

THE FARM.

The rapidly increasing consumption of our corn in Europe gives good reason for the hope that the European prejudice against it as a food stuff will disappear and that there will become so good a demand for the American surplus of that grain as to make it more profitable crop than it has formerly been.

If the soil is too stiff and compact, the manure used upon it should not be thoroughly rotted, as it is needed for the mechanical effect in making the soil more open as well as the chemical effect. The toughness of the straw in the manure, worked by cultivation into the soil, will have a tendency to loosen it, and make it very porous and needs compressing rather than opening, only well rotted manure, which in mixing with the soil will make it more compact, should be used.

The Texas farmer should recognize the growing importance of increasing his live stock department. He has had a bitter experience of the one-crop system in raising cotton, and while wheat raising has been profitable during the last year and this it is likely to be less so during a series of years, and is subject to too many vicissitudes. Hogs and sheep and cattle can be profitably raised on nearly every farm, and can be made to continually improve the productiveness of the farms they are raised in.

The Live Stock Indicator is right in saying that "Farming is fast advancing to the rank of a learned profession, and the time is not far distant when the farmer and the farm are to be accorded their rightful position in any just estimate of what constitutes the welfare of a nation." Farming is putting to practical use a knowledge of many sciences. It is well to have schools to prepare men who are to engage in it by a long course of practical, scientific teaching, but there are thousands of farmers making daily application of scientific methods in their operations at schools but from their own experience and from the experience of the men around them. In their ordinary processes and in their intercourse with other farmers they have obtained an education of practical value. At the farmers institutes their opportunities of acquiring valuable knowledge are widened. From the experiment stations come bulletins loaded with the information that, if utilized, may often convert failure into success; and in the agricultural papers there can always be found much that the farmer should know. The American farmer is essentially progressive and steadily he is widening his field of knowledge of the things that affect his industry, elevating the plane of his occupation and taking his rightful place among those in whose occupations intellect is more prominent than physical strength or manual dexterity.

BETTER ROADS.

It is said that in Scotland the roads are so good that a farm conveyance is seldom drawn by more than one horse, and that the roads are so good that a horse will ordinarily draw more than can two horses on the average roads of this country. It would be hard to estimate what an immense economy there is in this effect, or what our people could afford to pay to have such roads for the transportation of their crops from the farms to railway stations or markets.

An explanation of some part of their road system may be useful in case an effort is made, as there should be, to establish some better road system than we now have. In Scotland no farmer is permitted to work on the road. No dirt is put on the road. Not a foot of road is built or repaired except under the direction of a competent road engineer. The roads are kept up by contract. The contractor gathers, generally from the fields, enough stone for all repairs. This is kept on the line until it is needed. Of course this could not be done here, but in many localities it could be brought to the road at no great cost. An important element, however, in the excellence of these roads is in their form of construction and drainage, and the vigilance of the contractor in watching for injury and promptly repairing it. It would hardly be practicable to construct any very great amount of paved or macadamized road work in those portions of Texas where the roads are the worst because of unfavorable geological and topographical condition, but a very great improvement could be effected by having such roads under the direction of a skilled engineer authorized to require of the contractor all the necessary labor, to be rendered promptly when needed. It is essential that all work be well done and done at the proper time. Modern road machines lighten both the labor and cost of road-making. That the grade be even in the center of the road, that it be well arched, keeping the crown high in the center, and that it stand upon it, and that it have abundant drainage, these are essentials in construction.

POOLE IN THE LLANO COUNTRY. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: On Friday evening, June 3, about 2 o'clock, I had a ride to the county seat of Mason county and turned my horse's head for the ranch of Littlefield and White, distance, seventeen miles. The road led southwest for ten miles—the road was smooth and nice—which brought me to the Llano river. It looked to me like I would swim an albatross, but I applied the whip to my

horses and plunged, in and to my great delight it did not swim. To avoid a bad hill I took a right hand road and from there to the ranch, a distance of seven miles, the road was desperately rough and bad. On reaching the ranch Mr. J. W. White and his better half extended me a hearty greeting and made me welcome. I did not see a house or any human being on the route. I was tired and worn out.

I spent two days and three nights here and was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. White. They live on the fat of the land. I took a peep into the smokehouse and counted thirty-nine canvassed hams and enough bacon to run his entire ranch at least one year. He raises hundreds of hogs and I want to say he is an expert in putting up bacon, lard and hams. I never tasted better hams than Mrs. White had on hand. I shall never forget my pleasant stay here. Mr. White has the most complete corrals or pens, dehorning, branding and separating chutes I ever saw in any county—convenient and commodious. This is a rustler and everything moves like clock-work around and around. This is called the Mill Creek ranch. He had just finished up and had in good working order a telephone line from Mason to Mill Creek ranch, also from there to the Saline ranch, a distance of fourteen miles, making thirty miles of telephone service, which is a great convenience. He can call up anyone in Mason or the Saline ranch, transact business and not leave his room. This farm owns one hundred and ten thousand acres in pastures in a solid body—also land and does not have a single dollar on it. There is over thirty miles of rock fence in these pastures, splendid houses and barns. They have six thousand two and three-year-old steers in their pastures which will be for sale next spring at that time will make them three and four, Mrs. White has an abundance of vegetables of all kinds in her garden, which she has irrigated. Bidding these good people adieu Monday morning, I headed for the Saline ranch. About half way I crossed the Llano river again; the road most of the way was very rough. Mrs. White had telephoned Mr. Stewart and family that I would be there for dinner. I arrived there at 12 o'clock and sat down to a splendid vegetable dinner. Here I saw the best milk house I ever beheld. It is built over a large spring which furnishes water to irrigate five acres of land. Mr. White has growing here two hundred and fifty grape vines, three years old, that are loaded down with grapes. I never saw vines as full. This seems to be the home of the grape and the excellent dinner. Thence I headed out through the pasture for London, about six miles away to the west. It was fearfully muddy, for it had rained all Friday and part of Saturday morning. At London I took the Mason and Junction City road which led in a southwest corner. Halted at a farm house for the night seven miles from London. The roads were in fearful condition. It had rained almost a flood—fences all washed off in the low lands. Next morning I called on Mrs. A. Hensley, a stock raiser and farmer, who at once handed me a dollar for the Journal. She has a nice farm and a nice bunch of cattle. I passed through G. Hodges' pasture. He is an old reader of the Journal; has a nice home and a splendid ranch well stocked with stock. At noon I halted at the home of Mrs. Mary Hodges on the banks of the Llano river for dinner. She has a nice farm and knows how to have it run. Her table was loaded with something good for the inner man—vegetables, fried ham, fish, etc. I finished my dinner of cotton of her last year's crop lying in the yard. Said the price did not suit her, hence she preferred to hold it over. She closed the trade for her steer yearlings that day at \$11.50. Three years ago she only milked eight cows, sold \$75 worth of butter, \$80 worth of calves, and \$25 worth of pork, besides raising her own meat, all off the eight cows, and yet I hear some men declare they cannot make a dollar now. To all such let me say go take lessons of Mrs. Hodges. I intimated to her that I knew of a bachelor or widower who wanted some good woman to love them. She laughed heartily and replied none need apply unless they could milk, plow, pick cotton and dig potatoes and come well recommended. I spent two or three hours at her pleasant home. A heavy rain fell during the time. In mud and water knee deep I pulled out for Junction City, distance four miles, but I vow I thought it at least seven miles. I arrived in Junction City at 5 o'clock, muddy all over. I found a wagon yard for my team and hotel for myself and then said, old bones rest until morning. From London to Junction City, a distance of twenty-three miles, the scenery is grand. The road passes over a valley most of the way and a chain of mountains on both sides. At some places the road passes close up to the mountains, the wagon bearing off a distance of two miles. The mountains I judge are about four to six hundred feet high and are partly covered with cedar and shin oak brush. After a good night's rest I proceeded to round up the farmers and stockmen whom I found in town making a fair list for the Journal. Junction City is the seat of government of Kimble county—a quiet, nice set of people. I met here my old friend and neighbor, James McCauley. He and I ranched in Coleman county long years ago. Had not met him in sixteen or eighteen years. He lives out one mile from town. I accepted an invitation to go spend the night with him and his brother-in-law's family, Mr. Sam Lawrence. I enjoyed my visit very much. It was a pleasant surprise to meet these good people. We did not have a jolly time until almost midnight. I was surprised to find McCauley still a bachelor. I told him if he would read the Journal it would be no trouble for him to get married. He at once produced a dollar and said send it to me quick. Now girls, this is good catch; write him at Junction City, Texas. He is anxious about this matter. Bidding the McCauley and Lawrence family farewell early Thursday morning I took the road for Rock Springs, distance fifty-four miles. The road leads to beautiful sparkling Llano river, which is renowned for its great abundance of fish. This is probably the finest stream in all Texas. It is no uncommon thing to haul out catfish weighing fifty to seventy-five pounds,

