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EL PASO GETS THE NEXT MEETING

CONVENTION OF THE TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS' ASSOCIATION AT FORT WORTH LAST WEEK—BUSINESS WAS PUT THROUGH WITH A RUSH—MANY NEW MEMBERS WERE ENROLLED.

JUBILEE HELD ON RECEIPT OF NEWS OF RAIN

SESSIONS WERE REMARKABLY HARMONIOUS—THE QUARANTINE QUESTION WAS NOT TOUCHED AND NOTHING WAS BROUGHT BEFORE THE CONVENTION TO PRODUCE THE SLIGHTEST DISCORD—RESOLUTIONS

ALL WENT THROUGH HANDS OF A COMMITTEE. OFFICERS WERE RE-ELECTED.

This is a year for record-breaking and the Texas Cattle Raisers' convention, which met at Fort Worth last, smashed everything even resembling a record that showed itself anywhere.

The resolutions adopted by the convention were as follows: APPROVING THE LEASING BILL. "Whereas, a bill is now pending in the United States congress and introduced in the senate by Mr. Millard, and known as senate bill No. 3311, and entitled 'A Bill to Provide for the Leasing for Grazing Purposes of Vacant Public Domain and Reserving All Rights of the Homesteader and Mineral Entry to the Land to be a special fund for irrigation; and

"Whereas, such bill provides for just and reasonable compensation to the government for the rental of such land and also protecting all rights of the homesteader and prospector, and

"Whereas, the Texas Cattle Raisers' association is interested in the development of stock growing interests of the entire country; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we indorse the provisions of such a bill and ask the congress for their aid and support in the passage, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to such representatives."

INDORSING SHODDY BILL. "Whereas, there is now pending in congress a bill to compel manufacturers to work no handspun on any shoddy or other material; and

"Whereas, the consumer is entitled to know to a certainty that the article he is purchasing is composed of the material represented and should not be forced to pay all wool prices for shoddy goods;

"And whereas, the proposed law would work no hardship on any one; and by forcing manufacturers to deal honestly with the public, thus protecting both the purchaser and the consumer, but it would effectually put an end to a practice altogether too common in this country of selling shoddy cloth as pure wool; therefore

"Resolved, That the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, in convention assembled, heartily indorse the Groves' pure fiber bill; otherwise known as H. R. 5575, and call upon the members of both the senate and house to work and vote for the passage of this measure; be it further

"Resolved, That the secretary of this association is instructed to send certified copies of this resolution to the house committee on ways and means, and also to the members of the senate and house from Texas."

CONDEMNING OLEO BILL. "Whereas, the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas has heretofore expressed its opposition to that class of legislation which builds up one industry at the expense of another equally as meritorious, and has opposed the passage of a bill for a law known as the Groat bill, which certain dairy interests sought to have passed by the congress of the United States, but which failed to reach a vote, and

"Whereas, the openly expressed intention of the movers of this law is to destroy the manufacture of oleomargarine, a product which has been declared by government authorities to be a pure food product as wholesome and healthful as butter; and

"Whereas, the stockmen of the United States believe that this product should be sold upon its own merits and favor any legislation that will prevent fraud or compel the manufacturers to sell their product for just what it is, a substitute for butter, but draw the line on legislation that would unjustly hamper the industry by compelling the manufacturers to offer their product in a form that would make it offensive to the eye of the consumer, and consequently unpalatable; and

"Whereas, the Wadsworth substitute offered in the present congress, which provides that the oleomargarine product be only offered for sale in one and two pound packages, each package and wrapper labeled in plain letters and printing the name of the manufacturer and the approval of the members of this association; therefore

"Resolved, That the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, in convention assembled, does reiterate its former expressed disapproval of such legislation and its opposition to the same, and protests against the passage of any law of this nature, firmly believing that such legislation is unjust, unconstitutional and unfair and not to be tolerated in a free country.

the position taken by Hon. J. W. Wadsworth, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, and his colleagues, Congressman Connell of Pennsylvania, Scott of Kansas, Williams of Mississippi and Allen of Kentucky, and that of Senators Warren of Wyoming, Bates of Tennessee, Money of Mississippi, Heitfeld of Idaho and Simmons of North Carolina, of the senate committee on agriculture, for their able opposition to this iniquitous measure during the last and present congress.

"Resolved, That the executive committee of this association be instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the gentlemen named and to congress and to take such other action as it may think necessary and proper to oppose the passage of any bill containing such provisions as the so-called Henry bill.

"We would also commend the hearty support given the livestock and cotton interests of Texas by our entire congressional delegation and we hereby call upon our distinguished Senators Culberson and Bailey to use every means in their power to defeat this Henry anti-oleomargarine bill as utterly opposed to all Texas interests."

POWERS OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

"Whereas, the operations of the Interstate Commerce commission under the present law are absolutely worthless for the reason that they have no power to enforce their decisions; and

"Whereas, there has been introduced in the house of representatives of the fifty-seventh congress by Congressman J. B. Corliss of Michigan a bill amending the interstate commerce act concerning the evils and giving the commission power to enforce its rulings, which has the unqualified indorsement of the Interstate Commerce commission and shippers at large throughout the country; and

"Whereas, the livestock interests of the United States are heavy shippers and therefore interested in anything pertaining to governing transportation, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas urge the members of congress to support the passage of this amendment to the interstate commerce act, and be it further

"Resolved, That the secretary of this association is hereby instructed to send certified copies of this resolution to the committee on interstate commerce of the house, and also to write personal letters to the members of congress and senators from Texas urging work for the passage of this measure."

SEVENTY FORTY HOUR LAW.

"Resolved, That we heartily approve the bill now pending in congress which extends the limit of cattle from forty-eight to forty hours. This measure seriously affects our cattle interests and we urge the federal congress to support the men who own the cattle and who necessarily are more vitally interested in shipping cattle and seeing them properly and safely delivered at the markets than any other people opposing this bill, who know nothing of the interests involved."

LIVESTOCK CENSUS. "Resolved, by the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, that we heartily approve of the efforts of the National Livestock census, and urge a complete census of the livestock every five years and we urge this measure upon the attention of the members of the house and senate of the United States in behalf of the greatest industry of the country."

INDORSING W. E. SKINNER.

"Whereas, through the creditable and efficient manner in which he has managed the two world-famed international livestock exhibitions in the city of Chicago, and in St. Louis, he has become well and favorably known to the livestock interests of the United States; and

"Whereas, he has been indorsed by the executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, Mr. Skinner is available and by reason of his experience along lines of promoting livestock exhibits he is eminently qualified for the position, now therefore be it

"Resolved, That this association as a whole strongly recommend that Mr. Skinner be appointed to act in the capacity of director of the livestock exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase exposition to be held in the city of St. Louis in 1902, and be it further

"Resolved, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of same be sent to Hon. David R. Francis, president of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition company, St. Louis, Mo."

AGAINST THE BUZZARD.

"Whereas, the association in meeting convened respectfully petitions the legislature of the state of Texas to repeal any and all laws making it a penalty to kill these birds."

ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

"Whereas, the constitution of the state of Texas, in the opinion of the law officer of the state, denies to the legislature of Texas the authority to make appropriation for World's Fair work, and

"Whereas, in consequence of this fact the governor of the state has created, by appointment, World's Fair commissioners, charged with the responsibility and duty of organizing the state for World's Fair work to the end that it be represented at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, to be held in St. Louis in 1902, and

"Whereas, these commissioners have chartered the Texas World's Fair commission, which is now engaged in the commendable enterprise of organizing the various counties of Texas for the purpose of having the

resources and industrial and social development of each exhibited and demonstrated at the Louisiana Purchase exposition; be it hereby

"Resolved, That the Texas Cattle Raisers' association pledge itself and its members to aid in every way possible the work of having Texas properly represented at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, and that it be the unanimous sense of this body that in every county of the state of which its members are residents they shall contribute something of their best thought, energy and money to the great cause of securing for Texas at the Louisiana Purchase exposition social and economic advancement as will redound to the credit of the state and its great people; and be it further

"Resolved, That we commend the practical patriotism of the governors of Texas in his timely appointment of World's Fair commissioners, whose duties are to take care of the interests of Texas in the comparative exhibition of resources with other states and territories in the world, and that we indorse the Texas World's Fair commission and its worthy cause, in the hope and determination that the Texas Cattle Raisers' association and its members be not second to the representatives of any other great industry in the state in the matter of guarding at an exposition which will be visited by people from all over the world the reputation of imperial Texas for greatness and variety of resources, and for such conspicuous advancement of the industrial lines as do now challenge the admiration of the world and which make Texas of the states and territories upon the Western Hemisphere the most desirable for capital in search of profitable investment and for home-seekers in quest of opportunities which will remunerate honest toil."

FAT STOCK SHOW.

AWARDS MADE IN THE VARIOUS CLASSES—FINE DISPLAYS OF CATTLE, SHEEP AND HOGS.

At the fat stock show at Fort Worth there were fine animals from all parts of the state, some of them as good as any that ever entered a show ring in the southwest. There were thousands of visitors at the pens each day of the show and the show was a grand success. Red Polled beauties alike came in for admiration. The swine and sheep classes, too, contained some good exhibits. The awards were as follows:

CLASS 1—BEEF CATTLE.

