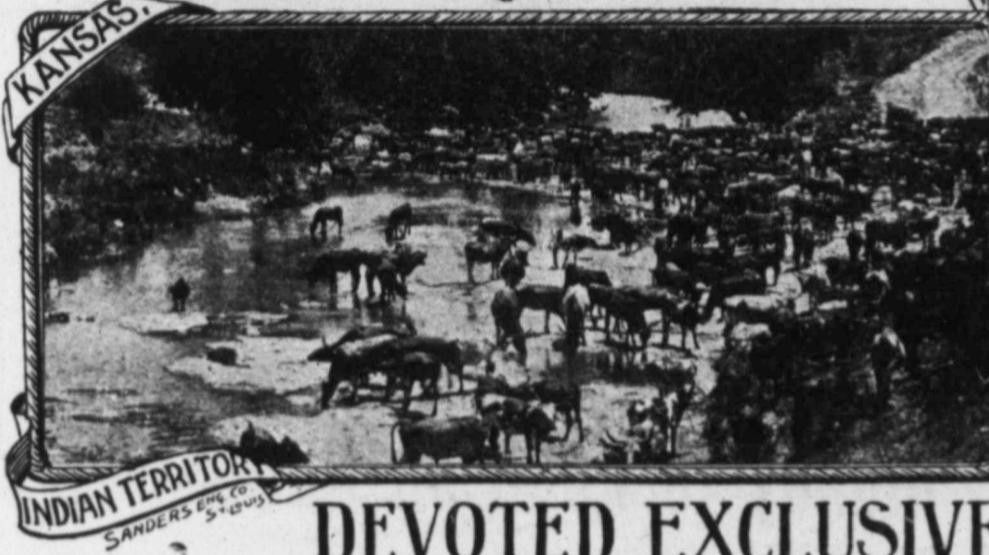


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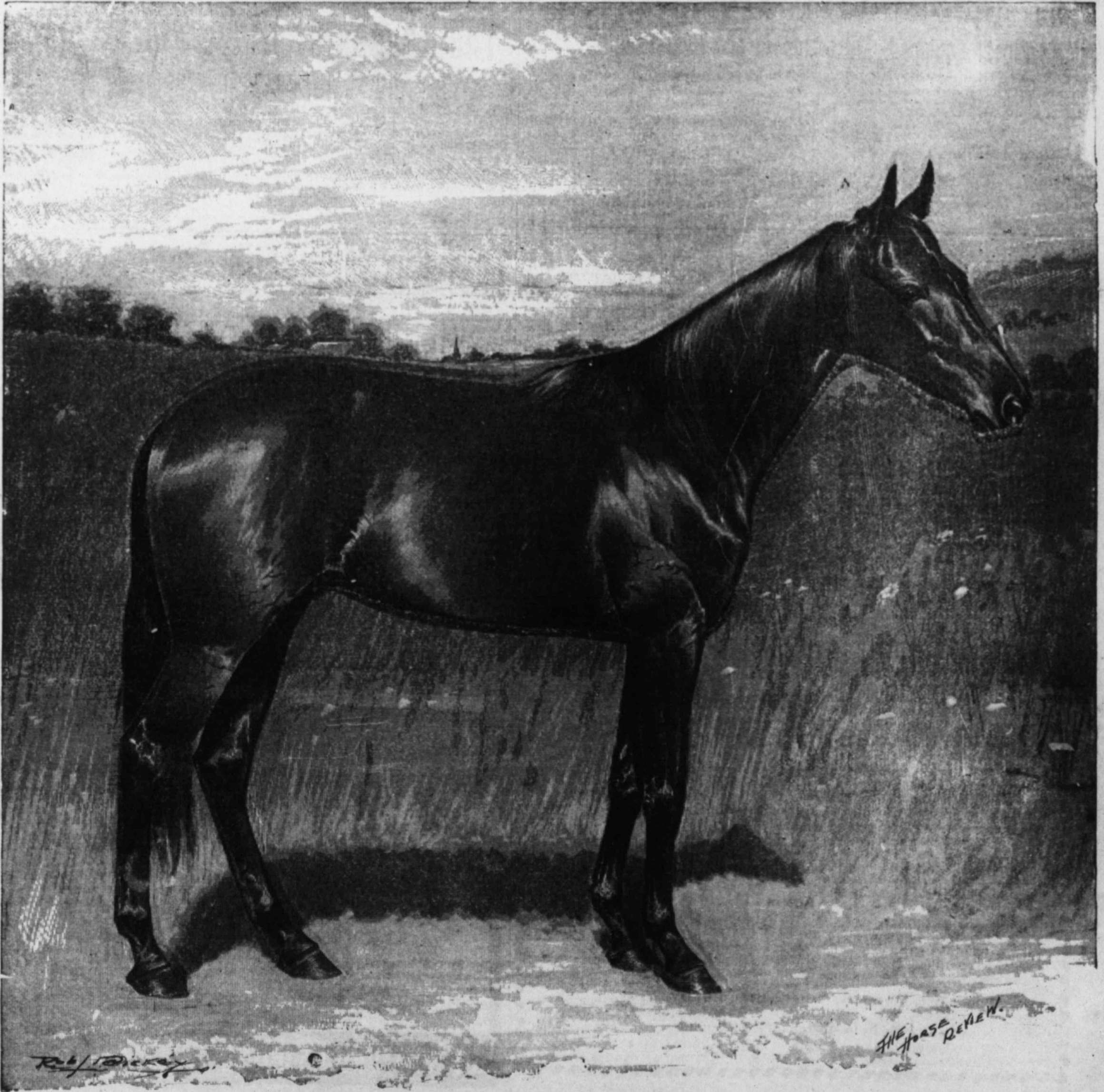
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ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL.

Ah! those were the days when life was grand,
When the strung-out legions of lowing cattle
Moved on through the dust and the desert sand,
As soldiers trudge to the field of battle;
When the sun beat down with a fiery glare
Or the drenching rain from the clouds was falling,
The boys in a spirit of devil-may-care
Sang gay response to the cattle's bawling!
No mad excesses of sun or gale
Could daunt the lads on the Chisholm trail!

Brave boys were they of the early day,
Their faces brown as the sun-dried grasses,
At home where the deserts spread away
Or deep in the shadows of mountain passes,
Their bed at night was the virgin sod,
Their saddles pillowed their heads while sleeping,
Their roof but the firmament built by God,
All gemmed with the stars that were from it peeping,
Their lullabies but the wierd-like wail
Of the night breeze sweeping the Chisholm trail

With their guns in hand from their blankets warm
They would spring at the foreman's call to rally
When the herders sounded the night alarm
That would tell of a threatened Indian sally!
No fear for them had the scalping knife,
They were always ready to meet in battle
The yelling foe, and to guard with life
From the raids of demons the owner's cattle;
In danger they never were known to fail
When duty called on the Chisholm trail.

The rattlesnake through cactus crawled
From the bronchos' hoofs with a vicious warning;
The gaunt coyote to its fellows called
When the gray east told of the dawn of morning,
And out from their blankets the riders rose,
While songs of the range were the echoes wailing,
And sniffed at the odor that teased the nose
From the sour dough bread 'neath mesquite coals baking,
And the herd was gathered from flat and swale
For another day on the Chisholm trail.

And where have they drifted, those cowboys brave,
Since the bond of the ranges they chose to sever?
Some lie at rest in the silent grave,
And some, though gray, are as young as ever,
Some now on the grasses of rich browse,
And some, yet quick with the rope and trigger,
Sit firm in the saddle while "working cows"
With all of their old-time snap and vigor,
And wherever they are in this earthy vale,
They're the same old boys of the Chisholm trail.

—Denver Postscript.

OKLAHOMA INVESTMENTS.

Public and Private Credit at Its Highest Notch.

Here is a section from Governor Barnes' annual report for 1900 to the Secretary of the Interior, to which the LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR especially desires to call the attention of Kansas City and Eastern bankers:

Little has been said in the past about Oklahoma as a field for investment. Capital is proverbially timid, is slow to embark in a new and untried field. Oklahoma attracted attention at first as a place offering homes to the home-

less, and so busy were the people in settling the country that little attention was paid to capital. With the securing of stable titles and the production of abundant and successful crops, however, capital began coming into the country. It came slowly at first but so substantial was the territory's securities, so favorable the seasons and sure the crops and so varied the resources inviting development that the inflow of money the past year or two has been as great as that of population and money can be borrowed on real estate as cheaply as in the Eastern states, while most securities command a premium and money is being offered for the development of new enterprises on every hand.

When I entered the executive office in 1897, territorial warrants were being a purchaser at 80 to 95 cents, now they are sought after at 97 to 98 cents. Six per cent municipal bonds which went at 90 and 95 cents then, now command a premium of one to two per cent for five per cent.

The following statement from the Deming Investment Company, of Kansas City, Mo., one of the leading companies of the west and the pioneer farm loan company in Oklahoma, carrying with it the weight of experience begun as soon as our titles became legally marketable and continued with growing success up to the present time, may be considered a fair and comprehensive review of present and past conditions, as affecting this line of business in the territory.

"When we opened an office in Oklahoma City in the Spring of 1893 and began making loans upon Oklahoma farms, our action had been preceded by a very thorough investigation and was taken with full confidence in the territory as an agricultural section, but with little anticipation of the amazing rapidity and steadiness which would characterize its forward movement in that respect, in spite of the panic of '93 and the general hard times and tight money market of the succeeding years of 1894, 1895 and 1896. From its inception our Oklahoma business has been of a very satisfactory character, interest on substantially all our loans has been made promptly and foreclosures or forced acquisitions of title to farms have been few. Outside of the care and conservatism used in selecting loans, the prime cause of this satisfactory state of affairs is the natural fertility of the soil and the equability of the climate, giving due credit of course to the energy of the men, who took up the land and turned these natural advantages to the fullest account. In the estimation, not only of loan companies but of the majority of eastern investors in this class of securities, Oklahoma, as a farm loan state, is second to none in the western states.

"The people of Oklahoma have greatly profited by the competition that has sprung up since we first began making loans there. The rates have materially lowered and the business thus far transacted has been a very favorable advertisement for the agricultural advantages to be found there and has increased the value of every well located acre of land.

"Our seven years' experience in Oklahoma has more than justified our judgment and causes us to feel the same degree of safety in placing loans in Oklahoma as we do in Eastern Kansas where we have successfully loaned for

more than eighteen years, or in Missouri or in Iowa, and our eastern customers account them with equal satisfaction. To give some tangible idea of the results of our Oklahoma business up to date, we will state that from May 1, 1893 to August 1, 1900, we have made 1550 loans, aggregating \$810,006.07, of which \$183,517.27 has been paid, leaving 626,488.84 in force. Of the approximately 1550 farms upon which we have loaned, we hold title to four, (our eastern clients never having taking title to one.) The total delinquencies of interest of the \$626,488.80 now in force is \$856.34. Figuring six and one half per cent per annum on the total amount of loans now in force, being about the average rate they year, gives a result of \$40,721.77 per annum. The total delinquencies, \$856.34 is about two and one-tenth per cent of this amount, or one-fifteenth part; a very gratifying showing and one that reflects credit upon the resources of the soil and the debt paying ability of the Oklahoma farmer."

H. H. Hagan, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who has handled many Oklahoma securities and loaned much money in the territory makes the following statement:

"Replying to your favor inquiring as to the exact facts regarding real estate loans and financial transactions made in the territory, I beg to state: "I have been loaning money on Oklahoma farms since 1894. At first it was very hard to place an Oklahoma loan, as eastern investors had been defrauded and lost a great deal of money on western land. However, by persuasion, I induced some of my friends to invest their individual money here in the territory on farm loans. The rate was then very high, being 12 per cent with a commission of 5 per cent. The loans usually ranged from \$200 to \$400 on a quarter section. As the country developed and showed its fertility and stability of soil, the eastern investor gradually accepted more of the loans. This morning I wrote my 701st farm loan. These loans aggregate, all told, since 1894 to this date, \$321,000. During this time there has never been as much as \$100 of interest in default at one time. I have had but two foreclosures, and both of these were made in order to correct the title to the land.

The current rate of interest is 8 and 9 per cent. The farm loans usually range in amount from \$400 up to \$600 on 160 acres of land and some run as high as \$1,200 on a good 160 acres of bottom land, and are always made on a basis of one-third of the actual cash value of the land.

"In 1898, I sold \$5,000 of Payne county bonds and \$4,000 of Logan county bonds to some St. Louis parties for 93 cents. These parties have since been offered 104 for these 6 per cent bonds. The purchaser of these bonds had me bid 104 for some 6 per cent twenty year Logan county bonds some six months ago.

"I never saw a community where interest was paid as promptly as in this country, and the reason for it lies in the fact that a diversity of crops can be raised here in a season on any one farm. This diversity of crops is the real secret of the prosperity of the farmers of Oklahoma. Many a farmer has harvested a bountiful crop of wheat, corn, cotton, oats and three crops of alfalfa hay here in one season—with a good crop of fruit on the

side—from his 160 acre farm. In what country can this showing be equalled?"

One of the large financial houses of New York City makes the following extraordinary statement relative to Oklahoma securities and the credit of the territory.

"During the past seven or eight years, we have handled more than half a million dollars of bonds issued by the territory of Oklahoma, and by the counties, cities and school districts of said territory. Our experiences with them has been eminently satisfactory. Payments of interest and principal have been regularly made and at the present time there is not a dollar of interest in default on any Oklahoma securities that we have handled.

"This is a better experience than we have had in any other section of the United States. We doubt whether such a statement could be made in regard to any other state or territory.

"The people of Oklahoma have shown themselves to be entitled to the very highest credit."

Agricultural and Irrigation Association and Swine Breeder's Convention Elect Officers.

Stillwater, Oklahoma, Dec. 7.—The annual convention of the Oklahoma Agricultural, Horticultural and Irrigation association elected the following officers for the new year: President, J. A. Taylor, of Wynnewood; vice president, W. O. Beach, of Perkins; Secretary and treasurer, J. B. Thoburn, of Oklahoma City.

The Swine Breeder's association elected the following officers: President, O. T. Jewett; secretary and treasurer, George Baker; executive committee, O. T. Jewett, George Baker, A. J. Henthorn, William Brown and M. A. Watkins.

