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CATTLE

There have been very few recent transactions in cattle in Texas worthy of note, the few that have taken place being almost entirely in steers, mostly young stock.

Some of the reports from Indian Territory indicate that the supply of cattle will be about a month late this year and shipments will not go out until the middle of July.

As the ranges in Texas are abundantly supplied with grass and cattlemen are not pressed for money they will be able to handle their cattle pretty much as they please and the markets ought not at any time to be crowded.

Some surprise has been expressed at the number of cattle still coming to the markets from feed lots but it is believed by commission men that the end of that supply is close at hand. That it has lasted so long is doubtless due to the fact that so many farmers purchased feeders in order to get the most of their grain crops so that the present supply, coming largely from unusual sources, has been outside of the consideration of many who make estimates. That the market has held up is encouraging.

There may be some changes in the market for feeders during the coming season resulting from the experiences of the last season. Last year many who engaged in the business of feeding cattle were amateurs, most of them farmers who resorted to it as a method of getting better prices for their grain. It was the inexperienced men who fed at a loss and who have for some weeks supplied the market with cattle which they had not been able to bring to a finished condition. Probably many of this class will not again enter the market as buyers. Another change will be the marked discrimination buyers will make in favor of well bred cattle. The best informed men were those who bought the best cattle last season, and as the men of this class will form a larger proportion of the buyers this year than last the sale of scrub stock will be more difficult than it was then.

It will be but a short time before United States troops will have secured such a foothold in Cuba that live cattle will have to be transported to that island for the subsistence of the army. It has been stated that the Washington estimate of the number of men to be supplied is 60,000. It is probable that a very great addition will be made to this number by the increase in the insurgent forces and by the number of "reconcentrados" that this government is pledged to supply with food. It would be difficult to collect data for an approximately accurate estimate of the number to whom rations will soon have to be issued, but the Journal believes that it will be very much larger than the estimate given above. The only practicable method of providing the interior of Cuba with fresh beef is to take live animals to the island and slaughter them when they have recovered the meat is required for consumption. As said before by the Journal, this supply must come almost entirely from Texas, as only Southern cattle would be immune to that climate, and Mexico, without a violation of neutrality, could not engage any of her cattle.

IMPROVING NATIVE GRASSES.

In one of its recent bulletins the department of agriculture improves the more desirable native grasses has been demonstrated by nearly every experiment station in the West and by a great many private parties as well.

An instance is given of this in Kansas. A piece of land which had become barren of grass from drought and overstocking, and which was producing only a scanty crop of weeds, was loosened up by driving a weighted disc harrow over it in several directions and sown with a mixture of the seed of certain grasses, none of which were indigenous. The seed germinated quickly and made an excellent start, but by September the native grasses, which seemed to have been exterminated, choked out all the others and made a fine pasture. A season's rest and stirring the soil had restored them to their primitive vigor.

Continual grazing packs the surface and causes much of the rainfall to run off without penetrating to the grass roots and in the compact soil the roots lose their vigor. The disturbance of the surface in the case given opened the soil both to air and moisture and vitalized the grass roots that were torn up and separated in the slight cultivation, so that with a rest of a single season all the injury from drought and too heavy pasturage was repaired.

A similar result is known in Crosby county, Texas. During an unusually rainy season a cattle company owning a pasture in that county very naturally felt hopeful, as did many others, of the agricultural possibilities of that section, and fencing in 640 acres on the plains, planted 200 acres in feed crops, but after continuing cultivation several years abandoned the effort and converted the farm into a horse pasture. The enclosed 140 acres that had never been reduced to cultivation had no better grass than the land surrounding the pasture, while the land that had been in cultivation was soon again occupied by the native grasses, and for several years after, and, perhaps, even yet, was covered with a dense turf of grass so much ranker and more vigorous in growth than the other grasses of the pasture as to indicate a grazing capacity more than double that of the land never cultivated.

Stock farmers whose area of pasturage is limited, by a subdivision of their pasture land and occasionally tearing it up, a subdivision at a time, and giving it a period of rest after such cultivation, would certainly very greatly increase the grazing capacity of their land.

HORSES.

Have the harness properly fitted before working your horse in it. Have the trace chains of equal length, and in making turns in the field handle the team so that the pull will come evenly and not on one horse, and do not permit either horse to pull with his body bent so that he throws the weight of the pull on one shoulder. Keep the collar clean and smooth. If the skin of the horse becomes sore and broken after cleansing and cooling the part with water rub it with carbolated vaseline. Too much care cannot be exercised in such a season as the present in protecting the work horse from harness galls, and with all possible care they may sometimes be caused. In such a case, if possible, relieve the horse of work until the hurt is cured.

While no one disputes that the light harness horse of this country is, for his purpose, without his equal in any part of the world it seems difficult to many to accept the fact that our heavy harness horse is decidedly superior to any of his class produced either in England or on the continent. The standard bred horse of the United States, in spite of the harsh criticism of those interested in the foreign breeds, is generally known to be something more than a mere speed animal. The trotting bred horse Governor Brown, after winning blue ribbons two successive years at Madison Square Garden, twice at Philadelphia, and at various other places in this country, making in all eighteen winnings, has recently won the championship in England at the Crystal Palace horse show. Geo. Watson of Glasgow, Scotland, recently sold him for about \$2000, (410 guineas). Mr. Watson soon after bought two other trotting bred American horses, Von Harbinger for \$4600 and Silver Leaf for \$2500. These horses were mates and the former was a winner at the last National Horse show in New York and a competitor at the Crystal Palace show. There have been so many instances of the distinct superiority of the American trotting

SHEEP.

Sheep will not improve on feed that is given to them on sloppy ground or that is in filthy condition.

Both salt and water should be with in easy reach of weaning lambs at all times, nor should old sheep be deprived of them.

