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**TEXAS STOCKMEN.**  
**Proceedings of the Last Days**  
**Session and Final Adjournment.**

Austin, January 11.—The stockmen's convention met this morning, with their views greatly changed as to the true interpretation of Gov. Ireland's message as to herding and grazing, and in a manifest spirit of harmony, magnanimity and amity. The committee on resolutions had boiled down the mass of matter submitted to them and reported the following resolutions, which were passed unanimously:

Resolved, first, that it is the sense of this convention that lawlessness of whatever character should be discontinued, and we respectfully request the legislature to pass such laws as may be adequate to the protection of the property of all citizens of the state.

Second—That we regard the grass as much the property of the owner of the land as the timber that grows thereon, and request protection from all depredations.

Third—That all open lands or lands not fenced should receive that protection due from the state to an interest which is so large a tax paying element of the state.

Fourth—That we regard the protection of the school lands and the obtaining of the greatest revenue therefrom of vital importance to the state and our posterity, and we respectfully request such legislation in that regard as the legislature may deem best, to the end that the largest revenue may be secured to the school fund.

Fifth—That while we do not favor the doctrine of free range, we deem it injudicious to pass a herd law at this time.

Sixth—That, having full confidence in the wisdom of the legislature at Austin, and believing that our rights will be fully and amply protected by the legislature now assembled at Austin, we are satisfied to leave with it all matters and grievances that affect our interests.

The proposition to meet next year in Galveston failed to get a two-thirds vote and was lost.

Mr. W. H. Crane moved to appoint a committee of fifteen to represent the Texas stockmen in the National Stockmen's convention at St. Louis in November next. The motion prevailed and the president and three vice-presidents were added.

Pending motion to adjourn since the president briefly addressed the convention, thanking the stockmen for their courteous demeanor and pledging his best efforts to promote their interests and the welfare of the state.

Capt. D. E. Bentley obtained permission to say a word for the wool growers, and spoke as follows:

Mr. President: As a sheepman, in behalf of my brother sheepmen permit me to tender our thanks to this convention for the generous treatment we have received at your hands. Although in a minority, we have been given places among your officers and on prominent committees. In questions under discussion our interests have been duly considered and our opinions respected. Our honored president has wished you all a happy and prosperous New Year. I simply wish to supplement his remarks by saying it is my sincere hope that the price of wool may be corresponding as high next spring as of yearling steers for you who have them to sell.

The vote was taken on adjournment sine die, the gavel fell and the body dispersed.

The action of the convention is immensely commended as wise, conservative and patriotic. There is but one opinion of the governor's speech before the cattlemen, and that is high indorsement. It received confidence, dispelled conflict of thought and shortened the proceedings.

The land board completed the land sales this morning and adjourned. A resolution to take the lands of the market till a new law can be passed will be urged at 10 o'clock that parties may be saved the trouble and expense of preparing bids for February sales.

The report of the House committee on stock and stock-raising is adverse to the herd law, and regarded as a quietus to that measure.

**TEXAS LAND LEAGUE.**  
**The Object of the League.**  
 Brownwood, Tex., Dec. 23, 1883.  
 DEAR SIR: Inclosed find copy of Uniform Constitution of Texas Land League. The object of this organization is to secure such legislation as will prevent land monopoly in Texas. The name Land League has been adopted because the road, water, pasture and similar questions which are now agitating the public mind in Texas all grow out of, or are connected with, the land question.

The trouble upon these questions is due principally to inwisdom or defective legislation, and it is believed that it can, in a great measure, be remedied by wise legislation as will receive the endorsement and support of the majority of the good citizens of this state. But at present the people do not know what legislation they want. The object of this organization is to get them together at their school houses; let them exchange views; pass resolutions on the subject, and then send delegates to county conventions, and petition the legislature for such legislation as they may desire.

There will be legislation of some kind on this question by the called session of the Eighteenth legislature. The monopolists are at work; they have the time and the money, and their views and wishes will be made known at Austin. If the people do not make known their wishes they need not expect legislation in their interest.

It is intended to make this a permanent organization, and if we do not get a fair settlement of this question by the Eighteenth legislature we expect to make this a test question in the election of the next legislature, and elect, if possible, such men as will carry out the wishes of the people.

It is believed that one cause of the recent fence-cutting troubles is that people have no confidence in getting relief by legislation. If they do not organize and make known their wishes on this subject they need expect no relief. If they will organize thoroughly, there is no question but that they can get such legislation as they want. And when the conservative people of the country become convinced that the legislature will make a fair and equitable adjustment of this question, they will not countenance any further violence, and fence-cutting will cease. But if the legislation by the present and succeeding legislature be such as to further foster and encourage monopoly of land and water in Texas, we fear that there is more trouble ahead for us. This organization will not countenance communism or violence, but it looks to the encouragement of the small farmer and stockholder, and demands that the right of the public be protected.

We hope that you will assist in organizing a league in your community at once. Until further organization is perfected, please report progress to the undersigned. Give the name of your organization and the date of organizing, also the names of your president and secretary. Your number will be furnished by return mail. Yours, respectfully,  
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Art. 2. Object.—The object of this organization is to secure such legislation as will prevent land monopoly in the state of Texas.

