wish to examine this grass business fairly from various standpoints. As our state is divisible into two parts, one devoted to the stock industry almost exclusively, being the most lucrative, while the other and most useful part, is used for the accommodation of the great army of bread producers to be found in the agricultural region of a magnificent state. Our legislature has acted in the plenitude of its wisdom on the idea of adaptability. Inasmuch as our farmers and stockmen are divided in opinion, as well as interest, this subject should be handled with great care. It is the heavy interests involved in its propagation or extermination. Not wishing to stimulate cankered prejudice against our love for this wonderful forage plant, but will steadily keep in mind the paramount interest of the great majority of our people, for the question is too serious to be discussed in a hasty and contracted standpoint, as our extreme poverty or wealth may in a great measure depend upon the prompt and earnest action of our people united for the common good of all. Since our agricultural classes became alarmed about this grass, many good things have been said and written to tickle the egos of the stockmen engaged in the live stock industry without the aid of the plow, hoe, or other implements of our agricultural industry. Evidence of our prosperity and high state of civilization, while on the other hand many absurd ideas have been advanced quite repugnant to the mind of the practical farmer, who are living in the finest farming districts under the sun, and who can not follow any other avocation, since their all is invested in farms and it is pump or drown. I am willing to confess without the least degree of reluctance that Johnson grass makes a fine article of forage for the stockman, more reliable than the grasses in the state, and surpasses all other grasses in its productive qualities; its hay is worth about as much as any other hay on our markets, provided it is cut and cured without damage and at the proper time—not too green nor too ripe. It is essentially a Southern production. It is a plant that grows in the soil of all over Texas, and for all I know, will prove a blessing to the grazing part of the state. I for one am willing for them to have it west of our great agricultural belt. Yes, let the man with the knife and the branding iron have full dominion over the great grazing region, but he should know where to sow his Johnson grass. I will now examine this stuff from an agricultural standpoint. The first thought in my mind is relative to its importation or introduction, yet I have no language sufficient to express my dread of the future detriment this stuff will yet prove to all interests in our agricultural region. The reason is this: It is a plant well known to our constitution, but I regard it as a very mild offense compared to the introduction of this much dreaded plant, yet the importer, no doubt, thought he was a great friend to the farmers. In reality he was the worst enemy Texas ever had. Please bear with me, but I would like to see some of my serious objections to this infernal stuff and deadly enemy to our agriculture, the leading industry in this or any other country, an industry which furnishes a basis upon which all other industries are depending for life and success. What has Johnson grass done? What is it doing and what will it do for the live stock industry? These are questions to be met by our intelligent farmers, as it is stealthily and surely undermining the general prosperity of all our people. Our agricultural life, thrift and prosperity is involved in the solution of this Johnson grass question.

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L. L. Baldrige came up Thursday from Victoria and went down to Cotulla Saturday.

Jno. W. Kokernot, while making no prediction as the result of the war on the live stock interests, says that he floats the date for the United States flag to be flying from Moro castle to ninety days.

Geo. W. West returned the early part of the week from his Live Oak county pasture, where he delivered his steers to Chittim and Merchant. He said he has had fine rains and an assurance of plenty of grass.

Jno. W. Gibson of Waggoner, I. T., was here Friday on his way to Victoria county to make some shipments to the territory. He came up from Beeville, from which place his firm loaded out a couple of trains.

G. W. Cavender of Carrizo Springs, was here two or three days during the past week. He sold his cattle some months back and has been sorting his feeling around to see if he couldn't "break into the lot again."

D. K. Furnish is in the city, spending a brief season visiting his family. He says they are neither suffering for rain nor grass at their Spofford ranch, but seemed reconciled to take more of either or both when opportunity presents.

B. L. Naylor of Naylor & Jones, gives the number of cattle which his firm will handle in the territory at about 15,000 head. He will also be interested in other deals to the extent of about 3000 head.

A. K. Rea, the popular assistant live stock agent of the Cotton Belt, is in Fort Worth, where, according to last reports, Mrs. Rea was sick. The Journal hopes in its next issue to note her restoration to health and return to the Alamo City.

Jno. R. Blocker was here a couple of days this week. He is very busy now delivering his cattle sold to Jim Daugherty by the Alamo Cattle Company and Blocker Bros., totaling \$11,000, all to about 8000 head. He left again Saturday to finish up his deliveries.

W. A. Poague of the Evans-Sunderland company, returned Thursday from Eagle Pass, where he was with L. Goodman to assist in shipping about 2000 steers to the territory. He could not procure cars, however, and came back to take a fresh start.

Frank Rhea, of the Katy, came in Saturday from an extended trip down into the Alice country, with an eye single to the interests of shippers who are invading the territory. Johnny Rossen returned Monday from Fort Worth and is also taking a hand in the good work.

J. M. Kincaid of Sabinal, was here Friday and Saturday, where he met Capt. Coombs of San Marcos, on the latter's return from Coombs & Kincaid Bros. ranch at Raymond. He says that while they have had no heavy rains recently that their cattle are in very good shape and no losses of consequence occurred during the winter.

W. B. Floyd of Lometa, came in Thursday night from the territory; said that the grass was short up there, but that the prospects were flattering for the best range this year that he had known in many years. A fine season was in the ground and with a little more weather now everything would get started off in fine shape.

J. O. Nicholson and W. L. Banister went to Cotulla Friday to ship out the Cheeseman cattle, some 500 head. These gentlemen shipped out 3250 head of the King cattle last week and will take about 10,000 head to the territory altogether. They went to Sabinal Saturday to ship out about 2300 head of the Mangum steers.

Major J. S. McKinnon and wife of Toby, have been guests of the Southern for a week past. The major is still full of hope as to the building of the Brownsville road, but conditions at present will not justify any hope for much being accomplished right away. He is not much encouraged as far as the benefits some expect as a result of war, as there are too many phases to be considered.

Mark Evans was here Saturday and hunted up the Journal representative to inform him that he shipped out 17 loads of the finest cows from Cotulla the day before that had ever gone to the territory. This is his version and was doubtless reported to the Journal in order that he might turn them readily in the Indian Territory for an average of about \$5 per head. He went to Sidmore Monday. He will handle about 8000 head this year from this section.

Jan. F. Green of Enclinal, was here Friday and Saturday. He reports a magnificent rain on his Dimmitt county pasture last Wednesday, which buoyed him up to the extent of buying something over 500 head of steers from Eardley & Son of Carrizo Springs, at \$17 for two, \$21 for three and \$25 for four and five. He left Saturday night for Cincinnati and Chicago on business and will return about the 25th inst.

A. L. Henson of Panhandle, Tex., the able representative of the Lone Star Commission company, was here Friday and a portion of Saturday on business for his company. Mr. Henson, or "Uncle Ase," as he is more familiarly known among cattlemen, is one of the pioneer stockmen of Texas and formerly lived at Jackboro, Tex., where he "got" Indians and looked out for orphan calves "way back in the '70s." He has grown a little gray since then, but genes that he has grown any older. He will be in this section for some days yet.

