

CUBAN CATTLE INDUSTRY

Secretary of American Legation in the Island Tells of What Is Being Done in Breeding and Points Out the Advantages Enjoyed.

No country in the world, perhaps, possesses more natural advantages to attract the cattle raiser than Cuba.

The ravages of the last war destroyed almost the entire stock of cattle.

Prizes of Meat High

The government report for the calendar year 1904, which has taken into account only the cattle slaughtered in the "matederos municipales" (municipal slaughterhouses), places the quantity of meat consumed by the general public at 34,611,645 kilos (or about 76,000,000 pounds).

The general cattle raising industry may be considered in each of the three mutually independent branches into which practical business methods divide.

1. The breeder aims only to bring the stock to the highest prolific point; the calves he places on the market when yearlings.

2. The improver buys yearlings or 2-year olds and feeds them until they are ready for the fattener within eight or twelve months' time.

3. The fattener (feeder) buys cattle 2 years old and more and feeds them for the market. The fattening of the cattle of the industry is directed according to the condition of the stock and the quality of the pasture, and nets a profit of from \$8 to \$12 per head.

Oxen Are Principal Draft Animals

The Cuban cattle demand has certain peculiarities that sharply distinguish it from that which is recognized as the normal in the United States.

Parana Grass Is Abundant

Parana grass, a native of South America, grows best in well watered tracts and thrives in the damp, heavy soil of the island.

Small Ranches Popular

The typical Cuban ranch covers an area of from 1,000 to 1,500 acres.

Glancing a moment at the island as a whole, the various provinces contribute to the general total of 3,763,049 head of cattle on the registration books on Dec. 31, 1904, as follows: Havana, 289,924; Pinar del Rio, 151,765; Matanzas, 257,427; Santa Clara, 551,500; Camaguey, 245,101; Santiago de Cuba, 217,550.

CUBAN CATTLE INDUSTRY WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Agriculture and its cognate industries suffered more than any other by the war which brought independence to Cuba.

These and a number of other interesting facts are given in a bulletin which the government has just issued on the subject of the Cuban cattle industry.

It is not safe, he says, "to import cattle from districts very far from the quarantine line. It is important to import only stock that has had Texas fever."

One may question, though, if the argument which he presents in support of this sanguine estimate will be accepted by experienced cattle raisers as convincing.

Editor Stockman-Journal: I arrived in San Antonio Tuesday night to take in the fair.

While at the San Antonio fair my attention was called to the splendid exhibit of J. H. Jennings' herd of Red Polled cattle.

W. D. Heard of Sabin, Texas, was on hand also with a lot of his noted herd of Red Polled cattle.

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CATTLEMAN ACQUITTED

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 9.—After being out exactly seven minutes the jury in the J. M. Chittim murder trial brought in a verdict of acquittal.

The quarrel took place in the Forty-fifth district court room between Chittim and W. W. Jones, a Starr county stockman, and the testimony was that Jones slapped Chittim.

Both sides fought the case aggressively and with ability and every point was an expectation that on account of the fact that Chittim and Jones shook hands after the shooting, the latter would not make a good witness for the state, but this was a mistake.

Chittim denied positively that he made any such statement. He said he had never fought the case aggressively and with ability and every point was an expectation that on account of the fact that Chittim and Jones shook hands after the shooting, the latter would not make a good witness for the state, but this was a mistake.

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THIN BUT HEALTHY

The Canadian Department of Agriculture Reports Stock in That Country Plentiful But Lacking in Flesh—Hogs and Sheep Are Generally Very Scarce.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Dec. 11.—The Ontario department of agriculture in its official report, says that cattle are thin but healthy, and more beef animals are on hand than usual at this time of the year, owing to low prices and abundance of fodder.

Canadian live stock exporters are pleased to learn that prices of cattle in Great Britain have not only been maintained at their advance of a week ago, but have actually risen a little higher.

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CATTLE CARS FOUND

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stock of cattle, and are now being held in the old Don bar pastures in Nolan and Mitchell counties. They are said to be a well bred lot of cows. The price that was paid, we understand, was \$15.00 per head.

THE ALPINE COUNTRY ALPINE, Tex., Nov. 29.—Most of the Alpine stockmen are in San Antonio attending the fair, so there is not much doing in live stock circles this week.

Eugene Parr has brought another consignment of cattle to his ranch east of Alpine. Ed Sauls of Sonora has arrived and located some land between Marathon and Alpine.

Those who raised hogs to sell this year are not reaping the reward, as local butchers are offering 6 cents gross for all the hogs they can buy. On account of the good season this year, hog raising on a small scale has proved to be very profitable.

IN WARTLEY COUNTY Channing Courler. Messrs. George P. Parr, Sam Nutting, J. E. Allen, Gene Cushman, Judge Fulton, Dave Fulton and E. F. Sharpe, capitalists of Oregon, bought of Ansel Realty Company \$100,000 worth of land in Hartley and Moore counties.

IN SUTTON COUNTY Sonora News. W. J. Fields reports two horses and one steer killed, and four horses badly cut in wire as the result of carelessness of hunters in his pasture.

IN POTTER COUNTY A large surveying corps, under the direction of Captain W. S. Howren of this city, are busily engaged near Texico, N. M., sectionizing and dividing into townships the Capitol Syndicate's lands in Deaf Smith and Palmer counties.

IN HOWARD COUNTY Big Springs Enterprise. J. M. and R. L. McCamant of Glasscock county, were here Friday, Dec. 1, sold their live section ranch in that county last week to Jordan C. Allen of Rannels county and will seek a location nearer the railroad.

IN BREWSTER COUNTY Alpine Avalanche. Colonel C. C. Poole, traveling representative of the Stockman-Journal, published at Fort Worth, spent Sunday, Dec. 1, at Alpine, Tex. He added about twenty names to the already large list of Stockman-Journal subscribers and increased the number of his friends to still greater extent.

IN MITCHELL COUNTY Colorado News. W. E. Brownfield and M. A. Edwards were here from Sterling county last week for the week after cotton seed and mto maize for stock feeding purposes.

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IN IRION COUNTY Sherwood Record. The wool market at present is a little quiet.

IN MIDLAND COUNTY Midland Reporter. Thomas Voliva had four cars of cows on the Fort Worth market this week, shipped from this point last Saturday.

IN POTTER COUNTY W. B. Root left for Roswell yesterday morning to look at and possibly purchase a flock of 1,000 sheep. If he succeeds in making the trade he will bring the sheep to his ranch near Amarillo.

IN FISHER COUNTY Roby Banner. Tex Polk bought S. N. Gillum's cattle in White Flat. The price paid was \$12.50 per head.

IN STERLING COUNTY Sterling News Record. C. W. Trammel of San Angelo moved ninety head of cattle to the Nichols pasture Monday.

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George T. Hume, one car fat cows to Fort Worth. Cargile and Grant, one car of fat cows to Fort Worth.

Fletcher Treadwell, one car of young mules to Belton. The following shipment of cattle were made Thursday morning: Martin & Mayer, seven cars of fat cows to Fort Worth.

Hugh Rogers, six cars of feeder bulls to Temple. Joe Montague, six cars of calves to Fort Worth. Three cars of these calves were bought by Mr. Montague from Charlie Broome, Thursday morning, at \$6.50 around.

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ELKINS TALKS ABOUT MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Senator Elkins, chairman of the committee on Interstate commerce, after reading the President's message made the following statement regarding railroad rate legislation: "As I understand it, the President does not desire to vest in the commission arbitrary and uncontrolled power to fix rates. He has repeatedly stated that the action of the commission in fixing a rate should be furnished legal protection against any injustice, that being the case, the commission over to change a rate only if the existing rate is unreasonable or otherwise in violation of the interstate commerce act, and it should give to the commission power to change a rate that is unreasonable or otherwise in violation of the interstate commerce act, and it should give to the commission power to change a rate that is unreasonable or otherwise in violation of the interstate commerce act."

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ECHOES OF THE RANGE

Weekly Compilation of Interesting Ranch and Stock News from All of the Great Range Country of Texas

THE BRACKETT COUNTRY BRACKETT, TEX., Nov. 29.—A great deal of rain has fallen here within the last two weeks. During the week just closed we had about three inches altogether, falling slowly and soaking the ground as thoroughly as possible.

IN HALE COUNTY Editor Stockman-Journal: Stock cattle are beginning to sell again in this country, several sales right recently all over the county at advanced prices.

IN KERR COUNTY Kerrville Sun. Judge Julio Real, while attending the San Antonio fair last week, purchased two very fine black pups, paying \$300 for the two. No man in Kerr county is a better judge of sheep than is Judge Real, and few have done more toward making Kerr county sheep.

IN SUTTON COUNTY Sonora Sun. R. T. Beyer sold this week to Williams & Russell fifty head of cows at \$13 around.

IN POTTER COUNTY Amarillo Herald. A large surveying corps, under the direction of Captain W. S. Howren of this city, are busily engaged near Texico, N. M., sectionizing and dividing into townships the Capitol Syndicate's lands in Deaf Smith and Palmer counties.

IN HOWARD COUNTY Big Springs Enterprise. J. M. and R. L. McCamant of Glasscock county, were here Friday, Dec. 1, sold their live section ranch in that county last week to Jordan C. Allen of Rannels county and will seek a location nearer the railroad.

IN BREWSTER COUNTY Alpine Avalanche. Colonel C. C. Poole, traveling representative of the Stockman-Journal, published at Fort Worth, spent Sunday, Dec. 1, at Alpine, Tex. He added about twenty names to the already large list of Stockman-Journal subscribers and increased the number of his friends to still greater extent.

IN MITCHELL COUNTY Colorado News. W. E. Brownfield and M. A. Edwards were here from Sterling county last week for the week after cotton seed and mto maize for stock feeding purposes.

IN HARDEMAN COUNTY Walker Lane shipped three cars of steers to St. Louis Sunday. Mr. Payne shipped that day one and one-half carloads of calves, bought from Williams Bros., to Fort Worth.

IN TOM GREEN COUNTY San Angelo Standard. Cattle shipments made Monday were as follows: R. F. Cargile one car feeder bulls to Santa Anna.

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Advertisement for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, featuring an illustration of a child and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for Rogan & Simmons, Attorneys at Law, located in Austin, Texas, with a list of services and office address.

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BURNETT IS COMMITTEEMAN

Fort Worth Man Goes to Washington to Present Resolution

Captain S. B. Burnett left Monday night for Washington, where he has gone in the interests of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association. Captain Burnett is also a member of the committee appointed by the interstate commerce law convention at its meeting in Chicago, Oct. 28 and 27. The members of this committee appointed by the interstate commerce law convention at that convention to President Roosevelt are as follows: E. P. Bacon, of Milwaukee, chairman; Joseph H. Call of California, S. B. Burnett of Fort Worth, R. W. Highley of New York and S. H. Cowan of Fort Worth.