and it is alive with perch and black bass. After crossing the river several times during the day, I rounded that evening at the hospitable home of O. B. Fleming, who lives on or near the river. He is a successful stock raiser and farmer. Has about four thousand sheep and a nice little herd of cattle, has under fence fourteen thousand acres of land and is well fixed financially. He has part of it sown to alfalfa which he cuts five times a year. It grows here to perfection. My horses fared sumptuously on it. He had plenty of old corn in his cribs which was the heaviest corn I have seen in two years. I think his garden is by far the finest I have seen this season. Plenty of big white headed cabbage, beans, peas, beets, potatoes, etc. His cornfield presented a fine appearance in full silk and tassels. Here are the only peaches I have seen this year. Several green ones have a good size. This is good fruit had some fine cobbler's made of peaches fresh from the trees. This is my favorite dish and to say that I did ample justice to those cobbler's is only stating a gospel truth. It rained all forenoon Friday and was glad to get for I wanted to excuse to remain over until next day, which I did. His two charming daughters, Misses Fleming and Daisy Fleming, have my thanks for the music during my pleasant stay at the Fleming home. Before reaching Mr. Fleming's, crossed the river with Mr. Joe Prosser, a stockman and a hustler. He is an old reader of the Journal. He and his good wife have my best wishes for the favors shown me. On Saturday morning I pulled out from Mr. Fleming's, crossed the river for Rock Springs, crossed the river twelve times before 12 o'clock. I called at Mr. S. H. Guthrie's at noon for dinner. He is now a reader of the Journal. He is a successful stock raiser and has a good little herd of cattle. I desire to thank his daughter, Miss Minnie, for presenting me with most beautiful rock which she took from about one mile from their home. It resembles a huge rose of variegated colors. I certainly appreciate this beautiful present. Miss Minnie took this rock out with her own hands by lamp light. It will weigh about three pounds. After dinner Mr. Guthrie had not gone two miles until an angry cloud appeared and from the tremendous roaring I concluded it must be a cyclone or a heavy hail storm. I rolled out of the buggy and commenced to hitch up my horses to some better wheels when the hail began to fall furiously. Yes, it is fun to be a newspaper rustler and have the hail bounce off your head the size of hens eggs—no time for praying then. I had to hold onto those horses. Think of it, hail pelting you on the head, face and hands, one horse jerking you and the other running over you; the buggy I expected to be blown away, and no preacher handy to pray for you. After it was over I saw some places fully knee deep with hail. That was one time I wanted to be at the Sun Flower farm, which is about a mile from the medicine I had on hand, for I was bruised and bleeding and scared to beat thunder. I found all the medicine on hand was wet and spoiled except some in a quart bottle labeled "setump water" and a full of half, added a lemon and then filled up with stump water and in half an hour I was making the mud and ice fly. I felt like the horses could swim any river. I am now domiciled at Mr. J. P. Harris' nine miles from Rock Springs. C. C. HOLE, Edwards Co., Tex., June 12, 1898.

loss of energy which leads finally to consumption is always very rapid, but it isn't stopped it will presently begin to see its way into the most vital part of the body, the lungs. There would be very little consumption if every family would keep Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in the house, and use it whenever feeling "out of sorts." It keeps the entire body in such a high condition of health and forcefulness that wasting diseases have no chance to get a foothold. It restores the digestive organism power to assimilate the food-making, nerve-toning, strength-building properties of the food. It enables the liver and excretory system to clear the circulation of bilious poisons and remove all waste matter from the body. It replaces worn tissue with muscular flesh, and changes weakness and debility into active power and nerve force. The originator of this great "Discovery," R. V. Pierce, M. D., is chief consulting physician to the "Beecham's Hotel" and Surgical Institute of Buffalo, N. Y., at the head of a score of eminent and successful physicians and surgeons. He has acquired, in his over thirty years of active work as a physician, a great knowledge of the human system in the treatment of obstinate, chronic diseases. His prescriptions must not be confounded with the numerous "boom" remedies, "extracts," "compounds," and "sarsaparillas," which a profit-seeking druggist is often ready to sell as a substitute. Dr. Pierce's medicines are the product of wide practical and deep study. Any one may consult him by mail free of charge.



quick and let himself down slow, with his head pointing right towards Bill Campbell's right hind leg. I was satisfied from the lizard's snarl that he had designs on Campbell, and with a swish-o-e-e that required less time to perform than it does for a streak of lightning to quit the positive and find the negative, he went up into the air, and down the "right hand" leg passed over the Rubicon and out at the other leg, and gone. Campbell gave vent to a grunt that would have been the envy of a Comanche Indian. He went up, his right leg coppers pants came down, lighting some yards away. He checked the ground running, with face set, up through the high cord to the cabin on the hill, where his better half, Patsy, Mrs. Lucinda Beck, Pap Bryan and Nan Cates were speaking many good things about their neighbors and helping Patsy quilt. His arrival at the light he did not seem to excite common in camp the uneducated night suspect. Patsy caught him and put him to bed. 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GALVESTON MARKET. Galveston, June 18.—Supply of cattle and calves on hand and in transit fully equal to the demand of the coming week. Demand light and prices declining. Sheep market overstocked.

HOUSTON MARKET. Houston, June 18.—The following market report is furnished by Saunders & Hotchkiss: Choice grass heaves, \$3.25; medium grass heaves, \$2.75@3.00; choice cows and heifers, \$2.50@2.75; common cows and heifers, \$1.75@2.25; bulls, stags and yearling oxen, \$1.50@2.50; choice yearlings, \$3.50; medium yearlings, \$2.50@2.75; 2.25; common yearlings, \$2.00@2.25; choice calves, \$4.00@4.25; choice mutchons, \$3.75; top corned hogs (solid) wholesale, \$3.80; masted hogs, \$2.75@3.00.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., June 20.—Cattle receipts were 2400 head, including 1200 Texans; shipments 100 head. Market barely steady for natives; Texans a shade lower. Fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, \$4.50@5.25; bulk, \$4.00@4.50; dressed beef steers, \$4.00@4.25; butchers, \$3.90@4.00. Sheep receipts were 1000 head; shipments, 1400. Market strong. Native mutchons, \$3.50@4.75; lambs, \$5.00@6.00.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., June 20.—Cattle were in good demand and 5@10c lower. Fair to choice, \$4.90@5.25; medium, \$4.50@4.75; beef steers, \$4.00@4.45; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@4.15; bulls, \$2.50@4.50; cows and heifers, \$3.30@3.90; calves, \$3.25@3.75; Western steers, \$4.20@4.90; Texas steers, \$4.00@4.75. Hogs, fair to choice, \$3.90@4.05; packers, \$3.75@4.87; butchers, \$3.80@4.60; mixed, \$3.75@3.90; lights, \$3.00@3.55; pigs, \$2.80@3.75; all in good demand. Sheep in active demand, and prices ruled stronger to 10 cents higher. Native sheep, \$3.00@5.25; ewes, \$4.65; Texas grass sheep, \$5.00; lambs and yearlings, \$4.50@6.15; spring lambs, \$6.00@6.60; rams, \$3.00@4.25. Receipts of cattle were 22,000 head; hogs, 38,000; sheep, 15,000.

KANSAS CITY MARKET. Stock Yards Kansas City, June 20.—Cattle receipts, official, 1922 natives, 2288 Texans. The supply of cattle light. The demand was sufficient to quickly absorb the offerings. Prices ruled steady. There were no fancy cattle on sale. Heavy native steers, \$4.75@4.85; medium, \$4.55@4.75; light heavy weight steers, \$4.00@4.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@3.50. Butchers cows and heifers, \$3.00@3.75; canners, \$2.25@3.10; bulls, \$3.00@4.00; Western steers, \$4.00@4.75; Texas steers, \$3.75@4.60; Texas cows, \$2.50@3.75. Hog receipts, official, 4777. Trade in hogs was brisk at strong prices, sales averaging 5 cents higher. Heavy hogs, \$3.90@4.00; mixed, \$3.50@3.90; lights, \$3.35@3.80; pigs, \$2.00@3.00. Sheep receipts, 1608. There was an active demand; the small receipts were quickly absorbed at strong prices. Spring lambs, \$5.00@6.60; mutchons, \$4.25@5.35; Arizona grass sheep, \$4.30@4.85; Texas grass sheep, \$3.75@5.00; native stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.50; Texas and Arizona feeders, \$4.15@4.50.

THE DENVER MARKET. Denver, Colo., June 18.—The following market report is furnished by the Sigel-Barnes Commission Company: Beef.—The receipts of killing steers this week have been fairly liberal, about 20 cars in all were actually sold on this market, beside a few cars that were consigned direct to the packers. The bulk of the sales were made from \$4.50@4.65, with the top selling at \$4.70. Cow stuff has been very scarce, only a few scattering head having been sold. A load or two of nice cows would undoubtedly bring a fancy price as the demand is strong for this class of stock. The stocker market has not been quite so brisk this week. There has been plenty of cattle on sale, but mostly in the hands of the speculators. Good cows and calves are what is wanted, and the demand for this class of stock is strong enough to warrant the prices being held very stiff. We quote the market as follows: Choice corned steers, \$4.30@4.70; choice hayfed steers, \$4.00@4.30; choice feeders, \$4.00@4.40; common to good steers, \$3.50@4.00; good to extra cows and heifers, \$3.80@4.40; common to good cows, \$3.00@3.70; butts, \$2.90@3.00; veal calves, 175 to 225 pounds, \$5.50@7.00; veal calves, 250 to 400 pounds, \$4.50@6.00.

