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An Able Body—Representatives of all Portions of the United States and of the Most Advanced Thought Engaged in the Agricultural Industry.

Promptly at 10 o'clock on the morning of Dec. 6, the eighteenth annual session of the Farmers' National Congress was opened in the auditorium of the city hall at Fort Worth. The decorations about the speaker's stand were handsome and were reminders of the great events which have called the attention of the world to the marvelous strength and readiness of this nation in other than industrial fields. About the platform were portraits of President McKinley, Vice President Hobart, Fitzhugh Lee, Dewey, Sampson and Schley, with Washington as the central figure of these great Americans. Over all was the American eagle, with a large American flag upon either side.

The form of the hall is that of two sides of a square, with the speaker's stand at the interior angle, the seats arranged in tiers of easy ascent in semi-circles about it, with a gallery above the two sides over the rearward lines of seats. The form and proportions of the hall give it excellent acoustic properties, and with a large seating capacity, it has the advantage of comfort, light and excellent ventilation.

The personnel of the body demonstrates that its name, Farmers' National Congress, is in no sense a misnomer. It is national in that it was composed of delegates from every portion of the United States. In another sense it was national, in that among its numbers were so many men of national reputation, high authorities in every department of agricultural industry. The leaders of agricultural thought were there, men whose teachings have gone to the farthest limits of the nation, and who are known and respected in other lands as well. In numbers the body was large, comprising an attendance estimated to be near 1000.

The Congress had met for the transaction of business and promptly commenced its work, though the usual courtesies of greeting and welcome, in this case not merely formal, were not neglected. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Alexander C. Garrett, Protestant Episcopal bishop of the Dallas diocese. The cordial welcome of Fort Worth was expressed by its mayor, Hon. Jno. F. Henderson. The secretary of the Congress, Jno. M. Stahl, of Chicago, made an excellent response to the address of Mayor Henderson. In Mr. Stahl's address he suggested some of the work the farmers were always engaged in performing creditably, and some of the objects the Farmers' Congress sought to obtain. "On the farm," said Mr. Stahl, "we raise babies as we raise corn, and we nearly always have a good crop. We are not calamity howlers, but we would like to have some things changed. We ought to have good roads and we want to have the co-operation of city people. We want pure food and we need your assistance in carrying out our legislation on that point."

Following Mr. Stahl, Gov. Culberson welcomed the Congress to Texas in a speech that was brief, but strong in the eloquence of facts of interest vital to the farmers' industries, and especially to the industries of Texas farmers. Among other most interesting statistical statements made by the governor was this:

"If we turn to our own state it will be seen that agriculture has made wonderful progress here. Between 1850 and 1890 the improved area increased from 640,000 to 20,750,000 acres. Agricultural wealth in that period increased from \$29,000,000 to \$517,000,000. From 1850 to 1890 the production of meat reached 600,000 tons and that of cotton advanced from 58,072 to 3,073,621 bales, in each of these products surpassing any other state. The population of the state now estimated at 2,250,000 has increased forty five per cent since 1850, and as agriculture has far outstripped population in the United States since 1860 the full measure of our growth can be appreciated. Part of this notable advancement is due to the fact that each hand employed in farming in Texas, according to the census of 1890, produces three times as much as one of any other Southern state. The increase of wealth per inhabitant in this state the past fifty years, which is largely attributable to agricultural progress, is \$12 better than the average for all the states of the Union."

Continuing, Gov. Culberson spoke of the conservative influence of the agricultural class in all Christian lands and the interest of the whole body of the people in the maintenance of the prosperity of this class; of the value of diversification of crops as one important means of promoting that prosperity, and of the establishment of manufacturing industries as another and most efficient means to the same end. The speech of Gov. Culberson was much commented on by the delegates from other states, in each case with expressions of admiration of its force and its fitness to the occasion.

Col. B. F. Clayton of Iowa, chairman of the executive committee, responded in a brief talk that at times excited roars of laughter. He said among other things complimentary to Texas that the only man he ever knew her to fall in anything she attempted was when she tried to secede.

The programme of the Congress as published announced addresses of welcome by James E. Mitchell, president of the Fort Worth Protective League, and by W. E. Skinner, president of the Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange, and responses, to the former by Hon. Wm. Freeman of Maine, and to the latter by F. C. Maxwell, the Louisiana vice president of the Congress. All these addresses were omitted.

Thus the annual address of the president of the Congress, Ex-Gov. Hoard of Wisconsin, came next after Col.

especially because of the absence of Secretary Wilson, his address having been expected as the most interesting feature of the meeting because of its practical importance to the producers of food stuffs seeking foreign markets. However, Don Miguel J. Romero of Venezuela, was in the hall and consented to read his paper on "The Agriculture of Venezuela," which was to have been a part of the programme of the following day. The close attention given to Senator Romero throughout evinced the interest which his audience felt in his able treatment of the subject of his paper. Relative to the live stock industry of his country, he said:

"Stock raising has considerably increased in Venezuela during recent years. According to the opinion of Humboldt, Codazzi and other writers, that Barcelona section is the best for cattle raising in Venezuela, not only because of the nearness of its cattle ranches to the shipping ports, but also because of the fine broods of its livestock, and its abundant pastures and water. Other cattle sections are Apure, Guarico, Portuguesa and Orinoco.

"The cattle industry in Venezuela offers a good opportunity for the investment of United States capital. The Delta territory and the lands in the vicinity of the great Orinoco river are inviting the pioneers to bring their great enterprises, which will insure handsome returns to the promoters. I believe that to-day the best business in Venezuela is live stock and dairy farms. It pays well and gives more profits than a gold mine. Venezuela is becoming, and it will increasingly continue to be, an exporter of cattle. A contract has been entered into a few days ago for the supply of 24,000 head, destined for Cuba, and will be delivered at the rate of 2000 per month.

"The trip from the Venezuelan ship port to Havana is from six to seven days. Our cattle are similar to the Texas cattle. I have read in the book of Prof. Curtis on horses, cattle, sheep and swine that the same original Spanish stock introduced into Mexico in the sixteenth century have produced the Texas cattle, and the similar Spanish stock was introduced into South America. Our cowboys are called 'lanero,' from the prairies that are called los llanos. But our cattle industry is yet beginning; we need improvement in breeding animals and the modern methods of making cheese. It is a shame that we import all of our butter and most of our cheese from Europe."

At the conclusion of his interesting paper Senator Romero received most enthusiastic applause and a vote of thanks was given to the distinguished gentleman for the pleasure and information his paper had given to the Congress.

The Hon. W. G. Whitmore of Nebraska, was also on the programme for the following day to read a paper on "The Best Beet Sugar Industry," but kindly consented to let it take the advanced position occasioned by the absence of the secretary of agriculture and the Mexican minister to Russia. Mr. Whitmore showed that a very considerable area in the United States was adapted to the production of the sugar beet and that it was destined to become an important feature in the agriculture of the country. Mr. Whitmore however said, relative to the annexation of Hawaii and the islands declared by Spain, "I trust none of us are so thin skinned that we cannot recognize in this place the truth that the future not only of beet sugar, but of all sugar production in what has heretofore been known as the United States of America would be seriously menaced, and probably utterly destroyed by the annexation of the East and West Indies to our domain."

Mr. A. S. Goetz of Eddy, N. M., followed, showing that although there was a prejudice against beet sugar it is really as sweet, or sweeter, than cane sugar, and gave an interesting account of the history of its manufacture. Senator J. C. Evans of Colorado stated that he had understood that profitable beet culture involved the employment of a cheap foreign labor whose influences were demoralizing. Upon this point he asked information of Mr. Whitmore, who stated that on his own farm he paid laborers \$1.25 a day, and showed by other statements of necessary expenditures that liberal wages would not preclude profits to the beet farmer. Relative to Mr. Whitmore's anti-annexation argument, a delegate from New York pertinently asked him "If the sugar industry was about to be ruined by an impending future event, as he had stated, how could he advise and urge him, the speaker, as a capitalist, to put his money into it as he was doing, by advancing the interests of the industry and seeking to increase it in the face of this impending ruin which is about to occur?"

President Hoard here ruled that the time for this discussion had been exhausted. During the afternoon the following committees were announced:

Committee on Resolutions—B. F. Clayton, Iowa, chairman; Otto Dornier, Wisconsin, secretary; B. F. Rockefeller, Colorado; J. M. Kimbrough, Georgia; John Stewart, Illinois; E. L. Furness, Indiana; G. W. Cummins, Kentucky; J. G. Lee, Louisiana; R. G. Candage, Massachusetts; L. O. Trombler, Minnesota; N. J. Shepherd, Missouri; W. G. Whitmore, Nebraska; A. S. Goetz, New Mexico; Henry S. Ambler, New York; L. A. Lawrence, North Carolina; T. L. Pope, Ohio; R. H. Millard, Oklahoma; O. Ringler, South Dakota; George T. Jester, Texas; T. E. Orr, Pennsylvania.