While in Washington Captain Burnett and Murdo MacKenzie, who left a few days ago, will co-operate with Judge Cowan, who has already there, in an effort to secure legislation as requested by the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association on the interstate commerce law and on amendments to the 28-hour law.

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UNCLE SAM GUARDS THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Stockmen Must Get Permit and Pay Fee for Grazing Herds

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 8.—The day of the free range grass for cattlemen is past. Already the stockmen who use the ranges included within forest reserves are compelled to get a permit from Uncle Sam and to pay a fee for the privilege of grazing their stock, and during the winter congress will undoubtedly act on a bill for an act to put the public lands of the West upon practically the same basis. It is the inevitable, and though the stockmen may protest and object, it will be in vain.

This much, at least, was made plain by Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot at the meeting of cattlemen held at Glenwood Springs Friday, and the auto-graph letter he carried from President Roosevelt, stating about the same thing in writing that Mr. Pinchot put in words, was not contrary to those who know the warm relations between the President and Mr. Pinchot to know that he officially voiced the sentiments of the administration.

"We built up this country and we feel that we are entitled to the use of the range grass for nothing," said the cattlemen.

"You are overstocking and ruining the range," replied Forester Pinchot. "The government must control the grazing to prevent ruin to both the forage and the stockmen."

"We want you to control," said the cattlemen, "but we do not think it fair that the government should charge us."

"The government feels that in granting you the privilege of using the range and protecting you, in the right it is giving you something that is valuable, and that you should at least help pay the expense," replied the forester.

But while refusing to cut off the fees, Mr. Pinchot showed a disposition to meet all the stockmen on complaints regarding the regulations and modifications promised were numerous and important. The most important may be mentioned:

Rangers Will Enforce Laws
Forest rangers will be required not only to enforce the federal laws regarding live stock, but also the state live stock laws. This will give the stockmen on the reserves a protection not heretofore had.

Drift fences will be permitted where the benefit of a community of stockmen to prevent cattle straying too far. Stockmen living adjacent to the reserves will be permitted to fence 200 acres for protection from range stock.

While live stock associations make the request, the forester will grant advisory powers. This will give them authority to confer with forest officers and supervisors and the forester to suggest local regulations and methods for handling reserves.

Material reductions were promised in the grazing fees. The regulations provide for two sets of fees, 20 to 35 cents and 35 to 50 cents per head, according to location of grazing. The forester stated that he would apply the lowest rate to Colorado, 20 to 35 cents per head, and would make a further reduction as follows: All applications received to be classified according to number of head. When all are received, list will be cut in two in the middle, the part containing the lower numbers to be entitled to the regular fee and that part containing the larger number to pay half fee on a portion equal to the highest number in the lower list and full fee on the balance.

This may be illustrated best by supposing the list of applications containing but four applicants, one for twenty-five head and one for fifty head, one for seventy-five head and one for 100 head. The applicants for the twenty-five and fifty head will pay half the regular fee, or 10 to 17 1/2 cents per head. The applicants for seventy-five and 100 head will pay half fees on fifty head and full fee on the balance.

Range to Be on Basis of Reserves
But the most startling announcement made by Mr. Pinchot, to those who have not been keeping pace with events, was that the President would recommend to congress, in fact has already done so, that the whole public range be put on the same basis as the forest reserves under public control, and a bulletin just issued was circulated, showing the proposed plan for handling all live stock on the public range get a permit and pay for the privilege of grazing. Mr. Pinchot explained that it was the policy of the government to protect the public lands, and that the present method of open range, and Mr. Roosevelt is determined that congress shall soon take some action. The plan proposed is along the same lines as upon forest reserves with low fees and full protection to the homesteader and settler.

Mr. Pinchot confessed that the government would first give its attention to protecting the small stock owner, the large owner is usually capable of caring for himself, said he.

The result of the Glenwood meeting, on the whole, has been good. Stockmen have a much better understanding

ORLANDO WALKER DYING FROM SMUT

Appeal Is Made to Experiment Station for Relief

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER CATTLEMEN

Fencing Law Has Been Technically Violated

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—The special grand jury in the federal court will begin grinding on land fraud and fencing cases tomorrow. Most of the jurors arrived on the incoming trains this afternoon and will be ready for work when the court convenes at 10 o'clock tomorrow. Judge Pollock will instruct the jurors as to their duties and caution them about maintaining secrecy as to their proceedings.

Investigation into land frauds will not cause the commotion that the fencing cases will. Land fraud cases are isolated. I doubt if the government will turn up much fraud in homestead entries, said Colonel Boy Wright of Dodge City, today. "The days of fraudulent entries on public lands in Kansas passed some years ago. Now and then a case may be turned up, but there won't be enough of it to stir up a sensation. Twenty-five years ago all sorts of frauds were perpetrated in homestead entries in western Kansas, but a great many of them were turned up and the government has since made it a rule to be very careful in the future. Twenty-five years ago all sorts of frauds were perpetrated in homestead entries in western Kansas, but a great many of them were turned up and the government has since made it a rule to be very careful in the future. Twenty-five years ago all sorts of frauds were perpetrated in homestead entries in western Kansas, but a great many of them were turned up and the government has since made it a rule to be very careful in the future."

The cowboys enter homesteads with the understanding that they would purchase them as soon as they were ready to acquire titles to ranch lands. The cowboys would file on the lands, work for a few months, and then turn over the land after securing title. At that time land was cheap and the cowboys didn't care for it, but some of the cattlemen were long-headed. They thought the land wouldn't be cheap always. Besides, the more they could corral the better they would be off for pasture, when the country settled up. It is impossible to estimate the number of quarter sections cattlemen hold through their cowboys, but no doubt it ran into the thousands. But, as I said, that is a closed incident. Within the scope of years which the government will cover in its investigation I dare say it will not turn up half a dozen cases of fraud within a radius of 100 miles of Dodge City. It may cut a few more miles out in the extreme western portion of the state, but not many. Land has become too valuable in my section of the state for people to come in and homestead entries. A homesteader must be careful now to do everything just right or some other fellow will contest his claim.

The cattlemen are deeply concerned over the fencing feature of the investigation. "Nearly every cattlemen in the range country is guilty of a conventional crime," said Senator Fred Smith of Kingfisher, "and he has a score or more of big cattlemen. Most of the range men have been guilty of fencing up government land. They didn't fence the land, they wanted to use it, but because in the very nature of things they had to do it in their business. For instance, a cattlemen might own twenty or thirty sections of land in a body. Perhaps in the middle of that big tract of land there might be one or two quarter sections of government land still open to homestead entry. The cattlemen he wanted to practice the old game, might have had his cowboys settle on that land and take over later himself, after final proofs were made. He didn't do it, because the law was against the law. So he would run a fence around his tract of land, which surrounded the two government quarters, still the interior of the tract, that those quarters are surrounded by fences, prohibited by law, and wants the cattlemen convicted."

Most of the testimony against the cattlemen will be furnished by government inspectors. Colonel A. R. Greene, who turned up the land frauds in Washington and Oregon, was detailed several weeks ago to investigate Kansas land fraud and fencing cases. He has been inspecting the records of the land offices at Dodge City and Colby and riding the western plains, locating fences around government land. T. E. Ryan of St. Charles, Ill., formerly a special inspector of the interior department, will also tell the grand jury what he knows about the land frauds. An investigation last year and submitted his report to the department at Washington. It contained information of several violations of law. For some reason the report was not presented to a federal grand jury, although several juries have been in session since the report was filed. It has been requested for this occasion. Colonel Ryan will supplement the information contained in it with a verbal testimony. The colonel is no longer connected with the department. He resigned several months ago to become a railroad attorney.

"Two things have contributed to our trouble," said a big cattlemen from the West, who is here to watch the proceedings. "One is the way the cattlemen themselves. The other is the pie contingent at Washington. Some cattlemen, not content with inclosing government land with their pastures, would have bought settlers who wanted to come in and homestead the land. Had they been decent about it and let the homesteaders take government land in the middle of the pastures, and treated them right, there would have been no complaint. While such instances were not numerous, they were numerous enough to attract attention at Washington, and that gave the politicians there a chance to load the public pay roll with more pie bits. Immediately fence inspectors were appointed to both sides of the range. These inspectors have pestered us for several years. Occasionally they yank some fellow up for violating the law, but most of us escaped until the department recently started out with its new plan. We understand, we must all be convicted. That law against fencing is a nuisance. It should be wiped out. The government would get better results by prosecuting a cattlemen who attempted to interfere in any way with a settler taking a homestead. That would solve all the government's troubles in Western Kansas. If the cattlemen get off as easily as Kansas as they did in Nebraska and Wyoming for violating the anti-fence law, the government will not be very richly rewarded for this reform. I have seen federal courts in those states let the defendants off with nominal fines and six hours in jail. Secretary Hitchcock was wrathful about it, but he had to stand it."

Winter nothing but strong sheep that will produce plenty of mutton.

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HARROWING CONDITIONS ON WESTERN RANGES

Two States Trying to Wipe Out Cattle Rustlers

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"That the stock so driven across the reservation in no way interferes with the range or stock of the Indians, and that, owing to the feed all along the driveway being very scant and the country traversed practically a desert, it is obnoxious to the interest of the Indians to use the utmost expedition in crossing the same. Any rules or regulations or officers for the enforcement of the same are unnecessary and entirely useless.

"Wherefore, your petitioners pray that a free public driveway be established, not less than two miles in width, along the old traveled wagon road between Tanner's crossing and Lee's ferry, to the end that stockmen may know just where they may be permitted to drive their stock in crossing the reservation, and that the range of the Indians may not be interfered with, and to the end that the free and proper use of the same may be permitted, without the payment of charges or observance of regulations, which are deemed burdensome and unnecessary.—Arizona Stockman.

IKE PRYOR'S BIG SALE

The colonization of 50,000 acres of land in Uvalde and Zavala counties is one of the latest propositions in the

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"I have been a habitual user of coffee all my life and have suffered very much in recent years from ailments which I became satisfied were directly due to the poison in the beverage, such as torpid liver and indigestion, which in turn made my complexion blotchy and muddied.

"Then my heart became affected. It was very rapidly after I drank my coffee, and go below normal as the coffee effect wore off. Sometimes my pulse would go as high as 137 beats to the minute. My family were greatly alarmed at my condition and at last mother persuaded me to begin the use of Postum Old Coffee.

"I gave up the old coffee entirely and absolutely, and made Postum my drink in its place. This was 6 months ago, and all my ills, the indigestion, inactive liver and rickety heart action, have passed away, and my complexion has become clear and natural. The improvement is in very soon after I made the change, just as soon as the coffee poison had time to work out of my system.

