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## Let's Have A King In Sutton--King Cotton

### Sonora Prohibitionists Active

Prohibition Democrats of Sutton County assembled in the court room Saturday February 14 at about 2 o'clock. The call for this meeting had been issued by W. F. O. Holman, chairman of the State Prohibition Democratic Executive Committee.

The meeting was called by Mr. Holman, and immediately afterwards the name of W. E. Dunbar was placed before the body for permanent Chairman. Without a dissenting voice Mr. Dunbar was chosen chairman. Christian Myers was chosen Secretary and Homer Holman Assistant Secretary.

This preliminary over with the business for which the meeting was called to transact was taken in hand, ably discussed and harmoniously carried out.

This business was none other than selecting a prohibition gubernatorial candidate and the selection of delegates to the grand elimination mass meeting at Ft. Worth, Saturday 21st.

Every one was provided with a ballot on which were the names of the prohibition gubernatorial candidates. The votes counted out 28 for Tom Ball, 3 for W. P. Lane and one for S. J. Brooks.

The names of the delegates to the Ft. Worth meeting were put forth by G. W. Stephenson and with but small change the persons named were selected to cast Sutton county's prohibition vote at the elimination congress.

The names of the delegates follow: W. E. Dunbar, D. B. Cusenbary, Henry Sharp, W. T. O. Holman, R. W. Davis, W. D. Wallace, J. S. Brown and J. R. Bear. Of these D. B. Cusenbary, W. T. O. Holman, R. W. Davis and B. M. Halbert were the ones who actually went to the Ft. Worth Convention.

The delegates being selected a motion was put and seconded that the mass meeting be adjourned.

Immediately after the adjournment the delegates went into conference as a committee with W. E. Dunbar presiding and R. W. Davis, Secretary and perfected the work already done and resolved to support the candidacy of T. H. Ball at the elimination convention.

Thursday of last week the delegates that were to attend the Ft. Worth convention took their departure. They were B. M. Halbert, W. T. O. Holman, R. W. Davis, D. B. Cusenbary.

Upon their return they were more enthusiastic, by far, than when they left. They claim that to have seen so remarkable a body of men as was assembled there was enough to make an enthusiast of anyone.

## Announcement!!

Our Mr. Walker has just returned from the Eastern Markets--the Style Centers of the Southwest--where he purchased the best assortment of new and up-to-date merchandise for spring and summer apparel that it has ever been our pleasure to show

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### George Washington Party

A very successful entertainment, containing considerable of the spice of patriotism, was that given at the J. A. Cope, home Saturday evening Feb. 21, by Mrs. Geo. E. Walker and Mrs. J. A. Cope.

By the following description it is easy to judge that the entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by the entire attendance.

At the entrance of the reception hall, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Cope arrayed in Martha Washington apparel welcomed the guests.

Old Glory formed the background of the reception hall and therein was seen the color scheme of the decoration. Red, white and blue artistically interwoven gave a beautiful as well as patriotic effect to the elegantly furnished apartments. While the sprinkling of mistle toe here and there suggested to the vivid mind Nature and the grandeur of her children,

the forest. In the dining room preparations were most elaborate. Red, white and blue streamers in systematic order and a portrait of the "Father or Our Country" encircled with the colors gave a charm that none could help but feel. A cut glass vase containing red carnations placed upon a beautiful hand embroidered center piece occupied the center of the table. Around these was a ring of hatchets each of which bore the legend, "I can not tell a lie."

Nine card tables accommodated the guests. The games were eight in number, however no prizes were given for the high scores. Portraits of Martha and George adorned the score cards. During the games salted nuts were constantly at the disposal of the guests.

Tiny army tents for the ladies and tiny silk flags for the men were the favors of the occasion.

At the conclusion of the games the guests assembled around a miniature cherry tree to which small hatchets were fastened. Small red shields fastened to these hatchets concealed numbers and the lady and gentleman who drew hatchets bearing corresponding numbers were partners at the refreshment board. The lady and gentleman drawing highest numbers were given souvenirs of the evening. W. L. Aldwell drew the highest number for the men and was awarded a small picture of Washington. Mrs. John Lee Nesbit drew the highest number for the ladies and was given a cluster of red carnations.