COTTON MARKET. Dallas, Tex., June 20.— Ordinary 2 15-16 Good Ordinary 4 5-18 Low middling 4 9-16 Middling 5 5-16 Good middling 5 9-16 Middling fair 6 7-16 Galveston, Tex., June 20.—Spot cotton market quiet at 1-16c lower. Ordinary 4% Good ordinary 5% 1/2

Low middling 5 1/2 Middling 5 7/8 Good middling 6 1/4 Middling fair 6 1/2 New Orleans, June 20.—Spot cotton quiet at 1-16c lower. Sales 100 bales spot and 800 to arrive. Ordinary 4 3-16 Good ordinary 4 15-16 Low middling 5 1/2 Middling 6 5-16 Good middling 6 5-16 Middling fair 6 11-16

GRAIN MARKET. Galveston, Tex., June 20.—Wheat—F. o. b. Galveston: No. 2 soft 90c, No. 2 hard none offering. Corn—Quotations f. o. b. Galveston: No. 2 mixed in sacks is offered to the trade c. a. f. Galveston track in carload lots at 42 1/2@43c per bushel; No. 2 white western 43 1/2@45c; corn for export 40c. Receipts to-day—Wheat 3248 bushels, corn 1670 bushels. Since July 1, wheat 11,112,864 bushels, corn 4,074,867 bushels.

Chicago, Ill., June 20.—Cash quotations were as follows: No. 2 spring wheat 68@70c, No. 3 spring wheat 64@74c, No. 2 red 76 1/2c, No. 2 corn 32@32 1/2c, No. 2 yellow corn 32 1/2@32 3/4c. No. 2 oats 25 1/2c, No. 2 white 28@28 1/2c, No. 3 white 27c, No. 2 rye 41c, No. 2 barley 31@35c, No. 1 flax seed 1.10@1.11 1/2, Prime timothy seed \$2.60.

Kansas City, Mo., June 20.—wheat irregular, lower; No. 1 hard 76@77c, No. 2 hard 74 1/2@77c, No. 1 red 75@77c, No. 2 red 72@77c, No. — spring 73@75c. Corn lower; fairly active. No. 1 mixed 31@31 1/2c, Oats fairly active, slightly higher; No. 2 white 26c, Rye steady, No. 2 40c.

WOOL MARKET. The following is the official classification by the New York Wool Exchange: TEXAS. Fine 12 months 15@16 Medium 12 months 16@17 Fine and fine medium spring, 6 to 8 months 14@15 Medium spring, 6 to 8 months 12@14 Medium fall 13@15 TEXAS (SCoured BASIS). Fine, 12 months 49@50 Fine medium, 12 months 46@48 Medium, 12 months 44@46 Coarse, 12 months 40@43 Fine spring, 6 to 8 months 45@46 Fine medium spring, 6 to 8 months 44@45 Medium spring 6 to 8 months 43 Fine and fine medium fall 40 Medium fall 38

WYOMING, fine medium 11@12 Wyoming, fine medium 13@14 Wyoming, medium 15@16 Utah, fine medium 14@15 Utah, medium 16 Arizona, fine 10@11 Arizona, medium 12 New Mexico, fine 11@12 New Mexico, fine medium 12@13 New Mexico, medium 14@15 Colorado, fine 12@13 Colorado, medium 15@16 Colorado, fine medium 14@15 Colorado, quarter 14@15 Colorado, improved choice 18@20 Colorado, coarse and carpet 15@17 Montana, fine choice 15@16 Montana, fine average 12@14 Montana, fine medium choice 17@18 Montana, fine medium average 15@16 Montana, medium choice 17 Montana, medium average 15@16 Montana, quarter 17

Galveston, Tex., June 20.—Spring—Twelve months' clip 11 @12c Medium 13 @13 1/2c Fall—Six to eight months' clip Fine 10 1/2 @11c Medium 11 1/2 @12c DAVIS, McDONALD & DAVIS' MARKET LETTER. South St. Joseph, Mo., June 17, 1898. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: The market at St. Joseph this week has been very strong on cattle and has shown considerable strength on all well fattened dry lot cattle. Most of the strength developed on light weights; however, heavy weights have shown material strength. A great many shippers are distrustful of the St. Joseph market because it is a new market, but we would say to the shippers, if you are afraid to consign your cattle to St. Joseph, ship part of them here and let us prove by our work that we have a good market. Some sales made this week: 52 Westerns, 1428 lbs, \$4.65; 18 Westerns, 1428 lbs, \$4.75; 25 Westerns, 1050 lbs, \$4.60; 84 fed Texans, 1025, \$4.27; 66 fed Texas, 1022 lbs, \$4.25; 45 Indians, 992 lbs, \$4.50.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, June 18, 1898. The cattle receipts this week are about twenty-five per cent greater than last week, still the supply of desirable dry lot cattle does not equal the demand, and while the top sales are only 5 c higher than a week ago, the market has a healthy tone that is encouraging. The supply of grass cattle has been large and prices are 15c to 30c lower on common green stock, while the better grade grassers are practically unchanged. There is a marked difference in prices of butchers and canning stock. While common butcher stock sells readily at \$3.25, the top price some canning stock is \$3.10. Stockers and feeders are still in good demand and while prices have declined a little, extra fine cattle are still selling at fancy prices. Late sales choice native steers, \$4.80 @5.00; medium, \$4.50@4.80; light heavy weight steers, \$4.00@4.75; stockers, \$3.50@5.50; feeders, \$4.20@4.80. Butchers cows and heifers, \$3.25@4.80; canners, \$2.25@3.10. Texas grass cows, \$3.00@3.50. Texas grass steers, \$3.00@3.50. Texas grass stags, \$3.00@3.50. Texas stags, \$3.00@3.50. Light receipts of hogs and the general better outlook for packers' prospects has checked the decline and prices are about 5c higher than last week. Heavy hogs, \$3.85@4.00; mixed packers, \$3.70@3.95; lights, \$3.45@3.75; pigs, \$3.00@3.40. While the supply of sheep for the week shows a slight increase the receipts are not sufficient to supply the demand, and although there is a falling off in the quality of offerings, prices are a shade higher than a week ago. The sales of Arizona grass sheep at \$4.75@4.85 and of Texas grass sheep at \$4.75 are the highest prices for several years on direct shipment of range stock. Spring lambs, \$5.00@6.50. Yearlings, \$5.00@5.55. Native and fed Westerns, \$4.50@5.00. Native feeders, \$3.25@4.50. Arizona grassers, \$4.30@4.85. Texans, \$3.75@4.75. Arizona and Texas stockers and feeders, \$4.00@4.50. Receipts for the week, 25,000 cattle; 76,000 hogs; 14,500 sheep. F. H. B.

NEWS AND NOTES. Hog Bros. of Hamilton county, sold 300 steers at \$30. J. L. Knight of Hale county, sold 1000 one and two-year-old steers at \$20 and \$28. Tomatoes and Irish potatoes are being shipped out of Yorkum by the carload. About 600,000 pounds of the Hamilton county wool clip has been sold at 14 1/2 to 15 1/2 cents. Gollard Guard: Some of our farmers think they will make fifty bushels of corn to the acre. In Navarro county some of the wheat has been threshed too soon, and while still damp, and is in such bad condition that it will bring only 40 cents a bushel. Much of this wheat will be lost for want of opportunity to spread it out to dry and prevent mold. Bandera Enterprise: Mr. G. W. Lewis has made the best oat and wheat crop of the season. We are told that he has thrashed 30 bushels of wheat and 62 bushels of oats to the acre. When it comes to farming Mr. Lewis believes in thorough preparation of the soil. Grand Falls (Ward county) New Era: We learn that on account of the shortness of range in the lower part of Pecos county that the Livingston Bros. 'D' ranch has driven some six thousand head of stock cattle into the neighborhood of Santa Rosa Spring. They have had no rain on their ranch since last August. San Angelo Standard: J. C. Hewes of Schleicher, reports that H. W. Robinson of Miles, sold to Henry Lagging 35-cattle for \$15 around. Also that T. J. Webb sold to Indian Territory parties 1000 three-year-old steers for \$27,000. Billie Childress bought 250 head of yearlings from Tom Hunt at \$15 per head. Tom Hunt of Vigo, sold to Willis Lawhon 217 head of steer yearlings and twos at \$15 and \$18.

