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## CATTLE.

At the Kansas Experiment station a test was made of the comparative value of soaked and dry corn. Five steers were fed corn soaked until it began to soften and five were fed dry corn. The feeding was from Nov. 7 to April 6. In that time the lot fed soaked corn ate 282 bushels and gained 1632 pounds, while the lot that was fed dry corn ate 290 bushels, making a gain of only 1468 pounds. The steers that were fed soaked corn were so much better fitted for the market that the five head brought \$25.50 more than the others.

Elsewhere in this department the Journal speaks of the diminished production of cattle on the Northwest ranges, a diminution caused partly, perhaps mainly, by the shortage and consequent high prices of young cattle in Texas, the ordinary supply source of those ranges. There is another fact besides the extension of the sheep industry over the Northwest that tends to reduce the production there permanent. That is, the fact that the young cattle of the state are now being directed to the corn states to be developed. The tendency is to make the Texas ranges merely breeding grounds for men who will take the offspring of the herds at an early age and mature them on feed and under better conditions than can be obtained on the ranges of either Texas or the Northwest. It seems that the movement of young stock to the Northwest will steadily become of less and less importance.

According to reports in Western papers a portion, and not an inconsiderable portion of the Northwestern range heretofore occupied by cattlemen is passing under the control of the sheepmen. Some of the cattle companies have gone out of business or are going out because of the cost and difficulty of obtaining young stock to replace the cattle that have gone to market. Speaking of this condition of affairs in Montana the Chicago Drovers' Journal says: "Competition has become so keen that values have risen above the reach of many; at least, they are too high to look profitable for the coming year. The shortage of cattle in Texas has been responsible to a large extent for this state of affairs in Montana." The coming of the sheepmen upon the abandoned ranges must result in diminished cattle production in the Northwest. A Montana paper says: "The changes mean the permanent departure of the era of cheap beef, for whatever may be said of the bonanza range business, this much is certain, that it has always afforded the very best method for the production of cheap beef for all the people."

Recently trading in stock cattle has been somewhat dull, few sales being made, and those at lower prices than owners would have been willing to accept during the summer. Such periods will occur occasionally in the business and the present one is not occasioned by conditions which can be considered discouraging as to the future outlook of the cattle industry. Several causes combine just now to effect a temporary stagnation. In the Territory shipments have been made about a month later than usual and a number of the most active dealers are still getting their Territory cattle to market, and it will take some weeks yet for them to settle up their affairs in that section and be prepared to come on the market again as buyers. The feeder trade in the state is pretty well over and men who have been active buyers are still engaged in arrangements for taking care of their stock in the feed pens. Others are busy on their ranches preparing for winter. The present quiet condition of the market is one that is not likely to last and an improvement may be looked for after January 1.

## CATTLE IN PORTO RICO.

In a recent issue of the National Provisioner there was a sketch of the cattle industry in Porto Rico given by a gentleman who has been engaged in cattle raising on that island. The Journal gives some of the substance of his report that may interest stockmen of this country. The cattle of Porto Rico are marketable when two and three years old, at the former age weighing about 800 pounds, and about 1000 to 1200 pounds as three. There is always a surplus, the annual exports averaging 8000 to 11,000 head. The shipments are to other islands of the West Indies, a few going to Cuba and ports, nearly all the Cuban shipments going to Santiago, though a small proportion sometimes reaches Havana. Other shipments go to British, Dutch and French possessions on the main coast of Africa.

The cattle are grown on the creeping Gama grass which grows on the sides of the mountain and is rich in bone making material. About three acres is generally enough to keep one animal in good growing condition. When old enough, or large enough in frame to be fattened for market, they are taken from the mountain and upland ranges and put on the valley pasturage, which consists of the tall, rich, sweet Para grass, rising higher than the backs of the cattle. On this they fatten rapidly, thin cattle being made very fat in four to six months. Their average weight when put on the Para grass is about 600 pounds and after eighteen to twenty-six weeks of this sweet and rich pasturage they reach a weight of 1000 to 1200 pounds. The Para grass will sustain, on an average, one animal to the acre, the range carrying four times as many cattle per acre as the ranges of South America.

It does not seem that there has been much if any intelligent breeding in Porto Rico for the improvement of the native stock, and the island, under control of the United States, may at some time afford a market for quite a number of registered animals of the best breeds. The limited area, however, will prevent the cattle production of Porto Rico from having a perceptible influence on the market.

## HORSES.

While it is well for the colts to have shelter in winter, they should not be confined to it but ought to be permitted to run in and out at will. Open-air life is best for them except during exceedingly cold or wet weather, and then they will seek shelter if it is open to them and they have learned that they will find feed there. There are few days in the winters of Texas when the young stock need shelter if they have enough feed to keep them vigorous, but when they do need it they need it badly.

J. B. Haggin of California, recently sent a shipment of 42 thoroughbred colts to England which were sold the other day at Newmarket for 7250 guineas, or about \$35,000, averaging about \$835 apiece. The best price, \$10 guineas, or \$3920, was paid for a dilly by Sir Mordred. Other fillies by the same sire brought 600, 550 and 500 guineas. As these are probably better prices than Mr. Haggin could have obtained in this country the shipment may be considered a success.

The extent to which horse raising has been neglected for some years upon Northern farms is evidenced by the large sales of range horses being made at Kansas City. Although unbroken they are bringing prices that compare well with those received for native horses, well broken and in good flesh. The range horses have recently been bringing \$25 to \$36 in carload lots and \$30 to \$40 in small lots. This really, considering the fact that they are unbroken, puts them ahead of the native horses.

The American Stock Farm gives a list of trotters and pacers of the Electioneer blood that have made records in 1893. The trotters are eleven in number, nearly all of them coming in the 2:10 class, the three exceptions being a new performer, a two-year-old and a three-year-old. Among them are Directum Kelly (4), 2:08 3/4; the Abner (4), 2:08 and Nico (4), 2:08. There are ten pacers in the list, the records ranging from 2:05 1/4 to 2:10 1/4, among them are Egozen, 2:06 1/4, and Much Better (4), 2:07 1/4, both by Ecotist, full brother to Electric.

Recently there was a sale in New York of 105 head of trotting bred coach horses and gentlemen's drivers. Fifty-nine were sold on the first day at an average price of \$638 a head. The chestnut mare Mona, by Monogram, brought \$2000. A team composed of Bullard Boy with a record of 2:27 1/4, by Garnet Wilkes, son of Onward, and Wilkes Land, by the same sire, was sold for \$3000. A pair of bays, Rives and Lawrence, by Young Jim, son of George Wilkes, 2:22, sold for \$2000. Adrian by Adrian Wilkes, and Alberta, by Alberton, brought \$1700. Robbie Wilkes by War Eagle, son of Alden Goldsmith by Volunteer, commanded \$900. The report of the sale says: "It would appear from the results of this sale that trotting bred horses can be most profitably raised for park and road use, as well as racing purposes. These high priced animals not only possessed good speed, but were of commanding size, lofty style, elegant conformation and frictionless and attractive movement."

## WINTER THE COLTS RIGHT.

The Western Horseman takes up a subject upon which the Journal has often spoken, the importance of taking care of the young stock. The Horseman says: "That a good horse may result, the colt should not only be given a good start in life, but should be kept in a healthy and thrifty condition throughout the growing stage. It is a noteworthy fact that he who takes the best care of his growing colts always has the best mature horses. Young colts are just now being weaned, and hence this is a good time for breeders to contemplate the necessity and self-interest of giving their weanlings good care and plenty of good, wholesome and nutritious food.

"A young and growing animal of any class requires something more than mere filling. It must have nutritious, tissue-building and blood-making food. It is a great deal easier, and cheaper to put two years' growth on a colt the first year of its age than it is to 'make up' for a year's loss of growth in two or three years. Yearlings that are 'large enough for two-year-olds' are all right; but two-year-olds that are no larger than yearlings ought to be an ever after classed. A good growth the first year of a colt's life costs less than at any other age, but is twice as valuable to the breeder—a fact that is too often ignored. Spare the feed and spoil the colt as is true as a certain old saw with which all are familiar.