"My husband has also been greatly benefited by the use of Postum, and we find that a simple breakfast with Postum, is as satisfying and more strengthening than the old beverage. We used to have with the other kind of coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS

The International Colonization Company of Kansas City has just closed a deal with Ike T. Pryor for the above amount of land out of his ranch holdings in the counties named for the snug sum of \$20,000, and it will be settled with Swedes, Finns and Danes in the near future. Some two thousand settlers, consisting entirely of the heads of families will land in Eastern about Feb. 1, 1906, and their families will follow as soon as arrangements have been made to receive them in their newly adopted homes. This will be the first large colony ever brought to South Texas, and its success means much to the counties where it will cast its lot. Not only will the country west of San Antonio be benefited, but San Antonio, which has trade relations with the country for 400 miles west will feel its rejuvenating effects. The Missouri, Kansas & Texas and Southern Pacific railways will deliver the new citizens at Uvalde. But for the fact that Colonel Pryor is an immigration agent for both the Katy and the Southern Pacific, and also owner of fifty thousand acres of land, this colonization movement would probably not have reached such magnificent proportions for many years yet. It is for the benefit of Uvalde and Zavala counties that they have interested citizens who do things for other while they are looking for their own affairs. The new comers should find a hearty welcome in their new homes. Coming from Northern Europe, they have heard of this country as the home of the free and will make good citizens. In fact, the internal dissensions near their present homes has awakened in them a desire for a refuge where they can pursue their callings in peace.—San Antonio Express.

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Mr. Pinchot further announced that the President is in favor of the whole range being placed on the same basis as reserves, and it is believed that congress will be asked to take these steps for

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THE CATTLE SITUATION

Editor Stockman-Journal:

You have been publishing lately editorials on the cattle business of Texas, past, present and future, and take the ground that the settlement of the range section and putting the pastures into farms will result in more cattle being raised and better cattle than at present. Assertions are easily made, but to prove the question, will you kindly publish the number of cattle in each county of Texas, in 1880 and at the present time. You can get the figures from the comptroller's office at Austin. Are not the larger part of the cattle in the farming section of Texas dairy stock that add but little to the beef supply of the country? Second, I have seen the statement that only one-fiftieth of the cattle of the United States are pure-bred, and but one-sixth can be classed as grades of improved blood, and will Texas farmers be more progressive than their northern brethren? Truly yours,
C. G. BURBANK.

Fort McKavett, Tex.

The idea intended to be conferred in the articles referred to by Mr. Burbank was that the cattle business in Texas was not in such a decadent condition as it is generally represented. The men and interests that have been so long bent on the complete destruction of this great industry have upon every possible occasion sought to make it appear that the live stock industry was being literally crowded off the whole broad face of the earth, and have gloried in its alleged passing. The intention of the articles referred to was to refute this idea with the allegation that no matter what happened, the great live stock industry of the country would continue to go on forever, or, at least, just so long as the people of the world continued to be beef eaters. This theory is predicated upon the belief that as that portion of the range country adapted to stock farming is settled up and developed, the production of forage crops will be sufficient to offset the destruction of the natural grasses, and the producing capacity of the country will show no decrease. The remaining range will be supplemented by the feed that can and will be produced on these stock farms, and as the grading up process is continued, Texas will produce better cattle than ever before.

The figures asked for by our correspondent at not at hand just now, and their compilation is wholly unnecessary, as it is clear that Texas has fewer cattle today within her borders than perhaps for twenty-five years. As a matter of fact, we have considerably less than 7,000,000 head of cattle in the state at this time, which is about 200,000 less than the previous year, and indicative of the steady decline that has occurred for a number of years. There is no gaining the fact that there is a big shortage in cattle in this state now, and it is reasonably certain that conditions will continue until there is such an improvement as will justify a return to the heavy breeding operations characteristic of normal conditions. But if the long hoped for boom in prices materializes, it will not be long until every man who can rustle a dollar to put in the cattle business will do so, and we will soon be producing lots of cattle again.

The great bulk of the cattle in the farming district of the state is composed of scrubs, and hardly worthy of being dignified with even the appellation of dairy stock, but still, there is quite a general disposition to improve even these, and the time is not far distant when all over Texas the rule will be to produce only the best. Losses from acclimation in the introduction of improved breeds in the past has done much to prevent the proper improvement in this class of our cattle, but means are being found for overcoming this feature of the situation, and the work of improvement will now steadily go forward. There is no question but that the entire coun-

try is afflicted with too much scrub stock, but the fact remains that there is a general desire for improvement rife in the entire state.

SHOULD CATTLEMEN ORGANIZE?

There is a great feeling of unrest among the cattlemen of the country in consequence of the continued depression in the cattle business. There is a feeling that these conditions are wholly and entirely unnatural and the net result of continued market manipulation. Cattlemen see that practically every other industry in the country is on a prosperous basis, and while it is an established fact that there are fewer cattle in the country than perhaps for a decade, prices do not show a tendency to make any appreciable improvement. They know that Texas today contains but a fraction over 6,000,000 cattle—fewer than the state has known for many a long year, and the belief is general that if some means could be devised for organizing the cattlemen in the matter of marketing their stuff, conditions would show an early and material improvement. The action taken by the various live stock exchanges of the country in the new rules and regulations adopted to go into effect the first of January is meeting with general condemnation, and is intensifying the already general desire that will prove effective in combating these conditions. The Stockman-Journal recently published a ringing communication from Welton Winn, a leading stockman of Mills county, on this subject. This gentleman referred to the success that has come to the farmers of the country through their organization for the purpose of properly marketing their product. The success that has come to the farmers seems to be something of an inspiration for other cattlemen. O. T. Maxwell, a leading cattleman of Eastland county, writes a stirring appeal to the cattlemen to organize for this purpose. He says:

Fellow cowman, that is if an investment of \$30,000 in lands and cattle entitles me to the honor of being called a cowman, have you ever stopped long enough from your duties to hic yourself to some secluded nook, and take a survey of the field and note down the many obstacles you have to meet and grapple with? Or have you just imagined that because this year, last year and the year before were hard upon bankruptcy, that surely next year will be a "bumper" one, and you would come out all right to only find it to still be worse? Do you ever ask yourself what is the trouble and what is the remedy? Or are you waiting for some lawyer who is drawing a fat fee to solve the mystery whether it be this association or that, whether it be the railroad or what not? For my part, I think the cattlemen are looking to some slick duck, like the great body of our people are looking to some smooth politician for reform, whose only reform is to be made sure of a fat job for himself. Do you not think it high time for the producers of cattle to adopt the same plan as the old cotton raisers and have same say in the marketing of their product?

Have you noticed our dear friends (the "other fellows' friend") have within the last few months said that if you ship your cattle to one market and do not get enough out of them to pay for your dinner, "why, darn, you, go home hungry, or beg?" No self-respecting cowman cares a baubee for his dinner, but then just stop and see which way the straw points. If the cattlemen would get busy they can save themselves from penance, but five more years like the last five, and bankruptcy will be written on the old cow instead of the brand. You may not be able to write fluently, but you can tell facts, so sit you down and tell your mind. I for one, am ready to join in any just and honorable scheme to bring about relief. Let us hear from you. Yours for cow reform,
O. T. MAXWELL.

DEVONS IN TEXAS

To the Editor of The Stockman-Journal:
Dear Sir—in your issue of Nov. 22 you have a good letter on selection of bulls, and the writer in remarking on dual purpose cattle, mentions Short horns and Red Polls. Now, I would like to know why he should omit the Devons, the best all-purpose breed in existence. It seems to me an extraordinary thing that a herd as good as the Devons are should be persistently ignored all over the state. After the Jersey they are by far the best butter cattle known, and as beef stock they weigh out better than any cattle of their size, and the meat is always first-class. In England, where they are supposed to know a little about cattle and farming, they are always at the top in any show. It seems to me that they are the one breed that would suit the better part of Texas, where farming, dairying and stock raising are combined. They are good grazers, easily kept, and economically fed, and good all round milkers, though, of course, like any other herd, there are some better than others. Perhaps you can explain the neglect of so valuable a breed. Faithfully yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS WRIGHT.

Hindhead Ranch, Kendall County, Texas.

The Stockman-Journal is unable to explain the neglect that seems to have attached itself to this truly excellent breed of cattle, unless it is owing largely to the fact that the matter is not pushed by those who are engaged in breeding them. In all the time we have been engaged in the publication of this paper we cannot recall the fact that an advertisement of the Devon breed has ever appeared in our columns. And it is a well known fact that the other leading breeds have been pushed fast and furiously by those who are engaged in breeding them. Taking this view of the situation, the blame for the facts complained of by our correspondent must be largely laid at the doors of the Devon breeders, and they should rise to the exigencies of the situation and spare no efforts to see that the merits of these admirable animals are properly brought to the attention of the world. Devon cattle are a very desirable breed, and have given satisfaction wherever they have been intelligently handled. For a long time they were great rivals of the Shorthorn, or Durham, as this great breed is known in many localities, and in some instances the two breeds have been confused. Speaking of Devons, T. D. Wood, a Southwest Texas cattle breeder and admirer of this great family, says:

In speaking of the Devons I want my friends and Devon admirers to bear in mind that I am alluding to cross-bred while I have a pure-bred and as good as there is in the state of Texas. The Devons, for range purposes, either on mesquite or sage grass, thrive where other breeds will not do at all. I have ranged them in the counties of Refugio, Victoria and Bee, and you will always find them fat and healthy, while the other breeds succumb to the cold northerly winds. The Devons, while not up to the standard of weights with other beef breeds, are much easier fattened and kept on short rations. I will give you my experience and my first in trying to rough a lot of cattle through the winter, as you are well aware Texas cattlemen never prepare for winter. The summer and fall of 1898 was very dry, and winter found the cattlemen with large herds with no grass or feed on hand and cattle poor and thin. I undertook to rough about 1,000 head through on cotton seed meal and hulls. Now, here was the problem. I went to some of those wisecracks, who know it all, and asked their advice of this lot. I had my little herd of pure-bred Devons and they were very thin, having been on water and scenery all the fall. With this lot there were twenty head, all told, three high-grade Hereford and Durham cows, and my herd bull and one Devon cow, which

were fat and fine, as they all had been on feed all the fall, as I showed them at our little fair at Victoria that fall. The rest of the lot were very poor. I put them in a lot to themselves; had the feed put in the trough when they were sent to water, which was about 200 yards they had to go. When spring opened the Devons were nearly fat and the three cows that went in fat and strong were very poor. The remainder of the thousand head I lost about thirty-five head, I think, from eating scorched or burnt feed, as I had my storage house and afterwards my barn to burn down. I forgot to say I was feeding my Devons in that pen about 2 1/2 pounds of meal and how much hulls I don't know much.

Well, a little on the milking qualities of the Devons. Texas has the reputation of having more cattle and less milk and butter than any state. Come to my ranch any time and you will find on my table plenty of both; besides, my housekeeper makes a very neat little sum out of butter, selling it to my neighbor ranchmen, all due, I suppose, to the fine milking qualities of the Devon. Right here I would like to say one more word for the Devon as milkers, if my lot is not already too long. One of my neighbor's wives, and very wealthy at that, had been getting her butter from a Jerseyman, who thinks there is no other like Jersey butter, phoned my housekeeper, could or would she furnish her in butter, as she preferred her butter to the butter she had been eating. And right here I want to say for the benefit of all northern readers, she is getting 25 cents per pound the year round, and I am only feeding about ninety days 2 1/2 to 3 pounds of meal a day, which is about three sacks per cow, worth 50 cents per sack.