At the Swine Breeders' meeting a paper on "Improved Breeds of Swine" was read by J. D. Kernodle. "Types of Hogs," was discussed by A. J. Henthorn, F. C. Burtis, O. L. Jewett and M. E. Stratton. An able paper on "Diseases of Swine," written for the association by R. S. Cook, an experienced swine breeder, of Wichita, Kansas, was read by the secretary.

At the sessions of the agricultural meetings some able discussions were held. J. A. Taylor, of Wynnewood, reported that flax had been grown in the southern part of the territory with great success. The cotton seed oil mills, which lie idle so many months in the year, with little addition to the machinery, can be successfully used in the handling of flax products. Some of those in attendance did not consider that it could be grown profitably on average land.

The growing of broomcorn was discussed and recommended as a profitable crop under certain conditions. It does well in Oklahoma and its culture has been profitable up to this time. Cotton also is regarded as a most profitable crop and one worthy of extended attention. Timber culture was profitably discussed. Mr. Taylor said that many farmers make a mistake in not growing post timber. Land that cannot easily be cultivated should be planted to these, which may be purchased as yearling seedlings at \$4.00 to \$5.00 a thousand. The quickest growing timber for posts is the catalpa, black locust and mulberry.

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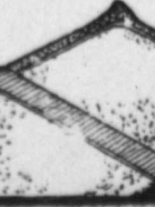
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deplored the small amount of attention which is given to nut culture in the territory. Some English Walnuts are being grown and great care must be taken to prevent their freezing out during the winter, especially when the trees are young. Some years ago the Department of Agriculture issued a bulletin on nut culture, but the issue was limited to 1000 copies and only a few copies reached the parties who are really interested. A resolution was adopted instructing the secretary to urge upon the Secretary of Agriculture the desirability of issuing a large edition for general distribution. Inquiry concerning Japanese walnuts and Japanese chestnuts developed the fact that they have not been grown in Oklahoma, but that chestnuts are worthy of trial planting.

Red cedar was condemned for planting near apple orchards on account of their harboring one stage of fungus disease which is destructive to apples. Concerning the transplanting of evergreens, experience has shown that in this climate best results are secured from moving either just after growth has started in the spring, or before it has ceased in the fall. Red cedar and golden arbor vitae are recommended.

A resolution was adopted setting forth the necessity of proper legislative assistance so that the territory may be properly represented at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo next year. The expositions of Oklahoma products made at Chicago and Omaha have added greatly to the immigration which has fallen to the lot of Oklahoma and the present conditions are ripe for the further encouragement of an increase in population, and for a spread of knowledge concerning Oklahoma.

A resolution was adopted favoring the passage of a bill establishing a state board of agriculture; this board to have as part of its duties the management of the business of the A. & M. college, to act as a live stock sanitary commission and to act in all matters affecting the agricultural welfare of the plan, which contemplates very few changes in existing statutes. It is a system of farmers' institutes in each county, which shall hold one meeting each year and discuss matters of importance to the different counties.

Existing road laws were discussed and needed changes in road management was suggested. The use of broad tires was recommended. Tests at the Missouri experiment station have shown that under all conditions, except when the ground is frozen on top and soft underneath, tires six inches wide were pulled more easily than narrower ones. The effect of this upon roads is well known, narrow tires tending to cut them up and wide tires keeping them poked down. It was suggested that there should be a rebate on the taxes of farmers that use nothing but wagons with wide tires.

Range Bred Calves.

T. F. B. Sotham, of Chillicothe, Mo., one of the most noted Hereford breeders in the west, tells in the following interesting article, how he first purchased range bred calves:

"Some time ago I became convinced that before many years rolled by the great grazing districts of the West known as the range would become the cradle of American beef production. I claimed that range calves taken at weaning time with their veal flesh were equal to any class of similar grade of good blood and it was bad wintering that stunted them. I have not been situated so that I could conduct feeding operations myself but have been instrumental in filling the feed lots of certain noted feeders with prime feeding cattle. At first I bought in Missouri and when that supply was exhausted I increased my efforts to get the feeders of top cattle to try range calves. There were many Missouri cattle feeders making a very fair article of beef from aged range steers, but out of all my acquaintances I was only able to get one in 1896 to try range calves. Happily that one was Samuel Weaver, of Forsyth, Ill., who is easily the greatest feeder of prime beef in America. After forty years'

experience, during which he has fed all breeds—pure, graded and crossed—he has found the Hereford the most thrifty and profitable. After urging Mr. Weaver some years without apparent result to try range calves in Nov. 1895, I received a characteristic letter from him saying: "Buy me 100 Colorado steer calves." A draft for expenses accompanied this brief epistle. I set forth at once and after diligent search selected 100 grade Hereford calves from the herd of George H. Adams, of Crestone, that weighed 477 pounds each in Mr. Adams' corral in the San Luis valley. The oick was \$17 a head f. o. b. at Moffat. Delivered in Illinois these calves cost Mr. Weaver \$21.25 each. All were three quarter Hereford or better bred up from good Shorthorn maternal ancestry. Feeders who saw the Colorado calves at Mr. Weaver's were so pleased with them that I received many orders for the same sort. I had the refusal of Mr. Adams' 1897 crop, but when he could command \$45 each for them as bulls we of course had to go without them, as they became too high for steers. So I turned to Kansas and Oklahoma where an extended search proved that section to be in the market to buy rather than to sell. When I went into Texas many of my customers withdrew and cancelled contracts for over 500 head because the word Texas as applied to cattle is associated in the minds of many Northern cattlemen with the old long horned, antelope styled Spanish sort. I rode a thousand miles in a buggy and on horseback in the Panhandle of Texas trying to find calves suitable for my customers. Everyone of whom while not limiting me as to the price, exacted a class of calves that could be mated into the type of fancy beefs that command the top price in Chicago. I found while Herefords were everywhere in use that with but two exceptions there was not a large herd in Texas which used registered Hereford bulls exclusively. While on the range I became more than ever convinced of the error of using grade bulls. Our idea was at first to get white-faced steers and I often went as far as sixty miles to see a bunch of calves, the get of grade bulls only to find that while there were some of them good enough for our purpose fully seventy-five per cent were lacking in the quality necessary to our standard. Becoming convinced that we must have steers of as good quality as the grade bulls sold for service in most range herds, I sought A. G. Boyce, general manager of the Capitol ranch, and made known to him our needs. After spending a week with him on the range I concluded if I could get him to price the steers in the Bravo pasture I should from scarcity of the class of stock we needed be obliged to take him up. He named the stunning figure of \$20 when \$18 was the highest price asked in the state with no takers and when I could have contracted thousands as low as \$12. When I recovered enough from this price to collect my thoughts, knowing that I could not get the same class of calves elsewhere at any price, I took 550 of the second cut, Mr. Boyce having topped out 200 for bulls."

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National Live Stock Association.

To Members of the National Live Stock Association and all those interested in the Live Stock Industry:

In accordance with the action of the Board of Control, the Fourth Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association is hereby called to meet in the Assembly Hall, Salt Lake City, Utah, January 15, 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue in session during that day, the 16th, 17th and 18th. Delegates will be admitted according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the association as follows:

The governor of each state and territory shall be entitled to appoint three delegates at large.

The Board of County Commissioners in each county where there are no regularly organized live stock associations shall be entitled to appoint one delegate.

Each state and territorial, county or local association of cattle, horses, sheep or swine breeders, or feeders, shall be entitled to one delegate for every 10,000 head of stock, or fraction thereof, represented by said association.

Each state or territorial live stock sanitary board shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each live stock commission exchange shall be entitled to one delegate at large and one for each twenty-five members thereof.

Each stock yard company shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each railway and transportation company shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each Chamber of Commerce shall be entitled to one delegate for each 100 members.

Each state and local dairymen's association shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each state irrigation association shall be entitled to one delegate.

Each state board of agricultural and each agricultural college shall be entitled to one delegate.

Above representation applies only where requirements regarding membership have first been complied with.

Among the subjects that will properly come up for discussion before the convention will be the following:

Resolution favoring government instead of state inspection of live stock.

Resolution against the passage of the Groat bill.

Report of special committee on amendment of the land laws.

The use of forest reservations for grazing purposes.

The census of live stock and methods to secure annual vital statistics in relation to live stock industry.

Irrigation and its relation to the grazing of arid lands in the West.

Methods of securing more universal laws regarding live stock in the various states and territories.

Our export trade and methods of building up the same.

Transportation of live stock by railroads and matters appertaining thereto.

Work of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States and methods for aiding the bureau to extend its work in the interest of the industry.

All matters of a general or practical nature pertaining to the live stock industry may be brought before the convention, by resolution or otherwise.

All members of this association are notified that any subject of a general nature which they may desire to have action taken upon by this convention should be placed in the form of a resolution and forwarded to the secretary of the association as soon as possible, so it may be brought before the executive committee at its regular meeting to be held in the Knutsford hotel, Salt Lake City, January 14, 1901.

Live stock associations of all kinds not already members of this association may become members at any time previous to the convention by complying with the requirements of the constitution in relation to membership and may be represented in the convention. The executive committee have expressed themselves as being in favor of amending the constitution

so as to admit of individual memberships, limited to those engaged in some branch of the live stock industry. Such action will admit those not belonging to regularly organized live stock associations.

Owing to the importance of the matters to be considered at this meeting, as full an attendance as possible is desired. Associations which are members will confer a favor on the secretary if they will appoint delegates as soon as possible and notify him by mail of the names and addresses of the delegates appointed.

Special low rates of fare have been made by all railroads in the United States for those who desire to attend this meeting. All return certificates must be presented to the secretary of the association on January 17 or 18, for his signature, before the railroad company will issue return tickets.

Any information that may be desired regarding the convention and arrangements therefor may be had by addressing the secretary, Knutsford hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.

JOHN W. SPRINGER, Pres.

CHARLES F. MARTIN, Sec.

Fattening Steers Without Hogs.

Experiment Station, Manhattan, Kas., Oct. 31.

February 13, 1900, the Kansas State Agricultural College began fattening eighty head of steers to test the value of several different methods of preparing feed for steers where, on account of cholera, hogs could not be used to follow and save the droppings. The steers were divided into four lots of twenty each. Lot one was fed shelled corn and whole alfalfa hay, lot two shelled corn and alfalfa hay cut in inch lengths, lot three corn-meal and whole alfalfa hay, and lot four corn-meal and alfalfa hay cut in inch lengths. With all lots the hay was thrown in the bottom of the grain boxes, the grain placed upon the hay and the two carefully mixed. Salt and water were kept before the steers all the time.

The average weight of the eighty head at the beginning of the experiment was 1035 pounds per steer. The steers were fed 116 days and were then ready for market, averaging 1307 pounds each, an average gain of 271 pounds each or an average daily gain of 2.34 pounds per steer.

The steers required an average of 747 pounds of grain and 385 pounds of hay for each 100 pounds of gain. This is much below the average amount of feed required to make 100 pounds of gain.

The steers ate an average each of 19.4 pounds of grain a day. This is a low amount of feed for the gain made.

The gains for the whole feeding period are as follows:

	GAIN PER STEER.
Shelled corn, whole hay	262 lbs.
Shelled corn, cut hay	257 lbs.
Corn-meal, whole hay	273 lbs.
Corn-meal, cut hay	293 lbs.

Average gain of steers fed shelled corn, 290 pounds each. Average gain of steers fed corn-meal, 283 pounds each. This shows a gain of 8.8 per cent from grinding. The steers fed shelled corn required an average of 780 pounds of grain to make 100 pounds of gain while those fed corn-meal required an average of 718 pounds of grain for 100 pounds of gain.

But little was saved in cutting the hay, the average gain of the steers fed whole hay being 267 pounds each and those fed hay cut 275 pounds each, a gain of 2.6 per cent from cutting.

There is a shortage of both grain and roughage in Kansas this year and every feeder should get the most possible out of his feed. One experiment does not settle any question in feeding but may indicate what is probable. The results obtained in this experiment seem to indicate that feeders can get considerably more gains from their feed by mixing the grain and hay, as considerably less than the usual amount of grain was required in this feeding to make 100 pounds of gain. Our explanation is that where grain is fed alone much of it is not brought back to the mouth again while if the grain is mixed with hay all of it gets the benefit of thorough mastication in

the cud. There is less difficulty from scouring where grain and hay are fed together.

The steers were sent to Armour Packing Company, Kansas City, for slaughter test and their report is as follows: "The cattle dressed out 59.3 per cent of live weight, the yield of fat 6.7 per cent. The carcasses cut bright, were of good color on the outside and made good, clean, bright-looking, well-covered beef. Our buyers consider that ground corn and alfalfa is the best feed for cattle."

The eighty head made an average gain of 7.5 pounds for each bushel of food eaten and ate 28.8 pounds of hay with each bushel of grain.

The gain from the different methods of feeding was as follows:

	GAIN PER BUSHEL OF GRAIN 50 POUNDS.
Shelled corn, whole hay	7.1 lbs.
Shelled corn, cut hay	7.4 lbs.
Corn-meal, whole hay	7.4 lbs.
Corn-meal, cut hay	8.2 lbs.

PERSONAL.

Sam Nay shipped five cars of cattle from Gage the 4th.

W. M. Ferguson shipped a train of cattle from Curtis the 4th.

A. H. Tandy shipped two cars of cattle Wednesday morning to H. M. Abraham, of Emporia, Kas.

J. S. S. Iffridge has been appointed Roadmaster of the "Cow Division," vice J. G. Batchler, resigned.

Thurmond Bros. of Cheyenne, Okla., have purchased 17,000 bushels of corn which they will feed stock this winter.

Wm. Powell, of Channing, Tex., has taken the best method of exterminating the loco weed that we have heard of. He has hired a number of the youngsters of that town to grub it up.

A bull suit was tried in Guthrie this week, says the Wichita Eagle. A bull suit is where a large gentleman bovine rushes the fence and gets over into a neighbor's lot and makes a touchdown on the garden.

Theodore Jones, of Pueblo, Colo., will establish union stock yards at El Paso, Texas. The yards will be under the control of the Kansas City and Chicago stock yards company. The investment amounts to \$100,000.

Dr. Van Vleet, of the Norman, Okla., University, recently received a valuable collection of Indian relics obtained from the Moqui and Navajo Indians in Arizona. They were collected by his brother, T. S. Van Vleet.

M. D. Groom, of Whitehead, passed through here the 3d with three cars of fancy cattle while he was taking to the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. They were Durhams and Herefords, and should win a prize for Mr. Groom.