The Journal last week noted the loss of Harry Land's hull house, 25 head of bulls and 20 head of horses and calves at New Braunfels by fire. It is necessary for it this week to correct

In part some of its figures. Major Land was over Wednesday, a visitor at the Journal office, and stated that his loss would amount to about \$5000, which included his hull house and seven head of fine heifers which he had been acclimating and which he was about ready to turn into his pasture. The Journal is pleased to make the correction, and in common with his many friends, congratulates him that his loss was no greater.

H. B. Woodley returned from Beeville Saturday and is making his arrangements to meet the call "To arms" in the impending conflict. He stated, in an interview with the Journal representative, that he had received a letter from John Critser, the stockman of Taylor, saying that he, Critser, was going to take charge of the battleship Ben Hur at Austin at an early date and was going to make a proposition to the government to pay for every Spaniard he let scale the darn, and had offered him a job, which he thought he would accept. He said that Critser was an awful fighter and he "cackled" that many stirring scenes would be witnessed at that point before 1898 had passed.

W. H. Jennings had one telegram Friday from Cotulla stating that heavy rains had fallen at his Turkey Creek ranch, and one from Carrizo that the Moss ranch, forty miles below Laredo, which he has leased, had been blessed in a like manner. These rains fell during the early part of the week, and since Mr. Jennings heard anything beyond that it was "a little dry down his way." He stated that Jennings, Moore & Lytle had delivered 11,000 head of the 13,000 head sold to Jim Daugherty a few months ago. He has thus far shipped about 6000 head of cattle to the territory and stated that he would handle about 10,000 head up there this year, and that Jennings, Moore & Lytle would pasture about 8000 head. Barring interference with Mr. J.'s plan by train robbers, it is safe to predict that '98 will be full of good things, both for W. H. Jennings and for Jennings, Moore & Lytle.

E. C. Crampton, who spent a couple of days in San Antonio this week with "Uncle Ase" Henson, both as representatives of the Lone Star Commission company, was the victim of a joke perpetrated by a few friends while here. Mr. Crampton hails from Ottawa, Kansas. Mr. C. is a good man, Ottawa is a good state, and Kansas is a good state, ranking second only with Texas in cattle. Kansas buyers have been here in large numbers during the past year and made heavy purchases. By a pre-arranged programme, Mr. Crampton's friends, as they met him individually, would ask him as how the Kansas buyers were coming out on their steers, and Mr. Crampton, as a result of early training, would in each instance adhere to the truth and say, "Well, the Kansas men have done very well; in fact, have made some money." The questioner would then state that the Kansas buyers, and especially those who came down toward the last of the season looking for something, said that the Kansas buyers were going to lose big money on their Texas purchases, leaving the inference that they doubted Mr. Crampton's statement. Saturday, however, when Mr. Crampton, "Uncle Ase," W. L. Bannister and G. J. Nicholson called at the Journal office, Mr. Crampton, representative, mindful of the fact that there is no rule which governs the spelling of proper names, asked Mr. Crampton for his card. He produced one and, pointing to the address, said, "They've got it on the card 'Kansas,' but I'm not from Kansas." The expression had been used before, but was very pertinent and resulted in the Journal being able to assist Mr. Crampton in turning the tables, as it were, on these "despising persons." The Journal is glad to know that the Kansas feeders have been fortunate in their investments in Southern Texas cattle, and will extend them a cordial reception when they visit us in '98.

OF LOCAL INTEREST. Milt B. Chastain of Alpine, who visits San Antonio often, is a candidate for assessor of Brewster county. If he makes as good an official as he does a cowman, he will fill the bill—provided, of course, he pays for this announcement.

According to the Pecos City Pickings, a new paper started at Fort Stockton by Jack Lee, which is making a flaming success, came from it through the streets of Stockton without molestation. This is a pointer for stockmen from San Antonio and other stock centers not to be too handy with their guns when they visit that burgh. The Journal has heard of men just this once who would not take a shot at a quail when opportunity offered, but had the first one to behold.

J. W. Griffith of Lavaca county, has a dog which will take the place of a cowboy on a round-up. It throws a refractory steer by hanging on to his upper lip, and repeats this operation until his steership concludes to accede to the wishes of his dogship and "hit the road" for the herd. He can bring up the rear of a small sized herd and allows no lagging nor wandering off at the sides.

A. Becker of Beck & Degan, stockmen of Denver, who bought a string of yearlings from J. D. Jackson of Alpine, this spring, reported on his return to Denver that Texas was dry and cattle too poor to ship. Mr. Becker should come down and stay a few weeks in Cameron, Nueces, San Patricio, Bexigo, Goliad, Victoria, Live Oak, Duval and other counties, where corn is being plowed the second time and grass is two or three inches high. His report of everything shows that his perceptions in the state were all above quarantine.

ANOTHER ROAD FROM THE NORTHWEST. The S. L. and N. Railroad from Strawn to San Antonio Will Be Put Through.

The San Antonio, Llano and North-east railroads appear to be actively pushing their arrangements for organization and construction at an early day. Mr. G. W. Angle of this city, who is a railroad man of large experience, has recently been appointed to the position of manager and is now making his headquarters at Strawn, from

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FORD DIX

Writes interestingly from Lockhart After Visiting Gonzales and Luling.

While in Gonzales I inspected the Walnut Ridge Creamery, under the guidance of the manager, F. H. Holstein, who is a firm believer in Holstein cattle for various reasons. There was a cow that had grown old (15 years) in his herd that had not performed her cowship duties for 18 months, so a butcher was called in who took her at \$30.00. She was grass fat and weighed 1280 pounds gross and 740 pounds net, and the butcher made some money on her. Mr. Harwood says there are several that will weigh 1600, which clearly demonstrates the fact that when a Holstein becomes unfit for dairy purposes it can be disposed of to good advantage for beef. But to return to the dairy. There are 40 registered and 60 grade 3/4 to 21-32 cows and all good ones. It has not been my good fortune for some time previous to see such a fine herd. Bulls of the very best strains are at hand, and are consequently some fine young stock is raised. Four yearling bulls of this stock are advertised for sale in this issue of the Journal, one of which I saw, and he is certainly a fine animal. Mr. Harwood assures me that the others are his equals. They were in the pasture and I did not get to see them. This herd and finely equipped dairy is managed by John Young, than whom a more affable gentleman does not exist and thoroughly competent, as is evidenced by the clock-like regularity and system and cleanliness of the Walnut Ridge Creamery.

W. B. Houston went to his ranch and J. D. Houston sent his son to his ranch the same day to make preparation for delivering the last 2000 of the 7000 head of cattle contracted by them.

M. M. Fitzgerald returned home Sunday from the territory, where he had been with a shipment of cattle; says a good many have died up there on account of the short grass and want of grass, but although the weather was still cool, grass was coming nicely and losses were about over.

