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EARLY SEASON IN TERRITORY

Plenty of Rain and Cattle Winter Well

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Cotton Brings the Cash... I have about five thousand acres in my pasture and most of the farming done on it is by cotton...

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More Rain Needed in Menardville District

Reports of sixteen inspectors of the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas received at the office of the association by the secretary...

CORN PLENTIFUL IN TERRITORY

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Douglas is in Garfield county, Oklahoma, and is near Enid, J. S. Evans, who resides there, came in with a car of fine rain Monday...

WATER FOR STOCK GETTING SCARCE

Coleman County Ranches in Need of More Rain

"My ranch," said Chas Parsons to a Telegram reporter, "is situated eleven miles from Coleman City, in Coleman county, on Hoards Creek, and is in a good section of the county as far as to be found..."

Some of the Early Days... I am a native-born Texan, but have lived in the Territory almost all my life. I landed in Pauls Valley twenty-two years ago...

IS AFTER COWS

H. Kapp, the well-known stockman and feeder, passing through the city on his way home to his country near Oklahoma City, stopped off long enough to visit the Exchange and yards, shake hands with his friends...

Feeding at Midlothian

M. A. Dillard, Midlothian, while at the yards remarked that there were 400 head of cattle being fed at his place. Cattle were not plentiful and almost all the feeders were buying their stuff at Fort Worth...

Feeding at Waco

McLennan is a good county and still has a sprinkling of cattlemen within her borders. "I am feeding a string of cattle in Waco," said John "Bomber" home, and will have them finished after awhile...

Good Territory Rains

Dick Terry of Ryan, Okla., was again on the market Thursday, but did not bring any cattle this time, but said he had shipped nine cars to Kansas City to try the market...

South Texas Conditions

J. L. McCann, a Victoria stockman and a brother-in-law of the McFadden Bros., among the most extensive stockmen in Texas, was on the market Thursday with a car of hogs...

TEXAS CATTLE RAISERS

At the office of the secretary of the Cattle Raisers' Association of the state of Texas it was learned that for the quarter which will end March 31 there had been ninety-eight additions to the membership up to date...

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ECHOES OF THE RANGE

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In Bee County
Beville Bee.
The Echo learns from R. H. McCampbell that W. W. Jones is getting a corner on real estate and cattle near Hebronville.

In Bee County
Edwards county 250 head of 1-year-old steers at \$12, spring delivery.
James A. Cope sold for J. D. Minter of Rock Springs 1,100 head Angora goats to A. F. Clarkson of Sonora at \$3 per head.

In Bee County
A fine milch cow belonging to J. D. Love of Clareville was fatally injured by the Corpus Christi street bridge Wednesday evening.

In Bee County
Sherwood Record:
Steers are being held by a good many here at \$12.

In Bee County
As the ranches in West Texas are rapidly fading from view, the big cattle interests will, to a large extent, drift into old Mexico.

In Bee County
Oscar Midkiff Wednesday morning said that George W. W. Bogel of coming yearlings at \$13 around, delivered next Tuesday at the "Y Bar" ranch.

In Bee County
John R. Nasworthy shipped two polo ponies to Fort Worth.

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Amarillo Herald.
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From Travis County
The suits were filed in Travis county in the Twenty-sixth district court against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway and the American Express Company.

Mexican Cattle Improving
CHIHUAHUA, Feb. 24.—The statistics show that there were exported in the year 1907 from the district of Galeana in this state 16,766 head of cattle and 802 head of horses and mules.

Southwest Texas Sheep
DEL RIO, Texas, Feb. 24.—J. O. Taylor and Joseph Schroll, two ranchmen of the Juno country, are writing to the latter reports Mr. Fury sold to O. K. Dietz of this county 3,500 sheep at \$3.75 all around.

South Texas Rains
The Cassidy Commission Company
COFFEE VS COLLEGE
Student Had to Give Up Coffee
Some people are apparently immune to coffee poisoning—if you are not, Nature will tell you so in the ailments she sends as warnings.

Angelo Shipping Season
SAN ANGELO, Texas, Feb. 24.—The season for cattle shipping from this section will begin in a few days. At this time last year 150 cars had been ordered by cattle shippers from more than 1,000 cars.

LITTLE MAJESTICS
Terse Tales of the Movements of Cattlemen All Over the Great Range Country of the Entire Southwest

Smaller Territory Movement
ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 24.—Eugene Hayes of Edgin, the owner of the only government dipping vat in the state, is in Washington.

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Done by order of the executive committee, in the city of Fort Worth, this March 18, 1905.

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OUR LAY SERMON

It was as sad a funeral cortege as you ever witnessed.

There was the grave digger, of brawny arm and long-handled spade in a muscular grasp, turning up the mould to make room for a woe coffin, all covered with black velvet and other somber habiliments that speak of consignment to Mother Earth, and the tiny grave was soon finished.

And the funeral cortege moved slowly out of the big white house with the closed blinds, and wound its dreary way to the site of the new made grave 'neath the shade of the big mulberry tree.

There was a beautiful, fair-haired woman, her blue eyes suffused with tears. There was a little blue eyed girl, her breast heaving convulsively with the grief that saddened her tender little heart. There was the big man who dug the grave under the mulberry tree, with the suspicion of a tear in his eyes, and there was Black Bill, the family cook and general factotum. The cortege moved slowly, for every heart was sad with a sense of great personal loss. It finally stopped under the big mulberry tree, and the little coffin was lowered into the waiting grave, and slowly the grave was filled in. It was rounded off nicely, and the sorrowing little girl gathered flowers and grass, and planted on the new made mound. A headboard was placed to the grave and it bore the single word "Rastus."

But that word "Rastus" was sufficient to bring a flood of tears to the eyes of that tender hearted child for long months afterward. It was the name of her dearly loved little. Rastus had been taught from his early infancy to play hide and seek and other innocent games with his loving young mistress. He was a plain cat, but he seemed possessed of more than ordinary intelligence. When the hand of death was laid upon him and he was called out of this wicked world it was more than the little girl could bear. For days and weeks and months she cried for her pet, and tended that little grave under the mulberry tree as assiduously as if it occupied had been human. Today there is no other cat half so smart and half so attractive. There is no other pet that can ever take its place, and the little girl will still have a sense of loss even after she has reached womanhood.

Who can understand the heart of a little child?

Who can fathom the childish griefs and disappointments constituting grim tragedies every day all around and about us in Lilliput world? Many of those griefs are more poignant than those which come to the adult. We see the little one grieve over the loss of a pet and pretend that we feel sympathy for the bereavement. But too often we do not understand.

It is only a dead animal. Let it be carried out and thrown on the commons as dead animals usually are. And when it is done we dismiss the matter without further consideration. We take no thought of the little owner of that pet almost crying her heart out over the great sense of personal loss she feels she has sustained. We do not care that this grief is accentuated by the realization that the object of her love is lying out on the commons neglected and treated as a mere matter of rubbish.

Foolish sentiment, did you say? Perhaps so, but the world would only be the better for the prevalence of more of this sentiment. Humanity would be raised a few notches higher from its general obscurity, and the principles of Christianity and genuine refinement planted more generally in human hearts.

The Good Book is authority for the statement that not even a sparrow falls that does not come within the view of the All-Seeing Eye, and if God Himself can afford to take cognizance of such small things as the fall of a sparrow, surely we, who are alleged to be made after His image, can afford to turn more to the small things of this life.

It is the small things of life that are the most important from the fact that they exert the greatest

influence upon our future destinies. The big ones are not so generally neglected, from the fact that they are of sufficient importance generally to compel attention. When we neglect the little things—even such things as appeal the most strongly to the childish heart, we are but giving evidence of the fact that we are getting out of close touch with the things that lead us closest to God.

The little girl with the tender heart who experiences such a great sense of personal loss in the death of her kitten is but giving us evidences of her great promise of future real womanhood and her close touch with the things that pertain to a higher and better life. We may scoff at the suggestion, and we may reproach the child for evidences of grief, but deep down in our hearts we can but feel we are guilty of positive cruelty.