The Banner-Stockman, of Clarendon, Texas, will issue a Christmas edition that promises to be a hummer. It will consist of an exhaustive write-up of Clarendon, and Donley county, and will be devoted to advertising the town and county.

Mrs. Kate Cross, widow of C. S. Cross, the founder of the great Sunny Slope Hereford farm at Emporia, has given up her home in Kansas City and returned to Emporia. Mrs. Cross will devote her time to the raising of Hereford cattle.

After copying an item from this paper referring to our circulation manager, the Free Press of Golden City, Mo., says: "W. J. Garrett has many friends in Golden City who will be glad to hear of his promotion. Will belonged to the Free Press force for many years and is an all round good newspaper man."

Miss Louie Harrison, editress of the Childress, Texas, Budget, was married last Friday to Edward C. Dyche, of Childress. The Budget is one of the News' appreciated exchanges, and while it is sorry to note Miss Harrison's retirement, yet joins with all the people on the line in extending congratulations.

Governor Barnes, on the 4th, appointed the following deputy inspectors: Geo. Briggs, of Granite; S. N. Wormsley, of Yukon, and A. J. Douthitt, of Guthrie. He also appointed G. W. Rogers to act in Cantelou's place while the latter is taking a vacation.

W. E. Halsell, of Vinita, I. T., who recently purchased the Ft. Supply pasture; the Central Hotel and residence property in this city, will in all probability be given a contract by the Cherokee legislature to collect \$4,200,000 which the nation claims the United States owes it. Should he succeed his commission will amount to \$120,000.

R. B. Quinn, the jolly editor of the Hardesty Herald, and Miss Cleo Luikart, were married at Liberal, Kas., on Saturday, Nov. 24. Dick worked it pretty cute on his friends in Liberal, loafed around the majority of the day with them, was married and part way home before they found it out, and is now jollying them through the Herald, one of the best weeklies in western Oklahoma. We predict, however, that they will "put the fixins" on him in good shape the first time he returns. THE NEWS extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, and hopes that all their troubles may be little ones.

T. P. Rush, proprietor of the "Texas Home" stock farm, at Coffeyburg, Mo., will hold a public sale of thoroughbred Hereford cattle at Colorado City, Texas, on December 20th. Mr. Rush makes a specialty of breeding Herefords for Texas trade. For ten years he operated in the Panhandle. He has sold more bulls the past season than in the four years previous, almost all of them going to Texas.

The slowest concern in Oklahoma is the postoffice at Guthrie. While in that village recently the editor of this paper "stood in line" one hour and thirty-five minutes waiting for the distribution of mail at the general delivery window. Strangers receiving mail in Guthrie should have it sent to Wichita or Fort Worth and they can walk to either point and get back before the Guthrie postoffice opens after arrival of trains. If anyone sentenced to death could obtain a stay of execution until that one candle power postmaster at Guthrie opens his office, the condemned man could marry and see his grandchildren vote before he swung off on the trail to a never ending eternity.

Dr. E. P. Miller and Eli Benedict put in several days last week in visiting a couple of the fine stock ranches in this part of the state, says the Cresset, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas. They visited the Rockefeller ranch in the south part of Kiowa county and Taylor ranch on Elm creek in north part of this (Barber) county. Mr. Rockefeller runs both Shorthorns and Herefords, while Mr. Taylor handles Herefords almost exclusively. Dr. Miller says the run of stock at both ranches is excellent, with individual bulls in each herd that are peers of almost any in the world. At the Rockefeller ranch they contracted for a Shorthorn calf to head Eli Benedict's splendid herd of red beauties.

The Elmore-Cooper Live Stock Commission Co. made the top sale of the day at Kansas City on the 3rd. It was on a car load of twenty-eight unassorted native steers belonging to Wright Bros. of Mt. Leonard, Mo. They averaged 1775 pounds per head and were sold at \$5.65, bringing the average price of \$100.28 per head. Wright Bros. are highly pleased with the way the Elmore-Cooper Commission Co. handled their stuff, and we see where they are right. The firm is one of the best in Kansas City and always give first-class service to their patrons. Frank Cooper is one of the best friends the cattlemen of the southwest has. He always takes a deep interest in the cattle conditions of the range country, and has again consented to take an active part in the program of the next convention of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association which meets here in February 1901.

South St. Joseph Market Report.

South St. Joseph, Mo., Dec 7. Receipts of cattle for the week thus far show a fair increase over a week ago and a year ago. The supply of beef steers was in keeping with the killing demand at this season of the year and the general market shows an advance of 10c in price. Good grades of beefs have sold largely around \$4.90 to 5.25 with a few bunches at \$.40 to 5.50. The big end of the arrivals were common to fair, half fat kinds and prices were mostly \$4.00 to \$4.50. The supply of cows and heifers were fair and the demand good all along the line. Prices are, if anything, a little stronger. The bull market has ruled dull all week and values are 10 to 15c lower. Veal calves declined 50c today. Good clearances were made last week of stock cattle and few were carried over to this week and the demand from all sources was active at an advance of 10c. But near the close of the week stockers and feeders accumulated and with a light outside buying, prices reduced 10 to 15c. Native steers are quoted from \$4.00 to \$5.30; good to choice, \$5.30 to \$5.50; westerns, \$3.65 to \$5.25; Texans 3.25 to \$4.25; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$4.50; bulls and stags, \$2.40 to \$3.65; veals \$3.65 to \$5.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to \$4.25.

Arrivals in the sheep division for the five days of the week show a good increase over a week ago and a fair gain over a year ago. The demand from all the killers continues in excess of the supply and sharp competition has forced lamb prices up 15 to 20c, sheep are selling with some strength and ewes are fully steady. The advance shows mostly on the good grades while other kinds display no improvement either in demand or price. Feeding stock has ruled in light supply and fair demand. Good to choice lambs are quoted at from \$4.90 to \$5.35; fair to good, \$4.60 to \$4.90; good to choice weathers and yearlings, \$3.90 to \$4.15; fair to good, \$3.60 to \$3.90; ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.75.

Supplies of hogs so far this week have been fairly liberal, but show a decided decrease with a week ago and a slight decrease with a year ago. Packers were unable to get enough to supply their wants. The quality of the hogs has been generally fair to good, with a liberal proportion of grades on the fancy order. Weights have run quite light. The market today opened steady and closed 2 1/2c higher. Prices ranged from \$4.60 to \$4.97 1/2 with the bulk of sales at \$4.67 1/2 to \$4.92 1/2. WARRICK.

Cattle Sales at St. Louis.

Some sales of Texas and Indian Territory cattle at the St. Louis National Stock Yards, during the week of November 25, 1900:

MONDAY, NOV. 26.	
Furnish Bros., Spofford, Tex., 130 cows, avg. 684 lbs., at...	\$ 2 80
I W Clark, Clip, Texas, 51 steers, avg. 852 lbs., at.....	3 90
Monroe Dawson, Mt. Vernon, Texas, 21 steers, avg. 1024 lbs., at	4 25
49 steers, avg. 835 lbs.,	3 90
TUESDAY, NOV. 27.	
R W Coffey, Sulphur Springs,	

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Monthly summary of receipts and prices of live stock at the Kansas City Stock Yards, compiled by the Kansas City Packer, and reproduced for the benefit of readers of THE LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR.

Nov. 24 to Dec 7, INCLUSIVE.	Re-ceipts.	Dres'd Beef & Shipping Steers, Native Fed.	Texas and Indian Steers.	Texas and Cows.	Okla Cows and Heifers.	Stockers and Feeders.	Bulls.
Saturday, Nov. 24...	571	\$4 16-5 00			\$2 70-3 95	\$2 95-4 15	\$2 60-3 70
Monday, Nov. 26...	9555	4 55-5 35	3 00-4 55	2 35-4 75	2 25-4 40	3 45-4 15	3 00-3 40
Tuesday, Nov. 27...	11090	4 25-5 60	2 50-3 30	3 00-3 85	2 00-4 80	3 50-4 30	2 60-3 45
Wednesday, Nov. 28...	7470	4 20-5 15	1 85-3 25	1 75-2 60	1 50-4 10	3 80-4 10	2 90-3 20
Thursday, Nov. 29...	4109	4 33-5 75	-3 10	1 75-2 85	1 75-4 75	3 25-4 75	2 40-3 60
Friday, Nov. 30...	5862	4 30-5 40	2 70-3 20	2 00-2 80	1 95-4 60	3 15-4 60	2 80-3 70
Saturday, Dec. 1...	726	\$3 95-4 70			\$2 10-3 25	\$3 20-4 60	\$2 40-3 10
Monday, Dec. 3...	8304	4 65-5 10	2 40-4 25	1 75-3 60	1 75-4 50	3 50-4 75	2 60-3 20
Tuesday, Dec. 4...	6143	4 60-5 75	2 60-4 20	2 05-3 20	2 10-4 70	3 40-4 60	2 40-3 60
Wednesday, Dec. 5...	7659	3 90-5 60	3 20-3 70		2 00-4 35	3 40-4 35	2 25-4 25
Thursday, Dec. 6...	7794	4 15-5 35	2 50-4 05	2 40-2 85	2 00-5 00	3 25-4 20	2 75-3 75
Friday, Dec. 7...	8642	4 10-5 30	2 40-3 60	2 10-3 20	2 05-4 80	3 60-4 50	2 40-3 20

Texas, 50 steers, avg. 925 lbs., at.....	4 25
Stiles & Welder, Clip, Texas, 100 cows, avg. 797 lbs., at....	3 00
G T Reynolds, Albany, Texas, 59 cows, avg. 698 lbs., at....	2 65
E O Lockhausen, Heymond, Texas, 334 cows, avg. 757 lbs., at.....	2 85
112 cows, avg. 808 lbs., at.....	3 05
T Martin, Midland, Texas, 107 cows, avg. 8.0 lbs., at.....	3 00
Worsham & Wishon, Quanah, Texas, 144 cows, avg. 841 lbs., at.....	3 05
W C Lee, Albany, Texas, 60 cows, avg. 730 lbs., at.....	2 80
C H Cable, Albany, Texas, 15 cows, avg. 816 lbs., at....	2 85
33 heifers, avg. 610 lbs., at....	3 25
Jno. S Price, Tulsa, I. T., 151 steers, avg. 1013 lbs., at....	4 30
65 steers, avg. 1120 lbs., at....	4 40
J J Cook, Henrietta, Texas, 27 cows, avg. 642 lbs., at.....	2 65
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28.	
O Gordon, Red Fork, I. T., 27 steers, avg. 967 lbs., at.....	3 85
C Davis, Checotah, I. T., 101 steers, avg. 855 lbs., at.....	3 60
W D Watkins, Red Fork, I. T., 15 steers, avg. 1232 lbs., at....	4 45

DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 6.

S. C Rockwood, Nounds, I. T. 44 steers, avg 1153 lbs at....	\$ 4 55
Hogan Mercantile Co., Pryor I. T., 24 steers, avg 997 lbs at.....	4 35
J. W. Kokernot, Alpine, Tex. 364 steers, avg 892 lbs. at....	3 90
W. D. Reynolds, Albany, Tex., 115 cows, avg 811 lbs at....	2 85
113 cows, avg. 812 lbs at....	2 85
S. N. Morrisson, Abilene, Tex. 23 steer, avg 1051 lbs, at....	4.30
Oscar Wilson, Abilene, Texas, 54 steers, avg 921 lbs at....	4 00
Daugherty & Baker, Catoosa I. T., 42 steers, avg. 1208 lbs at.....	4 40
J. F. Newman, Sweetwater, Tex., 48 steers, avg 1003 lbs. at.....	4 30
Otto Newman, Sweetwater, Texas, 50 steers avg. 973 lbs at.....	4 25
J. A Spires, Trent, Tex., 23 steers, avg 772 lbs at.....	3 50
W. C. Dillion, Chandler, Okla. 23 steers, avg 1049 lb: at....	4 45
Charles Faust, Chandler, Okla. 36 steers, avg. 826 lbs. at....	4 00

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HOGS.

The market below is a representative basis of good hogs for packers' use.

Nov. 10 to Nov. 16 INCLUSIVE.	Re-ceipts.	Top Price.	Bulk of Sales
Saturday, Nov. 24...	2679	\$4 97	\$4 85-4 90
Monday, Nov. 26...	8919	5 65	4 85-4 95
Tuesday, Nov. 27...	13919	4 91	4 80-4 82
Wednesday, Nov. 28...	13745	4 80	4 75-4 77
Thursday, Nov. 29...	6642	4 82	4 75-4 77
Friday, Nov. 30...	2614	4 80	4 75-4 77
Saturday, Dec 1...	3184	\$4 77	\$4 72-4 75
Monday, Dec. 3...	7162	4 77	4 70-4 72
Tuesday, Dec. 4...	8164	4 80	4 70-4 75
Wednesday Dec 5	11392	4 90	4 80-4 85
Thursday, Dec. 6...	9369	4 95	4 87-4 95
Friday, Dec. 7...	10181	4 92	4 85-4 90

RANGE NOTES.

Written for THE INSPECTOR by H. B. Murray of Emma, Texas.

During the past week there has been some cold weather, but stock still looks very well. Horses are fat but cattle show some falling off.

The N. N. N. ranch, in Lynn county, is busy repairing fences and making many other substantial improvements, and will add a lot of stock during the winter.

Many ranchmen are buying cottonseed for stock feeding during the winter. They like the seed better than grain and comes cheaper than other feed stuff.

J. K. Milwee, of Hale county, came down to his Crosby county ranch this week. He reports all prosperous in Hale county, and cattle in fine shape; horses are eating loco pretty badly.

E. A. Herndon, of Scurvy county, has been buying horses in Lubbock, Crosby and Garza counties recently. He paid \$15 to \$20 for fat unbroken horses not too old.

The N. S. ranch in Garza county is in fine shape now. They have an excellent water supply, and grass looks well. They are well supplied with salt, and their cattle are in fine shape.

A Sterling county man told me this week that he had never seen the county in finer condition. Stock are fat, grass good, and the water supply is abundant.

A. W. Hudson, of the Hudson & Schultz ranch in Crosby county, has gone to Kansas and will look after the steers which they shipped there during the fall.

Frank Anson has been buying some horses and mares throughout the lower plains country this week, but found very few that suited him. He bought a few horses at \$40 to \$65, but very few mares.