Committee on Finance—A. V. Stout, Iowa; Wm. B. Powell, Pennsylvania; E. V. Edward, Minnesota; T. R. Stewart, Illinois; Frank P. Holland, Texas.

The Committee on Location—N. E. Heath, Nebraska; W. L. Ames, Wisconsin; D. L. Pope, Ohio; R. F. Butler, Texas; W. W. Ware, New York.

The Committee on the President's Address—W. A. Henry, Wisconsin; E. L. Purvis, Indiana; John G. Avery, Massachusetts; W. T. M. Dixon, Texas. The death of Rev. Dennis Kenyon at McLean, Ill., was announced, a telegram having been received to that ef-

fect. Dr. Kenyon has been a valued member of the organization for ten years and was held in high esteem and warm regard by its members. Secretary Stahl and others paid tributes of warm friendship to the memory of their associate in brief remarks. Upon motion the Illinois delegation was appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions regarding his death.

On motion Maj. R. D. Kellogg, a representative of the Commercial club of Des Moines, Ia., was granted the privilege of the floor during the convention. In response Major Kellogg made a brief, humorous speech.

On motion of Col. Clayton, Gov. Culberson, Rt. Rev. Alex. C. Garrett and Major Henderson were accorded the privileges of honorary membership. At 8 p. m. the Congress again met to hear the address of the noted colored orator of the South, Booker T. Washington on "Industrial Education for the Negro." He began by saying: "The negro will find himself valued and appreciated as a citizen, not because of his color, but because of his intellect, his industry and his character."

"My friends of the white race, it will pay you, for no higher reason than that of increasing your own material wealth, to help the negro out of his present condition. I hear a prolonged moan going from every portion of the South because of 4 and 5 cent cotton. The explanation of this low price of cotton, I believe, all agree is the fact that the black man produces the larger proportion of the cotton, and as a rule the black man is ignorant and knows not as a rule how to produce anything except cotton? Is it not true in all the history of the world that an ignorant man will never be a successful farmer or a successful manufacturer? Is it not true that you have a diversified crop where you have an intelligent farming class?"

"The negro problem in the South is fast passing from a question of sentimentality to one of business, of the one of commercial and industrial values. In working out a solution of this problem, it is well to bear in mind that the mere flat of law could not make a dependent man an independent man; could not make an ignorant voter an intelligent voter; could not make one citizen respect another. These results come to the negro as to all races; by beginning at the bottom and working gradually up towards the highest civilization and accomplishments.

"The key to the solution of the race problem in the South is in commercial and industrial development of the negro."

The closing feature of the evening session, after the conclusion of the address by Booker T. Washington, was a talk on "The Great Northwest, Illustrated by stereoscopic views," by Mrs. Charles Curtis Edwards of Minneapolis, Minn. The views shown had been selected with great care and were instructive as well as entertaining and were greatly enjoyed by the audience.

On Wednesday morning the Congress again met with even a larger attendance than that of the previous day. President Hoard added to the committee on resolutions J. A. Johnson, mayor of Fargo, North Dakota, and T. J. Killbuck of Alabama, well known throughout the country as a writer on subjects of economic interest to agriculture. Again there was a disappointment caused by the absence of Prof. C. C. James, assistant secretary of agriculture, Province of Ontario, Canada, who was to read a paper upon a most important subject, "Agriculture in the United States and the West." The programme as to take part in the discussion of the same subject. It was at first proposed by Mr. Stout of Iowa, that as the subject was one so vital to the promotion of agricultural prosperity the Congress should take it up, asking President Hoard to lead in the discussion. Prof. Henry of Wisconsin, announced that at a proper time a strong resolution on the subject would be presented, and as this would bring out all discussion the subject was passed.

No more interesting event occurred during the entire session of the Congress than Mrs. S. Isadore Miner's reading of her paper, "The Organization of Country Schools for Women." Mrs. Miner depicted the hardships and the mental starvation of woman's life upon the farm, deprived of literary and social privileges, often a mere machine of labor, yet with the responsibility of teaching her children all that they would have opportunity to learn. From this privation and all its cruel effects upon mind and soul woman's clubs would do much to reclaim her. It is so manifestly unjust to attempt a synopsis of Mrs. Miner's paper that the Journal hopes for an opportunity at some early day to present it in full. At its close Mrs. Miner received the most enthusiastic applause and she received, upon motion of Mr. C. H. Willingham of Ballinger, a vote of thanks, and upon motion of Mr. Avery of Massachusetts, she was ordered the privileges of the Congress. President Hoard followed with a brief story of a farmer's wife in the far North, without opportunity to receive the food for which her mind ever hungered, worn with hard, daily, unceasing toil, always a devoted and thoughtful mother of a large family of little ones, whose needs were never neglected, who after many years folded the hands, scarred and disfigured by toil, to go to the rest which was never given her on earth. As said by Gov. Hoard, it was a story of infinite pathos, told in simple but absolutely perfect eloquence, classic in the purity of its diction, but a story that is only one of many thousands of such lives all over the land.

Several interesting anecdotes were told by the chairman, after which Judge J. G. Willingham of West Texas, was called to the platform to tell something of the Lone Star state's stock raising. The judge made a happy speech, which caught the audience. He said the people of the North had taught the South, and Texas in particular, a valuable lesson in the raising of stock. Time there was when the very idea of having to feed stock for six or nine months in the year, as is done in the North, appeared ridiculous to the Texas farmer. Then Texans raised a few long horn cattle, razorback hogs and Spanish ponies. But times have changed and Texas stock methods have changed with them. The way to raise stock was to give them plenty of feed and elbow room to eat it. The judge remembered the time when Texas long horn cattle were turned out to run for themselves. To think of feeding them would be to suggest symptoms of insanity in the farmer attempting it. These cattle sold for \$6 apiece. Yesterday he saw Texas long horns, that had been fed by intelligent methods, and they brought \$28 apiece. The first time the judge saw Texas long horns fed the cattle looked thunderstruck at being placed in pens, and nearly died of fright when they were kept in pens twelve days.

Stock was being improved all over Texas. There were cattle in the Lone Star state that were better than that which could stand on an equal with any in the United States. Texas had hogs that would take prizes at any agricultural fair in the North, and horses so fast that they could outrun all civilized man. The sheep raised in West Texas were the salt of the earth. This state of affairs was brought about by the intelligence of the Texas stockman, who was devoting his entire attention to the improvement of his animals. Before many years Texas would have the best stock of all grades of any state in the Union.

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with means whereby to secure committee representatives for American agricultural product in the markets of the old world.

"3. That we favor securing, by the best means available, the operation of steamship lines direct to South American ports, in order to trade with our sister republics.

"4. That we favor and urge national legislation whereby imitated and adulterated product shall be plainly marked, and that upon such there be levied taxes sufficient, at least to pay the expense of guarding all people from fraud and deception.

"5. We urge upon the farmers of each state to liberally uphold their agricultural colleges and experiment stations, and that they see to it that educated and trained experts hold their positions, while no effects tenure through political preferences.

"6. Since personal property of all classes and kinds now largely escape taxation by fraud or otherwise, we plead for strong taxation laws, demanding it be sent to the legislature, and a committee be appointed to form and present to the legislators of several states an address upon this all important question. All of which is respectfully submitted."

The Congress then adopted the following amendments to its constitution, to be added to section 13:

"And no question which in any sense is before the country as a partisan issue and has been incorporated in the platform of the leading political parties, shall be proposed or debated in the meetings of the Congress.

Prof. Winston, of Wisconsin, addressed the Congress, and with the aid of charts hung across the auditorium, spoke very entertainingly concerning the value of different nutritious foods with reference to fiber building in stock.

Prof. Whitney, of the bureau of soil analysis, representative of the secretary of agriculture, concluded the night session with an interesting talk on tobacco culture.

Other papers announced in the program were not heard, "Railway Disorganization," by Hon. D. G. Purse of Savannah, Ga., and "The Past and Future Conditions of Railroads in the West and Southwest," by Hon. A. E. Stihwell of Kansas City, both of these gentlemen having failed to attend the meeting.

Hon. J. H. Hargrave, of the University of Wisconsin, in speaking of the scientific farming of the Wisconsin county, Wisconsin, said that a few years ago 95 per cent of the property was mortgaged, now owing to the common sense of the farmers in that county, not 5 per cent of the property is mortgaged.

He said he wanted to see the people of the North and the South in order to see them moving continually, as a shuttle, back and forth across the country.

After a few questions Dan O. Alvarez introduced Senors Del Rio and Lizaray, representatives of President Diaz.

Perhaps the most important paper to Texas farmers and stockmen read during the session was that of Prof. W. A. Henry upon stock feeding. Prof. Henry is dean of the college of agriculture and director of the agricultural experiment station of the University of Wisconsin.