A straw or plank shed is an excellent shelter for sheep and costs so little that one ought always to be within the reach of farm sheep.

Texas farmers can keep millions of the needed sheep without displacing a single head of other stock and without crowding "The Beef Steer and His Sister."

In opening up a new farm sheep will aid materially in beginning to make an income and will sustain themselves at small expense, consuming much both in the pastures and the stables that would, without them, go to waste.

The discrimination in favor of lambs in the mutton market is taking a larger proportion of them from the sheep farms as well as from the range and must tend to keep down the ordinary increase of the flocks. This should have the effect of advancing the prices of the meat as well as the wool.

The improvement in the quality of mutton is certain to result in the increase of its consumption, not only causing a larger demand at home, but in Europe as well. The American mutton is found by English buyers to be better than that from Australia and New Zealand, being heavier, and probably better flavored, as there is a smaller proportion of the mutton breeds in those countries than here.

Those who have bearing apple orchards can well utilize them for the pasturage of sheep. They are of value to the orchard in eating the fallen fruit. Hogs will not eat the small,

SWINE.

Suckling pigs that have scours should be treated through the sow. A remedy recommended is a solution of a teaspoonful of copperas dissolved in a little warm water and fed to the sow in her swill. The remedy should be administered as soon as any of the pigs commence scouring.

Don't try to wean the pigs too young. It is better for them that it be done after than before they are two months old. They should have a separate feeding place and learn to eat before being weaned. In this way they will wean themselves. Arrange their feed trough so that the sow cannot get to it and see that it does not get sour and filthy.

In parts of the South oats are sown solely to furnish pasturage for growing hogs and for young pigs. It is claimed that sows pastured on green oats give more milk and milk more nutritious to their pigs than on any other Southern grasses. The turf oats are considered the best. One of the most successful farmers in Dallas county has been pasturing Turf oats for six years from one sowing. He probably considers it one of his most valuable crops.

Pigs are inclined to sleep in old sheds or under old buildings, where they inhale while sleeping a great deal of dust, soon beginning to come out in the morning with a wheezing, hacking cough, accompanied by an arching of the back and a heaving at the sides; an effort to throw off from the lungs and bronchial tubes small worms. This evil can be prevented by seeing that the sleeping places of the pigs are not dusty.

D. W. Thomas in Farm, Field and Fireside, says: "The effects of corn and raw corn meal on young pigs are these: The pigs will first be constipated, then they will scour. They will begin to rub against anything they can get against, and will rub their hair off. Their skin will have a red and dry



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bred horse for nearly every purpose except such as requires the weight of the unwieldy draft animal that were it not for the great amount of advertising the French coach horse is receiving he would receive no consideration as a competitor. In the show and sales rings the standard bred wins the recognition that has value.

THE TEXAS RANGE HORSE FOR CAVALRY.

The operations of our army in the West Indies, not only during the continuance of war but as long as it may be necessary to maintain a military force in that country, will require the active employment of a great many cavalry horses as well as of many for the use of the mounted infantry which must form a considerable part of the forces left upon the islands occupied.

For this employment the Journal believes that such Northern raised horses as the government now has in its military service will be found entirely unfit because of their inability to resist the effects of the Southern summer sun. And the finest animals in the cavalry taken to Cuba and to Porto Rico will be the first to succumb to the severe climatic conditions to which they will be exposed.

The smaller, wiry horses of the South are much better able to endure the trying service to which our cavalry horses will be subjected, and probably the range horses of Texas will be found to have more endurance than the horses of any other Southern State. Along the Gulf coast line from Florida to Texas are the "wire grass plains" which would stand the Cuban climate as well as the Texas animals, but no better, and the horses of the Texas ranges are superior to them in size and as weight carriers, and in action. And no horse has better feet and legs than the Texas horse. They are the mounts of most of the Roosevelt regiment as well as of the cavalry regiment of this state which will doubtless soon take an active part with the army of invasion. Their superior value for Cuban service must soon be recognized.

But to any horses the Cuban service must be exhausting and the demand for re-mounts must often be made. Those that are bought unbroken must go through a process of handling that will reduce them in flesh and vigor and for that reason will be worth less to the buyer. It is always well for owners of horses to have all their salable animals in every way fit and ready for use at the time of sale, and this applies just now to range horses that can be received for the cavalry quite as much as to horses of any other class.

green apples that fall from the trees, but sheep seem to relish their bitter taste and will run to eat them greedily. Most of these fallen apples contain coding moths that would escape into the ground and come forth to multiply in the fruit were the apples not destroyed soon after falling to the ground.

The unusually good condition of the Western ranges and high prices are given as reasons why Western mutton sheep are expected on the market earlier than usual this year. Some have already come from Oregon to Chicago. In order that profitable prices may be obtained it is to be hoped that the sheepmen may not be induced by the recent advance to forward their stock before it has reached a good condition for selling.

RAPE FOR SHEEP.

In a recent number of the Denver Field and Farm, Robert Knight, discussing the qualities of rape as a feed for sheep, says:

"Why do not more of the rangeland of the West who run sheep provide a stand of rape for forage in August and September, when the grass peters out and grazing becomes scarce? We have been growing rape for over thirty years and consider it one of the best forage crops that the stockmaster can grow. We never had anything that would equal rape to prepare sheep and lambs for market or get them in good healthy condition for winter quarters. We also find it an excellent food for all kinds of young stock. In Canada where we came from feeders always aimed to have a field of rape to get their cattle in good condition for stall feeding."