Jones Bros carried a nice bunch of horses from the northern Panhandle to Tom Green county this week. They will keep them there during the winter. It was a fine bunch of horses.

G. C. Igo bought 1500 head of yearling steers and fat cows in Mitchell county this week and brought them to his Lubbock county ranch. He paid about \$17.50 for steers and \$19 for cows.

Several Fisher and Stonewall county men have recently moved their cattle to Dawson county to get better range and to avoid so much loco weed. In Fisher county the range is overloaded and the water supply is very short. Conditions are about the same in Stonewall county.

Excursion Rates to Colorado and Utah

Commencing Nov. 6, the Santa Fe will sell round trip second class setlers rates to Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver and Salt Lake and Ogden, Utah, at rate of \$44.30 for round trip. Will also sell at rate of \$25.15 for one way ticket. Tickets on sale Nov. 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1900. Round trip tickets good for return 30 days from date of sale, and one way tickets limited for continuous passage. For further particulars call at ticket office, or address W. J. Black, G. P. A., Topeka, Kas. A. P. GLENDENING, Agent.

Annual Convention National Live Stock Association, Salt Lake City, Utah. January 15 to 18, 1900.

For this occasion special reduced rates will be made via the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. This will be an excellent opportunity to view some of Colorado's magnificent scenery which is located along the line of this road. This road has also two lines across the Rocky Mountains en route to Salt Lake City, and all tickets are good via either line as the passenger may desire. Three through trains are operated between Denver and Salt Lake City, which carry through Pullman and ordinary sleeping cars between Denver and Salt Lake City. For other particulars and free illustrated pamphlets address S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colorado.

Horses Two Feet High.

Perhaps the most remarkable discovery ever made in America, says the Denver stockman, was the remains of a diminutive race of prehistoric horses found recently near a great lake in the wilds of Wyoming. The tiny equines, though less than two and a half feet high, were perfect specimens of fully matured horses. Exact images of fine horse flesh as seen today, they were nevertheless smaller than any pony living at present. Amazement filled the minds of the scientific men who uncovered the little animals. Thousands of them inhabited the shores of the lake, yet they have never been found elsewhere. Perhaps some choice food peculiarly adapted to their needs grew only along its shores. It is doubtful if they were ever ridden by man, and certainly a human of normal size would never have attempted to bestride so small a creature. If dwarfs rode upon the Liliputian steeds no traces of their presence have yet been found.

Be sure and read our clubbing offers.

Texas Inspectors.

The Inspectors for the Live Stock Sanitary Commission of Texas are as follows:

T. H. Benson, Wichita Falls; John Self, Seymour; O. J. Wood, Throckmorton; T. J. Lemmon, Stamford; John Cash, Crowell; Dr. W. K. Lewis, Colorado; F. C. Sparkman, Sterling City; J. W. Thornbury, Ft. Stockton. All Inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Cattle coming through Fort. Worth should be inspected by Dr. H. D. Paxson, U. S. Inspector at stock yards.

The Inspectors are not allowed to make any charge, as they are paid by the state.

Colorado has been added to the territory for the sale of Holiday Reduced Rate Tickets. The Denver Road will sell at one and one fifth fare for the roundtrip to Denver, Pueblo and Colorado Springs, good from December 21, 22 and 23 to January 20, 1901. This is an unusual opportunity, and you don't have to apologize for riding on the Denver Road.

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LIVE STOCK NOTES

Report of Deputy Live Stock Inspectors of Oklahoma, for Two Weeks Ending May 15, 1900.

Stockmen are requested to write postal card items for this column. The INSPECTOR desires to print live stock notes from everywhere. Send us a postal—push it along.

1000 head of cattle were unloaded at Stroud, Okla., and will be wintered by the Cottonseed Oil Co. at that place.

Arizona cattlemen, on account of the drouth, are closing out their herds at \$14.00 per head with the calves thrown in.

Gus Guber brought into Quanah, Texas, the 27th, a car load of the finest Shorthorn bull calves ever seen in that locality.

Feed is higher around Childress, Texas, than it has been for years. Hay started in at \$6 per ton, but is now selling for \$10. Corn is also higher.

E. H. Godfrey, of Quanah, Tex s, recently shipped nineteen cars of Greer county grass-fed cattle to market. This was his first shipment off of Greer county grass.

A. D. Shaw, of Coldwater, Kansas, sold to Clay & Purdy, of Barber county, 430 spring calves, a part of his 1900 crop, at an average of \$17.00 per head.

John Ledbetter, of Quanah, Texas, has donated a fine thoroughbred Durham heifer calf to the library association of that place. The calf is valued at \$250 and will be raffled off.

The total shipments of stock from Quanah this season were about 5,000 head, mostly cows. The country is in fine condition and cattle are in splendid shape.

Cristler & Britt, of Childress, Texas, sold 200 head of steers on the 26th to Al Yantis, of Quanah, for \$20.00 per head. Mr. Yantis also purchased 500 head from Bud Arnett, of Baylor county, Texas, at the same price.

G. A. Yantis, of Quanah, Texas, purchased 700 head of cows from S. B. Burnett, of Childress, paying \$20 per head for them. Mr. Yantis took 150 of them to Quanah to put on feed, and shipped the balance to the Kansas City market.

Never Before Equaled.

The Kansas City packing houses killed more cattle during last month than in any previous November, the number reaching 124,718 head. This is a gain over last year of 13,000 head, in the face of smaller receipts. The total for eleven months is 1,061,307; an increase of 132,000 over last year and never previously equaled. Work of the packers for this and preceding Novembers and eleven months are as follows:

Table with columns: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep. Rows for months from Nov 1897 to Nov 1900.

An Important Decision.

The decision by the United States circuit court of appeals in the case of Evans, Snyder, Buell and Co. vs. W. P. McFadden et al. is of the utmost importance to live stock commission firms and cattlemen generally. Heretofore, when a commission firm loaned money to a cattleman and secured the same by a mortgage upon the live stock purchased, some creditor with an old claim would step in and attempt to seize the mortgaged cattle. The case was settled, however, in favor of the mortgagor over old claims or judgments.

Christmas With the Old Folks at Home.

The Old Reliable Denver Road will again sell tickets to the principal points in the southeast account of holidays, at a greatly reduced rate; tickets to be on sale for passenger trains leaving Amarillo on the mornings of December 20, 21 and 22, 1900, and good for thirty days from date of sale. If you wish to take a trip, or have a friend who does, write

A. B. SPENCER, Local Agt., Amarillo, Texas.

Sec. 16, Chap. 31, Session Laws 1897, Statutes of Oklahoma: It shall be the duty of the inspectors provided for by this act to provide themselves with record books in which they shall record age, brand and color of all cattle slaughtered within their respective districts for the purpose of sale to the public, either wholesale or retail; * * * any person offering the meat of cattle for sale without having them inspected as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof be fined ten dollars for every animal so unlawfully slaughtered.

Order of Live Stock Sanitary Board April 5th, 1900: It is hereby made the duty of all deputy live stock inspectors in Oklahoma at the end of each week to transmit to the secretary of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission for file and to the Live Stock Inspector at Woodward, Oklahoma, for publication duplicate report showing in detail the number of animals inspected by him during the week recommended as fit for slaughter, with a complete description of the marks and brands on each animal so inspected, giving location of same

- R. N. Andrew, Payne county: Roan cow, age 6 yr, brand O on l h; Red cow, same age and brand; White cow, same age and brand; Pl red cow, same age and brand; Dark red cow, same age and brand; Dark brindle steer, age 3 yr, brand two figure 7's connected on l h; Black steer, same age and brand; Pl red steer, same age and brand; Dk red steer, same age and brand; Blk & wht steer same age and brand; Yellow steer, same age and brand.

- J. E. Cressler, Noble county: Brown cow, age 8 yr, brand LO on r h; 2 red and white steers; age 2 yr, brand HS on l s; Wht cow, age 5 yr, brand T on l h; J R Casady, Roper Mills county: Red steer, age 3 yr, brand QZ; Wht Heifer, age 2 yr, brand same as ited steer, same age and brand; Black steer, same age and brand; Red & wht steer, same age and brand; Red steer, same age and brand; Brindle steer, age 2 yr, brand B M between bars.

- Wm. McHugh, Woods county: Black cow, age 2 yr, brand 13 r h; 2 red cows, age 3 yr, brand M r h; Roan cow, age 5 yr, brand H A connected; Red cow, age 4 yr, brand half circle over IT; 2 blk cows, age 4 yr, brand H lazy M on l s; White cow, age 3 yr, brand bar under 16 l h; Red cow, age 4 yr, brand bar under 6 l h; Red cow, age 5 yr, bar over 15 l h; Red cow, age 4 yr, brand D H l h; Roan cow, age 6 yr, brand 2 on r h; Red cow, age 5 yr, brand J M r h; Red & wht cow, age 6 yr, brand H. N. l s; Red cow, age 3 yr, brand 0 plus mark l.

- John W. Capers, Logan county: Male, age 3 yr, brand S on l h; Yellow male, age 3 yr, brand D on l h; Red and white male, age 5 yr, brand O H on l h; Brindle male, age 4 yr brand OV on l h; Red female, age 4 yr, brand acute triangle of l h.

- H. R. Roberson, Pawnee county: Yellow cow, age 3 yr, brand H on l s; Red cow, age 7 yr, brand half circle over T; Red cow, age 4 yr, brand parallel bars on l s; over bar on r s; Wht & blue heifer, age 2 yr, brand H on l s; red and white steer, age 3 yr, same brand.

- Brindle steer, age 3 yr, brand — on l s; Roan cow, age 6 yr, brand L on l h; Red & wht cow, age 4 yr, brand H on l s; Frank Dale, Kay county: Light red female, age 8 yr, brand Y on sh's; Red female, age 7 yr, same brand; Red female, age 8 yr, same brand; Blk female, same age and brand; Brindle female, age 8 yr, brand CW l s; Light red female, age 6 yr, brand T on l s; Light dun female, age 4 yr, brand H on r s; Light red female, age 7 yr, brand v over bar on l h; Red female, age 9 yr, brand T on l s; Brindle female, age 5 yr, brand T on l s; Mouse color female, age 5 yr, brand three paralell slashes on l h; Red and wht female, age 6 yr brand T on l s; Light brown female, same age and brand; Red female, age 5 yr, same brand; Red female, age 7 yr, brand T on l s; Brown female, age 6 yr, brand T on l s; Brown female, age 2 yr, brand K — on l s; Brown female, age 7 yr, brand J on l s; Brown female, age 6 yr, brand J on l s; Brown female, same age & brand; Brown female, age 5 yr, same brand; Brown & wht female, age 8 yr, same brand; Light red female, same age and brand; Red female, age 6 yr, same brand; Wht & blk, female age 8 yr, brand J slash connected on l s; V on r h; Red female, age 8 yr, brand C l h; Light dun female, age 5 yr, brand C W on l s; Wht & brown female, age 8 yr; same brand; Brown female, age 8 yr brand F l h; White female, age 3 yr, brand f on l s and l h; Red female, age 4 yr, brand K C on l s & l h; Wht & red female, age 5 yr, brand Y l s; C l h; Blk & wht female, age 6 yr, brand C on l h; Brown female, age 8 yr, brand F l h; Red female, age 8 yr, brand V on sh.

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The bully boys who lead the bulls around the ring at the Chicago Stock show last week had to wear uniforms with the word "attendant" in red letters on cap.

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The Denver & Rio Grande railroad, "The Scenic Line of the World," has prepared an illustrated book upon the above subject, which will be sent free to farmers desiring to change their location. This publication gives valuable information in regard to the agricultural, horticultural and live stock interests of this section, and should be in the hands of everyone who desires to become acquainted with the methods of farming by irrigation. Write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colorado.

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The Cimarron News gives some good advice in the following comment on an article in the Wichita Beacon, saying that Western Oklahoma is becoming a great farming country: "The Wichita Beacon says that Western Oklahoma is settling up rapidly on land that was once supposed to be worthless. It further says: The increased rainfall caused by the settling up of the country, breaking of the sod and planting of orchards, has made the land desirable for farming as well as stock raising. The settlers are coming so fast that they are breaking up all big cattle pastures and many of the cattlemen are preparing to leave with their great herds." "Western Oklahoma" may all be situated east of Beaver county, and if the Beacon is right in the rapid settlement for farming the land, it must be 200 miles east of this point. The writer in the Beacon still hangs to the exploded idea that the rainfall increases as the settlers file in and plow. He ought to read up statistics. Not since a record of rainfall has been kept can it be proven that precipitation follows settlement. There are not many quarter sections in western Oklahoma on this said worthless land that a settler can make more than a living farming and the chances are that he will have to look to the stockman for a little work if he stays.

A great many cattlemen cannot understand that the Sanitary Board of Oklahoma really means business, in regard to enforcing the quarantine laws. Recently a bunch of cattle, enroute across the Federal quarantine line from eastern Oklahoma to the western part, was stopped by the territorial cattle inspectors and placed under quarantine. They were in bad shape. Another bunch from southeastern Oklahoma, headed for Woods county, was stopped near Cashion, Okla. They were badly infested with ticks. In both cases, the owners did not have the proper permits signed by the secretary of the Sanitary Board. The Board recently completed arrangements for a sufficient number of inspectors to handle the cattle movement and owners intending to cross the quarantine line will save a great deal of expense and annoyance by securing the proper inspection affidavits.

Tex Barkley and Jeff Chenoweth were called to Council Grove, Kansas, Nov. 22 and 23, to act as witnesses in the case of the State of Kansas against Robert Stovall, who was charged with stealing cattle in Oklahoma and taking them to that place for disposition. Stovall is a former citizen of Day county. The jury was out twenty-four hours, but brought in a verdict of grand larceny. They also convicted two more, one for larceny and one for disposing of mortgaged property. The Republican, of that city, in commenting on the cases has the following: "Say, but don't they go after the cattle thieves. That is business. Stop it in its incipency. Dealing in cattle in a legitimate way pays big these days, but as to the illegitimate process, it is a poor investment."

The Cherokee legislature has just passed an act making it unlawful for anyone to bring cattle into the Nation for the purpose of grazing; except by citizens of the Nation, who may do so between December 1st and Feb. 28 by paying a fee of fifty cents per head.