This is a matter that generally receives very little attention in Texas either upon the ranches or upon farms. Persons from other states during the fall have often observed the fine developments of the colts, and surprise has sometimes been expressed that they should attain in less than a year so large a size, coming, as most of them do, from under-sized mares. It is the first winter that checks the growth of all of them, the stunting effect of exposure to winter storm and a starving process from which they never recover. And yet the winters are here so short and have so few days that would be severe upon an animal sufficiently fed that it would cost less to winter colts properly in Texas than in almost any other country. It can be done at little expense on any farm and upon most of the ranches. Heretofore it has been neglected because of the low prices that have prevailed in all the horse markets but good horses are more valuable now than they have been for many years, and recently good range horses, unbroken, have been bringing \$25 to \$40 in the Kansas City market. By breeding good range mares to good standard bred stallions, and fitting the offspring properly for sale, of course much better prices can be obtained and the business can be made very profitable.

## SHEEP.

When shelter is furnished for the sheep remember that the sheds or barns must be well ventilated. All animals are injured by breathing a foul atmosphere, but no others succumb to its hurtful influences so quickly as sheep.

A great many lambs and mutton sheep are now being fed on irrigated farms in Colorado and other Western States, and the industry has become so large that Eastern feeders will be compelled to look elsewhere for stock to put in their feed pens.

Even if the sheep did not produce wool it would be profitable on the farm by the destruction of weeds, by fertilizing the land and by furnishing at a cost that is insignificant a supply of healthy and excellent fresh meat. The value of sheep as scavengers and in fertilizing land is too little considered by farmers.

There may be lots of unsold wool in the warehouses and stored elsewhere in the country because of the great reduction of the flocks of the United States during recent years because of the unprofitableness of the industry and the enormous losses in the Australian herds give pretty good reason for expecting that the prices now demanded for wool will yet have to be met.

The operation of castrating the ram lamb should be performed when it is two days, or, at the most, not more than four days old. There is little bleeding then and the operation is almost painless at that age. Indeed, it does not seem to affect the condition of the animal at all, but if put off until it is eight or ten days old the shock is so severe that it takes some days to recover from it.

Among the range sheep owners there is so strong a disposition to increase their flocks that there will be an inadequate mutton supply for the market and the supply of range lambs on the market is short. This, considering the strong demand for mutton and lambs for meat, offers an opportunity to Texas farmers of which they should not be slow to take advantage. All conditions in the sheep industry indicate that the farmer who is engaged in raising sheep for mutton production with a well assured hope of profit.

With the improved methods of breeding and feeding live stock of all the classes raised for their meat are being prepared for market at an age than formerly. The improved mutton breeds of sheep are early maturers, and it is probable that the men who will make the most money out of them will be those who have the lambs come in February and have them ready for market without carrying them through the winter. The mutton breed will be liberally fed in order to make them give a good supply of milk to the lambs, but the latter should be brought to eat as soon as it can be done with safety. Experience has shown that high grade lambs of some of the mutton breeds can be brought to weigh 80 to 100 pounds at eight or ten months of age. It does not pay to keep them after they get in salable condition, and they will bring a better price at the age named than they would later.

The farmer engaged in raising sheep is, of course, limited in pasture area and will soon be compelled to dispose of his surplus sheep. In doing this it would be a serious mistake not to keep the best ewes for breeding purposes. These should be selected with a view to uniformity in size and form, and the inferior stock should be prepared for market or otherwise disposed of. It is better to have a smaller number of ewes than the farm will carry than to keep anything for breeding that is not decidedly better than the average standard of the dams. The standard of the flock must be improved with each lamb crop or the industry will not be as profitable as it can be made, nor will the owner take the interest in his sheep he should take if he does not see that he is making a distinct improvement in them every year.

One of the practical methods of escaping the injuries resulting from the low price of cotton is devoting more attention to live stock and providing pasturage and feed crops to sustain the animals. It costs less to make a start in sheep raising than to begin any other live stock industry, and they will clean out weeds and fertilize the land enough to pay for their support.

The farmers of Hopkins county, Texas, who are engaged in sheep raising, have by organization put themselves in the way of making the most out of their sheep industry. The stock laws of the county have made it necessary to confine their flocks to their own lands, with the effect, perhaps, of reducing some of the flocks in numbers, but the owners are more than making up the difference in bettering the grade of their sheep. The industry has been profitable to those engaged in it, as the sheep have cost their owners almost nothing after the purchase of the foundation stock, living, as they do, mostly upon the waste of the farm, eating what is rejected by other live stock. The industry in Hopkins county should be an object lesson to farmers all over Texas. Almost anywhere in the state sheep can be raised as profitably on the farm as they are raised there. The demand for the meat both of the lambs and the matured sheep is far beyond the supply and ever growing stronger, and experience of those engaged in mutton production in the older communities of the East and of Europe renders it reasonably certain that the demand will never be so small as to render production unprofitable. There is no field of live stock industry that promises more certain reward than sheep raising on the farms of Texas.

## SWINE.

Look after the young fall pigs, not only to see that they have feed enough to keep them vigorous, thrifty and growing, but that they have access to warm and comfortable quarters when the nights are cold and during the winter storms. Their winter quarters should be clean, well lighted and well ventilated as well as warm enough to be comfortable.

If the growing animals are given a thick slop of bran into which a handful of oilmeal for each two is stirred they will make much better growth than they will on corn and water alone and will be healthier animals. At ordinary prices it will pay to sell corn and buy bran and corn meal for growing pigs. Yet this should be used only as a supplementary feed, for pasturage should be the mainstay, and it should be good and abundant.

As soon as any of the hogs appear to be infested with lice sprinkle them all over with kerosene, clear their quarters of straw and wash and sprinkle kerosene over the sides and floor. The trash taken out of the quarters should be burned. It may be necessary to repeat the operation in order to destroy lice newly hatched. Lice and mange should be treated promptly, as hogs infested with either are fed at a loss.

A Kentucky paper tells of a lot of hogs fed at a distillery in that state and kept drunk three weeks on fermented beer, it being whisky in its first stage. The beer was turned into a trough and the hogs swilled it until drunk enough to roll over and go to sleep. After they were killed their flesh was pronounced the best flavored, tenderest and most savory pork ever produced in that country. It must be borne in mind, however, that this judgment was pronounced by Kentuckians.

The character of the food used in fattening any animal affects the quality of the meat will not be questioned by any feeder and it is, perhaps, not improbable that the effect is most marked in the case of the animals that most readily assimilate their food and convert it into meat. Whether this is the case or not, it is important to fatten hogs on sweet, clean feed, if the best quality of meat is desired. The sour, ill-smelling swills should never be employed.

The reason that hogs are sometimes injured by eating the hulls of butter beans is not because they contain any poisonous substance but because the sharp points at the end of each hull irritate and inflame the lining of the stomach, causing, generally, convulsions that continue until the hog dies. The injury is the same, no matter what may be the age or size of the hog. The remedy is to dredge the beans in hog's lard. One pint, if given in time, will effect a cure. To give the dredge, throw the hog on its back and hold the mouth open with a stick sufficiently strong to not be crushed by the hog's jaws, or with a bar of iron, and pour the lard down the animal's throat.

In putting the hogs up to fatten on corn remember to assist in making the change in diet so that no injury may be done to the digestive organs. There should be charcoal, salt and ashes in the feed trough all the time, as well as plenty of clean, pure water. A good aid to the digestion of the corn is pumpkins or some other succulent feed. Such feeds do not contain much nutriment but they help to keep the hog in healthy condition and he is therefore better able to digest and assimilate the concentrated feed, so that he will be sweeter and better looking than it would be if the animal were finished on corn alone. And keep the pens clean, so that the hogs will have clean, dry places in which to sleep and will eat no filth with their food. One cannot expect hogs to be healthy if they are fed in filthy quarters.

## CANADIAN HOGS.

In the Wisconsin Agriculturist Mr. E. P. Smith says: "The method of feeding and raising the pigs in Canada is about the same as observed in our Western States. The young swine are fed freely upon green food in the spring and summer. They begin with rye; then they are turned over to the clover fields, and from the clover to peas, and from peas to rape. Less corn is given to them than in the West, but during the final fattening months corn is considered quite essential. The sows farrow in April, and the young are not weaned at all, but allowed to suckle till they wean themselves. This does not often happen inside of two or three months. Either the result of this method, or the breed used, makes a difference in the price paid for Canadian hogs, and it might prove profitable to investigate and try both to make sure."