In speaking of the Devons as cross-breeds, the impression has been they are too small to cross on other cattle; my cattle weigh right up with other range cattle and get fat quicker. As explanation to feeding. I suppose you can recollect the cold February, 1899—at least Texas cattlemen do, for it was the coldest and most destructive winter we ever experienced, while my Devons went into the feed lot poor the rest of my cattle were fat and fine. Devons came out fat and the rest poor. Anything you want to cut out or add to my views on Devons you are at liberty to do so. Will send in my papers on calves in a few days. We are having some awful tough weather on cattle, lots will die from Victoria east before spring opens. I fear no loss in mine, as I have them on fine mesquite range, with lots of shelter.

WARNING TO SHEEP FEEDERS

There was a considerable decline in sheep values on the leading markets last week, in consequence of a too general disposition on the part of men who have been feeding sheep to get them on the market before they were in the proper condition. There are 6,000 head of sheep now being fed by Major Smith, the well known Texas sheepman, in this city, and thousands more in other portions of the state. It would be well for the Texas feeders to bear one fact in mind, and that is the thing that is worth doing at all is always worth doing well. The man who starts out to put fat on a bunch of sheep should not be satisfied until the work he started out to do is safely accomplished, and those who do not hearken to this idea are going to come out losers in the end. A well known Chicago buyer for one of the big packing concerns has the following to say on the sheep feeding situation:

"There are evidences that the feeders of lambs who have stocked up pretty heavily this year at higher cost than ever before have a pretty well defined plan to get a large portion of their lambs in a half-fat condition. The general plan is one that is going to be suicidal to profits, and the feeder should be warned in time to avoid serious results. Already a movement on the plan outlined is evident. Lambs that have been on feed but thirty days and were just getting in good condition to do well on feed have been shipped back here to sell 15 to 25 cents below their cost as feeders at the time they were bought.

"Losing freight and feed is a pretty discouraging turn to the feeder, but it is what he must expect who puts lambs into market in that condition. A large portion of the feeding lambs went into the feeders' hands at a later date than usual this year, and general quality of many of the feeders has been poorer than other years. They are going to require good attention to get in attractive market condition.

"There is an excellent supply of feed and grain this year, and the man who does not follow out the plan of making his lambs choice and fat before he markets them is likely to meet disaster, for the well finished lambs will sell at very high prices compared with the half-fat class when the shutting-off of demand for feeders burdens the trade with the latter class. These are evidences that that time is close at hand."

It never pays to market any kind of stock in a half-fat condition. This fact has been too well established in the experience of all successful feeders to admit of argument. It is true that both sheep and wool have been bringing good prices all the year, but that is no reason why the man with half-fat stuff should expect to make big money. Better take a little more time and put the stuff in proper condition. The Breeders' Gazette of Chicago, the leading live stock publication of the country, has the following timely suggestions on the situation:

"Sheep handlers have had easy sailing all summer. It has been a phenomenally profitable season. Breaks have been few and inconsequential and the live muttons market has been to a large extent relieved of the odium attached to it from time immemorial. There was a logical reason for this absence of half-dollar variations. Supply was close held. A mere handful of astute speculators practically cornered the bulk of the available summer supply early in the season and all summer demonstrated to a nicety how a market can be regulated. They deftly dodged to dislodge them from their position and succeeded in maintaining values on an even basis until their stuff had been cashed. Then the inevitable happened. Small operators rushed in fed western and native goods after the old-time fashion and succeeded in breaking prices 50 cents in two days. It was a seller's panic, pure and simple. Buyers are not to be blamed when they take advantage of conditions; it is their business to do so. The break in live mutton values last week was avoidable, or rather would have been had the volume of stuff been controlled by a dozen instead of several score shippers. It was but a fore-taste of what is likely to happen at frequent intervals during the coming winter.

"Somewhat confounded in the philosophy of the mutton finisher at this juncture. He invested his money in raw material in confidence but is displaying an impatience to get to market with the maximum result only \$6.25 per cwt. at this season is either a poor judge of what butchers want or is badly panic-stricken. One operator who tried to sell a band of 'fed' ewes at Chicago this week to discover that the best he could get was feeder price station hard by, contracted several carloads of screenings, and determined to make them good. If the others follow, take them out and feed them at a profit, so can I' was his conclusion. The menace of the mutton finisher, or to be more correct, the amateur, is lack of knowing what the market requires. If there is one thing killers stand less in need of than another at any time it is half-fat sheep and lambs. Success has attended the operations of so-called big feeders only when they have made their stuff 'standard.' If farmer feeders are to achieve success in this sphere they must take a leaf out of the books of old-timers. Shipping to market either sheep or lambs that have been barely warmed up will not only destroy confidence in the business, but injure the victims of the policy financially."

The sheep may have a golden hoof, but it will not carry him to market successfully unless he is in the proper condition.

THE TWENTY-EIGHT HOUR LAW

The cattlemen of Texas and the Southwest are represented at Washington by a strong delegation of representative stockmen, who are there to urge upon congress the necessity of amending the twenty-eight hour law. This law was enacted by congress nearly twenty-five years ago, and governs the shipment of cattle to market, providing among other things the number of hours the stock shall be confined in cars while in transit without feed and water, its passage was inspired by a genuine humanitarianism, and there is no doubt that it was a good and proper law at the time of its enactment.

But conditions have been changing from back at the time when the world was young, and at no time have these changes been more apparent than during the time this law has been in effect. Railways are no longer conducted on the same principles that were in vogue when this law was necessary. The rights of way and streaks of rust that did service in those days as great arteries of commerce have been succeeded by great steel highways, built and operated upon the highest plane of excellence that money and ability could devise and procure. The ramshackle old cars in which cattle were then crowded and hauled at a snail's pace have given place to modern palace stock cars equipped with all modern appliances for safety and comfort for the animals. Feeding and resting pens have been established at suitable intervals, and there is no stock shipper in the country who does not thoroughly appreciate and try to enforce the sentiments that are serving as the inspiration of the good people who are opposed to any change in the existing law.

It is a reasonable proposition that the men who raise and sell the cattle are the best judges of the time they should be confined in cars without feed, water and rest. It is an established fact that the price that is to be obtained for the cattle when they reach their destination is largely dependent upon their condition upon arrival, and of they are starved and otherwise mistreated while in transit the loss must fall upon the men who have produced them and are seeking to market them. And while the average shipper may be calloused and hardened in some things, when you begin to strike him in the near vicinity of his pocketbook you are nailing him very close to his heart. The owners of these cattle are the ones most interested, and their desires in the premises should receive at the hands of congress the most serious consideration.

The humane societies of the country are to be commended for their zeal in the premises, for it shows they are consistent in the great work to ameliorate the conditions usually attached to the dumb brute. But in this case it is so clearly a case of misdirected energy as to inspire the hope that they will not further antagonize the real stockmen of the country in the effort they are making to do what is only right and proper under the circumstances.

The live stock exhibit at the recent San Antonio fair is reported to have been one of the best ever seen in the state. Texas is producing some good cattle, but the breeders have not been taking the interest in making the fact known that they should. In fact, Texas breeders are not advertising and pushing their breeding herds as they should, and as a consequence, too many bulls are being purchased from outside breeders. Practically all this money could be kept in Texas with the exercise of the proper effort on the part of our Texas breeders.

Conditions on the Texas ranges are reported unusually good at this season of the year. There has as yet been no bad weather, and grass has been fine all the season. About the only complaint has been on account of an excess of moisture during all the fall, which kept the grass too full of sap. There is plenty of grass and water everywhere, and cattle are reported generally to be in fine condition for the winter. A great deal of fat stuff is still going to market, and the movement will continue until well up in the holidays.

There is no necessity for being alarmed as to the future of the great live stock industry. There is money enough invested in this industry to insure the fact that it will always be able to care for itself. What cattlemen really need is to stand just a little closer together and present a united front to the aggressions of the enemy. This can only be done through organization, and the proper organization is the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas. If you are not a member of this organization you are failing to discharge your plain duty.

The Stockman-Journal is the one paper in Texas that is printed strictly in the interest of the producer. It is the one paper that has had the courage to stand up and fight in season and out of season for the people it is here to represent, and that fact accounts for the fact that it is regarded as the friend of the people. The Stockman-Journal does not belong in the list devoted to a subsidized press. It is fearless and independent, and will always remain so.

Next year is the time the cattlemen expect the return of general prosperity, but there is a growing suspicion that the result very largely depends on the disposition of the pending cases against the beef trust. If the government succeeds in overthrowing the existing combination, it is believed there will be a big improvement in market conditions.

Ben Van Tuij, a leading ranchman of the Colorado City country, was here last week with a shipment of cows and calves, which he sold on the local market. He says his calves sold within a close figure of the amount brought by the cows, and he only wishes he could have transferred the whole shooting match into baby beef. Mr. Van Tuij reports conditions throughout his section as simply ideal for the winter.

There are a considerable number of cattle being fed in Texas on raw cotton seed directly on grass, the feeders alleging that they can feed in this manner to better advantage than to pay the stiff prices demanded by the mills for their products. It is an experiment that will be watched with much interest.

The big packers are alleged to have gobbled up all the tanneries in the country, and are said to be responsible for the big advance in the price of leather. These people seem determined to control everything connected with the live stock industry and lay the hand of enforced tribute mercilessly upon both the producer and consumer.

The international show is in progress in Chicago this week, and is attracting universal attention. The entries are such as insure a most creditable exposition, and it is expected that Texas will pull a few of the ribbons, as she usually does when she goes after them.

THREEFOLD.

BY ILLA WHEELER WILCOX
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Our love wakes with the morning unafraid
To meet the little worries of the day,
And if a haggard dawn, dull-eyed and gray,
Peers in upon us through the window shade,
Full soon love's finger, rosy-tipped, is laid
Upon its brow, and gloom departs straightway,
All outer darkness melts before that ray
Of inner light, whereof our love is made;
Each petty trouble and each pigmy care
And those gaunt-visaged duties which so fill
Life's path by day, do borrow of love's grace,
Though he be dear away and debonnaire
In the bright morning, best he proves his skill
Lending his lustre to the commonplace.

Our love looks boldly in the moon's bold eyes—
He has nothing to hide, nothing to fear;
And if the world stands far or hurtles near
He walks away, serene, without disguise,
Naked, and not ashamed beneath the skies,
He does not need dark background to appear
Radiant, for even through the broad day's clear
Effulgent his spiritual beauties rise,
Oh, there be loves that hide till day is done—
Nocturnal loves, like silent birds of prey;
Secretive loves that do not dare rejoice;
Ours is an eagle that can face the sun.
A wholesome love that glories in the day
And finds a rapture in its own glad voice.