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GARFIELD MAKES VIGOROUS DENIAL

The public has indulged in some very caustic criticism of James R. Garfield in connection with his celebrated beef trust report and the alleged promises of immunity made the packers for the consequences of their alleged unlawful acts. The packers have strenuously insisted that they were guaranteed immunity from punishment in return for the information furnished Commissioner Garfield, and have insisted that he turned the information of a private and incriminating nature obtained from them over to the department of justice, and this information was the basis of the indictments that were later returned against them. And the statements of the packers have been accepted at face value by the public, without giving Garfield opportunity to explain. That gentleman has remained passive under fire and has at no time lost his temper or given evidence of much perturbation of spirit over the showers of abuse that have enveloped him. He seems to have been content to remain under fire until called upon the witness stand, where he could make his statement under oath. That statement has been made now, and it is a vigorous and emphatic denial of all the allegations made by the packers.

He declared that Mr. Krauthoff asked what would be done with the information given by the packers and was informed by the witness that it would be given to the President.

Mr. Krauthoff asked what the President would do with it, and Commissioner Garfield declared that he could not answer that question and added, "I told him that of course the President would not make any improper use of it."

"Did you say that the packers would be protected if they gave the information?"

"I did not."

"Did you say that all information would be strictly confidential?"

"No, I did not."

"What did you do with the confidential information you secured?"

"It was made into averages and given to the President."

The witness added that no confidential information other than that averaged and contained in his official report had been given to the President.

In a later appearance on the witness stand, Commissioner Garfield denied absolutely that any promises had been made the packers, and stands flatfooted on the allegation that there was no promise of immunity from punishment, either real or implied. His testimony in this particular is a stunning blow to the men who are under indictment.

It is to be hoped the government will continue to deal with the situation in a firm and determined manner. The beef trust people seem to be up a tree.

TEXAS CATTLEMEN MAKE IMPRESSION

The state of Texas and city of Fort Worth were well represented in Washington at the committee hearing in the matter of the proposed amendment of the 28-hour law. The state at large was represented by W. J. Bryan, of Abilene; Ike T. Pryor, of San Antonio; Henry Boyce, of Amarillo, and Fort Worth was ably represented by Judge Sam H. Cowan, John K. Rosson and W. V. Galbreath. Murdo MacKenzie, former president of the Cattle Raisers' Association, and now at the head of the American National Live Stock Association, was present and took an active interest in the committee proceedings.

The strongest presentation of the stockmen's case was made by MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie remarked that the members of the humane societies who had protested against an extension of the law were ignorant of the conditions. He said methods of shipping cattle had been greatly improved in recent years and that if twenty-eight hours was the limit of time which cattle might be kept in cars with due consideration to humane treatment, when the law was enacted the improvements which had been made render it possible to extend that limit eight hours without additional suffering on the cattle. Cattle from the range, Mr. MacKenzie asserted, got no rest or nourishment when unloaded into pens. They were wild, often refused to eat or drink, and were always so excited that they got no rest whatever.

He cited the distances from a number of large shipping points to Kansas City, Chicago and St. Louis and declared that under the present law it was necessary to unload the cattle within 100 miles of the markets, which they would have reached before they could be unloaded and loaded after feeding in pens. As to the proposition to require the railroads to increase the speed of trains, he said it could only result in reducing the size of trains, and thus add to the cost of shipping. As an instance to show that cattle suffered more from unloading and loading he told of an experience with a shipment of two trainloads. One trainload was unloaded into a mirey pen and the other was kept standing on a sidetrack all night because of the lack of room in the pens. He lost thirty-five head of those unloaded and not a single head of those kept in the cars overnight. The testimony was corroborated by Mr. de Rieques, who ships from 25,000 to 30,000 head a year. Mr. de Rieques said that when he was permitted to exercise his own judgment as to when cattle ought to be unloaded en route to market his losses had been about two per cent less than they were when he was forced to unload every twenty-eight hours.

The committee will make its full report next week, the testimony all being in, and it is almost a foregone conclusion the cattlemen will get what they want after. While all the cattlemen of the country are interested in this matter, Texas has led in the fight made for properly amending an obsolete law, and the major portion of the credit for the splendid results that seem to be in sight is due those Texas cattlemen who have pushed the matter so incessantly from the very inception of the fight.

ROBERTSON FOR PRESIDENT

Friends of A. B. Robertson, of Colorado City, one of the best known cattlemen and bankers in the state, predict that he will be the next president of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas, and a large sized Robert-

son boom has been launched, which promises to assume the most formidable proportions. So far, Mr. Robertson has not made any formal announcement of his candidacy, but seems content to leave the matter in the hands of his friends and abide by their determination. He is a very modest and unassuming gentleman, never has been known to push himself forward, but has rendered more assistance to others than any other one man in West Texas.

This helping of others is a very strong characteristic of Sug Robertson. He is a man who has fought his way from the very bottom of the ladder, and his sympathies are always with the fellow who is trying to climb. He is one of those self-made men who need never be ashamed of the work accomplished. Thrown on his own resources at a very early age in life, Sug Robertson never attended school but three months in his life. The time devoted to acquiring an education by the average young man had to be devoted to hustling for a livelihood, and Sug Robertson learned to write his name on the horn of his saddle, after he had attained sufficient size to chase steers on the plains of West Texas.

The first real cow work done by young Robertson was on the Wylie ranch in Runnels county, and Uncle Eob Wylie gave the young man his first chance to get a little start in the world. When he once got started his rise was rapid, and he soon took front rank with the real cattlemen of the country. He has been identified with the live stock industry of Texas for the past quarter of a century, and has always given freely of his time and means to the advancement of the interests of the great association with which he has so long been connected. For years he has been regarded as one of the safest counselors of the organization, and it is universally conceded that no other cattleman in the state so nearly has the live stock business at his finger tips as this modest and unassuming cattleman from West Texas who has never yet failed to show his friendship in every conceivable way for Fort Worth.

From a modest beginning, Sug Robertson has prospered until he has become one of the leading cattlemen of the Southwest. He has large ranch and cattle interests both in West Texas and Montana, and is president of the Colorado National bank, one of the strongest financial institutions in West Texas. He has long been a leader in promoting the development of his section of the state, and his heart has always remained in the right place. Although he is a successful banker, Mr. Robertson has always been an admirer and supporter of William Jennings Bryan, and this fact is mentioned here solely for the purpose of illustrating the fact that his heart is in the right place and his sympathies always with the masses.

Sug Robertson is a fine type of the real Texas cattleman. He is at home anywhere you place him, never loses his head, and is today one of the ablest men we have in Texas. He would grace any position within the gift of the people of this state and would make the association a model presiding officer. He is not seeking this office of his own volition. He is not a candidate in any sense of the term. But he is an earnest, patriotic gentleman, with a head chock full of brains, who will serve his associates if they call him to this important station. He has been heard to express an ambition to serve as president of the association, and a knowledge of that fact should be all that is necessary to insure his election, according to his friends.

Fort Worth is not taking any stock in the matter of electing the next president of the association. Its permanent home and headquarters are located in this city, and Colonel Ike T. Pryor, who is also prominently mentioned for the presidency, has many warm friends here, who are not only saying many nice things about him, but doing all in their power to further his interests. Fort Worth is only interested in seeing the cattlemen choose for themselves from their very best material. Either Robertson or Pryor will fill the bill so far as Fort Worth is concerned, for both gentlemen have a legion of friends in this city.

