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The recent heavy rains which virtually insure an immense corn crop have determined the farmers of southern Kansas on selling their old corn.

General Hatch will establish himself and his troops in the Territory, almost at once. High waters have considerably retarded operations in this direction.

Both houses of Congress adjourned last Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Many members, particularly of the house, were absent, the Democratic convention claiming their attention.

The Chickasaws are also in the rice cutting business, but there is no care is taken to preserve the material. The officers are provided with pinchers and all wires are cut twice between each post.

The National Democratic Convention assembled in Chicago Tuesday noon but at the time of going to press, Thursday morning, no nomination had been made. Indications were strongly in favor of Gov. Cleveland as the nominee. Gov. Hubbard, of Texas, was made temporary chairman and Col. W. E. Vilas, of Wisconsin, permanent.

Payne at his following it seems have not escaped the notice of the government. A dispatch dated July 3 states that the President has issued a proclamation warning all persons intending to take forcible possession of the Oklahoma lands of the Indian Territory, that the military forces of the United States will be used, if necessary, to remove all such intruders.

The Kansas City Times in very sarcastic terms accuses the Cherokees of being monopolists on the land question. The Cherokees are firmly of the opinion that this land belongs to them, and at last accounts the secretary of the interior entertained the same belief. It might be remarked that his conclusions in the premises amount to fully as much as those of any other person.

It would seem that Dave Payne is at length becoming known to his neighbors in Kansas. The Caldwell Journal of last week has the following complimentary (?) notice of this individual: Payne never had any faith in the Oklahoma schemes, but he is not sharp enough to lead parties of men who are naturally inclined to be dishonest into this business and profit by it himself, while they lose everything they have.

Live stock shippers of the country are beginning to realize the fact that few of their number become rich men, and many are in the end impoverished, while with creditors, the reverse is the case. No one save themselves seems responsible for this state of things, and if they desire to ruin themselves by over-bidding for a chance to lose money on a producer's stock, they have a right to do so. Buying and shipping cattle is an industry very closely allied to dealing in futures and requires both caution and judgment beyond the possession of most men.

Up to a few short years ago the cowboy was simply a man, or boy who, from the day he found a little insignificant calf on the prairie, followed it to the cars for shipment three or four years later. Of late days this same individual has grown to be a hero, and really receives more attention from the papers and the people than the herd he follows. Under the old regime, when sober, the cowboy was a quiet, unassuming fellow, in his day a perfect gentleman, whose friendship and courage was respected and admired. The new creation has been lionized and petted until it can scarcely be called an improvement and its bravery is universally questioned.

Col. B. H. Campbell, who belongs to an association holding title in the outlet, in a recent interview with a newspaper reporter, speaks right out plainly and sensibly regarding Dave Payne. He thinks this man, had he the capital would not care to engage in stock raising in the territory, as by so doing he would lose notoriety as an agitator, becoming only a common cow man. Col. Campbell further says that to have his unlawful acts punished, would be considered the height of success, as he would then in his own mind become a martyr. "To use the correct expression," says the gentleman, "I do not think the government is going to monkey with this idle agitator much longer, but from present movements of government officials that country, I have every reason to believe that the public will be receiving news from the seat of war in the early days."

Just now there is some commotion in the Chetaw Nation which doubtless has been more or less exaggerated as to extent, in regard to the permit laws. Miles Hoyt, well known in this town, had been employing a number of white men, and refusing to pay permit tax was tried, and fined some \$500 or \$600. To prevent the operations of an execution Hoyt gathered up all his personal property and removed across the line into the Cherokee Nation. Since these troubles have arisen the court house has been burned, and Hoyt is suspected of being the incendiary. A warrant has been issued on this charge, but up to last accounts remained unserved. The authorities insist that they have positive evidence of this crime against Hoyt and the prevailing opinion is that he will at least be permanently outlawed from the nation. His farm is said to have been as fine a one as the Territory can boast and his friends are loth to believe him guilty of all that is charged. Latest advices give no assurance of a better state of affairs.

For some months past the denizens of Dodge City have been preparing for a regular Mexican bull fight to be presented July 4th. Some 3,000 or 4,000 people were assembled on the fair grounds to witness this novel spectacle, but the dispatches indicate it to have been a very tame affair indeed. The fight took place in an arena 100 feet in diameter enclosed by a fence eight feet high, provided with eight escapes and two ladders. There were five bull fighters and four animals. The first bull ushered into the ring made the only fair fight, furnishing only half an hour's amusement. The second was quiet and, showing no spirit, was withdrawn. The third pranced into the ring, throwing up clouds of dust. After being angered by several spear thrusts, he made matters very lively, and after being exhausted was lassoed and dragged from the ring. The fourth proved a failure, and the crowd demanded the first bull, which was returned to the ring. After a brisk fight and much charging the picadore gave him a fatal thrust with the lance and he fell dead. One of the matadores was severely injured about the ribs in the final encounter and he may not recover.

It is said \$5,000 has been secured to assist this Territory in being represented at the World's Fair in New Orleans, next December. In a letter to the Hon. Wash Grayson the director general states that the funds will be available to the managers of the enterprise in the Territory in the same proportion as the U. S. Government loan of a million dollars becomes available to the managers at New Orleans. The first installment will be due in a short time, and plans and other suggestions to facilitate a proper exhibition are promised at a later date.

TERRITORY AND BORDER NOTES.

Judge Doyle, of the Eufala District, Creek Nation, died on the 28th of last month.

Theodore Baughman, of Caldwell, has been appointed a government scout under General Hatch and will serve in the Territory operations.