A salad course consisting of chicken salad, stuffed olives, lettuce sandwiches and margareits with coffee and mints was served. The color scheme was maintained in the mints. Red, white and blue ones being profusely scattered over the table.

Music by the local Mexican band and a visiting band from Del Rio was rendered throughout the evening.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Vander Stucken, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Briant, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Savell, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Tho. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hagerlund, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bellows, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Heidel, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wardlow, Mr. and Mrs. Bart C. DeWitt, W. L. Aldwell, Mrs. J. L. Nesbit, Mrs. Josie McDonald, Mrs. Stella Stanly, Miss Gertrude Chamberlain of San Angelo, Geo. Lee Aldwell.

At the home of Mrs. George Trainer Saturday evening Feb. 14 the Embroidry Club was delightfully entertained. Members present were: Bertha Turney, Alice Trainer, Velma Savell, Elma Evans, Bet Brown, Ethel Adams, Bertha Graham, Hattie Glasscock, Beatrice Glasscock, Miss Cobb, Miss Miller, Lois Ward, Manila Smith, Lora Word, Inna Holman, Earl Martin, Willie Mae Winn, Dollie Allison, Ora Merck, Elsie Adams.

A Ford touring car has become the property of B. F. Bellows the local lumber and building material merchant.

A German Coach Stallion, weight about 1700 pounds, 4 years old, color black, for sale by O. W. Cardwell.  
(Adv.)

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*Doing nothing for others  
is the undoing of ourselves*  
Horace Mann.

The knockers are still at  
work in Sonora. If you don't  
believe it go out and listen  
to the carpenters.

The Lane of the governors'  
race has been cleared and the  
Ball has a better chance to  
roll.

The first vessel to officially  
pass thru the Panama Canal  
is to carry the universal peace  
flag. If this will not have  
an effect to make the fortifica-  
tions there less strong let's  
cheer.

The building of that great  
government railroad in Alas-  
ka may develop that country,  
but it wont make it warmer,  
so Sutton is good enough  
railroad or not

The weather changes, the  
swallows put in their appear-  
ance, spring comes and the  
earth turns green. Soon all  
of this, and more, will be,  
and your cotton should grow.

Anyway, you'll admitt that  
it will be hard to play foot  
ball with the Tom Ball boom,  
and besides it takes more  
than Sparks to set a water  
wagon on fire.

The Mexican Constitution-  
alists may have secured a gun-  
boat and may be able to run  
it, but the ship of state is a  
different proposition entirely.

That New York Miss that  
prefers a half million dollars  
to millions of kisses should  
not be allowed to do any  
organizing.

The Mexican situation is  
becoming complicated, even  
serious, owing to the killing  
of American and British sub-  
jects over there. This is not  
saying that the situation was  
not complicated enough be-  
fore these unjustifiable mur-  
ders ocured.

Some alleged smart people  
think that people can live  
without brains. To prove it  
they say, "Look at the people  
that ride in air ships."

The first appearance of  
the man who never worried  
has not yet been made.

The cost of living is still  
going up but that is no in-  
convenience to Sutton.

## ANNOUNCE- MENTS

Subject to the action of the  
Democratic Primary.

**For County Judge:**  
**E. S. BRIANT**

**For Sheriff:**  
**R. H. MARTIN**

**For County Clerk:**  
**J. D. LOWREY**

**For Tax Assessor:**  
**GEO. J. TRAINER**

**For Treasurer:**  
**J. E. GRIMLAND**

### Controlling the Weather.

Sir Oliver Lodge, an English  
scientist, has announced that a  
copper ring around the world  
would controll the weather. The  
idea is no so absurd when it is re-  
membered that wearing copper  
rings will cure rheumatism —  
Sonora New Era.