MAKE CATTLE BUSINESS PROFITABLE

The approaching meeting of the Cattle Raisers' association of Texas at Dallas next month is going to be a very interesting gathering of the men who stand at the head of the great range cattle industry. The association is very largely composed of range cattlemen, and when we say range cattlemen, we mean that class of cattlemen who reside in what has been known as the range cattle district, and whose chief occupation has been the production of beef animals. The election of a president of the organization has threatened to provoke a little friction, but it is believed that matters will settle down to the normal by the time the convention meets, and all will be harmony and good will. The real business of the association aside from its regular routine proceedings, will be to consider ways and means for making the cattle business more profitable. There will be a number of able and instructive papers on the program, for these cattlemen are brainy and thinking fellows and not afraid to express their honest convictions. There will be new ideas advanced for the good of the membership, and some of these ideas are already coming to the surface. J. D. Baker, of Tennyson, Texas, is a member of the association, and has been giving some thought to the best manner of making the cattle business more profitable. He has hit upon a plan of action which he offers for the consideration of cattlemen generally. It is as follows:

1. When we meet March 20, as members of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, elect officers who are not connected in any way with commission firms or packers. 2. Elect men who are in sympathy with our interests, and who have ability, disregarding altogether any considerations of friendship. 3. Have at each shipping point or in every country a private secretary to our Mr. Lytle, who is to list and keep a record of all cattle for sale, fat and poor, steers and cows, each in its respective place. And have all buyers buy only through Mr. Lytle and his secretaries, and when they sell Mr. A's stock he takes them to nearest and best shipping point (point agreed upon), and receive buyer's cash or check, and the deal is made. The cattle stay in pasture until sold, and not in stock yards at the mercy of Mr. Anybody. We all know from experience that (when under the present system) we ship, our say is "nix." The other fellow takes our cattle and gives us just what he pleases. I received within a few cents of \$5.50 per head last October for nineteen 3-year-old heifers, good grade Durham heifers, good colors. The buyer took them and gave me his price, sold at Fort Worth. I give this sale to remind you of like sales for you in the past. Do not say "we can't." Say rather, if we will try only our own success. We may succeed. I personally do not doubt our succeeding. I believe the American Stock Raisers' association can easily do this thing, for when the associations go into this live stock union, those who are out will join us. And we can do to the best trust what our President failed to do. Brethren, friends, let us try it; it is worth while.

The Cattle Raisers' association of Texas is a body of very conservative gentlemen, and they have been very slow to lead off into new and untried fields. The policy of the past has been to stick very closely to precedent and not resort to any method of experimenting. This fact was well exemplified in the strong pressure brought to bear on the organization to have it endorse and take stock in the independent packing house project. The association keenly realized the fact that its members were suffering from a lack of market

ALL QUIET, BUT—



competition, but it could not be induced to leave the beaten trail that lies behind it. There was a profusion of sympathy expressed and many good wishes for the success of the undertaking, but the association took no stock and placed no indorsement on record.

The Baker suggestions will be carefully considered if brought before the association, and may be acted upon favorably. But the fact remains that the association has not evinced any overweening desire to go after the new and untried things. It is aggressive, but at the same time, remarkably conservative, which fact no doubt accounts for the harmony of its deliberations and the effectiveness of its work.

PREMIUM LIST PLEASURES THEM

The 1906 premium list at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show next March will amount to \$1,500 or \$2,000 more than offered before. The committee in charge of the show has concluded to compute date for ages from September 1 instead of January 1, as heretofore, in order to overcome the difficulty experienced by exhibitors in having to bring nurse cows along with the calves. The committee has also decided that as the bull is rated as 50 per cent of the herd at home, he should be given the same rating in the show ring, and judges will be instructed to do this. Ranchmen and stock breeders in the Concho country are generally well pleased with these changes.—San Angelo Standard.

The stockmen of the entire country are pleased with the manner in which the impending Fat Stock Show is being shaped up for the coming exposition, and will show their appreciation by a most generous recognition. No efforts or expense have been spared to make this event all the stockmen would have it be, and if there is failure in any department it will not be through the lack of Fort Worth effort and Fort Worth enthusiasm.

Those who are in close touch with this great enterprise say it is going to be a genuine eye-opener so far as magnitude and excellence of the exhibits is concerned, and that such a success will be scored as will make future undertakings of the kind comparatively easy. The show has been placed on a permanent basis, and its management is handling it in such a manner as to leave absolutely no doubt as to its permanency.

Stockmen from all Texas and the Southwest can rely upon every thing being just as represented. Every visitor and every exhibitor will receive the proverbial Fort Worth square deal.

Cattlemen are generally feeling very good over the continued mild winter and while some hard weather may confidently be expected during the month of March, the beauty of the situation lies in the fact that there cannot be much of it. The genial rays of Old Sol will soon put Old Boreas and Jack Frost out of business.

That bunch of big steers that sold on the local market Monday evening for \$5 per 100 pounds, brought the best figure paid since last June. And the price paid serves to show that the Fort Worth market is big enough to hold its own with any other in the country. The Fort Worth live stock market is another one of those Fort Worth enterprises that is keeping full time to the march of progress.

Thought She Was Dead

Representative John Sharp Williams tells a story of a darky in Mobile who recently became a convert to Christian science. It appears that, meeting a friend on the street, the convert made inquiry touching the health of the former's aunt. "She's got do pleurisy pretty bad," was the answer.

"You and she is both wrong," was the solemn assertion of the convert. "As a matter of fact, she only thinks she got do pleurisy. Dere ain't no sich thing." Nothing further was said on the subject, but a few days after, the two again meeting, the convert repeated his inquiries touching the aunt's condition. "Does she still persist dat she's got do pleurisy?"

"No, indeed," came the reply: "de pore woman now thinks dat she's dead. We buried her yesterday."

They do say Dallas is going to "spread herself" during the Cattle Raisers' convention here next month. The cowmen held a state meeting here fifteen or eighteen years ago, and were not treated extra well, so the story goes. They shook off the dust of their feet against Dallas, "and never came back any more." Dallas has at last succeeded in getting them to meet here again, and we understand the committee on entertainment will spend \$10,000 during the convention. That ought to do the thing up brown—even for the cattlemen.—Dallas Record.

VERSES THAT RING

**NOW**  
If you have hard work to do,  
Do it now.  
Today the skies are clear and blue,  
Tomorrow clouds may come in view,  
Yesterday is not for you;  
Do it now.

If you have a song to sing,  
Sing it now.  
Let the notes of gladness ring  
Clear as song of bird in spring,  
Let every day some music bring;  
Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say,  
Say them now.  
Tomorrow may not come your way,  
Do a kindness while you may,  
Loved ones will not always stay,  
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,  
Show it now.  
Make hearts happy, roses grow,  
Let the friends around you know  
The love you have before they go;  
Show it now.

—Charles R. Skinner.

PLANTING A TREE

What does he plant who plants a tree?  
He plants a friend of sun and sky;  
He plants a flag of breezes free;  
The shaft of beauty towering high;  
He plants a home to heaven anigh  
For song and mother-croon of bird,  
In hushed and happy twilight heard—  
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?  
He plants cool shade and tender rain,  
And seed and bud of day to be,  
And years that fade and flush again;  
He plants the glory of the plain;  
He plants the forest's heritage;  
The harvest of the coming age;  
The joy that unborn eyes shall see—  
These things he plants who plants a tree.

What does he plant who plants a tree?  
He plants, in sap and leaves and wood,  
The love of home and loyalty,  
And far-cast thought of civil good—  
His blessings on the neighborhood,  
Who in the hollow of his hand  
Holds all the growth of all our land—  
A nation's growth from sea to sea,  
Stirs in his heart who plants a tree.  
—Richard Watson Gilder.

IF WE COULD KNOW

Could we know the heart's fond longing  
For the good, the grand, the true;  
Could we know the bloodless battles  
That the soul has struggled through,  
Would our words condemn the error  
Of the passing hour that's flown,  
Would our tongues be half so ready  
With the first rough, cruel stone?

If each heart were open to us—  
If its warp and woof we saw—  
Oft we'd find the gold of virtue  
Where we'd thought to find a flaw.

Often should we see in others  
Much of favor, much of good,  
If we could but know their motives,  
If we only understood!

Understood that life's hard battle  
For a brother overwrought  
Might be lightened, might be brightened,  
By our loving word and thought.