The afternoon session resolutions were adopted recommending an early construction of the Nicaragua canal, the extension of rural free mail delivery, state aid to road construction, or lease of arid lands belonging to the United States, state and national legislation to prevent introduction of noxious seeds or plants, to prevent manufacture or sale of adulterated or impure foods or imitation of pure and unadulterated foods, to prevent falsification of dairy or food products, encouraging American mail service to foreign countries in American steamships as an aid to increase of export trade, improvement of rivers and harbors, the teaching of the elementary principles of agriculture in public schools and the encouragement of Farmers' Institutes.

An amendment to the constitution was submitted to the effect that the time and place of holding the meeting of the Congress should be determined by the president and the executive committee, who should have full power to act thereon. The president explained that according to the by-laws this amendment cannot be acted upon until the next convention of the Congress, and that it was not presented with the view of taking from the body of the house any of their vested rights, but that for economic reasons, the matters of securing railroad rates, entertainment, excursions, etc., could be handled better from a central source and it had been thought to the greatest advantage and benefit of the Congress.

Senor F. M. Del Rio of Mexico, read an interesting paper on the agricultural resources of his country. This was followed by the paper of E. S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton Growers' association, his subject being "The Cotton Interest."

Mr. A. P. Bush, Jr., president of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, was the last speaker of the afternoon session. He said in part that although he had been invited several times to attend the Farmers' Congress, he had never before thought of the magnitude of the interest represented by the present assemblage until this, his first appearance and participation in the deliberations of the Congress. The farmers of this country, he said, represented \$16,000,000,000 of the capital of the entire country and the farmers and farm laborers 97 per cent of the total population of this country. He deprecated that in the annual deliberations of this body but little interest had been paid to the live stock industry, yet in 1890 the live stock industry of the country represented \$2,200,000,000 of the country's capital. He said that it was a remarkable fact that from 1884 to 1897 the cattle of the United States other than milch cows had increased 50,000 head, while the population of the United States had increased 30 per cent. Texas cattle and the various live stock industries in the state also received much attention from Mr. Bush. He closed amid loud applause as he extended an invitation

to the Congress to be present at the cattlemen's annual convention in Fort Worth March, 1899.

The most animated discussion of the week was over the selection of the place for the next annual meeting. It lasted fully two hours. The invitation of Denver was presented by John W. Springer, secretary of the National Live Stock association in a speech that was almost persuaded in spite of the committee's recommendation of Boston.

Other cities seeking the honor of entertaining the Congress were Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Fargo, North Dakota, Des Moines, Iowa, and Boston, Massachusetts. The invitation of Boston was accepted by the Congress.

The following resolutions reported by the committee on resolutions were adopted:

"That we urge on congress the necessity to take more effective steps than heretofore to prevent the spread of the contagious and infectious diseases known as epizootic fever.

Resolved, that the congress of the United States be requested to extend to settlers free homes in Oklahoma and the Cherokee Strip under the homestead law.

Resolved, that the legislature be memorialized to establish textile schools.

Resolved, that the legislature be petitioned to provide penalties for the adulteration of food.

Resolved, that congress be petitioned to grant to the interstate commerce commission the right to make rates, to use powers originally conferred on them, which recent decisions of the courts have deprived them of.

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his presentation of it was forcible and interesting. One steamship line from New York to Venezuela is the only line to prepare a paper on the subject, American line to the Atlantic coast of South America, which has none on the Pacific coast. Mail to that country from the United States must go in foreign vessels. This country brings in foreign vessels each year from Brazil more than \$100,000,000 worth of coffee. Other large imports from that country to this are carried by foreign sailors in foreign craft.

The paper of Mrs. Ada Manila Ewke, of Des Moines, Iowa, had to be deferred but it was arranged to have it printed with the proceedings of the Congress. Its subject is "The Development of the West."

The Congress then adjourned until after the excursion over the state. It will then re-assemble at Fort Worth for a brief sitting, after which it will adjourn sine die.

NOTES OF THE CONGRESS. About 400 of the delegates left the Fort Worth depot of the Houston and Texas Central at 1:30 p. m. Friday. Nearly all the delegates from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin were in the party, as well as a goodly number of delegates from other distant states. Ten coaches had been provided to carry the visitors on their trip through the state. Among the number were Mr. Whitney, representative from the agricultural department at Washington, and Sr. Romero, representative from Venezuela. The latter gentleman made many friends while attending the Congress, both by his intellectual culture and by his attractive courteousness. Ex-Governor Hoard and Col. Clayton of Iowa, were prevented from accompanying the party.

A number of gentlemen who were prominent in the Texas Farmers' Congress held at College Station in July were interested visitors to the Fort Worth meeting of the National organization. Conspicuous among them were Judge C. H. Willingham of Ballinger, Prof. J. H. Connell of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, director of the Texas Experiment Station, E. B. Hartle of Greenville, E. W. Kirkpatrick of McKinney, W. T. Dickson of Ellis county, I. D. Slay of Italy, T. C. Slaughter of Prosper, Collin county, Col. E. S. Peters of Calver, president of the Texas Cotton Ginners' association, H. E. Speer of Elm View, J. H. Vance of San Antonio, W. R. Spann of Dallas, Capt. W. A. Rhea of McKinney and J. C. Cobb of Dodd City.

Frank D. Hovenkamp of Tarrant county had an exhibition near city hall of about thirty bunches of Shorthorns which attracted much attention. The exhibit which the Cotton Belt Railroad company had at the Omaha exposition and brought to Fort Worth for this occasion was visited by all the delegates to the Congress. The exhibit of Texas products consisted of native woods, building stone, minerals, vegetables, grains, grasses, etc. It was a most interesting and instructive display. The display of fruits was especially fine.

Nebraska was represented by a body of about thirty intelligent men, prominent among them being H. E. Heath of Omaha, representative of the Prairie Farmer, one of the best agricultural papers of the West.

Oklahoma did not have a large representation, but it was a strong one in the individual quality of its membership. Among the members of this delegation were L. M. Mohlin of El Reno, Todd of El Reno, Burke of K county and Wood of Custer county.

J. D. Hudd of Harrison county, president of the Texas Jersey Cattle club, and Gen. G. B. Waul, formerly a prominent Galveston lawyer but now a Hunt county farmer, were among the interested Texas visitors to the Congress.

Capt. R. W. Tansall of New Mexico, one of the most successful farmers of Pecos Valley, was one of the welcome and appreciated visitors to the Congress.

At this meeting were several gentlemen whose valuable contributions to agriculture of Texas had not received the recognition that is more than national. Conspicuous among them were T. H. Killebrew of Alabama, ex-Gov. Hoard of Wisconsin, editor of Hoards Dairyman, and Prof. Henry of Wisconsin, whose work on Feeds and Feeding is standard authority everywhere.

Prof. J. H. Connell, director of the experiment work at College Station, took part in the discussion of the feeding question, the discussion having been opened by Prof. Henry's paper on the subject. Connell has made the feeding of cotton seed products an important part of the work at the Texas Experiment Station. He wishes Texas farmers to write to him their feeding experiences, and he will have them published in the Station work. Such experiences of practical feeders will add much value to the feeding industry.

FORT WORTH POULTRY SHOW. Tarrant County Pigeon and Pet Stock Association hold their Initial Exhibition.

The Tarrant County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association held its initial show in Fort Worth last week conjointly with the Farmers' Congress. The exhibition was a success in every way—in the number of birds shown, in attendance, in the manner the prizes were awarded and in the general management.

The exhibition was held in the marble house on Rush and Thirteenth streets, and the number of entries footed up nearly 1000. H. B. Savage judged by score and added greatly to his wide reputation as a judge and authority on poultry; he is a most conscientious gentleman and thorough was his work done the exhibitors were unanimous in expressing their entire satisfaction.

A major portion of the success of the show may be attributed to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. B. E. Randall, secretary of the association. Mr. Randall was one of the promoters of the association and since its inception has been one of the most enthusiastic workers. Both the exhibitors and visitors owe him a vote of thanks for his labors to make the affair the success it was. The exhibitors were as follows:

J. E. Lawther, Dallas—Light Brahms exclusively, and Light Brahms in prime condition and he won

the "lion's share" of the prizes in his class. R. A. Davis, of Merit, was there with a fine exhibit and as usual captured a fine bunch of blue ribbons. W. R. Mickle of Birliville, was among the lucky exhibitors of fine geese, turkeys and several varieties of chickens. He sold a gentleman from Illinois some fine B. Rocks.

J. R. Davis of Waco, was on hand with a small but select exhibit and won some very handsome prizes. F. McQueen of Baird exhibited the cactus strain of Barred Plymouth Rocks and made a creditable showing. J. J. Ferrell was there from Handley with a nice lot of birds which won some very handsome prizes.

J. E. Randall has been raising fine poultry for a longer time than most men live. He breeds the best and captured a most desirable lot of prizes. Mr. Randall's farm is in Riverside, a suburb of Fort Worth.

The Bonham Poultry Farm made a creditable exhibit and was managed by Mr. Anthony who is an old-timer in the business and knows how to produce good birds.

