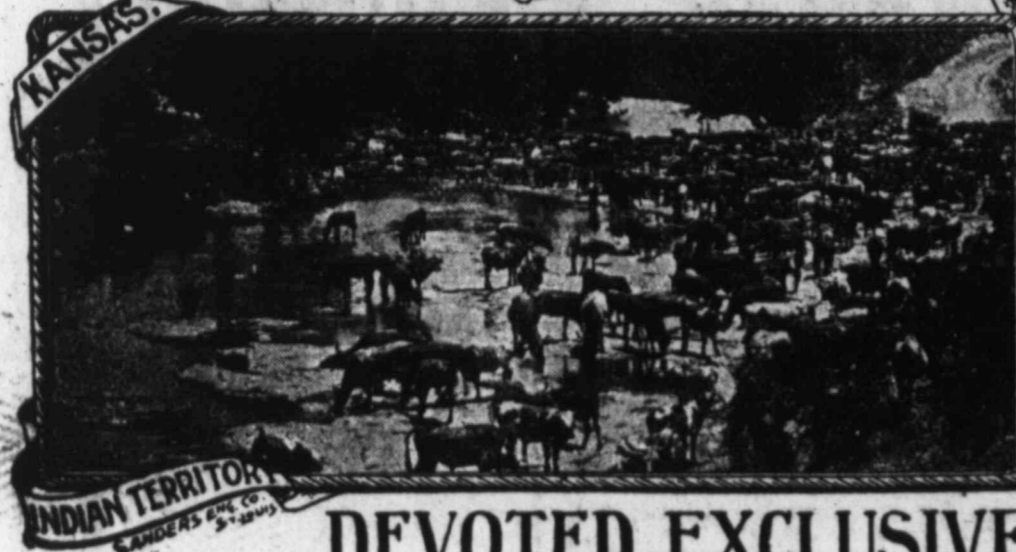


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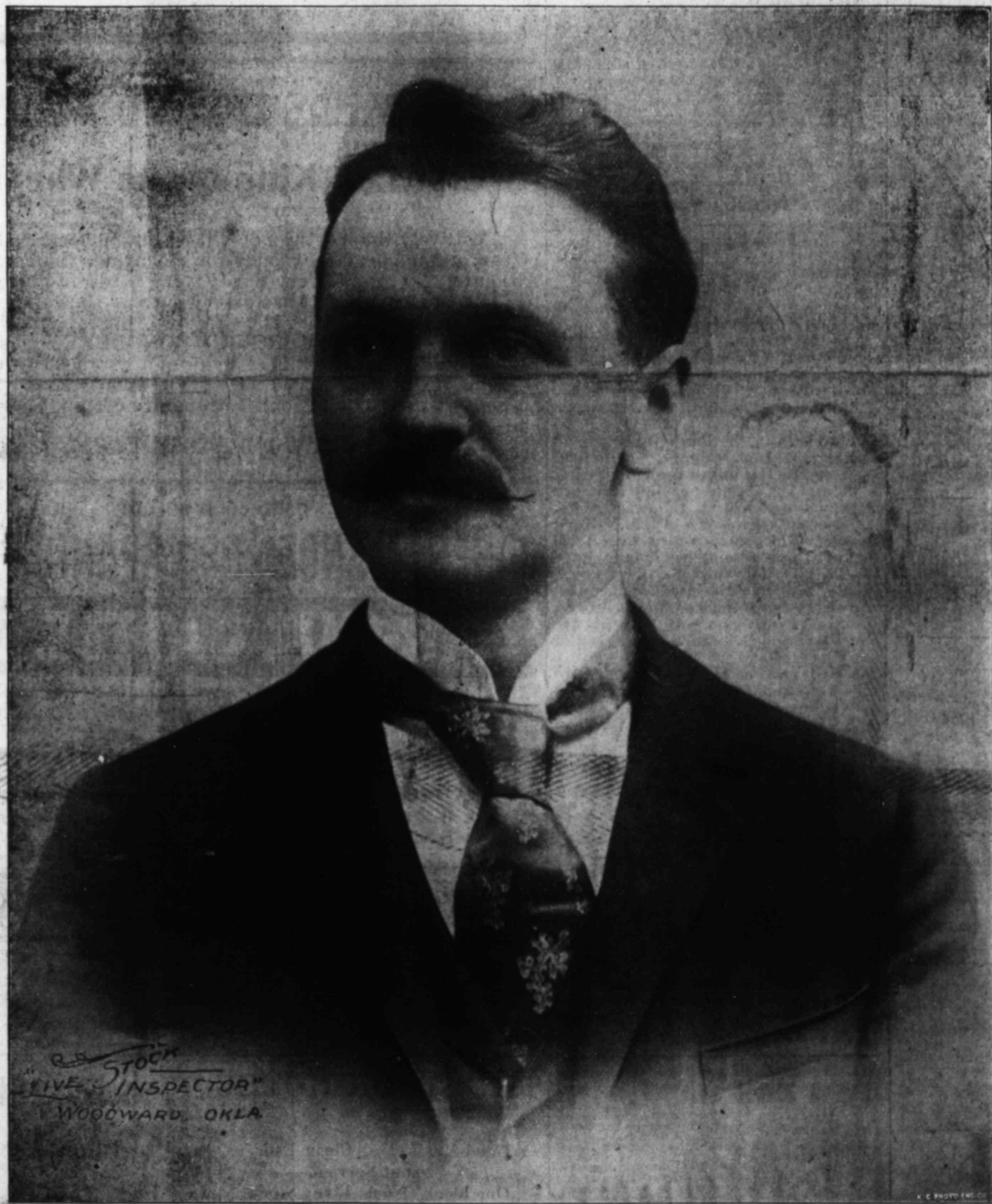
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President's Annual Address .

Oklahoma City, Feb. 21, 1904.
MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDS:

It is with diffidence that I assume the duties of president of an organization which is now ten years old and entering upon the 11th year of its existence. Especially is this true when it falls to my lot to succeed such an able man as our friend and comrade in the cattle business, Hon. Abner T. Wilson, who most of you know removed with his herds lost spring to pasture lands in the Dominion of Canada near Medicine Hat, and consequently is not with us as our president, a position he filled with such marked ability for many years.

My remarks will be brief and if the round up is not to your satisfaction remember that you are the herd boss of this ranch and are at liberty to call me down for what I may say. Prior to making any suggestions in regard to the matter which should come before this convention I will briefly touch upon the history of the organization up to the present time in order that others who are new members may form a more accurate estimate of the importance of the work in which we are engaged.

The Oklahoma Live Stock Association was a direct outgrowth of a voluntary organization of the cattle men of Woodward county during the first year of its settlement in the spring of 1894. This voluntary organization was begun by the members thereof in a concerted attempt to exterminate Lobo wolves from the range which were killing numbers of cattle and doing serious damage to the stockmen. At the first meeting of the cattlemen the matter of disposing of the wolves was agreed upon and a bounty offered for scalps. It was then suggested in addition to exterminating the wolves that an organization be formed to enable a county inspector to look after thieves and prevent shipments of stray cattle to the markets belonging to the members who were identified with the organization. At that time a series of depredations of this nature were being committed by a gang of thieves and it was almost impossible to stop them or catch the marauders. By unanimous consent a veteran cow-man by the name of N. S. Hudson was chosen first president of the organization and Col. Tom Word, another old timer on the range in Texas and eastern Oklahoma, was selected as Secretary with W. E. Bolton assistant secretary. Without having formed a constitution or by-laws these cattle men numbering twenty-eight then and there organized the Oklahoma Live Stock Association and each one present paid

in a liberal assessment toward defraying the expenses of an inspector to look after shipments and cut out cattle for the members who belonged to the association.

The following year a constitution and by-laws similar to that of the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas was adopted and new members by the score joined the organization. Negotiations were also begun with the Texas organization whereby the Oklahoma Association paid the salary of one inspector and placed him at the disposal of the Texas people for service at the yards in Kansas City; and in return the brand-book of Oklahoma Association was carried by all market inspectors of the Texas Association. This was not accomplished in one year, however, but as a majority of the members of the Oklahoma Association belonged to the older organization, their executive committees adopted the plan and for several years it was carried out successfully. In addition to the inspection thus afforded, the Oklahoma Association grew to such an extent that it maintained an inspection force of its own at each of the great markets for a time and also patrolled parts of the range country, thereby demonstrating its actual value in saving the cattle of the members of the organization to more than double its cost of operation.

