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Quannah Observer. E. S. Goddett of Gypsum, who was in town Monday, reports grass and crops growing rapidly in his neighborhood.

IN KERR COUNTY.

Kerrville Sun. G. A. Stowers of San Antonio, who recently purchased the Camp ranch at the head of the North Fork, shipped a car of registered bald-faced bulls to Kerrville Wednesday.

IN DONLEY COUNTY.

Clarendon Banner-Stockman. Buster Culwell bought nine fed heifer yearlings from Gathings & Van Eaton at 3 cents.

IN STERLING COUNTY.

Sterling News-Record. Mr. Rosen has been shown by several men living along the projected line that in their opinion it would be a good investment.

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Abilene Reporter. Guitler & Wylie shipped four cars of fat cattle Monday to a California buyer.

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FARMERS WANT AN INTERURBAN TO GO WEST

Discussion of an Electric Line to Be Built From the Stock Yards to Mineral Wells

Work is being rapidly pushed on the Rosen line into Fort Worth, and at the rate of speed construction is being made it will not be long before the road will be into the city.

OIL MEN LEASE HILL-COUNTY LAND

HILLSBORO, Texas, June 24.—P. Q. Cloyette of Peoria leased 200 acres of land yesterday evening to Columbia oil men.

BAND OF MEXICANS KILLING AMERICANS

EL PASO, Texas, June 23.—Two more Americans were killed in Sonora, near where the triple murder occurred Saturday.

JAKE ZURN FALLS TO MEET THE MAN

Visitor Here Was a Boy When the Sam Bass Gang Forced Him to Join Hold-up

There was a man in Fort Worth this week who, when a mere-boy of 16 years, was forced to accompany the Sam Bass gang of desperadoes and assist in holding up a passenger train on the Texas and Pacific near Mesquite more than twenty-five years ago.

BURIED AT GRAPEVINE

GRAPEVINE, Texas, June 21.—Adolphus Isom, a young man who was raised near Grapewine, was shot and killed at his home near Eliso this morning early.

SPRING WOOL CLIP

SAN ANGELO, Texas, June 24.—George Richardson and Charles W. Hobbs, wool commission men, have sold their warehouses of spring twelve months' wool, amounting to over 500,000 pounds.

THE ABILENE COUNTRY

Otto W. Steffin, banker and stockman of Abilene, one of the substantial men of West Texas, arrived here yesterday from St. Louis, where he has been several days, sight seeing.

NIGHTMARE CAUSES COWMAN TO CUT MANY CAPERS

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IMMENSE SHOW IS WORLD'S FAIR

Acres of Huge Buildings and Out-door Exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition

Doubtless there are many of our readers who do not realize fully, even yet, the immensity of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

THE GREATNESS OF THE SPECTACLE

It has been said that if a person were to spend a goodly portion of each day from now on until the exposition closes there would still be many things worth seeing which had never caught the eye, and hundreds of beautiful objects, deserving of a permanent place in memory would be given a hasty glance and soon forgotten.

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The greatness of the spectacle is not fully realized until the grounds are entered; then there will be an immediate realization, not only of the immensity of the fair and the exhibits, but of the fact that quality has not been sacrificed to quantity, and that the entire world has been carefully searched to secure the best in every line of human endeavor; and the result is according to the New York World, "an unparalleled display of civilization's triumphs."

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MARKET REVIEW

NORTH FORT WORTH, June 27.—Receipts of cattle today were quite heavy, the total supply in figuring about 4,000, with 2,000 for the market and 2,000 going through to northern ranges and other markets.

At least the packers seem to be wanting them and bidding high prices for good quality fat cows. We believe this market is fully in line with the northern markets, and quote prices and sales as follows:

There was a good showing of cows on the market, the bulk of which were medium butchers. Both packers and butchers were buying freely and trading ruled active with a strong demand for the higher quality cows.

With continued light receipts, the hog market is steadily advancing, and a great many more hogs could be used than we are getting. Top hogs are selling at \$5.25; sorted at \$5.00; mixed packers, \$4.80; 665; lights, \$3.50; pigs, \$3.00.

Four or five full loads of calves arrived with a liberal sprinkling in mixed loads. There was a strong demand from packers and all offering found an active outlet on a strong basis, the bulk going at a range of from \$3.50 to \$4.00.

When the supply of hogs today showed a slight increase over last week, reports from the country show a scarcity of matured hogs and there are no prospects for an over supply for some time to come.

Receipts of cattle this week have been liberal, with the exception of Thursday and Friday. Thursday was the lightest day we have had in some time, and we believe the market showed a little more strength than the fore part of the week, especially on good cows. The packers here as well as the northern markets claim they have their coolers full of medium class meat and we can not expect anything like a good market on this class until they have disposed of the stock they have on hand.

Steers weighing from 900 to 1,000 pounds, in medium flesh, have been scarce on the market all week, and it has been a hard matter to get the buyers to look at them, and quite a number have been forwarded from this to the northern markets, but from the returns we have received none of them have made any money, and quite a number have sold no higher than they would have sold on this market. We are not sure that we will be able to hold back their soft, green, unfinished cattle, especially those of good quality. If we could have moderate receipts for the next week or ten days on all the markets we feel it would get down to a steady basis and probably advance. We believe the cow market is a little stronger than the opening of the week.

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STEEPS—One lucky salesman had cattle today that were wanted and sold out strong compared with yesterday. This was only on the best kind, however, as common, thin, half-fed steers showed no improvement over yesterday and sold slowly. The sales:

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BUCKS—The general cow market showed no change from yesterday. An improvement in quality made trading a little easier for salesmen, but taking this into consideration, prices were no better than steady. The sales:

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CHOICE well finished steers, weighing 1,150 to 1,200 selling at \$4.25 to \$4.50, same class and quality, 1,000 to 1,100 pounds, at \$3.90 to \$4.10; 900 to 950-pound steers, \$3.60 to \$3.75; steers of medium quality and flesh of the same weight selling from \$3 to \$3.50; less than choice fat steers, light weight, soft green steers, from \$2.25 to \$2.50; fat cows, smooth, fat cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; thin cows from \$2.00 to \$2.25; common, \$1.50 to \$1.75; 1,150 choice heavy bulls, \$2.50 to \$2.75; medium, \$1.75 to \$2.00; common bulls, \$1.50 to \$1.75; choice year calves, \$3.50 to \$3.75; medium, \$2.75 to \$3.00; heavy calves, weighing over 200 pounds, at \$2.25 to \$2.50.

There is a demand for a few good sheep and heavy mutton are selling from \$4.25 to \$4.50; choice lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; cows, \$2.75 to \$3.00; and no demand for the common kind.

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If your cattle are fat they will sell all right, but would advise holding back the green, soft unfinished cattle. There will be no market here on the Fourth of July. Thanking you for past favors, we remain,

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WEDNESDAY'S SHIPPERS

M. A. Hart, New Boston; Andy Penn, Grand Prairie; Klugland, Elgin; James Preindel & Son, Goody; Hoffie, Myrtle; Williams & Co., Whittier; C. R. Fulton, Pottsboro; W. G. Fowler, Calvert; Dutton, Stephenville; Tom Beckley, Stephenville; Green & Gardner, Granbury; Garrett & Ingram, Midland; J. E. Pierce, Blessing.

