

ECHOES OF THE RANGE

Weekly Compilation of Interesting Ranch and Stock News from All of the Great Range Country of Texas

IN SUTTON COUNTY

Sonora News. Dock Ward sold to O. T. Word 1,000 bred ewes at \$3 per head. Fort Mayfield sold 33 head of fat sheep at \$15 per head.

has leased the Bryson ranch, near Garden City for five years. Seven wagon and supplies belonging to Mr. Cauble were taken to the ranch Monday.

IN RANDALL COUNTY

Canyon City News. The rains of this fall, while good on broke land and small grain, have almost washed all the substance out of the grass, and stock, to do well, must be fed.

The third ranch of eleven sections, about sixteen miles southeast of town, was sold this week to Abbott & Shultz, of Southeast Texas, at \$5.50 per acre.

THE ALPINE COUNTY

ALPINE, Texas, Dec. 18.—Cattle shipments from Brewster county have commenced in earnest now, as there has been an average of two trainloads per week for the past two months.

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The Hall-Abbott Company report the following sales as result of the visit of the seven men from Saline county, Missouri, who came in with J. H. Hall last week:

Channing Courier. W. R. Marshall and wife left Wed. for Delton, Wis. where they go to make their home in the future.

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which he expects to ship to Fort Worth or sell in San Angelo. R. A. Flanagan sold to his son, Henry, at El Paso, several months ago, a fine driving horse with a good pedigree.

The first shipment of fall wool was sent from San Angelo Wednesday morning. Twenty-three cars loaded with the staple were sent to Boston. The train out of this city ran as an extra.

The following shipments of stock were made Thursday morning: C. W. B. Collins shipped four cars of calves and four cars of beef cattle to Fort Worth.

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having been out calling during the evening. It is thought that the animal was outside him, was thus accidentally discharged. His wife was lying beside him, and the shock to her was terrible, and she was never prostrated by the terrible tragedy.

The dehorning of cattle intended for the feed lots has come widely into use of late in this section of the range. The practice seems to merit the favor with which it has been received, although those whose experience covers a many years' period, while convinced of its many advantages, are not without limitation.

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STOCKMEN'S DATE IS CHRISTMAS DAY

Phoenix Convention at Same Time as Fair

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 12.—First signs of the usual fall activity is being manifested, and the shipments are growing in proportions. Stockmen all express themselves as optimistic over the outlook for the fall, and they are prepared for a period of unusual activity.

Considerable interest is evidenced in the coming convention of stockmen at Phoenix. Word has been received here from Harry L. Heffer, secretary of the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association, that the meeting will be held on Christmas day, Dec. 25.

The campaign against cattle rustlers is being continued, and the supposed thieves are being rounded up as rapidly as possible. The latest indictment on this charge was that against Candido Padilla of Torrance county, who was charged with the rustling of sheep from the mountains by Deputy Sheriff Montoya.

The coldest day of the season in Otero county, N. M., arrived Dec. 2. Snow fell liberally, and the cattle were liberally supplied with white. The cattlemen say that the weather promises only the best things for the stock.

One of the big cattle deals was the acquisition by the Curoton Cattle Company of the cattle and ranches of R. Speed of Gold Hill, N. M. John C. James and Richard are the three pressed to the limit to provide cars.

Sheepmen are among the happiest men in the territory. Their only grievance of late has been a scarcity of cars. Their shipments have been enormous, and the railroads have not been able to handle them.

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THE RESOURCES OF TEXAS

The area of Texas is 265,780 miles, and its population is 3,048,710, an increase of 36.4 per cent since 1890. The state contains 243 counties, all of which but fourteen have participated in the general increase.

Of the 170,499,200 acres of land in the state less than 15,000,000 acres are in cultivation by upwards of 300,000 farmers. This immense area is larger than six Pennsylvanias, while Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware and the District of Columbia would not distend the present limits of Pecos county alone.

The total acreage in cotton, hay, potatoes, oats, wheat, barley, corn, rye and rice is 14,035,712; total value of products, \$245,298,681. The estimated acreage in fruit, vegetables, sugar cane and tobacco is 1,000,000 acres, and the total value of these products is \$25,000,000.

Texas leads all the other states in the number of head and total value of beef cattle, including all except milk cows. In 1904 they numbered 6,914,571, and were valued at \$56,974,324. This makes Texas own one-sixth of the total number in the United States, worth one-ninth of the total valuation.

The total number of swine in Texas for the year 1904 is given at 2,404,808 head, and valued at \$12,480,954. There were marketed and consumed at home 804,508, valued at \$6,838,318.

In 1904 the sheep numbered 2,647,393 head, valued at \$5,979,469; the production of wool was \$7,972,179 pounds, valued at \$1,195,826; mutton valued at \$1,972,179, a total production of \$3,168,005. Texas ranks seventh in the United States in the production of sheep.

The horses in Texas during 1904 were given at 1,481,156 head, valued at \$41,877,941, and the mules numbered 256,618 head, valued at \$10,082,645, a total of \$1,747,774, valued at \$51,960,586. Texas leads every state in the union in the number of animals, but is below the average in the value of each animal. Texas has one-twelfth of all the horses and one-eighth of all the mules in the United States, ranking highest in the number of all farm animals, producing more cattle and horses than any other state, that is, one-sixth of all the cattle in the United States, one-eighth of all the mules, one-twelfth of all the horses, one-eighteenth of all the hogs, one-nineteenth of all the sheep and one-twentieth of all the milk cows.

Texas is undoubtedly adapted to the production of farm animals, and by improving the quality so as to bring the average value up to the United States' average, it would add the great amount of more than \$72,000,000 to the total value, and increase the value of what is marketed each year by \$25,000,000. This is one-twelfth of the total wealth produced on the farms of the United States for 1900 and a magnificent showing. It is near \$100 for each man, woman and child in the state; while the average for the United States is less than \$50 per capita, and only about one acre in ten in cultivation.

