







*Gulf States: Nearly  
as far to the south,  
possibly covering  
the entire country.*

## SHIP RAISING IN WESTERN TEXAS.

Another Letter from Buck Horn Ranch.

Brown Horse Ranch, Tex.

May 12th, 1879.

It is now nine months since we have had anything like a general rain. We have in the last three weeks had some little showers, but nothing like a general rain, and if the present hot sun and high winds continue for another week, H. M. M. & C. will probably be very uncomfortable again. We had last week a small rain from Mr. J. H. Talman, our neighbor, of the firm of Miller & Talman. He had just returned from a trip from San Diego, Corpus Christi and surrounding country, and he reports no sale there of commanding water power.

There is nothing like a general rain, though we have had some little showers we are beginning to have a good effect. There was a little shower a week ago. It was followed by a sharp drop in temperature for some ten minutes, breaking the wind, and splitting the shingles, knocked leaves and little twigs off the trees, killed chickens, birds, etc. It was quite cold for some time. One of our neighbors lost one child, but still, after being sheared, he having had them in a pen all day, and having nothing to eat, had nothing to eat for twenty-four hours. This should serve as a caution not to keep sheep too long from food at times of the year when cold nights are common.

We sheared 2,732 head of sheep this spring. Last fall we sheared 2,914—difference 212; to this add 107 fall lambs, sheared this spring and winter, and we have 25 more. We have a loss of 234 since the 15th of last September, a loss of about ten per cent. in seven months. This is a little heavier than usual, owing to the winter being some colder than usual. About one-half of these were old sheep, that had given us a great amount of wool, and we have had to sacrifice them. We have many and lasting friends here, and I assure you that all who have ever entered the country will be greatly pleased to see the effects of our efforts.

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## AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

The United States Grand Jury Pro-  
poses Some Highly Desirable

Changes.

The Express some time ago referred to the fact that an appeal of this way in which this federal district was divided up, great and unnecessary inconvenience was entailed upon the people of certain counties. Mr. D. Webb and Webb counties bordering to the Brownsville branch there have to pass through Brownsville to get to the bridge. All express packages must be delivered before 5 p.m.

J. E. ELLIS,  
At 9 San Antonio.