THURSDAY'S SHIPPERS

T. E. Clark, Durant; MeB. & D., Bremond; Fay Biffie, Myrtle; W. G. Fowler, Calvert.

FRIDAY'S SHIPPERS

S. R. Bennett, Mount Vernon.

REPRESENTATIVE SALES

HOOGS—Receipts of hogs today were light, composed of four shipments, or about two full loads, and the receipts, with a few wagon-hogs expected were estimated at 200. All offerings were sold as soon as buyers and sellers arrived on the market. The strong demand and quick sale, other advance of a nickel. A top was paid today of \$5.20, the same as yesterday, but the quality was not as good with the bulk of sales landing at a range of from \$5.00 to \$5.15. The sales:

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STEEPS—The small supply of steers today sold generally on a steady basis with the best demand for the best killing cattle, one bunch of which topped the market at \$4.25, averaging 1,341 pounds. A few sales landed around \$3.50, but the bulk went at a range of from \$3.25 to \$3.40. The sales:

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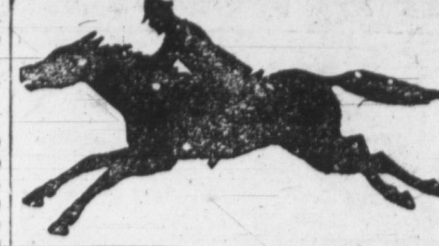
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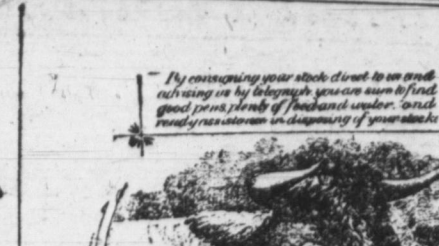
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WE QUOTE THE MARKET AS IT IS.

The market has settled down to basis of about \$1.00 per hundred lower than "high times" three weeks ago. "We have begun to get used to it," and realize that the season for high prices has passed. Even the choice kinds have declined 25c during the past week and the medium kinds and common kinds are steady. Calves have dropped about 25c here. The packers discovered that calves could not be bought and shipped from here at a profit to the speculator at last week's prices. The calf market in St. Louis and Kansas City is no lower and we would not advise you to go out of your way to get on this market with calves. There is some demand for good quality feeding bulls at \$1.90; common meaty bulls sell around \$1.60 to \$1.75. Cows sold very low last week, but improved a little yesterday and early today, but closed this afternoon at last week's prices.

Hog receipts continue light and prices have advanced since last week until the best Oklahoma hogs are now selling around \$5.25; tops at \$5.32 1/2.

Sheep are quoted about steady, with the best-fed wethers selling at \$4.25 to \$4.50, and fat ewes from \$3.50 to \$4.00. Stockers, \$2.60 to \$2.50, with but little demand.

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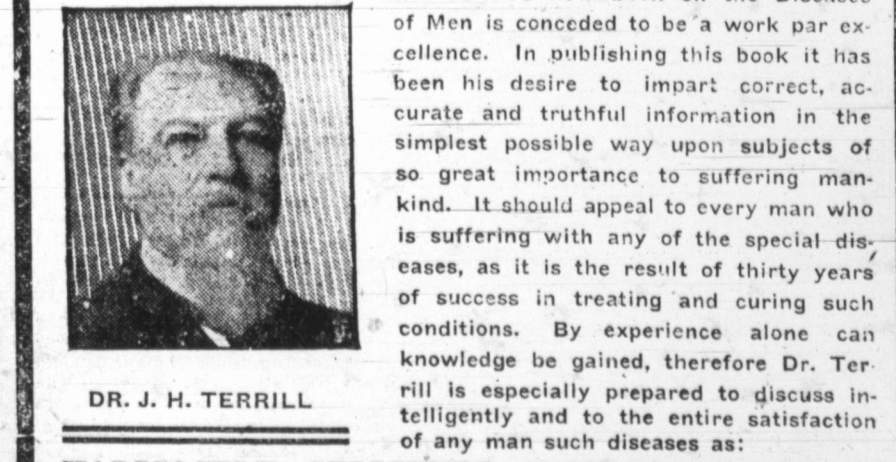
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NEW FIELD OPENING

Texas cattle raisers have been considerably exercised over the falling off in the annual spring demand for 2-year-old steers to go to the Northwest, and have been somewhat puzzled to find an outlet for the surplus stuff that is produced on the ranches in the range country.

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While the Interstate Commerce Commission had ruled that all charges in excess of \$1 per car were exorbitant and this ruling had received the sanction of the supreme court of the United States, another hearing was granted at Chicago last week to give the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas and the Chicago Live Stock Exchange opportunity to disprove the railway claim that since the \$2 terminal charge was imposed, through rates on shipments of live stock had been materially reduced.

This means that ultimately the commission will order the whole terminal charge taken off," said Judge Cowan. "We were prepared to accept a \$1 reduction, but if they want to fight the matter out on these lines, we will accept the challenge. We will prove that the railroads are charging rates for terminal charges which they are required to furnish under the through rate."

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Hog Department

State Veterinarian W. A. Thomas delivered the following address on young cocklebur plants poisoning hogs and cattle at the meeting of the Missouri Valley Veterinary Association:

"On the 4th of May, Charles Hawley, living a short distance from Hebron, lost thirty-one head of cattle, presumably poisoned on young cocklebur plants.

"The symptoms were not easy to obtain as I did not see any of the animals alive. They were described as being quiet until approached when they became excited or delirious, spasmodic and blind. Some evinced considerable distress by bellowing. However, from the description I suspected some kind of poison. The cattle fed across a large field where there was nothing but young weeds two or three inches high. Beyond this there was a field of rye for pasture.

"At this time of the year there were only about three plants or weeds growing large enough to be eaten: the sunflower, smartweed (one of the polygonums) and the cocklebur. The latter two in great abundance. The only lesions I could note in making post-mortem about twenty-four hours after death, were hemorrhagic spots upon the heart and a very few on the intestines.

"On Sunday, May 8, Mr. Burnham, living about five miles from Lincoln, lost sixteen pigs from two to four weeks old. His neighbor, Mr. Abbott, lost at the same time four shoats, weighing about 200 pounds each, which got into the lot with Mr. Burnham's pigs. The lot in which the pigs were kept was about an acre in size. Upon the other side there was nothing growing except young cocklebur plants. Perhaps I should state that in this lot was an old engine and a brick pile, and some manure that had been thrown there from a stable. A few dock plants were growing among the oats. There was also a pit four or five feet deep which was the remains of a cellar of some removed building.

"The pigs died after repeated fits or spasms. They would fall down, squeal and kick.

"I could not find any particular lesions twenty-four hours after death.

"During this same week Pat McLaughlin lost seven head of cattle in a pasture near Smartville. A greater part of the pasture was a muddy bottom on which was growing abundantly young cocklebur. These cattle did not die as suddenly as those belonging to Mr. Hawley. The post-mortem lesions made on one of them on Saturday, the 14th, twenty-four hours after death, were the same as in Mr. Hawley's cattle.

"Mr. Burnham removed his hogs from the fatal lot for two weeks, then the part where the cockleburs grew was plowed and the hogs returned where they have since been kept, without loss.

"At the request of Dr. Bessey I gathered about eight pounds of cocklebur plants on May 28 and sent them to the pharmacologist, United States department of agriculture, Washington.

"May 31 and 31 I secured a calf for a feeding experiment. Placed it in a lot adjacent to the lot where the hogs were kept. At first the calf ate the plants reluctantly, but later and for a day ate freely of them, without injury.

"My conclusions are that the young cocklebur plants are poisonous to animals that eat them, and that about three weeks later they lose their toxic properties.

"Dr. Bessey favors me with the following, given by Dr. B. D. Halstead of Rutgers college, New Jersey: 'The cocklebur has many cases of death among swine attributed to it.' He dis-

usses the medical action of the burrs on the walls of the stomach and then says: 'There are some instances upon record which indicate that in addition to the impaction in the stomach, the cocklebur seed has strictly poisonous properties reducing the action of the heart and causing death.'—Omaha Journal-Stockman.

RAISING HOGS IN OKLAHOMA

Cattle growers and homesteaders in western Oklahoma are devoting more time to hogs and less to cattle. 'The farmers of Oklahoma are to be commended for again turning their attention to hog raising; it is better pay at present and general prices than cattle raising,' was the statement today of Thomas Morris, secretary of the Oklahoma Live Stock sanitary commission.