San Saba County News: The first wheat Cressy & Moore received was from M. E. Proctor of Big Valley, brought it and received \$1 per bushel for it. Test weight, 61 pounds. Cressy & Moore closed June 5 the first year of their five year lease of the steam mill. During the year they handled about 60,000 bushels of wheat. All this amount of wheat was bought from the farmers of this and adjoining counties. This county alone raised about 47,000 bushels of wheat. Kansas City Drivers Telegram, June 13: A. B. Edwards, one of Chicago's oldest stockmen, died Saturday morning. The Journal says of him: Mr. Edwards was born at Richmond, Va., thirty-five years ago, and before coming to Chicago thirteen years ago shipped stock from Vermont points to the Boston market for many years. He was an expert in live stock matters, and on coming here filled the position of sheep buyer for Swift and Company, remaining with that concern seven years. Since then he had been operating on his own account in the yards. A dispatch of the 16th from Corsicana, Texas, says: To-day two trainloads, nineteen cars each, of young cattle passed out of this station over the Central road for the north. One of the trainloads was bound for the Indian Territory, and the others made up of yearlings and coming three were billed to the Chicago market as beef cattle. Col. N. B. Edens, one of the leading cattlemen in this county, speaking of these shipments, remarked that the shipment of young cattle to the market this year was a little remarkable on account of the number. A dispatch of the 15th from Gatesville says: A telephone message yesterday evening from Jonesboro, twenty miles above here, stated that a cow was coming down the Leon river, and sweeping everything before it. The message stated that the bottoms were overflowed and that the people were moving to the hills. The rise has not reached here yet and it is thought that it will do no damage here. A fine rain fell here this morning and it is still raining. Much wheat and oats will be damaged in the shock, while many fields are not yet harvested.

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The weather is getting to that degree of discomfort when loyalty to dear old Texas is a struggle. But there is no cessation of activities in Household. Myrtle and Canadian Girl are new members. Hope they will write again and fill their letters with something of interest to every reader of Household.

I do not believe in a butterfly as a butterfly at all. Her letter indicates her to be a most sensible young woman. I welcome her most cordially and feel assured her letter will give all the pleasure it has me. Hope she will write again soon, and then again, and again.

Happy Louis is cordially welcomed. He expresses his opinions with a straightforwardness that is striking. His letter will be read with interest. Crimmon Poppy's letter is a regular angel's visit.

Shotgun Bill's advice about the fish and sea is good. Hope he will give us more next time.

Laura writes a good letter, but places too much responsibility on woman. Woman has enough responsibility—let the man have his full share. Married life is a partnership affair, and there will be failure unless both share equally everything.

Man is the great stream which turns the mill, woman the fresh rill which strengthens the great stream turning the mill. The waters of the rill are freer, clearer, purer than the great stream. The great stream is made purer and stronger by the rill, but if the rill became absorbed by the great stream it would lose its freshness and no longer supply new life to the great stream.

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Even though a man was engaged he should not suspect his betrothed to treat him better in company than she would any other good man. If she does it would show ill manners, and in so doing it would cause the gossipers to talk, and in some cases might even disgust her lover, for men like good manners in women.

admire Vox Homo's letters very much, but he is too hard on the poor girls. He should not judge all women by the deceitful maid that deceived him. He should stop a moment and think there has been lots of poor girls lives blighted and even some brought to the grave by false sweethearts.

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ANOTHER FRIEND OF COWBOYS. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: I have been a reader of the Stock and Farm Journal for about two years, but have never attempted to write before for fear of the waste basket. I enjoy reading the letters so much. I notice there are several writing from Albany, but I do not know any of them except Circle Dot; I know him by his writings. I notice there are several against cowboys, but I am not. I think if you would say around them a little more you would like them better. There are so many interesting writers in the Journal; there is Happy Jack, Purple Pansy, Critic, and many others. I notice Wisdom Let Loose was talking pretty hard about the way the girls do their mother's work. I am one of those girls. I do all the cooking, washing, and mending, and most everything else. Now, Wisdom Let Loose, when you are around my home, you notice and see if mamma does it all. I will sign. MYRTLE, Albany, Texas.

JOURNAL THE BEST PUBLISHED—LOVE AND JEALOUSY. Mrs. E. S. Buchanan and Household: Will you permit a young man from Sterling county to come in and chat a while? If so, I will begin by saying that I have been a reader of the Journal for some time and think it is the best paper of the kind published. As I am in the stock and farm business I think I could not very well get along without it.

Seeing nothing written on the subject, "Is there true love without jealousy?" I will express my opinion. I feel, "Is there true love without jealousy?" If I loved a girl I would have her future happiness in view as much as my own, and therefore I would do anything in the bounds of reason to make her happy.

Even though a man was engaged he should not suspect his betrothed to treat him better in company than she would any other good man. If she does it would show ill manners, and in so doing it would cause the gossipers to talk, and in some cases might even disgust her lover, for men like good manners in women.

admire Vox Homo's letters very much, but he is too hard on the poor girls. He should not judge all women by the deceitful maid that deceived him. He should stop a moment and think there has been lots of poor girls lives blighted and even some brought to the grave by false sweethearts.

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through this world. If so, each ought to contribute his little mite. I feel woe fully behind the times, because I have not had the Journal for so long a time. But all things come to him who waits, and I am waiting for "Farmer" Poole to make his appearance again. I will trade him a dollar, and cheat him, too. Since writing last I have changed my place of business from Albany to Abilene. I was loath to leave the quiet little town of Albany, with its many kind, unpretentious people, but good deeds and pleasant memories never die. Texas Tom and I will have to bury the hatchet and be friends, as well as neighbors, now. Mrs. Buchanan, I thank you most sincerely for befriending me so kindly when Elene spoke in such a deprecative way of me. I cannot blame you so much, Elene; we all draw upon our imagination sometimes. Some of my friends suggested that I was the original Miserable Man with whom the Household has sympathized so generously. Now this draught was too large for me to understand. I think the accusation quite enough to silence an ordinary man forever. So far from being miserable am I that I have always thought myself the most contented of a very contented class of men. Did you ever think of the difference between happiness and wisdom? He who thinks himself a happy man really is a happy man; but he who thinks himself a wise man is generally a very great fool. Robert Burns defines happiness very well in lines which, altered a little, read like this: "We may be wise, or rich, or grand, but we can't be happy long without a pure heart, for that part that makes us right or wrong. Where do we go for our standard for judging other people? I get mine at home. So let us believe that people are never so nearly unhappy as they are often thought to be. It is possible for one to be silent—yes, even lonely, and yet not unhappy; in fact, it is possible to be unhappy when you feel that you have done the best you can. Occasionally I get a copy of the Journal. It seems always full of letters that ever improve in style. With apologies to Lillian Bell for using the pronoun, first person, singular number, so often, I close with the wish that my friends who thought me unhappy may ever be as contented as I.

WHEN THE MISTS HAVE CLEARED AWAY. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: At last I have gotten up courage to write and beg admittance into your happy Household. There is never success without first making an attempt. If Texas Tom does not object, I would like to sit near him. The subject which has been before the Household has been well discussed both pro and con, yet before too late, I would like to say marriage is not a failure; also "it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." God would never have created love and marriage if not for our happiness.

AS UNTO THE BOW THE CORD IS, SO UNTO THE MAN IS WOMAN. Though she bends him, she obeys him; Though she leads him, yet she follows; Useless, each without the other.

Persons having really loved and lost, are sweeter, better, more sympathetic, although they had sorrow; yet they are happy, for there is no vacant feeling, and they try to lighten their brother's burdens. If, however, the love is imaginary, I mean by that to have loved a flirt, you should be thankful you escaped, otherwise your marriage would have been a failure. If you will only think, your better judgment will tell you, it was your ideal you were loving instead of the person. So look around and find a true man or woman and give your whole heart. Never to have loved? think of the degradation, cynicism and heartlessness! Pardon me, but I don't care to be with such.

Let all who are tired of humanity, seeing only the bad, go to the country and learn a lesson from nature. Watch the vines climb and twine round the old decayed tree, beautifying it with its graceful foliage. The rains come, filling creeks and stagnant pools, washing away the impurities, making all bright and clean. So let us likewise cover all the bad, do good, forgetting, forgiving, and all misunderstandings will be clear.

When the mists have rolled in splendor From the beauty of the hills, And the sunbeams warm and tender, Falls in kisses on the rills, Then we'll read love's shining letter In the rainbow of the spray, And we'll know each other better When the mists have cleared away." BUTTERFLY.