B. S. Warriner, the bantam man of Granbury, was a winner—his always is. Mr. Ferrell is one of the most extensive bantam breeders in the South. Mrs. E. P. Maddox of Fort Worth, exhibited White Rocks—good ones, and they were winners. Mr. W. B. Sid Stewart of Hillsdale, is another bantam enthusiast who showed White Rocks and won on them.

Geo. D. Ackley of Fort Worth, is an old-time breeder of Cochins and Indian Games. He won nine premiums. B. S. Warriner of Fort Worth, a breeder for several years was among the successful Indian Game exhibitors.

W. J. Warriner is another Fort Worth breeder who was remarkably lucky with his birds. Mr. Warriner's yard is in the heart of the city and he breeds S. B. Leghorns. H. L. Ingram of Fort Worth, exhibited White Crested Polish. W. J. Pittman of Bonham, displayed a nice lot of Toulouse geese.

F. P. Preult, one of Fort Worth's most enthusiastic "cranks" made a nice display and won a fair share of prizes. E. S. Sherman and K. F. McRea of Terrell, were top-notchers in the Langshan class.

W. A. and B. E. Pucey of Waco, exhibited Langshans. Dr. J. M. Willis of Thornton, made a clean sweep on Black Minorcas. J. F. Henderson, the Fort Worth Buff Leghorn man, has been a breeder for many years and was, as usual, in the lucky list of winners.

Drum Seed and Floral company displayed a nice lot of birds and demonstrated their ability to cultivate poultry as well as flowers. H. Watt Smith is another Fort Worth breeder who has been an exhibitor for a dozen years or more. He has a fine collection of Cuban Games.

J. B. Matheson of Mansfield exhibited bantams. A. B. McCoy and Mrs. J. H. Tiller exhibited pigeons and canary birds. Mr. Savage said that the birds averaged well in weights and were, taken as a whole, very healthy.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—J. R. Davis first cockerel and third hen. R. A. Davis second cockerel, first cock, first and second hens, first and second pullets. W. R. Mickle third cockerel. F. P. Preult second cock. Baird Poultry Farm third hen.

Buff Cochins—J. J. Ferrell first cockerel and second hen. J. E. Randall first cockerel, first hen, first, second and third pullets and first pen. W. R. Mickle second cockerel.

Light Brahms—J. E. Lawther first cock, first and second cockerels, first and third hens, third pullet and first pen. Bonham Poultry Farm second cock, second hen, first and second pullet and second pen. F. P. Preult third cock.

White Plymouth Rocks—S. B. Ferrell first cock, first and second cockerels, first, second and third pullets and first hen. Mrs. Sid Stewart second cock and third hen. Mrs. E. P. Maddox third cockerel and second hen. Dark Brahms—All prizes to Cunningham.

Partridge Cochins—Geo. D. Ackley first cock, first and second hen, second and third pullet and second pen. R. A. Davis first cockerel, first pullet and first pen. Games—Bonham Poultry Farm first and second cock, second cockerel, second and third hen, second and third pullet and first pen. B. S. Warriner first cockerel and first pullet. Geo. D. Ackley first hen.

Single Comb Browns—Leghorns—W. J. Warriner first cock, first and second pullet and first pen. J. M. Jones second cockerel, third hen, third pullet and second pen. R. A. Davis third cockerel.

White Crested Polish—All prizes to H. L. Ingram. Black Langshans—F. P. Preult first and third cockerels. F. S. Sherman second cockerel. W. A. and B. E. Pucey first and second hen and second pullet. K. F. McRea first and third pullet. Black Minorcas—Miss F. E. Willis was awarded all prizes. Buff Leghorns—J. E. Randall first cock, first cockerel, first and third pullet and second hen. J. F. Henderson, second pullet. Drum Seed and Floral company second and third on cockerel.

pair. W. R. Mickle second pair. Pigeons—A. B. McCoy first on pouter, first on white fawn. Mrs. J. H. Tiller second on fawn. Canary birds, all to Mrs. J. H. Tiller.

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MARKETS.

ST. LOUIS MARKET. National Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 12—Cattle receipts were 2900, including 1300 Texans; shipments, 350. Market steady. Fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, \$4.25@5.40; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$3.50@5.30; steers under 1000 pounds, \$3.60@4.45; cows and heifers, \$2.00@4.50; Texas and Indian Territory steers, \$2.50@4.25; cows and heifers, \$2.20@3.70; hog receipts, 10,000; shipments 1500. Market steady. Yorkers, \$3.10@3.25; packers, \$3.20@3.35; butchers, \$3.35@3.45. Sheep receipts, 8500; shipments, 100. Market steady. Native muttons, \$3.50@4.25; lambs, \$4.00@5.50.

CHICAGO MARKET. Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12—The cattle market was stronger and generally 10 cents higher. Common kinds brought \$3.35@4.50; good to strictly choice fat shipping cattle, \$5.00@5.60; Christmas heaves, \$5.70@6.00; stockers and feeders slow at \$2.90@4.45; calves, \$3.00@6.75. Hogs strong and 2 1/2 to 5 cents higher. Common hogs brought \$3.25@3.30; best, \$3.40@3.50. The average quality was poorer than usual. Pigs brought \$3.15@3.35. Sheep and lambs fairly active, but the supply was excessive, and lambs were largely 10 cents lower. Prime fleeces brought \$4.20@6.25; lambs sold largely at \$4.00@5.00; very common lots, \$2.50@4.00; feeders, \$4.40@4.60. Sheep wanted at \$2.00@3.00 for the poorest to \$4.00@4.20 for the best. Feeding sheep dull at \$3.00@3.70. Receipts of cattle, 14,500; hogs, 50,000; sheep, 22,000.

DALLAS MARKET. At the Armstrong packery receipts of good cattle have been very light, though fairly good of medium and lower grades. Hog receipts light and far below demand, and the same was true of sheep. Quotations as follows: Extra fat cows, \$3.00@3.25; good to choice cows, \$2.50@3.00; feeders, \$2.25@2.50; canners and culls, \$1.25@2.25; veal calves, light to heavy, \$3.00@4.00; fat bulls, \$2.50@2.75; prime bulls, \$1.75@2.25; sheep, good fat wethers, 90 lbs and over, \$3.25@3.50; straight fat hogs, 200 to 300 lbs, carload lots, \$3.20; light, rough and heavy hogs, wagon lots, \$2.95@3.10; wagon hogs 15 cents less than carloads.

KANSAS CITY MARKET LETTER. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 12—Wheat—No. 2 hard 60 1/2@61 1/2; No. 3 57 1/2@60 1/2; No. 2 hard 60 1/2@61 1/2; No. 3 57 1/2@60 1/2. Corn firm; 2, mixed, 30 1/2@31c. Oats steady; 2, white, 27 1/2@28 1/2c. Rye firm; 2, 48 1/2c. Receipts—Wheat, 172,000; corn, 72,000; oats, 8000. Shipments—Wheat, 68,000; corn, 8000; oats, 5000.

HOUSTON MARKET. The following market report is furnished by Saunders & Hotchkiss, Houston, Dec. 10—Choice beefs, per hundred pounds, \$3.25; medium beefs, \$3.00; choice cows and heifers, \$3.00; medium cows and heifers, \$2.75; common cows and heifers, \$1.75@2.50; bulls, slugs and work Oxen, \$1.75@2.75; choice yearlings, \$3.50; medium yearlings, \$3.00@3.25; common yearlings, \$2.75; choice calves, \$3.75; medium calves, \$3.25@3.50; choice medium, \$3.50@3.75; top corn-fed hogs (solid) wholesale, \$3.20@3.35; top corn-fed (solid) retail, \$3.75; mast-fed hogs, \$2.50@2.75.

DENVER MARKET. Denver, Col., Dec. 10—The following market report was furnished by the Seligman Live Stock Commission company: There have not been many cattle in that would do for the killers; good fat cows and steers are in demand and can be taken care of at good strong prices. The stocker and feeder market this week has been almost without a feature; the receipts were light and the demand very quiet on the commoner grades with a little activity in the better bred stuff, but this class are somewhat scarce.

DALLAS LOCAL HIDE MARKET. Crowders Bros. & Co. price current. Market strong. Green salts, round, 6 1/2; No. 1 green salt, 7; No. 2 green salt, 6; bulls, 5; butchers' dead green, 5; glue and damaged, half price, dry flints, good 13 cents; culls, 6 1/2c.

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NEWS AND NOTES. Coleman Voice: J. C. Dibrell bought 176 head of stock cattle from Phillips & Clements. Big Springs Pantagraph: Steve Calverly sold to Andy Bryson 270 cows at private terms. Tabbits are becoming exceedingly troublesome to nurserymen all over Central Texas. San Saba News: Last week Will Zunwalt bought from Ann Huffman 450 one and two-year-old steers at \$17 and \$21.

COTTON AND GRAIN. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 12—Ordinary Good ordinary 3 1/2 Low middling 4 Middling 5 1/2

NEWSPAPERS. DENVER PAPERS. Denver papers say that interest in the range cattle exhibition to be held in that city in January increases as the time for the exhibition approaches and that a number of entries have already been made. It looks as though there would be a large attendance, both of cattle and buyers.