There are fully 4,000,000 acres of land capable of being put into rice cultivation. The product of 1,000,000 acres along will place \$35,000,000 into circulation, and this will be realized within the next five years.

at the present ratio of increase, and yet this is a new industry for Texas. In rice, the barren prairie lands of the great coast plains have found their redemption, the cereal rescuing them from the reign of the steer and making them ten times more productive.

This new industry for Texas will be the means of settling the waste places in South Texas with intelligent and thrifty farmers, the remarkable ease of cultivation and harvest proving too attractive to be disregarded, while the great element of profit in raising the cereal renders it a star in the agricultural firmament. That one man can cultivate 100 acres and realize \$25 per acre net reads almost like a romance, but it is a fact, nevertheless.

There is sufficient arable land to double the present output of cotton, and yet cotton last season gave the farmers over \$150,000,000 for their labor. The present contention between the cotton growers and the Mexican boll weevil, however, bids fair to reduce the acreage, and it is probable the rich bottom lands may be put into sugar cane unless congress takes the Cuban growers under its wing and cut the profit with the duty.

Texas contains possibly the richest sugar lands in the United States. The fertile alluvial basins which follow the Brazos, Colorado, Old Caney, Trinity and Guadalupe rivers offer magnificent inducement in the direction indicated. Matagorda and Wharton counties contain sufficient alluvial land to grow fully 200,000,000 pounds of sugar. These counties years ago were considered the most productive sections of the South, and were in part cultivated before the Civil war stopped operations by constructing the facilities for shipment. The industry at present is reviving under the stimulus of new blood, energy and brawn in the state, and the next few years will witness a wonderful development in the territory mentioned as the splendid opportunities are realized and taken advantage of. Fine sugar lands may be bought at prices ranging from \$20 to \$40 per acre.

WARNING TO SHEEP FEEDERS

There was a considerable decline in sheep values on the leading markets last week, in consequence of a too general disposition on the part of men who have been feeding sheep to get them on the market before they were in the proper condition. There are 6,000 head of sheep now being fed by Major Smith, the well known Texas sheepman, in this city, and thousands more in other portions of the state. It would be well for the Texas feeders to bear one fact in mind, and that is the thing that is worth doing at all is always worth doing well. The man who starts out to put fat on a bunch of sheep should not be satisfied until the work he started out to do is safely accomplished, and those who do not hearken to this idea are going to come out losers in the end. A well known Chicago buyer for one of the big packing concerns has the following to say on the sheep feeding situation:

There are evidences that the feeders of lambs who have stocked up pretty heavily this year at higher cost than ever before have a pretty well defined plan to market a large portion of their lambs in a half-fat condition. That plan is one that is going to be suicidal to profits, and the feeder should be warned in time to avoid serious results.

Already a movement on the plan outlined is evident. Lambs that have been on feed but thirty days and were just getting in good condition to do well on feed have been shipped back here to sell 15 to 25 cents below their cost as feeders at the time they were bought.

Losing freight and feed is a pretty discouraging turn to the feeder, but it is what he must expect who puts lambs into market in that condition. "A large portion of the feeding lambs went into the feeders' hands at a later date than usual this year, and general quality of many of the feeders has been poorer than other years. They are going to require good attention to get in attractive market condition.

There is an excellent supply of feed and grain this year, and the man who does not follow out the plan of making his lambs choice and fat before he markets them is likely to meet disaster, for the well finished lambs will sell at very high prices compared with the half-fat class when the shutting-off of demand for feeders burdens the trade with the latter class. These are evidences that that time is close at hand."

It never pays to market any kind of stock in a half-fat condition. This fact has been too well established in the experience of all successful feeders to admit of argument. It is true that both sheep and wool have been bringing good prices all the year, but that is no reason why the man with half-fat stuff should expect to make big money. Better take a little more time and put the stuff in proper condition. The Breeders' Gazette of Chicago, the leading live stock publication of the country, has the following timely suggestions on the situation:

"Sheep handlers have had easy sailing all summer. It has been a phenomenally profitable season. Breaks have been few and inconsequential and the live muttons market has been to a large extent relieved of the odium attached to it from time immemorial. There was a logical reason for this absence of half-dollar variations. Supply was close head. A mere handful of astute speculators practically cornered the bulk of the available summer supply early in the season and all summer demonstrated to a nicely how a market can be regulated. They defied buyers to dislodge them from their position and succeeded in maintaining values on an even basis until their stuff had been cashed. Then the inevitable happened. Small operators rushed in fed western and native goods after the old-time fashion and succeeded in breaking prices 50 cents in two days. It was a seller's panic, pure and simple. Buyers are not to be blamed when they take advantage of conditions; it is their business to do so. The break in live mutton values last week was avoidable, or rather would have been had the same volume of stuff been controlled by a dozen instead of several score shippers. It was but a fore-taste of what is likely to happen at frequent intervals during the coming winter.

"Somewhat confounded in the philosophy of the mutton finisher at this juncture. He invested his money in raw material in confidence but is displaying an impatience to get to market with the market results. A feeder who attempts to market lambs worth only \$6.25 per cwt. at this season is either a poor judge of what butchers want or is badly panic-stricken. One operator who tried to sell a band of 'fed' ewes at Chicago this week to discover that the best he could get was feeder price, and that the best he could get was feeder price of screenings, and determined to make them good. 'If the others fellows can take them out and feed them at a profit, so can I' was his conclusion. The menace of the mutton finisher, or to be more correct, the amateur, is lack of knowing what the market requires. If there is one thing killers stand less in need of than another at any time it is half-fat sheep and lambs. Success has attended the operations of so-called big feeders only when they have made their stuff 'standard.' If farmer feeders are to achieve success in this sphere they must take a leaf out of the books of old-timers. Shipping to market either sheep or lambs that have been barely warmed up will not only destroy confidence in the business, but injure the victims of the policy financially."