A FAVORITE OF THE GIRLS. Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: Pardon me for coming again so soon:

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but after perusing the Journal I cannot keep silent any longer. May I have a seat between Polly and LaGolodrina. This may look selfish in me, but I want to thank them for their kind words and good advice. I will tell you how much good it has done me. Polly's words kept ringing in my ears, "Go when she is not expecting you; that is the way to judge a girl." There is a young lady living near here I had longed to call on for many a day, but hadn't the courage to make a start, so last Sunday evening, after standing before the mirror for quite awhile (longer than usual), I decided I would do so I went to the home of the young lady. Her father invited me in the parlor very politely. I imagined he was thinking all the time, "What is your business, young man?" We talked on the weather and several other subjects. I'll confess I was rather nervous, expecting any moment for his daughter to make her appearance; but as she didn't come and supper was announced, I thought, "Surely, I will see her at the supper table," and her father inquired where the girl had gone. Her mother spoke up rather sweetly; she had gone driving with another young man, and called him by name. Just imagine my feelings at this minute! I wished I was in Havana, or some place far away. But I am determined not to be discouraged by this. I will try again. There are too many kind hearted girls in the Household for me to give up entirely. Yellow Pansy, if I was there you would have one more in your audience. I am sorry you would enjoy your singing; such a jolly girl must be a good singer. That must have been a sour old bachelor preacher to go off and leave Isabelle and her companion all alone at night. Some people never appreciate good luck when they have it. And now, Polly, about brown eyes; they are simply all right. I admit dark eyes and dark hair more than any other color. Come again, Wild Rose; you write a good letter. What has become of Water Witch? Well I think I can hear some of you saying, "You sure talk a long time for a bashful boy," and so I will hush for this time. Love to all the Household. BASHFUL BOY.

OF INTEREST TO MEN. Readers of Texas Stock and Farm Journal, for a stamp, can procure Medical Dictionary and Adviser; pages 4, 6 and 8 will interest you. Weaknesses of Men, General and Nervous Debility and kindred conditions explained in a clean manner. "Noble Manhood," man's aim, can be restored. Consultation at office or by mail free and invited. Send or call for Dictionary and List No. 91. DR. OLIN D. WHITTIER, 708 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.

Every farmer in Texas and the Southwest should visit the Trans-Mississippi Exposition which opens at Omaha June 1. What can be seen at this great exhibition will be a wonderful object lesson in the progress and possibilities of modern farming, and will enable everyone who views it to take such advantages of his work and to direct his efforts that agriculture will be more profitable than ever. Clean manner. He will not only see improvement in methods, but in the matter of products there will be many things shown that he can raise and from which he can derive profits. He can combine profit and pleasure, and it is a great mistake to conclude that a trip to Omaha will be expensive. The cost will be small, and money spent in going to this, the greatest exposition of the end of the century, will be well invested. The great Rock Island route there from Texas on its own rails. For information about reduced rates, etc., address CHAS. B. SLOAT, G. P. A., C. R. I. & Tex. Ry., Ft. Worth.

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DALLAS MARKET

The Armstrong Packing company has received good supplies of both hogs and cattle during the past week as compared with former receipts, but not all they could handle. There has been a slight decline in hogs. Spoons, fat hogs, in carload lots, weighing 200 @ 300 pounds, brought \$3.65; in wagon lots, \$3.50. For lighter, heavier or rough hogs, prices 10¢ to 25¢ per 100 tons less than above quotations.

At Thomas & Searcy's Stock Yards business was again light during the week. Some sales were as follows: 3. May sold 15 head of cattle at \$3.00; 3. E. A. Dean sold 4 head at \$2.50; 3.85; J. R. Hoge sold 11 head at \$2.50; 3. E. C. White sold one carload of cattle, 22 head, at \$3.05. J. H. Dudley has a small bunch at the yards, and Rector & Combs had three carloads.

Quotations are given as follows: Choice shipping steers, \$3.40@3.70; fat to good shipping steers, \$2.75@3.25; common to rough steers and oxen, \$2.25 @2.65; choice fat cows, \$2.80@3.10; fat to good cows, \$2.50@2.75; common cows, \$1.50@2.25; choice fat heifers, \$2.75@3.20; fat to good heifers, \$2.50@2.75; choice fat calves, \$3.00@3.40; choice corned hogs, 200@300 pounds, carload lots, \$3.70; choice corned hogs, 200@300 lbs, wagon lots, \$3.50; choice corned hogs, 125@155 lbs, wagon lots, \$3.00@3.40; choice mutton, 90@100 lbs, \$3.25@3.70; stock sheep, per head, \$1.50 @2.00; goats, per head, 75¢@1.00; milch cows and springers, \$2.00@4.00; bulls and stags, \$1.25@2.75.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado, banker and cattleman, was in Dallas Friday and went over to Fort Worth that evening.

The Trinity river was out of its banks last week, and farmers who had bottom lands in cultivation were uneasy about their crops.

A. Rawlins, Esq., of Midland, was in Dallas Saturday. He says there have recently been some good rains in his section and that all interests there are prospering.

On the 14th, J. B. Wilson, of Dallas, marketed in St. Louis 74 head of 1355-pound steers at \$4.50, and 18 head that averaged 1302 pounds at \$4.40. They were shipped from Mesquite, Dallas county.

Col. Jno. N. Simpson returned Sunday from his visit to New York and Washington. His son, Sloan Simpson, has been named by the president for a commission as second lieutenant in the regular army.

Joseph E. Cook, a prosperous Kansas farmer, living near Paola, is with the Shriners going through Texas. While in Dallas he said he had been so favorably impressed with what he has seen that on his return to Kansas he will sell out and move down here.

Mr. Connor, who lives six miles east of Dallas, says the rains have seriously injured the small grain crops in his neighborhood. His own wheat shocks were well capped but in spite of his care some damage has been done to the crop by the continued rains.

Twenty-one days of this month have passed and in Dallas county it has rained more or less twenty days of that time. Jupiter Pluvius, Esq., has not explained the default on the other day, but there is reason to hope he will make it up some time when it is needed more.

D. B. Keeler, general freight and passenger agent of the Fort Worth and Denver railway, was in Dallas during the meeting of the Shriners, and in speaking of the wheat crop along his line of road expressed the opinion that the rains had not yet damaged it and it was not probable that it would be at all injured.

The big contract for supplying our Cuban army with beef went to Armour & Co. of Chicago. As the authorities decided to make no arrangements now for a supply of cattle on foot, Mr. Armstrong, of the Armstrong Packing company, had in no bid. The only meat supply now contemplated until fall is refrigerated meat.

About Mesquite in Dallas county, crops have been flooded, fences washed away and roads rendered impassable because of high water and destruction of bridges. The big bridge across Duck creek has been washed away. Farmers are very much discouraged about the condition of crops. About all the cotton has been ruined and the wheat has been very seriously injured. A high wind on the 16th has blown the corn down badly. It is feared now that much of the cotton will be so overgrown by grass and weeds that it will have to be abandoned.

Along the line of the Texas and Pacific from Dallas to Fort Worth in only two or three of the wheat fields in sight of the road did the wheat shocks seem to be protected by capping. On the top of a number of the uncovered shocks little green spots indicated the sprouting grain. Much of the oats that had been cut was badly discolored and some fields were observed in which no attempt had been made to harvest that crop, it being beaten down and tangled. Water was standing in some of the cotton fields and weeds were obtaining possession. The prospect for corn crop has seldom been better and the grass in the pastures is as fine as could be wished. It may be hoped that the benefit to the corn and pasturage crops will compensate for the losses of the small grains.

At the Lomo Alto Farm of Col. Henry Exall, near Dallas, the following list of highly bred and grand looking youngsters have been foaled this season, all by Electric, son of Electioneer and Sprite by Belmont: Chestnut colt, dam Nerissa, by Nutwood, second dam Frances Medium, third dam Anibel, fourth dam Jessie Pepper; bay colt, dam Silver Bell by Simmons, second dam Colon by Strathmore, third dam Carol by Clark Chief; brown colt, dam Klodie by Kentucky Prince, second dam Elsie by Messenger Duroc, third dam Greer Mountain Maid; brown filly, dam Myself by Egodist, second dam by Dictator, third dam by Blackwood; brown filly, dam Lavaca by Genet, second dam Lady Jane by Banker Rothschild, third dam Patience by Blue Bull; brown filly, dam Modesty (dam of two) by Tailmage, second dam by Louis Napoleon; chestnut filly, dam Lady May (dam of Electrophore (2) 2:11 1/4) by Fort Alan, second dam by Hambletonian Tranby; brown colt, dam Marina by Gambetta Wilkes, second dam Folle Farine by Strathmore, third dam Ida T. by Dictator; brown colt, dam Hidene by Gambetta Wilkes, second dam Lady Palmer by Thomas Jefferson, third dam by Hambletonian 10; chestnut colt, dam Mambriette (dam of Nelly Mambriette 2:18) by Kentucky Prince Jr., second dam thoroughbred; brown filly, dam Peperonia by Alcantara, second dam Wenonah by Curtis Hambletonian, third dam Jessie Pepper; brown colt, dam Lotus Leaf by Belmont, tracing to Watermelon; brown colt, dam Sata by Lancelot, dam Salve by Lord Russell, second dam Noonday, third dam Midnight; brown colt, dam Losca by Lancelot, second dam Lyne by Arthurton, third dam Gambia by George Wilkes.

THE MYSTIC SHRINERS.