Though the recent small advance in cotton has helped business, the Henderson Times advises farmers not to spread out the crop next year until it fills the fence corners.

The snow and blizzard last week drove many cotton pickers back to the cities and towns and very much cotton will be left to be plowed under the ground next spring.

M. Z. Smisson of Fort Worth, has bought from G. W. Whitehead & Sons, 400 three and four-year-old steers. The steers are to be delivered in January and will be placed on feed at Gainesville.

Denver Stockman: The L S ranch of Taosca, has entered a load of grade Hereford calves for the cattle competition in January and Charley Withington will probably come up with them. They are owned by Scott & Whitman.

Velasco World: Farmers around Velasco are very enthusiastic over the prospects they have of getting rid of their vegetables this season for a cash consideration without the risks of shipment themselves. Nearly every farmer will plant largely.

The sixth annual meeting of the Territorial Agricultural, Horticultural and Irrigation society will be held at Kingfisher, Ok., January 3 and continuing in session three days. Interesting papers from prominent men of Oklahoma and elsewhere have been announced.

The imports of wool into the United States in January and Charley Withington amounted to \$647,384 as against \$1,052,384 for November, 1897. Sugar of Missouri has an inspector at the yards who passes several hundred yard into that state. In the cold weather there is no danger of infection on rick cattle, but shippers will do well to keep their ticks at home as they hurt the sale of the cattle and may prevent them passing inspection.

Shipping hickory nuts from Texas is a new business. A Tyler firm shipped a carload a few days ago and arrangements have been made to ship two more cars within a few days and to secure a market next season for all the hickory nuts produced in the state.

Midland Live Stock Reporter: B. N. Aycrack made the following sales this week: Hence Piques, 25 bullock calves at \$65 per head. A car of steers to L. C. Wolf of Fort Worth, at \$25. To Chas. Crowley, \$2 head of Mexican cows at \$17.50.

Denison Herald: Considerable wheat was sown in the Kemp community in the Chickasaw nation after the rains came, and it has had enough warm weather to bring it out of the ground and give it a start to grow, and with favorable weather for a short time now, it ought to do well.

A dispatch of the 11th from Norman, Ok., says that over 15,000 head of cattle are being grain-fattened within a radius of ten miles of that place, and probably as many more are being fattened elsewhere throughout the county, affording the farmers an excellent market for their feed crops of grain and forage.

The snow storm and blizzard of Thursday night reached the coast country, snow falling in Galveston. The depth of snow reported from different localities is from two to eight inches. Texas Pacific trains were snow-bound on the Western portion of the Plains.

Senor Miguel Romero of Venezuela, in his address to the Farmers' National Congress in session at Fort Worth last week, stated that a contract had recently been made by some cattlemen of Venezuela to deliver in Cuba 24,000 head of cattle, 2000 to be delivered each month until the completion of the contract.

The following from the Roswell (N. M.) Register shows how some of the Pecos valley farmers provide for success: Col. Parker Earle has let a contract to L. E. Thompson for 400 loads of manure to be hauled onto his twenty-acre tract just east of town. He finished last week setting out 2000 as fine sprague plants as has ever been seen in the Pecos valley. They came from Southern Illinois.

San Angelo Standard: Billy Anson of Coleman, sold to Mr. Sparks of Devils River, 12 Hereford bulls at private terms. Billy Anson of Coleman, sold 70 Hereford bull calves to Captain Hamilton of Mason, at 75¢ per head. W. G. Bask of Coleman county, sold 100 Hereford bull calves to Mr. Walker, manager of the Dell Bros. ranch in Pecos county at private terms. John Perry arrived Monday from San Antonio, where he bought from W. A. Lowe 1500 coming twos, known as the N. G. Collins cattle, at 31¢ per head.

Ballingier Banner-Leader: H. A. Thompson sold and delivered Thursday of this week at Talpa 243 head of two-year-old steers, partly natives but principally Easterns, to Thompson Bros. of Terrell, Texas, at about \$20.50 per head, who will ship the cattle out at once and put them on feed. J. H. Ryburn, manager of the half-circle six ranch in Tom Green and Iron counties, recently closed a deal with Thompson Bros. of this city for 80 bull calves at \$40 per head, which Mr. Ryburn intends using on his ranch for breeding purposes.

Kansas City Packer: Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture has made the discovery that the plans for a large exhibit of American cattle, horses, swine and sheep at the Paris exhibition in 1900 can not be carried out. The prevalence of disease among animals in Europe forbids it, and only such animals can be taken across the water for exhibition purposes as owners are willing to sell. They can not be returned to this country with safety. This will have the effect of greatly restricting the exhibit of American live stock, if it does not lead to its being entirely abandoned.

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W. R. ... A dispatch of Dec. 8 from Corsicana says: Two weeks ago Corsicana was a lively corn market, the streets being in a measure crowded every day with farm wagons that had hauled in corn, which was purchased by the buyers here and shipped out. To-day there is practically no demand for corn except for local use, buyers saying that the advance in railroad rates since the McCormick decision kills all export shipping.

FOR SALE. 2,000 good American steers, coming 4's, 5's and 6's, May delivery, \$25.00. 700 good feeders, all red and in fine condition. He 3's up, buyer can pick 500 at \$27.00, 700 good steers, 300 coming 3's, 400's and 5's, \$25.00 all around, 10 per cent cut, or pick 500 at \$26.00 1000 good beef calves, \$10.00. 400 six-year-old good with calves, \$25.00. Address, H. T. O'REILLY, Cattle Broker, Beville, Texas.

ANY ONE WANTING FINE Farming Lands or Ranches IN THE INDIAN TERRITORY. Should correspond with the Choctaw-Chickasaw Real Estate Exchange, ATOKA, I. T.

STEEPS FOR SALE. I offer for sale for delivery at any time, 268 head of coming three-year-old steers, located near Alpine. H. W. LARKIN, Alpine, Texas.

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West Texas Stockman: S. Webber was here yesterday from Scurry county and reported the sale of 100 head of steer calves at \$16 around. This week the LT ranch, located in Borden county, was sold by W. C. Winston to W. L. Foster of Shreveport, La. The ranch includes about 40 sections and formerly belonged to Scott W. Greene of this city. The Tweedle calves, 75 in number, were bought by F. M. Bourn in Sterling county a few days ago to be shipped to Kansas for Frank Tomlinson. They were bought for \$16 around. Ben Van Tuhl purchased from N. L. McKenzie 6 head of the fine Hereford bull calves recently brought here from Rock Falls, Ill., and paid Mr. McKenzie \$825 for them. A Hereford calf, eight months and twelve days old, sold by N. L. McKenzie to Ben Van Tuhl, weighed 600 pounds even. A two-year-old five-months bull weighed 1310 pounds. W. R. Harris sold to Frank Tomlinson of Burns, Kan., 200 head of cattle, consisting of 150 yearlings and 50 head of two-year-olds, at \$22 around. Saturday Ben Van Tuhl sold to Messrs. Winston and Foster a lot of Hereford cattle, consisting of 25 bulls and 50 heifers, receiving \$50 apiece for the bulls. F. M. Bourn bought of P. Von Drover of Sterling county, 135 head of yearlings at \$19 around. J. H. Otten bought of J. R. Sheffield 150 head of cattle, yearlings, twos and threes, at private terms.

Dr. M. A. Simmon's Liver Medicine has since 1850 steadily risen in public favor, and the demand for it far exceeds that of any other Liver Medicine.

TEXAS FAT STOCK SHOW. The citizens of Fort Worth and Fort Worth Live Stock Exchange are making extensive preparations for the Third Annual Texas Fat Stock Show, to be held in that city, beginning the second Tuesday in March, 1899, at the Equine Club, in connection with the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association. In all there will be about \$5000, in cash, hung up for prizes. In addition, there will be the usual number of windmills, tanks, feed troughs, etc., offered. Classes and premiums, as far as made up, are as follows: Three Year and Over Steers.—Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 3 year old and over, \$300.00; second best car, \$225.00; third best car, \$150.00; fourth best car, \$75.00. Two Year Old Steers.—Best car Texas raised and fattened steers, 2 year old and under 3 years, \$200.00; second best car, \$125.00; third best car, \$75.00. Sprayed Heifers.—Best car Texas raised and fattened sprayed heifers, \$150.00; second best car, \$75.00. Open Heifers.—Best car Texas raised and fattened open heifers, \$100.00; second best car, \$75.00. Cows.—Best car Texas raised and fattened cows, \$100.00; second best car, \$75.00; third best car, \$50.00. Single steer, three years old and over—best standard—\$100.00; second best single steer, three years and over—best standard—\$75.00. In addition to the above, there has already been offered the W. Z. Herrick prize of \$100.00, for the first premium, and \$50.00 for the second premium, for the best two loads of cattle fed at Texas mills this season, to be shown at Fort Worth and shipped to the Chicago market.