"After the failure of the corn crop in 1901 the hog became a scarce factor in Oklahoma, and just now is becoming an important one again. The 1901 corn failure wiped out the hog business in this territory. 'Hogs can be raised as cheaply, if not more so, in Oklahoma than any place else in the United States. During the entire winter hogs can be fed with green stuff, and that fact alone insures cheapness, health and clean pork. A stock hog will winter well on one ear of corn a day if he has plenty of alfalfa hay to eat. An Oklahoma hog which can run all summer long on alfalfa and a few ears of corn in the fall for a short time makes the cheapest pork on earth; it is a fact that hogs cared for in this manner furnish fresh pork at from 1 to 1 1/2 cents per pound.

"It is but little trouble to raise hogs in Oklahoma. Disease is scarce; in fact, it might be said truthfully that there are no sick hogs in this territory. A farmer with a bunch of hogs and a field of corn, with an alfalfa pasture, has an independent life ahead of him. The profit is big, the price has been good; and there is but little trouble.

"The low market price of cattle is in great part responsible for this change. The cattlemen claim that disease is unlikely among hogs and that pork is more easily and more profitably raised than beef. The hog can be put on the market dressed or on foot, fat and ready for the block at any age and at prices that have prevailed for three years, at a big profit. The only drawback to the business is the production of grain to finish on. Corn cannot be profitably grown in some portions of the territory, but there is barley, wheat, sugar cane, milo maize, sugar beets, alfalfa and many other things that will take the place of corn, and the cattlemen hold that any of these can be profitably grown in the territory.

"In the fall of 1901 the assessment of the territory showed on hand about 278,000 hogs, as against 228,428 in 1899. In the meantime the number has fallen off, but at present the number is about the same as in 1901, with a gradual increase.

"The sow during pregnancy. Some breeders, especially those who keep thoroughbred stock for sale, fall into the error of keeping the brood sows too fat. This is partly due to the lack of judgment, but largely due to a pardonable ambition in the young breeder to have a herd always in show shape for the admiration of visitors. Sows that are fed liberally in the month of pregnancy lay on a great deal of fat and become very heavy and awkward.

"Not only does it cause her pigs to come weak, puny things, unable to get out of the sow's way, and fre-

quently having not enough strength to suckle, but the sow is more than likely to be feverish and restless and too inert to get off a pig if she lies on it. And this does not mean either that a sow should necessarily go hungry to keep her from getting too fat. But the kind of feed given her should be such that which will cause her to grow flesh rather than fat, a feed that will nourish the embryonic pig and cause it to be born with lots of vitality. Further, the sows should be kept in a uniform satisfactory her appetite without causing too much fat or heat in the body. Whole wheat bran is excellent for this with a few roots in winter and a little clover hay, and an ear of corn twice a day will balance it up still better. In summer, where the brood sows have the run of a good clover pasture, no other feed is necessary till the pigs come, although it will be no disadvantage to feed them night and morning a couple of ears of corn. Following is the result of a series of experiments conducted for the purpose of determining the effects on the offspring, in the feeding of the brood sows on scant and full balanced and unbalanced rations.

"The feeding of a ration, although balanced yet insufficient in quantity to prevent the sow losing flesh for a time before and at breeding time, seemed to cause her to fail to come in heat; while the feeding of a ration deficient in bulk or in essential nutrient seemed to cause the sow to be especially difficult to get with pig; and when she did get with pig to conceive only small litters.

"On the other hand, the sows that for some time previous to breeding, up to and after farrowing were continuously fed upon a well-balanced, bulky ration, consisting of succulent feed and of meat in some form in addition to the regular grain ration, accompanied by an ample supply of water, plenty of exercise and comfortable housing, farrowed large and uniform litters, every member of which was big, strong and healthy.

"Four old sows and three sows with first litters this fall with such treatment produced seventy-eight big, strong, well-developed pigs. Number one, two and three at their first litters produced nine, eleven and twelve pigs each, respectively. Numbers four, five, six and seven were old sows and produced twelve, twelve, eleven and eleven respectively.

"What seemed to be the result of experiments to determine whether or not another phase of this law was applicable to the brood sow was of especial interest. For this last line of experiments sows were selected that their past record showed to be especially prolific and sure breeders of large living litters at birth. These sows were given the most favorable conditions as to kind, quality of food, water, housing and exercise long before and after breeding time.

"This line of treatment was continued for some two months after breeding, that the pigs might show considerable development when the ration was restricted, so that the sows lost in flesh for some weeks.

"These sows at farrowing time farrowed much fewer living pigs than usual, but an examination of the after-birth disclosed that it contained partially decayed carcasses reduced to mere skeletons, ranging in number from one or two to as many as five or six, such found in the afterbirth from a single sow.

"This series of experiments seemed to demonstrate that the number of pigs in the litter and the quality of the pigs are very much influenced by the care given the sow, not only before and at breeding time, but even the number and quality of living pigs at farrowing may be very much influenced by the care and food given during the period of pregnancy.—Prof. A. M. Soule, Tennessee Experiment Station.

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HOG NOTES

At Mangum, O. T., on May 18, T. J. Williams, a hog raiser near there, lost 300 worth of hogs in a peculiar manner. The hogs were sickly and to cure them Mr. Williams secured a compound and made a vat in which he dipped them. The hogs took to the dip more readily than sheep or cattle, and Mr. Williams was congratulating himself, when all the hogs suddenly took sick and died. It developed that he had drank the poisonous mixture.

"The eight to nine-month pig, well fattened with corn and averaging 225 to 275 pounds at the stock yards, is the one which tops the market. The housing, farrowed large and uniform litters, every member of which was big, strong and healthy.

"Texas is not planting enough hogs to satisfy the demands and requirements of the Fort Worth market. Texas can raise hogs at 2 cents per pound and still produce all charges for transportation, feed, yardage, etc., have a 2 1/2-cent profit in every pound of live hog raised and marketed. If Texas had no hog market the swine raisers there would hold meetings and 'squel' for one. There is no greater bonanza than nine-month-old pigs selling around \$12 per head, and that is what we saw in Fort Worth in May.

VINDICATED

An Investigation More Than Proves Dr. J. H. Terrill's Claims

The readers of this publication have J. H. Terrill's ability as a physician and the success which he is having in curing diseases that other doctors had treated and failed to effect a cure, but under his treatment a radical cure was effected in a short time. This caused a jealousy on the part of a few physicians in Dallas, who tried to injure the doctor's standing and good name by causing an erroneous article to be printed. This, however, brought on an investigation by the publisher of the periodical in which they tried to harm him, the result being that it shows he not only stands pre-eminent as a physician and specialist in Dallas and the southwest, but that the banks, business men, commercial agencies and city and county officials endorse him in the highest terms. We quote from the investigation that was made as follows: 'I called on the heads of both commercial agencies in Dallas, on bank officials, on professional men, on business men, on newspaper editors, on newspapermen, hotel keepers and others throughout the city of Dallas, and the consensus of local reputation was that he stands first as a physician and specialist; that his good name and reputation are second to none in Dallas. In all candor, it was the most one-sided affair I ever undertook; one after another of those on whom I called seemed scarcely able to say enough in favor of rather than one word against him. The manager of one of the commercial agencies there chanced to be undergoing treatment at this doctor's hands and so well was he satisfied with his improvement and notable progress; and so favorably impressed was a brother physician that he expressed to me his own intention of at once placing himself as well under the doctor's care. The banker spoke of him in the very highest terms, assuring me that his name was without reproach. The postmaster informed me that he had received one single complaint concerning either the doctor himself or his method of doing business, which information, in view of the fact that the doctor transacts an immense amount of business through the mails with patients in various parts of the country, those who would be prompt to file complaints had any ground for suspicion that all was not as it should be, speaks volumes in his favor. Various firms of business men stated that their relations with Dr. Terrill had been and were most satisfactory, a number of them remarking that they neither desired nor could have a more satisfactory customer on their books. One of Dallas' leading lawyers, one of the most eminent and respected of those in this country, commended the doctor most highly. While speaking of Dr. Terrill, more than one took occasion to state that he was not only very progressive and public-spirited as a citizen, but that seldom if ever was any list circulated for subscriptions toward a worthy end of charity, but had Dr. Terrill's name at or near the head of the list and subscribed for it, he would give a goodly sum. But a little while ago he gave five hundred dollars toward a fund for building a state church. He is a member in good standing of one of his city's leading churches and takes an earnest interest in its work and general affairs.'