Meantime, at the time of its organization there was not a single law on the statute books of Oklahoma giving protection to cattle men beyond the usual penal code of common larceny. By and through the efforts of this organization laws were enacted which imposed penalties upon stealing and provided for a system of state inspection by health officers and the publication of the brands of animals slaughtered, thereby affording general protection to all cattle owners of Oklahoma and contiguous territory. Also at this time an effort was made by the bureau of animal industry to establish a quarantine line across the North American continent restricting Texas or splenic fever from passing to the northward of this line, thereby creating what is known as the safe area of cattle raising and holding all cattle below the line as infected. This line left Oklahoma on its southern border but by means of an active organization promises were secured from the Governor of the territory, that laws would be enacted providing against violation of the line, and for this reason a part of Oklahoma was placed in the safe area, thus rendering its cattle more valuable as they had access to the open markets. The Oklahoma Live Stock Association carried on an active canvass

to this end and the laws providing for territorial quarantine line also provided for violation of the federal quarantine line, and so a Live Stock Sanitary Commission was created by law which has since been enabled through the co operation of the members of this organization to place the federal line far to the southward of where it was as drawn through Oklahoma. These are but a few of the important results achieved by the Oklahoma Live Stock Association in its tenth years history. At first its conventions were held twice each year under the name of the annual and semi-annual of the organization. Later experience proved that it was impossible to maintain the semi-annual meetings successfully and they were dropped and one annual convention was held. The tenth of its series is this one held at Oklahoma City on February 23, 24, and 25 of the present year. The first five annual meetings were held at the birth place of the organization at Woodward, Okla. until the attendance became so markedly increased that the little border town was unable to furnish accommodations for more than half those who attended. The sixth annual meeting was held at the city of El Reno, the seventh again at Woodward and the eighth at Wichita, Kans., and the ninth at Oklahoma City. This meeting now attracts several thousands of visitors in addition to its regular membership and a three days session is held consisting of Convention program exercises including the transaction of routine business organization in the forenoon and viewing exhibits of registered cattle and indulging in roping and riding contests in the afternoons. This year the exhibit of fine cattle is noticeable as it is the first organized effort that has been made to get together a fine lot of show stuff from the best breeding farms in Oklahoma and elsewhere. Also the fine cattle sales will be held at this time. The World's Championship with prizes of \$250.00 each will be awarded to the best roper and the best rider at Oklahoma City on Feb. 24, and 25th. A great military display in the form of a parade of U. S. cavalry will also occur during the Convention dates and a polo game between Kansas City and a crack team at Minco, I. T. These sports, together with the importance of the industry represented and the organization itself representing an ownership of cattle to the amount of over \$7,000,000 is calculated to draw an attendance of from fifteen to twenty thousand people to Oklahoma City on Convention dates. The range industry, while not on the same magnitude as before the western counties were taken up by settlers, is

still healthy and active and there is less loss by reason of disease and thieves than at any previous time in its history. Taking all this into consideration the Oklahoma Live Stock Association is unique in its character combining as it does the protection against infection from across the quarantine line and aiding its membership in various ways to secure a profit instead of a loss in the live stock business.

The importance of our annual meeting this year cannot be fully estimated at first glance. The past year has been replete with disaster to all producers of live stock whether on the range or in the feed lot, whether in the pastures or in the dairy herds of this country. Especially is this true in the counties of western Oklahoma where grazing is considered one of the chief industries of the range man and stock farmer. The greatest among the afflictions which have come upon us since our last meeting is the extremely low prices at the markets for all classes of cattle. Instances might be multiplied where a cattle owner after having fed and pastured good threes and fours for an entire year was unable to get first cost out of his investment when the cattle sold at the market to the packer. This condition of affairs has been so general that it leads conclusively to the presumption that we are facing the greatest problem which has ever confronted the industry. It is up to us now to either devise means and plans by perfected organization to supply meats directly to the consumer or accept the alternative of slavery to the packing trust. There is not a farmer in the West to-day who is engaged to any extent in raising cattle who is not simply a hired man with the packers in the capacity of his employers allowing him just sufficient to feed and clothe himself, and sometimes not that much, in return for his labor. How best to meet this condition of affairs is a subject for your discussion. Whether it is better to enact legislation which will curb the mercenary greed of the packers, or whether to more closely combine our efforts and enter into active co-operation by the erection of independent packing plants is a subject for thought and action. The former process would be slow; the latter process is a new and untried pathway and is full of difficulties. We meet here to-day as an association of cattle owners to discuss these questions for it is a well known principle that in a multitude of counsel there is safety and if there is a cow man present who is not in need of a savior to protect him from the packer's trust I want to form

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his acquaintance.

In connection with the foregoing the subject of return passes on shipments to market is one that interests every stock grower. I would suggest that some concerted action be taken whereby the Railways may be persuaded or force to issue return transportation to all shippers making shipments of two or more cars. Otherwise, the expense of marketing eats up the profits.

Another question which interests us as an association is to promote such legislation in the states of Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois where the great market centers are located as will best protect us from loss in shipment by thieves. The plan I recommend for your adoption is the appointment of a person or persons to co-operate with the Cattle Raisers Association of Texas and others in securing the enactment of the Nebraska law in the states of Kansas, Missouri, and Illinois which provides that commission men are personally liable if cattle are sold by them to any purchaser without having had same looked over by a Brand Inspector from the Association or state from which the cattle originated or for that matter by all the Brand Inspectors at said market. This action would increase the efficiency of brand protection and wholesale thieving would become almost a thing of the past with such a protection afforded to cattle raisers. Aside from this it would help every market where such a law was in force by becoming responsible in this manner.

Another question which is more pertinent to this Association is the discussion of some action in regard to the boundary lines of the present herd law boundary as fixed by statute. While this question may seem local in its character, to Beaver county only, yet it involves serious consideration by the membership of this organization. Nothing but fairness is asked by our membership who have so far made a fine record for the organization as men who are disposed to do right under all circumstances.

Constant and continued organization means much to every member of this Association. While the big ranches have been taken up by the settler, the quality and class of cattle raised in Oklahoma has been steadily advanced until they are a prime favorite with the buyers. Succeeding the big ranch herds are the stock farmers many of whom already belong to this Association and others will join. This condition affords encouragement for the future and with the proposed revision of the Constitution and By-laws to fit their needs, the Oklahoma Live Stock Association will continue to grow and fill its mission each year to the benefit of every member of the organization. I thank you.

Market Letter.

Special to LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR,
Kansas City, Mo.
Feb. 20, 1904.

Cattle receipts here this week aggregated 35,700 head, about 2,000 head less than last week. The general cattle market was the most satisfactory for many weeks, and was remarkable in that there was not a sin-

gle day when there was a decline of any kind, but each day enjoyed a strong healthy market. Of course the bull element is just now in the saddle, account of wars and rumors of wars. The proportion of dressed beef steers was heavier this week than any week for a long time and was fortunately met by a larger demand than usual. Packers were good buyers all week, and buyers on orders from Eastern slaughterers were more numerous than for several weeks. Dressed beef steers gained 10 to 20 cents, and the proportion of sales above \$4.75 to \$5 was much larger than recently, although top was \$5.25, same as last week. The lower edge of prices on fat steers was raised perceptibly. Cows and butcher stuff, bulls and veal calves all showed strength. Cows and heifers ranged from \$275 to 4.25. Canners and common stuff sold slow, as the season for such stuff is past.

Supply in Quarantine division was larger than it has been lately, but the steers, of which it was almost entirely made up were not very good quality, except in a few cases. Mr. Dave Hill of Chickasha, marketed a load of 1,254 pound black polled cattle Wednesday at \$4.45, and five loads of 1,322 pound steers same day at \$4.30. Otherwise sales have been mostly at \$3.65 to \$4, with exceptions both ways. Bull have sold strong at \$3 to \$3.50, cows at \$2.40 to \$3, with scattering sales, up to \$4.50. Quarantine market was in line with that in Native division and showed strength every day.

Hog market was shaky first few days of this week, but tendency was upward and prices have advanced 20 to 25 cents in past few days. Top price today \$5.47½, highest price paid here since October 28th last. Heavy hogs sell best, and bring today \$5.35 to \$5.47½.

JNO. M. HAZLETON,
Live Stock Correspondent.

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South St. Joseph, Mo. Feb. 23, 1904
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In spite of the fairly liberal marketing of hogs last week, prices were easily forced up 30 to 40c. by sellers and the packers seemed anxious for the hogs at the higher range of values. Buyers are still discriminating against the light weights, while they are eager for the heavy kinds.

The big end of last week's offerings in the sheep division were sent in by Colorado, with a slight increase from Missouri and a decrease from Nebraska and Kansas, as compared with of late. The demand continued strong from all of the buyers and sell-experienced no trouble in tacking on 15 to 25c. higher prices.

GUY FRIDLEY.

Dr. Hancher's Lecture.