Lodge's idea opens up a wide  
field for speculation. If such a  
thing should come to pass, then  
the farmers could order their rain  
and sun-bine just at the time they  
most desire it. The desert could  
be made to blossom as the rose,  
Tornadoes could be split up into  
bracing summer breezes, which  
could be disposed of by the  
weather bureau at a nominal price  
to any community that is pro-  
gressive enough to become known  
as a summer resort. Would New  
York's copper ring serve the pur-  
pose, Sir Olver. New York  
could be induced to part with it  
—North Fort Worth Sunday  
News.

### Personal Mention of Last Week

T. L. Benson, Eldorado's very  
progressive dealer in general mer-  
chandise was in Sonora early this  
week promoting his intrests.

Arkansaw Smith's price list is  
still pulling for your trade in San  
Angelo.

W. C. Graham and sister Miss  
Fannie were here this week on  
their way from Ozona to Tarpley,  
Texas

Miss Bertha Eaton was up from  
Edwards County to visit her par-  
ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Eaton,  
this week.

Wednesday J. H. Luckie was  
pleasantly mingling with town  
friends.

C. W. Innes, the wire agent,  
was here from Menard this week.  
He had an improved kerosine  
lamp burner for a side line.

B. W. Hutchison was a par-  
taker of the city's pleasures late  
this week.

Mrs. August Meckel and daugh-  
ter, Miss Erna, were passengers  
on the San Angelo bound mail car  
Wednesday morning. Miss Erna  
was returning to San Antonio to  
resume her studies after a short  
visit with home folks.

W. A. Miers was up from the  
ranch Friday.

Thru the North & Hull auto  
agency Rev. J. L. Burns has pur-  
chased a Ford touring car. This  
modern conveyance broadens Rev.  
Burn's field of activity.

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Earned	43,731.25
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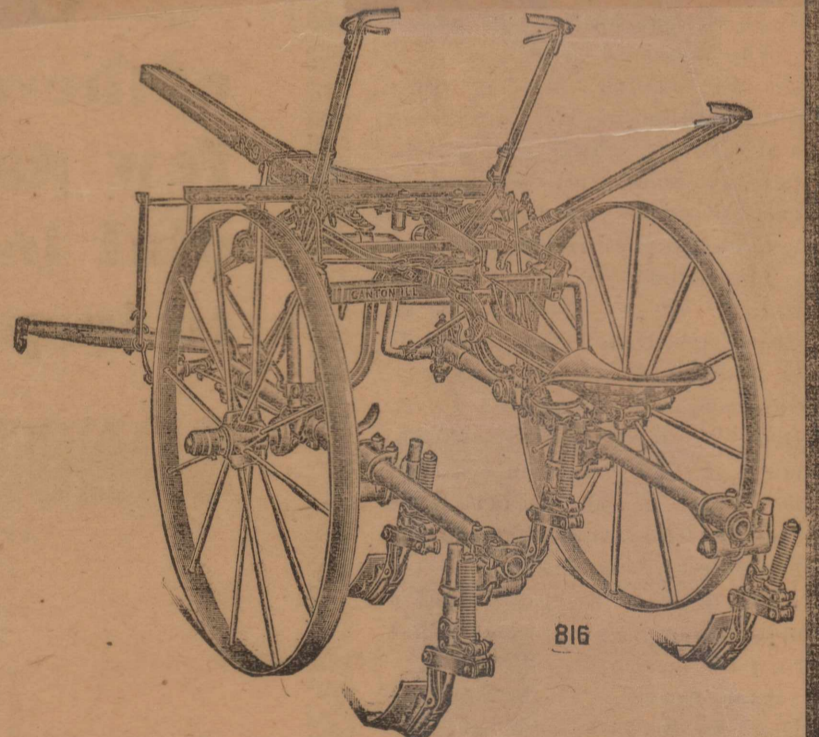
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so arranged that they can be lifted and  
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the planter out of gear. The Hopper and  
discharge spouts are directly in front of the  
driver so that he can see exactly how the  
machine is working at any time without  
any inconvenience to him. The shoe opener  
attachment that has come out this year  
with this planter is one of the strongest  
features about it. Enabling the machine to  
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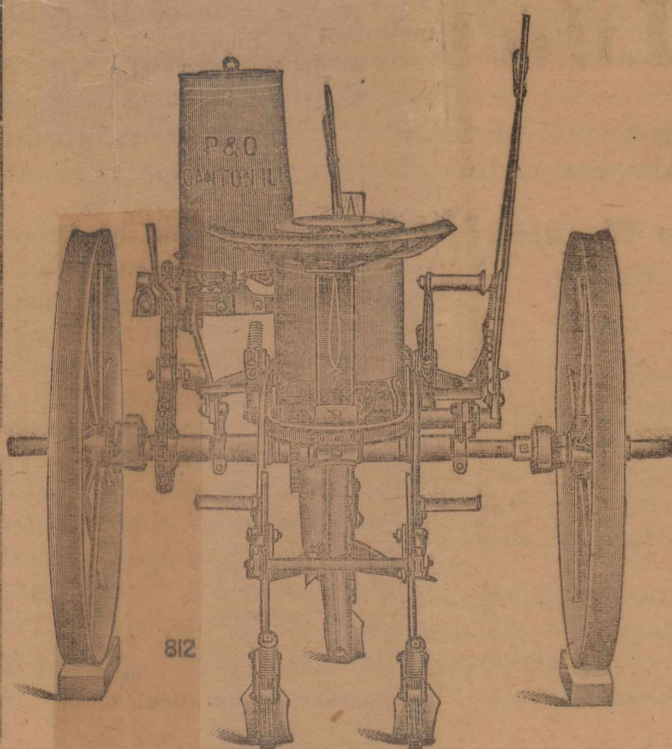
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25 pounds Prunes	1.95
25 pounds Peaches Evaporated	2.85
25 pounds Plumes Evaporated	2.65