"I might say that those who have not had any experience in growing rape will need to be very careful in first turning it on, as there is danger of both cattle and sheep bloating. Turn in when there is no dew on it, or when it is not wet, and do not let stock on it when there is a strong wind blowing. Keep plenty of salt in the field, so they can get it whenever they want it. It would also be advisable to turn off and let them run on the outside range and they will do better. Our way of sowing it in former years was to raise it in drills sowed with the turnip drill, but after some experience we find that it does better sowed upon the flat put in with a large grain drill twenty-eight to thirty-two inches apart. In order to get the right proportion to the acre we mix with land plaster and bran. We found the plaster too heavy and that the bran added makes it feed better."

appearance. A dry, black scurf will begin to form on them, and the more of the corn and meal that they eat the poorer they will get. The best thing that can be done for a pig in this condition is to give him a thorough washing in warm rain water or sour milk. Sour milk is best."

Hogs that run in pastures and have clean water to drink are seldom troubled with any disease not resulting from contagion and it is not improbable that if cleanliness in food, drink and quarters were given more consideration the dread disease of hog cholera would be shorn of much of its power for evil even if it were not effectually stamped out. Too often their only drink is filthy, stagnant water in which they wallow and which must soon become full of disease germs. When one considers the noxious surroundings in which the hogs are kept on many farms and the filth that mingles with their food the wonder is that any of them at all survive the unhealthful influences to which they are subjected.

Hogs that have plenty of grass through the summer have their digestive organs in good condition and will for that reason fatten much more rapidly when put up to feed. Some claim that a hog prepared for the fattening process by good pasturage will take on three pounds of flesh from the same quantity of feed necessary to add one pound in cold weather to a hog that has been kept up in a pen. The grass is cooling and laxative and counteracts the heating qualities of the grain. Dairy slops, fruits and vegetables have the same beneficial effects as grass. They, with grass, should form the principal summer diet of hogs, and in pasturing will sustain a healthy growth until the fattening process begins. Of course the summer pasture of the hog should have plenty of pure water and shaded, damp ground to which the hogs can go to escape the heat at times when not feeding.

The directors of the Omaha exposition are offering premiums for bacon hogs, \$75, \$50 and \$25, the animals to be judged from a packer's standpoint by buyers from the local yards. According to the schedule the "bacon" hog is a long, slim-bodied animal weighing 200 to 250 pounds. Upon this the Prairie Farmer says: "There will be a number of exhibits along this line and a gentleman of experience in charge to answer questions and give the stockmen what information they require. These exhibits will be indicative of what is necessary to produce

a bacon hog in the shortest possible time and with the least expense. Some handsome photographs of various sections of bacon cut from hogs of prescribed weight and age will be shown, with minute details. These views have already been prepared. Some of these views will show sections of bacon from hogs fed with a mixture of corn, beans and peas and marketed at the 200 mark. This is a finishing food and is said to give excellent results. This feature of the live stock exhibit is expected to attract much attention. A number of talks will be given by men of experience in the interest of the new idea and the stockmen will be given some practical ideas in the production of bacon hogs. Views of the various big packers of Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha will be secured and printed in the shape of a pamphlet to be distributed among stockmen who visit the exposition. In fact, a full bureau of information will be conducted for the edification of the craft on this theme alone. Stockmen of note have declared this a most interesting thing and a subject sure to interest careful stock raisers in the near future in a pecuniary sense."

FALL PIGS.

Many swine breeders prefer to breed their sows only once in the year and have no fall litters on account of the cost of carrying the stock through the winter. There are many sows, however, that, if not bred in the summer after weaning their spring litter, will accumulate too much fat to be valuable as brood sows, and this is especially true of the sows highly graded with the Poland China or Berkshire blood. In such cases it is best to breed the sow a second time for a fall litter.

Upon this A. B. Shaner, an experienced breeder, says in the American Swineherd:

"Breed your aged sows during June, have them farrow in October or last of September, and by the middle of December your sows are in excellent breeding condition. And the pigs if you give them dry quarters, change bedding at least once a week, feed them as you do your spring pigs lots of corn and oats, and when spring comes I think you will agree with the writer that fall pigs pay. Should you doubt this be sure and make a note of the number of pigs raised from those overfed sows this spring that could not be kept down to breeding condition and compare said number with the number of pigs from these same sows next spring and you will see the point. Before we got it in our head to raise or breed for fall litters our pig crop would average from three to three and one-half. Our crop this spring has an average of six and a fraction, and this includes two sows that we bought and lost the entire litters."

SUNNY SIDE STOCK FARM.

More than twenty years ago this great breeding farm of Herefords was established in Clay county a few miles out from Henrietta by W. S. Ikard by the purchase of ten bulls in Illinois. Fifteen years ago he purchased heifers and other bulls, and since that time under his management purchases have been regularly made from the finest Hereford herds of the country until Sunny Side ranks well with any as a breeding farm.

The herd is headed by Sanhedrim 3d, 67034, who took first premium at the State Fair, 1896, and at the Fat Stock Show, 1898. Among the other bulls are Sanhedrim 6th, 72071, winner of first premium in his class and sweepstakes as best bull of any age at State Fair, 1897; Ikard 6th of Sunny Side, 67019, of whose get a yearling bull took seven first prizes and a heifer calf took five first prizes at State Fair in 1898. In 1891 at Texas State Fair, this herd took first and two second prizes; in 1892, fourteen first and one second; in 1894, eighteen firsts and five seconds; in 1895, eighteen firsts and seven seconds; in 1896, twenty-five firsts and nine seconds; in 1897, twenty-three firsts and twenty-two seconds, so that it stands to-day the premium herd in all classes.

At the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show in 1898 it took every premium for which it entered into competition, including first and second on bull and four females; best bull one year old and under two; best bull under one year old; best cow two years old and under; best cow one year old and under; two best Texas raised beef animals of any breed, any age, bull, cow or steer, registered or unregistered. Such a record of winnings speaks eloquently of the high standing of the herd.