Art. 3. Membership.—Any one may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution.

Art. 4. Privileges.—This organiza-

tion shall be non-political, and no one shall be required to sever his connection with his political party to become a member of this league.

Art. 5. Officers.—The officers of this league shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be elected at the first regular meeting in each year and who shall perform such duties as are by parliamentary usage usually incumbent on such additional duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws of this league.

The following is a copy of a petition blank for signatures to memorialize the legislature now in session at Austin in:

TO THE XVIII LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

We, the undersigned citizens of — county, do protest against the passage of the herd law, and respectfully petition for the following legislation:

I.—That all roads leading from one county seat to another, and all postal roads be declared by law first class roads, and commissioners courts be deprived of the power to reduce such roads to a lower grade.

II.—That no gates be allowed upon public roads of any class.

III.—That the owners of land adjacent to streams that surveys are not allowed to cross be compelled to leave open to the public free and reasonable ingress and egress for stock to and from such streams.

IV.—That commissioners courts be authorized to open highways without being petitioned therefor.

V.—That a lawful wire fence be defined as one with posts not more than eight feet apart and with at least two blinds of plank not less than six inches wide of poles or rails, the top blind not less than four feet from the ground; and that failure to comply with these requirements be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars for each mile or fraction of a mile of such fence, and that each day that such fence remains up be made a separate offense.

VI.—That if any one fences land which he does not own or legally control, as appears from the records of the county when in the same situation, he be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars for each section or fraction of a section so fenced; and that each day that such land be retained in a pasture be made a separate offense.

NAMES. NAMES.

**T. E. TERRELL'S BILL.**  
**A Herd Law in Disguise, Saving of Class Legislation.**

Austin, Jan. 15.—We, the undersigned, members of your committee on stock and stock raising to whom was referred senate bill No. 2, entitled "An act to regulate the grazing of stock and to prescribe and provide for enforcing penalties for its violation," commonly known as the "Terrell Bill," respectfully dissent from the views of the members of the committee who styled themselves "a majority of said committee," and while we believe to call the paper filed by them a "majority report" is a misnomer, apparent upon the face thereof, yet for the purposes hereof we shall adopt said designation, and respectfully submit the following as the views of the undersigned, a minority of your committee upon the questions involved in said bill, its provisions, and the so-called majority report thereon.

We object to the paper designated as a "majority report" being considered a report from your committee, as it is not concurred in by a majority of said committee, and because said paper defects in said bill as reported are admitted, and no amendment or substitute is offered, as the suggestion of the committee, for the cure or correction of said admitted defects and omissions.

We believe said bill is unconstitutional, in that it conflicts with section 35, article 3, of the constitution, and the fifteenth section of said bill is in conflict with section 45, article 3, of the constitution.

We believe the herd bill a herd law in disguise.

We believe the practical operation of the bill would not only fail in the objects expressed for it by those signing the "majority report," but that its results would be the reverse of their expectations. Instead of stopping fence-cutting, it would increase that evil, and be conducive to other offenses against the law, bringing upon the country even greater evils than those from which the people ask relief at our hands. As a law it would not bear alike upon the rich and poor. On the contrary, it would enhance greatly the value of one class of property at the expense of another, would make the rich richer and the poor poorer. It is calculated to build up a landed aristocracy who will oppress poorer persons who own little or no land, and will add to the inducements already existing for the war now carried on against property rights in Texas.

We do not assent to the proposition that it is the duty of Texas to protect the grass upon the immense landed estates of the individuals and corporations who hold the lands not for use but speculation, and at the same time double and treble their value while we force citizens of Texas to buy or lease from them. The crops of the farm, the garden and the orchard are not protected from trespass unless surrounded by a lawful fence. Then why, we ask, should grass be so protected? If a land owner chooses to protect his pasturage as a farmer does his crops, then we think the state should go as far, as some disposition is shown by a land owner to protect and utilize his own. We cannot conceive the duty of the state to call to its aid all the extraordinary machinery of this bill to enhance the fortunes of a particular class, neither can we think it advisable to protect the grass upon unused lands, that it may grow and rot or be burned upon the ground, without benefit to anyone. The immense landed estates now held in Texas for speculation by citizens and corporations of this and other states and countries, have been acquired at small cost by such individuals and corporations. The stock of Texas, which they say "have fattened" upon said land, to a great extent the property of Texas citizens, who have, for many years, battled with the frontier question, and by their energy and courage have largely contributed already to make such lands valuable, and we cannot believe that he time has come in Texas' history when a law can be passed to compel our citizens to sacrifice their cattle at one-half their value in order that they may buy lands from speculators at double what they are worth. Neither do we believe that school lands should occupy a better position than those of individuals. There is no such thing as a \$1,200,000 school tax in Texas, and hence we cannot see the correctness of the assertion that such would be saved to the people; but even if it were to be saved, as stated, we should feel unwilling to save some by the destruction of many, to build up the rich land owner and relieve him of taxes at the expense of the yeomanry of the country; to double his fortune and then relieve him from taxation.