Our love augments in beauty when the night
Shuts in our love between two sheltering walls.
'Tis fair the day and yet its splendor falls;
Dear are the shadows that do obscure the light,
And dear the stars that tip-toe into sight;
And when the curtain of deep darkness falls,
Then heart to heart in clearer accent calls,
And the whole universe is Love's by right.
There is no vexing world to interfere,
No sorrow save the all too rapid flow
Of time's swift river sweeping on and on,
We two are masters of this silent sphere.
Love is the only duty that we know—
Our only fear the menace of the dawn.

BY THE GATE

In a robe of lace and satin,
With a sash of palest blue,
With a picture hat and roses—
Roses red and wet with dew;
In the freshness of the morning,
I have often seen her wait,
Drumming with her dainty fingers
On the pillar by the gate.
All in white and crown'd with blossoms
By the gate—the sweetest roses,
And she held the sweetest roses
That her hands could bear away
From that cool and fragrant garden
Where the sunlight kissed the lawn,
Fragrant with the breath of heaven
On that happy bridal morn.

Still it seems I see her standing,
Sweet of form and fair of face;
Weeds have overgrown the garden
That her presence used to grace.
By the gate which is forsaken,
Clings the ivy to the wall,
And the roses that are fading—
Those she loved the best of all.

SUNSHINE

Here is a typical ray of sunshine from the pen of Captain Jack Crawford, the poet-scout:

I never like to see a man a-rastlin' with the dumps,
'Cause in the game of life he doesn't always catch
But I can always cotton to a free and easy cuss'
As takes his dose and thanks the Lord it isn't a
wuss.
There ain't no use o' kickin' an' swearin' at your
luck,
You can't correct the trouble, more'n you can drown
a duck.
Remember, when beneath the load your sufferin'
head is bowed,
That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every
cloud.

If you should see a fellow man with trouble's flag
unfurled,
And lookin' like he didn't have a friend in all the
world,
"Go up and slap him on the back and holler, "How'd
you do?"
And grasp his hand so warm he'll know he has a
friend in you,
Then ax him what's a-hurtin' 'im, and laugh his cares
away,
And tell him that the darkest night is just before the
day;
Don't talk in graveyard palaver, but say it right out
loud,
That God'll sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every
cloud.

The world's best is but a hash of pleasure and of
pain;
Some days are bright and sunny and some all slashed
with rain,
And that's just how it ought to be, for when the
clouds roll by
We'll know just how to 'preciate the bright and
smilin' sky.
So learn to take it as it comes, and don't sweat at
the pores
Because the Lord's opinion doesn't coincide with
yours.
But always keep rememberin', when cares your path
enshroud,
That God has lots of sunshine to spill behind the
cloud.

A FRAGMENT

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way,
With resolute heart and cheerfulness?
Or hide your face from the light of day,
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you are hurt that counts,
But only how did you take it?
You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face,
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you
bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye—
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts—
It's how did you fight—and why?

And though you be done to earth, what then?
If you've done the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of men,
Why, the critic will call you good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only how did you die?

QUAKER REFLECTIONS

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A civil engineer isn't always as polite as you
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COW BLINDS BOY

Switching of Tail Causes Him Loss of Both Eyes

FRESNO, Dec. 11.—The slash of a cow's tail across his eyes has brought blindness to Wherry Curtis, son of a prominent Tulare rancher. Two weeks ago young Curtis was milking a cow when she whisked her tail around to slash at him. The cut of the switch caught Curtis in both eyes and blood poisoning set in. First the right eye was lost and then came the unsuccessful struggle to save the left eye.

TERSE TALES OF THE MOYEMENTS OF CATTLEMEN ALL OVER THE GREAT RANGE COUNTRY OF THE ENTIRE SOUTHWEST

CONDITIONS IN OKLAHOMA. GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 9.—Tom Morris, secretary of the Oklahoma live stock sanitary commission, says it is taking three inspectors, and they are busy all the time, looking after the movement of cattle in Southwestern Oklahoma from points below the quarantine line. During the existing open season, all cattle coming above the line must be inspected, and in that part of the Territory only is the movement of cattle very large. This is occasioned by the fact that in Eastern Oklahoma cattle were moved across the line by inspection during the summer and fall months, but the order did not extend to the southwestern part of the Territory. Consequently all cattle moving above the line had to wait until the open season.

Mr. Morris reports an abundance of feed in the southern counties. Day Comanche, Caddo, Kiowa and Greer, and there is not the necessity, as formerly, for moving the cattle above the line for feeding purposes. He says the counties named are all in good condition. But few violations of the quarantine law are being reported during the open season, although several herds along the Indian Territory line were crossed without inspection and have been quarantined.

Pat Collins, a Panhandle cowman, has closed the deal whereby he will feed 1,000 steers in the county during the winter months. Day county also has an abundance of feed this winter.

WILSON FAVORS CHANGE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Wilson is in favor of the proposition to amend the law so that cattle may be kept in cars thirty-six hours continuously without being unloaded for feeding. He so announced this morning to a number of gentlemen who called on him, among them being Congressman Garner of Texas and Congressman Mann of Illinois. Sam H. Cowan of Texas, counsel for the Cattle Raisers' Association, and Murdo MacKenzie.

Three bills have been introduced on this subject, one of them by Congressman Smith of Texas, which represents the views of the Texas stockmen. One of the questions discussed with the secretary was how to give the law some elasticity, so that in the event cattle in transit are purposely delayed they may be kept in cars for a longer period than thirty-six hours. The consensus of opinion was that some discretionary power should be given to the secretary of agriculture, or to the interstate commerce commission to meet this contingency.

The advisability of bringing about this change in the law by means of an amendment to the proposed regulation bill was considered, with the result that it is likely an effort will be made to get the measure through congress as an independent proposition.

DAKOTA'S SHEEP KING

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 9.—Martin Johnson, who fifteen years ago was a struggling farmer in Brule county, by close attention to business, has become one of the wealthiest men in South Dakota, and is entitled to bear the name of being the sheep king of Western South Dakota.

Johnson recently bought a large reservation were opened to white settlement on Feb. 10, 1890, Johnson went to the vicinity of the bad lands, with headquarters at Lakewood, N. M., arrived here yesterday on his way to that place from Everts, S. D., where the company has a large string of steers, says the Drovers' Telegram. Mr. Mossman has been up in Dakota for several months looking after the company's business, and he is now returning to the ranch in New Mexico to spend the winter. This is one of the largest outfits operating in the country, and he knows all over the country for the high grade cattle it produces. Two years ago the company started to move cattle to South Dakota, and still has a large number of steers there. Their steers are taken up when they are 1 and 2 years old and kept there till they are 4 years old. The company has several thousand acres of land belonging to the Cheyenne Indian reservation leased, on which these cattle are grazed. A large number of these steers were marketed this fall, but no more will be moved this season, as the last shipments have been made.

"Our cattle have been doing remarkably well up in South Dakota this season," said Mr. Mossman. "The grass up there has been good all summer, and our steers put on flesh very fast. Those that we shipped were in fine condition, and all that we have left to carry up through the winter are in very good shape to go through. There is plenty of food for them, and there is no danger of an yohortage of range feed. In fact, this has been one of the best seasons in the history of that country."

"All reports that I have been receiving from our ranch in New Mexico indicate that the same good conditions prevail there. The year has been an especially favorable one to the ranchmen of the southwest country this year. Grass has been good all over that whole range country from Texas to the extreme southwestern part of Arizona. This is especially cheering to the stock men, as it has put cattle in fine condition to be brought to market. Our ranch has been cleaned up for the year, and all the cattle that we have there at the present time will be kept over winter. Range feed down there is good, and the country is not overstocked, so that all the stock will be wintered in good shape."—Chicago Live Stock World.

WAIL OF THE COWBOY

FORT PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 11.—Gloom prevails among the cowboys on the great Slim Buttes range, in the extreme northwestern portion of the state, the cause being the invasion of that region—heretofore devoted exclusively to the raising of great herds of cattle—by a threshing machine, which belongs to a homesteader, who had the hardihood to make entry of a quarter section of government land in the heart of the great cattle range.

Further grief has been caused by the establishment of a sawmill in that region. "It's enough to break a genuine cowboy's heart," said one of the old-time cow punchers in referring to the coming of the two evidences of civilization.

have them. The Express and a number of solicitors who have been making headquarters in San Antonio for a number of years would like for Fort Worth to explain her action.—San Antonio Express.

TEXAS FEEDING LIGHT

Winter beef production in Texas will be light this season if W. P. Anderson, live stock agent of the Peecos Valley area, is an authority. Mr. Anderson has just arrived from Texas, where he surveyed the situation.

"At the mills 50 per cent less cattle are on feed than a year ago," he said, "and I think the same estimate will fit the whole industry. One reason is that feed is high, another that aged cattle are scarce in Texas. A third reason is that last season's feeding was not wholly satisfactory."

"Meal is worth \$21 per ton. It has been advancing for a month, and promises to go still higher. "There has been an unusually heavy movement of cattle from below the quarantine line to territory above it during the open season. The reason is that feed is abundant where the cattle are being taken care of."

Mr. Anderson says that about fifty thousand Texas cattle, pastured in Kansas during the summer, has been moved to feed lots east of the Missouri river, in an attempt to shift the market. He also asserts that many cattle are being warmed up west of the Missouri and will shortly be sent to feed lots on the shore according to their condition and the disposition of corn belt feeders to put a finish on them.—Chicago Live Stock World.

PREJUDICE AGAINST HEIFERS

The discrimination against aged heifer beef in competition with steers has been the subject of much discussion in this country and nobody has been able to give a sensible reason for it. In England, however, no such difference exists and it is probable that the disfavor with which heifer beef is received in this country is due entirely to the prejudice of buyers whose ways are past finding out.

In the sale of the steers and heifers from the Iowa farms the latter got the small end of the market by \$1.25 per head. This was due to the fact that the covering of fat over the valuable ribs—the prime ribs and loin—than did the steers. From the American standpoint, this covering of fat was so thick as to be objectionable and the judgment present stated, without qualification, that of the heifer carcasses all except two were entirely too fat for the American trade. The steer carcasses were covered with a very choice lot, being smoothly and uniformly covered with about the right thickness of fat for the American consumer.

In this test it was shown that the heifer was really finished a month earlier than the steers, and it is apparent that if they had been marketed when fit and not held a month waiting for the steers to catch up they would have been in prime condition and "overfat."

One of the best buyers of dressed beef on the Chicago market stated that this objection would not exist in the English markets and the heifers would not be discriminated against. In other words, while the aim and object of all beef breeders should be to produce a maximum amount of lean meat, with only a sufficient covering of fat to make the flesh tender and juicy, if carcasses are produced that are somewhat too fat or that carry a thicker covering of fat on the outside than the Americans like, the English trade will dispose of such carcasses to the best advantage.