The sheep may have a golden hoof, but it will not carry him to market successfully unless he is in the proper condition.

WHAT A GOOD NEWSPAPER TRULY IS

The newspaper that earnestly tries to do its duty by its people and knows no higher duty than its obligations to those people, is generally appreciated by the people for all it is worth. The Telegram is conducted strictly and unwaveringly along these lines, and its policies are such as to commend the paper to the favorable consideration of a most appreciative clientele. It is with feelings of sincere appreciation that The Telegram acknowledges the following glowing tribute from the Childress Post, a live and sprightly Panhandle paper that has been able to fathom correctly the broad principles that govern this publication. "The Post says:

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Such is our ideal of a good newspaper. All of this The Telegram most certainly is. The Post says these things not to flatter or to tickle the feelings of our contemporary, but for the express purpose of seeking to induce more of our people to bring into their homes. For the Telegram should be in the homes of every well-meaning Texan. Not because it is a Texas paper and published at home or any other like considerations, but because it stands up like a man for gentleness, honesty, truthfulness and true advancement, and we firmly and truly believe the day is now here when the newspaper must be the leader, the guide—not the teacher—of the people in all that which tends to make men and women better and more fitted for the many duties and trials of life.

For centuries the pulpit was alone in the battle for better morals and better living. And its work has been grand and lasting. But alas! It reaches only the few and too often its preaching is narrow and too one-sided. Then the lecture platform came to the aid of the pulpit, but it was too expensive to benefit the masses and besides, to use a slang expression, it "has been run into the ground."

The field of the newspaper for good has no confines. It can and does go to the poor and the humble, the great and the rich. No sect or class or cult but what it reaches. And too its men are ones who must know the world and can speak from personal knowledge and experience and the force of what they say reaches down and touches springs within the heart which the preacher could never move.

Take the average preacher talking to the ordinary congregation and his words go to the ears of ninety-nine who should not need them to every one who ought to be moved to better ways and a purer life. But the newspaper goes to all and so its possibilities for good is truly unlimited.

The newspaper which seeks, earnestly and faithfully, to make the most of these opportunities for helping to make the world better is, in the judgment of the Post, a good newspaper, and seeing such a one in the Fort Worth Telegram we wish sincerely to commend it and encourage it because of the good we know it is doing, and because we want to see other papers follow its excellent example. And so we take this, our method, of scattering a few flowers in the pathway of a journal we admire, yet withal perfectly conscious of no desire to flatter or unduly praise.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEST TEXAS

There is considerable railway building now being done out in the Western portion of the state, and surveys are being run for other lines with the assurance that dirt will soon be flying. The Orient has been completed for a distance of more than fifty miles north of Sweetwater, and is being operated. The promise that this line will be in operation from Sweetwater to Kansas City by the coming spring seems to be in a fair way of verification. Work is soon to commence on the extension of the line south from Sweetwater to San Angelo, and it is then to be pushed out to a connection with the line that is being built up through Mexico. The completion of this line will be a great thing for West Texas, opening up a fine section of country that has not enjoyed railway facilities, and it will prove a great factor in the continued progress and development of that section.

The Wichita Valley, which has become a Frisco property, is now being extended from Seymour to Stamford, where connection will be made with the Texas Central, and the enterprising citizens of Abilene and Anson have made the necessary arrangements to build a line north from Abilene to connect with the Wichita Valley at Stamford. The building of these lines will be a great blessing to the country covered and fill a long felt want. Anson and Haskell, both thriving county seat towns, are to have their first railway in consequence of these extensions, and the Texas Central people have surveyors in the field looking for a route for an extension from Stamford northwest, that will serve to protect the territory of that road from the encroachments of the Orient. This will give Stonefall and other interior counties in that section railway connection and facilities.

Parties are now in Merkel, a thriving little city about twenty miles west of Abilene, arranging to commence work on the construction of a line north out of that town. Surveyors are in the field for a line north and south out of Big Springs. Matters are shaping up for a line out of Cisco, to open up a section badly in need of such facilities, and the Santa Fe is soon to build from Canyon City down into Hale county. It is reported that the work of building the Santa Fe cut-off out of Brownwood to the Northwest will be begun during the coming year, and all over the west there is great activity that seems to indicate much for the future.

There is no more progressive country on the whole face of the earth than West Texas and the Panhandle. The people who have settled those sections are the very cream of the earth. Live and progressive, they have given of their time and their means unstintingly for the building up and development of the country, and it is gratifying to note that they are now in a position to soon begin reaping where they have sown so assiduously. They are entitled to a just reward for the faith they have always manifested in the situation, and the boom that has come in land values is but furnishing them with that reward.

Good crops have been made in those sections, a great deal of cotton yet remaining to be sold. The high price that cotton is commanding is adding much to the prosperity of the people, and reports indicate that every line of business is enjoying the greatest prosperity. New homes are being opened up, new settlers are flocking in, and land has more than doubled in value. These are no boll weevils in those sections, and they are fast developing into great cotton farms. Cotton can be produced cheaper in those sections than anywhere else on earth, and as the people find this fact out, the work of development

STATE PRESS COMMENT ON W. D. WILLIAMS AND THE GALVESTON-HOUSTON DIFFERENTIAL

When the Hon. William D. Williams of Fort Worth, a candidate for railroad commissioner, publicly announced that if elected he would vote to cancel the Houston-Galveston differential, he revealed himself as a man who is willing to decide an important question according to his prejudices and without hearing the testimony. It was as if the supreme court of the state or nation should inform the counsel of opposing sides in the matter of litigation that it was ready to decide the issue presented without hearing either the law or the facts, or as if a candidate for a judicial office should notify those to whom he appealed for support that it would be his policy on the bench to decide all questions submitted to him without regard to law and facts.