John Ledbetter, of Quanah, Texas, recently bought eighty-seven head of fine Shorthorn cattle from B. B. and H. T. Groom, of Pandandle. Terms private.

Heifer calves are selling around Childress, Texas, for \$12 00.

The cattlemen around Meade, Kansas, are complaining of a great amount of cattle stealing.

Guy Bordon, of San Antonio, Texas, will range 1500 head of cattle in the Kiowa country, Indian Territory.

Owing to the high price of cotton seed it is predicted there will not be over forty per cent as many cattle fed in Texas this season as last.

Cattlemen in Wyoming report a shortage in grass and are moving their herds into other states where the pasturage is good.

Stockmen in Southwestern Kansas are preparing for a very severe winter. There is plenty of feed on hand, and with good care, stock will winter nicely.

More fine stock have been shipped into the Panhandle the last six months than during the preceding six years. The smaller cattlemen and farmers are the main buyers.

A car load of pure bred Polls has just been received at the Texas college station to be inoculated against Texas fever. A car load of Shorthorns and also some Herefords are expected soon. Dr. Francis, the veterinarian, is meeting with marked success in this work, and it will be a great boon to the cattle industry of that state.

The cattlemen of Colorado have taken the proper course to secure such legislation as they may deem best for the live stock interests of the state. They called a convention to meet in Denver from the 13th up to today, and will discuss the state laws and make such recommendations as they may want. This seems a good way to bring matters to a focus, and with united effort will probably get what they need.

Our first page illustration this issue is a splendid likeness of the bay gelding, Elrod 2:13 1/2, who distinguished himself at Dallas, Tex., last fall by winning a great five heat race from a field of twelve good horses. This horse was bred and is owned by Colonel Exall, of the Lomo Alto farm at Dallas and was sired by the great stallion, Electrite. Elrod also held the world's yearling record.

Rockefeller Ranch.

A recent visitor to Rockefeller's fine ranch in Kiowa county, Kansas, has the following to say in regard to it: "The ranch is about two miles southeast of Belvidere, and contains about 15,000 acres. The home place is a picture of beauty, the handiwork of nature and the art of man being combined to form its completeness. The house is commodious, containing about twenty-five rooms. "The exterior has rather a plain appearance, but the home is richly furnished with all modern comforts. There are several fine barns nearby, where blooded horses, hogs and other animals are kept. The house and all the outbuildings are painted white, and rest in a valley behind a bluff. Standing on this bluff and watching the pigeons flying over the tree tops and around the barns, and seeing the highest class of animal life playing its part in the yards and pens—one wonders if it is a dream of loveliness or the acme of reality's work. Besides the home place there are a number of substantial houses on different parts of the ranch where foremen and overseers live with their families. "Mr. Rockefeller is a fancier of good stock. On the ranch are high bred cattle, horses, hogs and fowls. There are some elk on the place. A vast amount of money has been spent on the place to make it comfortable and beautiful. A canyon that comes near the house is timbered with natural trees. This timber is being trimmed up into a park, which is about seven miles long. In the center of the canyon is a stream which is being straightened."

Oklahoma Live Stock Convention.

The next annual convention of the Oklahoma Live Stock Association will be held at Woodward, February 12 and 13, 1901.

The program will be of more than usual interest and the attendance promises to be greater than ever before in the history of the Association.

Among those who will appear on the program are the following:

Prof. L. L. Lewis, Veterinarian of the Oklahoma A. and M. College, will read a paper on "The Value of Quarantine Regulations in Oklahoma."

Supt. H. A. Tice, of the Santa Fe, will speak on "Cattle Shipments and Live Stock Transportation."

Traffic Manager M. B. Irwin, of the St. Joseph Stock Yards Co., will tell what the St. Joseph stock yards have done for the stockmen.

Prof. John Fields, director of the Oklahoma Experiment Station, will give the convention information regarding "Practical Tests in Breeding and Feeding."

Honorable Freeman E. Miller, member of legislature, has been requested to read a poem concerning Oklahoma cattle.

Col. Albert Dean, secretary Bureau of Animal Industry, Kansas City, will address the convention on "Texas Fever and how communicated."

Miss Estelle G. Burke, of Wichita, will appear on the program in recitations, among which will be "The Spanish Pony."

Miss Mary Tandy, of Woodward, has also consented to recite.

Supt. Eugene Rust will speak of the history and growth of the Kansas City stock yards.

M. C. Campbell, president Kansas Sanitary Board, will speak on the "Relations of Kansas to Oklahoma in Quarantine Matters."

F. J. Wikoff, president Oklahoma Live Stock Sanitary Commission, will speak about "Needs and Value of Cattle Inspection."

The above is only a portion of the many good things which will appear on the program during the two days convention. On the evening of the 12th a lecture will be given at which the recitations will be heard. The Alva Normal Choir of fifty voices is also expected to be present. Good music will be furnished by Woodward talent. Watch our next issue for further particulars.

Secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, has been invited to be present and his reply will be given later on.

The legislature of Oklahoma will be invited to be present in a body and learn more of the needs and value of the live stock industry in Oklahoma, which constitutes fully forty per cent of the taxable wealth of the territory. Don't forget the date.

You are Thinking

Perhaps, of visiting the folks back home during the Christmas holidays. If so, you want to GO THE BEST WAY. There is but one best way—and that is via the Texas & Pacific railway. Anticipating the enormity of the movement to the Southeast, this line has arranged for special trains in addition to its regular service, and will give patrons the choice of going via either New Orleans, Shreveport or Memphis. Tickets will be sold to St. Louis, points in Arkansas and the Southeast, November 20, 21 and 22, limited for return 30 days from date of issue. See any ticket agent about our splendid connections, free chair cars, reservation in sleeping cars, etc., etc., or write to H. P. Hughes, traveling passenger agent, Fort Worth, Texas, or E. P. Turner, Gen'l Passenger and Ticket Agent, Dallas, Texas.

If some Rip Van Winkle who knew the range product of 1884, were to be awakened for a look at the range cattle and horse of 1900, he would see a transformation to challenge a worse surprise than was depicted by Irving in his portrayal of the original Rip. The wild Texas steer of the early days—the wide antlered, cat-hammed, snorting, belligerent ward of the bespurred, be-gloved, white-hatted, cigarette-loving cowboy of that primitive period is gone.—St'k G'srs' Journal.

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KANSAS CITY BRANCH.

Kansas City, Mo., U. S. A.

A Beautiful Memorial.

In speaking of the erection of the monument to the memory of the late W. D. Nelligan, the Kiowa Journal has the following:

"Soon after the death of W. D. Nelligan, his associates in railroad work on the Santa Fe and many friends throughout this state and the territory of Oklahoma, began to talk of a fitting monument to his memory. Finally a committee consisting of C. R. Kingsley, Robert Busswell and G. W. Rourke, took the matter up and by popular subscription raised a sum sufficient to secure a very handsome monument of H. E. Barker, importer and manufacturer of granite, marble and statuary, at Kansas City, Mo. Monday this handsome piece of Berry granite, beautifully engraved and polished, arrived in Kiowa, accompanied by A. G. Ditsch, representing H. E. Barker, and J. W. Frawley, brother-in-law of Mr. Nelligan, representing the committee, who could not be present.

The monument cost \$450, is made of Berry granite, weighs 8000 pounds and stands 8 feet high, topped out with a cross of Berry granite. It bears the following inscription:

"In memory of W. D. Nelligan, born January 20, 1862, died May 22, 1900." "May his soul rest in Peace."

On the second base in large raised letters is the name "Nelligan;" at the top of this base is a receptacle into which was placed the list of names of those who contributed to the monument fund, together with the issue of the Woodward Live Stock Inspector bearing full paged picture of the deceased. I. H. S. in raised letters mark the cross, while at the base of same is the monogram W. D. M.

The committee is certainly to be commended for their wise judgment in selecting, as they have one of the handsomest memorial stones in southern Kansas. To appreciate the workmanship and beauty of this monument, one must see it."

Points of Hereford Cattle.

A South Dakota correspondent writes:

"Please tell us how to judge the vital points of a fine beef built Hereford bull? What is the best strain that is bred in this country?"

There is very little difference in the essential points of any of the beef breeds outside of color. For example: Prof. Shaw, in his "Study of Breeds," in the chapter describing their principal points, describes the body of the Herefords as follows:

"Long, broad, deep, not too long in the barrel, rectangular, almost a parallelogram, and evenly covered with firm flesh."

His description of the body of the Shorthorn is as follows:

"Long, broad, deep, only moderately long in the coupling and rectangular, almost a parallelogram, and evenly covered with firm flesh."

The differences between the Hereford and Shorthorn are given as follows: "They (Herefords) have longer and more spreading horns, more dewlap, lower briskets, rather thicker hides, lighter thighs, more curly coats, and the differences in color mentioned."

Comparing Aberdeen-Angus with the Shorthorn, he says: "The Aberdeen-Angus are longer in body in proportion to the height, smoother and cylindrical, less prominent at the angles, and even shorter in the limbs."

The difference in the best specimens of these breeds is mainly in the color, the character of the horn, and the thickness of the hide, the Hereford being thicker in the hide than the Shorthorn. Generally speaking, it is easy to get a good forequarter on a Hereford and easy to get a good hindquarter on a Shorthorn, the deficiency of the Hereford being usually in the hindquarters and of the Shorthorn in the forequarters.

In the Herefords, the family is counted from the sire; in the Shorthorns from the dam. Among the most pop-

ular Herefords sires in America are the Groves, Ancient Britons, Improvers, Correctors, Anxieties, Wiltons, and Climaxes—Wallace's Farmer.

Oklahoma's Population.

Below is given the official footings and compilations of assessor's returns of the population of Oklahoma as given out by Auditor Hopkins:

Counties	Males	Females	Total
Beaver	1,577	1,270	2,847
Blaine	4,890	4,410	9,300
Canadian	910,000	9,000	919,000
Cleveland	7,939	7,399	15,338
Custer	6,700	5,560	12,260
Day	1,100	900	2,000
Dewey	4,860	3,106	7,966
Garfield	10,979	9,459	20,438
Grant	10,915	9,015	19,930
Greer	9,120	8,630	17,750
Kay	10,290	10,008	20,298
Kingsfisher	9,963	8,224	18,187
Lincoln	14,276	12,400	26,676
Logan	15,000	15,000	30,000
Noble	6,619	6,020	12,639
Oklahoma	15,000	15,000	30,000
Pawnee	6,002	6,220	12,222
Payne	10,170	9,703	19,873
Pottawatomie	11,966	10,510	22,476
Roger Mills	3,764	2,409	6,173
Washita	7,782	7,326	15,108
Woods	16,917	15,561	32,478
Woodward	6,729	4,825	11,554
Indian Res.			14,000
Total	202,258	181,961	389,501

*Estimated.
**Total includes 1,282 Indians.

The total population in 1898 was 311,400. The total for this year is 389,501, or an increase of 88,101, a gain of over 28 per cent.

The following counties, Beaver, Custer, Day, Dewey, Greer, Roger Mills, Washita and Woodward, comprising the Thirteenth council district, made the greatest gain. In 1898 the population was 40,070, while this year it reaches 75,658, an increase of 35,588, or almost one-half the entire gain of Oklahoma.

Blaine county, the only one making returns on Indians, gives 1,282. In the grand total given above is an estimate of 14,000 Indians, settlers, white and black, and all other residents on Indian lands.

Pawnee county is the only county in Oklahoma where the females outnumber the males. As a total the males have the best of it by 21,297.

WHEN YOU REACH

The place where the University of Oklahoma is situated, Norman, Oklahoma, you will find someone waiting at the depot to receive you. Come at once to the president's office on the second floor. You can find it easily. You will there receive your class card which will admit you to the classes you choose. All necessary for your comfort will be done. The second semester opens Feb. 4, 1901.

EXPENSES ARE LOW.

No tuition is charged. Board ranges from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per week. Furnished rooms for 50 or 75 cents per week. Some students are able to make \$80 to \$75 cover the entire expense for a semester (four and one-half months). Many find work outside their study hours and are able to cut the expense lower still. The instruction is as good as any in the West. Where? At the University of Oklahoma. The second term begins Feb. 4, 1901.

Through Colorado.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad, with its various branches penetrating the Rockies has two distinct and separate lines across the mountains. Tickets reading via the "Scenic Line" between Denver and Grand Junction in connection with the Rio Grande Western Ry. between Grand Junction and Ogden, are available over the Denver & Rio Grande either via its main line through Leadville and Glenwood Springs or via the line over Marshall Pass and through the Black Canon. Tourists to or from Salt Lake City, Ogden or San Francisco will find it to their advantage to have their tickets read in both directions via "The scenic line of the world," thus being able to use one of the above routes going and the other returning. Write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colorado, for illustrated pamphlets.

Kansas City Market Letter.

Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, Dec 8, 1900.

Cattle receipts this week 37,000; for the corresponding week last year 45,000. The reduced supply of all classes of cattle this week stimulated prices. Butcher cows were in the strongest demand and scored the greatest advance and inferior short-fed steers the least, while choice export and dressed beef steers were only slightly higher.

The supply of stock and feeding cattle was light; the few offered bringing steady prices. The best grades continue very scarce and real good kinds are bringing fancy prices, with the plain varieties a trifle slow and selling at unchanged prices.

In the quarantine yards the run was good for the season, the quality, with a few exceptions, of the very best. The strongest demand was for the class of cattle that the quarantine district produces and prices were very satisfactory.

Native steers brought from 4.30 to 5.60; stockers and feeders 3.00 to 4.85; butcher cows 3.00 to 4.25; butcher heifers, 3.50 to 4.85; canners 2.50 to 3.00; fed westerns, 3.50 to 5.25; fed Texans, 3.75 to 4.50; grass Texans, 3.10 to 3.70; veal calves 3.50 to 5.50.

Hog receipts for the week, 62,000; for the corresponding week last year, 53,000. With lighter receipts, prices have taken an upward turn, the advance for the week amounts to 12¢ per cwt. and compared with the same day last year, values to-day are about \$1.00 higher. Heavy hogs brought today 4.92½ with the bulk of the sales at 4.80 to 4.90.

Sheep receipts this week 15,000; for the corresponding week last year, 22,000. Trade has ruled active all the week. Local killers have been liberal buyers for all the mutton grades and prices are 10 to 25¢ higher than last week's quotations. Lambs have sold from \$4.85 to 5.50; muttons 3.80 to \$4.40; feeding lambs, 3.75 to 4.35; feeding wethers \$3.50 to \$3.90; stockers 3.50 to 4.00; culls 3.00 to 3.50.