Mr. Smith recommends the Tamworth to our breeders, because of its fecundity, as well as for the superior quality of the meat, and says that it is the favorite breed in Canada. This is a type, however, to which the breeders of the United States cannot be persuaded to take to kindly. Next to the Tamworth he recommends a cross of the Yorkshires and Duroc-Jerseys, which are said to be as prolific as the Tamworths and to furnish as good a quality of meat. It will be time enough to produce the lean meat hog for the market when prices are offered that will pay for the cost of its production. But the Journal believes that the farmer might well afford to produce that type always for his own family use, because it is a more healthy as well as a more palatable meat than the all fat hog so commonly produced in this country. The breeds now on the farms in Texas can be brought to a better bacon form by selection in breeding and by feeding, and it is probable that a really better bacon hog than the Tamworth or the Duroc-Jersey-Yorkshire can be so produced.

## POULTRY.

There are nearly 1000 poultry fanciers in Texas and the number is increasing rapidly.

Pullets are beginning to lay and will keep it up till next summer if properly fed and housed.

In building poultry houses for the winter, bear in mind that the requirements for Texas differ materially from those of the New England States, consequently different plans must be adopted.

Now is the time to buy breeding cockerels for the coming season. Breeders as a rule are more conscientious in making a sale of stock at this time because of the heavy surplus of birds on hand.

Dozens of poultry shows are being held all over the country and reports of awards being received daily, but up to present writing none of them have exceeded the recent poultry exhibit at the State Fair, either in point of numbers or quality of stock.

Receipts of eggs in New York City in the year 1892 were over 69,000,000 dozen; in 1893 over 91,500,000 dozen. At twenty-six ounces to the dozen, last year's receipts would weigh about 74,243 tons and would load 3717 cars with a little over twenty tons each. At fifteen cents per dozen they would be worth \$13,375,000.

Hens are early risers and should be fed as soon as they come off the roost. A good plan is to have a trash pile with a few handfuls of wheat or shorts scattered over it for the hens to scratch for. Start a hen at her work early in the morning, keep her at it and she will invariably lay before night.

Hoarse breathing, rattling in the throat, choking, yellowish substance in the throat, resembling diphtheria in children, and sometimes accompanied with swollen eyes, may be combined as one difficulty. It is usually due to a draught from some source, and the ventilator is most at fault than anything else. The best remedy is to swab the throat in the morning (using a feather) with a mixture of one part spirits of turpentine and three parts of sweet oil, at the same time injecting a few drops of the mixture in each nostril. At night syringe a pinch of chlorate of potash down the throat. Put ten grains of powdered permanganate of potash in each quart of the drinking water, and keep the birds warm. The handling of the birds is laborious, hence all sick ones should be removed from the others.

Fowls cannot forage in winter but can be made to scratch and work under shelter, which is equivalent to foraging. Any breed—even the Light Brahmas—will forage if made to do so. Of course, as usual, they do not do anything as foraging in winter, but it should be a rule not to feed hens in summer if the grain abounds in grass and insects, as the hens will not work if they are fed before going on the range. Make your own range for winter by having a place for the hens to scratch—not by throwing a small quantity of litter on the floor, but by covering it to a depth of two or three inches, and then scattering a gill of millet seed over the litter. If you want eggs, make your hens work. Laying hens need no food that the non-layers, but the main point to observe is to keep your hens at work.—Poultry Keeper.

## POULTRY FOR PROFIT.

There are very few farmers who realize how much money comes from the poultry and eggs that are produced on the farm. If they study the matter up they will find that the hens in the barnyard pay more for the food they consume than almost anything else, in fact except the milk of the cow, whose value is hard to compute, being so much depended upon, so says a writer in Poultry Tribune. The farmer can keep a hen for less than 50 cents per year. This has been proven time and again, and it is a poor sort of a hen that will not produce ten dozen eggs a year. The average price for non-layers is ten cents a dozen, and the cost of keeping is 50 cents and that eggs average but ten cents a dozen the year through, it will be seen the income is 100 per cent on the investment of keep. If he keeps his poultry as he should the average price will be nearer 20 cents a dozen than ten cents, for he will get eggs in the winter when prices are high. With all the increase in the products of the poultry yards of the country there has never been a year when we did not import eggs, and this importation has not fallen off, except as the tariff affected it, and the tariff of five cents a dozen did not cut off importation entirely. The United States is fast becoming a nation of poultry and egg eaters because the wholesome-ness of poultry and the relative cheapness of eggs as compared with meats are becoming better understood all the time and the result is that the demand for poultry and eggs grows nearly as fast as the supply is increased and the average rises slowly year by year. No one need hesitate about going into the business of raising poultry from any fear that there will be an over supply. A low price always means an increased demand, and this fosters an appetite for eggs and poultry, which is satisfied when eggs go up again, and the business keeps on growing. It will keep on indefinitely, for poultry can and will be kept with profit when the country is much more thickly populated than it is now.—Poultry Culture.

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A. S. Reed of Fort Worth, spent Saturday in San Antonio.

C. H. Beever of Pearsall, a well to do merchant and cattleman, was here Tuesday.

Nicholas Dunn of Alice, arrived in San Antonio Saturday. His section is dry as a bone.

M. J. Baker, the well known Cuero cattleman is spending a few days in San Antonio.

B. A. Borrom, of Del Rio, a well known cattleman, spent Monday of this week in San Antonio.

E. G. Liebold of Bandera, spent Saturday here on route home from the Territory, where he has just closed out his business for the year.

N. R. Powell of Pettus, the bull man, was here Tuesday en route to Houston; said he was going there to sell a lot of feeder bulls which he had on hand.

F. J. Green of Victoria, spent a portion of the week here on route home from a visit to his ranch in LaSalle and McMullen counties. He reports the country unusually dry and grass short.

E. J. Ashburn of Waco live stock agent of the Illinois Central, was in San Antonio this week mixing with the cowmen and incidentally soliciting business for his line.

J. E. O'Meara, a well known cattleman of Dimmitt county, spent a portion of the week in San Antonio; says his section of the country is not hurting for either rain or grass.

Willis Hunter of Oakville, a prosperous stockman from the drought-stricken region, spent a few days here this week. He complains of the drought and wants to know what is going to happen next.

Henry Rothe of Hondo, spent Wednesday and Thursday in San Antonio. He reports his cattle as doing well; says that he has allowed them plenty of range and will have grass enough to last them all winter.

W. M. Arnold of Greenville, a well known cattle feeder, was here Monday en route to Frio county to receive the steers lately purchased by him from Lowe & Rodgers of this city, and which he will feed at Greenville.

John H. Belcher of Henrietta, came up from his LaSalle county ranch a few days since and says that he has but very little grass and would like to see a rain now, as it would be of much benefit to the brush and pear in his partura.

Col. A. W. Hilliard of Kyle, spent Wednesday in San Antonio. Col. Hilliard is preparing to put on feed at Kyle about 300 steers purchased by himself and associates some time since from Heche Bros., near Hondo.

W. M. Hargis of Llano, an extensive cattle dealer, was here Monday. Mr. Hargis says the Llano country is in very fair shape. He says he will not be surprised to see cattle go a few notches higher within the next year, but does not anticipate any big boom.

J. J. Fern, a well known Kinney county ranchman, spent Friday in San Antonio en route home from a visit to Houston. Mr. Fern says he has more range than he needs and is now taking about a thousand head of cattle to pasture as an accommodation to a neighbor of his.

J. H. Folk, formerly of Fort Worth, but now live stock agent for the Santa Fe, with headquarters in San Antonio, spent several days here this week. He reports a good business for the live stock department of his line, but says that the runs are now mostly confined to placing feeding cattle at the different oil mills.

H. K. Rea of this city, live stock agent of the Cotton Belt, has just returned from a business trip to Texas, where he had accompanied W. L. Crawford of Frio county to make arrangements for feeding 700 head of Mr. Crawford's steers. It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Rea's trip was a success in every respect.

John G. Kennedy of LaParra ranch, Cameron county, spent part of the week in San Antonio. Mr. Kennedy is manager of the Kennedy Pasture company, who probably own the finest herd of 50,000 cattle in the world, and who give the famous "MK" (connected) brand. Mr. Kennedy reports his range as being in fine condition and his cattle thriving.

Neville Fleming, a prominent cattleman of Victoria, spent Saturday in San Antonio. When asked about the cattle in his section, said they were usually in bad fix and would go into winter in bad shape. All the country in the southeast and south of San Antonio is in bad shape, and many people are trying to move out their cattle.