A number of commission firms have signified their intention of offering special prizes.

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FARM NEAR FORT WORTH. Will exchange for property near St. Louis. A first class 260 acre farm for sale or exchange. It is near the suburbs of Fort Worth. It is a mile from the end of the street car line at the stock yards. It is half bottom farm land and half upland for grazing. The buildings are not good but there is a bored well and a creek runs through the land. There is also an incumbrance of \$400.00 which the buyer will have to assume. The farm is good for a live stock dealer and would make an elegant home for a stockman who likes to feed cattle. It is also a dairy farm. This land will be sold cheap at first cash or will trade it for St. Louis property or a farm near St. Louis. For description of farm, call on H. T. O'Reilly, Cattle Broker, Beville, Tex.

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The American Shorthorn Breeders' Association has appropriated \$500.00 of which \$300.00 is to be applied to the same classification and amounts for breeding animals as last year, and \$200 to be placed on single pure bred or grade Shorthorn steers. The American Hereford Breeders' Association has offered \$200.00 in premiums; classifications to be the same as last year. Intentions are that several sales of breeding animals will be held. In the matter of hogs and sheep, premiums and amounts will be on classifications the same as last year, and the premiums will be increased. Secretary D. O. Lively is busy at work on the catalogue, which will be mailed to all breeders in the state at an early date.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. The usual holiday excursion rate of one fare for the round trip will be in effect to all points in the Southeast, tickets on sale December 20th, 21st, Limited 30 days.

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Immediately after United States Circuit Judge McCormick handed down his recent decision enjoining enforcement

The day of dependence upon the arguments of theorists has passed. The theory of dipping has had a number of practical tests.

For the purpose of getting the actual facts the Journal addressed letters to several parties whose experience in cattle dipping gives to their statements practical and authoritative value.

R. M. COLLINS DEAD
Col. R. M. Collins of Deatur, Tex., died at San Antonio on the morning of Dec. 10 after an illness of about three weeks' duration.

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Col. Collins had for three years been connected with Texas Stock and Farm Journal and had endeared himself to the entire working force of this paper.

Col. Collins during his life had not been successful as a money maker, though by industry and natural ability he was able to fairly hold his own in the contest with the world.

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DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF DIPPING

It is well known to readers of Texas Stock and Farm Journal that it prudently abstained from any premature expression of opinion as to the dipping theory.

The above are the exact words that I used before the quarantine board. You can figure it out yourself on the above basis and you can use it authoritatively.

FARMER POOLE ON A HUNT
Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: After leaving San Angelo I stopped off one day in Brownwood.

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Mr. F. D. Hendrix of Quanah, Texas, December 6, writes:
"On October 28 I dipped 321 head of cattle at the Fort Worth Stock Yards and from there took them to my ranch in Foard county.

In a letter of December 5 written from Guthrie, Oklahoma, Mr. H. H. Hagan, after stating that the quarantine board of that territory had refused to rescind its order requiring dipping,

"I see that the Wichita Eagle through its correspondent here reports me as appearing before the board stating that the newspapers in the South and Southwest are untrue and that our cattle are not injured very much.

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TO HOUSEHOLD. I am glad Yellow Hammer explained the significance of his name. It gives the name a new meaning to us. Yes, but how are we to always tell the real article? Can Yellow Hammer tell us that? The real article is so well imitated the best judges are often deceived.

Francisco is a little severe on those who have brought their troubles to us. How natural for the burdened heart to crave sympathy. I hope Francisco will not leave my neighborhood without making me a visit. It would give me pleasure to know more of the Household.

Rastus is very severe on flirting, but none too severe on womanhood and nothing better to do than trifle with the most sacred and powerful emotion of life, the world would be better, indeed, without them. But I would say to all girls, don't be easily flattered. Never think a man loves you unless he tells you so in plain words.

Little Plains Pet writes a letter too sensible for the name she has chosen. A more substantial and sensible name would suit her better. Yes, every letter must be accompanied by real name.

Cousin Maud, is cordially welcomed. I like her at about the time she is dead; Do not write them on the tombstone; Speak them rather now, instead.

HOW CAN YOU TELL THEM?

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I come again and ask for space in your cosy corner to answer Nobody's Pet's question. First, I wish to correct the mistake made in my name; it is not Hollow Hammer, but Yellow Hammer. I am an Alabamian. In that state there is a species of bird called the Yellow Hammer, because they have a yellow head and they use it as a hammer for driving nails. I have seen it through the bark of dead trees in search of worms that infest dead timber, hence some people call me a Yellow Hammer. Now I will proceed to wait on Miss Nobody's Pet. Answer to question No. 1, no; question No. 2, no; question No. 3, no; question No. 4, yes. There they are. Nobody's Pet, do not be influenced by her; take Mrs. Buchanan's advice, it is the safest plan. While I accepted that test as proof, that my sweetheart loved and trusted me alone, with her unblemished name, yet when her life, for in giving me that one kiss she gave me the power to make her name a by-word among men, and thus cast a stain on her character that would debar her from ever becoming an honorable wife, and that is the way many a practical innocent and well-meaning girls have been started on the downward road, and I believe that a man that will betray sweet confidence is worse than a murderer. But all men are not of the same opinion. So do not understand me to be advising such a practice.

YELLOW HAMMER. Big Springs, Texas.

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Dear Household: I knoek for admittance into your happy circle. I thought my last letter was at least tolerably good, but all such thoughts were speedily put to flight when I read the letters of Village Blacksmith and Lullaby and in reading the same I saw above all things, although I am not of well supplied with it myself. My! What splendid letters some of the cousins do write; some of them, however, as Grandpa has said, "write silly enough letters."

Lullaby is a very good writer indeed. I think. I second all she says about there being two sides to every question. I also think that the very greatest weakness persons can show is to advertise their misfortunes and troubles in a newspaper. It does me a great deal of good to read a real letter, which comes from a light heart, but how bad I feel when I have read a letter of a gloomy-minded person. I sympathize with those who suffer, for I have suffered myself, but those who leave their troubles to themselves, are the bravest. What has become of the old members? They are the best writers, for they have the most confidence in themselves.

I don't think Tularosa was a very good cowboy, or he would not have quit the business, just because of the criticism of a simple girl. I am not a boy, and it would take all the critics you could get around to make me quit the business. I do not say anything against Critic now, for she has long ago taken back what she said against the cowboy.

THE HARM OF FLIRTING.

Estimated Editor: As my last effort to entertain the Household was printed, I concluded to write again. The Household page is improving every day and I hope to see it before long one of the leading circles of the paper. I believe that the subject which is being discussed is "is it better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all?" I have not experienced so much of it, but from my little experience I can imagine that it would be somewhat troublesome, and it is all on the account of that "flirting" which means the most of it. I pity the girl that flirts. I don't believe that any nice, virtuous girl would indulge in anything of the kind. If she did, she would not be counted as a true friend at all. "Flirting is like a piece of chewing gum, the longer you keep it in the less satisfaction you derive from it." I pity a boy or girl who lets any run on flirting so long as to let them fool them and then, the worst of all, they would give it up and become

an old maid or bachelor and live the rest of their lives in solitude. Why, if you get left try again. There are just as good fish in the sea as have been caught out. I say to all our readers, cheer up; Christmas is coming, and New Year, too, and you might get a chance at someone. But never advertise yourself that you want to get married. Well, I guess I have said enough about this foolish subject. I would have liked Village Blacksmith's letter better if it had been a letter to me to have caught those words in, and a sachet dictionary to have traced them out, but his theme was splendid. I have not formed my opinion of which are the best writers, but I admire Vox Homo and Nix Nit. Will close, with love to all, and especially the girls.

Cherokee, Texas. RASTUS.

BELIEVES IN BREAKING THE ALABASTER BOX.

Dear Warm-hearted Members: With thanks to Mrs. Buchanan for honoring my last attempt by placing my letter in with the other letters of the dear cousins, I still have faith that I shall enter again. I have seen many interesting letters and good advice given in the Household since my last letter, such as Mrs. Buchanan gave in her recent letter on expressing her appreciation of a kind act or deed to the living instead of speaking of it after they are gone.

Do not save the loving speeches for your friends that are dead; Do not write them on the tombstone; Speak them rather now, instead.

Some are discussing the subject, "is it better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." I am too young to say anything about this by experience of my own, but I imagine it would be better to love and lose, for I believe love makes one nobler, and besides, I think it is a trial sent to try our strength for meeting the troubles of this life. We shall be rewarded for the true and noble endurance of our experience, so let's all try to bear our part as cheerfully as possible. I think if I never love we shall always feel like there was a blank page in life. Poor old Vox Homo, (I suppose you would call him old) he has quit the Household I reckon. Come again, Vox Homo, and all of the absent members, I know you will be welcome. For fear of wearing my welcome out, I will say good-bye for this time. Love to all.

LITTLE PLAINS PET.