M. W. Shelley, of Plainview, Tex., had 128 head of cattle on the market the latter part of November, which met with a good sale. He was accompanied by Harvey Sparks, of Matador, S. I. Byers, of Estilene and Q. A. Klutts, of Quitaque, Texas. The boys met with quite an exciting time at Washburne, Texas, where they had to wait several hours to make connections. They had made themselves comfortable for the night and were all sound asleep, when a sudden noise awakened them. They told a thrilling tale of a midnight robber with a revolver pointing four ways at once, but as all parties escaped personal injury it is supposed that the robber was a democrat. Outsiders say the trouble was caused by a sack of mail being thrown from a passing train but the boys stick to their side of the story.

The top sale for Dec. 4th of straight car loads unassorted cattle was of 28 native steers, fed by Wright Bros., the members of which firm are R. B. Wright, Jr. and Walter Wright, of Mt. Leonard, Saline county, Mo. They averaged 1775 lbs per head and were sold by the Elmore-Cooper Live Stock Commission Co. to Swartzschild & Sulzberger Packing Co. at \$5.65 per cwt. They grossed \$100.28 per head. They were a good grade of native steers, not thoroughbreds. They were on feed about nine months; during the summer on grass and later on plain ear corn. This is Wright Bros. first shipment to Kansas City. Heretofore they have always gone to Chicago, but are now convinced that Kansas City is their best market.

Swartzschild & Sulzberger's packing house has an innovation in the packing business, which should prove to

be a great convenience to the smaller towns, where it would be unprofitable to maintain a permanent branch. The invention is a railway car, fitted up a branch house and can be moved from place to place with a small stock of fresh meat and provisions. If the experiment proves a success, it will doubtless be adopted by many others.

Col. C. Slaughter, of Dallas, Tx., had two cars of fancy show cattle here Dec. 1, on exhibition, which were forwarded to Chicago for the fat stock show. These cattle were shipped from Council Grove, Kansas, where they were fattened by Frank Lower, the noted feeder. They are of the lazy S brand. Mr. Lower has one load of the same class of cattle on feed now, which will be marketed here about the 15th.

Finis W. Harris, of Eureka, Kas., an old-time cattleman, was on the market recently with 33 head of cattle, average 1419 lbs., which were sold to the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Packing Co., at \$5.25. He had also two loads of cattle which averaged 1469 lbs., and sold for \$5.20. He has about 100 cattle left, which he will keep on rough feed through the winter.

Otis L. Benton, a banker and extensive cattle feeder of Decatur county, Kansas, was on the market the first week in December buying and shipping cattle home for feeding purposes. His aggregate purchases amounted to 350 head. Mr. Benton handles from two to three thousand head of feeding cattle per season.

A. E. Wright, of Iola, Kas., the "natural gas city of the world," as he calls it, was on the market recently with two loads of hogs which sold for \$4.95. Mr. Wright reports plenty of hay and corn in that section and says there will be 2000 head of cattle wintered within ten miles of Iola.

H. T. Marsh, a young stockman from Lyon county, Kansas, in company with a small party of friends, were visitors at the yards, Nov. 22. Mr. Marsh says the rough feed in his locality is good, but owing principally to the high price of corn, the number of cattle on full feed will be light.

Dan Rawley, of Blackburn, Okla., was at the yards, Nov. 26, looking for cattle. Mr. Rawley says there is plenty of feed in his section of Oklahoma and it is very cheap. Not many cattle wintered there this season. Mr. Rawdon will hereafter read the LIVE STOCK INSPECTOR regularly.

Anadarko, Okla., was represented at this market recently by J. Meyer, who had 29 steers which brought \$3.40, and 20 steers which brought \$3.10; also D. R. Fant, who sold 31 steers for \$2.90, and 45 bulls for \$2.70.

Notes of Shippers.

W. T. Mapes had in a car of hogs from Tecumseh, Okla., Dec. 6.

C. Hauffden, of Choteau, I. T., marketed one car of hogs Dec. 7.

C. P. Jones was here from Vinita, I. T., Dec. 7, with two loads of cattle.

C. B. White, of Pryor Creek, I. T., marketed two loads of cattle Dec. 4.

A. S. Gage shipped in seven loads of cattle Dec. 4, from Merithon, Texas.

E. L. McCrummen, of Paoli, I. T., marketed several loads of hogs Dec. 1.

W. J. Long, of Pauls Valley, I. T., marketed several loads of hogs Dec. 2.

W. J. Whitel marketed some cows from Canadian, Texas, Dec. 5.

T. W. Quinlan, of Fastoria, Kas., had cattle on the market Dec. 5.

W. J. Naylor, of Baxter, Kas., had steers on the market Dec. 5.

Earle Wilkins, of Dorsey, N. M., had in several loads of cattle Dec. 6.

J. R. Holmes, of Elmdale, Kas., marketed two loads of steers Dec. 4.

Scott Craig, of Dale, Okla., was in

the Quarantine Division recently with 22 head of native fed, which averaged 1100 lbs.; they brought \$5.00.

C. H. Morgan had in a consignment of cattle Dec. 4, from Richmond, Kas.

J. G. Beatty, of Kiowa, Kas., marketed 37 head of steers Dec. 4.

A. J. Crewsdon, of Kiowa, Kas., marketed two loads of steers Dec. 4.

L. A. Medlin, of Miami, Texas, marketed 27 cows recently.

I. L. Barnett, of Homer, Texas, marketed several loads of cattle Dec. 6.

L. F. Miller brought in four loads of cattle from Belcher, Texas, Dec. 2.

W. J. Wright, of Woodward, Okla., was a visitor at the yards, Nov. 27.

F. S. Miller, of Ballinger, Texas, marketed 221 head of cows Nov. 29.

Frank Morgan, of Amarillo, Texas, was at the yards, Nov. 27.

Frank Webb, of Moline, Kansas, had 91 steers on the market Nov. 26.

J. W. Ryan, of Ryan, I. T., marketed 10 steers and 14 cows, Nov. 26.

Fred Taintor had in eight loads of cattle from Englewood, Kas., Dec. 4.

S. A. Pfrimmer, of Heman, Okla., had 91 steers on the market, Nov. 23.

LaForce Bros., of Vinita, I. T., had four loads of cattle on the market Dec. 3.

Atkins & Goves, of Giles, Texas, marketed 11 cows and 15 steers, Nov. 27.

C. L. Sullivan, of Homer, Tex., had 102 head of cattle on the market Nov. 27.

J. L. Juday, of Burr Oak, Kas., had hogs on the market Dec. 7, that sold at 4.87 1/2.

Bomen & Mooney, of Centralia, Kas., marketed some hogs Dec. 7, at 4.87 1/2.

Hartwell & Knox, of Frankfort, Kas., were on the market Dec. 7 with some hogs that brought \$4.90.

J. H. Fox of Longford, Kas., had 79 head of sheep on the market Dec. 1, that brought \$4.72.

Sutton & Timmerman, of Hartford, Kas., had in a consignment of hogs on the 1st.

John Ernst, of Americus, Kas., was on the market Dec. 3, with 60 head of steers.

R. B. Clark, of Burns, Kas., marketed several loads of hogs at good prices, Dec. 4.

R. W. Cleverdon had in a good shipment of hogs Dec. 4, which marketed at very satisfactory prices.

J. F. Goodrich, of Moline, Kas., had a few loads of steers on the market Dec. 4.

Reports from Dickinson county, Kansas, say that cattle feeding has been seriously affected by the high price of corn. Many feed yards are empty for the first time in several years.

G. W. Farmer, of Junction City, Texas, shipped four loads of cattle Nov. 30. Mr. Farmer says there will be a good many cattle wintered in his vicinity. The range is fine and cattle are in good shape.

J. C. Hollenbeck, of Ness City, Kansas, had stock on the market, Nov. 30. He reports plenty of rough feed in that part of Kansas and the number of cattle to be wintered fully up to the average.

J. A. Hopkins, of Butler county, Kansas, was on the market with several loads of cattle, Nov. 24, which brought satisfactory prices. Mr. Hopkins will feed about 300 cattle this winter.

C. L. Gunn, of Heiser, Kansas, (in the southwest corner of the state) was in Nov. 22, with hogs and cattle. Mr. Gunn is one of our representative shippers and personally a very nice man.

R. E. Gooding, C. A. Kincaid, L. E. Hancock and Joseph Chaney, from Johnson county, Kansas, were at the yards, Nov. 30. They report an abundance of feed in their section of the state, but say there will be very few cattle wintered there.

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W. G. Moore marketed about 200 head of mixed cattle from Canadian, Texas, Dec. 6.

S. J. Garim, of Pauls Valley, I. T., marketed nearly 200 head of cattle Dec. 6.

M. W. Mills, of Springer, N. M., has several loads of mixed cattle on the market Dec. 6.

Hennis & Powell shipped in a load of mixed cattle from Woodward, Okla., Dec. 4.

M. B. Huling, of Carlsbad, N. M., had nearly 200 head of cattle on the market Dec. 5.

Walter Parker, of Wichita Falls, Texas, was on the market the early part of the month with three loads of cattle.

The Alpine Cattle Co., of Merithon, Texas, shipped seven loads of cattle to this market Dec. 4.

Swenson Bros., of Staeford, Texas, had thirteen loads of cattle on the market Dec. 4.

McBride & Knight, regular shippers from Shawnee, Okla., had two loads of hogs on the market Dec. 6.

Romyne & Loper had in one car of mixed stock from Oswego, Kas., Dec. 5.

Bowman & Witherspoon, heavy shippers from Gainville, Texas, had cattle on the market Dec. 2.

R. B. Trice, of Henrietta, Texas, was on the market Dec. 3, with two car loads of cattle.

R. B. Cobb, of Henrietta, Texas, had four loads of cattle on the market Dec. 3.

H. Morlenke, of Tonovay, Kansas, was on the market, Nov. 23 with 62 steers that sold at \$4.30.

J. E. Whilden had 73 1195 lb. steers on the market from Olivet, Kansas, Nov. 30, which sold for \$4.40.

T. W. Quinlan of Fasting, Kansas, marketed 946 lb steers, Nov. 30, for \$4.45.

Campbell & Horton were on the market Nov. 30 from Caldwell Kansas, with a load of \$4.72 hogs.

C. M. Walk, of Lebo, Kansas, received \$4.50 for a load of steers, Nov. 30, which averaged 1267 lbs.

T. S. Johnson, of Ioland, Texas, was on the market, Nov. 23, with seven cars of stock.

Ames Bros, of Moline, Kansas, were on the market, Nov. 27, with 72 steers, averaging 1410, that sold at \$5.00.

Ira Eddleman, of Woodward, Okla., was at the yards recently. He was on his way to Fort Worth, Texas.

Jeff Rawdon, of Woodward, Okla., was on the market recently with two car loads of stock.

A. H. Tandy, of Woodward, Okla., was on the market recently with two car loads of cattle.

Jas. Rudolph, of Antelope, Kas., had in 68 hogs, averaging 330 lbs., Dec. 4, which marketed for \$4.80.

Landergrin Bros., of Eureka, Kas., had 62 head of hogs on the market Dec. 5, which brought \$4.82.

Campbell & Harton, of Caldwell, Kas., were on the market recently with 82 hogs that brought \$4.87.

The Gay Ranch Co., of Minco, I. T., marketed 35 steers recently that brought \$3.05.

Landergrin Bros. had in 118 head of steers from Eureka, Kas., on the 4th, that sold for \$4.80.

E. B. Johnson had in 140 head of hogs from Minco, I. T., Dec. 4, that averaged 281 lbs. and sold for \$4.82.

D. F. Knauf, of Carlos, Kas., was on the market Dec. 4, with a load of steers.

Van Ham & McCaleb, of Midland, Texas, had a load of cows on the market Dec. 4.

B. F. McPherson, of Englewood, Kansas, was on the market, Nov. 22, with the "wind-up" of his round-up.

Bearden & Strain, a prominent cattle shipping firm of Bearden, I. T. (the town being named after the head of the firm) had in 229 head of cattle with Hopkins, Keiley & Co, Nov. 27. They struck a very satisfactory market.

The Gay Ranch Co., of Minco, I. T., marketed 71 steers that sold at \$3.15, Nov. 23.

Willie Kroenig, of Wakronis, N. M. was on the market, Nov. 23, with 24 steers, 17 bulls and 19 mixed cattle.

B. F. Singleton, of Eureka, Kas., marketed 125 head of hogs Dec. 4, that sold at \$4.77.

J. E. Whilden, of Olivet, Kansas, marketed 79 steers, Nov. 23, which brought \$4.70.

Warren Strong, of Moline, Kansas, had 962 pound cows on the market, Nov. 29, that sold at \$3.60.

F. M. Pope, of Argonia, Kansas, had 49 hogs on the market Nov. 26, that averaged 220 lbs and sold for 4.87.

Rountree & Spurlock, of Norman, Oklahoma, marketed, Nov. 26, 82 hogs averaging 223 lb, that sold at \$5.00.

A. H. Tandy, of Woodward, Okla., was represented at this market, Nov. 20, by two cars of cattle.

Percy Webb, of Belleview, Texas, had one load of cows on the market, Nov. 24.

Frank Lindsey, of Addington, I. T. was on the market, Nov. 26, with 485 steers that sold at 3.35.

T. W. Quinlan, of Fasting, Kansas, marketed 52 steers, Nov. 27, which averaged 986 lbs and sold at \$4.50.

Word & Ring, of Curtis, Oklahoma, were on the market Nov. 26, with some hogs.

B. Simpson, of Kent, Texas, contributed twelve loads to the cattle supply Dec. 2.

J. L. Miller, of Dale, Okla., had cattle on the market the early part of the month.

Brennan & Williamson, of Ripley, Okla., marketed one load of hogs Dec. 7, at very satisfactory prices.

F. A. Huntley, represented by his son, S. Huntley, had in a consignment of feeding cattle from Colby, Kas., Dec. 6.

B. L. Nayler, of Quapaw, I. T., marketed 100 steers at \$4.90, the early part of December.

M. Half & Bro., of Midland, Texas, marketed six loads of steers and one load of cattle Dec. 4.

Mote & Crews, of Kiowa, Kas., received \$4.00 for four loads of 1034-lb steers Dec. 4.