We do not subscribe to the assertion that all other industries are taxed to support cattle owners. If such be true, however, this act could be none the less wrong. It is not an act for the purpose of taxing cattle owners, though we admit its effect would be to tax them at least fifty per cent on the value of their stock the first year.

Far from protecting the poor man the bill proposes that a "commissioner of pasturage," with a squad of soldiers, shall ride the country with dictatorial powers to arrest and imprison, examine and require bonds from the poor people of Texas, whom he may choose to charge with having permitted one pet calf more than the proper number to run at large and pick a little from

the roadside or the fence corner. A minority of your committee are convinced that Texas will always have cause to fear such a force. We believe the present tribunals (the courts of the country) are sufficient to enforce any law this body may enact, which seek to protect the lives and property of our people. We have an abiding faith in the patriotism of the great mass of the people of Texas and we are not prepared to admit that they will not enforce the laws, or that it is necessary to create "new judicial tribunals clothed with special powers," and backed by a military despotism, in order to secure obedience to her laws. It is true there is no other bill before this body which "covers the whole ground" connected with the many subjects embraced in this act, and we submit that no such act would be practicable or constitutional. There are bills, however, which seek to correct all the evils complained of. There are bills regularly read, punishing persons who inclose lands not their own or leased by them, punishing those who herd upon lands without the consent of the owner, bills to make the wanton destruction of fences a felony, and bills to strengthen the constabulary arm of the government, so that offenders may be arrested and brought to trial before the proper courts. It is yet early in the session, and numerous other subjects treated of in this bill will be considered. We may say, however, that we do not think any bill but this one will contain a provision which will punish as a "fence-cutter" the poor widow who may let loose upon the range one yearling calf more than a small quantity of political astuteness deem wise and proper. It is important to Texas that we of the Eighteenth legislature should at this time pronounce in no uncertain terms our condemnation of the destruction of property rights, and to enact such amendments to our penal code as shall give assurance of our good faith, plain and to the point, so that any fence-cutter may understand and fear. We do not think that these enactments should be clouded by any mingling of different subjects in the same bill, or rendered nugatory by any doubtful constitutional questions. This legislation is not demanded by the people to increase the school fund, but for the protection of individual property and the enforcement of the laws. It must be done directly and without political compromise before the objects will be attained or the people satisfied.

For these, among other reasons, we re-commend that said bill do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,  
 [Signed] A. W. HOUTSON,  
 J. R. FLEMING,  
 W. R. SHANNON.

**Legislative News.**

Austin, Jan. 11.—Mr. Chambers' bill to establish and maintain an efficient system of public schools in this state came back from the printer this a. m. and appeared on the member's desks. It contains seventy-seven sections and is a complete code within itself. It has made a good impression, and will figure largely in any school legislation that may get through the session.

The house discussed a small road bill this a. m. It provides for and prescribes gates across third-class roads. The gate must be twelve feet wide, must open easily, swing gracefully and catch on to something so that it will remain open till the traveler passes through, and there must be a hitching post and staple on each side. The penalty for failure to have such gates is fixed at not less than \$5 nor more than \$25, each week of failure to make such a gate to constitute a distinct offense. The discussion was spirited and protracted, participated in by several of the best speakers of the house.

Mr. Taylor of Red river county offered a motion to postpone till the committee on roads, bridges and ferries could report the main bill. His speeches were logical, protracted and sensible, sometimes rising to eloquence.

Mr. Foster of Limestone county spoke forcibly in favor of immediate action.

Messrs. Browning, Chambers, Frank, Wood and a few others entertained the house on amendments, but all agreeing to the main feature. The bill finally passed to engrossment.

The senate gave its morning session to the bill appropriating \$100,000 to enable the governor to employ rangers and detectives to detect, catch and punish fence-cutters.

Mr. Davis of Cooke spoke ably against the bill. Chesley of Austin and Shannon of Parker favored it, and Fowler of Bastrop opposed.

Taylor of Hood spoke earnestly in support of the bill and made some strong points, but Senator Gibbs of Dallas made the speech of the occasion. He was not opposed to the appropriation but the governor could not suppress fence-cutting with rangers. Senators had based their arguments on the idea that the frontier people wanted protection. The fence-cutting was confined mainly to populous agricultural counties, where there were plenty of people to protect themselves, but a majority sympathized with the fence-cutters, and the constabulary were too poorly paid to undertake the perilous herculean job. He would pay these better, and furnish detectives to aid them. The senator's points were all sharply put and ably argued. His motion to include detectives was adopted. The bill finally passed to engrossment by 18 yeas to 9 nays.

Senator Davis put in an amendment making the state responsible for legal arrests, unlawful punishment and all damages resulting. This was amended by a senator making the fence-cutters responsible. This created merriment, and the amendments were tabled. Mr. Davis is one of the best thinkers in the senate, and as a legislator has no superior in that body.

The next session in order will be a long list of expressions by senators and members of their choice for president and vice-president. Mr. Rosenthal of Fayette, one of the most intelligent and useful members in the house, being called upon today by a News reporter to know his choice, his laconic answer was, "Arthur for president, and Ocheltree for vice-president." The choice of all but four in the house and two in the senate is already known. They are for the nominees of the Democratic party.