Left Gonzales Monday evening, coming to Luling, where I spent Tuesday, and it rained all day. A. C. Jackson was in from his large farm nearby and says everything is well with him now, though the recent cool weather turned his corn leaves yellow and set it back some. He also says the "white caps" are giving him a rest now which he deserves. Tuesday evening I found C. W. Westerfield of Lockhart, in Luling on his way home from San Antonio, where he had been to get instruments and matter with which to vaccinate his yearlings, as he is losing some from blackleg. He will try the result of vaccination on 100 head. I next jumped Lockhart, Thursday afternoon. V. E. Carter and F. M. Stubbs spent their time trying to get an underhold on each other in a cattle deal, both were "nary," however, both got underholds, and the result resulted in a "dog fall," though a trade may develop later.

blank pages for wool account, shearing operations, labor record and time sheets, sheep tally, breeding table, dipping memorandum and other blanks invaluable to every man who runs sheep and who has a desire to keep some tab on his business transactions. Any one who is favorably disposed to Cooper when it comes to buying sheep dip can get a copy of the work by addressing them at Galveston and mentioning this paper.

FORD DIX. Lockhart, Texas, April 15, 1898.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, April 16, 1898.

The past week's cattle trading has been done in a half-hearted way and business of all kinds, in the face of imminent international trouble, has been rather a secondary consideration in the minds of men. Capital has taken fright at the distorted features of commerce and cattle paper has become very hard to negotiate, which has resulted in the marketing of many cattle that would, under normal conditions, have been retained until a later date.

Prime, heavy grades of dressed beef steers suffered most noticeably, quotations being 20 to 25 cents lower than ten days ago. Light weight steers were not seriously disturbed and 10 to 15 cents will cover the general decline, the cheaper grades shrinking the least in value. Until Friday, cows and heifers exhibited no signs of weakening, but the prolonged depression awoke a sympathetic chord on that day within the breasts of the gentler bovines and, through sheer modesty and compassion for their brethren, they yielded a point and sold 10 to 15 cents lower.

Stockers and feeders were meagerly represented and it was well that they were, as anything like an excessive supply would have stamped the market, while as it was the light offerings for their brethren, they yielded a point and sold 10 to 15 cents lower.

A fair supply of cattle, composed largely of handy weight steers which fell within the desirable class, arrived in the Southern division and were easily disposed of to the entire satisfaction of shippers, the bulk of the offerings selling at \$3.90@4.30. Not more than 10 cents decline was quotable for the week.

An active week's business was done in the hog yards, the large supply being taken at but slightly varying prices. Eastern buyers were more active than at any time for months and the resulting competition produced a beneficial effect. Prices were slightly on Friday and quotations are a shade lower to-day, making the close of the week about on a par with last Saturday. Sales to-day were largely at \$5.00@5.75.

Arrivals of sheep were limited and mutton values were somewhat enhanced. The proportionate lamb supply was exceptionally large and prices declined 10 to 15 cents towards the close of the week. Western mittens will furnish another good market and yearlings brought as high as \$4.50. Texas fed ewes sold at \$4.25@4.40 and were quoted strong. Colorado woolled lambs were wanted at \$5.00@5.50, while shorn flocks brought \$4.50@4.80. The very few spring lambs found buyers at \$5.50@7.50. Stockers and feeders were also scarce though an active demand existed.

Receipts for the week were 27,000 cattle, 68,000 hogs and 18,000 sheep. F. H. B.

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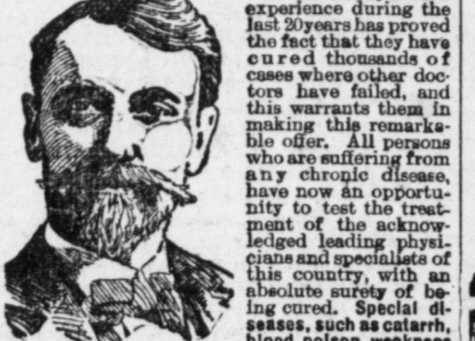
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DALLAS MARKET.

The Armstrong Packing company has had good sales through the past week but receipts of hogs have been light. The company is still wanting cattle and sheep. Prices are given for hogs as follows: Good fat hogs, weighing 200 to 300 pounds, in carload lots, \$3.40; in wagon load lots, \$3.25. For lighter, heavier and rough hogs, 10 to 25 cents less per 100 pounds than above prices.

Business has been extremely light at Thomas & Seary's stock yards, fewer cattle or other animals coming in than at any previous time during the season. Such stock as was offered sold readily at excellent prices. Among the sales made are the following: C. C. Ritter, 11 head of cattle at \$3.30; Augustus Tsch, 7 head at \$3.00; Harry Scott, 8 head at \$3.00; Harry Scott, 7 head at \$2.75; Rector & Combs had in 24 head, 18 of which were sold at \$3.50. Among them was a cow and calf sold separately, the cow weighing 1190 pounds and bringing \$4.50 per 100 pounds, or \$47.60, and the calf selling for \$15.75, or \$63.35 for the two. Jesse Shane of McKinney, sold to Max Hahn 55 good cows, averaging 971 pounds, at \$3.70. Mr. Hahn may sell one carload of these. Shane also sold to Rector & Combs two carloads of cows and heifers; average weight 747 pounds, at \$3.25@3.40. Wishard & Liles of Garland have a car of good steers at the yards, three to six years old, to be sold. They are not extra fat but some will do to kill. Prices quoted are as follows:

Choice shipping steers, \$3.50@4.00; fair to good steers, \$3.00@3.40; common to rough steers and oxen, \$2.50@3.00; choice fat cows, \$3.25@3.60; fair to good cows, \$2.75@3.10; common cows, \$1.50@2.50; choice fat heifers, \$3.25@3.70; fair to good heifers, \$2.75@3.20; choice veal calves, light, \$3.75@4.00; choice veal calves, heavy, \$3.00@3.50; bulls, \$2.00@2.50; thin, well bred cows, 3 to 9, \$2.40@3.00; choice native steer yearlings, \$1.35@1.50; fair to good native steer yearlings, \$1.00@1.25; common native yearlings, \$3.00@10.50; East Texas and Louisiana steer yearlings, \$7.00@12.00; choice native heifer yearlings, \$12.50@14.00; choice corned hogs, weight 175 to 300 pounds, carload lots, \$3.40; choice corned hogs, weight 175 to 300 pounds, wagon load, \$3.25; choice corned hogs, weight 140 to 175 pounds, wagon lot, \$3.10@3.20; choice mutton, weight 90 to 110 pounds, \$3.75@4.10; choice mutton, weight 70 to 90 pounds, \$3.25@3.65; stock sheep, per head, \$1.75@3.00; stock goats, per head, \$1.00@2.00; fat goats, per 100 pounds, \$3.00@3.50.

John Hoony, Jr., of Waco, was in Dallas Sunday.

Marion Sanson, a banker and cattleman of Alvarado, was in the city Thursday.

Henry Sayles of Abilene, who is extensively interested in irrigation in Western Texas, was in Dallas Monday.

Robert Pierce, a prominent citizen of Smithville, Bastrop county, was in Dallas last week, but remained only two days, returning Saturday to his home.

Major Chas. Davis of El Paso, who has a cattle ranch on Rio Grande in Presidio county, was in attendance at the meeting of Knights Templar last week.

R. P. Bean of Van Horn, in a recent letter to the Journal, says: "Hot and dry out here. Some few stock cattle sales at \$17.00 for ones and \$20.00 for twos."

Volney Hall of Marshall, was registered at the Windsor Friday. Mr. Hall was for a long time stock claim agent of the Texas and Pacific Railroad company.

