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Coe, Groop, Rop, Nap, H, K, L, D, LAD, 79, 72, DHL, 747, OEN, EVN, H5, HT. Horses also brand d left hip.

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DICKEY CATTLE COMPANY. All increase branded L71 on right side. Horse brand, any place on animal as above.

ESTADO LAND AND CATTLE CO. R. M. GANO, President and General Manager. Cattle brands, G4 on left hip.

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The Central Texas Association.
The Central Texas Live Stock Association will hold its regular annual April meeting on April 5th next at Waco.

Public Sentiment on the Strike and Boycotting in General.

At Dallas on Wednesday last a citizens' meeting was held at the Merchants' Exchange to give expression to sentiments relative to the commercial situation produced by the railroad strike and the system of boycotting.

Whereas, in the opinion of the members of this exchange, the time has come when all citizens and lovers of justice, order, peace and freedom of action should have and express an opinion with respect to the present unfortunate state of affairs...

Resolved, That we have nothing to do with the original causes of misunderstanding and quarrel, and have neither the inclination nor right to undertake to dictate either to employer or employee what their relation and conduct shall be...

2. We recognize to the fullest extent the right of all men to organize societies for the betterment of their condition in every respect, and can well understand how such organizations have accomplished great good...

3. We recognize the legal right of all men to cease from labor in any calling or pursuit, when they violate a contract, whenever interest or pleasure prompts them to do so.

4. That we denounce any attempt on the part of any man or set of men to interfere with the property rights of others, or to dictate to other men how they shall conduct their business...

On Thursday last, citizens of Fort Worth signed a resolution of similar purport, and influential men in other cities did the same.

Any calculation based upon the impression that Texas cattle are not in strong demand is erroneous.

During the winter many lots of cattle, amounting to a few hundred here and there, were bought low down—shamefully low—but these bunches consolidated into larger lots have been sold again, to go out of the state or to stock ranches in Western Texas.

Mr. H. H. Campbell of the Matador ranch has returned to El Paso in the morning. Mr. Campbell gave it as his opinion that the members of the Colorado and Brazos association who gave the land, moved the fences and built the tanks on their own ground, did more for the cattle interests at their own expense than is common.

Mr. Orange Judd, formerly of the American Agriculturist, but now editor of the Prairie Farmer, a veteran agricultural journalist, was in Fort Worth on Monday last going to El Paso in search of information as to the agricultural possibilities of the new southwest.

Mr. W. H. H. Cramer, of Denver, had purchased 5000 head of Jess Hutton bred Weatherford convention. Messrs. Gilleland, of Callahan county, put up 2600 mixed steers for S. S. Cobb, of Caldwell, Kansas, and Mr. T. C. Hunt, of Ranger, Eastland county, will pull out shortly with 2500 young things he pick up between frosts last winter.

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all kinds of stock in excellent condition. Mr. Flint says that several stocks of cattle will be driven to New Mexico and located this summer by men who have purchased ranches.

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Mr. Walker, dairyman of this city, purchased a fine bull and Bessie H. Jones, a grey, black points. Mr. H. V. Pope of Abilene bought Susie E, a solid bronze heifer, and Bessie H. Jones, a range steers.

Mr. T. J. Lenoir, the horse man, after a short spell of severe sickness, is we are glad to state, and Texas raised yearlings and forty head of grade Short-horn two-year-olds, all North Texas raised. They are for sale call and see them.

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SAN ANTONIO.

BRANCH OFFICE TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL, 208 Main Plaza, next to Central Hotel.

Little change has taken place in the state of the San Antonio live stock market here since last report.

The Missouri buyers, of whom mention was made last week have returned home empty handed, there not being time left to get into their state even if the strike was now raised.

The horse market, reported in another place, is more affected by the strike than the cattle market, as it depends nearly altogether on rail transportation.

The Old Style.

An old time ranchero who has a fine ranch within twenty miles of this city, has just sold about 125 mares at a check that would bring the blush to the cheek of any patriotic Texan.

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San Antonio Horse Market.

Notwithstanding the clear weather of the past week the horse market has been not what it should be this time of year.

HORNS AND HOOPS.

Col. T. H. Zanderson, who for many years was the largest wool buyer in the entire Southwest, is now a wool grower in Maverick county.

a black eye in the Northwest was not all barren, Texas and three are more in demand, and the tender yearlings will have another year's residence on the hill and feed ranges of the mill and sunny south before they are required to face the blizzards and asked to get fat on the winds.

Col. E. R. Lane, is at the Southern, just come in from his ranch.