The discussions in the houses this morning were regarded as uncovering skirmishes, and the developments clearly showed two sides to all important measures and strong forces to maintain each side.

The special committee of twenty, organized to consider all bills relating to the present troubles, heard a gentleman named Goodwin from Brown county this evening in regard to the condition of affairs there. He portrays the matter, if possible, much worse than stated by the papers and reaching almost to the farthest limits of anarchy. In regard to his reliability, he bears papers from some of the most prominent and staunchest citizens of his county, and in answer to the charge that he is the paid agent of the pasture men exhibits vouchers from men in no wise connected with the cattle interests.

A sub-committee of seven was appointed to draft necessary bills on fence-cutting and the land question and kindred subjects, made up as follows: Taylor, chairman; Upton, Swan, Browning, Penton, Acker, and M-rive her. Four of these, Swan, Browning, Acker and Merri-

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Hon. J. R. Robinson has our thanks for legislative documents.

We have just received a proof sheet of the proceedings of the recent Convention of the National Cotton Planters' Association.

Justia.

Austin, July 20 1884.

Having received several letters from the people of my county asking about the possibility of the passage of a herd law, I am convinced that it is exciting considerable interest.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

January, 10th 1883. Nearly fourteen hundred bills were introduced in the House during the past week. Among those of local importance was one granting the Cable Railway company right of way for the construction of street cable railways in this city.

The committee on Indian affairs, which held its first meeting Monday has some grave problems to solve during the present session.

trations of the Northwest, that trouble is sure to ensue unless some satisfactory policy is adopted upon. One important question which the committee will have to deal with will be whether the tribal organizations shall be continued, or whether the savages shall be put upon the basis of ordinary settlers.

Several Indian tribes from New Mexico are in the city interviewing the Secretary of the Interior in regard to the affairs of their agencies. Some of them claim to have been defrauded through erroneous surveys; others want to talk about their appropriations, while others are asking permission to return to the old reservation in northern New Mexico, which the Secretary refused to allow.

Propositions to change the whole government of Utah have been discussed in Congress during the week and some important and instructive facts bearing upon the Colony of Salt Lake have been developed. Notwithstanding the pressure of business upon Congress, the variety and daily increasing number of questions demanding legislation, many members realize the necessity of action for the suppression of wholesale polygamy among the Mormons of Utah, and other Territories.

Senator Maxey on the Tariff. Washington, January 13.—Senator Maxey made a vigorous thrust at the monstrous class-breeding tariff system when he said to Senator Frye this morning that the best thing England had ever done, in behalf of her world wide commercial power and ubiquitous mercantile marine, consisted in the establishment of practical free trade.

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In conclusion I feel I am only doing myself justice in saying I now have the most convenient and best arranged business house in this portion of the country; and that after working long and hard in the old hotel I can but feel proud to be so well prepared to show and sell goods.

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**Fresh Garden Seeds at McConney's.**  
 A complete assortment of nails at Owens.  
 Little's Chemical fluid or non-poisonous sheep dip, and Carbolic sheep dip at Nels & Co.'s, at cost.  
 Wanted—first class carpenters. Enquire at the Weatherford Planing Mill or of Evan Jones at Jacksboro.

**Fresh and new!** Dried currants, dried cherries, dried prunes, dried peaches, dried apples, and dried blackberries, at Knox's.  
 Owens has a large stock of new goods. Now he wants plenty of customers to buy them, this is necessary to carry on his trade.

All persons indebted to Pat O'Sullivan will please settle at once. I want money to pay my debts and must have it, or I will place the accounts in the hands of a lawyer.  
 Mince meat, apple butter, prunes, cranberries, raisins, figs, ripe apples, green apples, dried apples, dried peaches, dried blackberries, Irish potatoes, all for sale by W. S. Jones.

Now we strike your fancy by being able to show the largest and newest line of carpets in the west without a single roll of carpet. It is wonderful that little carpet exhibitor, just call and examine, or on Knox's counter.

The best 6 cent cigar on the market at Ingram's.  
 Go to Ingram's for onions, Irish and sweet potatoes.  
 W. S. Ingram has fresh apples, cabbage, potatoes, and other vegetables, cuts, all varieties of canned goods and a general assortment of candies.

Ayer's Pills cure constipation, improve the appetite, promote digestion, restore healthy action, and regulate every function. They are pleasant to take, gentle in their operation, yet thorough, and powerful in subduing disease.

Mr. Wolfe, C. S. Marshall, Sheriff of Lampasas county and Mr. Martin, stage contractor on the Lampasas and San Saba U. S. Mail Stage line are here for the Thomas alias, Barker boys. They robbed the stage between Lampasas and San Saba on the 3d inst. Mr. Martin was driving the stage at the time of the robbery. They took his watch which he described by figures, numbers etc. as corresponding with one they had when taken; he also identifies them as being the same men who robbed the stage. They brought a writ from C. S. authority, but the thieves had been indicted before they arrived and hence had to have papers renewed. Should they fall into the hands of United States authorities for mail robbery they will doubtless go up for 99 years.