George West of this city, who has a large ranch in Live Oak county, reports his section of the country as being very dry and very short on grass. His cattle will all do well on account of his range not being heavily stocked and because of his having moved out several thousand head of steers early in the year.

E. J. Morris of Georgetown, a well to do stock farmer and feeder, was in San Antonio Tuesday. Mr. Morris is preparing to feed several hundred head of cattle, a good portion of which are of his own raising; says he has raised a large amount of cheap feed and if the market gets to be anything like good he will make plenty of money.

T. J. Gwaltney, formerly of North Texas, but now a prosperous cattleman of Dimmitt county, passed through San Antonio the first of the week en route north. He still maintains that his Dimmitt county pasture is the finest in Texas, that his grass is more abundant

and better than anybody else's and that his steers can't be beat. Without doubt, Mr. Gwaltney is well fixed and the Journal wishes him well.

John W. Flin of Georgetown, one of the most successful feeders in the state, who now has 800 head on feed at Texarkana, was here Saturday. Mr. Flin says he understands the country generally is short on grass and that a heavy loss is usually predicted for this winter. He hopes it is misinformed, as he would much regret to hear of such conditions existing.

Ben Hackett of Fort Worth, passed through San Antonio a few days since on route to the Kinney county ranch of Messrs. Moore & Allen, where he went to receive 200 head of feeding bulls which he will place on feed in North Texas. Mr. Hackett says that while the market has gone off considerably of late, he still has faith enough in the future of it to buy a few hundred more feeding bulls if he can find them worth the money.

H. Bap Woodley of this city, has just returned from his Uvalde county ranch and says he has plenty of grass. In fact, he has so much grass and his cattle are doing so well that he feels sorry for the boys down southeast and south of San Antonio. Mr. Woodley says that lots of cattle will die from poverty this winter unless they are put on feed early. He does not know when the South-west was quite as bad off before as it now is.

Gus Witting, the well known Wilson county cattleman, spent a portion of the week in San Antonio. Mr. Witting says that he never saw Southwest Texas so dry as it now is and predicts that the percentage of the cattle now left in this portion of the state will die of poverty this winter unless they are fed. He says that if he only had the range to hold them on he could now buy thousands of good stock cattle at remarkably low figures.

Wm. Ragland of this city, representative of the Chicago Live Stock Commission company, returned Friday night from a trip to Cotulla; says LaSalle county is very dry and short on grass, but even there is not so bad off as the counties east, where there is not only no grass, but also no brush. He predicts heavy losses this winter and says it is a blessing that feed is cheap, as it will soon be much in demand.

W. T. McCampbell of Berclair, who owns a large ranch and herd of cattle in the Davis mountain near Alpine, spent the week in San Antonio. Mr. McCampbell is just in from his ranch and says that while the country round about him is dry, he has plenty of grass and his water is more than abundant. He says that all of his cattle are in the best of shape. He takes a very hopeful view of the situation and thinks that in the spring stock cattle will be fully as high, if not higher, than ever before in the history of the cattle business.

Messrs. Sol and Ike West and Capt. J. M. Bennett, all of this city, and who jointly comprise the firm of Bennett & West, have lately returned home from a visit to the ranch of Mr. George West in Live Oak county. They say that Live Oak and adjoining counties are very dry and grass necessary very short. Their own range, however, in Jackson and Victoria counties is in the very best shape. They have an abundance of green grass and their cattle are either fat or in thriving condition. These gentlemen are the only ones in the country southeast of San Antonio who lay claim to having either fat cattle or an abundance of grass.

James M. Chittim of this city, who has several different ranches and pastures scattered throughout Southwest Texas, besides which he is wintering several thousand steers in the Territory, has recently visited his Gollad and Bee county ranches; says that section is as dry as he ever knew it to be before and cattle are in hard shape for winter; says lots of cattle will die and advises cattle owners to begin preparations at once for feeding whatever cattle they want to save. He will feed several thousand himself, and he's not so bad off for grass as many others are, either. Mr. Chittim is now in Maverick county; said he had no special business there, but wanted to see how good grass would look to him after visiting the drought stricken region.

O. G. Hugo of Dilley, spent the week in San Antonio visiting his wife, who is confined to her room from an operation recently performed upon her. The Journal is glad to state that Mrs. Hugo is now convalescent and will soon be able to return to the ranch. Mr. Hugo not only raises and deals in range cattle in Frio county, but also raises high grade and thoroughbred Shorthorn and Polled Durham cattle. He has been in this business in Frio county for the past fourteen years and has earned a most enviable reputation as a breeder of fine stock. His section of the country is just now dry and many of his neighbors are short on grass. Mr. Hugo, however, was fortunate enough to keep his ranges lightly stocked, consequently now has an abundance of grass and his cattle are in good shape.

John T. McElroy of Pecos, spent a part of the week in San Antonio. Mr. McElroy says the Pecos river country is rather dry, but that as a usual thing the grass is good and cattle in good condition. This is easily accounted for, as fully 50 per cent of the cattle have been moved from that country within the past few years, consequently those left on the range have double the room which has usually been given them. Mr. McElroy was on his way north and had just finished receiving a herd of steers recently purchased by him from Jackson & Harmon at Alpine. He says that he now has on the trail to his pasturing near Moushans something near 5000 young steers, and talks like he would buy that many more if he could find them worth the money. He is talking of a trip north this winter to visit relatives, but some of his friends think he is hunting for a widow who wants a husband for herself and a father for six or seven children.

John Blocker, the big San Antonio cowman, has recently returned from a trip to his Maverick county ranch. He says Maverick county is having its inning and the stock interest there is as good as any one could desire; says

the cattle there will all go into the winter in fine shape and none of them will be lost except through the carelessness of the owners who permit bog holes to be made around their watering places. Mr. Blocker says that in the country directly south of San Antonio and on to the Rio Grande river a large percentage of cattle will undoubtedly die this coming winter from starvation. The only way for this to be avoided is for the owners to begin early and give all their cattle a strong feed. Mr. Blocker gives as his opinion the encouraging news that the Territory cattlemen have all made some money during the season just closed and he anticipates that they will all be lively and liberal buyers in Southern and Southwestern Texas the coming winter.

IS HE DEAD. Last spring an enterprising citizen of San Antonio wanted to be at the head of a company to build a railway from the center of the city to the Union stock yards and packing house. The movement met with much approval, and the public was much pleased, but something must have happened, as there is still no way of conveniently finding one's way to that important portion of the city.

Many visitors are daily in the city who would be glad of an opportunity to visit the yards, and often some of them would, after visiting them, be induced to do business there, but all lost because of the expense and delay connected with a visit to the yards. It is a much deplored fact that San Antonio is probably the only city in the United States which has a union stock yards, packing house, etc., and which has no street car service thereto. If this market is ever to amount to anything there must be some cheap, rapid and convenient way of reaching it from the city.

What has become of the movement to build the stock yards car line? SAN ANTONIO FAIR. Now that the great fair at Dallas has had a splendidly prosperous meeting, talk is again made of organizing a similar fair to be held annually at San Antonio and there seems to be no end of enthusiasm among those who do the talking.

That a most creditable fair could be held here, is no conjecture and that San Antonio and her people would assist in its success, in every way, is assured, and yet there seems to be just enough hesitancy somewhere along the line to keep the movement from assuming any definite shape.

Speaking for the representative people among the live stock and agricultural classes, the Journal can pledge their support to the enterprise and say they will aid in every way.

San Antonio is the center of a great country and its products are worthy of exhibiting every county around about has its own fair and they would no doubt join hands with an association intending to make one great fair at San Antonio.

The Journal trusts that now while the matter is up, it will assume some definite shape and that, in due season, effect that the greatest of all Texas fairs will be held next year in San Antonio.

SALES REPORTED FROM SAN ANTONIO. Coleman & Keeran of San Antonio have bought of Ed Vivian of Dimmitt county, 300 head of stock cattle and 1600 acres of land at \$15.00 for the cattle and \$2.50 for the land.

Maj. Harry Landis of New Braunfels, bought of D. A. Oppenheimer of San Antonio, 800 steers, and will be delivered at San Antonio this month, at private terms. Maj. Landis will feed these steers at his mills.