So it seems to be a matter of taste on the part of the buyers and the hope of beef raisers lies in educating these gentlemen to better judgment and more common sense.—Omaha World-Herald.

STOCKMEN'S WAR CEASING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 10.—Old stockmen are responsible for the statement that the cattlemen and sheepmen are coming to an amicable understanding and few more sheep-killing are expected. In fact, many of the cattlemen are buying sheep and the enmity which existed between the two classes is not so strong as it used to be.

"Sheep are very easily killed," said an old sheepman, "and two or three men with rifles can slaughter a surprising number of them in a very short time. The animals, when they become frightened, immediately bunch up, seeking safety in numbers, and this makes it all the easier for those who shoot them. When they bunch several of them can be killed with one shot."

"Sheep are peculiar animals, and when they get excited make a good deal of trouble. Let one of the band break away from the bunch and all will follow it. I have known one sheep to jump over a bank into a river or a creek and be followed by dozens of them. I remember once when I pulled six of the animals out of a hole in a creek not more than six feet across. One sheep led the way and the others followed until the hole was filled up."

PASTURE OWNERS WINNING

In an interview published in the Chicago (Mont.) Tribune, M. E. Milner, the big rangeman of Malta, Mont., chairman of the executive committee of the North Montana Round-up Association, says: "In the future so many cattle sent to market from the range country in any one year."

"Nature reverses herself at intervals, and now, after three years of drought, a period of abundant moisture may reasonably be expected. "But the day of the range cattle business has already passed, because of the sheep raising influence in editing which it is folly to contend. Only those who are sagacious enough to provide themselves with pastures and with winter feed can remain in the business. When the winter comes, followed the autumnal glut of cattle in the Chicago market can be avoided by judicious shipments spread out from May until December. The present feeling is that if you have presented yourself for many years to invest in the cattle business for those who can equip themselves to take care of their stock."

DIVIDING CAPITAL PROPERTIES

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 11.—The old Capital Syndicate ranching property in Deaf Smith and Palmer counties, consisting of more than 1,500,000 acres is now being sectioned and divided into townships for colonization purposes. A surveying corps of fifteen men is working on the land east of the Peecos Valley line of the Peecos Valley line of the Santa Fe system. Chief Surveyor Captain W. S. Howen states that the surveying work in the two counties mentioned above will occupy eight months and when completed the same class of work will be commenced in other counties where the syndicate owns large bodies of pasture lands.

SHEEP SCAB

From the annual report of the secretary of agriculture, 1906—Sheep scab has been one of the greatest obstacles to successful sheep raising, and the department has experienced a great deal of difficulty in fighting it. Even after the order of June 15, 1897, was issued, diseased sheep continued to arrive in large numbers at the principal markets. In 1898 a bulletin entitled "Sheep Scab: Its Nature and

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Treatment" was issued, giving full information upon this subject and specifying the treatment by which the disease might be eradicated. This bulletin had remarkable influence in educating the sheep raisers in checking the disease and in informing the public as to a possibility of curing infected animals. In July, 1899, an important order was issued describing the manner in which affected sheep should be dipped, instead of leaving this to the discretion of the owners and commission merchants. This order approved of the use of the lime-sulphur and the lime-anthracis dips; formulas were given for their preparation, and the animals had to be dipped in one or the other before they were allowed shipment in interstate commerce. While this action of the department specifying dips to be used has been much criticised, it has proved a most important step toward the eradication of sheep scab. The number of sheep dipped under official supervision in 1899 was 672,944. The number increased after the year 1900 by leaps and bounds, nearly 17,000,000 having been dipped in 1905. At the same time it has been found that the dips become more and more efficacious. Reliable returns received in regard to 6,000,000 sheep in 1904 showed an effective percentage of 99.25. It is doubtful if such a measure of success had been achieved in any other country in treating animals for this disease. As the result of this work, sheep scab has almost or quite disappeared from several states that were badly infected and afflicting present time, and slightly increasing the number of inspectors for a few years, it can undoubtedly be eradicated.

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MARKET REVIEW FOR WEEK

Totals for the week reach about 21,000 for cattle, including 6,000 calves; 9,000 hogs, 1,000 sheep and 600 horses and mules.

An active demand has prevailed all the week on nearly all kinds of live stock, particularly the good killing sorts. Only on one day, Wednesday, did buyers manifest disinclination to purchase steers with such widespread bulk has been fair grass killing quality. These and heavy fed steers are some stronger for the week. Feeders have about reached the limit in price for the season, and the greater part of the stock that has been sold at \$3.20 to \$3.40 are not in good favor and are only steady. The tops on steers for the week averaged \$3.20 and sold at \$4.05, grassers of a choice quality have reached \$3.50. Light grassers have brought \$2.75 to \$2.90. Good grassers have commanded \$2.80 to \$3.10; fair to medium steers, 700 to 900 pounds, \$2.50 to \$2.75. East Texas yearlings are selling at \$2.75 to \$3.00 on Monday and Wednesday, but later marked all declines and closes the week strong with the close of last week on everything with "kill" to it. The market for hogs and heifers the market is strong to 10c higher. Tops for the week \$3.10 on cows and heifers and \$3 on choice cows. Good butcher light is bringing \$2.60 to \$2.75. To advance is noted in the bull trade, but a degree of activity has prevailed.

The calf trade had but one indifferent day during the week—Tuesday. Since then receipts have moderated, and strength has grown into the market, so that good killing kinds are selling strong with the greater part of the week. The market for hogs and heifers the market is strong to 10c higher. Tops for the week \$3.10 on cows and heifers and \$3 on choice cows. Good butcher light is bringing \$2.60 to \$2.75. To advance is noted in the bull trade, but a degree of activity has prevailed.

THURSDAY'S RECEIPTS

Total receipts of cattle today actual and estimated, 3,000, 300 of which were calves. Market opened active; steady on cows and steers; stronger on calves and everything was sold out on the early market. Beef steers few in number, the best in sight selling at \$2.75. Some heavy beefs ordered in for the late market. Cows generally medium in quality; top price \$2.50. Packer's calves selling with good inquiry. Calves selling steady.

WEDNESDAY'S REVIEW AND SALES

Total receipts of cattle on the early market today amounted to 2,500, including 600 calves, and the market reported may bring the total to 3,000. Market generally steady all round. No beef steers noticeable in the yards; stocker steers selling steady. Quality of calves slightly better on yesterday. Prices steady. Tops on heavy calves selling \$3 to \$3.50.

WEDNESDAY'S SHIPPERS

Cattle: G. H. Gall, Mt. Vernon; C. T. Justin, Mt. Vernon; Roy Riddle, Caddo; J. M. Williams, Colorado; J. M. Williams, Colorado.

MONDAY'S REVIEW AND SALES

Stock yard receipts today are: Cattle, 4,000; hogs, 2,000; sheep, 300; horses and mules, 100.

Cattle market is strong and active. Top steers, \$3.30. Hog market steady. Cows, \$5.75. Sheep market steady.

FRIDAY'S SHIPPERS

Cattle: J. B. Googins, Henrietta; H. H. Halse, Henrietta; J. D. Leavelle, Houston; J. W. Mathews, Iowa Park; J. S. Spence, Sabin; W. E. Goodman, Bastrop; W. E. Payne, Iatan; R. B. McIntyre, Iatan; J. W. Craft, Carrollton; J. M. Livingston, Monahan; W. B. & Son, Electric; S. H. Packer, Midland; J. P. Merritt, Corley; J. M. G. Omaha; J. F. McGouty, Como; J. S. Mitchell, New Boston; J. D. Leavelle, Houston; D. C. G. Emory; C. Coffin & Stone, Itasca; Stanley & Penn, Winnboro; A. M. A. Hillsboro; J. P. Weathersbee, Mabank; Cole & Spence, Athens; J. F. Fisher, Edgewood; J. B. Walker, Blain; W. M. Piper, Harold; John Waller, Colorado; Coggin & D., Colorado; Joe Stokes, Colorado; C. H. Murray, Junction; C. T. Conway, Colorado; Stokes & Shropshire, Colorado; Williams & Scoggins, Colorado; R. B. Russe, Colorado.

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Cattle—We have had very heavy receipts in Chicago and all other markets the first two days of this week. Prices are ruling 10c to 15c lower on Monday and Tuesday. Our market was a shade easier Monday on cows and 5c to 10c lower today. Our calf market has also declined 25c to 50c, nor hundredweight this week. Our steer market is fully steady, tops being 5c for a bunch of steers which we sold.

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140 choice young Hereford Bulls, from eight to twenty months old. 150 choice bred Hereford Heifers, from two to three years old. 120 Hereford Heifers, from eight to eighteen months old, not bred. All of the above are in prime condition and will be sold at TIME'S PRICES. WM. POWELL

MONDAY'S REVIEW AND SALES

Stock yard receipts today are: Cattle, 4,000; hogs, 2,000; sheep, 300; horses and mules, 100.

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ARRIVALS FOR THE WEEK

Mr. Edgar Kerr of Fannin county, a well known shipper to this market, was represented on Saturday's market with a mixed load, selling from \$1.85 to \$2.00.

A QUIET LITTLE OLD MAID

That Was Frank's Idea of It, But He Changed His Mind

"Well, Peggy, I'm afraid you are destined to be an old maid, after all."

"Oh, you know that was always my accepted destiny," said Peggy lightly.

"For Peggy Percy had allowed herself to fall in love, almost unconsciously, with that tall, handsome cousin of hers; and Frank himself, having in his college vacations nothing particularly to do but to amuse himself, had carried out that mission with especial regard to his dark-eyed little cousin."

"You see, Peggy," said her cousin, "I couldn't do anything with them after poor Helen died. They need a mother's care, and I knew I could depend upon you, Peggy."

"It seems to me," he said, "that Judge Rochester comes here a great deal."

"No, you think so?" said the unconscious Peggy. "You know his father was one of Uncle Meryman's dearest friends, and he has always visited here with me."

"No," he said, "I don't think so. Only you see, Peg, a man likes his home to be peaceful and quiet, and he can't do that with a girl like you."

"But I can't tell him to stay away, Frank," said Peggy.

"I suppose there are other ways than one by which a lady can signify to a gentleman that his presence is disagreeable to her."

"Oh!," said Frank, "all right then."

"That afternoon Frank was button-holed by an acquaintance in the street."

"I suppose I may congratulate you, Meryman?"

"Upon what?"

"Upon the approaching marriage of your cousin Peggy to be sure."

"Frank opened his eyes very widely. 'What on earth do you mean?'"

"The 'deuce it does!' was Frank Meryman's disturbed rejoinder.

"Peggy, is it true?" he demanded, on arriving home.

"This about your marrying?"

"Dear me, Frank, I'm not going to be married."

"But to Judge Rochester?"

"Why, of course not. To tell you the truth, Frank, and her eyelids drooped a little, while a soft pink shadow crept over her face, 'the did not want to marry me, Peg.'"