**Proceedings of the District Court.**  
 (Continued.)  
 No. 748. The State of Texas vs. Wm. Whitten; jury trial, verdict not guilty.  
 No. 749. The State of Texas vs. J. Y. Jones; continued by the State.  
 No. 750. The State of Texas vs. J. Johnson, charged with theft of one head of cattle; jury trial, verdict not guilty.  
 No. 751. J. N. Chambers, theft of one head of cattle; jury trial, verdict not guilty.  
 No. 752. A. J. Ball vs. J. H. Stradley; Compromise.  
 No. 753. The State of Texas vs. Sam Shadio, offense, theft of one head of cattle; jury trial, verdict not guilty.  
 No. 754. The State of Texas vs. Wm. Enlow. The deft. was remanded to the custody of the sheriff subject to the order of the County Judge.  
 No. 585. John S. Price vs. John H. Hensley; deft. recovered judgment against deft. for the sum of \$2556.29.  
 SECOND WEEK.  
 No. 755. State of Texas vs. John Green; jury trial, verdict not guilty.  
 No. 756. State of Texas vs. William Carney; jury trial, verdict guilty, punishment assessed five years in the penitentiary.  
 No. 757. State of Texas vs. Eli Galtin dismissed by the State.  
 Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1888.—It appearing that on this day the Hon. J. F. Williams, Judge of the 34th Judicial District of Texas, and presiding over District Court of Jack county at the present term is sick and unable to hold the Court. The practicing lawyers of the Court present proceeded to the election of a special Judge. H. J. F. Brim and T. D. Sporer were put in nomination. The election having been held, Sil Stark chairman pro tem, declared T. D. Sporer elected according to law and the said Sporer having qualified according to law proceeded to conduct the business of the Court.  
 No. 466. Walter S. Jones vs. Samuel Phillips; jury trial, verdict judgment against plaintiff for \$250 and the notes sued on to be canceled.  
 State of Texas vs. Fredrick S. Thomas, theft of horses, two cases, punishment assessed in each case 5 years in the penitentiary. No. 502. Billy W. T. vs. same offenses and same punishment. No. 501. Sam Thomas same offenses and same punishment. The same are the same three who were captured by the citizens at Antelope on Monday the 11th inst. The Grand Jury adjourned yesterday evening after finding 27 true bills. Court will probably adjourn this week.

**Fresh Garden Seeds at McConney's.**  
 The oyster dinner and supper given by the ladies of the Presbyterian and Baptist churches of this place was a fine success. Tuesday morning was a busy one for the ladies, gathering material with the assistance of some of the gentlemen and aided by the use of the delivery wagons of W. S. Jones, and J. J. Owens. At noon dinner was prepared and quite a number of men were served with the oysters and other delicacies so amply provided. After dinner there was a little chance for rest before the work for supper began in earnest, when there was business on hand till after nine o'clock. The spacious room so kindly donated for the use of the ladies by Mr. Manning was full during the whole time with brave men and fair women who seemed to enjoy the proceedings immensely. At the entrance on the right was the table of fancy articles graciously presented over by Misses Annie King and Winnie McClure. The articles for sale were prepared for the occasion and were all sold out before the evening was over.

To the left of the door was an eating table, attended by Misses Winnie Stark, Lizzie McKeahan, and Annie Crutcher. Next were tables that were looked after by Mrs. J. H. McKeahan and Mrs. Holt, by Miss Laura Masters and Mrs. Martin, and on the other side by Misses Lizzie Stradley, Katie Owens and Carrie Nelms; by Misses Cora Stark and Annie McKeahan; and by Misses Joanna Rogers and Lucy Dean. The young ladies did them selves great credit by their manner of waiting on the tables.

There was taken in about 145 dollars, 100 of which was from the supper and the balance for the sale of fancy articles. The expenses have amounted to 50 50.  
 The thanks of those interested in procuring a bell for the Presbyterian church is hereby tendered to those ladies and gentlemen who provided so liberally, to the ladies who worked so hard for the success of the oyster supper, to Mr. Manning for the use of the room, and to the general public and especially to those of other denominations who so liberally patronized us.

**A Two Month's Tramp.**  
 The bridge across the Sabine river at Mineola is built on a grand scale, being over a mile in length, reaching from two bluffs and above high water mark. It is built of rough pine lumber, upon oak pilings and is in every way a substantial structure. When taking into consideration the cost of the bridge it can be said that the toll for crossing is exceedingly low, being only twenty-five cents for a two horse wagon.

Mineola is a mile from the river, and as it is near the pine regions it does a large lumber trade in shipping to other points, though otherwise it appears to be a dull place. The town has about fifteen hundred inhabitants, two rail roads and the most prominent building in the town is the Union Depot.  
 Soon after leaving Mineola we entered the pines and passed through large forests of lofty and magnificent pines. The trunks of the trees are as straight as an arrow, and many of the larger ones from fifty to seventy-five feet to the first limbs. Numbers of saw mills are fast converting the forests into lumber, and it appeared that the best timber had already been used, though of course there are young trees fast growing up, and the pine forests of Eastern Texas are sufficient to supply the wants of the state for years to come.