The Sunny Side Stock Farm has now for sale a fine lot of registered bulls and heifers of the high ancestry given above, as well as about 150 high grade bulls which can be delivered F. O. B. on cars at Henrietta in October or November. The bulls offered for sale are out of registered cows of the best Hereford families in America. No better opportunity for buying animals of the best strains of Hereford blood, free from all climatic dangers, could be offered to Texans who wish to improve the grade of their herds.

Mr. Ikard, wishing to abandon swine breeding, offers for sale at reasonable price his fine Berkshire boar Elma and his boar, Lord Windsor 30461 took thirty-seven first and champion prizes in England and America, including first at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893; his dam, Majestic 30459, was champion at three best shows in England and was winner at the World's Fair in 1893 and at other great shows in all parts of this country. It would be difficult to find better Berkshire blood.

An important and highly valuable addition to the Hereford herd of Sunny Side was made by the recent purchase from the Weavergrace Herd of Herefords of Princess Pure, calved March 31, 1897; sire by Cedric 8932 and out of Princess Louise, 8521. The pedigree of sire and dam are long and illustrious, and nothing in the herd book has a more distinguished ancestry than Princess Pure. She may be depended upon to add other victories to the fine record of Sunny Side.

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THE FARM.

Your farm will be made much more valuable by having plenty of pasturage and force plants for live stock feeding, and keeping all the live stock the farm can be made to subsist.

Texas farmers who have been unable to work their cotton because of continued rains and whose fields have so grown up in weeds that they cannot hope to make a fair cotton crop might possibly do well to plow their fields again and plant them in sorghum or kafir corn and raise feed for cattle and hogs.

Large as has been the importance of our agricultural exports they have never before reached such a value as has been shown in the preliminary report of May exportations which has reached the bureau of statistics. It is likely that the total for the year will reach a value of \$836,000,000.

One of the most encouraging facts for American farmers is the wonderful growth of our corn trade. Ten years ago our corn exports amounted to 25,800,709 bushels. This year they will exceed 200,000,000 bushels.

The United States has this year produced an enormous crop of wheat, one so large that were it not for the fact that Europe possesses an exceedingly small supply and that this country has a much smaller remainder from former crops than usual there would be a disastrous depression in price.

There is no avocation that does not require business ability in the man who follows it as a necessary element of success. It is as much required of the farmer as of other men.

Do not lose sight of the cow's feed, even if it is summer. It sometimes happens that a cow is well fed all through the winter, but when summer comes she is allowed to take care of herself.

It is better to have two or three pastures for the milk cows than to have a single pasture equal in area to the two or three, or even somewhat larger.

What the farmer wants is the cow that is capable of yielding him some profit out of her milk yield. Even the dairymen in most localities do not find the best dairy cow most profitable.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Tobacco smoke will kill plant lice.

Sulphur, lime and carbolic acid, applied to trees, will keep them from being injured by mice or rabbits.

It is said that moles can be killed by putting a few grains of corn that have been soaked in castor oil in the places where they burrow.

If you have a peach tree that is full of fruit you will have far more seeds if you neglect to thin the fruit. If you want fruit you can get along with fewer seeds.

Frequent and thorough cultivation is the necessary condition of successful gardening. The weeds must be kept down and the soil kept loose if the vegetables are to grow.

If no effort is made to destroy the weeds along the roadside, or about the edges of the fields, the work necessary to keep them out of the garden and growing crops is greatly increased.

It is gratifying to note how cordially the fruit and truck farmers and the railroad companies whose lines reach such industries are co-operating.

Hens manure is a good fertilizer for cucumbers, but any manure that is used should be thoroughly rotted and fine enough to mix well with the soil.

A very essential point in shipping fruit to distant markets is that it shall be dry when shipped, and if picked in the heat of the day or during warm evenings that the fruit be cooled before shipping by placing it in the coolest storage available.

That the calves should be well kept from the start in order to develop a dairy value is quite as necessary as if they are to be reared for the beef market.

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POULTRY.

Shade in summer is just as essential as warmth in winter.

There are yet some people who contend that thoroughbred fowls lack utility and vitality, but each year the number becomes less.

Some people are "dead set" against late hatched chicks because they cannot be pushed to sufficient size for the fall and winter shows.

The Texas state fair will, this year, have the largest exhibit of thoroughbred poultry ever seen in the South.

Select carefully the breeder from whom you wish to purchase, inquire into his reputation and standing, and when you decide to send him your money do not expect too much.

RESULTS OF EXPERIENCE.

The following excerpts from an editorial in Reliable Poultry Journal is very appropriate and timely and will show what a great goal the American poultryman must strive to reach.

When the reader of a poultry paper finds in it statements to the effect that Mr. Blank refused \$100 for a prize-winning cockerel it is not to be wondered at if he expects to meet something to him.

Why attend the congress at the A. and M. college. In looking over the programme as announced for the coming Agricultural Congress at College Station, July 13, 14 and 15, one is favorably impressed with its scope and magnitude.

When the fancy gets as old in this country as it is in England men will pay even a thousand dollars for the bird they want.



Walking the Floor.

When a business man gets to the point where he cannot sleep at night, where he is so shattered of nerve that it is torture to even remain in his bed, and he has to get up and pace the floor—it is time for that to drive himself up with a round turn. If he does not, it means nervous prostration and mental, if not physical, death.

For a man who gets into this condition there is a remedy that will brace him up. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It goes to the bottom of things.

It has suffered about eleven years with a pain in the back of my head and back, writes Mr. C. C. Moore, of North Carolina, has been experimenting with this clover and has made quite a success growing it, and I give below the following methods of sowing Crimson clover as followed by him:

As plenty of good hay, winter and spring pasture what our thrifty farmers are after, I would recommend them to try planting Crimson clover now.