A Journal man saw on Monday a letter from a prominent commission company of Chicago saying that heavy grades of cattle are now 30c per 100 pounds lower than a week ago, while light and medium grades have dropped 10c to 15c.

A private letter to one of the Journal men says that the rain of the early part of last week extended far out to the northwest of Colorado and was general. In Lynn county it rained steadily for sixteen hours, and cattlemen are feeling good over the prospect for abundant pasturage.

S. R. Viney, Wichita Falls, Texas, in a recent letter to the Journal, has the following to say: "Our wheat crop looks all right since the sleet last week, which was followed by a little flood of rain that drew the frost out of the grain. Grass is coming to the front and cattle look fine. Have just returned from Seymour where I have been fencing a stock pasture. Grass is fine there and also what crops they have are doing fine."

George T. Murray, editor of the Sunday Review of Cypriana, was in Dallas Tuesday and called at the Journal office. Mr. Murray takes an active interest in the development of the resources of Navarro county and is doing much good work with the Review in that line. At present he is working to advance and improve the success of the Navarro County Fair association, and some of the methods he suggests deserve the attention of his fellow citizens of that county.

Dallas had the heaviest rain Sunday evening that has fallen for many months. In one part of the city the water averaged more than one foot in depth clear across the street. Reports along the Missouri, Kansas and Texas show that the rain extended south as far as Smithville, Bastrop county, and north to beyond Sherman, and an equal distance along other roads coming into Dallas. Farmers are highly pleased, having believed all along that if they could get one more good rain before the hot weather sets in it would ensure them very large crops of everything planted.

Col. C. C. Slaughter says that he has reports of fine rains on all his ranches, starting the grass well and coming in time to prevent any serious loss. At Kansas City last week he had a car of 1406-pound steers that brought \$4.70 per 100 pounds. A cow supposed to have been speyed dropped a calf at his Council Grove feed pens and Mr. Frank Lower sold the cow and calf for \$61.75. Col. Slaughter, like all other business men in Dallas, would be glad to see all the troublesome questions between Spain and the United States speedily settled without resort to arms.

So far as the Journal has been able to learn the views of the farmers and stockmen who visit Dallas all wish for a peaceful solution of the questions between Spain and the United States on a basis that each could accept without dishonor and are unwilling that congress should force the president's hand until all possibility of negotiating an agreement between the two governments becomes hopeless. These are the views of men who stand ready to devote all to the cause of the United States if war be declared.

In a conversation Monday with Mr. Bishop of Thomas & Seary's stock yards, he told a Journal man that although the local demand in Dallas took promptly and at good prices all the cattle brought here, there is less stock on the market than ever before. Scarcely any sheep at all are brought here now. Mr. Armstrong of the packing house has often made the same complaint. Mr. Bishop says there is not enough buyers' stuff, cattle or sheep, offered here to meet the requirements of the local butchers. He thinks the Dallas meat market would readily take a car of good muttons a week at prices that would pay the raiser better than shipping them to the Northern markets, and the packing house could be relied on to offer liberally. It might pay some of the men in the sheep range to make a few consignments of their mutton sheep to this market.

POOLE ON THE WING—STOCK, CROPS AND PERSONALS.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: On last Monday morning I boarded my buggy for a long trip through the country, provided the grip does not catch me again. I started long enough in Weatherford to lay in a supply of snake medicine, fishing tackle and other sundries necessary for the trip.

I pulled up at W. B. Buckley's four miles south of Weatherford, for the night. I find him to be a wide awake, prosperous farmer and stock raiser. I noticed in his lot some fine sucking mule colts. His stock consists principally of mules. It affords me much pleasure to spend a night with a practical farmer like him. He, like myself, is partial to a cane crop for feed. He has not failed in years to raise a good crop of this forage. He plants in drills about three feet apart, from the first to the middle of June; then it matures before frost while the weather is cool and pleasant to work. Cut it and let it cure in small piles on the ground a couple of days; then tie up in bundles and shock like oats, or wheat, until it is well cured, when it is ready for barn or stock. He maintains that cane is far superior feed for stock of all kinds to any other crop grown in Texas and will produce more to the acre than any other feed. "But," said he, "an early crop of cane is no good, only for green feed."

Early Tuesday morning I pulled out towards the iron bridge across the Brazos, and by the way, this is the best bridge in Parker county. A good rain fell the night before on the river. It extended about eight miles wide. Crops of all kinds are backward. All corn crops had to be planted over. Cotton planting is in full blast. All kinds of fruit is killed, even the Mustang grapes far to the east. I see-sawed back and forth through the country, taking in Dennis, Lipan, Morgan Mills, etc., etc. I spent the night at the hospitable home of R. E. Counts, near Morgan Mills. He is a rustler; has a nice little herd of cattle and is grading up with Shorthorns. He is a strong advocate for raising improved breeds; says that fewer cattle and better ones, is his motto. Many thanks to him and his good lady for favors shown us and the Journal.

From here I pulled east towards Bluffdale. Here I waited long enough to get to the iron bridge across the Brazos with some old Journal readers and secure some new ones, among them B. L. Stramler, an old Confederate soldier. Said he, "I used to drop out a few weeks at a time with Quantrell, Dave Poole and Joe Let for recreation." Now he is a successful farmer, some five miles south of Bluffdale. He gave me a very pressing invitation to turn about and spend the night with him, which I declined with many regrets. Four miles southeast of Bluffdale I halted for the night with Geo. E. Jackson, on the banks of the Paluxy. He has a beautiful farm on the river bottom and is an up-to-date farmer and stock raiser. He is grading up his cattle with Durham bulls. He has a registered Clydesdale stallion, ten years old, which he wants to exchange for some other horse of a different breed. A letter will catch him at Bluffdale. Mr. Jackson is an old reader of the Journal and extended me a hearty welcome. He has an interesting family, mostly girls, some of them about grown and in a few years he may expect to be blessed with many sons-in-law. Accept thanks for kindness shown us. Hence, traveled down the beautiful Paluxy valley to Paluxy postoffice. I passed many nice farms sown down year, and has now growing a fine crop as I have seen anywhere this season. He is a red hot Democrat and thinks the United States ought to turn Spain across her knee and give her a spanking. He is an ardent admirer of General Fitzhugh Lee; says Lee is his hero and president of the United States. The captain is nearly seventy-six years old, hale and hearty for a man of his age and as jolly as a school-boy. I was much interested in his experience of life. He pointed out to a little knoll some 400 yards away, saying: "Right there the red Indians rounded up my horses one day and took off my fine Tennessee mare that

New Era in Medicine.

This tells of a discovery that alleviates suffering and prolongs life. It is inexpensive, effective. Medical science is revolutionized over this, one of the greatest achievements of modern times.

The fact that several dollars spent for the right medicine has effected a cure where a skilled and expensive physician, aided by the latest and most ingenious instrument of science, had failed, is a matter of much importance.

Important, because it opens to downward sufferers a new, inexpensive and sure avenue to the restoration of health and the full enjoyment of the pleasures of life.

Such was the experience of Mrs. Ada M. Herr, of 429 North Charlotte Street, Lancaster, Pa.

From a weak, nervous, desponding person, she was made a strong, active woman and a cheerful, helpful wife.