John R. Blocker of San Antonio, of F. I. Buel of Chicago, 500 head of two and three-year-old steers at \$16.50 and \$22.50. Delivery Nov. 15.

E. C. Bennett of San Antonio, have bought of H. C. Storey of San Marcos, 300 two-year-old heifers at \$14.00 per head.

Coleman & Keeran of San Antonio, have bought the P. B. Butler stock of cattle near Kenedy at \$18.50 around. With the cattle they get free use of pastures for one year.

Kennedy & Pumphrey of Taylor, have bought of S. R. Stiles of Victoria, 700 coming three, which they will feed at Taylor. Terms private.

News was received this week that E. O. Lockhausen of Pecos, who a few weeks since bought 5000 cattle from Combs & Kincaid Bros., and at the same time took an option on the whole herd and range, had closed the deal for the entire herd numbering 18,000 head and leased their range near Haymond.

John J. Stevens of San Antonio, sold to Charles Schrimpf of Houston 400 steers, one, two and threes at \$3.30 per hundred, weighed at Floresville. These cattle are out of the old Thornton herd, one of the best bred stocks in Texas.

E. G. Liebold of Bandera, has sold 1000 cows in the Territory to Spencer of Muskogee, at \$18.90 around.

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A FINE DAY'S SALE—SHORTHORNS AND HEREFORDS. One of the most important sales of registered cattle of this or any other season is the great five days' sale to be held at Kansas City Nov. 15 to 19 inclusive. At this sale Gudgeon & Simpson of Independence, Missouri, and James A. Finkhouser of Plattsburg, Mo., will offer from their celebrated Hereford herds 47 bulls and 52 cows and heifers, and H. C. Duncan of Osborne, Mo., and W. T. Clay of Plattsburg, Mo., will have on sale 30 Shorthorn bulls and 120 Shorthorn cows and heifers. The Hereford offerings will be on Nov. 15 and 16, and Nov. 17, 18 and 19 will be given to the sale of the Shorthorns.

Such an opportunity as this is one that cattlemen who wish to improve their herds cannot well afford to neglect. Among the Hereford offerings are many of the blood of Ancestral Briton, the 9504, of Herd No. 40673, as well as sons and daughters of Imp. Chesterfield 54687, especially selected in England to cross on the female descendants of Ancestral 4th. Among others is Lord Buxin 11 months old, considered one of the best sons of Ancestral Briton, 50769. In breeding and in high individual quality the animals to be offered

from these two noted Hereford herds rank exceedingly high.

Among the Shorthorns of the herds of Mr. Duncan and Mr. Clay as much can be said both as to the individual merit and the splendid blood lines of the animals that will be placed on sale. By those who have read the announcements it has been seen that the Crucifix blood predominates in these herds and that the offerings carry the blood of some of the greatest bulls of that great family.

CALL FOR A MEETING OF TEXAS DAIRYMEN AT FORT WORTH. By the assistance and support of a number of dairymen a state organization of the dairymen of Texas was effected during the past winter, which has been established for the purpose of building up the dairy interests of our state and assisting those individuals who have invested capital and time in the growing industry. Two meetings have been held and the membership has slowly grown, but the majority of our dairymen have not yet applied for membership in the association. To every thoughtful man having dairy interests, the advantages of a strong association of this character are self-evident, and it is equally plain that a small body of dairymen must lack influence and will fail to exert the helping power that can be wielded only by large numbers in Texas.

Our State Dairymen's association will hold a special meeting at Fort Worth for one day only at 9 a. m. on December 6th, and every dairymen and breeder is earnestly invited to be present and assist in the important work that will come before that body for consideration. In case you cannot come in person, do not fail to apply for admission and in this manner lend all the aid that you can. Some important questions relating to the constitution and by-laws will be under consideration. Beneficial discussions of technical topics will be provided for by the executive committee, who now have this matter in course of preparation.

The time and place have been chosen by the officers of the association in order that the cheap rates to an accessible point may be used to reduce the traveling expense to the dairymen. The meeting of the Farmers' National Congress in Fort Worth will afford not only cheap rates, but after one day's business session, the dairymen may enjoy the discussions by men from all parts of the United States, assuming they are provided for.

Secretary Wilson, of the national department of agriculture, will be in Fort Worth at that time and has been asked to appear before the Texas Dairymen's association. He is on the national congress program for the discussion of "Extending Our Markets," and by reason of his exceptional opportunities during the past several years in planning the great dairy state of Iowa, will be able to instruct us in many particulars.

We expect a large attendance of dairymen at the session of the congress from all parts of the country and the opportunities for meeting these intelligent and successful men will not only be pleasant but will prove of lasting value to our state dairy interests. Let all who can possibly do so arrange to leave home work and pressing duties for one day, at least, and enjoy this unusual meeting. For those who can stay throughout the eight day session of the National Congress and join in a tour of the state with the visitors present, a pleasant and cheap excursion can be promised.

The Texas Dairymen's association can be had upon application to the undersigned. Applications for membership should be made in writing at once to Secretary J. A. McGuire of Waco. The Dairymen's association needs the help of every earnest man engaged in this interest. Please notify me at once if you expect to attend the Fort Worth meeting. J. H. CONNELL, President Texas Dairymen's Ass'n. College Station, Texas.

COMSTOCK'S HEREFORD SALE. Seventy Bulls and Thirty-Five Cows and Heifers, Kansas City, December 15 and 16.

It is safe to state that at no time during the several public sales of pedigreed cattle at Kansas City in recent years has there been an offering that contained as many big, thrifty, extra good bulls as is the draft of 70 that will be offered by Mr. C. G. Comstock, whose announcement may be found elsewhere in this issue. The breeding days of the Hereford breed are in full catalogue, is certainly of the very best, it being mainly Lord Wilton, The Grove 33, Ancestral Briton, the females that are catalogued are a very desirable lot and both or either the entire lot lends great encouragement to all progressive beef cattle breeders. If all prospective buyers that are looking for big, smooth grass grown and in good condition, grain raised kept cattle he will find them in this sale. Not only have they been grown on the best of grass and feed, but they are individually and collectively the peer of anybody's good ones. This may be putting it strong in this instance of a herd not having more notoriety than has this one of Mr. Comstock's, but it is nevertheless a statement of the facts, as any visitor will find if he goes to the farm or attends the sale. W. P. BRUSH.

The Rusk County Fair last week was a successful event. The poultry exhibit, perhaps, excited more interest than any other department. Most of the cattle exhibited were Jerseys. The swine, mostly Berkshires and Poland-Chinas, made an excellent showing for that department of live stock. There was some racing, mostly short running races. While the exhibit of farm products was not large it was good in quality.

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Rain is badly needed in Dallas for the wheat crop.

E. A. Norman, a cattleman of Ferris, was in Dallas Tuesday.

J. H. Prewitt, a stockman of Laredo, Ark., was in the city Monday.

W. H. King, a cattleman of Bryan's Mill, was in the city Wednesday.

E. G. Horn, a cattleman of McKinney, was in Dallas Wednesday.

Albert Finley and J. A. Odell, cattlemen of Roseland, were in Dallas Thursday.

Marion Sansom, a banker and cattleman of Alvarado, was in the city Wednesday.

Dr. George T. Winston, president of the University of Texas, spent Saturday in Dallas.

H. P. Hughes of Fort Worth, traveling passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific, was in Dallas Thursday.

Superintendent M. R. Pendell of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company was in Dallas Monday.

General Passenger and Ticket Agent E. P. Turner of the Texas and Pacific made a visit to Fort Worth Monday.

A forest fire is destroying timber and burning out the undergrowth twelve miles above Dallas. The bridge across White Rock creek has been turned.

Hon. A. J. Baker, commissioner of the general land office, was in Dallas Friday on his way to Austin. He attended the Rusk county fair and delivered an address.

The Armstrong Packing company is doing an excellent business with both its tannery and soap factory. In the latter they are several weeks behind with orders.

About 400 head of cattle were sold at the Central stock yards during the past week. The demand for mutton sheep is strong in Dallas, but almost none have been offered during the last few weeks.

Cash & Luckel, of Houston and Galveston, advertise a stock ranch for sale at a bargain in this issue of the Journal. Also, other valuable property near the city of Galveston.

Capt. S. A. McMurray, who formerly commanded a company of Texas Rangers and is well known all over Western Texas, is in Dallas, having just returned from a trip through New Mexico, Colorado and Arizona.