The soil through this country grows the finest of timber, but is almost totally unfit for farming, and any efforts in this direction generally result in failures.  
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 and Daedion with Iodide of Potassium, as the remedy that is curing more cases of Scrofula, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Tumors, Kidney Diseases, Bells, Constipation, than any other Blood, Liver and Kidney remedy known. Ask your druggist to show you the formula printed on each bottle, and use no remedy for the Blood, the Liver and the Kidneys but BROWN'S SARSAPARILLA. This sterling remedy is sold by J. M. Nelms M. D. Ask him of his merits.  
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 Frost bites, inflamed sore eyes, baros, bruises, cuts and old sores, cured at once if your money is refunded by your druggist. That is the positive warranty placed on every box of BROWN'S ARNICA SALVE by the Brown Medicine and Manufacturing Company. Only 25 cents.

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**Weatherford Texas.**

Arkansas we passed through portions of Wood, Upshur, Titus, Morris, Cass, and Bowie counties, and the general appearance of the country was much the same all the way, being heavily timbered, soil poor, no range, and a very few farms.  
 Pittsburg, the county seat of Camp county, was the only town of any importance. It is situated at the crossing of two railroads, and is a prosperous little town of about 1,000 inhabitants. It has a neat red brick court house that would reflect credit on any county, though Camp is one of the smallest counties in the state. The colored population in the vicinity of Pittsburg appeared to be in the majority, but very few of them are only tenants, very few of them owning anything more than one or two old horses.

With such an abundance of timber through this country and lumber only worth nine a dozen dollars per thousand at the mills, one would naturally expect to see the very best of improvements on the occasional farms, but in this we were doomed to disappointment, for not even the fences would bear comparison with those seen on our western prairies, and the houses, with but few exceptions, were built of split pine logs, and the exterior did not present an inviting appearance by any means. The chimneys were built after a style we never had seen before. Four, corner posts of desired height, with an inward inclination of six inches or a foot towards the top, rounds or slats fastened in or on these, ladder fashion, and then daubed, or plastered, with a mixture of mud and straw, such as the Egyptians used centuries ago.

How valuable it would be to this part of the state if it had a good supply of building stone, such, for instance, as is found in Jack county. By contrasting the two, one can easily see the beneficial results derived from a country having a diversity of natural resources, and not wholly dependent on one thing alone to contribute to its prosperity and general advancement.

There are, however, two prosperous classes of men in this country and they are those who own cotton gins and saw mills. The gins are mostly run by horse power and negro labor, and the cheapness of these is probably the reason the owners profits are so large.  
 One other town before reaching Texarkana we cannot fail to mention, not because of its importance, but rather from the lack of it. "Old Boston" the county seat of Bowie county is the one. It has a court-house and jail, one grocery and a moss covered saloon.  
 Texarkana is situated on the line of Arkansas and Texas, and claims a population of 7,000 is well supplied with railroads, and does a large trade in lumber, cotton, etc. The business part of town is composed of good substantial brick buildings, and several more were nearly completed along the main street where the greater part of the business was transacted.

**Stockholders Meeting.**  
 Pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the stockholders of the Texas & Great Northwest Ry. Co. held in the city of Dallas on Nov. 17, 1887, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of said company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Dallas, Texas, on the 26th day of January A. D. 1888, for the purpose of ordering an issue of iron and steel rails for the purpose of extending the line of said road from the city of Dallas to the city of Fort Worth, Texas, and for the purpose of securing the same. Notice is also given that upon said last mentioned day a meeting of the directors of said company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of ordering an issue of iron and steel rails for the purpose of extending the line of said road from the city of Dallas to the city of Fort Worth, Texas, and for the purpose of securing the same. Notice is also given that upon said last mentioned day a meeting of the directors of said company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Dallas, Texas, for the purpose of ordering an issue of iron and steel rails for the purpose of extending the line of said road from the city of Dallas to the city of Fort Worth, Texas, and for the purpose of securing the same.

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 A lot of first class, seasoned, popular ceiling, call at the CITIZEN office, where you can see the lumber.

**Need Oats for Sale.**  
 I have a few bushels of Russian white oats which are claimed to be absolutely first proof. Price \$1 per bushel.  
 J. W. Knox.

**New Fair Banks Scales for Sale.**  
 If you wish to buy extra good platform scales, weigh half ounces and as much as 20 pounds, second hand, used but very little and as good as new; they were bought with a closed out stock of goods and will be sold very cheap. Call at the CITIZEN Office or McKeahan Bros.  
 If you wish to buy a GEMINE SINGER Sewing Machine, write to the Manager, Henry Miller, at Weatherford Texas, for prices and terms.  
 A wide awake, reliable canvasser wanted for Jack County. 3100

**New Confectionery and Lunch Room.**  
 A new confectionery with lunch rooms is being opened in the north rooms of the Eastburn Store House, west side of the Square. Candies in great varieties and just to suit the holidays. Lunch at all hours, day or night.  
 J. Conroy, Proprietor.