J. W. Zook, of Fort Worth, who came down on Sunday, is at the Southern.

M. R. Kennedy, of Hutto, Texas, is a guest at the Southern, while he is looking about in the live stock market.

T. J. Webb, of Round Rock, who is at the Southern, is feeling the pulse of the market.

Col. G. G. Head, president of the International Range Stock Growers association, is in town, and shaking hands with numerous friends.

J. M. Mathis, one of the veteran stockmen of the coast country is here looking around to see what is doing in the stock market.

A. J. Dull, of J. J. and A. J. Dull, La Salle county, has returned from his Texas, came up from his ranch on Tuesday.

The Uvalde Hesperian says that in its part of the country lambing is quite successful and sheepmen hopeful.

G. F. Hinds of Atascosa county, is at the St. Leonard, and is looking for buyers for beaves.

Sam Doxie, of Henrietta, is in the city stopping at the St. Leonard. Mr. Doxie is in the horse market.

J. C. & H. H. McFarland, ranchers of Kendall county, are registered on the St. Leonard book. They report small loss in lambs, with them, but on some of their neighboring ranches it was quite heavy.

Reports from Blanco county say that sheep are doing badly.

The Eagle Pass Journal says there are lots of cattle in its section which might find buyers.

W. E. O'Leary, of Fort Robinson, Nebraska, who has been in this section some weeks buying horses, is a guest at the St. Leonard.

It is rumored that Jesse Pressman on his recent trip to his western ranch in Presidio county, purchased from 5,000 to 7,000 head of 1 and 2-year-olds to be shipped to the coast.

T. M. Stafford, of Val Verde county, has disposed of his stock to H. C. Tardy and has bought the ice factory in Del Rio from Tucker & McKee for \$7,500.

Mr. Dan C. Bates of Pittsfield, Ills., who was induced to come down from reading the weekly horse report in the Stock Journal, has bought 175 horses and mules from Jake Huffman and Gilbea of this county.

A small stock raiser sold a few hundred yearlings for \$6.50 a head. It was all he asked while the buyer would have easily paid \$8.

Mr. Ike Stevens has sold his interest in the Independent ranch on the Pecos and bought out the Mexico Cattle company in Mexico.

Messrs. S. H. & G. T. Nunn and X. W. Pulliam have recently sold to Capt. Ely the 1000 acres of the 1822 and 1823 every March 28.

It is reported that Charley Slaughter has sold about 1000 head of the stock that he bought from his brother in Frigo county to Messrs. Driskill, Blocker & Davis.

I. B. Cline, Esq., has for sale at the feed and sale stable of the Messrs. Adams Bros. & Co. a pair of black and Weatherford stallions, by Norm and Clydesdale stallions, two to eight-year-old, three-fourth to seven-eighths blood.

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To Sheep Raisers.

We have entered upon a programme which bears upon its face a promise of success to obtain either double deck transportation for sheep, or what is equally good, a rate for single decks in proportion to the rate charged for other stock.

In our interest we have found a valuable friend and advocate in the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, and we have the assurance that the committee appointed is at work in the matter with the earnest purpose to succeed.

The office of the TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL has sent out circulars addressed to the President of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange asking his assistance and co-operation in this matter. Many of these letters signed by sheep raisers have gone forward through the San Antonio branch office; many letters have gone by way of the office at Fort Worth, and many letters have gone direct to Elmer Washburn, President of the Live Stock Exchange of Chicago, making in all a representation of owners of large flocks aggregating nearly 2,000,000 of sheep, but less than a third of the number now in the state.

If sheep raisers want this movement to succeed, and it must succeed to put the sheep industry on a good and fair basis, then let every one of you not having yet done so, sit down at once and write to the Chicago Live Stock Exchange asking that the committee persist in their efforts to secure double deck transportation to the markets for your sheep. Heretofore in these matters sheep raisers have not taken upon themselves to do their legitimate work in their own interest. Sometimes a combination of circumstances prevents decided and unified action; however desirable the action may be to perform, but all can do this is necessary in this case, and this is the work you have to do.

Write the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, stating how many sheep you have, state also how many muttons you could ship, if the railroads will permit the use of double decks for sheep transportation, then urge other sheepmen to do the same. One strong pull together and the trick is done.

Newspapers published in the sheep raising sections are requested to give this matter publicity in the interest of their sheep raising subscribers.

90,000,000 Sheep.

Sir Alexander Stewart from New South Wales is passing through to England. He stated that there was no danger of Australia competing with America as a wheat-growing country for at least twenty years. The land there was more adapted to stock-raising, and in New South Wales there were at present at least 45,000,000 sheep, and in all the Colonies perhaps 90,000,000. The wool grown was of excellent quality, and but for the high tariff levied by the United States would be largely sold to American manufacturers. The duties at present, both fixed and ad valorem were entirely too high to induce a good trade with the States, but, notwithstanding that fact, owing to the low price of wool in New South Wales, a number of Boston merchants were buying largely, and would find it to their interest to do so.