No. 1—Best car lot of 3-year-olds and over: First prize, J. B. Wilson, Dallas, Tex.; second, D. C. Hill & Son, McKinney, Tex.; third, John E. Brown, Granbury, Tex.

No. 2—Best car lot of 2-year-olds and over: First prize, Marlon Sanson, Alvarado, Tex.; second, Sidney Webb & Son, Bellville, Tex.; third, Steen & Reynolds, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 3—Single steers 3 years and over: First prize, J. B. Wilson, Dallas, Tex.; second, D. C. Hill & Son, McKinney, Tex.; third, D. C. Hill & Son, McKinney, Tex.

No. 4—Best steer 2 years old and under 3: First and second prizes, Sidney Webb & Son, Bellville; third, W. W. Poits, Watauga, Tex.

CLASS 2—GRADE CATTLE.

No. 5—Best grade cow bred and raised in Texas, beef standard, any breed: First and second prizes, J. A. Kuykendall, Royse City, Tex.; third, W. A. Bergs, Waxahatchie, Tex.

No. 6—Best grade Shorthorn heifer 2 years and under 3: Won by J. A. Kuykendall, Royse City, Tex.

No. 7—Best grade Shorthorn heifer 1 year old and under 2: Won by R. B. Whelan, Alvarado, Tex.

No. 8—Best grade Shorthorn heifer calf under 1 year: Won by Fred J. Shutt, Duncanville, Tex.

No. 9—Best grade Shorthorn cow, any age: Won by J. A. Kuykendall, Royse City, Tex.

CLASS 3—SHORTHORNS.

No. 10—Best bull, 3 years old and over: First prize \$30, second prize \$20, third prize \$10: First, H. Mann & Bro., Waco, Tex.; second, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; third, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 11—Best bull, 2 years old and under 3: First prize \$30, second prize \$20, third prize \$10: First, H. Mann & Bro., Waco, Tex.; second, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; third, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 12—Best bull 1 year old and under 2: First prize \$25, second prize \$20, third prize \$10: First, J. J. Kimberlin, Sherman, Tex.; second, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; third, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 13—Best bull calf under 1 year: First prize \$15, second prize \$10, third prize \$5: First, H. C. Holloway, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; third, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.

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No. 34—Best bull and four females 2 years and over: First prize \$60, second \$30, third \$20: First, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, J. C. Washington, Marietta, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 35—Best bull and four females 2 years and over: First prize \$60, second \$30, third \$20: First, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, Howard Mann & Co., Waco, Tex.

No. 36—Best bull and four females, all three years and over: First prize \$40, second \$30, third \$20: First, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, J. T. Day, Rome, Tex.

No. 37—Best four get out of 1 bull: First prize \$50, second \$20, third \$10: First, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 38—Best two products of 1 cow: First prize \$30, second \$20: First, J. C. Washington, Marietta, I. T.; second, J. W. Cary, Armstrong, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 39—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 1 year: First prize \$30, second \$20: First, H. C. Holloway, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, V. O. Hildreth, Aledo, Tex.

No. 40—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 6 months: First prize \$20, second \$10: First and second, J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 41—Columbia Dry Goods company prize of \$5 laprobe for best Shorthorn bull calf under 6 months: J. F. Hovenkamp, Fort Worth, Tex., Baron Scotchman.

No. 42—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 1 year: First prize \$30, second \$20, third \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 43—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 6 months: First prize \$20, second \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 44—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 3 years: First prize \$35, second prize \$25, third prize \$15: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 45—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 2 years: First prize \$30, second \$20, third \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 46—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 1 year: First prize \$25, second \$15, third \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 47—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 6 months: First prize \$20, second \$10, third \$5: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 48—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 3 years: First prize \$35, second \$25, third \$15: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 49—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 2 years: First prize \$30, second \$20, third \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

No. 50—Best pair, one bull and one heifer, under 1 year: First prize \$25, second \$15, third \$10: First, B. C. Rhome, Fort Worth, Tex.; second, John R. Bennett, I. T.; third, J. W. Burgess, Fort Worth, Tex.

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### The Journal Institute

TOMATO CULTURE.—A. K. Dixon, following advice given in the following article, has been successful in growing tomatoes in the business of tomato growing.

Let me first explain to you what we mean by pruning. It is the pinching off of little suckers, as we call them, appearing on stalk of plant at every leaf, and not pinching off of leaves, as some might suppose. These suckers make their appearance even before plants are taken from cold frame, and in transplanting from cold frame to open ground care should be taken to remove them. If plants have been set and begin to grow they come readily, and to keep them off is almost steady employment to the tomato grower, but it is work that is not hard and that children can more easily perform than grown people, since the stooping posture is not quite so wearisome to their supple forms; but it will require the overlooking of an older person to see they do not fall to pinch off every sucker, which is done by using the thumb and forefinger. This should be done at least as often as once a week, and sometimes oftener, when plants are growing rapidly, until after the appearance of third bloom cluster, then you must cease to be thrown into your three clusters, making them grow faster, mature and ripen many days earlier than when suckers are allowed to remain and stalk continue growing. This pruning causes leaves of plants to be much larger, and they look as though somewhat parched and sometimes hard to distinguish from blight, though blight is a disease of the stalk, which causes the leaves to curl and when first affected, you can very easily ascertain which leaves have blight by examining the stalk. If it is so affected, you will find it hollow, the pith being decayed. Blight sometimes spreads so rapidly that whole fields are destroyed in a few days' time, and there has as yet been no remedy found to arrest its ravages, when a field has once become affected; but these occurrences are more to be dreaded than expected.

**STAKING.**—Staking in some localities is quite a job, owing to the inconvenience of timber of which to make stakes. Those living near pines will not find it a difficult task, as stakes can be more easily made of pine than any other timber. Saw cuts 2 1/2 feet long, and if large timber, quarter your blocks that they may be easier handled, and lay them near-by place to field. Then split stakes, say one inch square, using a maul as in driving boards—any one familiar with the use of this implement can readily learn to make stakes. Now carry stakes in left arm and with right hand place in ground, having another to follow with small wooden maul and drive down to a sufficient depth to support plant. In placing your stakes be very careful to notch end put stake on opposite side of the bloom buds, as they will all be on same side of stalk, and stake should be on opposite side, so that the fruit will not come in contact, causing it to be bruised and unfit for marketing. Staking is very necessary, and account of the usual high winds, and should be done when plant is from 12 to 16 inches high. The high winds in March and April are sometimes quite disastrous to the tomato grower and it is sometimes necessary to employ extra force and stake an entire field to prevent switching them until they are almost ruined.

**TYING.**—It is advised by many growers to tie as often as three times, but if stakes are used, it is not necessary to tie to the more than twice. Use tomato twine, put in balls for tying. Make apron with pocket for ball to rest in, and use knife or small scissors for cutting twine, as the twine is just above first cluster and last just below third cluster.

**ONION CULTURE.**—A bulletin from the Manhattan, Kan., station says: Onions may be grown on any soil, yet for onions, as with other crops, there are soils that are better than others. The best soil is a rich, sandy loam, as free as possible from weeds. A well-cultivated field of sandy loam that has been well manured with stable manure for three or four years, and good onions. Onions should never be put in a soil that is foul or that has been too recently fertilized with barnyard manure, unless the manure has been well rotted.

Ground that is intended for onions this year should be plowed very early in the spring and disked later. The ground should be well cultivated just before the onions are put on the land. There are two methods of sowing seed. The old way was to sow in drills in the field as you would peas or other garden crops. After this the fight with the weeds was sure to disgust the cultivator of onions. In the new method a man of the field plants in trying to kill the weeds, and of course, had a very poor stand of onions. During the past few years the cultivators of onions for commercial purposes have been growing their onions in hotbeds and there will grow them out in the field. Some of the advantages of this method are: (a) The crop matures earlier; the seeds may be sown in the hotbeds in February; (b) the onion transplants with as much ease as any of the garden plants; (c) it materially increases the yield, because of the more even stand and because of the choice of the better seedlings for the row, where, if we allowed them to grow in drills, the stronger onions are liable to come in too near together to allow them to grow, and many of the best plants are destroyed while the weaker ones grow up where we want the stronger ones; (d) it does away with the task of weeding, thus making the production cheaper. By actual experimentation it has been found that the cost of maturing the crop when transplanted is somewhat less than when the seeds are sown in drills in the field.

The temperature of the hotbeds should be below eighty degrees when the seeds are planted. When the seedlings are of a size to set out, which will be in about six weeks, the ground should be thoroughly cultivated so as to kill all the weeds that are starting. The ground should then be laid off in rows eighteen to twenty inches apart. Onions will stand a great deal of crowding, and some growers put them as close as twelve inches. When the plants are being removed from the hotbed the tops

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## FARM NEWS.

Fosseé & Bell have 200,000 tomato plants in hotbeds at Neches, Tex.

The West Texas Farmers' Institute will hold a meeting at Abilene March 23th.

A large acreage in the vicinity of Barstow, Tex., is being set in grapevines.

Truck growers at Navasota will prepare to make heavy shipments of beans this season.

The output of potatoes at Fort Smith, Ark., is expected to reach 2000 cars this season.

A genuine specimen of the Mexican boll weevil, it is claimed, was found at Terrell a few days ago. It is the first appearance of the insect in that section.