The Mystic Shriners, over 1000 strong and from all parts of the United States, captured Dallas last week and held the city three days, leaving Wednesday night on their tour of the state. Fort Worth, Waco, Houston, Galveston, Austin and San Antonio will see them before their departure from Texas. While here they had a high old time in spite of the frequent showers their little red caps and Japanese sun sticks of fancy colors were seen everywhere. There were parades and receptions and balls.

But the biggest time they had was at the fair grounds on the last evening of their visit. There they saw a cake walk, something that is seen only in the South, heard some excellent music and witnessed a roping and riding contest. To nearly all of them, "Bronco busting" was an entirely new entertainment, as well as a most interesting one. The heavy rains made the ground slippery and the work difficult to the contestants. Some of the horses were indeed "broncos," and one or two nearly unmanageable. The prizes were liberal, and were awarded by Sheriff Cabell as follows:

Roping contests—Sis Bros. of Sugden, I. T., first prize, \$50 in money; Wilms of Wichita Falls and Smith of Sugden, I. T., second prize, a \$40 saddle; Cayle byches of Dallas county, third prize, \$15 in money. A special prize of \$10 was awarded a colored man, whose name was not ascertained, for general good riding.

Riding contests—First and second money, \$25 and \$15, was divided between Charles Wilms of Wichita Falls and H. Sigs of Sugden, I. T.; G. H. Cayle, Dallas county, third prize; J. Sigs, Sugden, I. T., fourth prize.

Not an unpleasant incident was heard of during the visit. The Shriners are intelligent business men, many of whom have never before seen Texas, and while their journey is made solely for the fun there is in it they can not fail to notice the wonderful promise of prosperity to be seen on every side as they go from city to city in Texas, and it is evident that the impressions they are receiving will have a good effect in strengthening still more the credit of Texas in other parts of the country.

LETTER FROM LAMAR COUNTY. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: During the first of the week I managed to find time between showers to enable me to travel some through the eastern part of Lamar county. The soil is a sandy loam. Well adapted to the growth of almost every kind of vegetable and fruit. The farmers are considerably encouraged over the outcome of the potato crop for the present season, the yield being good and the price being 50 cents per bushel, which I was told, enabled the farmers to realize a handsome profit. This portion of the country is devoted principally to truck farming. Blackberries were being picked, between showers, for the market. Beans and all other varieties of vegetables were coming in for their share of attention. But the most attractive sight was an apple orchard of about 30 acres, under the management of W. J. Wisdom, three miles east of Paris. The different varieties in this orchard are Carter's Blue, Arkansas Black, Ben Davis, Early Asterkin, Red June, Winesap, Winesap. When asked as to which of these varieties of apples he found the most profitable, Mr. Wisdom replied the Early Asterkin. "But," said he, "the Winter Winesap grows the largest and is the most productive." Before taking my departure I was asked to try a glass of cider produced by home industry. I most gratefully did, and was well satisfied with both quality and quantity although it may sound like an exaggeration for a newspaper man to say he was satisfied with the quantity of anything donated to him. The masses of the farmers are considerably worried over the recent rains, oats being ready to harvest, cotton and corn getting weakly and the fields flooded with water. If it clears off soon so they can "make hay while the sun shines" I am of the opinion the zealous candidates will at their different appointments in Lamar county, have the privilege of visiting their granaries to empty benches. E. V. KENNEDY.

Paris, Lamar County, Texas, June 16, 1898.

THE FARMERS' CONGRESS—LOW RATES TO BE GIVEN. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: The railroad of the state is responding freely to our request for low rates to the college July 12th to 15th, and their favorable action will permit many people to come to the college who otherwise could not attend the agricultural congress. Nearly all of the principal railroads in Texas are to fix the maximum round trip rate at \$5.00 for the more distant points on their lines. People from the far parts of Texas can come then almost as cheap as those who live near this place. We are safe in saying that of the principal railroads in Texas, the Amarillo, Abilene, San Angelo, Corpus Christi, Galveston, Beaumont and Christ, near these towns will not be greater than \$5.00 for the round trip. The low rate insured, the cheap

A Pioneer's Danger.

THE FEARFUL STRUGGLE OF AN EARLY SETTLER.

How One of the Early Farmers in Michigan Overcame a Serious Difficulty—His Life of Hardships.

From the Observer, Flushing, Mich.

Frank Long, who lives near Landon, Mich., is one of the pioneer farmers of Venetia township, Shiawassee county, and by his industry and thrift in which many hardships were endured, he now has one of the best farms in that section. He tells an interesting story of when his life was in danger during his pioneer days. He says: "About November 1, 1894, on starting to rest up from the dinner table, I was taken with a pain in my back, and found myself unable to move. The pain increased and spread over my entire body. I was obliged to take to my bed. The physician who was immediately summoned pronounced my case muscular rheumatism, accompanied by pleurisy. He gave me remedies and injected morphine into my arm to ease the pain. "My disease, however, gradually became worse until I thought that death would be a welcome release from my suffering. I could not sleep, but would lie awake all night and rub my leg. "I was finally induced through reading some accounts in the newspapers regarding the

boarded accommodations, and the programme to be presented during the three days' meeting should induce a very large attendance from all parts of the state. One or more people from every agricultural community should be present and take part in the discussions that have been outlined. Every public-spirited person should try to attend the meeting and contribute something to its success. The low rates assured, will enable people from even the most distant points to visit the college, spend three days in the congress, and return home for less than ten dollars' total expense. The time selected is the lay-by season for farmers generally, and the men of practical experience who are most deeply interested in agricultural problems can come to this meeting of the agricultural people of Texas, and take part in the programme which has been printed elsewhere in this connection. J. H. CONNELL, Director Experiment Station.

SMALL GRAIN CROP CONDITIONS. Some of the farmers in Fannin county say the oat crop is an entire failure. Wheat in shocks is sprouting. In Lamar county farmers are very anxious about the oat crop, which has suffered from too much rain. About Waxahachie the wheat crop has suffered from excess of rain. In some places much of it has sprouted in the shocks. In Palo Pinto wheat and oats are considerably damaged by rain. The farmers have been unable to get into the fields to harvest them. In Hopkins county the oats have been somewhat damaged by wet weather. A wind and hail storm near Ryan, I. T., on the night of the 12th badly damaged wheat and oats, the crops being ripe and easily beaten out. In Erath county wheat and oats much damaged by rain. About Temple, Bell county, most of the grain has been saved. In Hunt county, much of the grain that has been cut is sprouting and the standing grain beaten down by rains. In Kaufman county grain in the shocks badly damaged. Wind and rain have seriously injured the grain crops in Hamilton county. In Foard county harvesting has been delayed by rain. Hail has destroyed some crops. About Chickasha, I. T., harvesting is going on and the wheat crop is estimated at 25 to 50 bushels to the acre, with a 33 per cent increase in acreage. In Denton county rains have been heavy, but many think the wheat has not been seriously injured. In Navarro county rain has damaged much wheat. Hail has been cut, the Southern portion of the county suffering the least. In Ellis county farmers are discouraged by continued rain and fear much loss. In Cherokee county peaches and tomatoes suffering from excessive rainfall. Coryell county grain crops endangered by continued rains. Wheat in Wichita county has not been injured by wet weather. In Collin county much of the wheat is sprouting in the shock, and oats badly damaged. In Tarrant county successive rains are playing havoc with small grain crops. In Rains county small grains are damaged by excessive rains. In Hamilton county wheat has been somewhat damaged and oats seriously injured by continued rains. From almost all parts of the state there are reports of heavy and continued rains, injuring small grain and causing a damaging growth of weeds in the cotton fields, but corn has perhaps never before promised so bountiful a yield, gardens are more than usually productive, grass unusually good and live stock of all kinds in the best of condition.

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION TEXAS COWBOYS. The following program is announced for the Cowboys' Reunion at Haskell, Texas, July 27, 28 and 29: Grand round-up—first day—A large herd of range cattle will be thrown on the grounds for a contest in skillful cutting out. First cash prize for best cutting horse and work, \$150.00; second, cash prize for second best cutting horse and work, \$75.00; third, cash prize for third best cutting horse and work, \$25.00. Committee on round-up—W. T. Hudson, chairman, Haskell county; G. B. Martin, King county; W. A. Pogue, McLennan county; rules and regula-