In other words, after a most thorough investigation, it was found that the oratorical reports were investigated by a few jealous doctors. Copies of the publication containing this article in full can be had by addressing J. Guy Reed, publisher Reed's Economy, St. James Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

THE EARLY DAYS ON THE RANGE

Texas Cattleman Recounts His Thrilling Experience With Redskins Many Years Ago

All the stories of strenuous frontier life in Texas during the days of the early settlement of the west, which involved a multitude of sacrifices on the part of husbands, wives and children, are not confined to the fiction of novels and magazines, but occasionally one is met that is true to life. Such a one came out yesterday through the arrival at market with cattle of G. H. Brandenberger, Fritz Kothman Jr., August Kothman, John Brandenberger and William Voss, says the St. Joseph Journal. These are Texas cattlemen raised in the Lone Star state who have passed through many thrilling experiences in their early days before the hand of civilization began to spread its influence over that vast domain. The most exciting story was related by G. H. Brandenberger, who only attributes his still being on earth to an act of Providence in snatching him from the jaws of death after he had been hacked almost to pieces and left for dead by Indians. Mr. Brandenberger is a large, robust man 48 years of age and bears numerous scars as mute evidences of his experience, which happened when he was a boy of 12. Mr. Brandenberger's father settled in Mason county, Texas, in 1855 after a journey to the California gold fields. The country was very wild although there had been settlements as early as 1845, but neighbors were miles apart. Ten or twelve years before this there was little else but Indian villages and wild cattle. It was in July, 1868, when on a cow hunt with his Uncle Fritz Brandenberger, his brother John and another man that young Brandenberger came near losing his life. They had been out for some time and finally separated into two parties agreeing to meet at a certain location on the bank of Beaver creek, one of the main streams in the locality. Brandenberger accompanied his uncle, who was armed with a pistol, while he had only a small weapon. As they were approaching their meeting place forms of men were seen in the distance which they mistook for cow hunters, but as they approached closer they discovered they were hostile Indians. Both fled for their lives. The uncle was in advance and soon cut-stripped the boy who fell prey to the butchery of the savages. A bullet struck him beneath the right shoulder blade, but he held on tenaciously to his horse until a spear thrust him to the ground. From the loss of blood he soon fainted, although the savages did not desert until they had stabbed him many times in the back, when they left him for dead. He owes his life, however, to the fact that his father had lately shaved his hair very closely, which prevented the Indians from scalping him, as was their custom.

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CROPS IN TEXAS AND TERRITORIES

General Freight Agent Hershey of the Santa Fe Says Prospects Are Good

General Freight Agent Hershey of the Santa Fe passed through Fort Worth yesterday on his return to Galveston from attending a meeting of the freight agents of Texas roads on matters relating to the movement of cotton, both interstate and for export. Mr. Hershey has just made quite a trip through this part of the state and the two territories, studying, in a measure, crop prospects, which he found to be very satisfactory. Conditions generally are good, and with no interference on the part of providence, this year's crop will be the greatest in history. He especially says there is an excellent wheat yield between Fort Worth and Gainesville. At Ardmore, he says, the belief prevails that the cotton crop this season will be very much larger than last year, when there was marketed at that place 25,000 bales. Mr. Hershey says Ardmore people are now figuring on handling as much as 50,000 bales this season. Everywhere in the territory along the Santa Fe conditions are flattering for abundant yields from all kinds of crops.

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# Little Mavericks

## THE BEEF QUESTION

The National Provisioner says: The beef question at this time is very interesting. Good steers have risen 10 1/2 cents per pound live weight since May 1. If the packers controlled live stock shipments and the market, this rise is a peculiar proceeding. As a matter of fact the run of abattoirs—steers—light and the bidding for these in the pens has been so keen on few at hand that the market went up. Competition thus seems to be as keen as ever in the live stock market. The butcher's daily press failed to take notice of this rise in live beef or to criticize the live stock owners for it. The rise of 1 1/2 cents per pound in beef cattle means a necessary rise of 2 cents per pound in dressed beef without any margin of profit being left for the slaughterer. In other words, 60 cents on the hoof means 52 1/2 cents in the carcass at absolute cost to the killer. As this beef comes in the market the press may still find voice enough to howl. Before the end of June carcass beef should be selling about 5 1/2 to 10 cents per pound. It now sells at 8 1/2 to 9 cents. Last week one big New York packer paid \$6.40 per 100 pounds alive for prime steers, or 62.50 per pound. That means 17.50 per pound in the carcass at cost, wholesale. The outlook, as the National Provisioner has predicted for some time, is for higher and scarcer prime beef. All cattle have gone up, and naturally, does not like this sudden turn of affairs in the live stock market.

## WOULD CHANGE MINIMUM

Texas railroads propose to change the minimum weight of car load shipments of live stock. As was stated recently, the changes requested are: For shipments of horses, mules, etc., 21-foot cars and under 15,000 pounds; 26 1/2-foot cars and over 21,000 pounds; over 26 1/2-foot cars, 24,000 pounds. For shipments of cattle of all kinds, etc., 21-foot cars and under 15,000 pounds; 26 1/2-foot cars and over 21,000 pounds; 31-foot cars and over 31,000 pounds; over 31-foot cars, 21,000 pounds. For shipments of calves, etc., 21-foot cars and under 15,000 pounds; 26 1/2-foot cars and over 21,000 pounds; 31-foot cars and over 31,000 pounds; over 31-foot cars, 15,000 pounds. The proposed change is not favorably regarded by shippers.

## WANT BETTER LAWS

Experiences of Kansas stockmen with the state veterinarian and the law which that officer acts probably will cause them to ask the next legislature for laws which will strengthen and make more efficient the present law authorizing the auditor of the state to pay the expenses of the state veterinarian when he is engaged in business for the benefit of the state. The officer is allowed to make no investigation of dangerous diseases among stock without first receiving an order from this commission. If the commission is not satisfied with the results of a great many instances no investigation can be made. A short time ago a stockman in northwestern Kansas lost cattle valued at more than \$1,000 in one night. He was anxious to have the carcass of the mysterious disease and hurried the stomach of a dead animal to the state agricultural college to be examined by the veterinarian. The veterinarian made the examination without a guarantee that he would be paid for his services and sent back word that an examination would do no good for the animals were dead. It is in cases of this kind that a better law will be demanded.

## WILL PAY CREDITORS

MEXICO, Mo., June 22.—The creditors of M. B. Guthrie, the capitalist of this county, who made an assignment with assets estimated at \$150,000, will likely be paid in full. C. F. Clark, the assignee, had a partial sale of the Guthrie farm, near this city, and sold about \$20,000 worth of the stock and land. Some of the animals were sold cheaply as a whole. Mr. Guthrie said he was satisfied.

C. E. Leonard, the Cooper county breeder, and former owner of Lavender breed, said to be the finest bull of the kind in the world, was sold to C. S. Harrison of Auburn county, for \$162.50. Lavender's Lavender breed, 1867, the Lavender herd bull, was sold to J. T. Hopkins of Cooper county, for \$300. Demers Violet was sold to Edward Patterson of Hamilton for \$100, and Violet the fourth was bought by Carter & Hopkins of Mexico for \$50.

The indebtedness of the estate is placed at about \$100,000.