Advocate—Wilkerson Brothers as sub-mail contractors from here to Ft. Gibson, this nation, were superceded Tuesday last by Sub-Contractor Blackmore, of Muskogee, Creek Nation. Whether this change will lead to the discontinuance of the Wilkerson line of coaches we are not advised.

Caldwell Standard—Yesterday evening, United Deputy Marshal Williams arrived in the city from Fort Reno, in charge of Wesley Warren, a negro who was arrested by Indian police on a charge of larceny and highway robbery. This fellow has been a bad man in the Territory for a long time. He had been consorting with the Cheyenne Indians and was with the gang of Running Buffalo when they attacked E. M. Horton some weeks ago, and the Indian was killed. Among his other thefts he stole the pocket book of Mr. Bennett of the firm of Owens & Bennett, and we are informed that at one time he held Mr. Bennett up for \$300. Marshal Williams took him to Wichita this morning and he will surely go to the penitentiary. He is a bad man.

A distressing accident occurred some days ago at the farm of John Brown, a few miles above Baxter Springs, by which a man named Morgan, aged 77, lost his life. Passing his friend's stallion he remarked that it was the gentlest animal of the kind he had ever seen. Hardly had the words escaped his lips until the horse made a jump forward, quickly followed by a terrible kick with both feet, Mr. Morgan being just the right distance from him to receive the full force of it. The horse's hoofs struck him just above the left eye and temple, crushing the skull in a frightful manner and rendering him almost lifeless. He was picked up and carried to the house and a physician at once called, but it was useless to attempt to restore the injured man. When the physician arrived he was unable to swallow, unconscious and totally past receiving assistance of any kind. He died, after several hours of the most agonizing pain, at 4 o'clock next morning.

supposed to have stolen a cow was arrested by the Creek Light Horse. Now to get out of it he is trying to prove that he is a U. S. citizen and that the Creeks have no jurisdiction. If he does prove it he will lose the rights he has been enjoying here, a most brilliant plan. W. L. Marks was in town Sunday looking after parties to cut hay. He had a contract with the Mo. Pa. to deliver 2,000 tons at Ft. Worth and other Texas points, to be cut in the Territory between Muskogee and Denison. One contract for 100 tons has already been closed with Jim Lorden at Atoka. Marks is a lively young man and we hope he comes out at the top of the heap. J. Curran and lady, who for several months have been doing the Territory and particularly the Creek Nation, studying the Indian languages and modes of communication, including their old method of picture writing, for the Smithsonian Institute at Washington closed his labors here on Saturday and left for the east. Both are painstaking students and have laid up many facts concerning these Indians for future generations.

NOTES FOR THE STOCK RAISER.

The flies are more annoying to stock this year than common, is the report from all sides.

The estimates are that from 650,000 to 800,000 head of cattle will be driven from Texas this year.

The cattle in the region of the Sac and Fox are said to be doing well but none are yet ready for shipment.

Some of the southern Kansas papers are advocating a neck tie festival for the purpose of breaking up the promiscuous stock stealing.

There are 14,000 horses on the Dodge City market, or was a few days ago, so it is reported. Three or four herds have left there, in the past week, and started back to their home.

Two head of young cattle belonging to Mr. Howell, on Little Cabin, have recently died, and the cause is presumed to be black leg. The disease is not reported elsewhere.

Old Mexico has twenty million head of cattle, and a hundred thousand of these will be sent up to Colorado and a hundred thousand to Wyoming and New Mexico the present year.

To cure lice on cattle, put a pint of air-dry slacked lime in a cotton bag and dust the cattle with it. Two applications a week or ten days apart will clean them off. A pint of lime will be enough for two full grown animals.

In the Barber county roundup no strays are being taken along except the owners are known, all unclaimed stock being left on the range on which it is found. Mavericks are gobbled by the first man who can get his iron on them.

Caldwell Standard, 2nd.—In the next four days there will be four special trains of about twenty cars each leave this city loaded with cattle for Minneapolis, Minnesota. They belong to Mr. Joseph Rosenbaum, and consist of yearlings.

The raising of mules, which is declared in southern Kansas to be much more profitable than horses, should receive favorable consideration throughout the Territory. Many of our surroundings are identical or superior for the purpose to theirs.

One man recently shipped twenty-eight sacks of wool, weighing over 300 pounds each from Caldwell to Philadelphia. His sheep—high grade and fullblood Merino—sheared a little over six pounds each. The rams averaged a shade over twenty-four pounds.

An agent of a heavy Texas cattle company offers to unload almost any number of very sleek yearlings at this point for \$16 per head, or Texas at \$21. Cows bred best in Texas, but their offspring grow into beef much more rapidly in the Territory. As a consequence it pays best to buy Texas yearlings and rear them here.

Eldred & Co's. ranchmen on Salt Fork in Barber county, turned loose some days ago and killed Charles H. and Thomas K. Watts. These parties had been wilfully cutting fences belonging to the cow men, and when remonstrated with opened fire. A cowboy's jury declared the acts justifiable, but the county attorney at once filed complaint and had four of the parties arrested.

Caldwell Journal—Pruyne & Ayers have sold and delivered to Mr. Foss their bunch of stock cattle now in the Foss pasture, at \$30 around. The herd numbered about 500 head, and were a very fair stock of cattle. They have been held on that range for the past three years. There are probably fifteen thousand head of stock cattle or young steers in the market and on the trail between here and Red Fork. They will not be sufficient to supply the demand, when that demand comes which will be as soon as the beavers from our local ranches are shipped.

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