We will venture to assert that the best lecture ever delivered in Woodward was that on "The Real Boy" given at the opera House, Monday night by Dr. John W. Hancher, President of the Iowa Wesleyan University. Dr. Hancher spoke most eloquently for an hour and thirty minutes holding his audience almost entranced by his magnetism and power. The frolicsome, fun-loving, mischievous boy was dealt with and not the ideal boy pictured in creations of fancy or fiction. He traced a typical American youth from his infancy in the cradle through his eventful boyhood and later on in his High School and College career pointing out the hardships, difficulties, and apparently unsurmountable obstacles which ever be-set the road to knowledge but arguing all the time, however, that the boy who has the courage, the back-bone, and the stay-with-it qualifies is the boy who finally wins and makes his mark in the world. An impassioned appeal was made to parents to look well to the laying of the foundation of a noble character on which all true success and greatness rests by installing into the growing youth the principles of industry, integrity and manhood.

The wealth of humor, pathos, and eloquence combined to make the lecture a treat such as the people of Woodward are seldom privileged to hear.

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This office has still on hand for sale at 10 cents each a few copies of the WOODWARD NEWS Special which will interest every one who has lived in or is thinking of making a home in Oklahoma. Regarding this Special edition the Kenton (Okla.) News

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Now that the land in Western Oklahoma has become valuable everybody is after it and contests are becoming more numerous which of course engenders more or less strife and hard feeling between friends and neighbors. —Higgins News.

The following Woodward citizens are in attendance at the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association at Oklahoma City: John J. Gerlach, Geo. W. Carr, A. H. Tandy and daughter, C. B. Alexander, Lige Roberts and wife, W. E. Bolton and Miss Laura B. Taylor.—Woodward News.

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Since that great business that was king in west Texas has come upon its sadder days, all agencies seem to have combined to make the dethronement take on the appearance of a dull thud. The grass growth is lacking in its spontaneity of other years, the seasons are unpropitious, the packers' graft is blasting; and now the railroads seem to think that shippers to market should walk back to the ranch. —Bill Edwards.

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Farm and Garden

Edited by an Oklahoma Farmer.

"There is no Chance, no Destiny, no Fate
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great.
All things give way before it soon or
late."

"Dollar wheat" was an actual fact on the Chicago Board of Trade Feb. 10th, being the highest price realized since 1898. Wheat cannot be grown with profit to the average farmer at a less figure. If, however, by deeper plowing and better general cultivation one acre could be made to produce what is now grown on three acres, wheat at 80c would be a paying proposition.

One of the important problems which confronts the farmer today is the wise and judicious marketing of his crops. It is pretty well understood by the average farmer how to produce good crops, and it is too often the case that he gives almost all his thought and energy to this production. If our farmers would realize how necessary it is to give some thought to the distributive side of farming, they would find their bank account increasing.

None of our Oklahoma farmers can afford to experiment with second class or inferior seeds—either for field or garden. Soil plays an important part, and cultivation counts for much, but all is in vain when questionable seed are used. Many people do not realize that there is just as much difference in thoroughbred and scrub

seed as there is in live stock.

Nothing indicates more clearly the tendency to better farming than the improvement of stock. In no way can this be better attained than by a good sire. The day of the scrub bull has passed. To be sure it costs to get a thoroughbred bull, but he means money to the owner.

There is no question but that forests have a great influence upon the climatic conditions of the country, and if trees are planted to any appreciable extent, they will aid in reclaiming this great country of the south-west. Recent investigation discloses the fact that even hedges or wind breaks exert a perceptible influence upon the atmosphere and moisture. Hedges and wind breaks are a protection to buildings, road ways and especially orchards.

Best Varieties.—Cotton wood trees make a rapid growth. Norway spruce is useful where they can be grown. Mulberry, Catalpa and Black Locust are adapted to western Oklahoma, Osage Orange, California Privet, Arbor Vitae and Box Elder form attractive hedges.

The more serviceable hot beds and those best adapted for late winter and early spring work are made largely below ground. The excavation may be two feet or more in depth, and lined with plank or boards from the bottom to one foot above ground and 18 inches for the higher side. If substantially made they will last for years. The large manure space made by the excavation gives long and steady

heat. And then too it is available for cold frames or storage beds when not otherwise in use.

Success with the hot bed depends largely upon the manure, both as to kind and handling. The best kind of course is grain fed horse droppings, and mixed with proportion of straw. This should be well protected before using. Rich sand or dry garden loam is the best soil to use, and a pint of air slacked lime thoroughly mixed with each bushel of soil will be beneficial.

One of the profitable side crops for boys and girls on a farm where there is running water is water cress. It requires little care and is in demand at all times. Cress can be cultivated in garden soil, however as there are some varieties adapted to this purpose, but they are hardly as tender as the water-grown varieties.

Sugar beets should be given a fair trial in this section of the country, especially in rich sandy soils. Until factories are placed near, the beet crop can be fed to cattle with profit.

Special attention should be given to the selection of machinery for use in the garden. Many firms are now placing on the market handy devices for the saving of labor, and it is not uncommon to see a dozen or more useful tools made from one piece of machinery by adding different attachments. A machine should be selected for the purpose needed and the greatest utility.

Importance of the World's Fair.

At this time, when what is called the "installation period" is under way at St. Louis, a definition of the new idea developed in universal expositions is especially timely. Such a definition has quite recently been given by probably the most competent authority. Mr. Frederick J. V. Skiff, the head of the exhibits division of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, is a veteran in world's fair work, which through the magnitude of the universal expositions of the last decade in reality has assumed the dignity of a profession. A world's fair has become so complex and immense an undertaking that it demands another army of specialists. Among these from any part of the world Mr. Skiff is undoubtedly the chief. The classification of the St. Louis World's Fair, which has been pronounced by experts to be the nearest perfect and most surpassing of anything of the sort ever attempted, is the work of Director Skiff.

In a recent public address on "The Universal Exposition an Encyclopedia

of Society" Mr. Skiff gave a very clear idea of the purpose of a universal exposition. He said:

"A modern universal exposition is a collection of the wisdom and achievements of the world for the inspection of the world for the study of its experts, by which they make comparisons and deductions and develop plans for future improvements and progress. Such a universal exposition might well be called an encyclopedia of society, and it contains in highly specialized array, society's words and works. It constitutes a classified, compact, indexed compendium (available for ready reference) of the achievements and ideas of society in all phases of its activity, extending to the most material as well as the most refined. It offers illustrations covering the full field of social performance, from the production of the shoes on our feet and the pavement beneath them to a presentation of the rarest and most delicate creations of the brains and hands of men in what are classified as the fine arts of civilization.

"The occasion for a World's Fair—a presentation of the productiveness of mankind at certain intervals of time—should not be ascribed to commonplace motives. It is part of the Great Plan. And just as the glacial flow left the eternal evidence of its tremendous momentum on the imperishable rocks, so these great Expositions leave their everlasting impression and vast influence on the progress of the ages and the development of the human race."

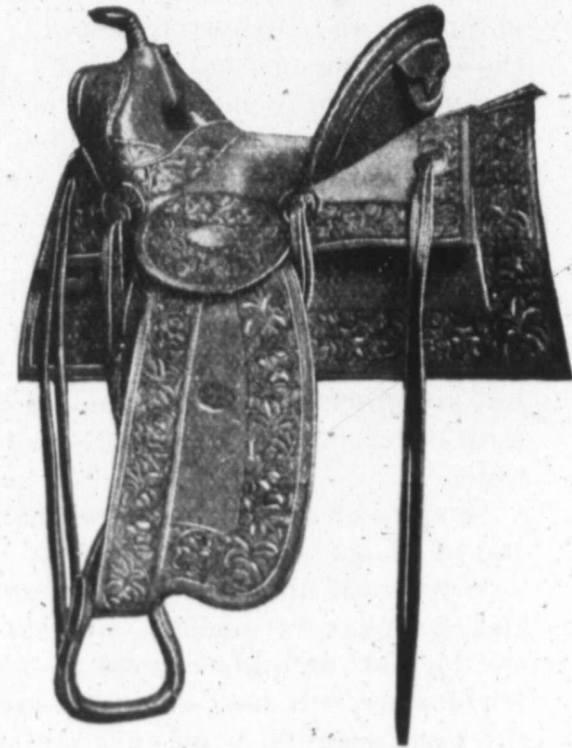
Every town has a liar or two, several smart alecs, some pretty girls, more loafers than it needs, a woman or two that tattles, an old fogey that the town would be better off without, men who stand on the corner and make remarks about women, a man who laughs an idiotic laugh every time he says anything, scores of men with the caboose of their trousers worn smooth as glass and men who can tell about other people's business, but have a dismal failure of their own.—Ex.

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Oklahoma.

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Oklahoma with its 38,830 square miles and its \$400,000,000 valuation merely represents the beginning of a great state. The production of two of the greatest cereals on earth—wheat and corn, is represented by 36,000,000 bushels of wheat and 65,000,000 bushels of corn. The commodities shipped into the territory would make a train over 250 miles long, and the products shipped out would make a train over 335 miles long. This is not taking into consideration the amount of stuff raised and consumed in the territory.