"I am in earnest, Peggy. I've been wanting something else these three years—ever since poor Helen died; in fact, and I've just found out what it is. I want you. Come! If you reason with me, I'll never see you again."

"I won't listen to any butts," said Frank. "Peggy, I love and honor you more than any woman in the world, but I'm not quite unconscious of all you have done and sacrificed for me. Come, Peggy, won't you be my own household angel?"

"And Peggy, I never thought of this before," said honest obtuse Frank. "It was strange. But then this world is full of strange things."

"A SHORT STORY" By VIRGINIA DE FORRETT

That old stifle! It stood on the outskirts of the village and was the trusted place of the lads and lasses of the village when their grandmothers were young.

Poor Nellie! George was the son of a lawyer who lived in Boston; a man of wealth and influence who had been sent to recuperate his health at his cousin, Nellie's, mother.

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FOR SALE—255 very high grade Hereford cattle, all young, none over 5 years old; but few over 2 years old; bred since 1895. Is most carefully bred herd in this part of the state. Have been in the business 20 years. Am selling my land is the reason I am offering cattle. Weldon Winsa, Santa Anna, Coleman county, Texas.

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GOATS GOATS BOUGHT AND SOLD BY H. T. Fuchs, Marble Falls, Texas.

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RED POLED IRON ORE HERD Red Polled Cattle. Breeder, W. C. Aldridge, Route 4, Pittsburg, Tex.

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REGISTERED Red Polled cattle, both sexes, for sale at Dallas Fair, Oct. 28, to Nov. 12, by breeder, W. C. Aldridge, Pittsburg, Texas.

RED POLLS—Four cars, two of each sex, for fall delivery. Address, J. C. Murray, Maquoketa, Iowa.

EXCELSIOR HERD, Red Polled cattle of both sexes for sale. M. J. EWALT, Hale center, Hale county, Texas.

CAMP CLARK RED POLED Cattle. J. H. JENNINGS, Prop. Martindale, Texas.

SHORTHORNS W. M. & W. W. HUDSON, Galveston, Texas. Exclusive breeders of registered Shorthorn cattle.

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HAT AND OYE WORKS—Largest factory in the southwest. Latest process for cleaning and dyeing. Lowest prices for first-class work. Catalogue free. Agents wanted. Wood & Edwards' Hat and Dye Factory, 108 South Alford Street, Dallas, Texas.

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FOURTY SINGLE COMB WHITE LEGHORN cockerel, \$1 each; two or more, 50c each. Barred Plymouth Rocks, hens, 50c; pullets, same prices. Menlow Poultry Farm, Coulterville, Ill.

If one will look over the history of the sheep market for the past twenty years he will find that there have been some very high and some very low spots, but nobody in the trade here now looks for the market to get as low again, at least for a decade, as it was in 1895.

THE W. H. POMEROY COMPANY Successors to Bomeroy & Handley, "The Old Reliable." STILL DOING BUSINESS AT THE SAME OLD PLACE. THE NATIONAL STOCK YARDS, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS. (Across the Mississippi River from St. Louis, Missouri). THE LARGEST HORSE AND MULE MARKET IN THE WORLD. We have handled more horses and mules than any other firm in the world and have been engaged in this business for over 34 years. We sell either at auction or at private sale, as preferred. Range horses and mules a specialty. This will be the banner year for range horses and mules. Prices are 30 per cent better and tend to stay stronger than we have known them before in the history of this market. Farmers are raising colts again and we consider this likely to be the top year. Market your colts again and we consider this sure. If you have anything to sell, write us before shipping. We are always glad to give information about the market and conditions.

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fill the gap his absence made, and as the village beauty sat musing on the old stile no one would have dreamed that half the men in the little town were in love with her. Of course, she admitted to herself, George, with his fine education and talents, looked for accomplishments in his wife and Nellie determined to have these.

Contrary to the mother's expectations, George decided to return home at once and arrived shortly after the beginning of Nellie's stay. The young man scarcely recognized his cousin. She had changed wonderfully in four years and decidedly for the better. He was soon in love, deeper than Nellie had seen when he left her, and the girl saw her power. It was a long wooing. The object of his affection gave him little encouragement. Whenever he spoke of love her innocent little look of surprise was too much for him, and, accustomed to have his attention courted, he was often on the point of leaving her and

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HERZOG Save 25 per cent. The Fort Worth Marble and Granite Works, leading manufacturers. E. T. BERGIN, North Main and Second Sts., Fort Worth, Texas.

Kokernot & Kokernot a remnant of about 200 one and two-year-old steers at \$12 and \$17. Oliver Billingsly bought of Jackson & Harmon a carload of cows and shipped them to El Paso Wednesday night. W. W. and A. M. Turney shipped to Kansas City twelve carloads of cows and one of bulls. Captain James sold to J. A. Priddy fifty head of steer yearlings at \$17 per head.

CAMPBELL BROS. & ROSSON LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY SAINT LOUIS KANSAS CITY FORT WORTH

THE COMPASS OF THE SKULL A Remarkably Weird Adventure in the Mountains of California (Copyrighted, 1906, by the Short Story Publishing Company.) A few days after his return to New York from twenty years' prospecting in South America, Alfred Leighton found the following letter at his hotel: "Buena Vista, Tarryville-on-the-Hudson, April 26, 189—Dear Alfred: To my astonishment and delight I ran across your name among yesterday's hotel arrivals. Come up here with bag and baggage so that we may talk over old times.—Melville Barrett. Leighton stood dumfounded. It was now almost 30 years since he and Melville Barrett had chummed together at college, but the letter and the signature were enough to recall the brilliant luckless fellow. Five hours later Leighton's landau stopped at a big colonial mansion, and Leighton was ushered into an imposing hallway. As the two men sat together before the open fire in the library, Barrett said: "I suppose you are surprised to find me at last, a property holder, instead of the luckless, poverty-stricken chap you used to know. "The manner in which I obtained wealth is as great a mystery to me today as when it happened, eighteen years ago. My friend Mitchell and I had been hunting in the mountains of Southern California. One evening we made camp in one of the most picturesque spots in all that beautiful country. The camp fire gave forth a cheery glow as we sat and smoked our pipes, recounting the day's sport. After we had finished our pipe, we rolled in our blankets, and, with saddles for pillows and our heavy sombreros covering our faces, were soon asleep. "My next conscious thoughts were of warmth on my face, but I opened my eyes to find the sun just above the treetops. As I did so I saw the strangest figure that ever met my eyes. "It was the form of a man, but a man whose like I had never seen nor imagined. He seemed to be at the very least seven feet high and even shrouded as he was by the folds of his black costume, magnificently proportioned. He was garbed in a flowing gown of white, wound around by a broad crimson sash, into which were stuck two daggers and a long curved sword with a handle of gold set with jewels; while a huge turban of oriental fashion, snow-white like his gown, crowned his head. Beneath the turban gleamed two eyes, but piercingly brilliant, while the lower part of the dark oval face was half hidden by a moustache, jet black, and as long as the horns of a big steer. What finally riveted our attention, however, was neither the man's garb nor his features, but an object that he held in the curve of his right arm—a human skull, of a size that seemed to indicate a man of even larger stature than the one before us. He placed the skull upon the ground, and pointed with one outstretched hand over my head, as though indicating something in the distance. Naturally, we both turned in the direction of that gesture, but seeing nothing unusual in the landscape, faced about again toward the figure. Then we looked at each other in blank astonishment. The man had vanished as completely as a soap bubble bursting in air! "As we stood there dumfounded, our eyes scrutinizing each other, the plain, the sky overhead, and finally the ground, Mitchell gave a cry of astonishment. "Why, there's the skull!" he exclaimed. "Sure enough, there was the skull lying on the ground scarcely two yards from where we stood. At first it seemed much like any human skull except that it was unusually large, and polished so that its top glistened like a billiard ball. As we turned it around, however, a cry of astonishment broke from both. The eye sockets were not empty, but contained a pair of the oddest sort of eyes. They were perfect in shape and expression, and through carved from what seemed to be deep blue glass, looked almost too lifelike for pleasurable contemplation. But what added to the uncanny effect of the lidless blue orbs was the fact that they moved, being evidently set in some sort of hearing. From time to time we glanced toward the spot where we had placed the uncanny object, half expecting that, too, would vanish. But no. It remained just where we had left it, its top glistening in the sun, its lidless blue eyes gleaming with an almost human expression. As I looked, for perhaps the twentieth time at the awesome thing I observed that the eyes were turned toward the left, and seemed gazing fixedly at the hillside above our camp. Seized by a strange idea, I arose and turned the skull in the direction of the hill toward which the eyes looked. They stared straight ahead. "Again I looked at the skull. Beyond a doubt its deep blue eyes were directed toward a particular portion of the rocky wall marked by a small depression, shaded like a diamond. "I'll go to the camp for an ax," said Mitchell, with the only available tool we possessed, and I began hacking feverishly at the rocky wall, keeping the mark upon which the eyes were riveted as our guide. Before long we had a big slice of the rocky soil cut away, and Mitchell had just taken his turn at the work, when his ax suddenly buried itself in what seemed to be a soft shell of rock. The next moment a section of the earth, quite six feet each way, gave

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WILSON WANTS CHANGE

Secretary Tells Cowan He Favors Thirty-Six Hour Rule. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson told Sam H. Cowan of Fort Worth and Murdo MacKenzie of Denver, who with Congressman Garner of Texas and Mann of Illinois called on him yesterday, that he is in favor of amending the 28-hour-law so that cattle can be kept in cars thirty-six hours continuously without unloading for feeding. Three bills already have been introduced on this subject, one by Congressman Smith of Texas representing the views of Texas stockmen.

The movement of lambs from Wyoming, Utah and Idaho to the northern Colorado feeding ranches has begun and indications are that the number will be less this season than last.

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LOCAL LIVE STOCK

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NEW EXCHANGE RULES MAKE SHIPPERS WINCE

Regulations Adopted to Govern Sale of Live Stock

The following is a copy of the rules governing the live stock exchanges throughout the cattle markets of the country, adopted at the last meeting of the national exchange, held in Buffalo, N. Y.

These rules become effective Jan. 1, 1906:

No member of this exchange shall buy, or cause to be bought, nor in any manner pay for a meal or meals, nor furnish in any way a meal or meals at the Fort Worth Stock Yards, North Fort Worth, Texas, nor adjacent thereto, any shipper or shippers of live stock.

No member of this exchange shall receive, send, or caused to be sent or received, and telegraph or telephone message, or pay, agree to pay, or cause to be paid, the cost of the transmission of the same; provided, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a member from paying a telegram or telephone message quoting a bona fide sale of live stock made the same day the telegram or telephone message is sent, and quoting therein the conditions of the market.

No member of this exchange shall employ, or in any manner pay, a traveling or local live stock solicitor. Only individuals bona fide members of firms, bona fide stockholders of corporations, and bona fide salesmen of live stock on this market, and actively and regularly employed in the prosecution of the commission business at North Fort Worth, Texas, may solicit business, all of whom shall be residents of this market and members of this exchange; but no one thus qualified shall solicit business outside of the city of North Fort Worth, Texas, and Fort Worth, Texas.