Regardless of how a railroad commissioner might decide the differential issue, it will be decided even by those who favor the cancellation of the differential that no man should be elected to the commission who prejudices any matter likely to come before him for determination and without hearing fully and impartially the testimony and argument of the contending interests. It is recalled that while Mr. Colquitt was a candidate for railroad commissioner he was asked as to his position on this very differential, and his reply was that his position could only be determined after he had heard both sides, and all the facts and arguments they had to submit.

It is impossible that Mr. Williams has investigated the differential with that degree of exhaustive and patient study of all the elements of the controversy that would enable him to reach a decision based on knowledge of the law, the facts and the intricacies of the situation. Yet, without such investigation, he says offhand that he will pursue a different course from that pursued by men like Reagan, McLean, Foster, Stedman, Mayfield and Colquitt, who have devoted much time to an investigation of all the issues of the controversy.

We do not so assert, but it looks like Mr. Williams has suddenly constructed the noise of some newspapers that publish anti-differential arguments for pay as an indication that the people of Texas are demanding the cancellation of the differential whether it be right or wrong, and he is willing to take what he construes to be the popular side of it, regardless of facts, if they will but let him have the office.

If such be the position of Mr. Williams, he has sadly misread the people of Texas. He fails to give them credit for either the sense or morals which they possess in such high degree, and voluntarily puts himself in that class of men whose attitude upon public questions is not based upon intelligent convictions, but upon what is supposed to be the popular side. We can respect the position of Commissioner Storey, who is opposed to the differential after hearing arguments, although we cannot regard him as a man of strong perception, but we cannot respect the position of Mr. Williams, who proclaims what his decision upon an intricate question would be, in the event of his election, when he has not enjoyed ample opportunities and facilities for hearing all the facts and arguments pertaining to it.—Houston Post.

Hon. William D. Williams of Fort Worth, candidate for railroad commissioner, comes out in a public statement declaring that if elected he will use his best efforts to secure the repeal of the Galveston-Houston freight differential. The tenor of Mr. Williams' declarations indicates clearly that he feels he is treading on delicate ground.

The railroad commission is a quasi-judicial tribunal. Its rulings are delivered after deliberate and judicial hearing of the law and the facts. For any officer or candidate to make political capital out of any particular question pending before such tribunal, especially before the evidence has been submitted to him, is manifestly as improper as if a candidate for a judgeship should declare beforehand what his rulings in any particular case would be before the witnesses had been heard. This, of course, is not to be construed as opposing expressions of any policy of conduct. Mr. Williams is justified in saying that he is against discriminations in rates which shall tax

will receive additional stimulus. As long as cotton commands a big price it is going to be, extensively cultivated in Texas, and there is not much use in talking cotton reduction to the people of West Texas and the Panhandle.

Fort Worth rejoices with her friends and allies that these things have come to pass, and views the situation with great pleasure. All the development that comes to West Texas and the Panhandle is but adding that much to the future greatness of Fort Worth.

The live stock exhibit at the recent San Antonio fair is reported to have been one of the best ever seen in the state. Texas is producing some good cattle, but the breeders have not been taking the interest in making the fact known that they should. In fact, Texas breeders are not advertising and pushing their breeding herds as they should, and as a consequence, too many bulls are being purchased from outside breeders. Practically all this money could be kept in Texas with the exercise of the proper effort on the part of our Texas breeders.

Conditions on the Texas ranges are reported unusually good at this season of the year. There has as yet been no bad weather, and grass has been fine all the season. About the only complaint has been on account of an excess of moisture during all the fall, which kept the grass too full of sap. There is plenty of grass and water everywhere, and cattle are reported generally to be in fine condition for the winter. A great deal of fat stuff is still going to market, and the movement will continue until well up in the holidays.

There is no necessity for being alarmed as to the future of the great live stock industry. There is money enough invested in this industry to insure the fact that it will always be able to care for itself. What cattlemen really need is to stand just a little closer together and present a united front to the aggressions of the enemy. This can only be done through organization, and the proper organization is the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas. If you are not a member of this organization you are failing to discharge your plain duty.

The Stockman-Journal is the one paper in Texas that is printed strictly in the interest of the producer. It is the one paper that has had the courage to stand up and fight in season and out of season for the people it is here to represent, and that fact accounts for the fact that it is regarded as the friend of the people. The Stockman-Journal does not belong in the list devoted to a subsidized press. It is fearless and independent, and will always remain so.

Next year is the time the cattlemen expect the return of general prosperity, but there is a growing suspicion that the result very largely depends on the disposition of the pending cases against the beef trust. If the government succeeds in overthrowing the existing combination, it is believed there will be a big improvement in market conditions.

Ben Van Tuij, a leading ranchman of the Colorado City country, was here last week with a shipment of cows and calves, which he sold on the local market.

the people of one section for the benefit of another section. There is grave doubt that the Galveston-Houston differential does anything of this sort, and even the experts are divided by honest differences of opinion. Mr. Williams, however, in advance of hearing the evidence, glibly passes judgment on this important subject, thereby charging men like John H. Reagan, Foster, McLean, Stedman, Mayfield, Storey and Colquitt with conduct so unjust and undemocratic as to be tantamount to malfeasance of office.

While it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that such men may have been mistaken in establishing this differential, Mr. Williams' ex parte condemnation is untimely and in bad taste.

Indeed, agitation of the Galveston-Houston differential at this time seems to be a game of deep politics, played by certain men and certain newspapers in the interests of certain candidates and for the injuring of certain other candidates.

The question is such a technical and judicial one that the Express does not feel justified to pass into fuller information than has yet been made public such questions on the part of anybody is peculiarly unfortunate, in that they are likely to arouse sectional prejudice and to mislead many honest and well-intentioned voters.—San Antonio Express.