## DRY SECTION FLOODED

The worst floods in the northern Black Hills probably since 1882 occurred last Saturday and Sunday, says the Belle Fourche Post. Continuous rain of several days did the work. At Central City and below Deadwood several hundred yards of Northwestern track was washed out. On the Burlington, between Deadwood and Spearfish, the bridge over the road bed is reported badly damaged. Many buildings in Deadwood have been damaged greatly and a large number of wagon and automobile bridges are either out altogether or damaged. At Spearfish the river was reported four feet deep at the Burlington depot and large damage done to the streets by reason of a change in the course of the river.

Locally, considerable damage was done along Redwater valley, growing crops being injured quite badly. The approach to the Hedden bridge adjoining town were washed out, but the bridge has been repaired and can now be crossed. The Northwestern railroad bridge was damaged by reason of approaches damaged and piling washed out, and has been unsafe for crossing all week. The Wyoming and Missouri River train has been taking the passengers, mail and express out to the bridge, where transfer is made to the regular train. Transfer is made to the tunnel for Deadwood. It will be several days before normal conditions of traffic can be resumed in the northern hills.

North from Belle Fourche some damage has been done by the various streams, but reports indicate the floods were not as high out that way as last year. The northern hills seemed to be the center of the heavy rains and the greatest damage to property in and around Deadwood. One man was drowned at Central City and another drowning reported in near Butte creek in Meade county.

## TROUBLES ARE ENDING

A Des Moines dispatch says: Trouble of stock shippers with railroads concerning the question of stock passes and better accommodations is apparently at an end, at least so far as it relates to the business done out of Iowa. Traveling men who are out over the state say that there is really a much better feeling between the shippers and the transportation lines now than for a long time, and that practically all cause of complaint has been removed. Representative De Leon of Cass county, who is a leader in the agitation for legislation to benefit the ship-

pers, was attending supreme court this week. "I believe that practically all cause of complaint has disappeared," he said. "I met two prominent shippers here today and they said that things were much improved in the state. I was on a train the other day and the conductor told me that the companies are equipping their coaches with toilet rooms and other necessary conveniences. It was a shame the way shippers had been treated. We were asked to pass all sorts of legislation to prevent inhumanity to dumb animals and birds; but at the same time a condition prevailed in regard to men that was worse than anything presented to us regarding animals." Judge Cook of Cedar Rapids, who was also attending supreme court, stated that there was not a bit of friction in the stock shipping business so far as he was advised.

## DEPRESSED CATTLE VALUES

John K. Rosson of Campbell Brothers & Rosson Live Stock Commission Company of Fort Worth gives a good reason for the depression of cattle values during the past week. "Our commission firms used had judgment in advising their customers to market thin and half fat cattle, when they should advise them to hold such cattle back and get them in market. That means in 75 cents per pound in the carcass at cost, wholesale. The outlook, as the National Provisioner has predicted for some time, is for higher and scarcer prime beef. All cattle have gone up, and naturally, does not like this sudden turn of affairs in the live stock market."

## FEW MONTANA CALVES

Round-ups of cattle on the ranges in the northern and eastern parts of the state which have been going on for about three weeks have revealed a shortage in the calf crop which is taken as an indication of heavy cattle losses during the past winter and spring.

So stated M. E. Milner, one of the leading stockmen of Montana, who was in the city last week from his Valley county cattle ranches on a brief business visit, says the Great Falls Leader.

"There certainly were some heavy losses to cattlemen during the past season and the losses were not made so evident as they have been. The calf crop of the spring round-up, which has failed to bring in nearly as many calves as were looked for. We started our round-up in Valley county about the 25th of May and the same has been progressing about six weeks.

"The past winter was very hard on stock, but we hardly anticipated such losses as much have been sustained. The calf crop is even smaller than that of last spring, which may be taken as indicative of very heavy losses.

"However, these losses will be offset to a certain extent by the present condition of the stock market and the indications for good prices on range cattle during the season. The stockmen are jubilant over the prices, as they certainly were given the worst of it on last year's market.

"Although the range condition in Valley county are still very good, there seems to be a considerable lack of moisture in other parts of the state. The grass is looking very good, but we have not enjoyed the amount of rains needed for this month, which is supposed to be the rainy season, and in many parts the grass is being cured before it is nearly matured."

## BENEFIT TO CATTLEMEN

"The new order of the federal government permitting the cattle below the quarantine line in Texas to be dipped and shipped north will save thousands of dollars to the Texas cattlemen," said F. E. Beckwith of Colorado City, Texas, yesterday to a representative of the Drovers' Telegram. "Recently several shipments of stockers

and other cattle from below the quarantine line in that state have been received on the Kansas City market, and sold on the native division. This is the first time since the quarantine regulations were established many years ago that this was permitted. Some time ago the federal government made a test of dipping cattle in crude Beaumont oil and found that it was a success so far as killing all ticks was concerned. Then the sanitary board of Texas erected dipping vats at Fort Worth, where at the present time cattle are being dipped preparatory to shipping north. Mr. Beckwith himself brought in yesterday three car loads of stockers that came from below the line which has been dipped.

"This dipping effectually kills all lice and ticks on the animal," continues Mr. Beckwith, "and it goes still further and loosens up all the scales and removes any scabs that may be on the animals, and completely renovates the steers. After the cattle are dipped they are placed under a shed and kept there for three days, so that the oil may soak in. Then they are thoroughly examined by two experts. The animal is passed through a chute and is examined all over by these men one on each side. The hair is brushed up and every part of the animal is felt over before it is permitted to be sent out. This is a big thing to the Texas stockmen below the line, who heretofore were compelled to hold back their cattle until what is known as the open season arrived, which is October 1, before they could be moved north. This open season lasted four months when they had to shut off again. Now when properly dipped and inspected, they can ship their cattle north all the year around. This will be of untold advantage to the stockmen and will be a wonderful help to them financially."

## CROSSED WITH BUFFALO

Charles Goodnight says: "This year I have several head of calves only one eighth blood and will give them every chance to take blackleg in order to test them, although I think they are immune. I have been trying for several years to establish a race of cattle from the buffalo. So far I have only partially succeeded. When this is done it will be the greatest thing for the cattle industry of America. The characteristics of these calves that are very valuable to this interest. Beside their great weight and the extra quality of meat, they are first most probably immune from disease; second, they never get loco; third, they never lie with their backs down hill, which causes so much loss in weak cattle; fourth, they do not go into bog holes; fifth, they have the greatest lungs in any animal on earth; and, sixth, they put on more flesh for what they eat than other animals."

## REAL BUFFALO GRASS

When western men talk they frequently use names of things that are not at all understood by others. There are many kinds of native grasses common to Oklahoma, northern Texas, western Kansas, etc., whose names are all unknown, as meaning any particular thing, to the farmers of the more eastern states. One of these grasses is buffalo grass, one of the most valuable of all.

Buffalo grass is a low, fine leaf, persistently creeping, perennial, similar in its habit of growth to Bermuda grass. It is found in nearly all of the western states, and is one of our most valuable native grasses.

Librally mixed with curly mesquite and needle grass, the combination makes an ideal pasture. It is not one of the richest fat-producing grasses, but being a native particularly adapted to our western conditions of climate and soil, and affording abundant pasture, it is one of our most valuable species.

Buffalo grass is not in any sense a hay grass. It forms a beautiful close interwoven turf with lateral creeping stocks which bear an abundance of leaves, but it never grows high enough to be cut for hay. It can be readily grown from seed, but owing to the manner in which the seeds are produced, it is impracticable to gather them in quantities. As the grass is easily propagated by dividing the turf and sowing the bits in furrows, it is not difficult to get a good stand.

Once established it is easily retained, because it will survive almost any degree of dry weather, trampling and other ill uses. It is decidedly one of the favorite grasses of the great west.