By comparison Oklahoma is as large as the combined area, of Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and New Jersey. According to the census of 1900, the population of Oklahoma was greater in proportion to area than that of 12 other states. Since that census was taken the population has doubled in numbers. Gov. Ferguson seems to be emphatic when he says, "Oklahoma is entitled to Statehood—entitled to it now."

Our Oklahoma with its \$400,000,000, the 650,000 American citizens, the seven Territorial Higher Institutions of learning, the various Sectarian colleges and schools, the 26,000 miles of rail road, the 232 territorial banks, the 79 National Banks, the 243 weekly news papers, the 304,713 horses, the 63,452 mules, the 1,036,662 cattle, the 35,231 sheep, the 234,218 swine, the 36,000,000 bushels of wheat, the 2,857 organized school districts, the 171,973 school children, the 2,915 school teachers, the thousands of bushels of potatoes, apples, peaches, pears and pums, the extensive dairying, poultry raising, truck gardening and the multitude of undeveloped resources serve as a very conservative estimate of Oklahoma's products at the close of her 14th year.

From the above statistics may be formed a basis upon which to reckon her great future.

Oklahoma was included in the Louisiana purchase consummated by Thomas Jefferson in 1803,—over 100 years ago.

While some of the states embraced in this great purchase have been growing all this century. Oklahoma has sprung up with such wonderful rapidity in so short space of time its record sounds very incredible to some of the people from the extreme eastern part of the continent. Oklahoma is divided into 26 counties, with a varying area of 333,000 square miles.

THE EMPIRE COUNTY.

Woodward county is second to the territory. It has 2,124,000 acres with a population of 17,163 (1902 enumeration) which has more than doubled since this report was made. This county is one of the greatest stock raising and agriculture counties in the territory. The precipitation has been of sufficient extent to insure good crops of wheat, oats and other small grain. Corn has done well, alfalfa and other forage crops have made excellent yields.

In former years the "long horn" cattle were permitted to run over the prairie, which at that time was considered to be unfit for anything else, but the large herds have been replaced by a better grade of cattle, though not so many in number.

Our winters are of a very short duration thereby rendering the feeding season very short. The grass after it has been frost bitten has been known to fatten stock. There are great evidences of better grades of cattle and other stock on every hand.

The Oklahoma Live Stock Association was founded in 1895 and primarily had for its object the protection of its members. It maintains a brand inspection and record, which proved of great value to stock raisers enabling them to identify their property when stolen. The influence of the organization is also brought to bear upon the maintenance of the Federal Quarantine Line both in and out of the territory and thus a large saving in values to stockmen result.

Woodward county occupies the north west corner of the territory except Beaver county which joins Woodward county on the west and extends to New Mexico.

WOODWARD CITY.

This is the county seat. It is also the birth place of the LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR, the official organ of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association. Woodward is to have water works in the near future to be owned by the city. The empire city of the north west part of the territory has a great future before her, being centrally located on the valley of the north Canadian River.

Governor Ferguson has notified the management of the Oklahoma Sanitarium in Norman that hereafter no chronic users of narcotics, imbeciles, etc., shall be treated at the expense of the territory. The maintenance of such patients must be borne by the counties from which they come, and under private contract with the sanitarium company. These patients have been sent in such large numbers in the last few months that not only was the cost heavy, but the sanitarium became greatly overcrowded.

A merry-go-round man at LaCrosse, Kan., got his leg caught in the cable of his machine. The crowd could hear the leg crack, as it was broken in several places. The machine was clogged and stopped, women fainted and men paled. The unfortunate man smiled wearily, wiggled around and unstrapped a wooden leg, and then announced cheerfully. "Get your tickets for the next ride."—Ex.

An encouraging bit of news comes from Chicago and is to the effect that the table glass trust is about to fail. Decreased profits resulting from the failure of the trust to crush out competition of independent manufacturers is said to have brought about the change.

It is said money talks but the success of a pecuniary enterprise frequently depends on the ability to keep perfectly still.

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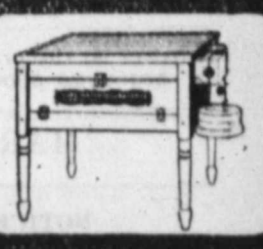
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J. B. Thoburn, member of the board of agriculture, has the following relative to Oklahoma's possibilities: "Horticulturally, it seems to me that Oklahoma is destined to occupy a unique position. In the phraseology of political geography, it is classed as a midland commonwealth. Biologically considered it is also a midland region. Here the habitats of the various forms of plant and animal life which are distinctive of the Atlantic slope region overlap those of many which are equally distinctive of what is termed the region of Mexican flora and fauna. This fact accounts for the profusion and variety of indigenous plant and animal life which characterized this region before the time of its settlement. Where, in a state of nature, droves of mustangs, herds of buffalo and bands of elk, deer and antelope were so numerous, it was safe to predict that the draft horse and the roadster, the beef steer and the dairy cow, together with goats and and sheep and swine, would thrive and grow into wealth upon the farms of a later date. That a region which supported countless flocks of wild turkeys, grouse, prairie chickens, partridges and quail would eventually be developed into an ideal section for the profitable production of poultry, went without saying so, too the horticulturist, who finds within the present limits of Oklahoma more than twenty species of trees, bushes and vines which bear edible fruits besides several species of nut bearing trees, need not fear being too venturesome in expressing a hope for great things in the way of horticultural development.

John F. Shaffroth, congressman from the 1st Colorado district whose seat was being contested, created quite a sensation on the floor of the house Monday by acknowledging that the examination of the ballots from his district disclosed fraud, a fraud to which he was not a party, yet by which he was declared elected. He exposed this fact and cleared the way

for the election committee to seat his opponent without further delay by formally relinquishing his seat. This is characteristic of the man. John F. Shaffroth has been a unique figure in Colorado politics for ten years, but it has been conceded even by his bitterest opponents that he was honest in his advocacy of purified politics. Would that we had more politicians of the Shaffroth brand.

The Alva Pioneer issued a souvenir edition recently that was one of the best we have ever seen. It is of the same size of the News edition but contains more pages, there being nearly a hundred. The edition contains many interesting writeups of Alva and vicinity and some valuable early history and scenes of the strip. The book is filled with pictures of Alva's business houses and prominent people and also contains a large number of the residences of that city. The Normal is not forgotten, there being many fine pictures pertaining to that famous institution. Altogether the edition is one that any print shop may be proud of.

We are in receipt of a card from the advertising firm of Lord & Thomas announcing the retirement on February 1, 1904 of the senior member of the firm, Mr. D. M. Lord. This is in accordance with a promise Mr. Lord made to himself twenty-five years ago that he would retire when he attained the age of sixty. The firm has built up an immense advertising business and Mr. Lord leaves it with a rich competence for his declining years.

Judge J. R. Dean, of Woodward, accompanied by young McCance, of Persimmon, was in Cestos yesterday. They went to Lepora from here. The Judge is a wheel horse among the democrats of western Oklahoma, and is inclined to believe that the democrats will ride in the governmental band wagon during the next four years.—Cestos Reporter.

Beaver county was raising garden seeds for D. M. Ferry & Co. almost before Oklahoma was opened to settlement. This year Beaver county farmers will have an opportunity to raise cantaloupes. An Indiana firm has offered to contract for five or ten acre fields, and pay seventy-five cents a hundred for cantaloupes delivered at Gaymon.

The political upheaval in Kansas has made many an aspirant for office pause and examine his back track to see if it ever mingled with that of the deposed machine. If it has, he quietly smother his ambition and joins the ranks of the triumphant host and crowds as close to the band wagon as possible.

Have you signed the pledge? The dog killing pledge, whereby every citizen of Mooreland is obliged to kill a dog. A committee of thirty will be appointed to kill the canines that remain alive on the streets after is fulfilled. Sharpen up your sausage grinders.—Mooreland Leader.

A man wrote to the editor of a

paper and said: "Can you tell me what is the matter with my hens? Every morning I go in the barnyard I find two or three on their backs never to rise again." The editor in reply said: "Your hens are dead."

Simmons Bros. report the sale of a School Section in the north part of the county to W. A. Glazier, of Kingfisher county, Okla. Mr. Glazier will take possession at once and will bring a good bunch of cattle to put on the land.

C. S. Burt who has been in the furniture business in this city for years past, sold his place of business and is loading a car with household goods to ship to Winfield, Kan., where he expects to engage in business.

It would be a little more interesting to Oklahomans if our government officials would ring off on the Panama question a little while and consider the importance of admitting Oklahoma into statehood.

A western editor has been killed recently for telling the truth. If all editors would tell the truth about what they know there would soon be a large increase of strange faces in the hereafter.

The Clinton Chronicle man has evidently been going home late. He thus exposes himself; When you attempt to strike a match in the dark the head is always on the other end.

The probate judge of Hobart has reduced his marriage fee to one dollar and the ceremony of marriage free in order to give old maids a chance to take advantage of leap year.