**A Picnic**

Saturday morning about 10 o'clock a picnic crowd gathered at Mrs. Savell's. Sometime was spent here listening to good music rendered by several of the jolly crowd. About 11 o'clock we bade Mrs. Savell good day and started to the picnic grounds, which were in the Meckel pasture about 2 1/2 miles Northeast of town.

The ride out there was what we might call a good old fashioned hay ride. We arrived on the grounds and found they had been suitably selected. The remainder of the morning was spent in playing various games such as: tennis, Dominoes and some more of the old games we always fall back to when on a picnic.

While these interesting games were progressing, much to our

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION  
OF  
THE OZONA NATIONAL  
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At OZONA in the State of Texas  
at the close of business  
Jan, 13th 1914

**RESOURCES**

Loans and Discounts	\$263,014.95
Overdrafts secured, unsecured	3,614.31
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	75,000.00
Banking House Furniture and Fixtures	8,013.95
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	6,063.17
Due from approved Reserve Agents	23,356.9
Checks and other Cash Items	354.97
Notes of other National Banks	150.00
Federal Reserve Notes	10,297.05
Legal-tender notes	9,777.05
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	9,750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$398,789.38</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	3,875.46
National Bank Notes outstanding	75,000.00
Due to other National Banks	2,137.66
Due to state and Private Banks and Bankers	1.38
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	802.68
Dividends unpaid	782.00
Individual deposits subject to check	151,784.52
Bills payable, including obligations for money borrowed	85,000.00
Liabilities other than those above stated	5.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$398,789.38</b>

State of Texas, County of Crockett,

I, Elam Dudley, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELAM DUDLEY, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:

P. L. CHILDRESS  
S. E. COUCH  
J. M. SHANNON

DIRECTORS

delight, we were called to dinner. This was enjoyed more than any of the sports. (Especially the lemon pie which was presided over by Mrs. Halbert.)

After dinner we gathered up our baskets and the crowd sat in the shade to enjoy a social chat.

Many old jokes were told in which each and all took part.

Having rested as long as we liked we went for a pleasant walk over the hills. All were very sorry when the Chaprones told us we must make our way back to the wagons as it was time for our departure. But with the thoughts of another jolly ride we soon forgot our sorrow.