A Silberstein of this city, has been shipping his cattle from Marlow, Indian Territory, to the St. Louis market. Four cars of 944-pound steers were sold at \$2.05 and one car of choiced, spayed heifers, 896 pounds, brought the same price.

President H. C. Rouse of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, accompanied by his party and General Manager A. A. Allen, Superintendent J. W. Maxwell, left Dallas Monday morning for Wichita Falls on an annual tour of inspection.

Col. C. C. Slaughter has just returned from a visit to his several ranches in and on all of them he found cattle doing finely, the grass well cured and all conditions indicating that cattle will go through the winter all right, provided the grass is protected from range fires.

Those wanting to borrow money on farms should refer to the advertisement of the W. C. Belcher Land Mortgage Co. of Fort Worth, to be found elsewhere in the Journal to-day. They also deal in vendor's lien notes and have a few choice farms for sale which they will sell on long time.

Attention is called to the advertisement of L. P. Sisson, Wheeling, West Virginia, to be found elsewhere in the Journal to-day. He has for sale in carload lots or otherwise registered Devon cattle, bulls and heifers, from four to twenty months old. Mr. Sisson is secretary of the American Devon Cattle club and is well known as a successful breeder of Devon cattle.

Journal readers are requested to note the advertisement of William Anron of Coleman county, Texas, to be found elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Anron has for sale 100 high grade Hereford bull calves, all by registered and full blood bulls. These animals have been bred and raised below the quarantine line and are immune throughout the entire territory south of that line.

Mr. L. G. Nichols of Flournoy, La., was in the city Monday. He is a farmer and is breeding Berkshires, Poland-Chinas and O. I. C.'s. Mr. Nichols says he is tired of raising cotton and is trying to get his whole plantation in grass and intends raising cattle. He expects to buy pedigreed Herefords, a first class bull and a few equally good cows and raise only pure bred animals.

The Journal has received the souvenir edition of the Rusk County News, giving a descriptive list of Rusk county and the city of Henderson. It is a handsome publication, profusely illustrated with views of some of the beautiful residences in Henderson and of orchard scenes that give some idea of how well some, at least, of the Rusk county farmers must be living. The souvenir edition is a credit to the News and to East Texas enterprise.

Red Polled cattle are now attracting the interest of many cattlemen and farmers in Texas, and in this issue of the Journal those interested in that breed will find the advertisement of J. C. Murray of Maquoketa, Iowa, editor of American Red Polled Herd Book and one of the most successful Red Polled breeders in the country. He has now for sale one car of Red Polled bulls, five to fourteen months old, all registered.

Those wanting to buy some choice high grade Shorthorn she cattle that have color and breeding should write to W. D. Davis, Roanoke, Texas, whose advertisement is to be found elsewhere in this issue of the Journal. The cows and two-year-old heifers have had a pure bred Missouri bull with them all spring and summer.

Good feeders are in demand and Mr. W. B. White, of Meridian, Texas, has 225 for sale. The two-year-old past steers, choice and of good colors, now eating cotton seed and in good condition. He can show them in an hour's time to any one visiting his place. See his advertisement in the Journal to-day.

W. V. Erwin, editor of the Big Springs Enterprise, was in the city Monday and called at the office of the Journal. Mr. Erwin says that the country about Big Springs is in excellent condition, having had plenty of rain to make a fine crop of grass, which has cured up nicely. Harvard county has produced an unusual quantity of cultivated forage this year, so that there will be feed for a considerable number of stock.

The attention of Journal readers is invited to the advertisement of the Wood Dale herd of Shorthorns belonging to Mr. N. H. Gentry of Sedalia, Missouri. Mr. Gentry has 125 animals in his herd, which is headed by Victorious 121469, a bull having the reputation of being one of the best in the United States. Of this herd there are now for sale 30 young bulls and bull calves, as well as females of all ages. Mr. Gentry is well known throughout the country as a successful breeder of Berkshire hogs, his herd of that breed having won nine first prizes, six seconds and fourteen other prizes at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893.

Mr. L. C. Garney of Archer City, in a recent letter to P. W. Hunt, state agent for the Pasteur Vaccine company at Fort Worth, gives the following particulars of a recent test of this remedy: "I ordered and received twelve packets from you about two weeks ago, with which I vaccinated 85 head of my steers—yearlings and calves—but did not vaccinate my heifer calves. I am losing some of them (the heifers) now and want to vaccinate them. I also vaccinated 35 head of Dr. Roberts' one of my neighbors, who had lost five head out of his little bunch just prior and has not lost any since. I also had Mr. C. R. Conner to order enough from you to vaccinate his bunch, out of which he had lost several, but has not lost any since I vaccinated for him."

TWO DAYS OF SHORTHORNS. Dohwell's 57 Head at Kansas City, November 22, and Harned's 75 Head at Buncheon, November 23.

The attention of the beef breeding public is called to the double announcement of George Bothwell, founder and owner of Clover Blossom herd, and W. P. Harned, owner of the Idlewild herd, who will offer 135 head—88 bulls and 47 cows and heifers. The offerings of Mr. Bothwell are Cruickshank and Cruickshank topped out of the best of American Shorthorn families. They are mainly the set of two of as thick-fleshed bulls—Grand Victor 115752 and Kildewine Duke of Hazelhurst 125052—as one finds anywhere in this country. Several of the cows will have calves at foot and nearly all of the females old enough to breed will have been bred to the undefeated prize winner, Admiral 129622. This young fellow was shown at eight fairs this season and in every contest against three to eight competitive herds. The cattle are the blue grass and clover-grown kind, which insures a sure future usefulness.

THE HARNED OFFERINGS. All lovers of the Shorthorn breed throughout Missouri and Kansas that are familiar with the exhibits of live stock at the leading fairs are familiar with the Harned herd and know something of their worth and individuality. Mr. Harned is the one Shorthorn breeder "without a barn," hence when hardiness, coupled with good breeding, is the thing wanted, the prospective buyer is sure to find it in the Idlewild herd. About one-half of the 75 head are long yearlings, and just what every range man wants, but does not always find them. The females, as well as most of the bulls, are Cruickshank, Cruickshank topped, with a few Booth topped. The best bulls having representatives in the sale are Ambassador 119811, the Canadian-bred Banker 119861 and Godoy, the great breeding son of Spartan Hero, and out of Golden Thistle; also the Cruickshank bred Chief Steward 96703. The reader will note that the bull offering of 50 head will afford an opportunity for range men to get a couple of carloads in one day's time. Both Mr. Bothwell and Mr. Harned cordially invite those interested to write for a copy of the sale catalogue. W. P. BRUSH

RINGLING BROS. GREAT SHOW. Ringling Bros.' world's greatest show are now touring Texas, and they are certainly making a great hit wherever they show. Their parade is fine and one of the longest ever seen in Texas. They have wild animals from every country in the world. Every act is new and up-to-date. Their specialties are the best. It is worth the price of admission alone to see Mr. Albert Crandall ride "that mule." Of course you know the Foy family. They are the best acrobats in the world. Everything is first-class from start to finish, even the concert is very good, and the clown will make your sides ache. Ringling Bros. will be at San Antonio Wednesday, Nov. 9; Cleburne, Nov. 10; Houston, Nov. 11; Galveston, Nov. 12.

A PROMINENT UTAH POULTRY BREEDER AND EXHIBITOR. One of the most successful Buff Cochins and Barred Rock breeders in the West is W. W. Brown of Ogden, Utah. Speaking of his Buffs, Mr. Brown says: "To those who are not acquainted with our strain of Cochins I will state that some thirty years since Mr. Jo Poole purchased the finest Buffs to be had in England and America and began breeding what has since been called the "Poole Strain." Mr. T. K. Bobb, who was a scientific breeder, purchased stock from Poole and bred it in line for nineteen years, when we bought from Mr. Bobb, in 1887-8, sev-

eral of the finest Buffs he ever bred. That is the strain of Buffs we are now breeding." Birds from Mr. Brown's yards have been among the most prominent winners at the leading Eastern and Western shows for many years, and Mr. Brown has produced more clear winged Buffs with extra heavy leg and toe feathering than any breeder in America. At a great Western show held in Salt Lake City he won first and second on cocks, first and second on pens, first, second and third on hens, first, second and third on pullets, and first, second and third on cockerels. This show was judged by Theo. Hewes, who scored Mr. Brown's best pullet 97 1/2 and said it was the best score he ever gave. Mr. Brown has been an exhibitor since 1888 and has traveled further to see the great shows and gain experience thereby than any breeder in this country. He has always won a majority of prizes, but will in the future retire from the show ring and devote his time to raising exhibition birds and judging poultry shows.