At McKinney, Tex., last week, Heard & Pearce and Purcell & Warwick sold 1800 bales of cotton to Rallie Bros., to be shipped to Switzerland and Russia. The cotton brought over \$75,000.

**SOUTH AFRICAN COTTON.**—The negroes of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute who were engaged the latter part of 1900 by the German government to teach the natives of Togoland, German west Africa, how to grow cotton, have reported the report of the colonial commission, succeeded in producing cotton which is graded on the Berlin exchange above the American middling. The negroes demonstrated that the land in Togoland is suitable for the raising of which there is an abundance. The only obstacle to the commercial utilization of this product is transportation, and especially getting the bales to the coast. The colonial committee has sent an expedition of engineers to survey for a railroad from the coast town of Lome to Palime, in the interior.

**PEAR BLIGHT INVESTIGATIONS.**—Prof. M. B. Waite, of the department of agriculture at Washington, went to Alton, Tex., last week to make some investigations regarding the result of the operations which were carried out under his instructions a few months ago at the orchard of A. S. Newton in endeavoring to eradicate the pear blight. The orchard of Mr. Newton contains about 6,000 trees and is somewhat isolated from other orchards and was therefore a good subject upon which to make the test. The method adopted by Prof. Waite was an exceedingly vigorous one, necessitating the destruction of the trees which were affected by the disease and also the pruning of the other trees in the orchard. In addition to this a coat of whitewash was placed over the bodies of the trees. The blight should make its appearance in a short time and Prof. Waite will be able to see the result of his work.

Prof. Waite also proposes to try cross-pollination of pear flowers in the orchards of that section. This has re-

sulted in a saving in making the orchards in other parts of the country bear more abundantly.

**HESTER'S STATEMENT.**—Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement, issued March 14, shows an increase in the movement in sight compared with the same date last year of 15,000 bales, an increase over the same time year before last of 33,000 and over the same time in 1899 of 37,000 bales.

For the fourteen days of March the total show an increase over last year of 18,000 bales, an increase over the same period year of 49,000 bales and increase over 1899 of 59,000 bales.

The total movement for the 195 days of the season that have elapsed is ahead of the 195 days of last year 451,000, ahead of the same days year before last 982,000 and behind 1899 by 727,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the week was 171,214 bales, against 156,244 for the seven days ending this date last year, 138,326 year before last and 134,122 same time in 1899, and for the fourteen days of March it has been 328,228, against 310,666 last year, 228,114 year before last and 269,381 same time in 1899.

The movement for the 195 days from Sept. 1 to date is 8,589,832, against 8,538,885 last year, 8,007,411 year before last and 9,716,923 same time in 1899.

**GRAIN IN FARMERS' HANDS.**—As expected, the government crop report issued last week placed the amount of corn in farmers' hands on March 1 at the lowest point ever touched on that date. The statistician of the department of agriculture announced that 29 per cent of the crop raised in 1901 remains on the farms. The crop of 1901 was generally estimated at 1,350,000,000 bushels. This would mean that the farmers only have 391,000,000 bushels of corn left, while a year ago they had 776,000,000 bushels. The crop of 1894 was 140,000,000 less than the crop of 1901, and yet on March 1, 1895, there were 475,000,000 bushels in the hands of farmers.

According to the report the consumption and exportation of corn in the past five months has been 72 per cent of the amount consumed in the same period out of the crop of 1900, while for the remaining seven months of the crop year there is only a little over half as much as was available for the same period last year. In other words, in the first five months of last year there was consumed 1,330,000,000 bushels, this year 960,000,000 bushels. For the last seven months last year there was available 776,000,000, this year 391,000,000 bushels.

Deducting exports, the figures are still more insignificant. From Oct. 1, 1900, to March 1, 1901, the corn exports were 91,000,000 bushels, compared with only 10,000,000 bushels in the past five months. This leaves for home consumption of the 1900 crop 1,239,000,000 bushels, and of the 1901 crop 950,000,000 bushels. The home consumption of corn for the past five months, then, has amounted to 77 per cent of the home consumption of the corresponding five months of the preceding year.

better chance for the stock to work between the rows and diminishes possible loss from trampling.

If sown broadcast, about four pounds are sown to the acre. The ground is thickly covered and there is a much greater amount of foliage produced. The danger of waste from trampling is comparatively of little importance with either sheep or pigs.

The cost of rape seed depends largely on the quantities in which it is purchased, but varies probably in the neighborhood of 6 and 7 cents a pound. Thus the cost of seed to the acre is between 20 and 30 cents—an insignificant amount compared with the immense quantity of pasture.

Rape is sometimes cultivated, but the results thus secured are scarcely enough better to warrant cultivation on a large scale. Most rape sowers do no cultivation whatever.

Rape is occasionally used as a secondary crop, and particularly when sown broadcast in cornfields to be used as pasture during the late fall after the corn has been removed.

We have seen flocks of sheep and droves of hogs wandering through the corn, with little damage to the plants, and if the stock are not too many the plants will not be grazed sufficiently close to injure the foliage that will spring up later.

If one desires to secure the greatest amount from the rape field during the whole summer, he must be careful in this particular and not allow the crop to be grazed too closely.

One great advantage of rape for sheep and hogs is the increased food for the young stock, and later excellent flesh-forming feed. Experiments have demonstrated that the amount of grain required for fattening swine has been greatly reduced by giving hogs the run of a rape field during feeding.

When hogs are turned into rape there is but little danger of bloating, but care should be observed. With sheep and cattle there is a great deal of danger, just as in the case of green clover.

By taking precautionary measures to start the stock by a short time each day the danger point will soon be past unless the digestive systems are badly out of order.

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### CATTLE SALES.

**S. B. Burnett** of Fort Worth sold to Henry Harding, manager of the L. X. ranch, 3000 yearlings. Mr. Burnett also sold to G. A. Keeline of Wyoming 2400 twos. The prices are private.

**R. B. Masterson** of Fort Worth sold 1000 twos to G. A. Keeline of Wyoming during the convention.

**Connell, Scarbauer & Clark** of Midland have sold a lot of yearling steers to L. T. Clark of Quanah at private terms.

**Janus Bros.** and **Brown** bought 1500 one and two yearlings from Mrs. Charles Copinger during the convention.

During the Fort Worth convention **W. E. Ellis** of Menard county sold to **Wm. Glasscock** of Sutton county, 1000 cows at \$13.50.

At the convention **Wm. Glasscock** of Sutton county sold 200 twos to **Wm. Bevans** of Menard county at \$18.00 delivery.

**E. B. Carver** of Henrietta, bought last week 2500 yearlings from Peter Scroggins of Kent county and 6000 head of stock cattle in Archer county from A. T. Wilson of Kansas.

**Winfield Scott** of Fort Worth has purchased 1000 yearlings from Fred Cowden of Midland at \$16.50.

**P. S. Witherspoon** of Gainesville, while at Fort Worth, bought 1500 three from **W. E. Washington** of Adjoining, I. T.

**Frank Crawley** of Midland bought 4000 yearling steers and heifers from the Soper Cattle company at \$15.

The **Liano Cattle company** sold 1500 to **Montana** men last week at \$17.50.

At Fort Worth **W. H. Gibbons** sold to **Timely** of Oklahoma 3000 three and four at \$25.

**John Scharbauer** last week sold 1800 twos to **the Humphrey** at \$23.50.

**C. L. Broome** of Ozona, it was reported, sold to **H. B. Spalding** of Mustang, I. T., cattle amounting to \$30,000 or \$40,000.

Littlefield of New Mexico sold to **Lee Russell** of Menard county at Fort Worth 3000 twos at \$24.

**J. G. Huston** sold a lot of yearlings at \$17 and twos at \$22.50 at Fort Worth last week.

**A. G. Ferrington** of Yoakum recently bought 200 steers from **James A. Browne's** Buena Vista ranch in the Brownsville country.

At San Antonio last week **Half & Schreiner** bought from **Felix N. Shaw** of Carrizo Springs 400 head of prime yearlings for \$6000.

At the convention last week **Janus & Thompson** bought from **W. M.**

**Watts** 1800 twos at \$23. These cattle will be shipped to South Dakota. **Janus Bros.** bought 900 twos and 3000 yearlings from **Mrs. Frank Carpenter**, the former at \$21 and the latter at \$16. The cattle will go to Montana.

In Tom Green county **R. F. Tankersley** sold to **C. Q. and John Hassard** 400 yearlings from **Mrs. Frank Carpenter**, the former at \$21 and the latter at \$16. The cattle will go to Montana.

**Frederico Terrazas**, son of a former governor of the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, was in Fort Worth last week closing one of the largest single firm deals ever made in this country. The sale will include 25,000 head of cattle and will go to Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas and is known as a combination sale. The terms are private. To transport this large number of cattle it will require 550 cars, making forty trains of fifteen cars each. The approximate freight bill on the stock to the various destinations will be \$96,000, the gross rate per car being \$175. Young Terrazas left Fort Worth for Kansas City where the transaction will be consummated finally in connection with the Trower Brothers Commission company. The Terrazas ranches include 8,000,000 acres, which there are at the present time 250,000 cattle. There were 75,000 calves branded this year.

In the Devil's River country **D. K. McAttee** recently sold to **Don Cooper** 150 head of three at \$22.