All voted the picnic, which was the first of the season, one to be remembered we father hoped that Mr. Heber Wyatt and Fritz Meckel would again be the promoters of a picnic.

Those present were: M. Halbert and Meckel, Misses Gretna Cobbs, Beatrice Glasscock, Marie Lowrey, Lois Ward, Ida & Dela Halbert, Velma Savell, Violet Stanley, Willie Mae Winn Dolly Atison, Bertha Grahame, Willie Martin, Eleanor Fields Rose Word

Messrs. Ben Cusenbary, Lewis Stuart, Steve Brown, Haynie and Tom Davis, J. D. Wallace, Roy Grimland, Vernon Hamilton, Harry Keesee, Heber Wyatt, Frank Eaton, Frank Decker, Hiram Stokes, Fritz Meckel.

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## COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

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## HOOF & HORN

Editor Journal: I guess you think I went in the ditch after I left Portland, but I did not. I went down to Corvallis and bought the Warfield band of Angoras which I consider a very fine bunch of goats. I found my friend Taylor at Monmouth, and he had purchased goats from Stump, Riddle's, Grant et al., in fact he had bought himself rich and was ready to come home, and it didn't take me long to get ready, for I had all the mud that looked good to me. Mac, if I come to your country again it will not be in the winter. I bought a very fine buck from Mr. Stump, the three year-old. I guess you have seen him at the fairs, as Mr. Stump has had him on exhibition at all the leading fairs in Washington and Oregon and California. Well, after rounding the goates up we hiked for Texas. Was eleven days on the road, running most of the time. We almost learned how to run a train ourselves. Its a darn hard trip. Brother Mac, and I am not wanting another one soon. On my arrival home Mr. B. M. Halbert and I divided the Warfield band. Since then one of his died and one of mine is sick now. The rest of them are doing nicely. All kinds of stock are doing good this winter. We have had very little cold weather. Our mohair sold at 30 cents a pound, f, o, b., San Angelo, Texas, —six months' clip. How's that for John Garner?

Wishing you and the milch goat editor the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours truly,  
 J. A. Ward  
 Sonora, Tex.

Along last month, J. A. Ward, of Sonora, Texas dropped into our office and announced he was up in Oregon, that he and R. E. Taylor were going to replenish their stock with the best they could buy.

Mr. Taylor was then out in the country doing some scouting and we did not get to see him, much to our regret.

These two Texas gentlemen made some important buys, while in the Northwest. They purchased two high-class does from U. S. Grant, of Dallas, Oregon. Mr. Grant had no stock for sale at the time, but so insistent were Messrs. Ward and Taylor that they finally talked him out of two of his does. However, while they were doing so, Mr. Grant talked them into joining the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association. U. S. says that if they had staid a little longer he would have talked them into joining the American Angora Goat Breeders' Association and the National Mohair Growers Association. U. S. says that if they had staid a little longer he would have talked them into joining the Northwest Angora Goat Association.

From there they proceeded to Monmouth, where they visited the great Angora goat farm of Wm. Riddle's & Sons.

We are not informed just how many they secured here, nor what price they paid, but we understand that it was very satisfactory. They then proceeded to J. B. Stump's ranch and purchased 40 does and 20 yearling bucks. We understand that Mr. Taylor took these, and in addition to Mr. Taylor's purchase, Mr. Ward bought Mr. Stump's three

year-old Championship buck in 1911, for \$300. In addition, Mr. Taylor bought a Lincoln ram for \$500. Mr. Stump stated afterwards: "The old ram has proved himself to be a great breeder and I certainly hated to see him go. Mr. Ward and Mr. Taylor are certainly, enthusiastic goat men, and know what they are doing. They surely deserve to succeed, for they are not afraid to spend their time and money to get what they think to be the very best. I sincerely hope and trust that they will reach Texas safely and that they will have the very best success with them.—Angora Journal.