Mrs. Geo. W. Carr, of Stone is in town awaiting the home-coming of her husband who is attending the meeting of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association at Oklahoma City.

Rail road talk is plenty in every direction and it is likely that Woodward county and town will have several more lines through before this time next year.

Joseph Hunter is again able to be about but is not doing any active work. He had a severe siege but made his friends happy by pulling through safely.

While the packers are forcing the price of cattle down, they are forcing many people out of business and soon the shortage will tell on the supply.—Cimarron News

A citizen pardon has been issued to Charles White, convicted of grand larceny from this county last year. He will be discharged March 18th.

At Nardin a man fell to the floor unconscious while eating breakfast. The name of the health food he was eating was not exposed.

Willard Word, an old timer and prominent stock man in this vicinity, but now of Day county was in town

Wednesday.

Arbor Day Proclamation.

A tree is a true friend—"A thing of beauty and a joy forever." From time immemorial trees have ministered to the wants of man with delicious fruits for food and kindly protection against the force of the sweeping storm; and beneath their friendly branches the wayfarer has ever gratefully reposed in shady arbors, secure from the scorching rays of the midday sun.

He who does not love trees is devoid of some of the higher attributes and "Hath no poetry in his soul." His ideal of the beautiful is false and his conception of the sublime is imperfect. To be unable to interpret the language of the forest is to be unlearned in Nature's most fascinating lore.

There is poetry in the green wood. What can be more inspiring than the music of the forest. Earth never had melody sweeter than the notes chanted by the spirit of nature amid the opening of buds and spreading of leaves in spring, or the soothing songs heard among the leafy bowers and sylvan shades of summer time. It is a music which may not always be perceptible to the ear, but is felt in the heart and heard in the soul.

The American forests were once the pride of our country, but the destroyer has been abroad in the land. With ruthless hand he has devastated our hills and valleys and robbed them of much of their beauty, never mindful of the fact that the hand that fells a tree destroys in an hour an object of beauty and usefulness which in its nature and development has possibly required the handiwork of Nature for centuries. The wanton destruction of our forests has almost been a national folly.

Then let us make amends for the mistakes of the past by planting trees that will stand for us as living monuments in the future, and by so doing beautify the land and make glad the land in which we live.

In accordance with law, I, Thompson B. Ferguson, Governor of the Territory of Oklahoma, do proclaim **FRIDAY, MARCH EIGHTEENTH, ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FOUR, AS ARBOR DAY.**

I respectfully recommend that trees be planted upon the farm, by the roadside, and in village, town and city.

It is especially suggested that teachers and pupils in our public schools devote some portion of this day to the planting of trees and appropriate exercises that will impress upon the mind not only an ideal of the beautiful in Nature, but also of the useful.

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the territory to be affixed, at Guthrie, this Fifteenth day of February, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Four.

(SEAL) T. B. FERGUSON, Governor.
WILLIAM GRIMES, Secretary.

Speltz a Good Dry Weather Crop.

Editor Mail and Breeze:

In The Mail and Breeze of January 23 I notice an inquiry regarding the growing of speltz and request that someone that had tried it should give

his experience. I sowed two acres last year which yield at the rate of 75 bushels per acre and it was on very high land at that. Oats right beside it made 35 per acre. In my opinion too much cannot be said in its praise. I think that on rich soil it would make 100 bushels per acre with favorable weather; that is rather dry weather, for it seem to grow better in dry weather. That which I sowed last spring grew very slowly as long as it was wet, but the drier it got the more it flourished.

As a feed I like it better than corn, oats or barley and my hogs will eat it more readily than any of the above named grains. I intend to sow about 20 acres of it this spring and I think within the next three years it will be the principal small grain crop of the West. I am not praising it up because I have some of the seed to sell, for I have not, but because I think that everyone who sows it will be benefited by so doing.

Should any of the readers of your paper wish to make any inquiry of me I will be pleased to answer any questions about it that I can if they address me, including a 2-cent stamp for answer. I will sow almost two bushels per acre this year. Last year I sowed one bushel per acre, and it was too thin, though it will stool greatly and will make more straw than wheat and cattle will eat it as readily as millet and seem to do well on it.

GEORGE W. CROOKS,
Owner Lillievale Herd of Poland Chinas
Bodaville, Kans.

Home Steaders Should Read This.

The register and receiver of the Alva land office at this place have just received a circular from the general land office at Washington, D. C., which provides that in proof hereafter taken before any officer other than the register and receiver, the special agent of the district must be informed of said application so that he may if he so deems it advisable investigate the matter and act in unison with the register and receiver in approving the proof.

This will obviously cause much delay to those whose who make proof before anyone other than the register and receiver. Proof may be made before those officers the same as heretofore, but the register and receiver are advised to scrutinize each proof carefully and refer the matter to the special agent whenever they have any reason to think the proof improper, or believe that any fraud is being attempted. The U. S. commissioners of the district have been notified of the contents of the circular so far as it refers to them and have also been instructed to notify all persons making application before them to make final proof of the probable delay in making the same if made before said commissioners. This information is given the press of the district in order that the homesteader may know what the new regulations are in regard to making final proof.—Alva Review.

M. E. Church Dedication.

The Woodward M. E. church was dedicated Sunday, Feb. 21, the dedica-

tory services being performed by Dr. John W. Hancher President of the Iowa Wesleyan University. The church has been built about four years but owing to the fact that a small encumbrance had remained unpaid up to this time had never been publicly dedicated.

At the close of the sermon by Dr. Hancher, which might almost be considered a classic, the announcement was made that \$453.00 would be required to liquidate the debt. An ingenious system of figures had been placed upon the black-board representing varying amounts from \$25.00 down to \$1, the total of which equalled the necessary \$453. Subscriptions were then asked for to cover these separate amounts and as fast as they were made the figures representing such amounts were cancelled so that when the cancellation was completed the money had been raised. The audience by their liberality not only succeeded in wiping out the debt but raised an extra fund amounting to nearly \$40. This, together with the collection of the evening, swelled the sum total for the day to practically \$500.

The church feels the weight of a great burden lifted and will now be in a position to do more effective work for the community than ever before.

Location in Oklahoma Wanted.

The Frisco System Land and Immigration Association is already turning its share of the southwestern tide of immigration to Oklahoma.

Three hundred and fifty agents of this Association from the East and North have just completed a tour of the south-west and viewed its resources and interviewed its landowners and local Association agents, for the sole purpose of better presenting Oklahoma opportunities to the homeseeker and investor in the older states.

This Association is the most efficient of its kind in existence, and has agents everywhere in the United States. If you wish to sell your farm, town or other property, or if you desire capital for factories, mercantile establishments, or any of the industries, please address R. S. LEMON, Secretary Immigration Bureau, Dept. A. Frisco Building, Saint Louis, Mo.

S. A. HUGHES,
General Immigration Agent.

Shipment of Live Stock.

The action of the Louisiana Railroad Commission in regard to return passes with live stock shipments is attracting favorable comment in local traffic circles. The Louisiana Commission had a general hearing at Baton Rouge on January 26 and decided to grant the request of the State railroads to abolish the return pass with stock shipments. The findings of the commission on the subject are of interest:

1. That the privilege is often abused, the return passes being scalped and are seldom used by the parties to whom originally issued.
2. That the presence of attendant is not generally necessary.
3. That the request of the railroads is reasonable and is granted.

It may be mentioned in this connection that this is in accordance with the rules regulating interstate live stock shipments.

Mutual P. O. Burns.

Word came over the wire early on the morning of the 19th that the Mutual Post Office had just burned to the ground. Live coals dropping from the stove to the floor started the fire which soon grew to proportions entirely beyond control.

Postmaster Van Duesen had just put in a large stock of goods, which, with the exception one barrel of coal oil, was totally destroyed. The mails were also burned and other than the books and records of the office the whole thing is a blank.

The loss is estimated at \$7000 covered by only about \$2500 insurance.

Alfalfa is gaining in favor with the Cimarron ranchman. He is just beginning to see the profit in the crop. While the hay returns a handsome profit, the growing of the plant for the seed, is one of the most profitable features. Jack Potter and others are planning to get a huller next season and save one crop of seed. The soil of the valley is a wonderful producer of seed, which is attested each year by the heavily seeded weed patches. With a thresher here one crop of seed can be grown and two crops of hay. The threshed straw is nearly as valuable to feed as hay. Alfalfa as a rule yields an average of five or six bushels of seed to the acre. Sometimes it runs down of a poor year at as low as two bushels and of good years sometimes goes as high as fifteen bushels per acre. The demand for seed is increasing every year and it is hard to get the seed when wanted even at the high prices of the past three years. It will pay those having alfalfa to throw in together and buy a huller and help supply the seed demand and at the same time pay for the land each year with the seed crop. It is nice to have a bank account and there is no successful alfalfa grower that need be without one. You can make money on alfalfa and blow it in on cattle if you are built that way.—Kenton, (Okla.) News.