**John Shelton** of Fort Worth has purchased 3000 OX two-year-old steers at \$23.

**Turner & Crowley** of Midland, Texas, purchased 4000 steers and heifers at the convention from the Bates Cattle company and the Soper Cattle company of Midland. The price was \$15.50 per head. The cattle will be delivered immediately.

**James Bros.** of Amarillo sold to **O. W. Thompson** of Vermillion, S. D., 2500 twos at a reported price of \$24.

At Fort Worth **John T. McElroy** of Midland sold to **Harris Franklin** of South Dakota 6000 twos and 3500 to **Clay, Robinson & Co.** at \$22.50. He also sold 1000 twos to **W. M. Ferguson** of Kansas at \$28.

While in Fort Worth **Harris Franklin** of South Dakota bought 6000 twos from the Mill Iron ranch and 2000 twos from **Frank Collison** of Clarendon.

**A. J. Nesbit** of Denver, at the convention, bought 5000 Spur two-year-old steers at \$24.

**Will N. Waddell** has finally closed the deal by which he transfers to **F. W. Abney** of West Virginia and others his section ranch in Borden county with all the cattle thereon for \$125,000 cash. About 3000 cattle are included in the deal.

**Connell Bros.** of Fort Worth have sold to **H. A. Phipps** of Waxahatchie and **E. B. Harold** of Fort Worth 3000 three-year-olds, located in the Comanche and Kiowa reservations, for fall delivery, at private prices.

**John B. Slaughter** of Fort Worth last week sold 3300 yearlings and 400 twos to **E. B. Carver** of Henrietta at private terms.

During the convention **Con Kohrs** of Montana bought 6000 twos from **C. C. Slaughter**. Terms were private.

During the convention **A. B. Robertson** of Colorado sold 3000 twos to **Con Kohrs** of Montana and 2000 to **Clay Robinson & Co.**, all at \$22.50.

**RED POLLED BREEDERS**. The Red Polled cattle breeders at Fort Worth during the fat stock show organized the Texas Red Polled Cattle Breeders' association by electing the following officers: President, **E. S. Peters** of Calvert; first vice president, **A. N. Vaughn**, Coleman; second vice president, **T. R. Watson**, Fairfield; third vice president, **J. E. Butler**, Eastland; fourth vice president, **P. F. Williams**, Ryan, I. T.; secretary-treasurer, **B. R. McConnell**, Jackboro; corresponding secretary, **E. H. Small**, Aberdeen. Directors: **W. C. McKamy**, Frankfort; **C. T. Hunter**, Marlin; **W. D. Heard**, S. B. T.; **S. G. Carter**, Miami.

**SHORTHORN BREEDERS**. The Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association held its annual meeting in Fort Worth during the convention. Twelve or fifteen new members were added to the roll, and after some debate a resolution was adopted extending the membership jurisdiction of the association to include the Indian Territory, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The by-laws' provision that each president shall serve no more than two terms was suspended and **Col. P. B. Hunt**, of Dallas, was re-elected for the ensuing year; **J. F. Green**, of Enclinal, was named as vice president to succeed **Col. H. C. Holloway**, and **J. F. Hovenkamp**, of Fort Worth, succeeded himself as secretary and treasurer. The executive committee, as selected by the provisional board of directors, is as follows: **H. T. Grooms**, Blandville City; **H. O. Samuels**, Dallas; **Chas. McFarland**, Aledo; **David Harrell**, Austin, and **I. J. Kimberlin**, Sherman.

The matter of selecting the next place of meeting was left to the executive committee.

**LIVESTOCK AGENTS ORGANIZE**. The National Livestock Agents' association, embracing between thirty-five and fifty rail and water lines, was organized at Fort Worth last week. Officers were chosen for the first year as follows: **W. V. Galbreath**, Missouri, Kansas and Texas; **Fort Worth**, president; **Jno. W. Seals**, Great Northern, Helena, Mont., first vice president; **Eli Titus**, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, Kansas City, second vice president; **W. G. Harding**, Mobile and Ohio, St. Louis, third vice president; **R. M. Calkins**, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, Chicago, fourth vice president; **J. T. Conway**, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, Fort Worth, secretary; **C. J. Mills**, Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., Portland, Ore., treasurer.

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### MAVERICKS.

A considerable number of cattle will be sent by Texas owners to the northwestern pasture grounds this year. **Cowden & Pemberton** of Midland are preparing to send 6000 to Montana. The Capital Syndicate will send 20,000 into the north-west, thought spring on its own account, and **Boyce & Eubank** of Channing will handle about 6000, and **John Shelton** of Fort Worth will send several thousand.

**Wm. Cranston's** registered Hereford bull which died last week proved, upon examination, to have brought on heart failure. Circumstances strongly bear out this theory also. He evidently had no ordinary disease to which cattle are subject. The loss of this bull sums up to more than \$1000, but Mr. Cranston would not have touched that foot in exchange for the animal.—Abilene Reporter.

**W. R. Tullous**, the popular and able manager of the J. M.'s, is very busy these days getting ready to ship about 6000 head of cattle to the territory. About 3000 of them will be brought to San Angelo for shipment and the remainder will be railed from Midland. Mr. Tullous exercises extreme caution as to ticks, supplementary to the most careful personal inspection with officials before starting.—San Angelo Standard.

**E. E. Richardson**, secretary and treasurer of the Kansas City Stock Yards company, attended the fat stock show in Fort Worth. He said that he was greatly pleased and surprised at the unusual good display of stock and expected to Texas. Mr. Richardson is an unusually agreeable gentleman and did good work for his company and the Kansas City market during his stay in the city. He never failed to remind one of the greatness of his city and market, and that is the most attractive way.

**News reaches us** that our old friend, **Mr. H. G. Williams**, who formerly lived in Llano but has been in Cuba for some months, has landed and landed a large cargo of cattle in Cuba and expects to stock it with Texas stock. Mr. Williams is a rustler and as quick to see a good thing as anybody, and we hope this venture will be a success.—Llano News.

**Mr. Davis** of the firm of **Davis, McDonald & Davis**, St. Jo, Mo., attended the convention at Fort Worth and participated in many of the pleasures of the occasion. He reports the St. Jo stock market as gradually gaining on the Kansas City market, and says that many Texans are shipping their cattle there. Mr. P. W. Devitt of this city, has recently shipped to that market three train loads. Kansas City will have to keep her representatives on the go or lose her trade.

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### Chips of Experience

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRIME STEER**—Herbert W. Mumford, professor of animal husbandry in the Illinois college of agriculture, says: "The prime steer should present certain evidence to sight and touch that he possesses to a high degree the form, condition and quality demanded by the dealer in high-class beef."

1. Form. The butcher demands not so much that parallelogramic form so popularly spoken of by so many unfortunates as he does a high state of development in loin, crops, back, thighs, twist and rump. He demands development in these regions because they are the parts from which are secured the high-priced cuts. The animal should show plenty of depth and breadth, furnishing a large surface for flesh, without that tendency to be paunchy, which could be objectionable to the butcher. He seeks also smooth, well-rounded general outlines, which indicate both evenness of flesh and an absence of that tendency to be rough and coarse, which would mean loss to him, since the waste in the dressing of the rough, coarse beast would be out of proportion with the weight of the marketable beef. Then, too, the butcher is not unmindful of the fact that, having secured satisfactory development of these parts from which is taken the high-priced cuts, there is an added value in securing thick, even flesh throughout, on the cheaper as well as the more valuable parts of the carcass.

To the untrained eye, an unusual development of loin, crops and thighs would detract from the beauty, style and gracefulness of the beast. To the butcher such development would increase rather than detract from its value. It should be clearly borne in mind, therefore, that no beauty of outline, style of gracefulness of carriage will ever take precedence of proper development in most important and valuable parts of the bullock. Nor should we assume that the highest development in these most valuable parts is incompatible with an ideal beef form. It is entirely consistent and desirable that we hold up as our ideal standard of the prime steer a combination of well developed parts from which are taken the high-priced cuts, and that uniformly high development in all parts capable of taking on flesh, which gives to the animal symmetry and smoothness of outline, that style and that beauty otherwise impossible.

2. Quality. First, general quality, and second, quality of flesh or condition. First, general quality. General quality in a fat steer is indicated by a medium-sized, fine, clean-cut, breech-featured head, bearing ears of moderate size and texture; short legs, with clean, fine hock; a fine, nicely-tapering tail; fine hair; a pliable skin of medium thickness, and smooth, well-rounded outlines. Second, quality of flesh and condition of animal. The quality of beef depends largely upon the condition of the animal. By condition we refer to the degree of fatness of a bullock. However it should not be assumed that the highest quality in beef is found in the fattest

beast. There are two principal reasons for fattening a steer. First, to fill the animal inside and out with fat that when dressed there will not be a high percentage of offal or waste. In other words, a fat animal, other things being equal, will dress a higher percentage of fat than a leaner or thin one. And, further, in the fat animal the proportion of these parts which from their very nature are unsaleable, is reduced to the minimum. Second, that the flesh or lean meat shall be rendered more tender, juicy and of better flavor by the disposition of fat throughout its substance.

Undoubtedly, the possibility of securing the highest quality in beef is influenced by the breeding and general quality of the animal.