Her story is interesting. He is a man Mrs. Herr suffered terribly from female disorders. Her nerves became unstrung, cramps gripped her and caused the most intense pain.

So weak and physically demoralized was she, that the slightest labor, or a hurried household duties were a burden.

The most alarming symptoms of her malady were the frequent fainting spells that afflicted her.

In the midst of her work, or in a conversation, dizziness would come upon her and she would fall prostrate in a swoon.

She consulted a reputable physician. He diagnosed her case and prescribed the usual remedies.

Instead of improving, she continued to grow worse; the ailment that was robbing her life of the joys of young womanhood became more pronounced.

money would not buy." He had many scraps with the red man. He is a man of large experience and information. He has one among the finest farms in Erath county. On taking my leave, I meekly asked for my bill. He looked at me with a smile, saying, "I have been keeping house almost fifty years and never charged a man for a night's lodging yet; am too old to commence that business now," adding, "If you ever come near me again, come and see me. I would be glad to have you."

The prospect for rain to-night is good, which is badly needed. Crops, all crops, are late, except wheat, which is very promising. C. C. POOLE. Weatherford, April 16, 1898.

P. S.—Since writing the above a big rain has fallen and still continues. Sunday, April 17, 1898. C. C. P.

THE ST. JOE YARDS.

In this issue will be found the advertisement of the St. Joseph Stock Yards at St. Joe, Mo., to which the attention of Journal readers is invited. St. Joe is one of the oldest towns in the West and has for many years been known as being the wealthiest place of its size in the State. It has always been a slow town, moving along in an awkward, independent sort of way, contented and happy in the thought that it was able to take care of itself.

(With the dawning of the year 1898 (and perhaps a few months earlier) the old thing began to show signs of an awakening. She had suddenly come to a realization of great possibilities. Someone said St. Joe was situated in the center of the greatest corn producing section in the world and that she had many natural advantages for a live stock market. St. Joe people began to predict powerful packing institutions, a big live stock market and the benefits attendant therewith. As to the correctness of these prognostications the following will show:

St. Joseph has for many years been a good market for a limited number of hogs which were handled by her packeries, consisting last year of three small houses, and these were not all operated constantly. These packing houses confined their operations almost exclusively to the killing of hogs.

On April 4, 1898, Swift & Company and Nelson, Morris & Company, the two heaviest beef packers and exporters in the world, opened each a packing house at the St. Joe yards with daily capacities as follows: Swift & Company, cattle, 3500 head; hogs, 7000 head; sheep, 5000 head; Nelson, Morris & Company, cattle, 2500 head; hogs, 5000 head; sheep, 3000 head. Total daily capacity for the two houses above mentioned, cattle, 6000 head; hogs, 12,000 head; sheep, 8000 head. The other packeries at St. Joe besides Swift & Company and Nelson, Morris & Company, are as follows: Viles & Robbins, hogs; Henry Krug Packing company, hogs; St. Joseph Packing and Transportation company, cattle and hogs.

The present capacity of the yards is as follows: 4000 cattle, 6000 hogs and 5000 sheep. The yards are being enlarged now and a new live stock exchange building is to be erected soon, the plans for which were shown to a Journal representative who visited St. Joe last week. The new exchange building will be a model of beauty and convenience and one of the largest and finest exchanges in the United States. The second, third and fourth floors will contain 115 office rooms; the ground floor will contain a lobby 80 feet square, the remainder of the floor being reserved for the administration of the stock yards, the St. Joe Stock Yards bank and the railroads.

The management contemplate having all the improvements complete by the coming fall. When the extension to the yards now under way, is concluded their capacity will be 20,000 cattle, 50,000 hogs and 50,000 sheep.

Since the two new packing houses were opened on April 4th, the average daily receipts at the yards have been 2000 cattle and 2000 hogs.

The St. Joseph Stock Yards are owned by Swift & Company, Nelson Morris & Company, John Donovan, Jr., the general manager, and other St. Joe parties, composing the St. Joseph Stock Yards company.

The tract of land upon which the yards are situated and which the company owns, contains about 600 acres and is situated in the Missouri bottom about three miles south of the business center of St. Joe and just outside the city limits. The street car facilities between the yards and the city are first-class.

There are now sixteen live stock

It seemed impossible to correct or even to check the disorders.

"I had become greatly weakened," said Mrs. Herr, in telling her story to a reporter. "and the awful cramps and the frequency and nature of the fainting spells alarmed me beyond belief and shattered my system."

"I tried electric treatment; it failed, and I did not know where to turn for help."

"A friend told me how her mother had been greatly benefited by taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"I had but little hope for success, but decided to give these pills a trial."

"I took two boxes and was much benefited. After taking six more boxes I was cured. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had done what all the previous treatment had failed to do."

"I am fully restored to health now, and do things that I had hardly dared attempt before."

No discovery of modern times has proved so beneficial to women as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Acting directly on the blood and nerves, invigorating the body, regulating the functions, they restore the strength and health to the exhausted woman when every effort of the physician proves unavailing.

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commission house and one yard, doing business at the yards, and Mr. Joe J. Mear's well has recently established a horse and mule market. His two new large brick barns, one for horses and the other for mules, are up-to-date in every respect. The day the Journal man visited the horse market Mr. Maxwell was shipping out one hundred head of fine young mules to the Spanish government via New Orleans; he expressed some doubt about getting them through on account of international disturbances.

The Journal is indebted to Mr. Jno. Donovan, Jr., the general manager of the yards for the figures contained herein, as well as other courtesies shown its representative during his visit in St. Joe. Among other whom he met at the St. Joe yards the Journal man reports the following well known gentlemen: W. F. Davis of Davis, McDonald & Davis, live stock commission merchants; W. T. Davis of the same firm; Porter A. Thompson, Mr. Alford, C. Sawyer, E. K. Harris, Mr. Adams, buyer for Swift & Company, and Chas. E. Thornton, publisher Stock Yards Daily Journal, official organ of the St. Joe stock yards.

Excursions to South Texas via the Santa Fe route. Selling daily individual tickets at one and one-third fares for the round trip, limit 30 days for return. Selling daily to parties of five or more on one ticket, one fare for the round trip, limit ten days for return. Selling Mondays only, individual tickets at one fare for the round trip, limit ten days for return. Same rates and arrangements will be applied to points on the S. I. between Houston and Sabine Pass, and between Rosenberg and DeWitt, Port Lavaca, etc. Also to points on the S. A. & A. P. south and west of Yoakum. For full particulars, call on or write S. A. KENDIG, P. A., 403 Main St., Fort, Worth.

SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIANS.

We heartily recommend Dr. Hathaway & Co., of 209 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex., as being perfectly reliable and remarkably successful in the treatment of chronic diseases of men and women. They cure where others fail. Our readers, if in need of medical help should certainly write these eminent doctors and you will receive a free and expert opinion of your case by return mail without cost; this certainly is the right way to do business. They guarantee their cures. Write them to-day.

CATTLE CONDITIONS IN OKLAHOMA.

Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: It has been some time since my last and I have been unable to gather much that would be of interest to Journal readers. Since March 20 the weather has been unusually hard on stock.