### Goats

Austin Statesman: Hundreds of inquires regarding the possibilities in the United States of a great goat industry are now reaching the Department of Commerce and Labor. These inquires are the result of a recent statement by the Bureau of Statistics of that department that \$250,000,000 had been sent out of the country in the last decade to purchase goat skins for use in this country; and that the commercial value of the 5,000,000,000 goats which these skins represented would, had they been grown in the United States, have approximated \$1,000,000,000. These suggestions, coupled with the further fact that goats of the class supplying the skins in question could be grown upon semi-arid and semi-mountainous lands in the United States now practically unutilized, have added to the interest indicated by the inquires now being made.

Dallas News: The figures submitted by the Department of Commerce and Labor, as above quoted, are impressive in the aggregate. But we gather that the market value of each goat skin is but half a dollar, and the goat's meat and horns and whiskers less than a dollar and a half. That means two dollars per goat. Of course two dollars is some money, and as long as a man has a couple of simlone in his pocket he isn't a pauper. But we respectfully submit that the price is not large enough to justify a general rush into goat husbandry. It is worth two dollars just to have to associate with a goat from its infancy to maturity. Doubtless the Asiatics can well afford to engage extensively in goat culture Asia being a thinly peopled country where goats may wander for miles and miles without ever assailing the olfactories of the populace. Then, too, the Asiatics are not very finicky people. They have been used to malodors so many thousand years that most of them could sleep in the same room with a lump of Limburger cheese and get up the next morning with an appetite for breakfast. Let the Asiatics raise the goats. There are plenty of more profitable crops for Americans.

Evidently State Press, the person who authored that silly stuff about the goat business not being fit for the American people, thinks he is well versed in goat lore, but Era's think is to the effect that State Press doesn't know as much about goats as Era does about English vocabulary. When State Press figured out how much each goat was worth, he probably didn't know that in Sutton and the counties joining, goats of the sorriest kind are valued at as much as \$2.00 and more per head on the range and

without delivery, and some are valued at as much as \$400 per head. And it is certain that he didn't know about the thousands of goats that range over the brush clothed hills of picturesque Sutton, and yield to their owners the easiest and most profitable livelihood. Thru the length of the land, Era is sure tales are told of the prodigious fortunes made by sheepmen and men who have had experience with sheep and goats, claim goats are more profitable than sheep. State Press has a cranium stuffed with knowledge, but his knowledge about goats is about as big as a mite, yet this deficiency of knowledge is not his fault, for he lives in a place that prohibits him from coming in touch with actual facts about goats. The idea of goats not being worth more than \$2.00 per head. If any man should try to buy goats at that price in this country before he got through he'd be branded a "tin horn." Futher more Era doesn't know for sure that State Press has ever been in Asia; and suspects that State Press knows about as much about Asia generally as Era does. If goat culture creates a more offensive maledor to the olfactories of people than hog culture, which industry State Press undoubtedly advocates, Era will turn summer's backwards to the delight of State Press. Come to SUTTON and raise goats.

Although the rain of Tuesday night was needed and was very acceptable to all stock men. It being just about what the "doctor ordered" no one was fretting about the dryness. All being optimistic enough to take consolation from the fact that each day brought us nearer to a rain.

T. B. Adams sold to Dudley Yaws 25 registered sheep and a flock of 400 range sheep.

S. H. Stokes State Seep Inspector, returned this week from a visit of inspection in the Rock Springs and Kerrville Country. While on the trip he purchased 625 ewes and muttons at \$4.00 per head with lambs thrown in. This flock carries a twelve month clip. These sheep will be delivered to Harry Sharp Staunday 28inst. at Rock Springs.

From the bureau of animals industry Uncle Peter Hurst received this week a list of questions concerning predatory animals in this locality. He was to answer the questions as best he could. The wolf is the most destructive predatory animal that has to be contended with and he will come in for a big share of the lambslating in Mr. Hurst's report.

A German Coach Stallion, weight about 1700 pounds, 7 years old, color black, for sale by O. W. Cartwell.  
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