Methods both of growing and fattening the beast influence the quality of its flesh. There is, too, a quality of flesh which is peculiar to the individual and which is independent both of breeding and methods of feeding. Desirable quality in flesh is indicated by a firm yet mellow and spiny consistency of the flesh of the crops, along the back, at the loin, and even on the sides, beneath the gentle pressure of the outstretched hand. Good quality of flesh is indicated in the fat steer by the absence of ties and rolls or patches of gaudy, fatty fat.

A tendency to lay on fat in bunches and to roll at the loin indicates that during the fattening process the fat has been deposited in large masses and has not been evenly distributed throughout the animal, giving to the flesh that marbled character so necessary to the highest quality of beef.

Undoubtedly, outstanding coarseness and lack of general quality in the live animal are inseparably linked with undesirable texture in the beef cut from such a beast. Fullness at base of tongue, firmness or a roll of fat in front of point of shoulder, a full twist, a large mellow cut, a low, full, thick flank that stands out and rolls visibly as the animal walks, fullness and smoothness at rump and tail head, indicate that degree of fatness which is essential to the highest quality in flesh.

When the ends of the fingers are gently pressed in the flesh on the side of the beast in an effort to find the ribs, there should be a firmness of flesh that does not admit of freely and easily forcing the fingers to the ribs and between them. A lack of firmness indicates the presence of too large a proportion of fat, which may be due to a too-fat or overdone condition of the animal, or to an inherent lack of flesh, either of which is decidedly undesirable. A proper degree of firmness shows the presence of plenty of flesh or lean meat.

It is as difficult as it is unnecessary to decide whether (used in its technical sense), condition or quality is of greatest importance to the butcher. The main point to bear in mind is, that an animal characteristically deficient in any one of the above requirements is disqualified to meet the full demands of the dealer in high-class beef. The care exercised for the beast should be such that he may be considered as a prime steer which would command the highest market price.

It might be added that a 2-year-old steer possessing the desired form, condition and quality, weighing from 1500 to 1600 pounds, is the one other class being commonly marketed at the highest market price. It should not scale nor weight, nor, within certain boundaries, age, but quality and condition that command the top price in the market.

**TICKS AND QUARANTINE**. Thalia, Tex., March 11. To the Journal: As you, Mr. J. G. Witherspoon in his communication to the Journal takes his text on me, I suppose he will expect an answer. I could hardly tell from his letter whether he was pregnant with great ideas of full prunes or a cathartic. But am glad to see he still remembers me as a friend, if he does think me unjust, unfair and incompetent to even give my own experience. But please read my piece over—you will see I did not say I thought would not kill cattle. I gave my own experience with ticks only, and said they did not kill mine. I can prove my statement true. I see men with heads larger than mine—and Mr. Witherspoon's both who don't agree on their tick theory, so I did not say I thought caused the fever. I see in the several pastures Mr. Witherspoon mentioned in his letter he agrees with me on the point I was trying to argue, and can tell it in half the words I can; and that they are all full of ticks. Although I believe I am better posted on the ticky pastures than he is, for I believe I can name one pasture in Foard county that is clear of ticks, although it has no cattle in it and has not had for three years. Why should Foard county quarantine against any one when it has as many ticks as any county, to its size? Why not be fair like Mr. W. D. Reynolds, and say, let the tick line be the quarantine? It is not right to carry ticks into clean pastures. Mr. J. G. knows that he and I have no right to kick at anybody's ticks. Now, Mr. Witherspoon, speaking of self-interest, come again and let us boys on to the racket of how you got those sticky Bar A Crotch cattle

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**DATES FOR PUBLIC SALES.**  
March 25-27, 1902—East St. Louis, National  
Hereford Exchange, T. F. B. Sotham,  
Mgr.  
April 22-24, 1902—Kansas City, National  
Hereford Exchange, T. F. B. Sotham,  
Mgr.  
May 7-8, 1902—Kansas City, Colin Cameron,  
Hereford.  
May 27-29, 1902—Omaha, National Hereford  
Exchange, T. F. B. Sotham, Mgr.  
June 24-26, 1902—Chicago, National Hereford  
Exchange, T. F. B. Sotham, Mgr.

## NEXT YEAR'S SHOW.

The fat stock show at the Fort  
Worth stockyards this year was one  
which excited the admiration of every  
visitor to the city during the Texas  
Cattle Raisers' convention. What the  
International Livestock exposition is to  
Chicago, what the American Royal  
show is to Kansas City the Fort Worth  
fat stock show is to the Panther City.  
The Hereford breeders and the Short-  
horn breeders this year inaugurated  
combination sales on the plan adopted  
at the greater shows of Chicago and  
Kansas City. They were successful  
this year, and in years to come these  
sales should be an important factor in  
the production of better beef cattle in  
the state. They will enable small  
breeders to dispose of their surplus  
stock to good advantage, and they will  
afford each year an opportunity for  
buyers to make selections of animals  
from the best herds to use in breeding  
up their own cattle. To Fort Worth  
and to the livestock interests of the  
state the annual holding of the fat  
stock show, with the accompanying  
sales, is a matter of the first importance.  
Now is the time to begin to  
make plans for the show to be held  
next year.

The horsemen of Texas have manifested  
some desire to have a display of  
good horseflesh outside of the racing  
features of the state fairs. With proper  
management there is little doubt  
that a creditable horse show, with a  
dispersion sale of horses, could be held  
in Fort Worth in connection with the  
fat stock show. The event would attract  
visitors from all parts of the state  
and is well worthy of consideration.

As Fort Worth is preparing to take  
her place among the great markets,  
and the readjustment of affairs at the  
stockyards is now being made, the  
erection of a suitable sales pavilion  
and the arrangement of sheds for the  
proper display of cattle at the fat stock  
show should not be overlooked. Nearly  
every market in the country now  
has a good sales pavilion and Fort  
Worth should have one by next year.  
She can have it and she ought to get it.

## DROUTH BROKEN.

Rain! Rain! Rain! From all over  
the northern, eastern, central and  
western and northwestern parts of  
Texas came last week the glad news  
of copious rains, breaking the long drouth  
which has for many months prevailed  
over the state. In the southwestern  
part of the state there was less rain-  
fall and some points were reported  
still dry, but the rain was so general  
in extent as to fill the hearts of farmers,  
stockmen and business men through-  
out the state with joy and gladness.  
Plenty of water for stock, plenty of  
rain for the farmers! Only those who  
have witnessed the full effects that  
sometimes follow from a very pro-  
longed drouth can understand the feel-  
ing of relief that came with the tidings  
of good rains during the past week.

It is probable that the actual damage  
that had been done by the drouth in  
Texas had been in many instances  
overestimated, but apprehension as to  
the future was sufficiently grave as to  
be felt in every line of business in the  
state. To the cowmen, especially, was  
the downpour a matter for rejoicing  
over. Nothing on earth is so likely to  
produce a panic among cattlemen than  
a severe drouth. Without grass and  
on short feed cattle may still live even  
though they lose in flesh, but water  
they must have.

But the rains came, and came in  
abundance over the greater part of the  
state, and extended also into the In-

## DIAN TERRITORY AND OKLAHOMA. Every- where there is rejoicing.

From present indications the time  
isn't very far off when the difference  
in quotations in northern market on  
native cattle and "Texans" will be  
wiped. Speaking of late sales in Texas  
the Chicago Drivers' Journal says:  
"Several big deals in cattle have been  
consummated in Texas already, and more  
are 'cooking'. The prices paid are  
relatively high, but as to this point  
one important thing must be taken  
into consideration. The cattle in Texas  
are better bred than they used to be,  
and are worth more from that stand-  
point. This fact alone is making them  
more in demand, both by northern  
ranchmen and northern feeders. The  
Texas cattle that have come to the  
Chicago market during the last year  
via the northern feed lots have aver-  
aged up well with the natives and often  
were superior in quality. Texas no  
longer has any reason to be ashamed  
of her cattle."

The railroads of Texas are doing a  
great deal toward developing the re-  
sources of Texas, particularly the fruit  
and truck growing interests. The work  
of instruction in the hands of such  
men as Prof. Murray of Missouri, who  
is now giving Texas truck farmers and  
fruit growers the benefit of his experi-  
ence is of great importance, and to the  
railroads is due the credit of bringing  
such men into the state. While the  
railroads are of course actuated by mo-  
tives of self interest the benefits se-  
cured are by no means confined to the  
railways. They prosper through the  
prosperity of the people.

The express companies have a splendid  
opportunity to aid in the general  
development of the state by making  
reasonable rates for the shipment of  
fruits and vegetables from Texas to  
the northern markets.

The way the Texas Cattle Raisers'  
association get through with business  
would make an average Texas legisla-  
ture dizzy. But then a cattleman's  
time is worth more than \$5 a day.

The Texas cattlemen will not meet  
in convention in Fort Worth until 1904,  
but in the meantime they'll continue  
to do business in the city every day,  
just as usual.

There were a lot of politicians in  
Dallas to whom everything looked blue  
on St. Patrick's day.

The cattlemen's contention is over,  
but the good roads' problem is still to  
be disposed of.

If those experts keep on, Millionaire  
Rice is likely to be found guilty of suicide.