**\$10 REWARD**  
 Strayed or stolen Nov. 6, 1888, one sorrel horse branded "A" on left shoulder, very dim, about 15 hands high 7 or 8 years old, right hip little knocked down, a little white on hind feet. I will pay ten dollars reward for his delivery at my place six miles southwest of Jacksboro.  
 J. M. Russell, 41

**SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MERCHANTS and PLANTERS' BANK, OF SHERMAN TEXAS.**  
 At the Close of Business on the 31st day of December, 1888.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Bills Receivable	\$792,844 96	Capital Stock	\$250,000 00
Overdrafts	15,357 21	Surplus Fund	100,000 00
Bonds	3,689 00	Discount and Exchange	76,746 46
Real Estate	8,131 75	For Six Months	645,778 84
Bank Building and Fixtures	9,278 50	Depositors	75,748 84
Total Expenses for Six Months	24,921 72	Due Banks	117,748 97
Due from banks	158,702 70		
Cash on hand	152,847 23		
Total	\$1,190,264 27	Total	\$1,190,264 27

I, TOM RANDOLPH, Cashier of the Merchants and Planters' Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 TOM RANDOLPH, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of January, 1888.  
 THOS. W. RANDOLPH, Notary Public, Grayson County, Texas.

At a regular meeting of the Directory of this Bank to-day the Surplus Fund was increased to \$150,000 00 Which, with our Capital paid up, of \$250,000 00 Gives us a total of \$400,000 00  
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**Notice to Sub-Alliances.**  
Any Alliance needing blanks to make reports to Dec. 31, 1883 to Grand State Alliance will please notify me and they will be sent. Reports and dues for the Grand State Alliance should be sent in by Registered Letter or Money Order, on Mineral Wells, P. O. before the semi-annual meeting of the Alliance to be held at Chico, Wice county, Texas on Tuesday, February 5, 1884. C. M. Wilcox, Sec. Mineral Wells, Jan. 3, '84.

The Grand State Alliance meets at Chico on Tuesday after the first Sunday in February, 1884.

Dr. Riley, has organized a new Farmers Alliance at Fairview, Denton County Texas, with James M. Sullivan president, and Wesley Mc Adams secretary.

**Walnut Creek Alliance.**

Walnut Creek Alliance No. 38, Parker Co., Tex. Dec. 8, 1883. The Committee appointed to draft resolutions relating to the death of our Brother, P. C. Edwards, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas Death has entered the portals of our Alliance and taken from our midst our esteemed Bro. P. C. Edwards.

Therefore, Be it resolved, that in the death of Bro. Edwards, the Farmers Alliance has lost one of its most esteemed members, society one among its most worthy citizens, and the bereaved widow a kind and affectionate husband.

Be it further resolved, That we tender to the bereaved sister and friends of Bro. Edwards our sincere and heartfelt sympathies.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Alliance and a copy thereof be sent to the bereaved sister and also published in the Springtown Pictor.

D. C. Lowe, J. A. Hall, Committee

**Prediction about Crops.**

Mr. A. M. Green called to see us on Wednesday and remarked that he did not believe we would have any crop of any sort, (save cotton) except in a very small way during the coming season, for the reason that he is impressed with the conviction there will be no rain of any account until the late spring or early summer. He advises all persons who desire to raise cotton to prepare the land deep, cultivate shallow and only one half stand. He has been in Texas thirty-five years with the experience of just such a winter as the present, on three occasions—in Parker, in 1872; in Fayette county, in 1859, and in Fayette in 1856 or 1857. At each of those times he adopted the plan of deep plowing, shallow cultivation and one-half stand. He succeeded with a return of from 15 to 20 bushels to the acre, while other farmers who plowed ordinarily, cultivated in the usual manner and planted a full crop, signally failed. Mr. Green has been a close observer and gives the foregoing deliberately and for the benefit of his friends and neighbors. He further advises all farmers to withhold their corn from the market and that while it sells today at 30 cents a bushel, it will bring one dollar, or more within four months. Farmers examine this theory of Mr. Green and profit thereby.—(Weatherford Times).

**Plowing to Resist Drought.**  
Deep plowing and mellowing of the soil to the depth of 8 or 10 inches or even deeper, as affording a deeper store for moisture, and permitting the roots of plants to strike down away from the heated surface, is recommended by Lemuel

Club. He suggested that early planted fodder corn will take the place of dried-up pastures; it should be planted at intervals and on moist soil for late feed. Its importance in our droughty seasons cannot be too strongly urged.

John F. Fitts would plant on natural light dry soils only such crops as would mature early in the season like winter rye, early potatoes, peas or fodder corn. The more valuable crops, which require a whole season to mature, should always be grown in moister soil. To resist drought the soil should be filled with vegetable matter to form humus be decomposition, which acts as a sponge to receive water for the use of plants. This vegetable matter can be obtained from farm manure, or the plowing down of heavy green crops or a heavy sod.

Ho favored deep plowing, especially in the fall; thorough mellowing of the soil, frequent stirring of the surface by cultivating except after a protracted dry time or when crops are considerable advanced, as the roots will not bear being disturbed in hot dry earth.