The Fort Worth Telegram says: "Judge William D. Williams, candidate for railroad commissioner favors the abolition of the Galveston-Houston differential, and the making of both cities common port. Judge Williams believes that Galveston should enjoy to the fullest its God-given advantages." Judge William D. Williams is out after votes, and as long as he thinks the question of abolishing the differential is popular with the people he will be found on that side. But the people will become enlightened on the subject, however, before a great while, and the prejudice created in their minds by misleading articles in certain newspapers will die out. And where will Judge William D. Williams be then? As to Judge Williams' belief that Galveston should enjoy to the fullest extent its God-given advantages," well, if there's anything Galveston hasn't enjoyed in the days gone by, when the whole state had to pay her wharf monopoly, we would like to know what it is, and since Galveston has had her inning at the expense of the rest of the state, she should not object to other Texas cities being placed on an equal footing with her now and given a "show for their white alley." Judge William D. Williams, now that he is a candidate for the high and responsible position of railroad commissioner, ought to know that to abolish the differential would not be to put one cent in the pockets of the producers, but would result in nothing more nor less than the breaking down of a competitive cotton market simply that the Galveston brokers might wax and grow fat.—State Topics.

Last winter Hon. William D. Williams was a demagogue, seeking to array the people against the railroads; now he is a statesman. Why? Because he has taken sides with Galveston against Houston in a trade-getting scrap. Mr. Williams is a sturdy, aggressive and hard-hitting Texan. He may be wrong, he may be right—but he's honest. He is just the same Williams today that he was last winter when he was pushing the intangible tax bill. But he has his own ax to grind; his townsmen is a candidate for governor, and if he can help a friend and fellow townsman why shouldn't he boost him? Why should North Texas join hands with Galveston Island to crush Houston? Broad-minded men are not in the crushing business, and North Texans have the reputation of being broad-minded and generous. Publicity will do a heap. It will educate the people, for one thing—if all sides of the question are given and all facts are given to the men of Texas. The advertising agent of Galveston only gave one side, and he did his level best to demonstrate that the cotton growers of Texas were being robbed by the commercial rivalry of Houston, and that the Goddess of Justice down on Galveston Island was throwing a series of heart-feeding spasms on account of the friendless condition of the plain farmer man.—Dallas Times Herald.

THE SILVER LINING

There's never a day so sunny But a little cloud appears; There's never a life so happy But has its time of tears; Yet the sun shines out the brighter Whenever the tempest clears.

There's never a garden growing With roses in every plot; There's never a heart so hardened But it has one tender spot. We have only to prune the border To find the forget-me-not.

There's never a sun that rises But we know 'twill set at night; The tints that gleam in the morning At evening are just as bright, And the hour that is the sweetest Is between the dark and light.

There's never a dream so happy But the waking makes us sad; There's never a dream of sorrow But the waking makes us glad. We shall look some day with wonder At the troubles we have had.

He says his calves sold within a close figure of the amount brought by the cows, and he only wishes he could have transferred the whole shooting match into baby beef. Mr. Van Tuij reports conditions throughout his section as simply ideal for the winter.

There are a considerable number of cattle being fed in Texas on raw cotton seed directly on grass, the feeders alleging that they can feed in this manner to better advantage than to pay the stiff prices demanded by the mills for their products. It is an experiment that will be watched with much interest.

The big packers are alleged to have gobbled up all the tanneries in the country, and are said to be responsible for the big advance in the price of leather. These people seem determined to control everything connected with the live stock industry and lay the hand of enforced tribute mercilessly upon both the producer and consumer.

The international show is in progress in Chicago this week, and is attracting universal attention. The entries are such as insure a most creditable exposition, and it is expected that Texas will pull a few of the ribbons, as she usually does when she goes after them.

Seventy-two members added to the Cattle Raisers' Association of Texas in the last three months goes to prove that it is a growing institution. The association is doing a great work for the live stock industry, and deserves to grow and prosper.

The big packers under indictment at Chicago have shown up in court with an array of thirty-five eminent lawyers to defend them, and the indications seem to be that they have not misunderstood the gravity of the situation.

CHANGE OF HEART

Colorado yesterday sent a golden heart to President Roosevelt, which is significant, coming as it does from a state that was once silver mad, and fosters a marble heart for its one-time idol, Colonel Bryan.—New York Herald.

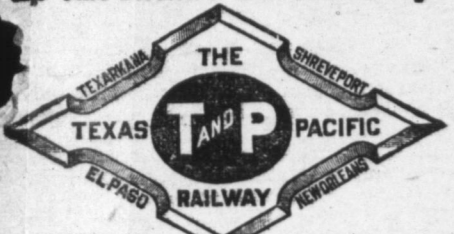


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BEEF CASES BEGIN

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Attended by a special pleas raised by packers, imposing array of legal talent, the crowds of spectators at the last preliminary to the formal trial of the "beef trust" cases began here today before Judge Humphrey.

MAKING A MEDIUM OF PA

And How It Was Heeded the Spirit Voice of Aunt Martha "No," said Mr. Chambers shortly.

But Alfred was bold, and on rainy nights used to come into the kitchen and there, in the shadow of the copper boiler, directly under the feet of the parent, who so cruelly exerted his authority, the two poor turtle doves were as happy as possible.

Alfred, not averse to hiding himself for her sake, in a twinkling found himself upon the coal cellar stairs, and in a minute he was in the coal cellar itself.

"Down came papa. The light of the candle went before him. The pitcher clinked against the stone floor as he set it down.

Mr. Chambers called upon his beloved aunt to speak again, but all was silent. Then, with shaking limbs, he hurried up the cellar steps with his pitcher still unfiled before he slept, wrote a note to Alfred.

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WAR ON TICKS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 16.—Should the present congress make adequate appropriation for the work, the matter of exterminating the fever tick in Oklahoma is all probably to be taken up during the coming spring as it has never before.