Cold north winds and damp, chilly winds from the east have been hard on cattle and greatly retarded the growth of grass and, contrary to my early predictions, cattle are as poor and weak as I ever saw them at this time of the year. The loss, however, has been light,

owing to the fine condition in which they came through the winter up to March 20. A few individuals have met with considerable loss. Owing to the strained relations between the United States and Spain, money matters have got somewhat tight and makes it a little hard for some cattlemen to get funds to finish up cattle deals.

I live forty-five miles from a railroad and news is a little stale when it reaches us. We just heard on the 9th inst. that the United States and Spain had gone to war. If that is the case, several men will go flat broke, I am afraid, as I personally know some who had contracted big strings of cattle and paid a few dollars per head advance on them, and depended on banks or Kansas City commission men to furnish the money to finish paying for the cattle. This, it is now said, they will be unable to do, causing men who had advanced their all to lose every dollar. I don't see why that should be so, as cattle paper drawing 10 per cent should certainly be as good as bonds drawing 3 or 4 per cent.

The "block" outfit from New Mexico passed through a few days since with a trail herd of some 1600 cattle en route to Stafford county, Kansas. They reported extremely heavy losses from their herd between here and Clayton, N. M., and they are still losing.

G. C. Brown recently shipped in from Eastern Kansas and Missouri two cars of Durham bulls and high grade Durham cows. We have heard that he sold the cows at \$50 and the bulls at \$100.

A. Ingold sold to Dubois Bros. 160 acres watered land and 52 head of good native stock cattle for \$2700, about \$27 or \$28 a cow for the 22 cattle, calves of 1897 not counted.

My friend, G. F. Atkinson, requested me to write an article for the Journal on what success cattlemen had had in this locality using vaccine as a preventive of blackleg. As far as I know, vaccine furnished by the agricultural department at Washington, D. C., was the only kind used here. B. S. Neff vaccinated 80 head and has not lost any, whether vaccinated or not. R. C. Lowe lost heavily before using vaccine; has not lost any since, except some which he had not vaccinated. C. R. Miller vaccinated several head, all he had, and has not lost any. Joe Davis lost several before using vaccine, but has not lost any since. Turner & Plymest lost 30 or 40 head before using vaccine, but have not lost any since. I vaccinated all my calves in the early part of January last and have not lost any. In fact, I do not know of a single calf which was vaccinated and has since died from blackleg, while many who did not vaccinate have lost from 5 to 10 per cent. J. C. DENISON. Caple, Ok., April 11, 1898.

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ALL WOOL CHEVIOT TOWN TALK COMBINATION SUIT, consisting of a double breasted coat, two pair pants and cap to match. The suit without the extra pants and cap is worth \$5.00. We offer the combination for only \$3.85

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LITTLE FELLOWS' FANCY SUITS, all wool materials, all choice designs, with deep sailor collars, sizes 8 to 8 years, at \$3.00, \$2.75, \$2.50 and \$2.00

FANCY SUITS FOR LITTLE MEN, a beautiful array of the latest French, English and American productions, sizes 3 to 8 years, at \$7.50, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.50 and \$4.00

TOWN TALK KNEE PANTS—The Spring stock of this celebrated line has arrived. They are made from all wool materials, with double knees and double seat, every seam taped, the best pair of pants in the country for 75c and 50c

SANGER BROS.' BOYS' SHIRT WAISTS—Don't fail to see our new Spring line; the very best value offered in any market; laundered at 75c and 50c, unlaundered at 50c and 35c

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For boys who have discarded knee pants, we have a line of suits modeled after the men's patterns exactly. Though costing as much as men's suits, we have whittled down our profits, and offer an exquisite collection at \$7.50

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The Noisy Claims of Competitors Prove Nothing!

Almost any old hen makes as much cackle over a soft shell egg as if she has deposited a three-pound package of Klondike currency

FORT WORTH.

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

FORT WORTH MARKET.

There has been a big demand for butcher cattle here and the receipts have been far below the number that could have been disposed of at prices quoted. There have been no buyers here for stock cattle and prices have declined from \$1.00@2.00 per head in consequence of the war scare.

On Tuesday the following prices were quoted: Beef steers, \$3.50@4.00; feeders, \$2.75@3.25; choice fat cows, \$3.00@3.25; medium cows, \$2.50@3.00; canners, \$1.50@2.00; veal calves, \$3.00@3.50; bulls, \$2.00@2.50; fat corn hogs, \$3.25@3.45.

Following is a partial list of sales made by the Fort Worth Live Stock Commission company the past week: 27 stock cows, \$15.00; 25 East Texas yearlings, \$12.50; 32 steers, \$23.00; 44 cows, \$16.00; 2 cows, \$18.00; 65 East Texas yearlings, \$11.00; 38 East Texas cows, \$14.50; 23 steers, averaging 1145 pounds, \$3.80 per 100; 14 steers, 1140, \$3.80; 26 cows, 810, \$3.00; 60 hogs, averaging 190 pounds, \$3.40; 85 hogs, 209, \$3.42; 89 hogs, 191, \$3.40; 76 hogs, 180, \$3.35; 81 hogs, 200, \$3.45; 74 hogs, 200, \$3.45; 40 hogs, 210, \$3.42; 89 hogs, 208, \$3.45; 78 hogs, 212, \$3.45; 100 hogs, 149, \$3.35; 54 hogs, 170, \$3.35; 49 hogs, 190, \$3.40; 95 hogs, 192, \$3.40.

The National Live Stock Commission company report the following representative sales for the past week: 25 Eastern bulls and stags, \$10.00; 73 hogs, averaging 195 pounds, \$3.40; 74 hogs, 181, \$3.30; 73 hogs, 165, \$3.30; 83 hogs, 188, \$3.40; 54 yearlings, \$10.00; 6 yearlings, \$9.00.

J. D. Sugg of Sugden, I. T., was here Thursday.

D. D. Swearingen of Quanah, was here Sunday.

W. K. Bell of Palo Pinto, spent Friday in Fort Worth.

W. D. Johnson of this city, returned from his Pecos ranch a few days ago.

J. B. Paine, a prominent stockman of Denton county, was here Saturday.

B. T. Ware of Amarillo, and R. C. Ware of Colorado City, were here Sunday.

W. S. Mabry, the well known land agent of Channing, was in Fort Worth Sunday.

J. W. Ayres of Jacksboro, was here Sunday evening en route to San Antonio.

M. O. Lynn, one of the pioneer cattlemen of Palo Pinto county, was here Saturday.

C. E. Brown, banker and rancher of Childress, Tex., is spending a few days in the Fort.

B. F. Wilson, the well known cattleman of Archer county, was in Fort Worth Friday.

John J. Giddings, a prominent cattleman of Ellis county, was here from Ennis Thursday.

E. Wilson, the well known cattleman of Kansas City, was at the Hotel Worth Saturday night.

W. B. Tullis, member of the state sanitary live stock board, came down from Quanah Sunday.

W. S. Maude, formerly a prominent Panhandle cattleman, is spending a few days in Fort Worth.

J. T. Hill of Paul's Valley, was here Thursday. Mr. Hill recently shipped 500 East Texas cattle to his ranch.

Ben Avant, a prominent cattleman of Dusen, Louisiana, was among the visiting stockmen here last week.