Effective Jan. 1, 1906:

Sec. 1. The commission for selling live stock shall be not less than the following rates: Unmixed stock in car lots; Cattle, 50 cents per head (not less than \$10 nor more than \$12 per car); calves, 25 cents per head (not less than \$10 nor more than \$12 per car); double-deck carloads, \$18; milch cows, with calves by their side, 15 cents; hogs, single-deck cars, containing thirty head or more, \$8; double-deck car loads of hogs, \$12; sheep, single-deck cars containing thirty head or more, \$8; double-deck carloads of sheep, \$12 per car; sheep originating in double-deck cars, but for any reason arriving in single-deck cars, where double-deck freight rates are applicable, may be sold at the double-deck rate of commission, viz.: \$12. Less than thirty head of hogs or sheep in a single-deck car, with no other stock in the car, shall be charged for car hire at the rate of 15 cents per head. Stock driven or hauled in: Cattle, 50 cents; calves, 25c; hogs, 15 cents; sheep 15 cents per head.

Sec. 2. Mixed stock in car lots: Cattle, per head, 50 cents (not to exceed \$12 per car); calves, per head, 25 cents (not to exceed \$12 per car); hogs, per head, 15 cents (not to exceed \$8 per car); sheep, per head, 15 cents (not to exceed \$8 per car).

The commission on mixed stock shall be governed by this section up to a charge of \$15 per single-deck carload and \$18 per double-deck carload. (Provided, the commission on any car of mixed stock containing cattle or calves, or both, and hogs or sheep shall be not less than \$15 nor more than \$18.) When part of a car is double-decked and loaded with hogs or sheep or calves, unmixed, the commission on selling such fractional upper-deck shall be at the rate herein established for selling single-deck of mixed stock for the animal on the upper deck, not to exceed \$12 for the entire car. When mixed, the same rate shall apply not to exceed \$18 for the entire car.

In determining the application for said rates of commission the official count and the classification by the yard master shall rule in all cases, except when corrected by authority of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company to conform to the actual number and true classification.

This rule to become in full force and effect Jan. 1, 1906.

Sec. 3. Cars of cattle, hogs or sheep in which there are more than on interest or ownership, requiring weighing or branding: Cattle, 50 cents per head, up to \$18 per car; calves, 25 cents per head, up to \$18 per car; hogs, 15 cents per head, up to \$12 per car; sheep, 15 cents per head up to \$12 per car. Double-deck cars falling under this section shall be charged at the same rates herein provided, up to an amount not to exceed one-half times the charge provided for double-deck cars of the respective classes.

Sec. 4. Driven-in stock: Cattle sold as stockers and feeders, 50 cents per head, not to exceed \$12 per thirty head; cattle sold as killers, 50 cents per head straight; calves, 25 cents per head, not to exceed \$12 per fifty head; hogs, 15 cents per head, not to exceed \$8 per sixty head; sheep, 15 cents per head, not to exceed \$8 per 120 head.

SETTLERS GET STATE LANDS

Development of Sections Already Ready Under Way. Dr. T. B. Selman of Hardin county is in the city on his return home from a tour of Texas, where he went for the purpose of securing some of the state railroad land that was recently thrown open to settlement. Dr. Selman said that hundreds of persons secured homes in Moore, Hartley, Dallam and Sherman counties at \$2 per acre, while many sections were grabbed up by parties from the north, for nothing more than speculation. Dr. Selman said that many of the latter class of purchasers landed in these counties and remained just long enough to complete the transfer of the land from the state to themselves and then left for home. However, there are many bona fide settlers, who have already commenced development work, especially one who came from Arizona and purchased many sections. He intends to devote his time exclusively to raising wheat, which averaged in that

YOAKUM MAKES FIRST REDUCTION

Cuts Live Stock Force of the Rock Island

Announcement that B. F. Yoakum had been elected chairman of the executive committee of the Rock Island caused considerable comment in Fort Worth today. It was not known in local circles that such action was contemplated. Mr. Yoakum is already chairman of the executive committee of the Frisco and his new appointment gives him a dual position. He succeeds Robert Mather. The appointment again puts Ben L. Winchel and Mr. Yoakum in working harness together.

The first official act of Mr. Yoakum in connection with his assumption of the Rock Island position was to abolish the position of live stock agent of the Rock Island at Oklahoma City, O. T. This action supports a recent statement in this paper to the effect that many of the outside men in the live stock and freight departments of the Rock Island are to lose positions.

The idea to be carried out, it is said, is to reduce these forces where similar positions are now maintained by both companies. The abolishment of these offices will not occur where the business of the territory demand the work of two men.

SOUTH TEXAS PASTURES

W. T. Way returned Monday from an extended trip to the country south and west of San Antonio, taking in during his absence the San Antonio fair. He reports of the continued prosperity of the cattlemen of southwest Texas as follows: "I never saw as favorable a November for the cowmen of the state as just closed. The weather was showery and warm throughout the month, just what the cattlemen needed to last spring feed. The tall weed is coming up in some localities and its presence always insured fat cattle. There are a good many cattle down there ready for the market, but they can be held and wintered at no expense except the grass they eat. South Texas will have fat cattle next spring equal in quality and condition to last spring's run, but there won't be as many of them as last season. While prices are not as high as the cattlemen think they ought to be, they are hopeful for good prices for the good stuff they will have for the market a few months hence.

"The farmers raised good crops and their crops brought good prices. They and the cowmen attended the San Antonio fair and did not forget to take their pocketbooks along. The fair had the best exhibit of live stock and farm products that I ever saw in the south or west. As a result of the fine cattle exhibit, stock raisers who attended the fair and failed to buy at the sale held there, are out hunting in the north now. Such shows as the San Antonio fair and the Fort Worth Fat Stock show do a great work in getting the people of the state interested in high bred live stock. The San Antonio fair is on a good paying basis and is a fixture. The management duly appreciates the attendance of the north Texas people and the exhibitors of cattle, hogs, sheep and horses to that country that were made by breeders of this section."—Live Stock Reporter.

R. ELLISON IS DEAD

Prominent Young Cattleman Dies at Home of Sister in Fort Worth

Robert Ellison, the youngest son of Colonel and Mrs. R. L. Ellison of this city, died Sunday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. W. Godwin, 401 Burnett street. He was 37 years of age. For the past few years he has resided on his ranch in Parkville, Kansas, and was well known among the ranchmen of Texas. He came to this city several days ago for the treatment of a throat trouble. At the time of his death his wife was at Honey Grove, Texas, and his father in the Panhandle. Both are now in this city. He was born in Murray, Ky., July 21, 1868, and moved from there with his parents to Davis, Tenn., in 1880. He came to Ft. Worth in 1888. He became a member of the firm of Mather & Ellison. He sold out his interest in this company in 1895 and entered into the cattle business in Collingsworth county, where he owned a large ranch. He was still the owner of the ranch at the time of his death. Mr. Ellison was married July 10, 1895, to Miss Ruth Parker of Honey Grove, Texas. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ellison of this city, and also by a brother, T. B. Ellison, and a sister, Mrs. D. W. Godwin, and by his widow, Mrs. Robert Ellison. He was a member of Red Cross lodge No. 14, Knights of Pythias, and also engaged in trying to effect a change in shipping regulations where by cattle may be left on the train thirty-six hours instead of twenty-eight hours. The secretary of agriculture is taking up the matter, and if the humane societies can be convinced that the extension of time will not materially affect cattle in transit a change of regulation may be looked for.

SEVENTY-TWO NAMES ADDED TO LIST OF MEMBERS AT SESSION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association held the regular quarterly meeting this morning in the offices of Secretary Lytle of the association. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by Vice President I. T. Pryor of San Antonio, President W. W. Turney of El Paso not being present. Members of the committee, present

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The names of seventy-two cattlemen were presented to the committee and accepted for membership. The committee adjourned at 2:30 o'clock for lunch and met again this afternoon.

RANCHMAN IS SHOT

Meager Report Received of J. H. Mims' Death at Midland, Texas, Home

Word was received yesterday by M. B. Mims of 305 Edwards street that his brother, J. H. Mims, merchant and ranchman of Midland, Texas, was fatally shot there late Friday night, dying a short time afterward. Particulars of the shooting were not given.

The dead man was 48 years old and was a native of Georgia. He was born at Russellville in that state and came to Texas when 13 years old. He has lived in West Texas sixteen years, being engaged in cattle raising and other interests. He is survived by a widow and four sons. Besides M. B. Mims, another brother resides in Fort Worth, W. A. Mims of 290 Canfield street. A brother in Waco and a brother and sister in Henderson, Texas, also survive.

FARM TELEPHONES A NECESSITY

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PACKERS' CASES ARE CONTINUED

Formal Trial on Indictments to Come Later

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The cases against the beef packers were not called today in the United States court, but will be heard tomorrow.

The proceedings will not be in the nature of a formal trial, but will be to establish certain facts which the government has demanded. The packers have set up and to which the government has demurred. The packers claimed they were promised immunity by Commissioner of Corporations Garfield, and this the United States district attorney denies. Accuracy of the assertion of the packers will be tested in the preliminary hearing and formal legal proceedings against the men indicted will be taken at a later date. It is expected, however, that the hearing tomorrow will bring out some important matters connected with the prosecution of the packers.

PRESIDENT WILL PASS RATE BILL

Murdo Mackenzie Declares Situation Is Good

Special to The Telegram. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Murdo Mackenzie of Trinidad says: "The President's railroad rate bill is going through in a way that will leave its opponents, if any such exist, blinking as though a comet had whizzed by."

Mr. Mackenzie and Judge Cowan of Texas came in together, and started talking with railroad rate bills containing ideas not at all to the President's liking are only looking for soft places to alight. The message contained all that we stockmen wanted in regard to rate regulation, and after hearing the views of leading congressmen in regard to it, Judge Cowan and I feel that the way is now cleared for the proper kind of law—rate bills containing the stock shippers of the west to obtain a fair show in eastern markets.

Mr. Mackenzie and Judge Cowan are also engaged in trying to effect a change in shipping regulations where by cattle may be left on the train thirty-six hours instead of twenty-eight hours. The secretary of agriculture is taking up the matter, and if the humane societies can be convinced that the extension of time will not materially affect cattle in transit a change of regulation may be looked for.

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Dallas Man Pays Four Hundred Thousand Dollars for Big Property in New Mexico. Special to The Telegram. EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 11.—The Block ranch, the largest ranch in Lincoln county, New Mexico, has been sold for the round sum of \$400,000.

John R. Dendinger of Dallas, Texas, is the purchaser of the property, which has been controlled by the El Capitán Land and Cattle Company. The ranch is located both in Lincoln and Chavez counties, and includes nearly 500,000 acres. The company owns 18,000 head of

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