NEWS NOTES.

Concho Herald: Bill Lofton sold to Mr. Baugh, of the Chambers ranch, all of his grown steers, about 400 head, for \$30 around. This is a fine bunch of steers. Abe Millar, of Ballinger, sold the bunch of cattle that he bought from Tom Shaw and other parties for \$10,000 profit. Tom Bengo sold six young Hereford bulls to R. C. Sloan for \$20 per head. Sam and Jim Henderson sold about 100 head of bulls to John A. Loomis of Dublin, for \$25, he is a son of the imported Chesterfield 56697 and out of a daughter of Earl of Shadeland 7th 36644, 5 are by J. K. 5665 and Anxiety 4th and Lord Wilton bred fellow, 5 are by Ottoman 63443 a son of Julian 48668 and out of Bonny Lulu 8th 33724 a granddaughter, Anxiety 4th 8904 and North Pole 8946. Four are by Montlon 58275 a line bred Anxiety 4th 8904 bull, and 3 by Sam 57265 having Dictator 1889 Prince Horn 7413, Royal 16th 6459 and again Dictator 1889 behind him in the third remove. 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H. H. Halseell of Decatur, was here Saturday.

E. F. Icard of Minco, I. T., was here Saturday.

H. M. Half of San Antonio, was here Friday.

Col. J. N. Simpson of Dallas, was in Fort Worth Tuesday.

J. M. Kritser, cattleman of Taylor, Texas, was here Friday.

Berry Gatewood, cattle feeder and dealer of Ennis, was here Monday.

T. B. Yarbrough, stockman and banker of Decatur, was here Saturday.

T. J. Peniston, a prominent cattleman of Quannah, was in the live stock center Saturday.

J. O. Perry of Chickasha, I. T., was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Friday.

J. G. Forrest, manager of the Kansas City house of Clay, Robinson & Co., was here Monday.

T. F. Mastin, a prominent citizen and stockman of Grandview, was in Fort Worth Monday.

H. T. Keenan, general live stock agent of the Burlington, spent several days in Fort Worth last week.

Capt. S. W. Eastin, a well known banker and cattleman of Jacksboro, spent Saturday in Fort Worth.

H. D. Rogers, the well known cattle dealer of Kansas City, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Fort Worth.

W. A. Poage, representative at Waco of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, was in Fort Worth a few days ago.

W. Q. Richards, a prominent cattleman of Quannah, Texas, was in Fort Worth a few hours Thursday evening.

W. D. Farris, a prominent stockman of Ennis, one of the originators of the flipping theory, was in Fort Worth Wednesday.

A. Laird, a prominent stockman of Vernon, was in Fort Worth Monday returning from a visit to his old home in Michigan.

R. B. Pylon, a prominent cattleman of Scurry county, was circulating among the stockmen in this city on Saturday.

M. Z. Smisen, the well known cattleman of this city, returned Monday from a few weeks' absence in the Western part of the state.

G. S. White of Weatherford, who owns a big cattle ranch near Quannah, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Saturday.

Col. James A. Wilson, general live stock agent of the Chicago and Alton with headquarters at St. Louis, was in Fort Worth Saturday.

D. L. Woody of Decatur, had sixteen cars of cattle in Fort Worth on Thursday en route from Southeastern Texas to Chickasha, I. T.

J. C. Richardson, for many years a prominent cattle dealer of this city, but now in the milling business in Bosque county, was here Monday.

C. C. French, traveling solicitor of the Evans-Snyder-Buel company, was here Wednesday, leaving that day for a trip over the Fort Worth and Rio Grande.

J. M. Tammill, for forty-five years a prominent stockman and farmer of Tarrant county, but who has recently moved to Decatur, was in Fort Worth Friday.

Charles McFarland, Aledo; J. C. Lusater, Graham; Jos. D. Perry, Chickasha, and J. C. Smith of Pugh, were among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Monday.

R. T. Boyd, formerly of Cleburne, who owns a large cattle ranch in the northern part of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, was in Fort Worth Wednesday with a shipment of cattle.

Col. J. S. Godwin of this city, who owns a cattle ranch in Jones county, at which place he has spent the greater part of his time for the past year or two, has returned to Fort Worth for the winter.

Col. Wm. Hunter will shortly move the office of the Strahorn-Houston-Evans company from the Worth hotel to the Victoria building, which has been recently built immediately opposite the hotel.

R. N. Graham, cattle and ranch broker of this city, has removed his office up stairs in the new building recently erected opposite the Worth Hotel, where he has opened elegant quarters.

R. Carrow, stockman of Henrietta, spent Saturday in Fort Worth. Mr. Carrow recently made some splendid sales in the market and has one lot to sell to some one wanting a good lot of feeders.

W. G. Busk, the Hereford cattle breeder of Coleman, who has an advertisement in Texas Stock and Farm Journal, writes that he has sold about all of his coming two-year-old bulls, but still has the 200 full blood and high grade Hereford bull calves for sale.

J. K. Ross, live stock agent of the Katy, returned a few days ago from a trip through Western Texas. Mr. Ross says that while it is quite dry on the range, grass is good and cattle are in fine condition. He thinks there will be an increased importation of fine bulls into the state this winter.

A. K. Zimmerman, manager and half

owner of one of the largest ranches and herds in the Panhandle country, came in Sunday from his ranch. It will be remembered that Mr. Zimmerman last spring sold his one and two-year-old steers at \$24 and \$30 per head.

Winfield Scott came down from the Territory Saturday night, went to Brownwood Sunday, returned Monday and left Monday night for his pastures in the Territory. Mr. Scott is rapidly closing out his cattle in the Territory pastures and says he will be well satisfied with this year's work.

N. B. Eden, a prominent cattle feeder of Corsicana, was in Fort Worth Friday evening returning from S. B. Burnett's ranch in the Comanche reservation. It is reported that Mr. Eden purchased 750 of Mr. Burnett's steers, which he will feed at Corsicana. The price paid for these cattle is supposed to have been about \$22 per head.

Capt. Jno. Tod, manager of the Laureles ranch in Southern Texas, in a private letter to the Journal, says that on a recent trip North he bought thirty head of registered Hereford bull calves and yearlings and sent them to the State Experimental Station at Columbia, Missouri, to be inoculated and held until December 1st. The result of this experiment will be published in these columns.

R. A. Morris, of the firm of Curtis Bros. & Morris of Henrietta, who own several large ranches in Texas and New Mexico, was here Thursday. Mr. Morris' firm recently purchased what is known as the Horse Shoe herd and ranch near Fort Sumner, N. M. He is investing in all possible ways in the investment, he having already been offered a handsome profit for the property.

R. E. Nutt, who has for forty-two years been a prominent citizen and leading stockman of Bee county, was in Fort Worth Saturday. Mr. Nutt is hunting for one or more registered Hereford bulls to use on his fine stock ranch near Beville. He owns a twelve thousand acre pasture near the above named place which he has stocked with high grade and registered Hereford and Shorthorn cattle.

E. F. Mitchell, manager of the National Cattle Register, was in Fort Worth a few days ago. Mr. Mitchell is of the opinion that dipping vats will be established at various points below the quarantine line, and that in this way hundreds of thousands of dollars will be added to the value of cattle located below the quarantine line. He feels quite confident that there will be a greatly increased activity in the cattle trade within the next few months and that prices will not decline, but if there is any change in the market, it will be with an upward tendency.

Jno. Clay, Jr., of the well known firm of Clay, Robinson & Co., of Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver, was here Monday arranging to open an office in this city. This firm will hereafter be represented in Texas by B. F. Crowley, formerly of Midland, but who has recently moved to Fort Worth and will hereafter make this place his headquarters. Clay, Robinson & Co. are one of the leading firms in the commission business and control an immense trade through the Northern states and territories and will no doubt soon build up a large business in Texas.