tions to be formulated by the committee. Racing 1 o'clock p. m.—First race, saddle horses, half mile, purse, \$50.00; second race, quarter mile, free for all, purse, \$100.00; third race, five-eighths mile, free for all, purse, \$25.00. Roping contest—second day—For the roping and tying contest a sufficient number of wild steers will be provided for as many as may desire to enter. First, prize for best time, etc., \$150.00; second, prize for second best time, etc., \$75.00; third, prize for third best time, etc., \$25.00. Committee on roping and tying—J. C. Keller, chairman, Haskell county; Eugene Mayfield, Stonewall county; John Power, Baylor county; Louis Hill, Shackelford county. Rules and regulations to be prescribed by the committee. Racing 1 o'clock p. m.—Fourth race, 1 year olds, three-eighths mile, weight 85 pounds, purse, \$100.00; fifth race, three-year-olds, three-quarters mile, purse, \$125.00; \$5 out of each entry to go to association and \$20 out of each entry to go to public, entrance \$25.00; sixth race, three-quarters mile, free for all, purse, \$125.00. Broncho riding—third day—For best riding of bucking horses the following prizes will be paid: First prize, \$75.00; second prize, \$40.00; third prize, \$20.00. Committee on broncho riding—J. A. Gossett, chairman, Haskell county; J. A. Bailey, Haskell county; John Davis, Jones county; Will Larn, Shackelford county. Rules to be prescribed by committee. Racing 1 o'clock p. m.—Seventh race, 1 year olds, half mile, free for all, purse, \$100.00; eighth race, half mile, free for all, purse, \$100.00; ninth race, one mile, free for all, purse, \$150.00; tenth race, mule race, free for all, one mile. Entrance free. Racing conditions—American racing rules to govern, unless otherwise specified. Races to commence at 1 o'clock, sharp. Racing rain or shine. E. W. Waters, Shackelford county, starter. Committee on race programme, J. C. Reynolds, Young county, chairman; D. A. Nance, Shackelford county; Jno. F. Lassater, Baylor county; Ellis Richardson, Callahan county. On Friday night, 29th, there will be a grand ball. A good band will furnish music throughout the entertainment and for the ball. Other amusements will probably be arranged for, and it is expected that a large number of Texans from the Territory. Good hotel accommodations. Ample room for campers with good water and grass convenient. General invitation committee—J. E. Poole, Haskell, chairman; H. G. McCool, Haskell; Ed. J. Hamner, Haskell; W. T. Andrews, Throckmorton county; Sam Webb, Shackelford county; J. H. Glasgow, Baylor county. Committee on reception—S. W. Scott, chairman; H. R. Jones; Dr. E. E. Gilbert, Dr. J. E. Lindsey, Dr. A. G. Neathery, Haskell. Officers—Cowboys' association—Harry Daugherty, King county, president; Ben Reynolds, Throckmorton county, vice president; Jack Glasgow, Baylor county, secretary; John Power, Baylor county, treasurer. For information in regard to any of the contests or races write to chairman of the proper committee or to the undersigned. For information in regard to securing privileges on grounds, etc., write only to Major Smith, general manager, or Will Hillis, secretary, Haskell, Texas.

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GOOD ADVICE ABOUT SAVING SEED. Save your own seed and improve them annually should be the watchword of every farmer and gardener. For many reasons this should be done: First, from a monetary standpoint. Thousands of dollars are annually paid out by farmers every year for seeds, often of inferior quality. And then we will have seed that are sound, reliable and acclimated. There are thou-

sands of farmers in our state who beg for every ear of corn, section of melon seed. Hundreds of bushels of sweet corn, Kafir corn and pea seed have been sold this spring in Bowie. But we are told Northern grown seed are much earlier than Texas grown seed. This is a fine argument for Northern seed houses but is false and deceptive. First, it is open secret that these big seed growers grow but little of their seed—just enough to make a show in pictures for their catalogues, while their seed is grown by contract or bought from reliable (?) farmers from all over the world. Their corn is grown in Missouri, their Kafir and other comes in Kansas; cabbage, beets, lettuce, cucumbers, bean and pea seeds, melons, etc., are grown all over the South and shipped to the seed houses in bulk and there put up in packages and sold as "Northern grown seed" at exorbitant prices to the farmers. Then their method of saving seed is absolutely contrary to every principle of scientific improvement of seed. As an instance, the seed house contracts with a Georgia farmer for 100 bushels of Dixie melon and perhaps furnishes him with seed for one or two ways by any means. The farmer plants; when melons are ripe they are gathered, little, big, good, bad and indifferent; mashed up in large troughs and the seed floated out. These are sold as "carefully selected seed." What a farce! In a few years he will have a patch, every melon alike, and all good. I have often described in this and other Texas papers a simple method of improving any and all kinds of seed. I paid this year \$1.75 per bushel for my pea and peanut seed. Of course my means being limited I could not put in so much land to these crops as I would have liked. Next year I will plant little or much, as I may deem best. The average farmer pays out over \$10 a year for seed and many pay out three or four times that amount. It would have cost me \$40 this year to buy what peas and peanut seed to plant the ground I shall plant in these three products next year. I cannot afford to buy them—I must save them. All seed should be selected from the growing crop. The best and earliest should be carefully gathered and preserved. A good tight dry place must be provided to keep them over the winter, and protect them from the ravages of mice and weevils. All this requires care and knowledge. Experience comes to most of us slowly; but every farmer who may need this letter make a start this year and save some of his seed. The following list may be saved by anyone: Cotton, corn, wheat and all small grain, sorghum, Kafir corn, melons, peas and beans, cucumbers and cabbages; and from year to year add other products to the list until Texas shall become a barren field for the sale of Northern grown seed. I shall make me a tight pine box of suitable size with a close fitting lid, bind it with hoop iron, then put into it my seed, each sown up in a bag and packed in a small jar of bluish oxide of carbon placed in it will kill and keep out all weevils and a little tin work on its side will make it mice proof. Of course these seed should be taken out and aired several times during the season, and the box should be

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FORT WORTH

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

Sidd Webb of Bellevue, was here Saturday.

J. H. Knox of Abilene, was here Saturday.

F. J. Hall, a prominent cattleman of Gainesville, was here Monday.

A. Laird, cattle dealer of Baird, passed through Fort Worth Friday.

Marion Sansom of Alvarado, was here Friday night en route to Chicago.

A. T. Mabry, stockman of Grandview, was among the visitors Saturday.

Major J. B. Dale, a prominent cattle feeder and citizen of Bonham, was here Thursday.

T. B. Yarbrough, vice president of the First National Bank of Decatur, was here Monday.

Wm. Childress, a prominent cattleman of San Angelo, was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Frank Kell, a prominent live stock dealer and grain merchant of Wichita Falls, was here Saturday.

Ben Brewer, one of the old-time pioneer Brown county boys who now lives at Oaddo, I. T., was here Monday.

J. N. Brooker, a well-to-do business man of Rodgers, spent several days in Fort Worth last week, returning home on Friday.

J. W. Carter, general live stock agent of the Rock Island railroad returned from a trip through Western Texas Saturday.

W. Q. Richards, a prominent cattleman of Paducah, Cottle county, spent Friday in Fort Worth, returning from Kansas City.

G. S. White, a prominent citizen of Weatherford, who is largely interested in the cattle business about Quana, was here Thursday.

Givens Lane a prominent ranchman and cattle dealer of Childress, returned home Friday after spending two or three days in Fort Worth.

E. B. Beck, a prosperous and prominent cattle dealer of Sulphur Springs, was among the visiting stockmen Monday.

D. Waggoner, the big cattleman of Decatur, was here Friday night to meet Mrs. Waggoner, who was returning from a protracted stay in St. Louis.

J. S. Todd, who has large cattle interests near Checotah, Indian Territory, left Friday to look after the cattle now being pastured by him in the Territory.

J. G. Witherspoon, a prominent ranchman of Foard county who lives at Quana, spent several days in Fort Worth this week, returning to the Panhandle country on Sunday.

Ben Hackett, the well known cattleman of this city, has recently leased a part of the Putnam ranch in Hood and Erath counties, which he is now stocking up with cattle from the Brownwood country.

S. C. Sneed, manager of the Perryman ranch in King county, was here Thursday and closed a deal for the lease of something over 20,000 acres out of the "J. F." ranch in King county.

W. L. Hawkins, a prominent cattle feeder of Midlothian, was here Thursday. Mr. Hawkins has several carloads of very fine beef cattle yet on hand that he expects to ship out at an early date.

P. S. Witherspoon, a prominent cattle feeder and ranchman of Gainesville, was here Saturday night, leaving Sunday morning for Hot Springs, where he goes with his family for a few weeks recreation.

Judge Duncan G. Smith of Vernon, Texas, accompanied by his daughter, visited Fort Worth last week. Judge Smith placed his daughter under the treatment of Dr. Frank Mullins, specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat.

W. D. Jordan, government live stock inspector, returned from El Paso Saturday. Mr. Jordan has several carloads of very fine sheep and cattle in the San Angelo country and talks very encouragingly as to range conditions in that section, together with the outlook generally for the stock business.

E. A. Paffrath, live stock commission broker of this city, reports the sale of 1000 three and four-year-old steers to Sparks & Light of Chickasha, I. T. These cattle were located in Rannels county and owned by Houghton & Webb. The price has not been made public.

E. W. McKenzie, a prominent ranchman of San Angelo, was in Fort Worth Saturday. Mr. McKenzie is largely interested in both sheep and cattle in the San Angelo country and talks very encouragingly as to range conditions in that section, together with the outlook generally for the stock business.

S. R. Coggin of the banking firm of Coggin Bros. & Fort of Brownwood, and also one of the wealthy and pioneer cattlemen of that section, was here Friday night, returning home Saturday. Mr. Coggin reports an abundance of rain in the Brownwood country and says the range and crop prospects were never better.