J. H. Milne, of Canyon City, Texas, marketed 30 head of mixed cattle recently; they brought \$2.75.

J. W. Skinner, one of the representative shippers from Adair, I. T., was on the market the early part of the month with three loads of cattle.

Fred Cowley, of Columbus, Kansas, a member of the Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Board, was at the yards, Nov. 30.

Dr. C. E. Collins, of Baxter Springs, Kansas, an inspector of the Kansas Live Stock Sanitary Board, was at the yards, Nov. 30.

McKernan Bros., of Shawnee, O. T. had in one car of pretty good hogs with Hopkins, Kiely & Co., the latter part of November.

Russel & Young, of Chickasha, I. T. were represented on this market, Nov. 26 by 52 steers, averaging 827 lbs, that sold at \$3.40.

E. E. Brown, of Guthrie, Okla., formerly a newspaper man in Kansas City, was a visitor at the yards, Nov. 24.

W. E. Miller, of Grenola, Kansas, was on the market, Nov. 29, with 42 steers, which averaged 1103 pounds and sold at \$4.25.

G. E. Thompson, of Grenola, Kansas, had 50 steers, averaging 960 lbs., that sold at \$4.00 and 63 steers, averaging 1198 lbs., that sold at \$4.25.

P. A. Logsdon, of Grenola, Kansas, had a load of steers on the market, Nov. 30, which averaged 1123 lbs. and sold for \$4.10.

Dr. Wylie Brown & Son, of Cleo, Oklahoma, had in 42 head of cows with Hopkins, Kiely & Co., the latter part of November. While not receiving top prices, they were well pleased with the result of the consignment.

Louis Fauss, of Gage, Okla., was at the yards recently.

J. C. Ashley, of Moline, Kas., marketed two loads of steers Dec. 4. They averaged 1470 lbs., and sold for \$5.10.

Sam Nay, of May, Okla., was on the market recently with a shipment of hogs.

Walter O'Brien, of Manwell City, N. M., had two loads of cattle on the market Dec. 6.

Geo. E. Moser, government inspector of the B. A. I., made a short business trip to the southwestern part of Kansas recently.

W. L. Farquharson, of Hennessee, Okla., was on the market Dec. 10, with a car of hogs, which sold at satisfactory prices.

Brennan & Williams, of Ripley, Okla., had one shipment of hogs on the market recently that brought \$4.75 and another that brought \$4.87 1/2.

F. S. Milliard, of Ballenger, Tex., was the heaviest shipper on the market yesterday, having 15 loads of grass cows in the Quarantine Division.

Ellsworth Bros., of Moline, Kansas, marketed 201 steers that averaged 1332 lbs. and sold at \$4.85; also 20 steers, averaging 1343 lbs that sold at \$4.30.

Stuewe Bros., of Alma, Kansas, were on the market, Nov. 27, with 19 cows, averaging 1024 pounds which sold for \$4.25.

I. N. Thompson, Grenola, Kansas, had on the market, Nov. 27, 23 steers that averaged 1169 lbs. and sold at \$4.35; also 28 head mixed cattle.

Frank Miser, of Diamond Springs, Kansas, was on the market, Nov. 27, with 21 hogs that sold at \$4.80 and 21 head of cattle.

T. H. Dunn, of Shawnee, Okla., was on the market, Nov. 21 with 48 light steers which sold at satisfactory prices.

L. Frame and J. Lander, of Yates Center, Kas., had each a consignment of steers on the market Dec. 5.

The top price for stockers during the month of November was \$4.55; feeders \$4.50. Last year for the same month, top stockers brought \$5.15 and feeders \$5.10.

Eddleman Bros., of Woodward, Okla., were on the market recently with 24 steers, weight 1000 lbs., which sold for \$3.77; 27 steers, 880 lbs., at \$3.50; 18 steers at \$3.25.

In a letter recently received by a gentleman at the stock yards, the writer refers to the persons who were responsible for the turn the late election took as "eporamous."

J. B. Kerr, of Amarillo, Texas, was on the market, Nov. 26, with 16 steers which averaged 846 pounds and sold at \$3.65 and 22 steers, averaging 388 lbs, that sold at \$2.40.

J. M. Barclay, better known as "Tex" and Jeff Chenoweth, of Woodward, Okla., were at the yards, Nov. 24, on their way home from Council Grove, where they had been attending court.

J. W. Barker, a prominent stockman of Burns, Kas., was at the yards Dec. 5. Mr. Barker will winter about 400 head of cattle this year, but says there will not be as many wintered in his locality as usual. He says there is plenty of good feed, corn selling at 30 cents.

Gooch & Wilder, of Guthrie, Okla., had in a load of fine eight butcher hogs with Trower Bros., Dec. 10, which topped the market at \$5.00. It was the only load of hogs that brought that price. Oklahoma is beginning to be decidedly in it for fine quality of hogs.

James Hasten, one of the big cattlemen from Sterling, Kas., was at the yards on the 10th, looking for cattle. He expects to buy about 300 head. Mr. Hasten handles about 6000 cattle, is now wintering 800. He reports cattle in his part of the state in fine condition, no cattle on full feed, and wheat so plentiful that many cattle are pastured for nothing.

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HARPER, KANSAS, SHOW

It was our pleasure to judge, for the fourth time, the Harper county show at Harper City December 3-6. While the show was not a large one and the members were few, the exhibit was very creditable in quality and the attendance good. The enthusiasm for better birds was on the increase and there may be expected a much better show next season. The president of the association, M. J. C. Curran, secretary, Paul Heise, and assistant superintendent, Ingram, were kept busy looking after matters and trying their best to make everything a success and pleasant for the visitors.

If Regent Bolton will make it lively for some of the people connected with the Agricultural College, if necessary, and see that some of the government appropriation is used for the benefit of the poultry people, it will be of more benefit to the masses of the people than some other fool things that are yearly given way to. Horticulture, irrigation, the mechanic arts, sewing, printing and some other things have a yearly appropriation going into the thousands. While the poultry industry that brings in the greater part of the money to buy family groceries, is never mentioned. A few copies of Secretary Coburn's "Helpful Hen," should be scattered over Oklahoma and placed in the hands of interested officials. It may not be the popular thing to kick, and it is not exactly our funeral, yet we think it proper to call attention to this matter.

The Kansas City, Mo., end of the INSPECTOR will no doubt be a great help to all of us. As a market for all kind of meat products there is no superior in the world. As a producer of meats of various kinds there is no country that can compare with the west, as to cheapness of production and quality of product. The INSPECTOR, while a cattleman's paper, in the larger sense of the word, is indeed working also for the good of the poultryman, the sheep man and the hog raiser. It is no sign of smartness for any one to ignore the useful hen. Everybody is interested in her production, although perhaps on a small scale.

We would like to hear from poultrymen in regard to their flocks, their plans for next year and their success during the past year. Do not be backward about writing us for publication.

We advise all to buy their new stock for next year now. Do not wait until next spring.

This week we are at Kingman, Kansas, mingling with the poultry cranks of that town. Will report later in regard to same.

An inquiry for stock from a reader of the INSPECTOR in New Mexico indicates somewhat of the circulation of the same. This a pointer for advertisers.

We would advise keeping only as many birds as can well be taken care of. It never pays to keep starved stock or more than you can well shelter. There is no money in it.

There are reports going the rounds that several shows will be held in Oklahoma this winter. As our ways lead us in other directions, we have no means of knowing who and what is going to happen.

There is nothing equal to a straw shed for winter quarters for poultry. They will lay better with less liability of frosting combs while roosting in tree tops or on the south side of a barbed wire fence.

Editor McReynolds, of the Southern Poultry Journal, Dallas, Texas, is an editor after our own heart. When anyone or anything needs blowing up, he goes after it and makes it "hot for the Pastor."

A few days ago we were over in Harper county, Kansas, and stopped over night with an old bachelor friend, Paul Heise. He is a Brown Leghorn enthusiast and everything on his farm is kept up in order. In raising good fowls and at cooking a meal, Paul is a success.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson gives a needless warning in regard to the increased propagation of the Belgian hare. We are of the opinion that these very much domesticated animals would not withstand the ups and downs that now beset their native relatives, the noble jack or cotton tail. There is no need of anticipating dire disaster from them for years to come. That they are destined to fill a much looked for cheap article of food there can be no doubt. We can vouch for this from experience.

We do not know why it was, but the prices of poultry just before Thanksgiving this year was very low. We are hoping for better prices before Christmas.

Always patronize the advertisers in the INSPECTOR when it is possible to do so. Anyone raising a surplus of stock good enough for breeders, should advertise the same. They will find buyers at good prices.

If you have a board hen house line it with paper. It will keep out currents of air and make it warmer. It is very inexpensive and also helps the looks of things.

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Belgian Hare Notes

Belgian Hare Club.

The Interstate Belgian Hare Club held a very interesting meeting Nov. 27 at the Midland hotel in Kansas City, Mo.

The scheme of Senator F. D. Smith, of Edwards county, Kansas, was discussed but met with general disapproval from the members. His plan is to ask the legislature to appropriate \$5000 to buy Belgian Aares with which to cross jack rabbits, which he believes will result in the improvement of both as an edible.

Dr. W. C. Allen, president of the club, was of the opinion that the breeds could be crossed, but that it would result in the degeneration of the hare without a sufficient elevation of the rabbit. He considers the meat of the pure-bred, full-blood Belgian Hare as palatable as any in the world, but thinks it would lose its fine flavor if crossed with a coarser breed.

Judge Crabtree, of Denver, who is considered the best judge of Belgian Hares in America, thinks that the breeds would undoubtedly mix if the hares were turned loose upon the prairies of western Kansas, as Senator Smith proposes, but that the number of jack rabbits would so far exceed the number of hares without the expenditure of a very large sum of money that in a few years the cross would not be distinguishable from the full-blooded jack.

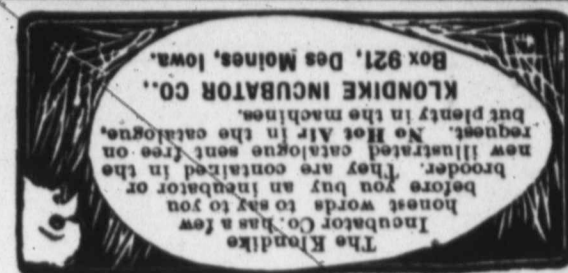
Other breeders thought the domesticated hare would die from exposure if turned loose on the plains.

The executive committee gave its report on the recent Belgian Hare show given in Kansas City.

Judge Crabtree, of Denver, gave an interesting talk on the Belgian hare industry in England, the leading rabbitries of which he recently visited. He thinks the Americans are much more careful in judging than are the English or Scotch. He suggested giving a Belgian Hare supper to raise money for the club's treasury and at the same time satisfy the public's curiosity as to the taste of the meat.

How to Handle Belgian Hares.

Anyone visiting a rabbitry cannot help but feel an interest in Belgian Hares if he or she has any love at all for animals. There are no creatures more beautiful than these hares, and they make very interesting pets, following one about everywhere after they know you. In our opinion they are more beautiful than the white rabbit, and the remembrance of a doe with her two babies, which I saw recently is one of my most pleasing recollections in connection with animal life. Anyone can keep a few Belgians, even if they have only a small back porch. It is best to make the hutches separate, so they can be easily moved. The following taken from "Poultry and Belgian Hare Standard" will tell you how your hutch should be made: "The size should be about three feet wide, four feet long and two feet high; the floor made tight so it will not leak; the ends boarded; the front and back of wire netting. The front should be tacked on frame full size of hutch, and fastened with hinge so you can let down to allow plenty of room for cleaning. Run a few slats across top, as you place one hutch on top of the other. If kept outside you will have to place roof on top hutch. Place in hutch for nest a cracker or other box about same size, saw a hole large enough for doe to enter at end on side of box, fix top into a lid so you can lift up. I find this the best way, as doe builds her nest round and high on sides; you, therefore, do not disturb the nest inspecting young. I prefer the movable nest box, for, if you prefer to make a change, you can do so without disturbing young. In damp or cold weather, hang an old curtain or anything that will keep the dampness and wind out. The making of hutches, etc., will not cost more than 50 cents each. I therefore advise anyone wish-



ing to raise hares not to consider space, as it does not take acre lots; and, as to getting one stocked, you will find a ready market among your neighbors at a price of which you will realize a handsome profit."

The hare makes a beautiful, quiet little pet for children.

Does should not be bred within two weeks after kindling, as it is very likely to injure the doe or progeny.

Dogs are natural enemies of the hare, but unless too old, can be trained differently. I know of one dog, living at a rabbitry, who, when the little ones wander away from the hutches, takes them by the nape of the neck and carries them back.

A London paper says that rabbits are beginning to be a strong rival of the sheep as a source of food supply, and quotes figures to prove it. It claims that the weight of the imports of dead rabbits this year equals that of 600,000 New Zealand sheep and even a great number of Australian.

When your hutches smell badly, take warm water with soap and soda in it and scrub them out thoroughly with a rice corn brush. Let them be perfectly dry before you return the hares to their hutches. Don't scrub them in winter unless the hutch is very filthy, for it may give the animals colds.

The London Meat Trades' Journal says that sheep as a source of food supply are beginning to find a rival in the rabbit. The imports of Australian rabbits into the United Kingdom were 151,473 cwt. in 1898, 210,556 cwt in 1899, and 321,705 cwt in 1900. In two years, therefore, the supply has more than doubled. The weight of the imports of dead rabbits this year is equivalent to about 600,000 New Zealand sheep and to even a larger number of Australian.

A number of people testify to the merits of Belgian Aares as a meat. This fact does away with idea that the Belgian hare industry is a fad. It may be with some people, who make a fad of almost everything and a business of nothing, but the raising of Belgian Hares for the table will be a well-established industry in a very short time; in fact, is so now, although not universally recognized as such. There is no good reason for saying it is a craze and that people will soon tire of it. Do people tire of eating chicken or beef? The meat is said to be firm and solid and of a flavor equal to that of the choicest bred fowl.