If we'd know hearts have no sorrows  
But our sympathy could share,  
Would we speak our words more kindly,  
Would we breathe for them a prayer?

Then we'd know that every sinner  
Had some golden grains of good;  
Yes, we'd love each other better  
If we only understood.  
—C. K. Frazier.

MANY CHANGES IN 52 YEARS Abilene Man Grows Reminiscent in Visit Here

M. W. McLamore of Abilene, Taylor county, came in on the eastbound Texas and Pacific Thursday and was looking up some of his old time friends and trying to locate some of the ancient city landmarks.

He said: "I was born in Alabama last October seventy years ago, and have lived in Texas sixty-five of the seventy. My father came to Texas and settled in Shelby county. I grew to be a good chum of a boy in that county and then left on a hunt for fortune and fame.

"I came to the present site of Fort Worth in the year 1854 and lived about here until 1881. I had a hand in the removal of the county seat from Blirville to Fort Worth, which was not accomplished without my aid.

"I remember the skinning of some of those Blirville fellows out of \$2,000 on a bet as to the removal of the county seat. There are hardly any people here now who were here at that time.

"Joseph Terrell came afterward, and so did Dan Parker. I can remember no one but Abe Harris, who was working for the United States army at that time. The quartermaster and I will show you where the original Fort Worth, an army post, stood. It was about all there was of the city or town at that time.

"Well, here we are at the west end of the courthouse square, looking down Belknap and Houston streets—there were no trees then—and on the south side of Belknap and west side of Houston, on the corner, was a log house, probably 14x14 feet, in which was the doctor's or surgeon's office. Next to it were two double log cabins which were the officers' quarters, and next following in sequence were two more houses for the purpose used I am unable to say at this distance of time.

"The 'fort' occupied some two or three blocks running west, then north and east to the river. No one in the market, or seems to be, on which I am, told it is the intention of the Fort Worth people to build an auditorium—and then south to the place of beginning. The quartermaster's quarters were on the north side of this parallelogram, facing south, and the quartermaster's depot was way down in the west. I remember there was a well somewhere about the west end of the present courthouse square. Of course, I cannot undertake to locate every spot, but what I have told you is about correct.

Perhaps Harris can be more exact, as he worked at and near the spot. No, I do not think that the fort proper extended quite to the group of live oaks that stand on the north side.

"During this period he has successfully treated about 3,500 head. A strict record has been kept of the animals thus treated and the percentage of deaths among them traceable to Texas fever is a little less than 8 per cent. The percentage of deaths among cattle imported from the north and not so treated is variously estimated at from 50 to 90 per cent.

"The \$500,000 immunized by Dr. Francis was in themselves worth at least \$5,000,000, and through their offspring have added many millions to the cattle interests of Texas.

Among the fine animals inoculated here this season by Dr. Francis are twenty-four Shorthorns belonging to G. R. Rennolds of Bosque county; twenty-one Herefords, belonging to Richard Boog-Scott of Coleman; two fine Polled Angus bulls for Captain John Todd's ranch near Corpus Christi; three Polled Durham bulls for Richard Sellman of McCulloch county, and a fine Red Polled bull, belonging to Dr. C. H. Wainwright.

Another matter of interest in connection with the department of veterinary science is the museum of diseases of animals. For years Dr. Francis has been a collector of every species of diseases to which the animal kingdom is subject. Recently he has begun the work of mounting his collection.

"However, the Indian government ends on the 4th of the month, and all things will be in the hands of Uncle Sam. No more tax on cattle can be collected, in fact the last has been paid and no further tax of any kind can be raised on the cattle of this state. It becomes a part of Oklahoma under the joint statehood act, if it ever passes congress.

"Good Open Range "We have a pretty good lot of open range down with us now, for when the allotment was made the land that was not allotted to the Indians was left unenclosed and could be used by all alike. There are a few small sections of land in the Arbuckle mountains are splendid grazing lands and will keep a lot of stock, and no farming can be done on them, unless the man wants to plow around the mountain or straight up into the air. This, no doubt, will be bought in by some cowboy. There are no full blood Indians near us, they all having gradually moved to the east. Those still with us are almost white and are good citizens. We were in a pretty good fix for a few years, as the legislature of Oklahoma was induced to move the quarantine line nearly up to Norman, and we had things our own way, but last year somebody induced the legislature to move the line down to the Canadian and the result was that we have to dip now or stay below the line. Cleveland county is as fine a body of land as you can find anywhere, and our people raise most every kind of crops in abundance. Wheat and corn are the principal crops and yield splendid returns. The land is gradually being built by the citizens across the Canadian river to Purcell to facilitate getting to market, has had about twenty-five hundred feet of it washed away and now we stand it across the half-mile.

"I was born in the territory, my father moving there from Grayson county immediately after the war, which he served. I am looking for some Jersey cows and think I will go to Tyler to get them, as I hear that they can be had there. I am going to carry them home and sell them for milk stock to our people and I believe there will be some money to be made in this way."

"I think I shall sell my land where I can get a good price, \$35. for raw land, and go farther West, where I can get much more for the same money. Land is getting too high most anywhere in Texas now to raise cattle on, unless feed is raised and fed. I brought in two cars of cattle, one of steers and the other a mixed car. Prices were all right."

"The report of the cattle, hogs, calves and other live stock brought by the various railroads to Fort Worth during the month of January makes a very favorable showing. The fact that a substantial evidence of the growth of the stock market here. Interest is just now centered on hogs and the report shows that there were 82,811 hogs brought to the Fort Worth live stock yards during January, 1906, against 50,368 during the same month last year, the increase being 29,943, or considerably over 50 per cent.

There was a growth during 1905 compared with the preceding year which was enormous, but the year 1906 is starting out with a greater increase over 1905. The hog receipts for the year 1906 were 492,829 head of hogs, against 306,216 for the year 1904, a gain being shown for the last year.

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CATTLE RANGE GETTING SCARCE Conditions in Territory Rapidly Undergoing Change

Lexington is a town in Cleveland county, Oklahoma Territory, and is situated on the east bank of the South Canadian river, just opposite the little city of Purcell, L. T. It is a town of some importance as a shipping point for cattle, grain, cotton and other products of those sections of the territories. The valley of the Canadian is very fertile and is famous, or was in former times, for its fine pasture lands and cattle ranges.

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"The petition states that as a result of this wrongful classification the government failed to collect \$1,529.50 in duties which it should have received, calves under one year being dutiable at the rate of \$2 per head, while, when over one year, they are dutiable at the rate of \$3.73 per head.

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CATTLEMEN HAVE THE OLD TROUBLE Object to Delay in Delivery by the Railroads

L. M. Haupt, whose cattle arrived in the city Wednesday morning from Kyle, Hayes county, was much to the humor Thursday morning—the reason the one that has grown to be the constant one at the stock yards of Fort Worth—detention in the yards, and failure to deliver to the Stock Yards Belt line in time.

"I left home with two cars of feed stock at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening, on the International and Great Northern, and reached Fort Worth Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock," said Mr. Haupt, "and I certainly anticipated that my cattle would have come over in time for that day's market. But he who places his dependence upon a railroad when it comes to handling stock, will have his eye opened and learn 'how not to do it.'"

"The cattle were not delivered until nearly 4 p. m., and I missed the market for that day and, of course, did not get what I should have gotten had prompt delivery been made.

"It is hard on the stockman to be treated that way, but if the cattle think that an opinion is being expressed, they will have a set of humans who would keep poor dumb brutes standing in the cars for hours to be bumped about and shooed up until their sufferings make them bawl.

"Talk about cruelty to animals, why the little things that the good women and men are trying to stop in the city, are nothing compared to the suffering of cattle which are held in a railroad yard. Any stockman will tell you that cattle suffer much more when standing in cars in yards than they do when moving along. If our good people wish to do something big in the way of remedying cruelty to animals, let them look into this matter."

"I think that cattlemen are in bad fix just now, all of them; but I think that the small man, he of the two or three cows, gets the worst of it.