Mr. Wood Resigns.

There is a change in official circles that came as a surprise. Charles H. Woods, assistant attorney general, has resigned to become a law partner with Henry Asp as general counsel for the Santa Fe in Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. George M. Green a prominent young attorney of this city, will also be a member of this firm, as Asp, Woods & Green. J. R. Cottingham who has been Asp's law partner for many years, withdraws from the firm no reason being given. It is understood however that Cottingham asked for an increase in salary from the Santa Fe and was turned down.

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Advice to Young Men.

Young men of Woodward county, an old man all along lifes rugged, thorny way, filled with pit falls and snares, wants to talk to you and give you some good advice. Will you listen to him and heed his words? God grant that you may. I know full well that scores of young men of the present day think they are much smarter and know better what is for their good than the old do. Let me tell you that right here is the rock in the ocean of life upon which all the future prospects of many a young man have been wrecked—the rock of self conceit. The apostle Paul says, "He that thinketh himself something when he is nothing deceiveth himself". When a young man just entering manhood, imagines that he is all of it, and that he knows it all, and nine times out of ten you may set it down that that young man's life will be a failure. Then what is the lesson for you to draw from this? I answer humanity, humbleness of mind and life. Be ever ready to listen to those older than yourself when they would tell you the path in which to walk that you may become great, noble and good. Don't think you are wiser than every body else. Be ever ready to listen and learn. None of us are too old to learn some thing every day of our lives. I am sixty-seven and yet I learn something almost every day either by reading or hearing someone talk. This is an important step for every young man to take viz: readiness and anxiety to learn. Another thing is of vast importance to you. Keep good company or keep none. The old adage says "A man is known by the company he keeps," and again "Tell me the company you keep and I will tell you what you are." Nothing can be more true. If you cannot find associates of high and noble character far better to have none. But you will not be without associates. The true, noble and good will gather around you and you will have a host of friends. You are forming a character upon the very verge of manhood and upon the step you take, will depend your weal or woe. Society will judge you by your every day life. Shun the company of the vile, the low and profane. Have a high standard set and with all your powers strive to attain it.

The Psalmist David says "Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly; nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But he shall be like a tree planted by the river of water, his leaf shall not wither and whatever he doeth shall prosper." Let this be said of you. Take a firm stand for the right and with your feet planted upon Gods blessed word stand as immovable as the mountainss. Think deeply over these thing. Ponder them well and take the path of duty. Notwithstanding the world may scoff, God and the pure and good will approve your action. But enough. I will tell you more next week.

DANIEL T. ROSE.

Dancing.

It seems that our communication on the evil effects of dancing upon the minds of the young in a recent issue of the NEWS has ruffled the feathers of some of the advocates of dancing and as we predicted we have been severely criticised by some and ridiculed by them for our belief and this too, in the presence of children whose minds this baneful, soul destroying sin is rendering unfit for anything of a higher and purer nature.

Now we wish to say to all who criticise us or ridicule our opinion, that we stand with our feet firmly planted upon the Rock of Eternal Ages and upon the blessed word of God and here we will stand and continue to fight evil in all its forms so long as God gives us breath.

Another time if you oppose our views meet us in a fair argument through the public press which is always open, we believe, to the discussion of any question affecting the public good, and if you have any proof to offer in defense of your position, present it in a respectful way and do not resort to ridicule and abuse, for such a course only proves that you have a weak cause and that you are ashamed to attempt its defense.

The question seems to be and in fact is, "Is dancing sin, and are its effects evil, destructive and antagonistic to good thoughts and deeds and high and noble aims upon the minds of the young?" We say it is and stand ready to defend and prove our position. Now if you have any reasonable arguments upon which to found your faith? We read in St Peter that if we cannot give a reason for the faith that is in us, then are we of all men the

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most miserable.

We say dancing is destructive for all that is pure, noble and good upon the minds of the young. There is about it a fascinating influence which tends to lead the minds of the young away from every thought of preparing themselves for lifes duties. We have already noted the fact which no sane person can deny that education is neglected or looked upon as a thing not worth possessing and even if they are in school at all, they are unfitted for its duties, for all their thoughts are about the dance last night or to-night. The result is their school days pass and they, thousands of them, enter upon lifes arena with but a smattering of education, whereas if the parents had but been faithful in the duty of training their children, they might enter manhood and womanhood with their minds filled with useful knowledge and qualified to fill any station in life.

Now disprove our position if you can by any fair, reasonable argument. But its effects reach far beyond all this, yes even into the eternal destiny of the rising generation. But of this we cannot speak now, as space forbids.

We believe this subject should be discussed through the public press so that those parents having children to train may be awakened to a sense of the duty God has made binding upon them.

Should the kind editor of the dear old NEWS give us space, we wish to present many serious thoughts for the consideration of fathers and mothers of Woodward county. **UNCLE BOB.**

Tom McNeal on Bill White.

The Cow-puncher editor of the Kansas Mail and Breeze rounds up a brother editor as follows:

Old Bill White of the Emporia Gazette is out with an explanation of how it all came about—we mean this political revolution.

Bill sloshes round in his usual picturesque and promiscuous way and as usual is only consistent in his general

inconsistency. The only way in which Bill is consistent is that he is uniformly inconsistent. When Bill writes he obeys the Scriptures in that he letteth not his right know what his left hand doeth. In his mental acrobatics he reminds us of a new skater. One foot is liable to start off in the direction of the north pole and the other toward the land of cotton, while he sits down violently on the ice to wait for his underpinning to come round. He also reminds us somewhat of a clock owned by a friend of ours of which our friend was quite proud. He said that few people understood that clock but he did; he said that when the hour hand pointed at the figure 2 and the minute hand at the figure 8 and the blamed thing struck 6 he knew that it was just 20 minutes after 4.

We once said that it seemed to us Bill had less political acumen than a cottontail rabbit. Since then in reading what Bill has had to say we have often felt that we owed an apology to the rabbit. Nevertheless we like Bill. He possesses vast funds of misinformation, but he is mighty interesting fat rooster, and we don't see how anybody could harbor ill will toward him. We always like to read what he has to say. It is always interesting whether there is any sense in it or not.

Territorial Grain Inspector, Jackman, has just completed a trip of inspection over the Territory. In regard to the wheat crop of 1904 he said: "The rains of the past week and the light snow which has been general over the territory will bring the wheat out well and make good pasturing. The dry weather did not injure the wheat in the least except in localities, and then not seriously. Its growth was somewhat retarded, but in no wise hurt. Farmers of Oklahoma can look forward to the greatest wheat yield for 1904 ever experienced in the territory, in my opinion.

It is said that two crops of hay and one crop of seed can be taken from an alfalfa field, and that the straw that is left after the seed is threshed out is nearly as good feed as the hay. Some of the alfalfa raisers are figuring on handling the crop in this way, as the seed is hard to obtain and the demand for it is increasing every year. In an ordinary year alfalfa will make an average yield of five or six bushels of seed to the acre, and while it may in a poor year go as low as two bushels, in a good year it will sometimes go as high as fifteen bushels to the acre.

Geo. Gerlach, of the Gerlach Hopkins Mer, Co., is up from Canadian, Texas.



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Sure Thing, Now!

Read what El Fenix, published at Clayton, New Mexico, has to say about the proposed line of the Santa Fe, which will place Woodward on the through California main line of the road:

"Se rumora en las oficinas principales en Chicago, de la compania ferrea del Santa Fe, de construir en el muy serance futuro una linea de Caracuse Kansas, pasando, por Clayton para Albuquerque. El principal objeto es evadir las montanas de Raton y Glorieta. La compania de mineros cuya corporacion fue recientemente organizada y se ra publicada en esta redacion en unos dias, esta muy animada por esa impresa del Santa Fe que probablemente cruzara por la mina de cobre citada 20 millas al norte de esta plaza. El mineral ensavado de esas minas es el mas rico conocido e indudablemente esta ademas de muchas otras razones inducen al Santa Fe de construir su linea y esta ordenado a reagrimensar para tocar esto plaza."

MORE RAILROAD TALK.

A dispatch from Guthrie says the route for the Santa Fe extension from Woodward to Weatherford is being selected by Directors John Morrison and W. D. Cardwell and Civil Engineer McCarthy of the company recently chartered to build the line. During the past week they visited the towns of Taloga, Seiling and Lenora in Dewey county and made propositions to the citizens to build through that locality. They were received with great enthusiasm. We also get information that the Missouri Pacific people have appeared on the scene with a proposition to the citizens of Seiling and other towns and it is quite likely it will not want to build over the same route as the above proposed Santa Fe branch, as its proposed line comes in from Kansas and goes southwest. It is highly probable that out of so many schemes, at least one railroad will be built to some of the towns on the Dewey county line.