J. L. Elbert, a well to do stockman of Quanah, was in Fort Worth Sunday evening, en route to San Antonio.

Frank Divers and John M. Cowden of Midland, were here Friday. Mr. Divers has a ranch in Midland county.

I. L. Ellwood of Dekalb, Ill., who is largely interested in the ranching business in the Panhandle, was here Sunday.

W. D. Jordan left Friday for the Indian Territory on official business. Mr. Jordan is United States quarantine inspector.

J. H. Lampe, connected with the Drumm-Plato Commission company of Kansas City, was at the Worth Sunday night.

Jno. B. Slaughter of this city, returned Sunday night from an extended visit to his ranch in the Western part of the state.

H. H. (Doc) Riddle, formerly of Alvarado, but now in the live stock commission business at Kansas City, is spending a few days in Fort Worth.

H. M. Kidwell of Palo Pinto, spent Friday here. Mr. Kidwell said cattle were in good condition in his county and that crop prospects were never better.

Bob Ellison returned from his ranch near Childress Friday. Mr. Ellison said the grass had been set back by the cold weather, but was now coming along slowly.

E. T. Comer of San Angelo, came in from the West Thursday. Mr. Comer has a ranch in Tom Green county and another in the Osage nation, Indian Territory.

J. K. Ezell, a prominent cattle dealer of Palestine, was here Monday. Mr. Ezell owns about 2500 three and four-year-old steers in the Pecos country, which he expects to put on the trail for Amarillo at an early date.

W. M. Hurts, a prominent operator in cattle of Kansas City, was here Monday, en route to San Saba, where he goes to superintend the shipment of 2000 steers recently purchased by him in that county.

S. B. Burnett returned from his ranch in the Comanche reservation Sunday night. He reports fine seasons and grass growing beautifully.

John Hulson returned from a trip to West Texas Friday. Mr. Hulson is manager of the Cedar Valley Cattle company, whose ranch is in Randall and Deaf Smith counties.

H. E. Siders of Amarillo, was here Thursday. Mr. Siders was en route to Las Cruces, N. M., from which point he will ship three trains of cattle to Amarillo and will ship another lot from Midland.

Walter Lyon, formerly inspector for the Cattle Raisers' association at Canadian, was here Friday. Mr. Lyon said he had accepted a position with Col. Jno. N. Simpson of Dallas, to manage his Indian Territory ranch.

Prewett & Ragland of Texarkana, were here last week buying mules, and they secured several carloads. It was rumored the mules were being purchased for the government, for use in case of war with Spain.

V. O. Hildreth, the fine stock breeder of Aledo, in a letter to the Journal, says: "My ad in your paper brought me a buyer for my registered Short-horn bull. As an advertising medium your Journal is certainly a success."

J. T. Black, a prominent cattleman of Limestone county, was in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. Black reports that there are comparatively speaking but few cattle left in his part of the state, all the surplus having been bought up and shipped out this spring.

S. C. Sneed of Knox county, was here Saturday. In a letter to the Journal, he says: "The recent heavy rain had put a good season in the ground, early grass was coming up in excellent quantity and all the indications pointed to a prosperous year."

W. E. Washington of Marietta, I. T., who has a ranch in the Chickasaw nation, was in Fort Worth on Thursday. Mr. Washington said he would move some heifers from his ranch to the Panhandle country of Texas and start a breeding band, providing he could lease a pasture.

L. C. Clark of Mangum, was here Thursday. Mr. Clark has just completed the purchase of 30,000 acres off the Western portion of the Bugbee pasture in Knox county. The price paid was \$1.35 per acre cash. Mr. Clark will move his cattle from Oklahoma Territory to the Bugbee pasture.

H. L. Plato of La Grange, was here Thursday. Mr. Plato had just returned from Jack, Clay and adjoining counties and said that while cattle are looking well in that section they are not in as good a fix as the cattle in Fayette county and other neighboring counties in South Texas.

Col. J. S. Godwin came in from Merkle Thursday and spent a day here at his old home. Col. Godwin said a good rain had come to the Abilene country generally and at his ranch in Jones county the fall was heavy and all that could be desired, assuring plenty of early grass and good crop prospects.

R. R. Colquitt of Shreveport, La., was here Thursday with 1200 Alabama mixed cattle at the Union stock yards. Mr. Colquitt said he expected to ship the cattle to Red Fork, I. T., and put them on pasture near that point, but further stated he would sell at \$10 for ones, \$12 for twos, and \$14 for cows and steer three.

I. T. Pryor, the well known cattleman of San Antonio, spent Sunday in Fort Worth. Mr. Pryor seems to be the only buyer who has nerve enough to buy cattle in times like these, as will be seen in our sales column. Mr. Pryor has recently purchased 6000 steers in the Choctaw Nation from Messrs. Davidson and Washington.

J. M. Daugherty of Abilene, came down from his ranch in the Creek nation Thursday. Mr. Daugherty said he was really sorry for those cattlemen who had been caught in the squeeze on account of the unsettled condition of the money market, but congratulated himself that he was fortunately not among the number.

S. G. Goforth of Bear Creek, was here Saturday. Mr. Goforth will have about 50 head of fat steers for the May market. "The late freeze," said Mr. Goforth, "put our grass back a full month, and lack of rain since has kept early grass from coming. Unless we have rain soon our stock will suffer, because our winter pastures were none too good."

Col. Jno. N. Simpson of Dallas, was here Saturday. Col. Simpson has for the past month been buying aged steers to put on grass in the Territory, but so far said he had not secured many because of the high prices prevailing. Col. Simpson said at present prices asked he thought the business very speculative indeed.

Jepp Ryan, member of the wealthy cattle firm of Ryan Bros. Leavenworth, Kan., was here Thursday returning from Big Springs and Midland, from which points he has been shipping a big string of steers to Kansas. Ryan Bros. have a large ranch in Montana and another in Arizona, beside large cattle interests in Kansas.

C. J. Larimer, live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific, returned Thursday from a trip over the Western portion of the line. Mr. Larimer said that a splendid rain fell all along the line from Midland to El Paso. Mr. Larimer expects to get a good share of the cattle over the Texas and Pacific that will be moved from Arizona and Southern California on account of the drought prevailing in those sections.

Florence Hall of Gainesville, was here Thursday. Mr. Hall and his associates purchased 10,000 Central Texas steer yearlings last spring and have entered them in the old Kard pasture in Oklahoma Territory. Mr. Hall some time ago contracted to deliver these steers in that spring at \$21 per head. The deal will net a profit of about \$100,000. Mr. Hall was somewhat bothered about

another deal wherein he contracted 1000 cattle to a Kansas buyer, receiving \$5000 advance money. The time for delivering the cattle has long since passed, but the purchaser has not shown up, leaving Mr. Hall with the money and cattle on hand.

C. L. Jones of Hastings, Neb., was here Thursday. Mr. Jones was inquiring for two cars stock hogs, but found them scarce. "Last year," said Mr. Jones, "I purchased two cars mated fed stock hogs in Llano county, shipped them home and followed them after my cattle, which were feeding on corn. I made them weigh 250 pounds in market and got within 5 cents of the top of the market at Kansas City."