This clover is being grown very extensively all over the United States, and has been grown some in Texas, but not as much as it ought, considering its great qualities.

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Advertisement for San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railway Company, promoting the Great Live Stock Express Route.

Advertisement for Estey Pianos, showcasing their quality and variety of models.

Advertisement for Hat and Dye Works, located in Dallas, Texas, specializing in hat cleaning and dyeing.

Advertisement for Ripans Tablets, featuring a testimonial from a journeyman barber and a portrait of the man.

Advertisement for New War Bonds, encouraging citizens to support the war effort through government bonds.

Advertisement for X-Ray's Sulky Plow, a high-lift plow with various features and a testimonial.

HOUSEHOLD. Address all letters for this department to Mrs. E. S. Buchanan, 514 Mason street, Fort Worth, Tex.

A NEW MEMBER. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Will you admit one more stranger into your merry band? I have been thinking of writing for quite a while, but fear of the waste basket kept me from writing.

GATHERED COURAGE. Mrs. Buchanan and Household: For several years I have been an ardent admirer of your very charming circle, and have often thought of writing, but being fully aware of the fact that I have no talent for writing, I have postponed it from week to week.

A SEA NYMPH. Dear Household: I am wondering what all of you are doing this evening as I come strolling up. Ah, there is a bright little firefly. I will see, or rather, hear what she has to say.

ANOTHER COW GIRL. Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Here is another cow girl who would like to join your happy circle. I have been a reader of the Texas Stock and Farm Journal for a long time and was afraid to attempt to write on account of that terrible waste basket.

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TWELVE YEARS. A Victim of Female Complaint—Is Cured by Pe-ru-na. Mrs. Mary F. Bartholomew, St. Francisville, Ill., writes: "About twelve years ago I was afflicted with female trouble."



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Christian Endeavor National Convention, Nashville, Tenn., July 6th to 11th. The Cotton Belt has been selected as the official route. Special train service and equipment has been arranged.

Summer Rates Bassetts, Tex., Account Dalby Springs. Daily until September 30th, account the Dalby Springs health resort, the Cotton Belt route will sell round trip tickets limited 30 days from date of sale.

What the County Physician of Bexar County Has to Say Regarding Doctor Buehl's Rupture Treatment. (Original Letters on File.) San Antonio, Feb. 28, 1898.

Texas Health Resort. As a health resort, Ft. Davis (Marfa) on the line of the Southern Pacific—Sunset Route, is rapidly coming into prominence.

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DALLAS.

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DALLAS MARKET.

The Armstrong Packing company reports light receipts of hogs during the past week, due, probably, to the fact that the country people are busy with their crops...

At Thomas & Searcy's stock yards the demand for cattle and sheep has been good but light receipts have been a small week's business. Among the sales the following were given: W. F. Elliott sold 10 steers at \$3.25; Elijah Runnels, 21 cows at \$2.90; G. W. Peavy, 27 head of cattle at \$2.45 to \$2.75; S. E. Alexander, 3 cows at \$3.10. W. F. Shaw had a carload of sheep in the yard Saturday, to be sold as feeders.

L. J. Polk, general manager of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, came up to Dallas Thursday.

A Silverstein & Co. of Dallas, had steers on the Chicago market Wednesday weighing 1043 to 1135 pounds that sold at \$4.55 to \$4.85. On Thursday they had 120 head, 1170 to 1185 pounds, that brought \$4.55.

Vice President and General Manager S. R. Hovey of the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas, returned last week from an inspection trip along the Jacksboro extension, which is rapidly nearing completion.

Patrons of the Journal are requested to read the advertisement of Saint Mary's Academy, Austin, an institution whose worth and excellence are recognized throughout the state.

The Armstrong Packing company has already received some orders for leather, and it is probable that the entire product of their tannery will be consumed in Dallas.

Elsewhere in the Journal is a notice of the organization of the New Orleans Live Stock Exchange which was effected last week. The officers selected are experienced and progressive dealers in live stock and the exchange under their direction will be a benefit to the city of New Orleans as a live stock market as well as to shippers.

The Journal acknowledges receipt of the annual catalogue of the University of Texas which has just been issued. It contains 287 pages.

The catalogue of Patton Seminary and Conservatory of Music of Oak Cliff (Dallas), Tex., is in every way superb. But the catalogue of such an institution ought to be superb.

The location of the school is as healthy as can be found in Texas. No other point of the state is more accessible. It is within a few minutes ride of the largest city in Texas, but yet as quiet and secluded as if in a country village.

of teachers than that which has been secured for the conservatory of music. It is composed of teachers who have studied for years under the greatest musicians of Europe and who have themselves acquired individual distinction.

With such a school in Texas there is no reason why any parent in the state should send his daughter beyond its bounds.

THE FOURTH IN DALLAS. Dallas celebrated the Fourth of July in grand style. The Dallas Commercial club organized the celebration that attracted the most attention, a street parade, accompanied by an excellent band and a splendid entertainment at the fair grounds.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY. Among the prominent educational institutions of Texas none are better known than Baylor University at Waco.

In 1842 the Union Association, at its session on Cedar creek, in Fayette county, resolved to found a great Baptist university. Rev. Wm. R. Tryon, Rev. Jas. Hucks and Hon. R. B. Taylor were among the leaders in this movement.

On the 13th of February, 1845, the society obtained from the republic of Texas the charter of Baylor university. The school was first located at Independence, in Washington county.

During the last thirty-seven years this institution has graduated more young women than any other school west of the Mississippi river and challenges any institution in America to show higher models of scholars in piety, neatness, modesty, and all qualifications which adorn the pure woman.

Many of Texas' great men received their education at Baylor and her graduates are found in high positions all over the land.