C. A. Payne, a fine stock breeder whose ranch is near San Angelo, was in Fort Worth last Friday returning from Jackboro where he recently bought from J. W. and D. L. Knox nine registered Hereford cows. For one of these cows Mr. Payne paid \$400, for three he paid \$350 each, for four \$250 each, and for one \$200. This is perhaps the highest price ever paid on one time for nine head of cows, in Texas. They are said to be an exceptionally fine lot and speak well for the registered herd of Knox Bros., which contains some sixty or seventy head of the best registered Hereford cattle to be found in the country. In buying the foundation for this herd these gentlemen bought the best that money could procure and are now reaping their well-merited reward.

W. H. Potter, a cattleman of Midland Tex., has been in Fort Worth several days under treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, Dr. Frank Mullins. Mr. Potter has been suffering a good many years from a severe case of catarrh of the head and throat. He is improving rapidly under Dr. Mullins' treatment and will doubtless recover completely in a few days, when he will return home.

THE PECOS COUNTRY. Pecos, Oct. 23, 1898. I arrived here last night and am spending a quiet Sunday in company with George T. Reynolds of Albany, J. P. Boyle of Fort Worth, Joe White of Weatherford, and E. O. Lockhausen of this place.

As near as I could tell from passing through on the train, the whole country from Fort Worth this way is dry, very dry, and grass is not nearly so plentiful as the owners of live stock could wish. However, none of them seem to be at all uneasy. On the way out I saw and talked with a few of them, and every one seemed to think that the cattle business was all right and while they would all acknowledge that there had recently been quite a "slump" in the market, yet all were inclined to be "good feelers" and had no idea of getting blue.

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I have listened to arguments, pro and con, on the cattle situation to-day and just now am in a maze of the logical observations given by both sides, and could not for the life of me, tell whether Joe White and Ed Lockhausen could ever be able to convince George Reynolds and J. P. Boyle that cattle were bound to go up. However, I'll say this: Both sides have backed

up their judgment. White has a big herd of cattle ranging in this country and seems satisfied to keep them. "Lock" has recently sold 8000 cattle at \$18.00 per head and then turned around a couple of times and bought 18,000 head at \$18.00 per head. Reynolds and Boyle have wanted to buy for a year but have been too timid somehow and still have their money laying up idle.

I believe in both sides. If I had money and wanted cattle and believed in the future of the business, I'd be just like White and Lockhausen. I'd go get 'em. On the other hand, if like Reynolds et al, I had half a million of cold cash and wanted cattle and thought them too high to be a safe investment I'd keep my "stuff". This Pecos country is generally dry, so I am told although there is plenty of grass for several months and cattle have so far done well enough.

While I'm out here, will take a hurried run up the valley and take a look at some of the P. V. country.

Eddy, N. M., Oct. 24. Left Pecos City early this morning on the Pecos Valley railway and arrived here for dinner. This irrigated portion of the Pecos valley is a veritable garden. Flourishing crops are on all sides and a general air of prosperity, peace and plenty abounds everywhere.

The farmers hereabouts, after raising their own feed crops for home consumption, are going heavily into beets and from the looks of the beet fields the sugar mill here will have to double its capacity after it opens up. This valley is a fine farming country, and from what I saw, I should judge that the mesas and foot hills back from the river would be as fine cattle country as could be found anywhere. But I'm going to the country from here with Buck Anderson, of this place, and may be able to tell a little more about that part in a few days.

Eddy is a fine, prosperous little city, is well and substantially built and everywhere one can see undoubted signs of progressiveness and metropolitanism.

In the old bank building is an exhibit of farm and orchard products, such as are produced here, and I want to say that California, Arkansas, Texas and all other states are ways behind it. It's the very best I ever saw, and I don't want to see any better.

Riverton, Tex., Oct. 28. I left Eddy three days in company with Buck Anderson, who owns a fine place on the head of Black river and has cattle ranging on that stream, on the Delaware and down this far into Texas. Mr. Anderson has convinced me that his section of the country is watered as well as anybody's country; in addition to this, I find that the gramma grass is just as good and as luxuriant here as it is anywhere. I have also seen as good a class of range cattle as is usually found anywhere. Altogether this is as fine a country as I want to see.

As an evidence of how good it is I only need to say that Joe White and Buck Anderson came out here from the Concho country about eighteen years ago working for wages. Now they run, between here and some 12,000 head of cattle and I believe have in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

THE CROSS HEREFORD SALE. Some Pointers About the 100 Head That Will Be Sold at Kansas City, Dec. 7.

Mr. C. S. Cross, the founder and owner of the noted Sunny Slope Hereford herd, has announced elsewhere in this issue that he has specially selected 100 head, 50 bulls and 50 cows and heifers, that includes all of his Omaha show herd, except one animal, the Imp. bull, Keep On. The offering cannot, therefore, be regarded otherwise than one of the best ever offered at public sale in this country, as the offerings are the sons and daughters of such noted sires as the great Beau Red 11255, the great prize winner and breeding bull Wild Tom 51292, Archibald V. 54432, and a small draft by other sires whose breeding and history places them among the Whiteface aristocracy of this country.

OKLAHOMA CATTLE NEWS. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: I have just returned home from Kansas City, Mo. I went with a shipment of cattle. Cows and young bulls sold up to expectations, but old bulls and steers sold remarkably low. I never before met so many cowmen from this section in Kansas City, at one time. W. B. Slaughter was there at the head of the "farm galls" delegation from Sherman county, Texas; Huff Wright, at the head of the Hansford county, Texas, crowd, and Alex Young, with several others, from Lipscomb county, Texas. Liberal, Kan., had a

good many on the market, with Court Brown at the head, while Beaver county, Oklahoma, was represented by B. S. Neff, J. S. Beasley, R. C. Lowe, your humble scribe, and many others. Men who had bought cattle earlier in the season and are now shipping them on the market are losing plenty of money.

Since my last, Court Brown sold to Mr. Lee of Inglewood, Kan., 1000 native yearling JB and JO steers at \$25. Mr. Brown bought in Colorado a large herd of first class native Colorado stock cattle at \$30 for all cows, calves thrown in. He shipped several loads of beef cattle out of the herd and sold to Alvin Batty 516 calves at \$16. The balance, consisting of 1300 cows and 100 late calves, he has placed on his ranch in this county at a cost of \$24 per cow, calves thrown in. Success to Little Brown. If it were not for him stock items would be extremely scarce at times. He is always ready to buy or sell anything in the cattle line. H. Westmoreland & Sons bought of Kansas City Live Stock Commission company 900 Arizona cows of the Hash Knife brand at \$20.

Many who had cattle gathered to ship have turned all or part of them loose and will not ship on account of the low market. Cattle shipping is practically over for this year from this section. Horace Lowe bought of George Ray a knife brand of native steer calves at an average of \$16.70. J. C. DENISON. Caple, Okla., Oct. 13, 1898.

SOME GRAND ADDITIONS TO SUNNY SIDE HERD. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: I will give you a list of the cattle bought at K. B. Armour's sale of Herefords at Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25th and 26th: Warrior Vol. xix calved Feb. 1st, 1897, sired by Royal Flush 63546; dam, Shadeland Elvina 58394. He has three crosses of Lord Wilton, three of Garfield, a Grove 3d, Longhorns, sire of the anxieties, a Spartan, a Sir Richard 2d and Sir Thomas 20. He has a rich color, nicely marked down ham, low down blocky fellow, early maturing kind, and if he lives ought to be heard from in the future, for he is royally bred.

The imported cow Cinderella Vol. xix sired by Sir Garnett 76258, Dam Crystal Vol. xix, bred by R. J. Penhall, Penbridge, England. She is also royally bred. Her sister Christmas Rose 75152 sold on same day to Geo. P. Henry of Chicago, for \$1000.

Donna 5th 66592, sired by Lamp-lighter 51334. He took first premium in yearling class at the World's Columbian Fair, Chicago, 1893, and fourth best bull any age. Her dam Donna 2d 41783 by Anxiety 4th, imported by Gudge & Simpson, one of the best bulls ever brought to America.

Lady Slipper 75109 calved July 17, 1897, by Beau Brummel Jr. 65073. Dam Armour Maid 21st 60039. One of the plums and said by many to be the bargain of the first day's sale, and I think the best Hereford in Texas. They are all richly bred and fine individuals, and the best I ever bought for the Sunny Side herd.

We are having very dry weather here. W. S. IKARD. Henrietta, Tex., Nov. 2, 1898.

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