BUYING HOGS IN MEXICO

Senior Enrique Torres, manager of the packing house in the City of Mexico, who came to Kansas City about the end of November, has arranged for the purchase of several thousand head of hogs to be shipped to that place, started for home last night.

ALLEGED BAD FAITH

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 16.—Some of the western cattlemen who have been caught by the federal grand jury for fencing stolen land and violating the interior department not only violated a precedent in order to indict them, but also broke faith with them.

CATTLEMAN UNDER INDICTMENT

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 15.—The federal grand jury Saturday afternoon returned an indictment against J. E. and R. J. Bilby, cattlemen, charged with conspiring to defraud the government through fraudulent homestead entries, subornation of perjury and illegal fencing of public lands.

NEW MEXICO RANGES

ALAMOGORDO, N. M., Dec. 14.—The cattle, sheep and goat industry of this section was never in better nor more prosperous condition than at present.

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WESTERN LIVE STOCK SHOW

The Western Live Stock Show to be held in Denver during the week of Jan. 29, is to be an exclusively western event and will be novel in many respects.

MORE SHORTAGE PREDICTION

Talking to a St. Paul Reporter, John Tapp of McHenry, N. D., said: "This heavy run has drained every ranch in North Dakota, and it is my opinion that never again will there be as many cattle on the ranges of the state as there were before this fall's shipping started."

DURHAM ORIGIN

Durham was the original name generally given to the now well known short horn breed of cattle in England and the name was derived from the early importations from England.

NORMAL CATTLE FEEDING

According to O. H. Nelson of the Fort Madison (Iowa) stock yards, cattle feeding will be on a somewhat larger scale in Iowa and Illinois this winter than a year ago, but he doesn't believe it will prove excessive.

ALLEGED SOURCE OF PROFIT

The Bilbys profited, according to the charges, through the use of the homesteads fraudulently entered and ranging purposes, as soon as the filing was made at the land office.

FIGHTING SCABIES IN CATTLE

Cattle affected with scabies must have prompt and thorough attention or they will fall off in flesh and after a time die. Scabies is a mange caused by a minute parasite which burrows into the surface of the skin, causing great irritation, and if neglected will cause the hair to fall out and the skin to become sore and inflamed.

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THE MAN AT SOLITAIRE

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Written for The Telegram.

Solitaire will be found indicated on the map by a circle half as large as that which represents Chicago. In reality it consists of a sidetrack and watering tank on the Great Western railroad, and a little wooden box opposite, courteously called a station, inhabited by a man whose aim in life is to watch the sidetrack and telegraph along the line how it is occupied at various hours of the day and night.

The man at Solitaire got to thinking it over—he had a great deal of time to do this—and he made up his mind that matters were going all wrong. In the first place, he thought he ought to be allowed more than \$25 a month for his services, and that, considering he had been running Solitaire alone for 15 years, they ought to give him an assistant to talk to—and to allow him an occasional chance to sleep.

Was it right that they should have kept running their trains by his door 24 hours of the day, and 365 days a year, for 15 years, disturbing him and depriving him of what little sleep belonged to him?

For months during the summer he sat on the platform of his box, in the bright sun, in the rain, and through the close, airless Indiana nights, looking down the tracks between train times, and considering the question. He saw the power and importance of the man they were wronging. He decided to run the whole railroad himself.

As a first step in that direction the Man saved up money and laid in a large supply of canned meats, he also secured two 44-calibre revolvers and half a dozen boxes of cartridges.

It wasn't unpleasant in the sense that it was rainy—it was merely hot. Along down the track the heat rose in great zigzags. There was not a breeze in the air, not a sound except the occasional call of a quail from some distant rail fence, or the cry of a 17-year locust in a dead tree. On the sunny side of the station at Solitaire the thermometer took its stand at 118 degrees and the Man moved, and the air was a semi-solid mass of cinders.

The Man at Solitaire made up his mind he would shut down his railroad at 6 o'clock.

No. 64, the fast freight from the west, was due at 6:10 o'clock. No. 24, the fast express from the east, was due at 6:17. At 6:03 the Man telegraphed the station east that the freight was on the sidetrack and the main line was clear. The freight was not yet insight. At 6:12 it reached the station and ran off the track; some one had turned the switch half way. The big engine jumped the rails, crashed up on the station platform and stopped, without being overturned; three cars went off with it. Just then the express could be heard rushing along from the east, and two brakemen started up the track to head it off, on the dead run. When she came around the curve and saw the freight she just stiffened right out and slid. She struck the freight cars, smashing a cylinder and nearly jerking the heads off the passengers. All the windows and doors of the coaches flew open with a slam, and the train hands and passengers began to swarm out like hornets out of a hornet's nest.

The Man opened a window in front of the station with his own hand, and told them that what he was trying to do was none of their business. He was operating this damned road now, and he wanted them to understand it. By way of emphasis, he fired a couple of shots as close to their feet as he could without hitting them. They got off, and he shut down the window with a bang. Somebody went around and tried a window in the rear, and he fired two shots through the glass. It was just as well they didn't try it again, for he would have nailed them the next time.