W. H. Allen advocated subsoiling as a remedy for drought, both upon dry and moist land. He believed there should be a close and unbroken connection between the upper and lower soil in order that the moisture might ascend from below in a dry time, as well as descend from above when it is wet. If land was well subsoiled it would be of consequence to plow the surface deep. As reliable means for preparing land to withstand the effect of droughts, J. S. Allensaid: Supply the soil with plenty of vegetable matter, which will retain moisture by decomposition, plow deep and subsoil if necessary, making the soil thoroughly fine and mellow from the surface down; give clean cultivation and stir the surface frequently.—(St. Louis Journal of Agriculture).

**Plowing Again.**

How to Plow.—It has ever been repulsive to see a plowman stand in his tracks, make a pivot of himself and bring his trailing horses or horses all around him in a great circle when he turns at the end of the row. He bruises their heels with the chains, tramps down as many plants in a day as his day's work is worth, and belabors as well as confuses a well trained team. He should throw himself back like a man, lift the plow, make the pivot of the turn about the heels of the team, when, with strong arms and steady steps, he reaches the point opposite the next furrow. I love to hear the ring of chain and clavis as he thunders the heavy plow into the ground. At this moment the team is at the right place, and on they go. Now he walks steadily along in the new furrow, and the breaking fallow yields to the skill of a master plowman. You never see him jumping from one side of the furrow to the other, shoulders humped and every feature rigid with expressions of agony; his mouth filled with blaspheming and his heart with bitterness and woe; a sight horrible enough to give one a fit of neuralgia, if nervously disposed. Therefore learn to plow steadily, and do part of the turning at the end of the row.

A steady plowman alone is fit to plow around the young plants of a crop. All very young plants should have the dirt thrown from them in the very early wet spring, and as the weather and the hot sun dries tumble it back again.

Whenever a wet season lasts a little too long, throw the soil away from the plants and let the air get to the drowning roots. The plants turn yellow when the roots are drowning; then you must hurry and throw the soil back to them. Always keep the plow deep, except in this latter operation, because when plowing very close to plants the little roots must not be torn too much. The roots of very young plants are very shallow.

When to Plow.—The farmer who turns over his land early in the fall will be rewarded by the best crop, and will have no rough plowing. Every plant and grass root will be completely decayed and form part of the soil, which is very much en-

over the land in the spring, never jumping or tossing about, that the rows can be made straight and mellow, hence the plowing and covering will be more evenly done. The aeration of the soil effecting the decomposition of alkaline compounds, and the conversions of gelic acid into soluble going, etc., is secured by this early turning over. It is always advisable to plow when the last rain settles down through the soil. The rain packs the earth more or less, but otherwise there is no harm done in a dry season. You may go to work then and loosen it up again. Freshly plowed land will stand the drought better than when the last thing done is to be beaten down with a heavy shower.

WHERE TO PLOW.—When you look over your field for a place to begin to plow, in the fall, pick the place where you have the most hard clods to battle with during the spring and summer. This is caused by turning by clay and clayey soil too late in the season. Such land, if plowed early, the winter rains and freezes will tone down into a sweet pulverulent state, which will assist the farmer on account of the great change.

Are you going to plant cotton? Bed up the land early, and then re-bed after you have planted the corn. Do the sweet potato land the same way. When you bed up the first time for cotton or sweet potatoes, see what a deep furrow the last one is. Now the cotton will be planted right over this deep furrow, in places of re-bedding. The cotton will not shed its square half as soon in dry or wet weather. We plow eight or ten inches deep for planting trees in Larissa nurseries. We sometimes stimulate with cotton seed, and occasionally one of these seeds escape the hole and we let it grow in an open place. Some of these stalks grow one pound of cotton when dry or wet weather causes the squares to shed in an adjoining field. It is true that one pound of cotton can be made to the stalk by enriching and plowing deep. So I say bed up the cotton ground early and make the central furrow as deep as possible, and you secure the crop from shedding the squares so much, if on the re-bedding after corn is planted.—[F. L. YORKER, in Farm and Ranch.]

**Farm Notes.**

An improved cultivator has been patented by Messrs. George W. Lilly and James E. Norman, of Center, Mo. Its object is to keep the plows of each pair of the cultivator frame at the same distance apart laterally, and at the same angle with the line of draught, whatever lateral movement may be given to the frame in guiding the plows.

A straw stacker has been patented by Mr. Joseph J. Cox, of Lawrence, Kas. It is intended for use in conjunction with a thrashing machine, and conveys the straw as dropped from the carrier of the thrasher to the rick where it is to be stacked. It may be drawn from place to place in the rear of the separator, or it may be permanently coupled thereto.

A revolving arrow has been patented by Mr. Thoma Metcalf, of Matt-on, Ill. It has a frame carrying rollers with teeth for loosening the soil, and iron hoes with knives to cut up rads, clods, and lumps, cross bars to hold the knives to their work, a platform and supports to carry the driver, and a depth regulating weight, the whole promoting thorough harrowing and easy clearing of the harrow teeth from rubbish.

Snow should not be allowed to accumulate on evergreens. If so, and it partly thaws and then freezes it cannot be removed, but will catch the snow and wind, often to the entire destruction of the tree.

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