C. B. Willingham of Roswell, New Mexico, who was here last week, has contracted to take the entire calf crop of about 600 head from J. D. Earnest of Iatan, at \$21 per head. The calves to be delivered next fall. Mr. Earnest has one of the best herd herds in the West, having used none but registered Durham bulls for a number of years, and many of his cows are full blood. If calves at weaning time sell for \$21, the question naturally arises, what are the mother cows worth?

Horace Wilson, formerly of Mineral Wells, but for the past three years one of the association's inspectors at Kansas City, spent several days last week in Fort Worth, leaving Friday night for Kansas City. Mr. Wilson not only has the reputation of being one of the best posted brand men in the service of the association, but also of being energetic, wide-awake and in every respect trustworthy and attentive to his duties and is therefore deservedly very popular with the members of the association.

A letter from J. B. Wilson to the editor of the Journal states that he received a letter from M. B. Pulliam dated San Angelo, April 11, in which Mr. Pulliam writes as follows: "We have had eight hours of rain to-day. It was one of the best rains we have had for years. The creeks are all bank-full and the ground is thoroughly soaked. A telephone message from Sonora, seventy miles south, states the rain was very heavy down there. My opinion is the rain was general all through the West."

The movement of cattle shipments over the Texas and Pacific for last week was as follows: J. M. Lynn, 14 cars, Mineral Wells to Catusa; Ryan Bros., 29 cars, Big Springs to Kansas; M. Z. Smisson, 11 cars, Big Springs to Davidson, Kan.; J. H. Nations, 25 cars, Van Horn to Roswell; J. H. Nations, 10 cars, El Paso to Big Springs; Dodge Mason, 24 cars, Willis Point to J. T. Hill, Pauls Valley; W. H. Bates, 7 cars, Wascom to Purcell; Scott & Harold, 60 cars, Clarksville to St. Louis; P. H. Eubanks, 14 cars, Dallas to E. F. Mitchell, Chickasha.

Clabe Merchant of Abilene, was here Saturday. Mr. Merchant has just completed the shipment of about 5000 cattle from South Texas to his pasture in the Territory. "Fine rains have fallen," said Mr. Merchant, "in all the country south of the Southern Pacific railway. I think the prospect of present good prices of our cattle depends largely upon two things, viz: easy money and large crops in the feeding states. The war scare has, as is well known, tightened up money but I hope it will not continue, at any rate those cattlemen who already have their cattle paid for are one of whom I am which and I am sure glad to be able to say so."

Davis, McDonald & Davis, live stock commission merchants of St. Joe, Mo., make their announcement through the advertising columns of the Journal this week. This firm stands high at the St. Joe yards and is worthy the consideration of our readers. Mr. W. F. Davis, the senior member of the firm, is an old time shipper and feeder of Missouri, and is a thoroughly practical live stock man. He has been engaged in the live stock commission business at the St. Joe yards for ten years, and the remarkable change which has taken place there for the betterment of conditions during the past year is to a considerable extent due to his foresight and active energies. Mr. Davis is enthusiastic over the prospects of the St. Joe market. Mr. W. T. Davis, the junior member of the firm, is a son of W. F.; he is a young man brought up in the commission business and makes his father an able lieutenant.

ARTHUR TISDALL DEAD. Texas Stock and Farm Journal made brief mention in its last issue of the death of Arthur J. Tisdall, manager of the Bell ranch in Northeastern New Mexico. From later information it appears that Mr. Tisdall died at the ranch and not at Trinidad, Colorado, as heretofore stated. He was buried, however, at the last named place.

Mr. Tisdall died at the ranch on Friday, the 8th of this month, of pneumonia, after a sickness of several days. The remains were taken to Trinidad and the funeral was held at the Episcopal church at that place on the 11th. The funeral was largely attended by friends from Colorado, the Panhandle and New Mexico.

Mr. Tisdall was married about two years ago to Miss Frances Harriott of St. Andrews, Scotland. His devoted wife was with him during his entire illness and is now prostrated with grief at his irremediable loss.

Mr. Tisdall was at the time of his death general manager of the Bell ranch, one of the New York parties located in San Miguel county, New Mexico, and had held this position four years. Prior to that time he was manager of Mrs. Adair's ranch in the Panhandle. Mr. Tisdall was also a partner of Tom Montgomery of this city, in a ranch near Mt. Blanco, in Crosby county. He was born in Ireland about forty-one years ago and came to this country in 1882. By close attention to business he accumulated a snug little fortune and therefore leaves his widow in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Tisdall was universally popular with all who knew him.

"THE KINGS AND QUEENS OF THE RANGE." Texas Stock and Farm Journal desires to call the attention of its readers to a publication that has recently been established in Kansas City called "The Kings and Queens of the Range." It is devoted mainly to the wives and daughters of the rangemen, and especially looks after the social interest of those interested directly or indirectly in the live stock business. It is edited and published by Mrs. Jno. F. Gregory of Kansas City, a worthy and deserving widow of one of the pioneer stockmen of that place.

It was the writer's pleasure to know Mr. Gregory intimately over twenty years ago. He was an active, energetic cattle dealer, one that was deservedly popular with all who knew him. He died several years ago, leaving his business, as many other good cattlemen have done, in an unsettled, complicated condition. The result is that his widow has found it necessary to support herself, and at the request of quite a number of leading cattlemen has established "The Kings and Queens of the Range."

Mrs. Gregory not only deserves the support of the stockmen generally, but in publishing a journal worth several times the price of it. "The Kings and Queens of the Range" is largely illustrated each month and is a gem as to the mechanical make up, typographical appearance, etc. The subscription price is only \$1.00 per year.

"The Kings and Queens of the Range," having already obtained a large circulation among the stockmen, will be found an exceptionally good addition to the reading matter of those wishing to reach that class of trade.

Mrs. Gregory's address is 524 Ridge building, Kansas City, or those desiring to subscribe can send their subscription direct to Texas Stock and Farm Journal. "The Kings and Queens of the Range" will be sent in certain medium for two months for \$1.50 per year.

The Journal does not hesitate to strongly recommend Mrs. Gregory and her publication and again urges its readers to give the publication referred to the patronage its merits and the claims of its publisher entitle it to.

DR. R. C. FLOWER of Boston, Mass., to Make a Professional Trip Through Texas. The many patients of Dr. R. C. Flower will be glad to know that he has arranged a professional visit through the state as follows: El Paso, Texas, Pierson House, Friday, April 22, from 2 p. m. to 2 p. m.; Saturday, April 23; Fort Worth, Texas, Hotel Worth, Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26; Austin, Driskill House, Wednesday, April 27; San Antonio, Menger House, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 28, 29 and 30; Galveston, Texas, Tremont House, Monday, May 2; Houston, Texas, The Lawler, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 3, 4 and 5; Beaumont, Texas, Crosby House, Friday, May 6. There is no physician in the United States better known than Dr. R. C. Flower. His cures are so numerous, and often of such a miraculous nature that many writers have claimed that many of his cures were miracles.

Dr. Fowler's ability to tell a patient his disease without asking a question, is as well established as that Dr. Flower lives. This Fort Worth visit of the doctor will afford an excellent opportunity to many to consult this eminent specialist close to their homes.

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