The Man sat down and telegraphed that the express had gone by, but that No. 24 had a hot box on the sidetrack, so that No. 21, the westbound freight, had better be sent along. So No. 21 came along. It nearly paralyzed the passengers of the express train when they heard it on the line,

OUR SHORT STORY

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Rudy's father had been Rudy's life, and the lay awake in the night now because a man strong in mind and the power of his love was coming between them. The atmosphere of her training had left her without the protection of a father's hand. Rudy had only the education that her frailness, their poverty, and shifting life could yield. Her femininity showed her little Owen's masterful physique, his superior strength and tonic vitality. Billy had always had his pleasure with a gun in his hand until these wondrous twelve months of his knowledge. Rudy's father had been Rudy's life, and the lay awake in the night now because a man strong in mind and the power of his love was coming between them. The atmosphere of her training had left her without the protection of a father's hand. Rudy had only the education that her frailness, their poverty, and shifting life could yield. Her femininity showed her little Owen's masterful physique, his superior strength and tonic vitality. Billy had always had his pleasure with a gun in his hand until these wondrous twelve months of his knowledge. Rudy's father had been Rudy's life, and the lay awake in the night now because a man strong in mind and the power of his love was coming between them. The atmosphere of her training had left her without the protection of a father's hand. Rudy had only the education that her frailness, their poverty, and shifting life could yield. Her femininity showed her little Owen's masterful physique, his superior strength and tonic vitality. Billy had always had his pleasure with a gun in his hand until these wondrous twelve months of his knowledge.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

A Struggle Between Good and Evil, But the Right Triumphed

"Tomorrow, tomorrow, Bertha! I cannot realize it. I wish I could!"

I said it more probably, to myself than to her as we stood together that night by the low stone wall that bounded the great wheat field. Rosy clouds filled the west, and the stars of the June day, as she went to meet the night, touched the tangled hair of Bertha Clarke as she stood by my side.

"And you are happy, Bertha? Let me give you up with this solemn assurance."

She turned her pale face toward me, its earnestness striking out the half dreamy smile of her lips and eyes. "Yes, Mercy, I am happy; quietly, contentedly so. Mr. Allison will be to me the kindest of friends, the tenderest of husbands, and his heart will be the stronger for me to lean on because of the years that have gone over his head."

"Bertha and I had been playmates in our childhood and friends in our youth. Elton Hunt, my cousin and four years my senior, and Bertha were lovers in those days. One April evening when the wind was blowing from the east almost hidden by fleecy clouds, they said, standing in the wide old hall of Bertha's home, 'We will walk together until death part us two asunder.'"

While the angel wrote those words in the everlasting records the shadow of death hovered near the old home and in less than two weeks it came to Bertha. The fever in the night was stricken with fever in the noon of his life and his wife and children were left very nearly penniless. Not long after this sad event Lawrence Allison came to Meadowbrook for the benefit of his health. He was a tall, fine looking, well preserved man, older than Bertha's mother, but he seemed younger of Bertha at first sight. He was not distasteful to her and his wealth

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A. E. de Riquel has returned from a trip of several weeks in the east. Mr. de Riquel has been in Washington at the opening of congress and also visited New York, Baltimore and other eastern cities on his trip. He was in Washington in the interest of the proposed amendment to the twenty-eight-hour law and met Murdo MacKenzie and Sam Cowan there, who are also working in the interest of this proposed amendment, as well as the railroad rate legislation. Mr. de Riquel says MacKenzie and Mr. Cowan are doing a great work there for the stockman and shippers, which he believes will accomplish results. He reports a great deal of interest being taken in the live stock show by eastern stockmen and shippers, which he believes premiums.—Denver Record-Stockman.

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wall at his face. The red leaves of a poison oak vine served as his shelter, and above this, and about it, and beyond it the chaparral, and the pines, and the buckeyes watched. From behind the mass of summer foliage the eyes of a man and the mouth of a gun were at aim and waiting.

But it was Rudy's face that was searing with fire the brain of the man at the trigger. He had known only love for him, and trust in him, and pride of him. It went over him cold that her scorn of him might set then on his track. He might give up what he would make for. They had laughed at it as a robber resort. But the thought could not live. Rudy's womanliness—

Hark! there could be no mistake—a step. He had been waiting hours for it. It could come. He needed no change of movement to send it into silence. There must be more of them behind. There must be no delay in wiping them out.

There it comes again, on and on and up. The fool! Does he think his life is worth juggling for? An unlogged stone trips jerkily down the hillside, and some bats blacken the air over his head. Betty is so safe and so sure and so ready that he will let the idiot come into her face.

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At the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association which was held in the office of the secretary, Captain John T. Lytle, Monday a conference was held with the committee in charge of the live stock show that is to be held in this city next spring and the dates for the annual meeting of the association and of the show set.

RANCH SALES OF PAST WEEK

Several Large Deals Closed in Cattle Sections

Milestones in the passing of the ranch to the small farm are becoming more and more frequent every week. This week there are recorded two sales of large ranches that will be converted into small tracts and used for farming.

RAIN GENERAL THROUGH TEXAS

All Bureaus Report Precipitation Monday

With all the disagreeable weather that Fort Worth has experienced in the past twenty-four hours, and with all the mud, the total fall of rain up to 7 o'clock this morning amounted to only .18 of an inch. The rain, however, is well suited for making mud of the worst kind.

BAD REPORTS FROM RANGES

Cold Misty Weather With Little Stock Water Shown

Number of range reports at the office of the Cattle Raisers' association this morning. Reports received were bad. The rains of last week extended as far north as Oklahoma City. Scarcity of water is still reported in many bad days were more misty than rainy. Reports are:

TEXAS CATTLE SCORED WELL

Results at Chicago a Credit to Texas Industry

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—While Texas did not win first prize at the big cattle show, Texans have no cause to feel downcast over the result, for the Texas exhibits were a big advertisement for the state.

PART OF WORLD MISSING IN TEXAS

Fourteen-Mile Wide Creek Is Discovered

The Terlingua quicksilver district of Texas, located in a wild and practically unexplored section of the state of Texas, bordering on the Rio Grande river, is a region full of wonders and rich in possibilities. It is rich in quicksilver deposits that are now being developed and it is believed that gold in paying quantities will be found there.

COL. WILSON RESIGNS

Popular Representative of Chicago & Alton in Texas Will Go Into Other Business

Colonel James A. Wilson, being asked as to the report of his resignation as southwestern freight agent for the Chicago & Alton railway, said he had resigned the position and will engage in business of a different nature. Colonel Wilson said:

RANGE REPORTS CONTINUE GOOD

Cattle Starting Into Winter in Fine Condition

Reports received from the inspectors of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association indicate that while at some points along the range there have been scarcely any shipment of cattle, at others the shipping has been heavy for this time of the year.