"The railroads are fortified with money and great lawyers, and have the ear of the courts through them, but the small shipper has no means of availing himself of any of the fifty times stronger than it usually is. He has not the ghost of a chance.

"Proposes New Appeal Law "Now, some of us have been thinking over our troubles and discussing a bill for the amendment of our constitution, that the railroads will do nothing unless they are made to do it. As we can't stand the cost of ordinary suits in small cases, we have about come to the conclusion that we need our next legislature to pass a law limiting railroad corporations in their right of appeal to the superior courts to the sum of \$500. Instead, as it is now, \$1000, and compel them to pay all costs of suit and lawyer's fees. I know that there will be a cry raised against this as unconstitutional and robbing the railroads; well, suppose it is—that is to hinder the people of Texas from adopting an amendment to the constitution making it constitutional. As far as the robbery of the railroads is concerned, why it would only be turning the tables on them for a while. It might teach them a lesson they need.

"There is necessity for something to be done, and I wish that The Telegram, always the stockman's friend, would take this as an article, and help us out whenever it becomes necessary. I know that The Stockman Journal will always be on the side of all the cattlemen."

Exchange Recognizes Evil Around the exchange for some time there has been a growing sentiment that the delay in delivering stock to the belt line is becoming intolerable, and that something should be done at once to remedy the evil. A committee has been appointed by the Live Stock Exchange to look into the matter and abate the wrong if possible, but no report has been made yet, and no change has been apparent to shippers and commission men.

ALPINE, Texas, Feb. 24.—Grass in beginning to come up and vegetation of all kind getting green and the water holes and tanks being already full, the stockmen of Brewster and Presidio counties are in very good spirits, and as the market prices seem to be coming up, too, there is no need for worry.

W. T. Henderson sold to J. B. Irving 500 head of black mixed yearlings at \$15 per head. Mr. Irving also bought of Sid Kyle 400 head of horned yearlings.

Jackson & Harmon bought of Bill Cleveland of Marf 500 head of 3 and 4-year-old steers. They will be delivered in June.

For Irving bought the F. A. and W. B. Miller, and Porter and Jack Brown steer yearlings, to be delivered in June. The price was \$13.50 per head.

Wiley Moore shipped four car loads of the Childers cattle, consisting of cows, bulls and calves. They were shipped to Houston.

Parthers are reported as becoming more numerous in the country about thirty miles south of Alpine. John and Sam Harmon, with their pack of dogs, have succeeded in killing four full-grown ones during the present month.

It seems a strange thing that lobo wolves are quite troublesome in the pastures in North Brewster or north of the railroad, while panthers are seldom seen but in the southern part of the county, panthers are numerous and wolves never seen.

PAYS \$2,500 FOR ONE HOG ROCKFORD, Ill., Feb. 23.—Colonel A. J. Lovejoy & Son established a world's record in the hog market by the sale of the prize winning Berkshire "Masterpiece" to W. F. Corsa of Whitehall, Ill., for \$2,500.

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FORT WORTH MARKET Complete and Accurate Report of the Business Done in All Classes of Stock in This City

Wednesday's Receipts Cattle 1,500 Calves 150 Hogs 250 Sheep 250 Horses and mules 17

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Horses and Mules—A. Knight, Commerce, 1; W. Matthews, Coleman, 27; Pennington Bros., Roysse, 1; J. A. Guster, Fort Worth, 2.

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Views on the Market

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HIS FIRST LOVE

It was a brilliant June day. I stood by the open window of my study and watched the smart dog-cart drive up that brought little Geoffrey L'Estrange once a week for his violin lessons.

"Now, Brown, mind you are back sharp to time or I'll just jolly well give you a good kicking."

"Yes, I am quite ready, Geoffrey," I said as I greeted him. "What is the hurry today?"

"Oh, only my pater has given me a sov, so I've arranged to meet some other chaps at Till's (the confectioner's) and have a good tuck-in at 3 o'clock. So you've quite wa beyond my time, will you?" he pleaded.

"That depends on you, not me," I answered. "If you have practiced properly you will, of course, get off in time. Oh, dear! Here is a string broken."

"I say, Miss Ashton, he began presently, "didn't you teach at Mrs. Tenby's school once?"

"Yes, I do now. Why do you ask?" "Because I remember seeing you there. I used to go there when I was a kid. I was in the kindergarten with all the little girls—mixed, you know. Don't you remember me?"

"No, I can't say I do, Geoffrey. You see, I never went into the kindergarten, or saw the little ones," I replied.

"Oh, well, I remember seeing you in the hall one day—years ago, of course; but I remember you quite well."

"It must have been years ago, Geoffrey," I said, emphatically. "Geoffrey liked to be thought quite grown up, and so I always treated him as such, with very grave courtesy."

"Did you like being at school there? Can you remember?" I continued.

"No, I didn't at all," he said. "The other girls were so stirsome—they'd come lovey-ducking me about. I hated it. No such rot at Mr. Frazer's—his present school—no girls there at all, thank goodness!"

"Gh, yes, I could sometimes, aren't they?" I consoled. "But now come along to work." I placed the fiddle in his little hands and the lesson progressed favorably, as he was very talented and played both sweetly and smartly. Presently the string popped again.

"I'm afraid it's a bad one," I said, "but we'll give it one more try. I took the line and added to put the string on, and Geoffrey stood by the window and toyed with the blind cord."

"I say Miss Ashton," he began, slowly, "do you pupils like you?"

UNITED STATES ACTS CAUTIOUSLY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The United States is preparing for war with China.

The army is being put on a war footing, and trouble is expected at any time.

Orders have also been issued to increase the naval contingent in the Orient.

The term "war" is not employed by the officials of the war and state departments in discussing the situation.

For the present it seems best to speak of the trouble as a "native uprising" and of the preparations as for the "protection of American citizens and interests" in China.

It is not denied, however, that the preparations are going forward and that the situation is regarded here as very grave.

Neither is it denied that President Roosevelt himself is responsible for the course which is being pursued.

That the need of action is urgent is shown in no uncertain terms by efforts made by Secretary War Taft to secure the immediate appropriation of \$100,000 in the urgent deficiency bill, when that measure was before the senate a day or two ago.

The present trouble with China is not only new before the finance committee and explained in a secret session what he could not explain publicly, but he went on the floor of the senate and talked with Senators Spooner, Aldrich and Allison, explaining the danger which would be incurred by hesitation.

Extra troops are being rushed to the east. The First and Second regiments of infantry and the Eighth and Thirteenth regiments of field artillery and the Twenty-fourth infantry are now on their way to Manila.

The mobilization of troops in the Philippines is for the purpose of having the mready at the nearest point when they are needed in China. For this purpose two brigades of cavalry have been established near Manila, one at Angeles, about fifty miles from the city, and the other Camp McKinley, close to Manila.

In addition to these troops there are 12,000 regulars and 5,000 native scouts in the Philippine Islands. Major General Leonard Wood is in command.

The Chinese government is held responsible here for the conditions in which make the uprisings imminent.

It is pointed out by well informed officials of the state department that the powerful mandarins are the real government in China, and that the course which has been followed by these potentates has taxed our patience to the limit.

They have neglected to suppress the best propaganda and while the representatives of the empress have been making long and eloquent protestations of friendliness, the mandarins have persistently fed the fires of the anti-Chinese sentiment.

Chinese exclusion, and the failure to come to any satisfactory agreement as to this or our future commercial relations, have added to the complications.

THERE IS NO BEEF TRUST ACCORDING TO OGDEN ARMOUR

J. Ogden Armour continues in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post his series of copyrighted articles in defense of the alleged "Beef Trust."

It is charged that Mr. Armour is writing these articles to contradict the articles in the "Trust" which are written by Ray Stannard Baker and are appearing in McClure's magazine. In this week's article Mr. Armour devotes considerable space to denouncing the charge that he is "sensational magazine" which he accuses of distorting facts.