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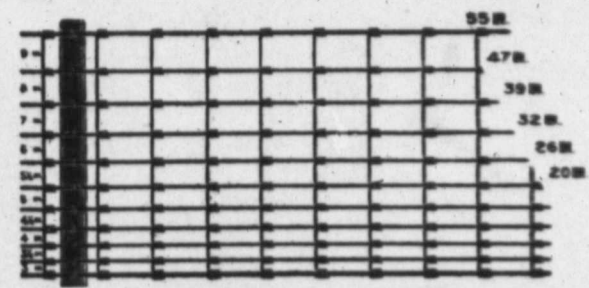
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CHRISTMAS.

At Christmas play, and make good cheer
 For Christmas comes but once a year.
 —Tusser.

Lo! now is come our joyful 'st feast,
 Let every man be jolly,
 Each room with ivy leaves is drest,
 And every post with holly.
 Now all our neighbors' chimneys smoke,
 And Christmas blocks are burning;
 Their ovens they with bak't meats choke,
 And all their spits are turning.
 —Wither—Christmas Carol.

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 This happy day, whose risen sun
 Shall set not through eternity
 This holy day when Christ the Lord
 Took on him our humanity
 For little children everywhere
 A joyous season still we make,
 We bring our precious gifts to them,
 Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.
 —Phoebe Cary—Christmas.

CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas, the great festival of the year, is approaching and the glad time coming can be felt in the very air. The very voices grow softer and kinder and actions grow more tender as the day comes nearer. It is shown in the faces passing by on the street intent on some purchase which is to produce a Christmas gift. Everything from the stores to the houses take on a "Christmasy" look and people learn to be blind to all signs and evidences and obligingly respond to hints, while a delightful mystery surrounds every action. The children, with a sublime faith in the goodness of Santa Claus and that the particular thing they desire he will bring, are full of joy and gladness and actually grow better for a time.

How entire is the faith of a child! Let not this faith in the old Christmas legend be disturbed or shaken, for it is the Christmas, when as a child with a wonderful faith in Santa Claus and his reindeer which is fulfilled by getting the gift most desired, that is remembered and cherished by the man or woman, no matter what position of fame or riches in life he may attain.

In this close of the nineteenth century, let the real Christmas spirit enter into us and the lesson Christ came to teach, "Peace on earth, good will to men," sink deep into our hearts making us feel that we are all God's children, all members of one family.

Let us each and everyone unite to carry dismay to the Gradgrinds who rail at Christmas as sentimental by making them feel that the Christlike spirit exists and influences our actions at this time.

Since that first Christmas when the babe Jesus came, bringing love, joy and peace to the hearts of men, the true spirit of Christmas has been love. When the little child wakes on Christmas morning with his heart full of joy and expectation to find his stocking full, by each gift he is reminded of the old, old story of love. Husband and wife, sister and brother, friend

and friend, when they receive gifts on that day are reminded that some one really loves them.

To all this the true Christmas spirit will add the care for the sick, the poor, the lost and friendless, proving to them, through the love shown them, that Christ still lives in the heart of man and so help them to better lives and purer and higher aspirations. Any one who experiences such a Christmas will find the greatest pleasure and thoroughly feel, "It is more blessed to give than receive." The glow that is kindled in our hearts by the gratitude and love which fills them, lasts for many days after, and by cultivation this will grow each Christmas as we gain more of the Christlike spirit, and universal love and universal brotherhood become a real living truth in years to come. Let us hope that each Christmas will bring us nearer and Christmas will be a real true one by our "loving our neighbors as ourselves." So, dear readers, in this glad time let me wish you one and all a Merry Christmas, and let the feeling of good fellowship and love grow between us as we pronounce Tiny Tim's benediction, "God bless us everyone."

COMMON SENSE IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Christmas giving is becoming yearly more of a burden and less of a pleasure. There is too much of the "give and take" spirit in it, so that the real essence of Christmas is lost.

Because last year you received a beautiful present, this year it seems that you should return as nice or nicer one whether you can afford it or not. This takes away the pleasure of giving. It puts too much of a commercial spirit into Christmas giving, changing the meaning so that persons are often heard saying, "Well, I'll be glad when Christmas is over."

Something because they cannot give a "nice" present they will give none at all. This is not the true Christmas spirit. It is the remembrance and not the amount of the gift, which is prized. If one cannot afford expensive gifts that is no reason why they should give none. A simple gift can express regard as well as a more expensive one. A few pleasant words may express the feelings of the writer better than a gift. We can always give something, even if it be only a Merry Christmas with good wishes, for it may warm the heart more than a gift will.

We should first decide what we can afford to give. Usually our hearts are all right but our purses are not sufficiently long, so we cannot always give just what we wish; but by using a little forethought a small amount of money can be made to go much further than if it should be spent without much thought beforehand.

It is best to begin early to think about our giving and adapt our gifts to the person. How often do we see things given to people for which they have no use. With a little thought it would have always been a pleasure.

If some member of the family desires a particular thing, which none of the family can afford singly to give, let all join together to give one good gift rather than a number of useless gifts.

During the spring and summer many things to be used in making Christmas gifts can be had cheaply. Let the gift if it be for a home be in harmony with it. It is very pleasant for the husband and wife just starting housekeeping to present each other with some gift for the house. Let things be suitable. Above all don't fill the stocking with gifts suited to older ones. They grow old soon enough. Don't sadden them by mature gifts, don't forget your own childhood; let them be children still. Sometimes good judgment will dictate that money should be given. Often the amount expended on an expensive gift would be of great use if given in money.

There is no wider field for the use of common sense than in the choice of Christmas gifts. People by exercising good judgment and common sense will

not only benefit themselves but will also make the Christmas of 1900 a happy one to all concerned.

DRESSING THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

A Christmas tree should have firm branches, not too broad and quite tall. The upper branches should be decorated before it is put up when they cannot be reached by a stepladder. Tie on the branches white cotton batting, snowballs, loops of popped corn, strings of cranberries, little glittering ornaments, etc. Hang the gifts so that the different colors may set off the trees. Have the packages wrapped in bright colored paper. Give the dolls and bright colored toys prominent places. After all is ready sprinkle frost powder upon the branches and the tree will be a brilliant sight, Santa Claus to distribute the presents, the candy bags, etc., will be more than welcome.

LITTLE THINGS TO MAKE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Needle Book—Cut two square pieces of pasteboard, cover one side of each with linen or silk on which is embroidered a simple little design in red and white; then sew together some small leaves of flannel and fasten to cover; cover the joining with a red ribbon, tying it in a bow at the back; fasten ribbon strings to center of the front part of card board and tie.

A Darning Case—Cover and line two pieces of pasteboard six by four inches in size with silk or linen of contrasting colors. Then make cross straps of baby ribbon on one side, placing in one a card of white darning cotton, black cotton under the other. On the other side place in the center a loop of ribbon to hold the scissors and a piece of flannel at the top for a needle case. Tie together with ribbon.

Home-made Toys—The best way is to begin so as to have plenty of time to make your presents for Christmas. Save fancy boxes and fill them with candy and tie with ribbon. Paste pictures on top to make them pretty.

For a boy crocheted reins will be welcome. Use "star" stitch, as it cannot be broken at the end of each small row. Chain three, turn the strip over, use the same stitch, beginning in the three stitches just chained until it is the proper length. Reins are made in three pieces, one twenty-seven inches long, one three inches and one two and a quarter yards long. Turn three inches in at the end of the long strip and sew down to form handles; sew the piece twenty-seven inches long at right angles to the long piece and an inch and a half from the middle of long piece. This makes the head yoke; sew the ends of the shortest strip to the 27-inch strip at right angles and one inch above longest piece. Sew about 5 small gilt bells on the longest strip and 3 on the smallest strip; three skeins makes two pairs of reins.

Rubber balls can be covered with crocheted or knitted wrappers of bright colors. Marble bags can be made of tobacco bags, coloring them, and filled with marbles will delight any boy.

Picture scrapbooks are always appreciated by little folks. The best material is paper cambric. Cut as many sheets as are wanted, size 12x18 inches, fold the sheet so as to make 4 pages, put the sheets evenly and fasten with a ribbon, put in all pictures collected, cut out of magazines or fashion plates, paste them in with flour paste or mucilage.

A baby rattle can be made from the smallest size of wooden embroidery hoops; wrap with cotton tape an inch wide or with ribbon, and sew little bells all around the hoop at intervals. If different colored bells are used it will be more attractive.

Paper Dolls—Sheet cardboard is good for the doll. Draw a pattern, then mark it off on the cardboard and cut it out. Paste a scrap picture head on every one, leaving the neck loose, as the neck of the dress is to be slipped under this. Draw the underclothes with a pencil and paint the stockings and shoes black or gilt if you have it. White cardboard should be used. Make the petticoats and dresses of tissue paper, folding it to fit. Kilt skirts are prettiest. Gilt paper or the lace paper in boxes are nice to trim the dresses. Make a baby paper doll in the same way, only cutting the skirts long and making a cap of white paper. Cunning little dolls can be made from common clothespins; painted and dressed in some thin material to represent babies they would make any little girl's heart glad.

WHY SANTA CLAUS' BEARD IS WHITE.

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago, there lived in the Harz Mountains in Germany, a miner, with his wife and seven children. The father worked from morning till night to get food for his wife and children. At last there came a bad season. The miner grew sick, the cold winter was coming and no food to spare in the little villages. All blamed the Gubich the king of the dwarfs for the bad season. One old miner said that he sent all the sickness and trouble so that it was dangerous to go near him. "But the cones are good to eat that drop off his trees and very nice to make pretty things with and sell well, but I would rather starve than touch them." But the sick miner's wife told her husband that she would go and gather the cones of the holy firs and sell them and buy food for him and the children. So putting on a shawl and with a basket on her arm, she went into the cold evening air. The wind moaning through the trees made the mother think of the poor children at home hungry and she broke into tears. Suddenly, into the pathway stepped a little man with a long white beard who took off his leather cap and asked the mother what ailed her. She answered, Oh, sir, my children are starving, my husband is sick and will never be well. I am sad because they ask me for bread and I have none. I am going to gather cones to sell to buy them food. Please let me fill my basket.

"I will do thee no harm, friend," said the little man. "Dost thou know where the best cones can be found? Follow the path for a hundred yards farther and there you will find plenty." With his hand on his beard and a look the little man vanished from sight. She hurried on to where the little man pointed and the cones fell faster and faster, falling on her head, her hands, her shoulders and in her basket. The poor woman was frightened and turned and ran for home, while the cones fell faster and faster in her basket. When she reached home, breathless, she said, "Husband, I met at the edge of the forest a little old man and he told me where to find the best cones. As I hurried to find them the cones fell faster and faster, though the trees did not shake. I was afraid and did stop to pick them up, yet my basket is full.

"Look, wife," said he, "they are

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all pure silver, you met the Gubich." Yes, the basket was filled with cones all silver shining like the beard of the little man.

When the morning came the mother came again to the forest. In a minute she saw the Gubich.

"Good morning," said he, "did you find pretty cones yesterday?"

The mother tried to speak but could not. "Keep your thanks," said the little man, "but be a good wife and remember me and my firs each cold December." The mother hurried quickly home and that was a happy home indeed. Ever since then, Santa Claus' beard has been white as snow.

Dear Aunt Mary—It is very seldom we see anything about our little ones in the Womans Department, but there certainly are some children connected with it, and I want to tell the mothers of these how to make something for Christmas, which I know pleased the children of one home and it may please others. A young mother who had not a great deal of money to spend on her little ones, added this trifle to the enjoyment of the day. She took a round pasteboard box, cutting the sides down to a little more than an inch high, giving it as much as possible the appearance of a fair sized pie. She covered the outside with white tissue paper and filled the inside with the same, cut into fine strips, giving the pie a fluffy appearance. Under the fluffy filling she put small presents—perhaps a thimble, ring or penknife—and to each article was fastened a stem, which was made of colored cord, about to inches in length. Attached to the pie was a small card, upon which were written the words, "A Jack Horner Pie," and each little one was invited to "pull out a plum." This was tried in one family a few years ago and the little ones often refer to it as one of the pleasantest recollections in connection with their Christmases.

KATHLEEN

USE—AND NOT ABUSE—CHRISTMAS.

The time for giving Christmas presents is again near at hand. I will not refer to the abuses of Christmas, as we all know what they are if we stop to think. I simply want to mention an incident in my own life which took place several years ago. My mother had gone through a number of years of hardships, toil and privation. Now that I was earning money sufficient for my own needs and quite a nice surplus, I surprised my mother one Christmas by presenting her with two lovely rockers. So far as it went, it was all right, but there is always a regret when I think of that Christmas. My mother died a few years after, and as the months roll by, my own shortcomings in my treatment of her stand out more clearly in my memory. I know my mother yearned more for the love and sympathy of her children than for anything else, but my present was given in a way that impressed her with the thought that it was to beautify the parlor rather than from any love for her, and that she ought to feel very grateful to me. The very few kind acts I ever did for her were spoiled in this way. This is my only suggestion for our Christmas giving. A few presents given with real affection will give more happiness and not leave a unpleasant memory in our hearts after our friends have gone from us.

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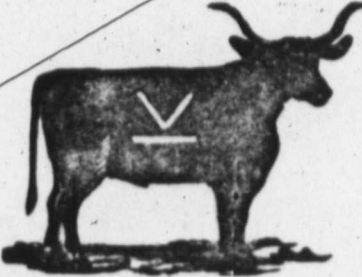
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OTHER BRANDS:

D on left side

B on left hip.

V On left hip or shoulder.

O On left hip.

HORSE BRANDS:

D On left shoulder.

J. L. SIMPSON.

Hammond, Okla.



S left shoulder and side.

S left shoulder and hip.

S left loin.

S left side.

Range, East Quartermaster Creek, Custer County, Okla. (Nov. 1, '99)

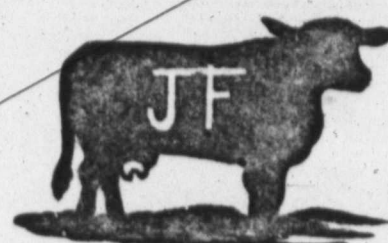
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J. E. FULLER.



P. O. Woodward. Range, eight miles east of Woodward on the North Canadian.

On right side or on right hip. Horses unbranded. Range same as cattle.

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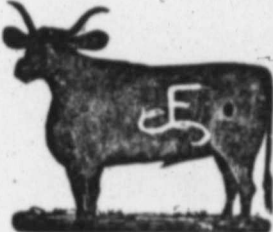
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+ On left side and

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