Cool. Thirty-two cars of cattle were shipped to Kansas City. Clarendon—Weather is dry and cool and cattle are doing nicely. Thirty-four cars of cattle were shipped to Kansas and Texas points, including 7 cars to Fort Worth.

Alamogordo—stock all looking good and not shrinking except around Dalhart. One car of horses was shipped to Mississippi.

Stata Anna.—In Coleman, Brown, McCulloch and Mason counties the range is considered short, though all classes of live stock are doing well. Water for stock is getting scarce, especially in Coleman county. Two cars shipped to Fort Worth and two to San Angelo.

Liberal.—Twenty-one cars of cattle shipped to Kansas City.

At the meeting of the committee seventy-two new members were elected to the association who declared a total ownership of 32,905 cattle. The list of owners with their addresses is as follows:

Pony Andrews, Monahans; R. P. Barber, Beggs, I. T.; Dr. G. W. Benley, Alpine; Gus Black, Spofford; W. J. Bonner, Sanderson; J. M. Bradford, Monument; W. E. George, Flores; Carlsbad, N. M.; Bujac & Powers, Carlsbad, N. M.; W. P. Bunyan, Fowler, Kan.; J. H. Butler, Englewood, Kan.; E. R. Coffey, Lawver, W. T.; J. F. Conrad, Fowler, Kan.; Cooper, Moore, Midland; S. B. Crump, Estel line; Wm. Daugherty, Midland; Davis & Holms, Luling; Desmanos Bros., Lakeland, Kan.; J. E. Deane, Flores; Valle; T. W. Dockery, Del Rio; Elbridge & Ball, Truscott; Cary & Burns, Midland; Godair-Crowley Commission Company, Fort Worth; J. P. Goena, Guthrie, Texas; F. M. Greene, Roby; Ed C. Good, Midland; C. W. Gurley, Comstock; J. M. Hale, Waynoka, O. T.; S. M. Halley, Monahans; D. H. Hallcock & Company, Englewood, Kan.; Hann & Ticher, Medicine Lodge, Kan.; J. W. Hill, Eldorado; T. N. Hoben, Nacona; Hodge & Speer, Quanah; H. G. Biedose & Jameson, Monahans; C. W. Holder, La Forna; J. R. Holland, Alpine; Abdon Holt, Abilene; Ernest D. Hunt, Childress; W. V. Jackson, Coldwater, Kan.; Jason W. James, Alpine; Yancy Kemp, Carlsbad, N. M.; Dell Krebaum, Marathon; J. P. Lewis, Broncho; Leonard Light, Lockwood, O. T.; Ed Lisnby, Floydland; J. M. Lindsay, Gainesville; W. H. Long, Broncho; C. T. Mitchell, Marfa; Ira Morris, Dibble, I. T.; J. F. McCauley, Fowler, Kan.; National Park Cattle Company, Lawton, O. T.; Chan, Olinstead, Dryden, Andrew Olson, Kiowa, Kan.; Osaage Cattle Company, Fairfax, O. T.; T. M. Pool, Valentine; J. C. Powell, Ft. Davis; C. E. Ratliff, Odessa; T. G. Reisinger, Raymond; Henry W. Reynolds, Marfa; A. W. Rockefeller, Broncho; H. J. Sanders, Rudd; E. B. Seymoure, Hallettsville; Sims & Hodges, Fowler, Kan.; J. E. Suter, Wichita Falls; J. C. Tanager, Temple, O. T.; J. L. Taylor, Monument, N. M.; T. B. Templeton, Alpine; Tisdale Bros., Eldorado; T. R. True, Eldorado; J. R. True, Ryan, I. T.; J. W. Wooten, Midland; H. I. Woodruff, Englewood, Kan.; Jno. J. Stevens, Floresville.

NET OF FORT WORTH ON CATTLE BRED AND FED BY HIMSELF IN TEXAS

Both first and second prizes in the 2-year-old Shorthorn division went to E. H. Pinnell of Kansas, Ill., on cattle of the S. T. brand, bred by Boogee-Scott Bros., third prize to M. D. Camp of Harrison, Ill., also on S. T. cattle. Fourth prize was won by Mrs. Richard King of Alice, Texas. The two loads fed by the Texas experiment station failed to come within the money.

YESTERDAY'S STEERS AND HEIFERS

In the yearling steers and heifers for the Southern district first prize went to J. G. Imboden of Decatur, Ill., on steers bred by J. W. Cook & Son of Beville, Tex.; second prize to Howard Hagler of Washington Court House, Ohio, on Boogee-Scott cattle; third prize to Forney Bros. of Plainfield, Ohio, also on cattle bred by Boogee-Scott; fourth prize was won by the Texas Experiment Station on cattle of their own feeding. In the open-to-all class, heifers under 3 years old, Forney Bros. won third and fourth prizes on cattle of Boogee-Scott breeding. All the above are fat cattle bred in Texas and fed in the North with the exception of the Burnett and Texas Experiment Station loads. Texas contributes more than one-fourth of the entire carload class. It is a notable fact that nearly all the prize-winning fat cattle are from below the quarantine line. John G. Imboden of Decatur, Ill., who is regarded as one of the best posted and most successful feeders in the corn belt, says it is only a question of time when Northern feeders will forget a quarantine line exists. Mr. Imboden says Texas is making the best show in her history.

HOW WE GROW

Fort Worth has already passed the three-quarters of a million mark in cattle receipts this year. The total up to Saturday was 766,587 head, against 696,447 head last year. Hog receipts were 423,333 head as compared with 257,328 head in 1904; sheep 122,410, against 97,822, and horses and mules 16,448 against 16,080.

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