The subject of Mr. Armour's latest paper is "The Packers and the Cattle Men," and in the course of it he says: "The packer does all the guessing."

"The dressed beef and packing industry is not in the hands of a 'monopoly combine,' never has been in the hands of a 'combine,' and never will be. It cannot become a monopoly."

"The character of the packing business, I repeat, and the wide distribution of it, preclude making it the property of a monopoly. The business methods, practices and necessities pertaining to it are a further bar against monopoly."

"On one side stands the cattle grower. He has absolute control of his product. He can ship to market today if he will or he can wait a day, a week, a month, in ordinary cases, without much risk."

"The packer looks to him for a raw material—live stock—and cannot get it until it comes to market."

"On the other side stands the retailer of meat. His is a from-day-to-day business. He buys also as the demand tells him to buy. The packer must market his finished products through the retailer, and cannot force or induce him to buy one pound more than he wants to buy."

"Between these two commercial factors stands the packer. He must do all the guessing at both ends of the line. If he does not buy cattle fast enough the demand from the retailer outruns his supply and he loses the business. If he buys too many cattle he must hold them at heavy expense until he can find a market for them, and the word is to slaughterers; buyers for shipment to seaboard and to the old world; buyers for speculators. These different classes of buyers have nothing in common. They are always at war, commercially speaking."

In beginning his article Mr. Armour controverted the assertion that the cattlemen and the packers are natural enemies. One cannot exist without the other, he says, continuing, he says:

"Roasts" the Magazine has persistently pounded it into the people at large that the cattlemen and the packers are in a perpetual state of warfare; and the result is antagonistic; that loss of hardship to the cattlemen must spell gain and prosperity to the packer; that the packer is a daylight robber whose destiny is to prey upon the cattlemen. This malicious misrepresentation of facts and conditions is what demands a plain discussion of the relations between the cattlemen and the packer. The people should know whether the packers are robbing the cattlemen or whether they are pursuing an industry that is really the bottom and backbone of the cattle business. And the packers have a stick into the public shoe, and the situation. Not even the possibility that some cattlemen may misconstrue the purpose of a plain statement of the advantage which the packing industry incidentally affords the cattlemen should be longer permitted to stand as a bar against getting at the root of this matter.

"Any fair minded person who takes even a casual survey of the meat business will quickly recognize the fact that it was revolutionized and has been developed to its present immense proportion by the refrigerator car, the modern system of canning meats, and by the scientific utilization of by-products—all of which are the fruits of the packers' ingenuity and enterprise."

"What the packers have done has been the establishment of a cash market for every kind of cattle, every business day of every year. There are some things which become so firmly established in the public mind that their routine operation has led to cause their acceptance as a matter of course; they are so near and so commonplace to us, so unobtrusive in their coming to us, that we regard them as existing by force of nature—'by act of God,' as the law puts it—that we lose sight of the fact that they were not always so from the beginning of things. I think, in fact, about the attitude of the average man toward a cash cattle market which is made possible by the operation of the great packing plants. He does not stop to think of the establishment of a cash market when a steer might have been shipped to a market and without promptly finding a buyer—when, in fact, car loads of cattle were shipped to market and sold for cash; when there was no cash market ready to receive the shippers' or the drovers' cattle at a going price and give him the money for their right on the call—and without regard to the kind or quality of his offerings."

Packing a Precarious Business Auxiliary markets built up by the packers have been a great advantage to the cattlemen and the corn grower. Mr. Armour declares, by making a steady market for beef and corn. The packing business, as he describes it, is a precarious one.

admissible and prima facie evidence in all cases.

"10. Complete reports of financial statements and operating accounts and statistics as required to be made by railroads and the commission may prescribe a uniform system of accounts."

"11. It is given power to appoint expert examiners to go through the books of any railroad and to report to the commission the facts on any matter under investigation, or otherwise, thus enabling a case to be intelligently tried, after getting the definite evidence."

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WORK OF THE FEVER TICK

A publication will soon be issued by the United States department of agriculture on the subject of Texas fever, a disease which has been a very serious obstacle to the development and prosperity of the cattle industry of this country, especially in the south.

The cattle tick is not only the carrier of the Texas fever infection, but is a parasite which deprives cattle of much blood, retards growth, reduces the milking capacity, and induces an irritable state known as "tick worry."

It is well known that the animals coming from below this line and sold in the northern yards bring an average of one-fourth to one-half a cent less per pound than the quoted market prices. If we allow an individual weight of 600 pounds for all classes of animals, including stock, beef and dairy cattle, there is a decrease in value of at least \$150 per head for the estimated 705,000 southern cattle annually marketed.

to a loss of \$1,057,500 each year. This decreased value reacts and fixes the valuation of all cattle which remain in the infected territory. Thus, it is estimated that there are in the quarantined area four and a half million of cattle east of the Mississippi and eleven millions west of that river, which at a reduction of \$1.50 per head will give the enormous shrinkage in value of \$23,250,000, directly chargeable to the cattle tick.

The above figures do not include the decrease in flesh and the lack of development of the infested animals, nor the expense to the federal, state and local governments for enforcing the quarantine regulations. The shrinkage in the milk production of cattle harboring many ticks will average one quart per day, and the loss occasioned at 3 cents per quart for the 875,000 ticky dairy cattle out of more than 4,000,000 dairy cattle below the quarantine line would amount to \$26,250 per day, or, counting 200 milking days for each cow to the year, to \$7,500,000 annually. It has also been calculated that approximately 337,500 animals die each year of Texas fever, and at an estimated value of \$15 per head this means a loss of \$5,112,500 per annum.

If all these losses are taken into account, it will be seen that Texas fever is responsible for a loss of about \$40,000,000 annually to the stockmen of this country. These appalling losses and annual sacrifices of the cattle raisers it is believed can be entirely effaced, in time, by methods outlined in this publication, and at a small proportionate cost, for, with the general application of the measures described, the cattle tick may be wholly exterminated. Every dollar wisely expended in this work will be returned many fold during each succeeding year.

One of the difficulties encountered by the cattle raisers in fighting the plague is in confusing the Texas fever tick with the various other ticks occasionally found on cattle, but which are entirely harmless so far as the transmission of the disease is concerned. For this reason a brief popular description of the various ticks found on cattle,

showing their appearance in different stages, is contained in this publication. The department of agriculture has just issued the annual regulations for the prevention of Texas fever, effective February 1. On and after that date cattle are not allowed to be moved from the quarantined area to other parts of the country, except by rail for immediate slaughter and under certain conditions prescribed in the regulations.

Most of the cattle in the southern states are immune to Texas fever, but as they are infested with ticks they disseminate the disease, which is very destructive to other cattle. It is therefore necessary to observe strict regulations to prevent the spread of this infection to non-infested areas, as serious losses would surely follow.

During the winter months the danger of infection is so diminished that cattle are permitted to be moved from the quarantined area under less strict regulations than at other seasons of the year. The open season applies during the months of November, December and January to all localities and for the states of Virginia and North Carolina the time is extended to March 15.

The quarantined area for 1906, as prescribed in the regulations just issued, includes the following territory: The whole of the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida; the Indian Territory, all of Georgia except a few northern counties, the southern half of California, the southeastern part of Oklahoma, the eastern half of Texas, the southern half of Tennessee, a few counties in southeastern Kentucky, the eastern three-fourths of North Carolina, and the southeastern part of Virginia.

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ROOMS ENGAGED HERE Many Cattlemen to Make Convention Headquarters in Fort Worth. Letters are being received at the hotels in this city reserving rooms for the time of the cattlemen's convention in Dallas and also for the Fat Stock Show in this city. The letters which have been received state that the visitors intend to make Fort Worth their headquarters during both meetings, as they will be able to go to Dallas on the Interurban whenever they wish to go to that city.

Indications at present are that a large number of cattlemen will make their headquarters in this city during the convention. Several letters were received at the local hotels this week engaging rooms, though the convention is still more than three weeks ahead, and from present prospects there will be few rooms left in the hotels in this city during the convention.