THE COW BOYS REUNION. The general manager of the Cowboys' reunion is Major Smith and Will Hills is the secretary. The committee on roping and tying is composed of J. C. Kaller of Haskell, chairman; E. M. Mayfield of Stonewall county, Jno. Power of Baylor county, and Louis Hill of Shackelford county.

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SICK HEADACHE

Is the Bane of Many a Woman's Life—How the Disease May be Cured. A Case Cited.

From the Republican, Bethany, Mo. "A few years ago, I took treatment of a specialist in Kansas City, but it only relieved me for a while. When I came here two years ago my health was miserable. My husband who had great faith in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, insisted that I commence using them. I finally consented to try them. After taking a few bottles I noticed an improvement and my headache spells were not so severe. I kept taking the pills until I had used four boxes, and since that time I have not had any of those attacks and I never felt so well in my life."

It is a fact that the first experiments in the use of X rays made in the South were carried on in its laboratory. Patients from all over the state have there been successfully examined by this new agent.

MARY NASH COLLEGE. CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND ART. This college was originally founded as "St. Ann's Institute" in 1877, by Jesse Ghent Nash, A. M., LL. D., and Mary Louise Nash, A. M.

THE LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE. The New Orleans Live Stock Exchange is now a reality. It was organized by one of the progressive cattle dealers at its helm, Colonel John Munford, who all along manifested uncommon interest in forming the exchange and pointing the beneficial results which would flow from it.

WAR MUST SOON END. In scientific research is the fact that by means of a "radiator" the so-called X rays can be made to penetrate the armored magazines of war vessels and to ignite their contents.

DOUBLE DAILY TRAIN SERVICE. NEW ORLEANS AND GALVESTON. SAN ANTONIO AND GALVESTON. ONLY STANDARD GAUGE LINE RUNNING THROUGH SLEEPERS TO CITY OF MEXICO.

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attention will transact business in the dining hall of Tourte's hostelry.

ATTENTION COTTON PLANTERS. To the Cotton Growers of Texas: On July 18th, 14th and 16th there will be held at the A. and M. College, College Station, on the Houston and Texas Central railroad, an Agricultural Congress, which all who are interested in the various branches of farming are invited to attend.

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ANOTHER ONE FROM THE ALAMO CITY. (Original Letters on File.) San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 26, 1898. J. H. Sims, M.D., Dallas, Texas: Dear Sir—Yours of the 25th in hand asking for information in regard to Dr. Bull's treatment for hernia. Used his treatment for several months. I feel myself entirely well; cannot endorse him or his treatment enough, as my family physician pronounced me cured. Of course, naturally, I could not say enough for Dr. Bull's method. Would gladly advise any one troubled as I was to go under his treatment and follow his advice; will surely be a new man.

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FORT WORTH.

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M. C. Hancock, a Seymour cattle-man, was here Thursday.

Wm. Childress, a prominent cattle-man of San Angelo, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

Dr. W. L. Simmons of Weatherford, was among the visiting stockmen Thursday.

S. B. Burnett left Saturday morning for one of his periodical visits to his 6500 ranch in Wichita county and the Comanche.

Sam Lazarus, the well known cattle-man of Sherman, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Thursday.

L. M. Barkley, the live stock broker of Fort Worth, left Thursday for Chickasha and other points in the Indian Territory.

P. S. Witherspoon of Gainesville, who is holding a large herd of cattle in the Territory this year, was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Major J. B. Dale, a prominent ranchman and cattle dealer of Bonham, was in Fort Worth Wednesday en route to his ranch near San Angelo.

D. B. Gardner, manager of the Pitchfork ranch in King county, is spending a few days in this city, which, by the way, is his home and headquarters.

Sid Webb, the Bellevue cattleman, was here Thursday. Says everything is in good shape on the several ranches owned by him and that he has no cause for complaint.

J. M. Shelton, who owns a cattle ranch in Wheeler county, is spending a few days at his home in this city. He says his range is in splendid condition and cattle are doing as well as could be asked.

Thos. J. Martin, the popular ranchman of Midland, was here Wednesday. Mr. Martin says that his ranch and in fact, all the country round about Midland has been favored recently with an exceptionally good rain.

J. T. Pemberton, cashier First National bank of Midland, and largely interested in cattle, was in Fort Worth Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Pemberton en route home from a visit to Galveston.

T. P. Stephens, one of Fort Worth's live stock brokers, returned Wednesday night from a week's visit to Mineral Wells. Judging from Uncle Tom's appearance, Mineral Wells must be a very desirable health resort.

Chas. McFarland of Aledo, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. McFarland is shipping a considerable quantity of beef cattle to market and was here arranging for the shipment of a train-load which went to Chicago Saturday.

Col. J. N. Simpson of Dallas spent Friday and Saturday of last week in this city. Col. Simpson has visited neither his Territory nor Texas ranch lately, but reports received by him from his managers say that the cattle are getting along as well on the fine ranges as could be desired.

L. W. Krake of the National Stock yards, St. Louis, returned the latter part of last week from a trip through the Territory. Mr. Krake does not anticipate that many grass cattle will go from the Territory to market before the month of August, but says that there are going this month are selling well in the markets.

R. R. Coggin, banker and cattleman of Brownwood, was here Wednesday en route home from a visit to his ranch in King county. Mr. Coggin says he never saw the country so good as cattle in finer condition at this season of the year than they are on his King county ranch now. Says he recently declined an offer of \$22 per head for his yearling steers.

Jno. H. Belcher of Henrietta, passed through Fort Worth Thursday en route home from his ranch in La Salle county. Says they have had fine rains all over that section of country, that his cattle are fattening rapidly and that the majority of his aged steers, in good health about 1000, will be in which shipping condition in a few weeks time.