After the council adjourned Mayor  
Powell presented Hon. Paul Waples,  
president of the Board of Trade, who  
in turn introduced President John W.  
Springer of the National Livestock  
association. Col. Waples said among other  
things that when the Board of Trade  
had almost lost all hope of raising the  
necessary bonus that Mr. Springer graciously  
came to the assistance of Fort Worth and  
that it was the voice of Mr. Springer  
that first announced in a mass meeting  
the fact that the last dollar of the subsidy  
was assured.

Mr. Springer read his address, which  
was in part as follows:  
"One of the greatest interests is the  
modern American packing house. I  
congratulate Fort Worth, and the people  
of Texas, that the Armours and the  
Swifts are bringing to your very  
doors, as the greatest livestock state  
in the Union, with 9,547,000 head of  
cattle, 3,000,000 swine, and 2,000,000  
sheep, two of the greatest packinghouses  
in the world. Remember what this means!  
Texas, first in cattle, eighth in hogs,  
and with New Mexico adjoining, third  
in sheep. With this magnificent start  
look what you can expect from doubling  
the hogs and sheep. This means that  
every farmer of Texas would be inde-  
pendently rich, from his livestock  
and his feed, with absolutely no limit  
to the latter. Texas could feed the  
world! When these American citizens  
invest from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 in  
plants in your midst, your administra-  
tion, municipal, county and state, can  
well afford to pursue a very liberal pol-  
icy toward them, for they will em-  
ploy thousands of American laborers,  
who in turn support many thousands  
of dependent members of their fam-  
ilies. We are mutually dependent—a  
great live industry. We must live up  
to the admonition of Brigham Young,  
that we must have a good and a  
lower the maxim, 'Live and let live.'  
We are gradually broadening—becom-  
ing more liberal in religion, in politics,  
in society. 'After us, no others,' is  
an exploded bubble of selfish ego-  
tism which only small men cling to.  
Texas is too big now for any alien land  
laws or political divisions of social-  
ism and like political vagaries. Legis-  
late in Texas to encourage capital  
and the coming of capitalists from all  
over the world, and don't have a legis-  
lative hatchet out for ever corporation  
offering to do business in your state."  
"It is not my purpose to recall to-day  
the wonderful development of Texas.  
Those before me have found the 'open  
sesame' and have witnessed the wild-  
erness bloom and blossom as the rose.  
As you take a hurried glance backward  
to-day, the pathway is crooked and  
marked with thorns and boulders. You  
have stumbled on the way, you have  
faltered and many alas have fallen by  
the wayside, with records incomplete  
and ambitions unfulfilled. The struggles  
of the old pioneers—the old Texas  
men—is written with blood, with In-  
dian depredations, with cotton failures,  
with drouth, with killing northern  
wolves, with the true black and terrible  
lingering over in awfulness is the story  
of Galveston, when besides millions of  
dollars worth of property lost, over  
5000 souls were huried by the warring  
tempests into watery graves. The  
whole world mourned with Texas, and  
yet, but a little while has passed, and  
with the true black and terrible char-  
acteristic of Texas, almost the  
very traces of these ruins have been  
obliterated. Wreck and ruin have  
been staved—Texas in the face, but they  
have overcome drouths, floods, poverty  
and hardships, and are now attracting  
worldwide attention to their matchless  
possibilities. We land the men who  
master difficulties and build around  
them monuments of enterprise and ad-  
vancement. The great plains are now  
spanned with railways, white thou-

## CORNERSTONES LAID.

**BIG CROWD WITNESSED CEREMONIES  
AT NEW PACKING HOUSES—JOHN  
W. SPRINGER'S SPEECH.**

The laying of the cornerstones of the  
Swift and Armour packing houses at  
the stock yards Wednesday afternoon  
was an event which was witnessed  
by several thousand people. In the  
city of Fort Worth, Texas, the place in  
the galaxy of successful American citi-  
zens. How well you made the fight is  
well known, and at great sacrifice to  
many of the subscribers. You had rich  
men who could have given their  
checks and never missed it, but as usual,  
the people, the men of moderate  
means, the laborers, the clerks and the  
women came to the rescue, and the bon-  
us of \$100,000 was raised, and what  
other cities would have cheerfully con-  
tributed much more to secure, Fort  
Worth captured, and this day we lay  
the cornerstones of what, in my judg-  
ment, will be followed by increased  
commerce in livestock in every sec-  
tor of business in and around the city.  
"What you have contributed is but  
your expression of a welcome to pro-  
gressive American citizens, whose in-  
vestments mean so much to all live-  
stock interests in this wonderful south-  
western city. The market for the stock  
market will double the demand for  
feed, both for cattle and hogs, in one  
year, thus directly aiding every farmer  
in Texas. What these packinghouse  
magnates have done in the North, they  
will succeed in doing in the south. Your  
large receipts from other points and  
well had they a real push and faith  
in their own ability to succeed. Texas  
has been chasing too many 'isms' in  
been long in ill health. He passed  
the last ten years to inspire that con-  
fidence in her own citizens which they  
should possess. If Texas is turned  
westward, this is the opportunity, there  
is no state in the Union with equal  
opportunities. I say this having been  
for five years, I am glad to state, a  
citizen of this great commonwealth.  
It takes men and money to make any  
state great, and I rejoice with you that  
a more auspicious era has dawned in  
Texas. May the good work go on until  
the Lone Star state is heralded  
throughout the length and breadth of  
the earth as the broadest-minded and  
most generous to capital, to manufac-  
turers and to commercial industries of  
any of the forty-five states of the Union.  
Thus I repeat: You can afford to  
be liberal with men who put thousands  
of American laborers to work in shop,  
factory and plant.  
"Heretofore you people have been  
compelled to ship your cattle about  
1000 miles to Chicago and over 500  
miles to Kansas City, and pay all the  
freight and the men around and about  
the railroads another long freight  
haul. This foundation stone buries  
under its foundation walls all such  
double freight charges against your  
cattle, your sheep and your hogs. The  
economies of changing conditions will  
leave you with more dollars in your  
pockets, by giving you a chance to do  
business nearer home. This is a con-  
summation devoutly to be wished.  
These great concerns will be managed  
by young, active business men, and  
our age demands such for the colossal  
undertakings now shaking the busi-  
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# Her Last Word.

BY HESTER GREY.

Queries intended for this department should be addressed to HESTER GREY, care of the Journal.

**SINCE MOTHER JINED THE CLUB.**  
 Since mother's jined the Women's Club, She has a lot to say:  
 She sends her voice a-sourin' round,  
 'Bout forty miles a day;  
 She's gittin' sick about the meals,  
 The cookin' shows it, too;  
 She ain't a-keepin' up the house,  
 'The way she uses do.

She ain't a-trustin' things to me,  
 To run 'em for the best;  
 She sees it's gittin' time for her  
 To take an interest;  
 She's readin' "Shakespeare" ev'ry day,  
 An' "Parliamentary Law";  
 You'd know she wuz a-runnin' things,  
 To hear her wag her jaw.

The "Things a Woman Oter Know,"  
 An' "Women's Rights," I see  
 Her pourin' over at the time,  
 She should be gettin' tea;  
 Her apple pies ain't half so good,  
 An' neither is her bread;  
 Since mother's got them new ideas  
 A-runnin' through her head.

Since mother's jined the Women's Club,  
 She sez she's turned it ain't polite  
 To eat things with yer knife,  
 Or drink from the silver;  
 An' sez not to forget  
 To cut my pie in with my fork,  
 'Cause it's etiquette.

She sighs her patchin'—durn it all!  
 My sock heels wuz right through,  
 'Becuz when mendin' 'em she reads  
 That blamed "Shakespeare" too!  
 She can't fix doughnuts 'bout she has  
 Some blame book in her hand,  
 That tells what women oter do,  
 An' where she oter stand.

That new-stylin' cook-book that I bought,  
 It don't ketch mother's eye;  
 The recipes it tells about,  
 She ain't had time to try;  
 She ain't got time to sweep the house,  
 Or make the beds, or scrub—  
 In fact, Mirandy's clean gone daft  
 Since she has jined the club.

**BACK ON THE FARM.**  
 When the roar of the city comes up  
 From the street,  
 There rises a vast infernal sweet  
 Of a scene far away, of a dear, tranquil  
 spot—  
 My old childhood home that shall ne'er  
 Be forgot.  
 It is long, long ago since I bade it good-  
 bye.  
 With a quivering lip, with a tear in my  
 eye,  
 And through all the years that have  
 Passed comes the charm  
 Of those golden, those golden days  
 Back on the farm.

Do the violets there in the meadow still  
 Grow?  
 Does the little brook still through its  
 leafy haunts flow?  
 Are the fields just as green, is the forest  
 as cool?  
 Do the minnows still shimmer and flash  
 in the pool?  
 Ah, that dear scene, the fairest I ever  
 looked on.  
 I know is unchanged, though some loved  
 ones are gone.  
 It has still the old grace, it has still the  
 old charm,  
 With a word at its happiest, back on  
 the farm.

Some day when this struggle, this tur-  
 moil shall cease,  
 And when I can find a haven of peace,  
 May fate guide my footsteps again to  
 the place.

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 that such a huge folding bed was out  
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**KIT, Crockett County, Tex.**—The magazine you ask about is made up of a colored front cover, two or three stories evidently bought at a bargain counter, a page of humor without the key, and an unlimited number of pictures of chorus girls. If you care to make a collection of the last named, the magazine may be worth the subscription price to you. (2) Baked bananas are said to be very healthful; they are about as palatable as soap of an inferior quality would be, so I do not think you should have had a lengthy test outside their native clime.