The sheriff and his deputies have been instructed to take a separate territorial inspectors in removing the cattle from the county. Rufe La Forz will accompany inspector Gorton to near Sterling this afternoon, where the cattle will be met at the depot at Rush Springs tomorrow by inspectors Hahan and Dunn. Cattle are held by the Territory at ten places in Comanche county. The inspectors allow any one who has cattle held under the quarantine to drive their own cattle back upon their own accord, thereby saving the expense of the county driving them.

G. Cooper of Sterling, took advantage of this offer. The quarantine line recently established at the base line six miles south of Lawton will be removed on March 1, and be placed at the northern part of the county. No cattle will be allowed to be moved from Comanche county into the parts of Caddo and Kiowa counties lying south of the line except on inspection and certificate.

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LOCAL LIVE STOCK Talks with Stockmen Who Visit Fort Worth, the Great Live Stock Center and Market of the Southwest

MONEY IN HOGS? WELL A LITTLE Fort Worth Packers Paying Out \$1,000,000 a Month TOP PRICE PAID HERE Porkers Fetching \$6.20 Fattened on Corn Costing Only Thirty Cents a Bushel

A million dollars per month for hogs alone seems a large sum of money, but this is about what Fort Worth is paying according to the record established last Friday. The exact disbursements for that day by the packing houses for hogs was \$3,449,871, and a little figuring will show that this would amount to \$998,945.97 per month of thirty-one days. It will be observed that the amount is but a little over a thousand dollars short of the million dollar mark, and when it is remembered that the packing houses would have bought more, had a larger supply been available, some idea of the extent of the revenue to be secured from the hog raising industry can be obtained.

Those who have given the matter much attention state that hog raising is profitable when hogs can be fattened on corn at 50 cents per bushel and sold for as much as \$5. Some of the hogs marketed here sold for as much as \$6.20, and were fattened on corn that cost only 30 cents per bushel. This shows that there is money in fattening hogs for the market here, even where the feed and pigs are both purchased.

The farmers throughout Texas, however, do not have to buy the pigs or the corn either, if they choose to raise them, and by producing their own feed and raising their own pigs, the revenue which they will receive will be all their own. The supply has been entirely adequate for the demand, and hog raisers have been sought for and wide in all parts of the Indian Territory and Texas. It has been stated that there would be more packeries in Fort Worth as soon as the supply of hogs was increased down this way, and railroads and others interested are doing everything possible to encourage the farmers to engage more extensively in hog raising. It is necessary, however, that the hogs be of the best variety, and that they be in the best possible condition for the farmers to reap the largest revenue from the sale of their hogs. Farmers who have been raising cotton alone in the past, declaring as they have been doing, that this was the only source of sure revenue, will doubtless be greatly interested in the cash expenditures for hogs in this market, and there are probably few who know that the disbursements are already going out at the rate of about a million dollars per month.

Improving Their Stock Grimes county, of the best counties in middle Texas, and is one of the old settled territories of Texas. The Houston and Texas Central, the first railroad that attempted to penetrate the interior of the state, passed through the county and the chief town, Navasota was for a time the terminus of the road. There

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KNOX BILL NOW BEFORE SENATE Broadens Scope of Bill for Railroad Rate Regulation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Senator Knox, as told in Thursday's Telegram, has introduced his interstate commerce bill. It broadens the house bill and contains a provision for review by the courts of the orders of the interstate commerce commission. The bill provides that all acts of congress and the provisions of this bill relating to interstate commerce "shall extend to all common carriers engaged in commerce, to which the regulatory power of congress extends, and to the constitution of the United States, by the transportation of persons or property wholly by railroad or partly by railroad and partly by water when both are used for a continuous carriage or shipment. Said provisions shall also extend to all the facilities and instrumentalities connected therewith to which the regulatory power of congress extends, whether owned or provided by the carrier or not."

Can Fix Minimum Rate It provides that all charges of whatever nature shall be just and reasonable. When a rate is unreasonable the commission shall order it reduced, and when reduced "such reduced rate shall be the maximum to be observed by the carrier."

The review provision is as follows: "Sec. 5. That the orders of the commission, except orders for the payment of money, shall take effect within such reasonable time as shall be prescribed by the commission and shall continue for such period of time not exceeding two years unless sooner set aside by the commission, or set aside by order of a court in a suit to test the lawfulness of said order, but any carrier, person or corporation party to the proceedings affected by the decision of the commission as to the rate or practice covered by the complaint or its order prescribing a different rate or practice, and alleging either that such be a violation of its or his rights, may institute proceedings against the complainant and the interstate commerce commission in the circuit court of the United States sitting as a court of equity, to have such questions determined, but in no other way shall the lawfulness of such order be questioned, and in all such proceedings the court shall have power to set aside orders to secure the appearance of parties from any part of the United States and the existing laws relative to evidence and to proceedings under the acts to regulate commerce, and to apply. Provided, however, that no order of the commission reducing a rate shall be set aside or suspended by an interlocutory decree of the court without requiring a deposit of cash or sufficient bond to secure the parties entitled thereto to the payment of the commission's order. It is maintained of all such matters, both of the carrier in excess of the rate fixed by the commission, and the court shall determine in such interlocutory what practices shall be pursued by the carrier to make the rate effective."

Supreme Court Appeal An appeal from the final decree of the circuit court shall lie only to the supreme court and must be taken within thirty days from the entry thereof.

Provision is made in the bill empowering the commission to establish through rates to and from points between which through rates are not maintained by the railroads complained of. Where such through rates fail to agree as to the appointment the commission is given the power to make the division between the railroads. The measures for violations of orders of the commission and other features are similar to many other bills, including the pending house bill, changes having been made by Senate amendments, but as far as necessary to harmonize his court review feature with other portions of the bill.

SHORTHORN MEN TO MEET HERE First Session in South at Fort Worth

For the first time in the history of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association executive committee a meeting will be held in the city of Fort Worth. Through the efforts of J. F. Hovenkamp, a member of the committee, it has been decided that the next meeting of the committee will be held in the city at the time of the Fat Stock Show. This will be an added feature of the Fat Stock Show and will go toward making it a great success. The members of the committee will be J. F. Hovenkamp, president; J. F. Prather, Minneapolis, Ind.; vice president; John W. Groves, Chicago; secretary; B. W. Smith, Springfield, Ill.; treasurer; W. J. Woods, Ohio; J. M. Forbes, Illinois; E. Leonard, Missouri; S. F. Lockridge, Indiana; W. F. Harding, Wisconsin; T. J. Warner, Missouri; Martin Flynn, Iowa; Alex Rennick, Kentucky; J. F. Hovenkamp, Texas.

Mast Fed Hogs J. W. Corn, the Tarrant county breeder and ranch man, whose place is southwest of the city, was around the stock exchange swapping yarns and talking cattle and hogs. He said his back was almost well, and if he would only give it a rest it would have been all right long ago. "My son is in Chandler, O. T., with a string of steers," he said, "and he has been feeding up there. The first have gone forward to market and the rest will no doubt soon follow. The stock on the home place is doing fine and every thing is as good as could be expected. No, I did not get the sheats from South Texas. I was a little bit afraid of them. I had over 300 at my place; good hogs, and mixed them up with a lot of mast fed stuff and they diseased and killed a lot of my good hogs, and a lot of them died, also. It will not do to take a hog off of his range and begin feeding him corn or other stuff, for it will kill him. Probably the good feed so astounded his stomach that it gives him the gripes that develops into cholera, and that settles him."

South Texas Rain At the Fort Worth stock yards Monday morning the reports from several sources was that the country below San Antonio had had general rain, but that it was very light and had done very much good. The grass and succulent weeds that mean so much in the development of cattle in the spring will now get a fine start and proceed to grow in that startlingly swift manner that is peculiar to the semi-arid territory of the southwest. Cattle are going ahead in great numbers and shape and with another rain a short while will soon be showing their fat

adise, Texas, which is in Wise county, was in the hands of a man with a remarkably mild winter and seems to be apt to go out very soon into the arms of Miss Spring.