M. Z. Smissen of Sterling City, was in Fort Worth last Friday en route to his ranch at Ponca, O. T., where he is holding this season 5000 or 6000 head of cattle. Mr. Smissen was accompanied here by his son Harry, who recently joined the 23rd regiment of the United States regulars and is now awaiting orders to go to the Philippines.

M. B. Hulmg, the well known cattleman formerly of Toyah, but now of Cochran county, was in Fort Worth Thursday. Mr. Hulmg seems to be very favorably impressed with Fort Worth, hence his frequent visits to this city. It is to be hoped that he will follow the example of various other wealthy cattlemen and make this city his future home.

J. S. Todd came in last week from a trip of some days to his ranch near Checotah, I. T. Mr. Todd reports that since the grass has become nutritious and the flies have let up to a great extent, the cattle are fattening remarkably well, but on account of the delay occasioned earlier by different causes, he does not think there will be much movement of grass cattle to market before the 1st of August; there will, however, be more or less shipping after July 15th.

E. T. Comer of Iron county, accompanied by Mrs. Comer, spent a few days last week in this city. Mr. Comer said that outside the fact that the rains and the range in his country had never been surpassed, there was nothing of especial interest to report. Mr. Comer has just purchased a very handsome \$500 breech-loader, and "broke it in" Saturday by shooting with the Gun club at their grounds in this city.

W. N. Waddell, the well known cattleman of Colorado City, spent Thursday in the live stock center. Mr. Waddell says that he is on the market for 2500 good steer yearlings, provided he can find anyone wanting to sell this number and class of cattle at reasonable figures. He is of the opinion that if those who think cattle are "off" would go out to hunt up a few bargains, they would conclude that there had been no decline in values but that early spring prices were being stiffly maintained.

A. B. Robertson of Colorado City, spent the last three days of last week in Fort Worth. Of course "Sugg" would not admit that he was thinking of coming to Fort Worth to live, yet from the way the real estate agents watched his manouvers and cultivated his acquaintance, it is evident that he had had some intimation that Mr. Robertson was a possible buyer for a Fort Worth residence. The live stock center, while already the home of more wealthy cattlemen than any other city in the state, needs a few more just such men as "Sugg" Robertson and the Journal hopes to number him among the wealthy ranchmen living in the live stock center in the near future.

W. C. Smith, a well to do cattle dealer of Malakoff, Eastern Texas, was here Tuesday. Mr. Smith says there is an unusual scarcity of cattle in his section of the state and that the cattle trade is for this reason very quiet. He also states that the southwestern part of the state of Louisiana is developing into quite a sheep country and that the stocks are now very numerous in that locality, some of them ranging as high as several thousand head. Mr. Smith is something of a sheepman himself, having in his possession quite a curiosity in the sheep line in the way of a ram with four well developed horns.

E. C. Sugg, the well known cattleman of the Indian Territory, passed through Fort Worth Wednesday en route to San Angelo. Mr. Sugg thinks the herd recently purchased by him from E. T. Comer in the San Angelo country will probably count 20,000 head. The steers are being delivered now and the stock cattle will be gathered and counted out in the fall. This is an exceptionally well bred herd of cattle and in evidence of this fact it may be mentioned that the three-year-old steers had been contracted before Mr. Sugg bought the herd, at something over \$34 per head. Mr. Sugg, however, gets the benefit of these steers, he simply carrying out the contract previously made by Mr. Comer.

Jno. W. Gibson, cattleman of Waggoner, I. T., spent Thursday in Fort Worth on route to Houston, Victoria and other points in Southern Texas. Mr. Gibson says the rains have been very heavy and almost continuous about Waggoner during the early spring months and in consequence the grass has grown very rapidly and the crop of flies is unusually large. The rains, however, ceased a few weeks ago and the cattle are now beginning to take on flesh very rapidly. Mr. Gibson is of the opinion that the cattle will, as usual in that locality, get very fat but that they will be later than heretofore. Thinks it will probably be the 10th or 15th of August before but few if any shipments of fat cattle will be made to market from Indian Territory pastures.

COLLINS AT ENGLEWOOD, KAN. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: Englewood is a quiet little village with about 200 souls, located at the terminus of the Mulvane and Englewood branch of the great Santa Fe railroad. The country about it is very much like that of Abilene, San Angelo, Ballinger, Quanah and Vernon, Tex. The fact is, were it possible to hoodwink a person and transport them instantly from most any point in Western Kansas to, say, Seymour, Hissell, or any of the sections already named, they could not discover from the appearance of the country that any change of their position in this great belt of country had occurred. The country is very much alike in kind from here to the mouth of the Rio Grande, the difference occurring sometimes in the height to which the mountains are piled up and the width and depth of the valleys scooped out, and the growth of cactus and cottonwoods. But scattering around on glittering generalities in this manner, I opine, is not what the readers of the Journal want; but a few verses of my song about the country, they read into quarter sections, and in 1885 the farmer, with his striped wagon, big-foot horses, wife and children, and some money and no experience, poured into the country from the North, East and South, and old settlers tell me there was an average of one family to every quarter section. They "dugged" dugouts, built houses and plowed up the rich soil and grass galore, while the cattleman stood around with his hands in his pockets, like a country boy at a town dance, while his cattle grew as thin as those we read in the history of Jacob and his seed while camped in Egypt. Eighteen hundred and eighty-five was a seasonable year, something like 1898 has been, and the farmers made corn that was cheaper to use for fuel than coal. They rejoiced and were exceedingly full of hilarity when they thought they had the world by the tail and a down hill pull, and had the weather clerk kept faith with them they would have been all serene to this good day; for the country is spread out all right, the soil rich as cream, the landscape all heart and wish, but the weather clerk has a habit of going off on vacations, taking his rain-making outfit with him, and staying gone from three to five years. And when the before mentioned farmers discovered that the before mentioned conduct of the weather clerk was a condition and not a theory they commenced "pulling out," and to-day in traveling fifty miles north of this place to Dodge City three farm houses are found on the way. They played their part, disappeared from the stage, leaving no monument to their folly for their Buffalo grass is growing as luxuriant