**SHIRLEY, Canton, Tex.**—By the superstitiously inclined the marks on the nails are given significance as follows: One on the thumb indicates a present may be shortly expected; on the first finger, a friend is near or coming to visit; on the second, beware of an unseen foe; on the third, a letter is about to arrive; and lastly, on the little finger the white mark prophesies a journey by land or sea. Another version is, beginning with the thumb, and counting down, the marks signify that the nail has been bruised at that point. Yes, it is said to be "bad luck" to cut the nails on Friday.

**BLUE EYES, Graham, Tex.**—General Tom Thumb was born at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1832, and died in Middleboro, Mass., July 15, 1883. His real name was Charles S. Stratton. Tom Thumb was about three feet tall. Under the management of P. T. Barnum, he visited all parts of this country and also the courts of Europe. He proved such a draw for money, that he was given his salary was \$50 per week. The "Gen. Tom Thumb company" was organized in 1869, was composed of Tom Thumb, his wife (formerly Miss Lavinia Warren), her sister, Minnie Warren, and Commodore Nutt, all midgets. The two last named were married shortly after the company organized. I do not think Tom Thumb was also dwarfed intellectually; he is credited with being very bright, but could not exactly be termed "intellectual."

**JESS Colorado, Tex.**—Yes, it is a fact that some of the most successful actresses when described in plain, truthful English, are honest. Yet I do not think you could expect success in a stage career merely because you are as plain as Bernhard or Duse. There are other things to be considered. Even ugliness alone never wins fame even if the actress is something of an expert. If you have an undeniably talent as an actress, a plain face need not obstruct your path to fame.

**MARAH, Crosby County, Tex.**—Get a "First Lesson" in English. That will teach you punctuation, the use of capitals and several other things you would like to know. (2) If you are blessed with a patient and persistent spirit, you can learn at home what would be taught you in a country

heart. But Mrs. Bentley had set her beam on it, and Mr. Bentley has not been husband so long as to feel like thwarting any legitimate wish. When she went down to the store she found she was just in time to get one at half price. What luck! She had expected to pay \$35 for the bed, and she got it at \$25, although by what process of arithmetic twenty-five becomes the half of thirty-five she did not stop to inquire.

But with the reduced price of the bed her good luck ended, and she entered upon a chapter of annoyances that would have made the bed dear as a gratuity.

The bed people were just moving out and were too busy to send the bed home. Five separate expressmen were required to stir their wagons when they learned that it was a trundle bed. But at last an expressman who was just starting in business and who was therefore inexperienced contracted for \$2 to deliver it.

She reflected that the salesman had told her that it was a very convenient size, as one side of the room did not need to be papered when the bed was up, for it took up the entire wall space. So she went and waited for the bed with all the ardor of a small child. Every time the dumb water bell she ran out to see if they were trying to send it up that way, but when it finally arrived after a wait of four hours it came in at the front door.

After ten minutes or so Mrs. Bentley heard mastodontic footsteps on the stairs, the crash of falling globes, and she knew that they were bringing the bed up stairs. So did all the other flat dwellers. When she looked over the stairs, there were from three to four heads beneath her, all looking down.

The arrival at different landings was punctuated by the crash of glass and the fall of plaster. And on the third floor the bed fell on one of the men. Luckily he was a fat German, and he escaped with a barked shin and a mislaid temper.

Long before that there was a string of home returning heads of families separated from their little ones by the Chinese wall of a bed. Those who were athletic enough climbed over and escaped to their apartments, but the rest had to content themselves with throwing kisses to their beloved ones and telling them not to despair.

Mrs. Bentley had not hit upon it that there were so many people living in the house. The stairs were black with them, and the bed moved with the deliberation of a glacier.

When the men reached the fourth floor, they clamored for beer, and Mrs. Bentley, being inexperienced, sent for two bottles, which were brought in by the janitor's son.

The two men sat down, or rather, up, way up on the bed and opened a bottle apiece amid groans from the belated flat dwellers who lived above the third. It is probable that they had already isolated themselves with beer, for they

became very merry and incoherent as the bottles had been emptied, and many of their jokes would not have been allowed at a variety theater.

There is a saying that there is always room at the top. This did not prove to be the case in regard to the giant bed. The hallway at the top flat was a joint affair, two suits opening on it, and it was the narrowest in the building. When the men finally arrived with their tremendous load, they found that it was going to be a Chinese puzzle to get into Mrs. Bentley's. They shattered the last globe and then sat down on the stairs to ponder.

They finally came to the conclusion that they could not get it in that moment. Bentley and Cochran laughed, but Mrs. Bentley saw no humor in the remark, and certainly Mrs. Cochran saw no funny side to the bed. Both sides seemed tragic to her.

"Is that you, George?" she called out.

"Yes, it's me. Shall I come in?"

"You can't except by the fire escape," said Mrs. Cochran despairingly.

"What are you doing with it in the wrong door?" asked Mr. Bentley of the expressmen.

"Sure, 'twould have shook as fast as any durn," said the Irish expressman, and the German roared sympathetically.

"No," snapped Mrs. Cochran. "He hasn't come home yet, and what's more, he can't until this barricade is removed. How anybody but a fool could have bought such a monstrous thing I don't see!"

At this juncture Mr. Cochran came up stairs, with Mr. Bentley just behind him. Mr. Cochran looked puzzled. Mr. Bentley groaned. He had come home too soon.

"What are you doing to the bed?" asked Mr. Cochran.

"We ain't doin' a thing to it," said the fat German jocularly.

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The animals offered by Campbell Russell were fully guaranteed against Texas fever until Oct. 1.

The sales in detail were as follows: QUARANTINE CATTLE.

Melvin, 184,397, heifer, calved Nov. 14, 1900; consigned by C. C. Rhome. Fort Worth; sold to J. S. Fulton.

Maple Leaf Shadland 13th, 130,241, bull, calved March 4, 1901; consigned by Campbell Russell; sold to N. R. Powell.

Maple Leaf Shadland 8th, bull, consigned by Campbell Russell; sold to B. T. Field.

Maple Leaf Daisy, 118,861, cow, consigned by Russell; sold to J. E. Tucker.

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Ft. Worth; John D. Hughes, George, Pown, 10,045, calved April 1, 1901; consigned by J. H. McNatt.

Red Rock, 12,757, bull, calved March 28, 1901; consigned by Rhodes; Leo Bros., San Angelo.

Lord Pembroke, 118,790, bull, calved Oct. 10, 1900; consigned by Wall; M. G. Buchanan.

Standard, 12,211, bull, calved March 23, 1901; consigned by Wall; J. A. Rodgers.

Miss Stewart 4th, 6,748, cow, calved May 14, 1896; consigned by Wall; J. E. Tucker.

Sir James 31st, 12,464, calved Feb. 1, 1901; consigned by Scharbauer Bros.; Fancher Bros., Seymour.

Howell 17th, 12,975, calved April 14, 1901; consigned by Scharbauer Bros.; M. G. Buchanan.

Howell 8th, 12,689, calved March 7, 1901; consigned by Scharbauer Bros.; Ed Rodgers.

Claud Reynolds, 124,387, calved Jan. 7, 1901; consigned by Scharbauer Bros.; J. E. Tucker.

Weatherford, Queen of Roses, cow, calved March 6, 1899; consigned by W. M. Martin.

Yonca Pride 15,239, bull, calved Dec. 12, 1900; consigned by Louisa.

Major Gwinn 16,949, bull; calved Nov. 1, 1900; consigned by H. O. Samuel.

Blumar 14,726, bull; calved Jan. 28, 1898; consigned by T. B. White.

Roze Lochiel, heifer; calved April 6, 1900; consigned by David Harrell.

Young Earl of Ravenswood 15,809, bull; consigned by J. E. Brown.

Corrector 17,613, bull; calved March 14, 1901; consigned by L. B. Brown.

Help's Oard 14,514, bull; consigned by J. W. Burgess.

Good Luck, bull; calved Jan. 8, 1901; consigned by Chas. McFarland.

MARKETS

DALLAS. (Reported by the National Livestock Commission Co.)

Dallas, Tex., March 17.—Receipts of hogs were very light last week, consisting of less than half a good modern supply.

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ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, Mo., March 17.—Cattle receipts 3200, including 2200 Texans.

GALVESTON. Galveston, Tex., March 15.—Cows good to choice \$4.00 @ 4.50.

NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, March 15.—The past week's receipts have been light and all desirable cattle, large and small.

COTTON MARKET.

Dallas, March 17.—There are practically no cotton receipts on the local market.

Galveston, Tex., March 17.—Spot cotton firm. Low ordinary 5-16 1/2.

Houston, Tex., March 17.—Spot cotton steady. Ordinary 5-16 1/2.

New Orleans, La., March 17.—Spot cotton quiet. Ordinary 5-16 1/2.

PRODUCE MARKET. Dallas, March 17.—Prices quoted are those charged by buyers on orders and are 25 to 50 per cent higher than are paid by dealers.

GRAIN MARKET. Dallas, March 17.—Carload lots—Dealers charge from 5 to 10c more per pound on bran.