There are many American statesmen who like this tariff taken away, so that we could send our money for this wool, while the American sheep interest was damaged, and afterwards when another portion of our sheep industry was destroyed and values are restored they would like to ignore the ruin of many people to enjoy the satisfaction of saying "I told you so." This country cannot afford to sacrifice our sheep industry for the sake of building up the natural industries of Australia. The market would be high enough when Uncle Sam quit raising wool.

Significant Features.

There are several significant features in connection with the sheep husbandry of the Southwest. The first is that for the first time in three years the markets are offering a good price for sheep. The second is that the sheep here in Texas are fit for shipment earlier than usual, so that if the railroad was open for traffic many sheep could be shipped. The third is that the good spring market will only last until an abundance of muttons are fattened, when, under existing rates of sheep transportation sheep shipping will be a risky business. The fourth significant feature is that the strike on the Missouri Pacific system, caused by some differences between employers and employees of another road practically closes up the market.

The fifth significant feature is that farmers, (and nine out of ten sheep raisers are farmers) are requested to endorse the strike.

The sixth significant feature is that while the wool trade for several years past has been utterly demoralized prices of wool have returned once more to a reasonable living standard.

The seventh feature is that labor troubles at mill centers are greater than usual and several mills are closed while others are contemplating closing.

The eighth feature is that the mills intend closing all at once, if they cannot hold the strikers even.

The ninth feature is that the mills will close at shearing time so as to make a point by cutting down the price of wool.

And so it goes, with cotton, with corn, with wheat, beef, pork, wool and mutton. The farmer is a capitalist, a producer, an employer of labor. He pays for every convolution of labor, for every combination of capital, for every obstruction in commerce, and every depression in business. It may take time for the burden to climb upon his neck, but the farmer pays for it all.

The Wool Trade.

The receipts of wool by eastern centers amounts simply to the throwing eastward of the westward supply. The receipts of the domestic clip at Boston continue light, while receipts of foreign wool continue heavy. Early clips will sell well because the market is not very well supplied, but it is a matter of speculation whether or no prices will continue to hold up. The latest quotations for the Texas clip are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Texas spring medium, Texas spring fine, Texas spring heavy, Texas fall medium, Texas fall heavy.

WEEKLY CLIP.

S. W. Shelden of the Waco woolen mills, was in town Thursday.

A. J. Hurdle, of Dallas, representing the Waco mills was in town during the week.

Mr. J. C. Crowder, hide and wool buyer of Fort Worth, went to Dallas during the week.

Albert Montgomery of New Orleans, quotes good fat sheep \$2.00 to \$2.50; fair to common \$1.25 to 2.00.

Wool men coming to Texas are invited to call on the Journal at Fort Worth or San Antonio.

Very little mutton is sold at Fort Worth during the winter months. The market is not good sheep and cannot get them.

There is general complaint among the butchers as to the scarcity of sheep, and choice ones are worth 35 cents outside.

Dallas News.

Eight dollars and twenty-two cents per head is not a bad price for sheep. Sixty-one head sold in Chicago for that money last week.

Fancy lambs quoted as high as \$7.75 for 100 pounds, in New York, with ordinary to prime sheep at \$5.00 to \$5.50.

On March 10, at Chicago, sixty-one head of 140 pound sheep sold at \$5.75 per hundred pounds. These were farmers sheep and brought \$8.22 per head.

It is now about time for wool buyers to begin to cry down the prices of the next clip. Wonder if wool growers will help them to do this, as they did last year?

Many claim that sheep, at prices at which they may be purchased, promise better as an investment than anything else in sight in the live stock line at least.

It makes sheepmen smile to note the fact that good sheep are worth from \$1.25 to \$1.40 more in the stock markets today than they were a year ago. National Stockman and Farmer.

The wool grower who has followed the course of the market can save himself from falling into the error of asking too much, or the too common error of taking too little for the clip.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin quotes: Texas fine, twelve months 22 to 25 cents; Texas fine, six to eight months 18 to 21 cents; Texas fall fine, 16 to 21 cents; Texas fall medium 17 to 22 cents.

Bryan Heard representing F. H. Hollaway, who has opened a branch house here has bought W. H. Bartlett's clip estimates at 100 pounds, heavy Merino wool at 18 cents a pound. (San Angelo Enterprise.)

Mr. E. W. Gruendler of Fort Worth, Texas, wool buyer by occupation, has gone to London and will be in San Antonio, about the 28th. He is on the turf for spring clip, and will visit the principal wool centers and ranches.