ly as before on the land they plowed, and the prairie dog sits on his hind legs and bark as though nothing had happened; and while the work it all out of the ground farmer has gone glimmering like a very everything in a tale already said, the old-time "I am monarch of all I survey" cowman went with him, and at these abandoned altars the stock farmer is ministering with his small herd of white faces, Short horns and lazy, negro-looking Ford Angus. In the valleys they grow the beef and honey-making alfalfa, on the plains and table lands sorghum, Kaffir corn, milo maize and Johnson grass, and peace and a reasonable share of prosperity is the cowman's inheritance of all this people. The recitation of one instance clearly indicative of how high the people had their sights raised during the reign of the Western Kansas boom, will suffice in this connection. Dock Littlefield owned the quarter section that butts up against the town site on the west. He was offered \$15,000 for it, spot cash, a school boy's dream, and a fool's meeting on the track. It has changed hands often since that for less money and can be had to-day for \$200; but those that were here during the boom and are here yet, as a rule, in "primin' good fix." They have learned what this country is good for and are humoring its eccentricities to a queen's taste.

Englewood has three general stores and hotel, one livery stable, one church, good schoolhouse, and if sleeping late in the morning counts for anything, this is a very happy people. The merchants and family grocers in stock from a steam engine up to silk stockings, and while they don't have as many customers as merchants do in some towns, yet one of their customers is worth more as a buyer than an hundred such customers as I've seen some merchants have, and so it goes. In company with Col. C. D. Perry, I put in yesterday afternoon looking over the Claremont ranch. The 45,000-acre spread is located on the Cimmaron river; 800 acres in the river valley in a high state of cultivation, provided with a thorough system of irrigation. The ricks, stacks, cocks, and growing in crops of alfalfa, Johnson grass, sorghum, oats, barley, and herd of White-faces and Short horns, elegant home, orchards, garden and hand-made forests, lay anything I saw in the Pecos valley in the shade. F. J. Lee, C. D. Doyle, G. W. Gilliland and County Attorney J. M. Greenham treated the Journal's scribe with marked attention, for all of which he is thankful.

R. M. COLLINS. Englewood, Kan., June 27, 1898. POOLE IN MENARD COUNTY. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: I spent one day and two nights with Sam G. Tayloe and his father-in-law, R. W. Callahan. I enjoyed my visit very much, feasting on many good things for the inner man. On taking my leave Mrs. Tayloe presented me with some elegant homemade cheese of her own make. Sam G. Tayloe is the leading lawyer of this section of the country and has the confidence of all who know him. He also reads the Journal and paid his hard dollar for it. On Monday morning, June 20, I turned my horse's head for Menardville, six or six miles away. The roads were very bad. Part of it rough and rocky and part of it muddy and hard on a team. The grass from Sonora to McKavett is simply immense, the finest I have seen for many moons. It is also good all the way to Menardville. Passing Fort McKavett my route led down the beautiful San Saba river valley, crossing the river several times. I halted at the Poplar Park ranch for the night, seven miles east of Fort McKavett, owned now by W. J. Perry, who recently bought it from John D. Sheen. Mr. Perry is stocking up with cattle. He located his place using the best bulls that can be had. This ranch has about forty acres in cultivation and has a thorough system of irrigation. Two hundred acres more can be used for farming purposes. He intends planting a field of alfalfa. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have my route led to the Perry family farm and took the road for Menardville, arriving there about 10 o'clock. This is a nice, quiet people. Mr. Bevans, R. J. Godfrey, Murchison Bros., J. R. Walker and John Alex. Smith came up with me one dollar each and now read the great Texas Stock and Farm Journal. There were only a few farmers and stockmen in town on Thursday. I retraced my steps toward Fort McKavett to be on hand for the barbecue and picnic on the 24th. I halted four miles east of McKavett, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Eckhardt for the night. Was on hand early next morning at the picnic grounds in a beautiful shady pecan grove on the banks of the sparkling San Saba river one mile north of town. About 9 o'clock the people began to gather and by eleven a large crowd was present from Menardville and a sprinkling from Sonora also. Everybody seemed to be happy. I saw more pretty women there than I ever saw at a gathering of that kind. The barbecue was a grand success. The meats were cooked in such a way never tasted better in any country and it was cooked to perfection. Jim Green did the barbecuing. The bread, pies, cakes and cookies were superb, and there was enough for everybody and plenty to spare. A more orderly, quiet, hospitable people I never met before. I shall never forget that occasion. Twelve gentlemen donated to the Journal. Many thanks, gentlemen. Late in the evening I again returned to Mr. Eckhardt's home for a two or three days' fish and hunt. I succeeded in landing some nice ones. It is no uncommon thing in the river to haul out cats that will weigh fifty to sixty pounds. For two days and nights we feasted on fish and squirrel and my horses fared equally well on the grass. Mr. Eckhardt closed a deal with Dudley Tom of Menardville, Texas, for two hundred and six several yearling and three-year-old steers at a good figure. I am not at liberty to give prices. Mr. Eckhardt has some very nice White-faced cattle, about one hundred and fifty head. His pastures are nicely arranged, the river passing through them. Besides, he raised many hogs, and in this connection will say he is an expert at putting up bacon, for he had on his table some of the nicest bacon I have tasted in all my rounds. After he smokes it he then packs it down in salt in a box which excludes the air, and it never gets rancid in that

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