J. W. Corn, who has a large stock farm in the southwestern corner of Tarrant county, was here Thursday. He says the recent heavy rains have already damaged the wheat and oats in his locality and that if the rains continue many of the crops will be rendered practically worthless.

Geo. E. Brown, who owns one of the best equipped horse ranches in the state, located in Wise county, was here Friday. Mr. Brown not only owns one of the best ranches in the country, but has it stocked with as good lot of horses as can perhaps be found in the state.

C. M. Kein, a stockman of Harrold, is in Fort Worth this week. Mr. Kein is afflicted with quite a serious eye trouble, and is under treatment of Dr. Frank Mullins, specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat. It is presumed that under the skillful treatment of Dr. Mullins, Mr. Kein will soon be able to return home.

W. P. Stewart of Waco, who owns a ranch and finely improved herd of cattle in Lost Valley, Jack county, was here Thursday en route to his ranch; says recent advice from his ranch as to the effect that the country has had about rain and that the range was never better or the crops prospects more encouraging.

Col. James A. Wilson of this city, live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton, reports a good business for his line during the past week, but says that one or two shipments that were to have been made to day were delayed on account of the report of heavy receipts in Chicago and a decline of 10 to 15 cents a hundred on that market.

T. B. Jones, the well known cattleman of Wichita Falls who also has large cattle interests in Cameron county and the Indian Territory, was here Monday en route from Wichita Falls to his pastures in the Indian Territory. Mr. Jones is also largely interested in cotton farming in Wichita county, where he has about 1000 acres in wheat which has not been so far injured by the rains.

Col. B. B. Groom, ranchman and breeder of Shorthorn cattle whose headquarters are in Childress, spent several days last week in Fort Worth. He reports the Panhandle section of the country in fine condition, grass good, splendid crop prospects; the colonel also says that all offerings in the shape of cattle are readily taken at good prices and that the demand is far in excess of the supply.

W. T. Scott, now a prominent citizen of Fort Worth, but until recently one of the leading ranchmen and bankers of Colorado City, came in from the last named place a few days ago and reports that section of the country in good condition and in especially enthusiastic in his praise of Colorado City; says it is not only the best town in Western Texas, but the best and most pleasant place to live in of its size that he ever saw.

Messrs. Light & Sparks of Chickasha, I. T., in addition to the 1000 steers bought by them in Rannels county, mention of which is made elsewhere, have also bought and shipped from Baird during the past week about 1500 steers. These were bought of George E. Nelson, Wyndham and others. The past week to their pastures near Chickasha, I. T., amount to about 2500 head, all steers.

V. M. Moore, a well to do stockman and farmer of Benbrook, this county, was in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. Moore says cattle are looking well in his neighborhood; that he sold last week 90 fat cows at \$3 per hundred. These cows were sold on the Fort Worth market and the price paid was certainly very satisfactory to the owner. Mr. Moore thinks the rains have not so far damaged the wheat, though a storm that passed over his neighborhood on Sunday did considerable damage to corn.

S. H. Cowan of the law firm of Matlock, Cowan & Burney, attorneys for the Cattle Raisers' association, left for Seymour Monday. While attending court in Seymour last week Mr. Cowan secured the conviction of one party for theft of cattle belonging to members of the association and expects this week to secure the conviction of about four more. The fact that it is almost impossible to steal cattle belonging to the association without being detected and punished, is deterring a large percentage of thieves from handling association cattle, and it is in this way that the greatest protection is afforded to its members.

W. H. Weeks general live stock agent of the Cotton Belt railroad, who makes his headquarters at this place, returned a few days ago from a trip through the central part of the state; says there are a few fat cattle through that section that were fed through the winter and have been matured on the grass that are now going to market. He says, however, that the number of cattle coming direct to market from the central part of the state will this year be very small as compared with previous years. Mr. Weeks says there is some demand along the line of his road for feeders, of which there seems to be a great scarcity, consequently he has not heard of any sales to date.

It is reported on what is considered good authority, that W. E. Connell, now of this city but formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Midland, will on the first of next month become cashier of the First National Bank of this city, vice E. B. Harrold resigned. While the stockmen generally will congratulate both Mr. Connell and the First National Bank on this move, yet, the many friends of E. B. (Uncle Eph) Harrold, will regret to know that he has severed his active connection with the banking institution of which he has been cashier for some fifteen years. It is understood that Mr. Harrold will in future give his entire time and attention to his cattle and cotton seed oil mill interests, which are very great.

Geo. T. and W. D. Reynolds of Albany, spent Friday in Fort Worth. These gentlemen are now delivering their Dakota herd numbering about 10,000 head, which was sold by them several months ago. They report their cattle in Dakota as being in fine condition and say that last winter was an unusually mild one and that cattle came through in splendid condition and with a very small loss. Reynolds Bros. are also largely interested in cattle in Jeff Davis and adjoining counties, also in Shackelford, Throck-

morton and Haskell. They also have large banking and cotton seed oil mill interests. In fact, are connected with many praiseworthy enterprises in their section of the country.

Harry B. Trower, the well known live stock merchant and cattle dealer of Kansas City, spent Thursday and Friday in Fort Worth looking after the shipment of two or three trains of cattle en route from Midland to Strong City, Kansas. These wind up the shipment of all the cattle bought by Mr. Trower and his associates in the Midland country, aggregating several thousand head. When asked in regard to the outlook for the cattle business in Kansas, Mr. Trower said it all depended on the corn crop. If the crop was good, there would be a demand for the number of cattle to consume it. If the crop was a failure there would be no demand for feeders. On the other hand, thousands of immature grass cattle would be rushed on the market, greatly to the damage of the business generally.

C. W. Merchant of Abilene, spent Wednesday in Fort Worth. Mr. Merchant reports an abundance of rain in the Abilene country and says he never saw that section of the state in finer condition than it is at this time. He says the Abilene country has developed into the best cotton growing district in the state. The cotton farmer in that locality does not have any weeds, Johnson grass, cockle burr, crab grass or other objectionable growths to contend with. The country is ready for heavy rains and for these and other reasons one man can cultivate in the Abilene country twice as much cotton as he could possibly handle in the black land district. Mr. Merchant seems to think that the Abilene country is now on the eve of a very big boom and that the city of Abilene which now numbers 6000 people, will continue to lead the procession between Fort Worth and El Paso.

C. J. Larimer, general live stock agent of the Texas and Pacific, headquarters at Fort Worth, says quite a number of fat cattle are being shipped over his line direct to market. During the past few days his road has handled shipments direct to market from Bellevue, off the Fort Worth and Denver; from Sweetwater, Benbrook, Eagle Ford, Willis Point, and other points along his line. In addition to these, the Texas and Pacific has made several large shipments of stock cattle to the Indian Territory. Among these were a lot of about 60 cars for Light & Sparks shipped from Baird to Chickasha. Mr. Larimer is of the opinion that the shipments of fat cattle along the line of Texas and Pacific will be 30 per cent larger this year than last. He has looked into the matter pretty fully and finds many more aged cattle about Abilene, Sweetwater, Big Springs and Midland than he at first anticipated. He said the indications are that these cattle will all sell in a very fine marketable condition and that as fast as they are ready for the market they will be shipped.

J. O. Rhome, a well to do young stockman of Haskell, was visiting his father, B. C. Rhome of this city, Sunday and Monday. Mr. Rhome talks very enthusiastically in regard to the coming cowboys' reunion which will be held at Haskell on the 27th, 28th and 29th of next month. This reunion promises to eclipse all its predecessors and to well repay those who attend for the time and expense incurred. Among other features, a large herd of range cattle will be thrown on the grounds for a contest in skillful cutting out. The first prize for the best cutting horse and prettiest work is \$150. The same amount is also offered as first prize to the best roper. Half that amount to the best rider. Various amusements have, Mr. Rhome says, been provided for the entertainment of those who may visit the beautiful little city of Haskell on this occasion, while her big hearted citizens have made ample preparation for the comfortable entertainment of all who may attend.

The Fort Worth live stock reporter of the Dallas News, in Sunday's issue, with his accustomed enterprise, says: "M. B. Pulliam of San Angelo, has sold all his steers on his Lubbock county ranch to M. Keith of Nebraska." The enterprising reporter, however, should have gone a little further and stated that the sale was made at the Cattlemen's convention over three months ago. This, however, is in keeping with the many other sales reported in the Fort Worth department of the News. During the past few weeks several large cattle sales have been reported by the News that were made several months ago—some of them six months ago. Refreshing these sales and trying to palm them off on the public as having been recently made is calculated to mislead the readers of the News by conveying the impression that a large business is still being done in the cattle traffic, when in reality there is but little doing and has been but little done since the declaration of war with Spain, consequently readers of the News should take with a considerable degree of allowance all sales reported in the Fort Worth department of that paper.

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Mr. Kellner's advertisement appears elsewhere in this edition, to which we call the attention of Journal readers.

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