WOOL AND HIDE MARKET. Dallas, Tex., March 17.—Wool—Dry flint heavy 12c.

HORSE. THE HORSE BILL.—The full text of the "horse bill" introduced into the United States senate by Senator Penrose.

carrying on its business, and such committees and sub-committees may meet and transact business at any place where it may be found needful to carry into effect the purpose of this act.

Sec. 4. That when the commission or any of its sub-committees shall have approved such animals as shall have been offered and submitted for inspection, the owners of such animals, respectively, shall receive a certificate of registry upon payment by the owner of any stallion of a registry fee of \$5 for such stallion, and by the owner of any mare of a fee of \$3 for such mare.

Sec. 5. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act the whole country shall be divided into five or more districts, according to geographical location, and under the direction of the secretary of agriculture.

Sec. 6. That the United States shall have the right to call upon the breeders who shall have taken advantage of the provisions of this act, to furnish for the use of the United States such registered horses, over four and under eight years of age (excluding stallions and mares actually in use in breeding).

Sec. 7. That the members of said commission shall not receive any compensation for their services, but they shall be allowed their actual expenses when engaged in the transaction of the business of the commission, to be paid on vouchers certified by each member and approved by the president of the commission and the secretary of agriculture.

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**TEXAS TRUCK CROPS.**

**KANSAS CITY MAN MAKES VERY FAVORABLE REPORT OF PROSPECTS FOR CROPS IN TEXAS THIS SEASON.**

L. S. Walter, a business man of Kansas City, recently returned to his home after spending many months in Texas looking over crop conditions. He is quoted by the A.P.cker as saying that the prospects for a heavy berry crop is the best south Texas has ever had. If conditions continue favorably there will be from five to six times more this season than last, and there is an increase of acreage! Alvin will have a larger output than any other point, but there are five other points that will produce a heavy yield of fine berries. Peaches at this time are in a healthy condition and not injured.

There will be an immense acreage of potatoes, the largest in the history of Texas. One point near Houston, which made its first small crop three years ago, expects to have 100 carloads this season. Besides there will be other small points opening.

A truck grower in South Texas told him he would not put out any more than he believed that they would go to 25 cents a bushel. It costs the south Texas grower much more to grow them, as their yield is much less, about 60 to 100 bushels to the acre, while north Texas growers claim they can produce 200 to 300 bushels per acre.

The watermelon acreage will be more than double this year owing to the high prices realized this season on account of the drought. The largest and best crop was made at Hempstead, where the growers are praying for another season just like last, saying they will make a crop anyway. The main dealer of that place is G. S. Osborne, who made so much money that he made a trip to Europe after the season. The outlook is, that with a good season, the crop will be overdone, as the freight charges run from \$34 to \$105 a car, with \$100 freight to be added. Growers expect \$500/100 car for melons on their track.

Cantaloupe acreage will be increased in both south and north Texas, but it is a hard crop to mature owing to insects and dry weather. Many new growers must learn to properly select from vine and pack same, and he who may not know how to do this right will be disappointed when he offers to sell or consign to reliable houses. Many new as well as old know very little about selecting the best markets and houses to handle their product, and such things lead to "cussing" the commission houses, or at least the house who sold his stock, although many growers have received had treatment.

"Many beans are being planted, and I saw one wagon load of seed beans hauled out by one grower," said Mr. Walter. "This is an easy crop to raise and growers realized good prices last season, so that many are put out from Corpus to Houston points and continuing to the north. I believe too many beans will be on the market. Peas are not many around Corpus points, as birds pick them out of the ground. One man hired a man with a gun to watch several acres on which he expects an early crop.

"The radish crop looks fine, so far as planted or sown, while the spinach crop is almost an entire failure by drought last fall and freezing in December; however, G. B. Mesener of Cameron, Tex., has 100 acres of very nice stock coming in in a short time. He also has out a planting of 60 acres of radishes, tomatoes, cantaloupes and in cukes. Many cukes are going out at various points. Cabbage was much damaged by the cold spell in December, although there will be a good crop at Corpus and several near-by points. Great preparations are being made for a tomato crop, which will pay growers, but no such prices as last season if conditions favor a crop, as many new points are opening in this line.

"To take it all around the present prospects are for the largest fruit and vegetable crop this season—that Texas has ever had, but one grower said something always had to ruin the crops before they were marketed. Growers want to make very high profits on what they have, such as a profit of \$150/250 per acre; the same on cabbage, cukes and cantaloupes, besides cost. However, it costs more for south Texas to make a crop than north, but they can make as many more melons and other vine crops than the north Texas points. Look out for Texas this season!"

**A LESSON FROM THE DROUGHT.**  
 Tiger Mill, Tex.

To the Journal: The glorious rain! The best and most welcome rain we have had in many years! Surely every farmer and stockman must feel thankful now, and in a few days all fruit trees and other trees, bushes and herbs will be in full bloom and the corn will soon be up and growing fast, and small grain will probably still make a fair crop. This reminds the farmer of the good old times of his boyhood, when the rain came oftener and crops were not so uncertain as they were during the last few years. Now we will soon have grass for cattle and other stock, and the hay bush will be in bloom. The drought has taught us farmers a good lesson—that we must be better farmers, who do not depend on "fish and birds" and Providence quite so much; that we must raise and save stock food enough for one or two years in advance; that we must not have more stock than we can feed; that we should only keep such stock as are worth feeding and keeping; that we should sow plenty of winter wheat, rye, barley and other small grain on good deeply-plowed rich land in the fall, so we can use it for winter pasture; that we must prepare the land so well that it can stand a long drought; that we must plant the greater part of our fields in Kafir corn in a droughty country like this, and if we have plenty of rich land we may also sow a good deal of it in the little red top sorghum, or in amber cane, and that we should have plenty of Colorado grass and ree-grass on our farms, and that we should have a farmer should always have "lots" of hay to sell. The farmer should never sell any kind of stock when in poor condition; and, if possible, he should keep some of all kinds of stock, at least a few of all kinds—cattle, goats, sheep and hogs, and a good many also a sultana fertilizer and may be applied at the time of setting by mixing directly in the soil

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**THE VINE.**  
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Grape vines require a good, deep rich soil, but not a heavily manured one. If too much stable manure is mixed with the soil the growth forces rapidly the fore part of the season, but burns and dries up as soon as hot, dry weather comes, while the fruit is inferior in both size and quality. Vines should bear well the third year if set in productive soil and kept properly pruned. They should be set at least eight feet apart in the row and the rows should be far enough apart to allow the passage of the cultivator after the vines grow and spread. The first year after setting, all of the new growth except one or two of the rankiest sprouts should be pinched back. This throws all the energy of the plant in the remaining vines and promotes root formation. The next season trim back all the lateral branches of these remaining sprouts to within two or three buds of the main stem and allow these to grow freely. The third year repeat with the previous year's growth, and by so doing you will increase the vigor of the vine, at the same time securing large and better fruit. Pruning should be done in early winter, but may be done in February provided the vines are not frozen at the time of cutting.

Previous to plowing grape vines which should be deeply and thoroughly done, the ground may be covered with a layer of wood ashes. This is one of the best of fertilizers for grapes, and it is also a sulfur fertilizer and may be applied at the time of setting by mixing directly in the soil

which touches the plant. Do not allow the vines to bear too young. I have seen them bear the first season after transplanting, but do not recommend allowing them to do so. As soon as the bunches set they may be pinched off without injuring the vine.  
 The vineyard may be enlarged by gathering up the prunings as soon as cut in the winter, tying them in a bunch and burying in the ground, first covering with straw and then several inches of dirt. When needed cut them into three bud lengths, set in moist soil so that only the upper bud will be exposed, and cultivate with the hoe, never allowing the weeds to get a start. The next season they will be ready for transplanting.  
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**NEW MEXICO**

J. P. White, manager of the L F D Cattle Co., has received a notice from the interior department to remove all the "drift fences" on the company's ranges within the next sixty days. This brings up the old question for another periodical thrashing of the oft-beaten straw. Other stockmen have or will receive the same notice, and just what action will be taken by them is unknown. The Record has always maintained that the removal of these fences would work a serious injury on all cattlemen alike, whether large or small. But if Uncle Sam says they must come down, that will settle it.—Roswell Record.

**SHEEPMEN ORGANIZE.**—The Gila River Sheep Growers' association is the name of an organization recently formed in Magdalena, N. M. About fifty of the large sheep growers of western Socorro county are members. Solomon Luna of Las Lunas, who has immense flocks on the western Socorro ranges was elected president, and Frank Hubbell, another large holder of sheep in the county, secretary and treasurer.  
 The following executive committee was appointed by the president: Solomon Luna of Las Lunas, Frank A. Hubbell of Albuquerque, Manuel S. Pino of Mangas, Jose Garcia of Magdalena, M. Cooney of Copoco, Montague Stevens of Datil and Pedro Saracho of Frisco.  
 The secretary of the interior has

granted the members of this organization permission to pasture their flocks in such portions of the Gila forest reserve as are situated in the territory of New Mexico during the period of time between April 1 and Sept. 1. The permission is only granted for the year 1902, but it is the general impression that the same permission will be granted each year, providing no destruction of timber is evident. The organizing and election of officers was made necessary, because heretofore the government had had no one to hold responsible for the destruction of timber by fires started by herders and had

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