## CANADIAN CATTLE DUTY

The Canadian northwest has a sort of Arrian party of its own, says the National Provisioner in following out a line of thought recently suggested in the Drovers' Journal. It is a Tory in politics and is now working for the placing of a duty on American cattle

shipped across the border. One purpose of this is to make Dominion stockmen use local stock for breeding and other purposes. These will have to be purchased from the live stock for. The movement is a confession on the part of the Canuck that United States cattle are both preferable to and cheaper than Canadian stock. The fact that Americans are seeking pastures across the border and now graze about 200,000 head there annually.

## RETURN STOCK PASSES

Passenger men are still howling about live stock return passes, making the claim that they are being subjected to ill usage. A committee of executive officers of western roads has been appointed to consider the question of confining the use of these tickets to bona fide stockmen. It is understood that railroad traffic men are united on the desirability of taking concerted action to restrict the manipulation of these tickets. What precautions will be taken is not known, but there is a proposal to adopt a descriptive photographic form of ticket.—Chicago Live Stock World.

## MEXICAN CATTLE IMPORTED

The importations of cattle from Mexico for the month of May amounted to but a little more than one-third of the number imported during the month of April, the importations for April being 87 head, for May being 24 head.

Of the imports for cattle for April, sixty-five were 3-year-old steers, fifty-two 2-year-olds, twenty-three yearlings, twenty-two calves, twenty-seven calves, two stags, eight 2-year-old heifers and six yearling heifers.

Imports of Mexican cattle by months were:

Jan. . . . .	1904.	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Jan. . . . .	1,241	4,765	3,353	6,555	1,909
Feb. . . . .	502	2,424	113	6,103	1,075
Mar. . . . .	820	5,619	755	6,501	2,818
Apr. . . . .	497	3,221	8,411	11,760	6,671
May . . . . .	242	2,911	19,615	25,160	17,837
June . . . . .	4,561	3,126	15,045	18,133	
July . . . . .	231	245	2,866	4,038	
Aug. . . . .	291	2,069	2,065	4,123	
Sept. . . . .	300	3,023	2,458	12,239	
Oct. . . . .	1,845	3,908	2,679	4,817	
Nov. . . . .	1,609	10,641	10,183	4,973	
Dec. . . . .	4,467	8,868	3,292	9,381	
Total . . . . .	29,999	23,254	62,560	99,865	74,563

## NEW MARKET OPENING

The war in the orient is on in earnest and while to appearance, America deplores the event, yet her real attitude is similar to that of the old countryman who, in exhorting his son to keep the Sabbath, said: "Son, it is wrong to fish on Sunday, but remember your father likes fish." The granaries and store houses of America are full to bursting, her meat supply is in excess of the demand, and this war, while it may be of little benefit to the contending nations, affords a good market for American produce. Already have large orders for flour and meat reached even to the isolated west and one and all have begun to enjoy the revival of good prices. It is generally conceded that this new demand for American supplies will contract the depression in business circles that always precede a presidential campaign.

## CATTLEMEN ARE DESPERATE

Reports received from ranchmen in Sonora, indicate that there is a desperate state of affairs in the range country there on account of the lack of rains. It is said that hundreds of cattle have died of thirst and starvation and that there seems to be no alleviation in sight for the suffering of the poor beasts or the losses of their owners.

People are said to be almost panic-stricken in the cow country of northern and central eastern Sonora over the great drought. There were no winter rains and the spring rains have also failed to make

an appearance so that the meadow lands are parched and the grass all burned off and trodden down by the cattle, so that it is useless.

The only food for the beast is found in the breaks of the mountain ranges and these are so far off that the cattle are worn out with thirst by the time they are reached. The only water is in the Yaqui river at the base of the foothills, and when the cattle reach it quench their thirst, these die of exhaustion and lack of nutrition.

There is hardly a cattle owner in Sonora who has not suffered more or less. It is said, and it is estimated that unless a rain comes soon to break the drought the losses will be enormous. The Yaqui river is said to be more than two feet lower than ever before and all the small streams are dried up, as well as the springs and natural water courses.—El Paso Herald.

## TEXAS PANHANDLE CATTLE

W. P. Anderson of the Texas Valley lines of the Santa Fe system, came in from the Pecos country and the Panhandle and reports conditions in those sections to be much improved, as a consequence of the rains of last month, which have caused the lakes in the plains to fill up and the grass to grow, says the Drovers' Telegram. Cattle are thriving wonderfully in commercial packages, in the hands of pasture men it is not so large as some persons predicted it would be; nor are the prices so low as those contemplated by some of the calamity howlers." Mr. Anderson makes the statement that there will be 100,000 yearlings and 2-year-olds to come into sight after the round-ups, these occurred late this spring. The decrease in the available cattle, it is stated by Mr. Anderson, is the result of the abrogation of the Texas land leases, and the dry fall and the conspicuous absence of the steer speculators last fall and the generally improved credit of the small land owner on account of the enhancement in the value of his lands. Sundry other conditions are responsible for this state of affairs, according to Mr. Anderson, but the foregoing are the primary causes of failure to separate the commercial cattle from the stock cattle last fall. Instead of all of the commercial cattle were allowed to mingle with the stock cattle during the winter. This was the case even in the dividend-paying pastures. Many small bunches now in sight and many more that will yet come in sight will find market this year in western Kansas, and later on in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. These cattle are too good to go to the northwest, thinks Mr. Anderson.

## RAILROADS ARE ANXIOUS

The announcement by prominent railroad men in their testimony before the Interstate Commerce commission at St. Louis last week that they considered live stock rates too low and that they were seriously trying to reach an agreement to advance them, while it may be of little benefit to the stockmen in the west, who have been laboring under the idea that rates were already too high. It is the opinion of those best posted in regard to the situation that while the railroads are in earnest in this matter, that they will not attempt to raise the rates while the investigation is pending before the Interstate Commerce commission, but it is very evident from the testimony that but for the suit brought by the Texas Cattle Raisers' association early in the year, there would have been an advance before this. The railroads seem to feel confident that they will be able to prove to the commission that the rates they are charging for transporting live stock instead of being too high are really too low, but it is very doubtful if their arguments will hold water when analyzed. Some of the traffic men testify that they do not care for the business at present rates and only take it because it comes to them; but in the next breath they admit having solicitors out after

this business and all are afraid to advance rates without agreement, for fear that the business will go to the line having the lowest rates.

Notwithstanding all the elaborate statistics prepared by the railroads to show that the live stock business is unprofitable to them, it is claimed by the cattlemen that they will be able to prove that the business is profitable and that in many instances the rates are really higher than they should be.

The Interstate Commerce commission is making a thorough investigation and is securing evidence from the railroads of the greatest value, evidence that the railroads have heretofore claimed that it was impossible to obtain. While the time of the hearing in Denver has not yet been fixed, it is believed that it will be held some time in September.

It is a safe proposition that as long as the cattlemen are organized and are looking after their own business there is little chance of the railroads attempting to advance rates at present.

## THE QUARANTINE TRADE

The Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter commenting on the sale and dipping of 400 steers for shipment to North Dakota by Reynolds Bros., says: "This is the starting of a business that is destined to grow to millions of dollars yearly. Texas cattle can go north at any season of the year, and northern feeders are in need of them. The railroads and the cattlemen will have to get together on suitable rates for dipped cattle. The shipping of quarantine cattle north for any other purpose than that of selling for immediate slaughter at the great markets is a new thing, made possible by the order of the bureau of animal industry relating to dipping. It is a problem that the railroads have not had to deal with. They will have to take it up and act on it so as to put that business on a basis with the shipping of cattle to market. This is a matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the State Railroad commission, as such shipments are interstate. If the railroads do not give relief, however, the State Railroad commission might make a special rate on such cattle from point of origin to Fort Worth so low that the charge to this city plus the charge to northern points will be no more than the through rate.

