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Dr. H. Guernsey Jones,

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Fort McKavett, Tex.

St. Louis wool buyers complain in no uncertain terms of the utter disregard of shippers in sorting their wools. Good, bad and indifferent, they say finds refuge in the same sack.

If you plant trees and shrubs in the fall the ground is still warm and the roots readily form their bed; but if you plant in the spring, the earth is cold and the roots are slow to "take hold."

Secretary Rusk says: "There is an increased interest in the production of mutton in the far west and of early lambs in the populous east, indications of progress that promise increase of profit in sheep husbandry."

According to Field and Farm Chicago is beginning to push out for the wool trade of Colorado and New Mexico, which has heretofore gone to St. Louis, Philadelphia and Boston. Chicago seems to understand the importance of properly and fairly classifying wool.

One of the oldest and most experienced sheep breeders and wool growers in Texas was asked recently to state what he regarded as the three worst curses to the business. The answer was "scab! scab! scab!!! If my sheep couldn't have scab, I wouldn't exchange them for any live stock I ever say. And for that matter, even subject to it as they are, I prefer them to either cattle or horses."

There are rams and rams, if you are judge of a good one, all right! Make your own selection and be willing to pay a fair price for him. But if you are not a judge get some one who is to select for you. You can better afford to pay \$50 for a ram worth that much money, than to pay \$5 for one worth twice that much. In other words the best is the cheapest in the long run.

A blush is defined by Dr. T. C. Minor as "a temporary erythema and calorific effluence of the physiognomy, originated by the perceptiveness of the censorious when in a predicament of unequilibrium from a sense of shame, anger or other cause, eventuating in a paralysis of the vasomotor capillaries, whereby, being divested of their elasticity, they are suffused with a radiant, aerated compound nutritive circulating liquid, emanating from an intimidated praecordia." "I would make anyone read in the face to repeat that sentence glibly and without hesitation.—St. Joe News.

Valley City, N.D., has a curiosity in horse flesh that is simply astonishing. He is a sorrel, stands fully nineteen hands high, or six feet four inches, from floor to withers; his legs are three feet six inches before touching the body, and a small bronco can easily walk under him. A man six feet in height can't see over his back, even when standing on tiptoe. In length he is full thirteen feet, or seventeen feet from tip of nose to tip of tail. When standing with his head as ordinarily checked up, a six-foot man, by standing on tiptoe, can just touch the base of the ear.—Indianapolis Journal.

Day by day Sonora becomes more prominent as a thriving goat-head town and the trading center of the Stockman's Paradise. Now we want a bank.

The Texas flockmaster can compete with the New England farmer on all parts of the ground when it comes to the mutton business. He can actually grow and fatten sheep in Texas and ship them even to Boston, sell them cheaper and make more money out of the transaction than the farmer who lives in sight of the "Hub." If the New England man is dissatisfied with this fact let him come to Texas where grass lands are still cheap.

Indications point to lively times on the Cherokee Strip. Contrary to the orders of the government, cattlemen have invaded the Strip, and it is said that over 150,000 head of cattle are now grazing there in violation of law. The treasurer of the Cherokee Nation has demanded \$1 per head for the privilege of grazing, which the cattlemen refuse to pay, and a fight between the cowboys and the Indian police is imminent.

The man who can make 120 bushels of corn grow on a piece of land that formerly raised but 40; the man who produces a cow that yields 10 pounds of butter where her predecessor produced but five; the man who raises a hog that weighs 400 pounds on the same feed that formerly produced only 200 pounds of pork; the man who raises a 2000 pound steer on the feed that formerly raised a scrub; the man who breeds a horse that trots a mile in 2:30, where the plug goes three miles an hour, is a human benefactor. He makes the road easy for others to follow, and puts millions upon the road to comfort and wealth.

The question of the fall market for range steers is bothering some people. The saying is that the unlocked-for is sure to happen, and, of course, the reading of the future is always a matter of great uncertainty. To my mind it seems clear that the late shipments of fat range cattle will sell well for the following reasons: First—After the corn crop has been made, a greatly increased demand will spring up for feeders. Second—There are comparatively few cattle on summer feed, and the best trade will have to be filled from the tops of grass cattle. Third—The range country north of the Arkansas river is short of beef, and by reason of a warm winter and good grass Eastern Montana will ship early, thus scattering market receipts to such an extent as to avoid excessive runs. Fourth—A very large percentage of the Colorado and Wyoming steers will be sold direct to Nebraska feeders without appearing at the great markets. Hence the late run will fall short in expectations and prices must of necessity improve. This improvement in values should continue up to such time as fat cattle can be turned off from the new corn crop.—Northwestern Live Stock Journal.

In selecting a stallion, says an exchange, first look at his legs; if they are not up the standard don't look any further at that horse, for a horse without legs is no horse. The legs should be large, flat, bony, free from flesh and pulls of any kind, not too straight at the pasterns nor yet set too far back—a fault with some draft horses. A good, sound foot, with the ability to lift it up and place it straight forward the proper distance, is a desideratum. Next, look at the back. It should be short, straight and closely coupled. Next, the head.—Requisites—broad between the eyes and ears; clear, mild eye, not showing much white; jaw thin. If the horse be full between the eyes, head sloping backward, and a narrow poll, that horse has no intelligence, and will breed that way. Shoulders should be large, sloping well back; wide rump; long hips, not punched up in a knot like your fist doubled up. Wide between the fore legs. Thin throat latch. Neck long and enlarging to the point where it is set on the shoulders. If he possesses the necessary individual merit, his breeding may be looked up. But though the horse had a pedigree a mile long, don't breed to him unless he has individual merit.

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Lost from Sonora on the 24th of May, 200 dry sheep, branded round top A. CAHS, SOWELL, Sonora.

\$1.00 a Head Reward,

for information as to the whereabouts of my sheep, branded 33 on loin, black brand, long wool. C. T. Covington, Westworth, Tex.

Lost Horses.

Lost from the Schleicher divide about 15th of April, one black horse fifteen hands high, branded 13 on jaw, 2 on left shoulder, also one brown pony 14 hands high branded 17 on left shoulder, 99 on left thigh. \$5 a head reward for their return to B. F. McDonald, June.

\$15 Reward.

Lost from about 12 miles below the Woodhall ranch on Rio Grande about the 15th of April, one sorrel horse, 15 hands high, blaze face, branded C with arrow through it on left shoulder. One bay horse 14 hands high, blaze face, branded RQ on right thigh. One black horse, 15 hands high, right hind foot white, branded AP (connected) on left shoulder. Will pay \$5 a head for their return to O. C. KING, Sonora, Tex.

Lost from the Middle Valley last September, one brown horse about 14 hands, branded on left hip AP (connected). One brown jenny branded O on jaw, 1 on shoulder, 23 on hip, with colt, was lost from McNeil pasture about the 10th of April. Will pay \$10 reward for their return to John Bryden, at J. M. Taylor's ranch.

Lost from Sonora about May 1st, one bay pony horse branded JUD on right shoulder and other brands, any information leading to his recovery will be liberally rewarded at this office.

Sheep branded + M or C, belong to the Huffman ranch, Devil's River. If you know where there are any in the above brands communicate with J. I. Huffman, San Angelo, or at the ranch.

FOR SALE.

For sale in lots to suit purchasers, 400 head of good stock horses. John L. Pinner, Menardville, Texas.

To the Public.

It is generally supposed that P. Hurst is part owner or in some way connected with Gus Batte's feed yard. Mr. Batte wants it distinctly understood that Mr. Hurst has no interest or connection with the yard and respectfully solicits his many friends and patrons to put up at his yard while in the city.

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