YEARLINGS ARE WAY UP IN PRICE Prices Show Big Advance Over Last Year

"If prices continue as they have been this season, I'd be glad to know what the outcome will be," remarked a local stockman. "The season looks better than it did a year ago, but the question that is puzzling me is whether it is better. A year ago at this time yearlings were being sold at \$10 to \$12.50. Today they range from \$13 to \$15, with a few lots going lower and at least one bunch ranging along in the neighborhood of \$16."

A case in point is that of Joe Irving of Alpine, who was in town yesterday. Irving is a breeder himself, and when he buys cattle in his own country it is a good indication that he thinks they are worth having. He has bought about one thousand head of yearlings in the district near him, paying \$14 a head.

There has been a brisk demand for the stock averages fully as well as that in West Texas. T. M. Wingo and A. A. Cox, who took over the old Bob Hall ranch north of Van Horn, Texas, bought a bunch of about 1,800 to 2,000 yearlings around San Augustin at \$12 and \$12.50. As a rule the stock is not in as good condition as a year ago. It has been rather too damp during the winter to place the grass in the best condition, and much of the grazing has been spoiled by rotting and rubbery water.

There has been a brisk demand for cows for breeding purposes. Good prices have ruled.

Cold in Mexico The following extract from a letter received this week from the City of Mexico reveals to some extent the usual cold weather of Texas has been hiding. It must have strayed got on the wrong trail and wandered onto somebody else's pastures.

What Will Los Angeles Do? "What will Los Angeles do?" That is a question that stockmen are asking themselves. They do not answer it. They declare that they can't. The people of Los Angeles are relying on late largely on Texas for their fat stock. This year there are not one-third as many cattle on feed as ordinarily. How will the market be remedied in California remains to be seen. Unless the Californians are doing a large amount of feeding on their own property, the success of the State, foreseeing the difficulty, it appears to be likely that they will face a sad dilemma.

Food and Study A College Man's Experience. "All through my high school course and first year in college," writes an ambitious young man, "I struggled with my studies on a diet of greasy, pasty foods, being especially fond of cakes and fried things. My system got into a state of general disorder and it was difficult for me to apply myself to school work with any degree of satisfaction. I tried various remedies and food preparations, but did not seem able to correct the difficulty.

Range Cattle Doing Well Range cattle at Chicago are receiving nothing but favorable advices from the northwestern range. A Dickinson, N. D. man wrote Frank Bralnard a few days since that in a quarter of the range he had not seen such a winter. Cattle, he wrote, are fat and contented. Inspector Bourdette of the Montana association is in receipt of a letter from a cattleman asserting that the Yellowstone river has not yet frozen over, adding: "This has never happened before since the white man invaded the country." All range herds are undoubtedly in splendid condition and well able to withstand the blasts—

FT. WORTH HUSTLE FOR HOGS Northern Buyers Invade Local Market Territory

C. C. French of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company returned Tuesday from a trip through Oklahoma, where he has been buying hogs. "There is a great struggle up there between the buyers," said Mr. French, "but we are getting the bulk of the hogs where the people are doing anything like equal. The scarcity of hogs has made it necessary for buyers to seek everywhere for good hogs and the northern buyers are scouring the country for them. The people in Oklahoma and Texas are arranging to raise more hogs, though, in the future, I notice also that the people through Oklahoma are beginning to diversify their crops. Where formerly nothing but wheat was raised they are preparing to raise a good deal of corn, alfalfa and cotton. This will redound to their benefit as well as the raising of hogs."

Fat Stock Show Prospects "I wish The Telegram would urge upon its readers the importance of making applications for space as early as possible," stated Mr. French. "There are always a great many who think that any time before the show is early enough, and this involves a great deal of trouble and expense. It is better to get the space early and have the applications ready to go in at the office at the stock yards, and I shall be glad to give immediate attention to applications. We intend that the coming Fat Stock Show shall surpass anything of the kind in the south, and there is a great deal to be done between now and March 24, the opening day. Once more I will say that those who have prospectors exhibitors will make their applications for space as early as possible and thus facilitate the work to that extent."

RANCHMAN SHOT THROUGH FOOT Duke Burgess Injured Near Saginaw Duke Burgess, a well known ranchman of this vicinity, is at the home of his mother, 711 East Belknap street, where he was brought Wednesday night by accident the injury received by accidental discharge of a gun on his ranch near Saginaw Wednesday afternoon.

Good Territory Season The territories almost send down to market every day stockmen, and it does not make any difference what territory or what part of either one they come from, they are ready to announce that their particular part is the very best. This fancy is a creditable one and speaks well for the people and land they dwell in. T. J. Fannill was not an exception to this general rule when he was discovered in Marion Sanson's office. "Oh, yes, we have had rain, but not enough to hurt anything; only a good season in the ground," he said, "and everything is going on as usual, and we expect to show up ahead of every part of the territories the coming year. Stock farming is becoming a great feature with us and as we raise lots of corn and cotton beside lots of roughness and have good grass, there can be doubt as to the success of the farmers' efforts. I am Texas born and am proud of it, and am also proud of Fort Worth, her stock yards, Stock Exchange and the rapid way in which she is rising to the chief place among the cities of the state. No, I have not brought anything in this time, but am only visiting and looking around for opportunities that are always turning up around the yards. I will probably be down during the Stock Show and from appearances will have a time looking over the fine animals that will be on exhibit."

Collin County Stock A. J. Allen of Collin county and a voter in the city of McKinney, was enjoying the conversation of his friends in the Fort Worth Stock Exchange and entertaining them with yarns about local Collin county. "I have nothing of special interest," he remarked to the reporter, "that would interest the readers of your paper at this time. Everybody knows how good Collin county is from a stock and agricultural point of view, and what good people live within her borders, so it is no use reiterating old stories. Everything is in good shape and our people are getting more and more into the notion that the best of everything is the best in the long run. The success of such men as Kirkpatrick and Singleton, in their present separate lines, has been of immense benefit to all of us and has created a county pride that compels all to endeavor to improve the standing of the county among the various counties and abroad. We will have the best if possible, but you can rely upon it that the man or men who carries off the first prize will know that he has a clearer head and felt better in every particular. My work was simply sport to what it was formerly."

Lightning Rods In this issue of the Stockman-Journal you will find the Lightning Rod advertisement of Dodd & Struthers of Des Moines, Iowa. This firm has done business in the north for several years and has completely routed the old faker. We have looked them up and find them reliable, and we do not hesitate to say to our readers that any one doing business with Dodd & Struthers will get an honest business deal, and everything will be as they represent it.

Sheep in Fine Condition Sheep are in extra fine condition in Southern New Mexico. From the ranch of J. H. Nations, in the western part of Socorro county, comes the word that conditions could not be better. There have been no losses in that district, as there have been in Northern New Mexico, especially along the line of the Rock Island, where deep snows continued for a long period.

The Indian Territory Sterling has returned from a trip into the territory Friday, where he had been to look over conditions. "I saw only one man and not a woman while I was gone," said he, "but I did see some good country, and some good cattle. I left the train at Ryan, where I was met by J. M. Lewis and driven over fifteen miles to his fine ranch. He has some 6,000 acres in his pasture and part of the best feed that they have up there. He also follows his cattle with hogs and makes a success of it. That is a fine country and, as they have had plenty of rain, they don't doubt but that this year will equal last in its productive possibilities."

Fort Worth Stock J. F. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth was

A. Harris & Co.'s Specials For Friday

Table listing various hogs and their prices: White Batiste Claire, 46-in. wide, worth 40c; Friday... 29c; White Batiste Claire, 32-in. wide, worth 25c; Friday... 16-2-30; White Saiting Linn, 32-in. wide, regular price, 25c; Friday... 18c; White Saiting Linn, 32-in. wide, regular price, 35c; Friday... 25c; White Saiting Linn, 39-in. wide, regular price, 50c; Friday... 39c.

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