"The stock agent of one of the railroads whose office is located in Fort Worth said to a representative of the Reporter: 'There won't be any trouble about getting a through rate on cattle destined north and unloaded at Fort Worth for dipping. It is a new business, and there has been no formal agreement or arrangement among the roads to unload cattle on through shipments for dipping, but there is no doubt that the same privileges will be extended to cattle to be dipped that are given to those unloaded for sale on the market. It will be rather startling news to the stockmen in the west, who have been laboring under the idea that rates were already too high. It is the opinion of those best posted in regard to the situation that while the railroads are in earnest in this matter, that they will not attempt to raise the rates while the investigation is pending before the Interstate Commerce commission, but it is very evident from the testimony that but for the suit brought by the Texas Cattle Raisers' association early in the year, there would have been an advance before this. The railroads seem to feel confident that they will be able to prove to the commission that the rates they are charging for transporting live stock instead of being too high are really too low, but it is very doubtful if their arguments will hold water when analyzed. Some of the traffic men testify that they do not care for the business at present rates and only take it because it comes to them; but in the next breath they admit having solicitors out after

## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON'S BOY

Booker T. Washington's boy—Booker, Jr.—seems to be getting along all right at Dr. Benner's school, Wellesley, Mass. He's catcher on the nine and forward on the basketball team, is getting up a debating society, and expects to be thumping pretty soon in the school drum corps. Besides, he's doing well in his studies.

The Grand Army post at Kittery, Me., sided by marines from the navy yard there, on Decoration day strewed flowers on the graves of Spanish prisoners who died there. A band played Spanish airs while the flowers were being distributed.



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It is often said that it does not pay to raise sheep on high priced land. If that is true it does not pay to raise cattle or hogs on the same land. It costs no more, pound for pound, for one than the other.

Fat lambs find ready sale at good prices, and choice lambs are generally scarce at high prices. If lambs are kept till they grow a fleece, the price of wool is generally the profit of the sheep over the fat cow or the fat steer.

Of course, sheep will not fatten on weeds or brush or thrive in cold, wet lots upon neglect. But they will show up in the sales pens favorably with steers or cows if they are given the same feed and the same care, or even less.

Sheep can be fattened in less time than cattle. It is generally found that the steer is not finished in 100 days, but must be topped off with about two weeks' extra feeding. The sheep can be ready and prime for market in 100 days.

Sheep return more fertility to the soil than any other animal. The cattlemen on big western farms are beginning to find that out, and many of them, particularly in Texas, have sold their cattle and gone into the sheep business. These same men were shooting up the sheepmen on the ranges only a few years ago at that.

Sheep are the friends of the small farmer and the farmer who has none too much money and cannot afford to go into the cattle business. Our people are learning to like mutton because our farmers are learning how to grow and fatten it, and the demand will increase rapidly. There is no doubt that sheep can be raised with profit on any farm where cattle and hogs can be made to pay.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

THRIFT IN SHEEP

In the raising of sheep thrift must at no time be lost of the necessity for keeping them thrifty. Some human beings may go without their breakfast and get along on half rations, but this rule must not be applied to the sheep. The thrifty sheep is a healthy sheep, and one that can and will resist disease because it is thrifty. Thrift means that there can be an increase in productiveness and in growth because the internal organs are working well. Both quantity and

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pected upon the market this year. Several of the large wool growers of this clip have already disposed of their clips, some of them to the highest bidder, and of these J. B. Long & Co., and A. W. Kingsbury have received 17 cents for their Valley county clips.

The clips were sold to A. W. Elliott, buyer for the Boston firm of Jeremiah Williams & Co., and portions of the purchase have already been shipped from Glasgow and are now en route to London. These sales, although very large, do not compose all of the clips of these growers, but only the wool from their sheep in Valley county.

According to these prices, which are about a half a cent higher than those of last year on the same clips, it is fair to claim that the prices to be paid on the Great Falls market after its opening will range from one-half to one cent higher than those of last year, which prices were the highest paid for a number of years.

The competition between the buyers seems more lively this year than last, and already most of the clips in this part of the state have been sold, the price being agreed upon before the wool left the backs of the sheep.—Great Falls (Mont.) Leader.

OLD MEXICO SHEEP. Colonel Charles F. Hunt, the live stock commission man of El Paso, was in Chihuahua, Mexico, and expects to be furnishing about 150,000 head of mutton sheep in South Africa; also 200 mares, 300 burros and 400 mules.

The plan is to ship twenty-four cargoes, one each month, each cargo to consist of 6,500 head of sheep, to Cape Colony. The first cargo, at least, will be shipped from the states, probably New Mexico. Colonel Hunt expects to supply the order from Chihuahua, probably from the herds of Governor Terrazas.

The deal has been finally closed, and the first two or possibly three cargoes will be 80-pound sheep and after that 90-pound ones will be necessary to fill the contract. There will be no trouble in getting the latter after the rains commence.—El Paso Herald.

SHEEP NOTES

This county has not yet got down to sheep raising as a business and has only struck the high places. In twenty years from now the United States will be the owner of one hundred million sheep.

The auction of the spring clip by the Wool Growers' association of Yuba and Sutter counties, California, was held at Marysville on May 10. A total of 117,579 pounds was disposed of at prices ranging from 15 to 17 3/4 cents.

A sheep raiser in Australia, after seven years' drouth, said that he was more afraid of low prices than anything else. He said that his flock averaged over 12 cents per pound in years, and that he had sold 14,000 fat wethers at 84 cents per head. It will appear from this that they have troubles of their own in Australia.

"Where lambs are shorn in the fall and again in the spring, more wool is obtained from a single shearing, but the market value of the two clippings is not greater than the one in which the fibers of the fleece are longer." This is by John A. Craig of Wisconsin.

Of the breeding records of 514 ewes at the Wisconsin experimental station show that the period of gestation averaged 146 days, and the full range was 144 to 150 days.

The Wisconsin experiment station experts say that the normal increase of mutton breeds is twofold.

At a South Boston, Mich., sheep shearing, Ramboulllets were shorn. The best ram's fleece was taken from a sheep bred by F. E. Eager of Howell. He gave a fleece of 17 pounds 2 ounces, with a staple 3 1/2 inches in length, and he weighed 234 pounds. The ewe with the best fleece was taken from a flock by C. E. Ciley; weight of fleece, 16 pounds 4 ounces; length of staple 4 1/2 inches; weight of carcass 142 pounds. The wool was all delaine, the longest staple being three inches in length.

It is stated that the Nevada spring clip, which is a twelve months' clip, sold at 13 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents per pound, while the Arizona wool brought about 12 cents a pound. This is the average home price delivered at the railroad stations.

At Taxwells, Wyo., in May, 1,500,000 pounds of wool sold from 12 to 14 cents per pound.

The wool clip of B. B. Brooks of Casper, Wyo., weighing in excess of 400 pounds, brought the highest price that has been paid for Central Wyoming wool this season.

On good round corn and clover hay, J. A. Larson of Everest, Kansas, increased 52-pound lambs to 85 pounds, between Jan. 10 and May 13, a period of 129 days.

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VERNIE LAWSON, Editor

MARGUERITE. Two hearts with ivy twining round, And blossoms white and blue; This is the little gift that found, Its way to me from you.

Shut in his arms and mine; And oozing full of childish hope, That I might understand.

I do, and as I look my tears, Fall on the tinted blooms, That take me back to those far years, Now lost in dead perfume.

When you were just a tiny mist, Rooked in his arms and mine; Where round the windows curtained white,

There crept the ivy vine, Oh, little girl with eyes of blue, And hair of burnished gold; With saucy dimples peeping through,

The snow where roses fold; You from my side have wandered far, Dear little heart of mine; But, ah, no matter where you are, My life is full of you.

There is no day but that its dawn, Brings with it sense of pain, And grief to know that you are gone, From out my life's long lane. But you remember still I know, Though far your footsteps roam; Remember her who loved you so, In that quaint lived home.

I never see or care to know, The gifts of years ahead; But turning backward as I go, I live with you instead. The echo of your laughter floats, Amongst the nodding flowers; Is taken up by feathered throats, And trilled through summer hours.