For some years Opal has been known as an imaginary point on the Santa Fe railroad, eleven miles south of Fort Supply. It is surrounded by good farming county, and recently the farmers made a request that the Santa Fe put in a switch at that point for their convenience in loading and shipping stock and farm products. The Santa Fe granted the request and has the siding almost completed. Then a town was planned, and so favorable did the prospects seem that the business men of Tandy, a few miles east, concluded to move to the new station. It is only twelve miles from Supply, and the wagon road between the two points is so much better than to other points that it will be but a short time most of supplies for the stores here will unload at Opal, and the new telephone company expects to run a line down there. Then there may be something more important develop pretty soon. Monday of this week a gentleman came out from Woodward with a proposition from a Topeka firm to build an electric road from Opal to Supply. He received the necessary encouragement and a survey will be made in a short

time. Just keep your eye on Supply and Opal during the next twelve months and you will see something doing.

Woodward had a touch of the race problem last week. Jno. Featherstone, a negro mortar mixer belonging to the Hod Carriers Union of Pueblo Colo., was employed at his trade on the new Post Office Building. His presence here provoked the wrath of several white men who made "talks" until they scared him into leaving town next day. He was a good man to work and did not "soldier" for a moment, but on account of the color of his skin was compelled to move on, although he was an expert master of his trade. This action places Woodward in the list of Oklahoma Cities wherein no negro is allowed to live. It is also a knock against cheap labor, thereby causing men to stop and think before investing in modern buildings.

A special dispatch Monday to the State Capital from Lawton announces that arrangements have been made with the officials of the Colorado Oklahoma and Southeastern railroad by which Lawton is to secure the line, and the officials stated positively that work would begin on the line in twenty or thirty days. This line is chartered from Denver, Colo. to Dennison Tex., and the division between Supply and Weatherford is to be constructed this season. We seen a private letter from one of the directors yesterday to a citizen here, and while it was not intended for publication, stated that work would commence on this division in a short time from both ends. We consider this the most encouraging railroad news we have received this winter.

Through the efforts of W. T. Cooley Quinlan now has one of the strongest banks located here that there is in the west. Tuesday John A. Buckles and E. E. Hall of the Cherokee National bank of Enid, and Mr. West of the Bank of Aline, arrived in the city to look over the banking situation, with the result that the Bank of Quinlan was organized with a capital of \$25000 and the charter and fixtures of the Curtis State bank were bought and will be moved here at once. The bank will be located on the Northwest corner of the square as soon as the building can be put up. Score one more for Quinlan.

The following is clipped from the Hunter Enterprise: "A young man, so the story goes, had a sister named Jessie, who was sent to a fashionable boarding school. When she went he remarked that she would not acquire any affections often learned at such places. For about a year he had no fault to find on that score. Then came a letter signed "Jessica" instead of Jessie. He replied as follows: "Your welcome letter received, Papica and Mamica are well, Aunt Maryica and Georgica started to California yesterday. I bought a new horsica. It is a beautica. Its name is Sannica. Your affectionate brother, Sannica."

The farmers south and west of town say that oat sowing is now the order of the day.



SUDDENLY.

No time for a last farewell,
No time for the shock of fear,
Scarcely a moment's halt on the shore,
With the guide and the boatman near
Dear how surprised you were to go,
With nothing to suffer, little to know.
Only a moment of dark,
A dream of the fleeting night,
And then the beautiful break of day
And the quiet peace of the light,
And you found yourself, where you
longed to stand,
In the calm repose of the Fatherland.
Did they know you were coming—they
Who had won in the race for home?
Had they heard that the Lord had sent
The message for you to come?
Perhaps to the friends whom you loved
was given
The joy to make you at home in
Heaven
But I know that you would not wait
So near to the King of Grace
Until you had gained your heart's
desire—
To look on your Savior's face.
Ah, Victor! whose triumphs were
nobly won!
There was no delay in his kind "Well
done!"
You had learned your lessons in pain,
There was nothing to fear at last,
Dear, I am very glad for you
That all the trouble is past,
And I would that as swiftly and silently
Some day the summons might come
to me.

—MARIANNE FARNINGHAM.

WHEN MOTHER WENT TO GUTHRIE.

Mother was going to Guthrie. She had been elected to go as a delegate from some sort of club she belongs to here, to some sort of bigger club down there.

Mother asked pa if she might go. Then she asked me if I cared. Then she asked all the other children what they thought about it.

Pa said, "Go, of course. You have not gone anywhere that I can remember of since we were married." I said, "Yes, go, mother. I don't believe you've been away anywhere since I was born." All the other children said, "Do go, mother! What a good time we will have visiting among the neighbors!"

Mother looked dubious. "Really, I would better stay at home," she said. "Go, mother, go!" we cried in chorus. "We will all be good and not do a thing we shouldn't while you are gone."

Then she began to get ready. She had two weeks in which to make her preparations. The first week she sewed day and night. Not for herself did she sew, however. Mother has

plenty of clothes, good ones too, and sufficiently stylish, but she hardly ever wears them.

It was for the rest of us she sewed. "What if some of you should take sick while I am away?" she said in a tone that silenced us when we remonstrated. "Think of the extra night-robes, underclothing and bed linen and so on, that would be needed, and I not here to manage. I had meant to replenish the children's wardrobes all this winter, anyhow, but have put off doing it, and now is as good a time as any to rush it through. The boy's new waist will not come amiss, and the girls will not run short of clean frocks now."

(I omitted to state that mother was going to be absent only four days.)

Pa said, "I hope, mother, you won't overdo, getting ready, and be too tired out to go when the time comes. That would be just like you, though." We children said, "Don't worry about fixing things for us, mother dear. We are as healthy as pigs, and it won't hurt us a bit to live like them for the few days you're not here. It will be jolly fun for us to wear soiled garments and not have to comb our hair every morning, and eat canned goods every meal!"

Mother said, "Pa, don't you forget to go to the store and have that bolt of canton flannel sent out to me, and the gray velvet for piping the girls' new wool dresses. And children, run out and play, for I don't want to be bothered while I cut this new sleeve for the baby's cloak."

I said she sewed a week. Well, it was a week and five days and till midnight every night. The patching, darning, re-binding, reviewing and renovating generally which went on between amounted to a whole lot. But mother never seemed tired or sleepy or cross. She was good-humored with all of us and gay as a lark while she worked by her self,—she was so glad over her trip to Guthrie.

After putting all our clothes in apple pie order and placing hers just where they'd be handy to pack in her grip, she took me three times over the house to show me just where everything was, so I could lay my hands instantly on any article in the event of guests or sudden illness.

She washed, part of one day; and ironed, most of that night. She would do it, though pa said it wasn't necessary and helped her as well as he could. (But pa's mother didn't bring him up doing housework and what he does is not altogether as helpful as he aims it to be.) The day mother washed she scrubbed the floor and scoured all the tins and polished the silver and she did a thousand other little things in the clearing up line—such as scouring the slop-bucket and sweeping the back yard—things she said she'd hate awfully to have undone if any of us were to die and the neighbors have to go through the house, or Aunt Scilla come. Aunt Scilla disapproves clubs, but she likes to tell her kinfolk how to keep house. (She is Aunt on pa's side. He cares no more than nothing for what she thinks or says, but mother feels it, or would have felt it, if anything like that happened and her gone off to Guthrie!)

And—oh, yes, I don't know how

mother ever found time to do it, but she managed somehow to carry on her usual literary work,—she writes for several papers—She must have done it while the rest of us slept late of mornings. Mother is a wonderful woman.

The very day before mother went, she baked a dozen pies, our favorite kinds, a large cake, feed with chocolate, to suit pa's taste, a lot of little cakes to suit mine, and a big enough batch of salt-rising bread to last us till she got back. She stewed a kettle of dried pears for us to fall back on if our canned fruit gave out. She dressed and baked a fine plump hen, and prepared a big roast of beef. Pa is fond of such things cold, anyhow. It didn't look like we would need to do much, if anything, while mother was away at that convention.

The last thing she did during daylight that day was to clean and fill all the lamps, fill the tank of the gas stove, and fill all the kindling boxes, so we could build quick fires, and carry out every cinder from every stove in the house. She never allows us children to do those things,—we might cut our fingers or burn the house down, one or the other. I don't know just where it came in, but the sweeping and dusting of every room came in somewhere that same day. The time to wind the 8-day clock would come mid-way of her absence, so she wound it that night at bedtime, she put all the leaves in the long dining-room table and set it after the manner of the March Hare and Hatter as they did in "Alice in Wonderland," so we could "keep moving on around" the table for each new meal.

Then the youngest boy had to have his feet soaked in hot mustard water and the baby rubbed with warm oil from top to toe, for both had slight symptoms of the beginning of colds, mother said. By the time she had her own bath and her grip packed I guess she was quite ready for a sound sleep before time to get up and get breakfast over. Her train was the early morning train. Pa said she was not to mind the dishes nor make the beds, that morning, we could manage it somehow.