R. W. Johnson, of Schuyler, Nebraska, had on the Chicago market eleven cars of prime western sheep. The entire crop was ordered by head, most of which sold to dressed mutton operators at \$5.40 to 5.42. These sheep were well fattened but not heavy.

Our editor, Okey Newell, has been cast the ten days. He has secured a patent for a double-deck sheep car, and we hope it will secure him a fortune. The idea of a quill being the inventor of anything except well, we mean news items. Colorado Live Stock Record.

This office has a lot of printed letters directed to the President of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, urging the exchange to persevere in the effort to secure double deck transportation for sheep. We will be glad to send these letters to sheep raisers for their endorsement.

The sterling old wool firm of Fenno & Manning was dissolved on March 1st by the withdrawal of two of the partners. The remaining partners, Mr. Edward N. Fenno, Mr. Lawrence C. Fenno and Mr. James M. Childs will continue the business under the name of Fenno Brothers and Childs. S. Deacons.

Mr. T. B. Earley, Live Stock manager of the Washakie system has been in Texas for several weeks. His road carry double deck cars for sheep transportation from St. Louis to Chicago, but he does not say that the southwest roads can do so. However double decks for sheep is something not out of the line of probabilities if sheep raisers will act.

Mr. C. W. Benton of San Saba county, writes as follows: "We now consider our winter crop, and in our section it has been very mild throughout the winter, with cold. Sheep have wintered very well, though on unfenced range, and where there was a scanty acreage of that some losses have been sustained, but to those who have had their lambs come early they must have lost heavier than others who are fortunate enough to be late. The time is past in Texas for early lambs on the purely pastoral system."

A well attended meeting of those interested in the construction of a wool warehouse at Murphysville was held yesterday at this place. The following executive committee were elected for the first year: R. J. Carr, president; Thos. O. Murphy, vice-president; A. H. Legard, treasurer; Charles G. Wright, secretary; Sam Salsbury. Necessary steps were taken to procure a charter with capital stock of \$200,000. Work will be begun in ample time to complete.

The native name of the sheep is Yang-ti, or sheep of cultivated lands, to distinguish them from the Yang-tsay, or desert sheep, which are peculiar to the territory outside the Great Wall, any and thus the name is not surprising. An adult ram of the former breed weighs 154 pounds; the same when ten months, 79 pounds; a ewe fifteen months old weighs 110 pounds. The flesh is of good quality, and as will be seen from the weights, the development of the animals is sufficiently precocious.

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Often the too rapid production of meat, affects the muscle which becomes less tender, and less juicy in quality. Again, hill-sheep, if too much coddled in low-lands, may suffer in their fecundity and secretion of milk. This implies, carefully nothing the conditions of soil and climate, no sudden transitions, but slowly acclimatise the stranger to its new home. The stronger constitutionally a sheep is, the better it will be for breeding. Hence, hill-sheep, notoriously good milkers, ought to suit as a cross with the Chinese race. There is an intimate connection between the reproductive organs and the mammary glands, good food being at the same time essential.

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Texas wool is still quiet but unchanged owing to the strength of the hands in which it now rests. The prices that 100,000 pounds of unfixed Texas wool included in the sales of unshorn and miscellaneous wool reported for the week since, there are no sales reported this week there being little demand for short staple owing largely to the labor difficulty and low prices in industry. Advice from Lampsas say that the prospect is excellent for a good clip. There is, however, some uncertainty reported. The winter has been mild and there have been no heavy rains. Choice clips are reported as under contract a ready at about the same prices as last Saturday. The enthusiastic growers even speak of 24 cents. In the present condition of the market the latter price is certainly high to say the least. Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Representatives of the wool growing industry were heard by the house committee on ways and means last Saturday. John F. Clark, a Pennsylvania wool grower and flockmaster, was first to speak. He gave a history of the wool in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, and then reviewed the condition of the industry under various tariffs. Under the present tariff the grower had fair living profits. The act of 1883 injured the industry, so that in 1885 sheep formerly worth \$2 or \$3 each were sold at about the same prices as low as 10, 25 or 50 cents, and many farmers had abandoned wool growing. The domestic grower could not produce wool in competition with those of England and Australia. If the industry was broken down at home speculation would control the market and the price would not ask for a prohibitory tariff, but recognizing that the act of 1883 was a step backward, a restoration of the duty of 1867 was advocated. The Hon. J. Jackson, of Pennsylvania, gave as his opinion the statement that a large majority of the wool growers in favor of a protective tariff, and that unless the tariff of 1867 is restored the industry in the United States must cease.

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OUR ST. LOUIS LETTER.

About the Sheep Trade—The Wool Market Here.

St. Louis, Mo., March 15, '86.

Regular Correspondence TEXAS LIVE STOCK JOURNAL.

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