Hale Center, Texas.

THE SWEETS OF ADVERSITY.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: As I am all alone this evening away out here among the mountains, I shall take the liberty of asking to be adopted into your bright and sparkling Household. Although alone, not in the least lonesome, for it is an immense pleasure to have a holiday now and then to commune with my own thoughts and study nature uninterrupted by social intercourse. I never felt the presence of the great Divine so much as when alone with nature; one can look around and behold the greatness and sublimity in everything. Ah! when we think of the grandeur and beauty in nature, and everything is so lovely, it almost seems impossible that anyone could be otherwise than happy; but, alas, that grim monster, unhappiness, has intruded its unwelcome presence into the sunny Household. But I think many of our sorrows are more imaginary than real, and if one will only try he can make himself happy. If he will throw that selfish spirit aside and not live for self, but for others. "This folly for one to allow difficulties and disappointments to overcome them; after all, such are but friends in disguise. They prove who are most fitted to bear the heavy responsibilities of life." "It takes the furnace to make some of us meet for heaven." If we had no clouds, and all sunshine, our imprisoned nature would rebel and long for something else. Consequently it takes the tempest to make us appreciate the sunshine as we should; and if we continue to repine for some lost opportunity and nursing and tenderly cherishing our sorrows, the sun will only make us more miserable, but those around us unhappy. No better advice could be given on the subject of kissing than that of the ever generous Mrs. Buchanan. According to my theory, it is like one's private affairs, too sacred to be the theme of public discussion. I am very sorry for Old Maid. I think if that proves dress which has been counted gold, they should thank heaven that they were fortunate enough to find out the deception before it is too late. Man is to be pitied, but I think he takes his misfortune too much to heart. I do not think that any one who has once found that his soul did not fully respond to mine. Many of the Household write excellent letters. Lightning's last letter made a lasting impression on me, and Aurora, Jon Pu, Circle Dot, Grandpa and Hunter are some of my favorites. With love and wishes to the Household, I subscribe myself MAUD. Coleman, Texas.

INTENDS TO MARRY.

To the Members of the Household: I am very fond of writing, or trying to write, and I hope you will permit me to join your membership. I have been reading the letters of the Household for quite a while and am greatly interested in them.

I see that most of you are writing on the subject, "Is Marriage a Failure?" Well, as for me, I cannot vary long on this subject, for I am not one among the number of married people. Besides, I am very young, and I don't think I shall try married life for a great while yet, although I do not intend (like Vox Homo) to lead a single life more than thirty years' any way. For I can't see what pleasure there is in Bachelorhood or old maidhood after the pleasures of youth are past, and I believe one is miserably then, living in that way. And again, there is often the utmost wretchedness in a life more than thirty years' any way, in the case where love's sunshine does not spread its silvery wings over the hearts of the two who have promised to share each other's happiness and sorrow in this world. I think before one takes this step he should study long.

Vox Homo seems to apply the sin of flirtation to the girls mostly, but I think there are often boys who love to flirt just as well as girls, but maybe that case is not so often noticed as the girl is string-mind enough to let the show to the country how cruelly she has been treated by the singly-minded

one she has placed her confidence in. But I want you to understand that I do not approve of flirting at all, for I believe it is a sin when it comes to promising the love of the heart to one person and then break the promise and (as the saying is) break the heart also.

Let us all try to do each other as much good as possible in this world instead of trying to see how much we can harm others. That's right, Valentine and Northern, hold up for the good old cowboys, for they are just as brave, just as true as any man, for I live where the cowboys are plentiful and they are the main part of the plains.

Critic, maybe you do not know the way the brave cowboy will stand to his duty when some time might is coming on in midnight blackness and sharp peals of thunder shake the earth as if it were a mere baseball rocked by a breeze of wind, and after that comes flashes of lightning which often strike close enough to stun the brave creatures and sometimes kill one among the band, and still they stay their time out on guard, danger or no danger. He is perhaps thinking all the time of his darling; how will she meet me when I return? With a welcome smile and a flow of cheery words, or a mere nod of the head? And then play a flirt's part, turn to some dude who can put on a few city airs or move a little more gracefully than the poor old cowboy, what becomes of him? He turns to seek a "true friend," and craves a drink of that awful liquor, which is so ruinous to the indulger, drowning their sorrows with drinks of whiskey. This may be his first call for that awful enemy. So girls be careful.

HE JESTS AT SCARS WHO NEVER FELT A WOUND.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan: Here comes a Westerner from away out on the plains knocking for admittance into your pleasant Household. Should I be so fortunate as to gain an entrance, I would like so much to sit by you, as I feel somewhat timid coming as I do from the far West and making my first appearance among so many strangers, but feel sure you possess the happy faculty of making one feel at ease under almost any circumstances. I eagerly await the coming of the train, as I am a great believer in honest praise. I notice you have two members from an adjoining county, viz., G. E. D. and Bronco Buster. I have a slight acquaintance with the former, and I think the latter lifted his mask just high enough, in his last letter, for most everyone in this part of the country to recognize him. I have only seen two letters that G. E. D. has written to the Household, and I had not noticed that she had complained of a broken heart in either of them. It has been said "he jests at scars who never felt a wound," and as Bronco Buster claims to have had no experience either in loving or being deceived, I suppose that accounts for his rather unfeeling way he writes on this subject. I certainly think he would have shown a more loyal spirit had he offered his advice privately instead of in the columns of a paper, as he claims to be a sincere friend of the party to whom the advice was proffered, though in either case he should have been quite sure it was needed. I must certainly beg leave to differ with him on "love being such a foolish thing" because he has not really meant that. Oh, what a wicked, cold, selfish and dreary world we would have without the purifying and elevating influence of love; and a person so constituted by nature as to be incapable of loving any one would not be capable of feeling genuine happiness. I suppose with such an one "to breathe life" Bruno Buster, I fully agree with you that anyone may act very, very foolish over a love affair. Our conduct should at all times be characterized by a certain amount of pride and independence. However, you should remember the old adage "put yourself in his place," before criticizing another too harshly, and always bear in mind the fact that we do not know ourselves until we are tested; and even if we should have been tried and not "found wanting," it would seem more generous to try in all that one can to really strengthen and help the weak, rather than to jeer and scoff. I want to tell you of a dream I had about you. In the first place, your eyes were green (caused no doubt by the state of mind you seemed to be in), and you were very angry and apparently very miserable, so much so that you wanted to drown yourself—and all over a love affair. The dream seemed very real, but of course it was only a dream, as you have had "no experience in that line."

READS THE HOUSEHOLD.

Dear Mrs. Buchanan and Household: I have been a reader of this page quite awhile, and I am very much pleased with the Purple Pansy's letters. I am a girl about five feet high, and I am fourteen years old. I am very fond of flowers. I go to school and I am in the seventh grade. My father is one of the agents for this paper, and I read it every week and like it very much. For fear of that dreadful waste basket, I will close until next time, with love to Mrs. Buchanan and Household.

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The mid-winter festival which brought to Houston so many thousands of interested visitors a year ago was surpassed both in the numbers attending and in the excellence of the various exhibits during last week. Besides the really fine exhibitions of garden and orchard products there was much else to give interest to the meeting, the poultry exhibit, the tennis tournament, the gathering of commercial travelers, the really magnificent street parade arranged by the business men of the city, but as the Journal too gives so much space to the Fort Worth meeting of the Farmers' National Congress, it is compelled to confine its comments to the Houston entertainment to those departments of most interesting to farmer readers, although the exhibits of the Houston merchants and manufacturers are well worthy of notice.

In the dairy department fully twenty dairymen and home producers were represented. The butter exhibits were of excellent quality, and were molded tastefully in various shapes and arranged with judgment. There were also gallons and quarts of rich cream ready for the churn. Besides these there were separators, churns, aerators, etc., interesting to the professional dairymen, and it might well be said that the dairy exhibits were arranged to every farmer's wife. This department was where all others, was handsomely decorated with palms and cut flowers.

The floral and plant displays were of wonderful beauty, and their variety was remarkable. Mr. M. V. Wright had on exhibition almost everything to be found in a well regulated greenhouse and nursery. Mr. Wm. Kutschbach, a professional florist, had an excellent exhibit, his display of chrysanthemums in pots being especially rich, and a grand flower of massive, dark yellow, was confessedly the finest of its species in the hall. A. B. Kerr, proprietor of the Fairland greenhouse, also had an exhibit which, though not large, was notable for its excellence and for its artistic taste displayed in its arrangement.

Among the fruits were bananas and oranges, raised in the Texas coast country and as handsome in appearance as any raised elsewhere, and all the other coast country varieties of fresh fruit, peaches, apricots, grapes, etc., of such excellence as to vindicate the claim of the horticulturists of Southern Texas that no fruit country is superior to their own.

Equally good was the vegetable display. Especial mention is made by the committee of awards the exhibit comprising vegetables planted since October 1, such as Irish potatoes; sweet potatoes, tomatoes, onions, peas, beans, radishes, turnips, beets, cauliflowers, cabbage, egg-plants, squash, asparagus, etc. The specimen which attracts most attention is a monstrous sweet potato weighing sixteen pounds.