Morning came. Mother said, "The baby surely is taking cold. I ought not to go. The weather is terrible outside."

Pa said, "The baby's all right. These little colds don't hurt 6 year old babies much. Everything's ready. Put on your hat. Don't mind the weather, you won't be out in it."

"But the children will! And—I—I—my head aches—dreadfully?" she looked at pa appealingly, "I—don't feel able to go!"

Pa walked to the window and looked out with a resigned expression all over him. Finally, just before the whistle sounded at the station, he said convincingly.

"Yes, mother! I guess you're right the weather is fearful. It's hardly advisable,—your going."

So that's how mother went to Guthrie—she didn't go!

We children cried, every one of us. Pa looked sober.

Mother's headache lasted several days, in a darkened room. Pa cheered us all up a little by saying consolingly every now and then.

"Never mind mother. We'll go to the World's Fair and close up the house, taking all the kids with us. We'll stay a month and have a good time, all together."

And mother is looking forward with great pleasure. But I am anxious. I have ground for misgivings concerning mother enjoying any outing from home, since her trip to Guthrie.

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MEASLES AND SMALLPOX SINGULAR.

"Johnnie Green has the measles."
"Well, well! Where did he catch them?"

"Don't know. At school most likely, or playing with the Smith children. They always have something that's catching."

"Yes, that's so. I remember last year Billie Smith had smallpox, and they hurt him real bad. Do these measles seem to be the bad kind?"

"No, they're not hurting him much."
The above is a conversation reported verbatim. It was soon followed by a spreading of the news, "The measles are in town!"

Now, it is glaringly incorrect to say, "Measles are" and "Smallpox are." "Measles" is singular and so is "Smallpox." Measles is a disease, and when Johnnie Green contracts it he should take good care of himself although the attack may be in mild form. Smallpox, likewise, is a disease, one disease only and it is no more correct to say "Smallpox are bad" than to say "Toothache are bad."

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WOULD-NOT SLAUGHTER THEM.

When last month, the report that E. Benj. Andrews, Chancellor of The University of Nebraska, advocated the killing of sickly and deformed infants as a strengthener of the race was brought to my notice, I wrote the gentleman concerning the truth of the astonishing statement. He very promptly responded, saying, "It is absolutely untrue." So we have the distinguished professor's own denial to show that certain credulous newspapers were too prompt in spreading the false rumor. It makes us think a great deal more of the man. And, incidentally, all poor unfortunates of the human race not blessed with bountiful health and physical perfection may now breathe freely again.

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HELP ONE ANOTHER.

Dear Aunt Mary:—I have been very much interested in our department "For Women." I think if we would exchange practical thoughts from out of the experiences of our everyday lives, we would help one another more and more. Life's pathway is made up of rough and broken rocks, and sometimes our feet are torn and weary. I know you will say, "Look up at the sunshine," but how can one always do that when the gloom about one is so thick that it takes careful watching of the feet? One must, perforce, at times look down. Must watch each painful step, else stagger and fall prostrate on the road. What then? Well, at least I can just plod on my way resignedly, not envying my more fortunate sisters and brothers whose paths have turned into pleasant ways. This, friends, is the helping word I have come to bring you. Do not be envious. It will afford you some satisfaction in your misery to have a con-

science clear of envy.

Will some one send to this department the two poems, "Somewhere" and "Sud only"? The first begins

"Somewhere the sun is shining," and the other has in it the lines,

"You found yourself, where you longed to stand,

In the calm repose of the Fatherland"

I read them not long ago, and would like them to keep, if any sister has a copy.

The letter on "Curain Pockets" was of so much practical use to me, I hope dear "Carloita" will forgive me for signing myself Carloita 2d.

[No burden is so heavy to bear but that the burden-bearer's hand may not be held out to support a weaker toiler within reach. Lift your eyes, Carloita 2d, and look steadily out for the one whose burden is heavier, whose road is rougher, than yours. Never will doing this make your own foothold less secure. Looking up, the Great Helper will not let you stumble. Teachers of drawing in trust their pupils that in drawing a straight line they should look at the point toward which the line tends—not at the line itself. A line thus drawn is straight and firm and true. Eye the line, it will be weak, wavering, crooked, and amiss of the mark.

The latter poem requested, "Suddenly," is reproduced on this page. It appeared first, I believe, in "The Christian World."

Will some reader send me "Somewhere," that I may oblige this sister by having it printed here? Write again, Carloita 2d

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GREAT CALIFORNIA!

The Californians have taken lessons from Kansas until they know to spell "B-O-O-M" without looking on the book. "California," writes Hamilton Wright, "has the largest asparagus plantation in the world; the largest olive orchard; the largest gardenseed plantations; the largest wine cistern in the world, the largest vineyard in the United States, and the largest pigeon farm in the world. California produces more raisins and prunes than any other section, and it has the largest cattle ranch in the Far West

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EXPERIENCE THE BEST TEACHER.

The Rural New Yorker has expressed its sensible level-headed opinion on the subject of food as follows: Some of the women who write articles on so-called "household economy" for the magazines might well be muzzled. Not long ago one of them began a crusade against potatoes and baked beans. Another makes all manner of sport of salt pork and bacon, while a fresh one now comes forward with the statement that eggs should not be eaten freely. These good women surely have never lived on a farm, or they would know better than to condemn potatoes, pork, beans and eggs—four staple articles of farm food. If they could leave their comfortable chairs for a time and get out into the cold at the end of a crosscut saw, or at some similar job, they would learn something about diet which they never can learn from the study of a chemist's table. A farmer's open air life is such that he needs an abundance of starch and fat—the fuel elements in food—and potatoes and pork properly cooked supply these in excellent form. These "household" editors would do better to learn how farm food should be cooked and then tell about it, rather than condemn useful food at random.

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 No fiercer storm than racked my form
 E'er swept the Bay of Fundy;
 But now, good-by
 To drugs say I—
 Good-by to gnawing sorrow;
 I am up to-day,
 And, whoop, hooray!
 I'm going out to-morrow!

What aches and pain in bones and brain
 I had I need not mention;
 It seems to me such pangs must be
 Old Satan's own invention;
 Albeit I
 Was sure I'd die,
 The doctor reassured me—
 And true enough,
 With his vile stuff,
 He ultimately cured me.

As there I lay in bed all day,
 How fair outside looked to me!
 A smile so mild old Nature smiled
 It seemed to warm clean through me
 In chastened mood
 The scene I viewed,
 Inventing sadly solus,
 Fantastic rhymes
 Between the times
 I had to take a bolus

Of quinine slugs and other drugs
 I guess I took a million—
 Such drugs as serve to set each nerve
 To dancing a co'illion;
 The doctor says
 The only way
 To rout the grip instanter
 Is to pour in
 All kinds of sin—
 Similibus curantur.

'Twas hard, and yet I'll soon forget
 Those ills and cures distressing;
 One's future lies 'neath gorgeous skies
 When one is convalescing!
 So now good-by
 To drugs, say I—
 Good-by, thou phantom Sorrow!
 I'm up to-day,
 And whoop, hooray!
 I'm going out to-morrow!

Have you noticed when you meet a doctor he says: "How are you?" A newspaper man inquires: "What do you know?" but a lawyer hits you on the back and ejaculates, "What have you got?" and the preacher asks, "Where are you going?" This is the hardest question.—Tarkio Avalanche.

It is about a stand off between the cattlemen and the wheat growers. The former are praying that the dry weather may continue so that the buffalo-grass pasture may be available, while the latter want it to snow or rain so that the wheat crop may not suffer.—Greensburg (Kans.) Signal.

The Texas Cattle Raisers Association, it is said, will draw out of the National Live Stock Association. The members of the Texas organization do not think they are getting their money's worth in the National body.—Banner-Stockman.

The Department of the Interior has given out that the Land Office at Oklahoma City will be discontinued on the 31st of March, and will be consolidated with the one at Guthrie.

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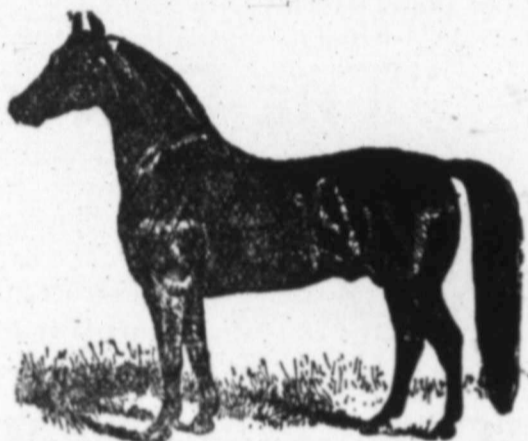
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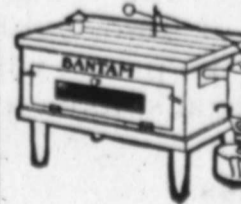
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