The love-cad from your summer lips, Breaks to me while I sleep;

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Your dainty little fingertips, Coax me to wait and weep. You beckon to me through the gloom; That comes with eventide; And setting in this lonely room, It seems as if you died.

When the purple shadows fall, Across the sleeping world; When folded blossoms wait with all, Their velvet petals furled; I see as through a magic mist, The soft and tawny gleam, Of golden curls that I once kissed, Somewhere within a dream.

Oh, if at some far time our ways, Unite and lead again, Each by the other through the days, And nights as they did then; If I can feel again your kiss, The world may take the rest; I crave no more of life than this, Your head upon my breast.

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**FACTS ABOUT GEESSE**  
Goose raising is not so largely engaged in this country as it is in Europe, especially in Germany, where they are raised by the hundreds and are herded like sheep in America. There is no reason why every farmer who has plenty of grass range should not keep geese and increase their income at very little cost, as they can be kept on grass and water from spring until late in the fall. Nearly every farmer has some meadow near his buildings which could be utilized to a very good advantage by devoting it to goose culture. The only time you have to feed any grain is in winter and then very little is required to keep them in good breeding condition. Feed a little oats, cut clover and green corn stalks, oyster shells and plenty of water and a little corn at night on real cold days and your breeding geese will be in the best of condition when the breeding season arrives. Geese should not be fat for breeding purposes, but they must be well fed while they are laying eggs in the spring. No expense in yards or houses are required; three-foot square pens will hold them and an open shed facing south for them to go under and make their nests in, is all that is necessary, but their shed should be away from other buildings where they will not be disturbed, and the building will not be jarred by slamming doors and cattle and hogs rubbing on their shed, as that is very injurious to goose eggs while being hatched. For best results never mate more than one gander with three geese. Females are good for breeding purposes for two or three years, but ganders should not be kept over four years. Geese will do better the first season if got in the fall or early winter so as to get accustomed to their new homes. Water for them to swim in is necessary for best results in breeding season. This can be procured by scraping out a hole in the ground with team and scraper and keeping water in same, if there is no other water, or one can sink a box or tank in the ground for them to swim in. Geese generally start laying in March or April and, as they lay, they will cover their eggs with hay or straw. The eggs should be picked up before getting chilled in cold weather and kept in a quiet and cool place until ready to hatch. Goose eggs can be hatched under chicken hens. When the eggs begin to hatch, keep watch and soon as a gosling comes out, put it in a basket near the stove, so that it will be warm when it is hatched. It is best to wrap them in some old flannel or woolen cloth. If left in the nest with hen she is liable to trample them to death. When they are twenty days old, place them with the mother in the coop with a board floor and feed them some stale bread slightly moistened with some milk or water. Give them water to drink. Keep them for two or three days, after that they can be out every day when the dew is off. Confine the mother with her brood for the first four or five days to a limited space well covered with choice and short grass, gradually enlarging the run as they get older. Feed four times daily until they get fourteen days old, after that three times. Keep them on cornmeal cooked and stale bread. Keep goslings out of water until they have a full coat of feathers; young goslings getting into water or being out in a rain means a certain death. Have a dry and warm place for goslings at night and do not let them out in wet grass in the morning. After goslings are feathered out they need nothing more than plenty of grass, water and oyster shells or sand.

**COST OF EGG PRODUCTION**  
The agricultural department of the Cornell experiment station gives the following conclusion in an egg test which it has been making: In the seventeen weeks from December 1 to March 29 in twelve flocks, representing eight owners and 2,100 fowls the average daily production of eggs was 23.2 per 100 fowls. During the same time the average food cost of one dozen eggs was 18.3 cents. The flocks that laid most eggs during December and January laid most eggs also in March. The egg production of pullets (hatched in 1907) was notably in excess of that of hens particularly 100 hens for the seventeen weeks was \$22.43. The average egg cost of production over cost of food for seventeen weeks was \$23.93 per 100 fowls.

**HERE'S A CROWLESS ROOSTER**  
Realizing that a crowless rooster is a long felt want, George P. Natchewy of Seattle, Wash., invented one, or, rather, a mute male fowl. Natchewy has two samples of the crowless birds, both full grown and silent. Whether they are deaf and dumb he does not know, but they can't crow or won't crow. In all other respects they are like ordinary roosters. The crowless fowls are a cross between Black Spanish and Wyandottes. Whether this result will happen every time in crossing these two breeds Natchewy does not know.

**ROUP AND ITS TREATMENT**  
Roup or avian diphtheria may attack all varieties of wild birds. The characteristic symptom is the appearance upon the lining membranes of the mouth and nose of peculiar yellowish patches which resemble those present in the throats of children suffering from diphtheria. These patches are adherent to the parts upon which they rest, and when stripped off, cause a raw bleeding surface. In a few days they become yellow, much thickened, and interfere with the breathing and prehension of food. In some cases the gizzards and the material collects upon the front of the eyeball, causing great bulging and final destruction of the eye. A peculiar nauseating odor accompanies the disease due to the decomposition of the pent-up secretions. Emaciation is rapid, from the absorption of poisons formed by the disease process, and from the inability to eat. In some outbreaks the disease attacks the intestines, resulting in bloody discharges and great loss. It lasts from a few days to a few weeks according to the being acute or chronic in character. Some claim that roup is the same as diphtheria in man. I am unaware that anyone has yet satisfactorily demonstrated that the infectiousness of roup are due to bacilli. Undoubtedly the putrefactive germs which are found in the sores have much to do with the progress of the disease. Roup if often confounded with other affectional catarrh. In any disease of this nature which has lasted three or four days, and in which the formation of yellowish patches upon

**POULTRY NOTES**  
A handful of millet hay is a good thing for the hen and her brood to scratch in. The seed is good feed for the chicks. Dispose of the old hens. Save the best laying pullets for your next year's brood hens. A moulting male is the thing to have with the hens from which you are to get your eggs for hatching. The male bird should not be too fat. Neither should the hens, for that matter. No matter what variety you breed, the eggs for hatching should be from the largest hens. Be sure that the young chicks have plenty of encouragement to scratch. Exercise is the best preventive of leg weakness. Don't forget about those sudden storms. Have some ready means of escape for the chicks. Large hens contribute more to the increase of the average size of the future flock than large roosters. Don't be sure that the young chicks are still talking about the profit there is in duck raising. Damp and filthy quarters for poultry are next door to the hospital and grave yard. Are predatory animals, minks, opossums, foxes, etc., more liable to catch white chickens than dark ones? Some say they are. Poultry profits depend upon healthy fowls and to be healthy fowls must be surrounded by healthy conditions and have healthy feed. The small poultry keeper is not to be sneered at by his numerous. And when he is the right kind of fella and gives his fowls proper care, some blue ribbons are liable to go his way from the shows. Are predatory animals, minks, opossums, foxes, etc., more liable to catch white chickens than dark ones? Some say they are. Poultry profits depend upon healthy fowls and to be healthy fowls must be surrounded by healthy conditions and have healthy feed. Don't try to raise too many fowls. Better sell the eggs than to waste them and the hens' time in a vain effort to raise chicks.

**THE BEEF TRUST**  
While the beef producers of the West are raising sand on account of the action of the beef trust in forcing the price of beef on the home market, the effect East the beef trust is having an experience that he will have occasion to remember for many a long day. While the federal government is daily-while the situation under the pretense of ascertaining whether or not there is a combination, that institution has its trap set both coming and going, and is leaving tribute from producer and consumer alike. The state of Missouri had no difficulty in establishing the fact that there was such a thing as a beef trust, and if the Federal government is sincere in their expression of determination to run the thing down, why did they not apply to the attorney general of Missouri for the evidence upon which he was able to secure conviction and collect a fine of \$25,000? Fortunately, the people of Missouri are again becoming riled over

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