Strawberries growing on the vine are also shown; also a second crop of figs. One of the most wonderful products of the building is a third crop of grapes raised during the present year. Very fine oranges are shown equal to any ever shipped in trade to Houston, also three kinds of wines—Lenoir, Rulander, Chassels.

The tobacco exhibit was one that attracted very much attention. That crop is fast becoming a most important product in a large number of Southern Texas counties. It presented everything in the line of leaf, chewing and smoking tobaccos.

There are six large show cases full of leaf tobacco in hands and in cigs, and pronounced by experts as of exceptional quality. An interesting feature is a miniature field with growing plants, showing exactly how the staple looks in its growing state. As a decoration for the building is a third crop of the department have most happily arranged a long arbor of smilax, mosses and cedar, through which all visitors pass in coming and going to this elegant display.

The general remarks of visitors seem to be unanimous in surprise at the exhibition of Texas as a tobacco field. In a line of farming is being fostered at the very threshold of Houston.

The cigars are in great variety and visitors who smoke samples handed them pronounce them equal to those of Havana tobacco. The decoration made entirely of tobacco is a unique design in form of a Texas flag made entirely of different colored tobacco leaves. Over the flag spread a star made of tobacco rolled in cigar form and is a wonderfully clever piece of work. The maker's art at each point of the star is made of fine specimens of cigar leaves. This is the work of Mr. J. M. Saladiner of Bryan, Texas. He is also a good tobacco grower and exhibits the only sample of white burley tobacco in the hall.

Some of the best specimens of cigar wrappers is that shown by H. S. Edler of Lufkin, Texas. This tobacco was raised entirely under canvas and is therefore of fine and soft texture. The display of W. F. Blair & Co. of Liberty county, is extensive in variety and embraces wrappers and fillers which will doubtless be among those taking a share of the blue ribbons. They also exhibit some brands of cigars which shows good workmanship in the art of cigar making.

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D. F. Dawson of Dundee, Scotland, one of the owners of the Texas Land and Cattle company, passed through San Antonio Friday en route to the ranch near Corpus Christi.

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FARMER POOLE AT MIDLAND. Editor Texas Stock and Farm Journal: On the morning of Dec. 4th I boarded the Texas and Pacific cars for the Cowboys' Carnival at this place.

In the herd class Scharbauer Bros. took first on bull calf, first on heifer one year old, first on bull one year old, first on bull two years old and past, first on herd of 10 heifer calves and first on bull.

In the Red Polled class J. O. Holt and Son took first on herd of 10 heifer calves and first on bull calf of 1898, of any breed, and gold medal on Hereford herd of 6 head. C. S. Slaughter first on pure bred Hereford bull calf, unregistered.

In the Gallaway class Nelson Morris took first on bull calf, first on heifer one year old, first on herd of 6 head and second on best bull calf of 1898, of any breed.

The judges were: W. P. Robertson, T. P. Stevens and W. M. Holloway. The weather was cold and raw to begin with, and for the last thirty-six hours it has been blowing and snowing.

While in Midland I had the good fortune to get board with my old friend, Henry C. Clark, and his charming daughters, Misses Pearl and Ruby Clark and Miss Theresa Hicks, favored you with the sweet music.

Dr. M. A. Stannum's Live Medicine searches out all impurities in the system, and expels them harmlessly by the natural channels. It is reported that J. W. Overton of Overton, Texas, the party to whom the government contract for supplying beef to the United States troops in Cuba was awarded, has either failed, or declined to qualify.

Richard Carrow, a prominent cattleman of Clay county, was in Fort Worth Wednesday and Thursday talking up the advantages of sorghum as a cattle feed, to the visiting delegates to the Farmers' Congress.

Sam Lazarus, Sherman; J. H. Knox, Abilene; Green Davidson, San Antonio; W. N. Fleming, Victoria; C. R. Smith, Gainesville; Merrick Davis, Seymour, and J. B. Dale, Jr., Greenville, were among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Wednesday.

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

Capt. W. J. Good of Quanah, who has large cattle interests in Bailey county, was here Thursday. Geo. T. Reynolds, the well known cattleman and banker of Albany, came in Monday afternoon.

Jas. W. Knox, banker and cattleman of Jacksboro, spent Saturday and Sunday in Fort Worth. Jno. Hutson, manager of the Cedar Valley Land and Cattle company of Amarillo, was here Saturday.

D. L. Knox, stockman and banker of Jacksboro, was among the visiting stockmen in Fort Worth on Wednesday. Hon. J. T. Heard, ex-congressman, of Sedalia, Missouri, and also a prominent cattle dealer, was in Fort Worth Saturday.

W. A. Tuley, the popular general agent for the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, of Dallas, was here Thursday. A. G. Godard, St. Louis, manager for Godard-Harding & Company, live stock commission merchants, was here Thursday.

W. T. Keenan, a prominent live stock commission merchant of Chicago, took in the Farmers' Congress in Fort Worth last week. E. P. Davis, a prominent ranchman of Throckmorton county, was circulating among the stockmen in Fort Worth on Monday.

Frank Kell of Wichita Falls, and G. J. Gibbs, Clinton, composing the firm of Kell & Gibbs, dealers in live stock, were here Thursday. W. T. Way of San Antonio, representative of the Strahorn-Hutton-Evans Commission company, was in Fort Worth Thursday.

Sam Davidson, the well known cattleman of this city, made a business trip to Big Springs last week, returning home Thursday night. Col. George P. Pickett, a prominent farmer and one of the pioneers of Wise county, was here Wednesday attending the Farmers' Congress.

Gus O'Keefe, a prominent cattleman of Colorado City, and Sam White, the well known ranchman of Weatherford, were both in Fort Worth Sunday. Recent published reports of the national banks in Dallas show that they have never before had on deposit so large an amount of cash as they now hold.

W. T. Waggoner, Decatur; J. N. Simpson, Dallas, and E. B. Carver, Henrietta, all prominent cattlemen of their respective places were here Wednesday.

and R. B. Byron, a prominent cattle dealer of Wheat, Texas, were all in Fort Worth Saturday. Brooks Lee, a well to do cattleman of Midland, was in Fort Worth Sunday en route North with a shipment of cattle.

W. G. Busk, a prominent fine stock breeder of Coleman county, passed through Fort Worth last week en route to his old home in England. Mr. Busk expects to return to Texas in time to take in the Cattle Raisers' convention in March.

Ben Hackett, the well known live stock dealer of this city, shipped from this place on Friday, three carloads of hogs consigned to Los Angeles, California. This is quite a long shipment of Texas hogs, one that is rarely ever made, but that promises to become more frequent in future.

Robt. Ellison, who makes Fort Worth his home, but owns large cattle interest in Collinsworth county, came in a few days ago. Says the country was very light beyond Henrietta and the weather clear, consequently, but little if any damage was done to cattle in that section of country by the recent storm.

Jno. W. Springer of Denver, secretary and manager of the Continental Cattle company of Texas, and president of the National Live Stock association, was in Fort Worth Thursday and delivered an able argument before the Farmers' Congress in favor of Denver as the next place of meeting.

It commenced snowing in Fort Worth Thursday night and continued a good part of the day Friday. Since that time the weather has been the coldest experienced for several years. The snow, which fell to a depth of three to four inches, will, however, be beneficial in many respects while the cold weather will not do any damage.

Zack Mulhall, live stock agent of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad with headquarters at National Stock Yards, East St. Louis, was in Fort Worth Friday. Mr. Mulhall is very popular among Texas cattlemen, this together with the fact that the "Frisco" is a very popular road, enables him to control a good business from this state.

M. J. Romero attended the Farmers' Congress in this city last week as a delegate from Venezuela, and read a very interesting paper on the stock and agricultural conditions in his public. Mr. Romero is spending a season at the State College, Pennsylvania, studying the live stock and agricultural conditions of the United States.

L. M. Barkley, live stock broker of this city, returned a few days ago from a business trip through the Concho country. He says it is quite dry in the section visited by him and that the recent importations of Eastern Texas cattle are not doing well, but the native cattle are in good condition.

F. M. Weaver, the well known cattleman of this city, returned Thursday from a visit to his cotton seed oil mill at Rockwall, where he shipped to the St. Louis market a train of cattle fed very in interesting paper on the stock and agricultural conditions in his public.

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stock business, was a visitor in Fort Worth Monday. Mr. McNeil says that the people in the country round about Guthrie are now in a very prosperous condition. They all have good lands, more or less live stock, and nearly all of them some money in the bank.

A. P. Bush, president of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas, was in the city Saturday. Jno. R. Lewis of Sweetwater, Texas, was in Fort Worth Saturday returning from Kansas City, where he attended the recent sale of registered Hereford cattle from the "Sunny Slope" fine stock farm located near Emporia, Kansas.

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