

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

The Northwestern Beef Steer Has Eaten His Value When He Reaches the Chicago Market.

The Snow Has Stopped Shipments of Western Stock—Disordering Cattle in the North—The Wrong Paper

Some very heavy sales will soon be made of stock for northern range delivery.

Colonel H. M. Taylor of the Bureau of Animal Industry will make another trip to Colorado, via El Paso, in a short time.

Stockmen in Fort Worth, while they have no idea as yet of the damage done to stock in the west by the present weather, say it will at least stop all shipments for some time.

Previous to the snow cattle were plentiful, to be shipped and no cars, but since that time the arrangement is reversed—cars in abundance and but few cattle to ship.—[Ballinger Ledger.

The local demand for stock of all kinds is as great as ever, and though sales are not heavy nor numerous dealers are well pleased with the outlook, and feel complacent about their prospects.

Mr. Ernest Kranz, a Southern Texas stockman, was in the city yesterday. He says so far as he has learned, not having made close investigation, stock in the southern part of the state being fed on cactus is doing splendidly. The stock-raisers of those parts are in good spirits over the condition of their business.

Statements from many parts of the north indicate that disordering is being carried on to an almost unlimited extent. In the vicinity of Pekin, Ill., hundreds of cattle are being treated that way. The indicator speaks of one man who finds that after disordering, two head can stand under the same shelter formerly occupied by one.

Captain S. F. Judd, superintendent of the Rio Grande division of the Texas and Pacific, who was in the city yesterday, said that there would be about a hundred carloads of stock shipped over his road during the next month. The cattle will mostly come from west; some from New Mexico. Gatewood has a few more carloads to send from Midland.

The northwestern beef steer has eaten his value in corn and grain when he reaches the Chicago market, and the Texas steer gets there equally as fat, without ever seeing an ear of corn or a bundle of oats. His owner has probably never paid one cent for the grass that made him fat. The same is also true of other Texas live stock that is sent for sale to northern markets.—[Sweetwater Record.

We read a Yankee farm paper with interest because it seemed to tell the story exactly right. We finally got to the last article. It was ventilation. It stated: "One of the most frequent causes of disease among cattle is lack of proper ventilation in their stalls." We saw our mistake when too late, and sadly laid the paper away. It may be a good paper for Maine or even Ohio, but won't do for Texas, where the only thing a cow gets from December to May is ventilation. Ventilation is our forte. We are done with that paper.—[Honey Grove Citizen.

The Jersey cow Earolas, registered in the herd book of the American Jersey Cattle Club as No. 2451, has for many years made Darlington, the Mecca of all lovers of the cow who desired to see her in her highest perfection. Her record of 778 pounds and a few ounces of butter made within twelve months was the highest record made and the envy of all who were eagerly striving to possess the best cow in the world. Hundreds of people have visited this place to look at the queen of the butter tub, who has lately died. Her worth not only consisted in her own wonderful production, but a well in her power to transmit her good qualities to her progeny, which have sold at fabulous prices. One calf at fourteen weeks old was sold at \$12,500, and the owner of her oldest son is currently reported to have refused \$25,000 for him. The same animal, called the Duke of Darlington, is the sire of a long list of butter producers.—[New York World.

Utah Wool Growers Meet. SALT LAKE, UTAH, Jan. 10.—The Utah wool growers, representing over a million sheep, met in convention in this city yesterday. Permanent organization was effected and strong resolutions were passed protesting against a reduction of the tariff on wool.

Important Meeting of Shepherds. FORT MCKAVITT, TEX., Jan. 10.—Sheep men from Schleicher, Sutton, Kimble and Menard counties, representing over 500,000 sheep, met here to-day. Among the resolutions passed were the following: Whereas, the industry of the sheepmen of this country has been in a paralyzed condition for the past four years on account of the reduction of the tariff of 1883 on wool, and that any further reduction would be a death blow to that industry; and

Whereas, we view with alarm the position taken by the President in his annual message to Congress in regard to the reduction of the tariff on wool and the apparent disposition of the majority in Congress to place wool on the free list; therefore Resolved, that it is impossible to compete with foreign countries in the production of wool, as the following exhibit will show: Cost to raise wool in the United States, 14 cents per pound. Australia, 5 cents. South America, 6 cents. Mexico, 10 cents. This remarkable difference in cost of production is due to the destruction of sheep by wild animals and the expenses of herding not incident to foreign countries.

Resolved, that the reduction of the tariff of 1883 reduced the number of sheep in the country 6,000,000, the price of wool one-half, and produced such a panic that the herds were turned loose, as no longer profitable.

Resolved, that we ask a restoration of the tariff on wool the same as that of 1867.

Resolved, that the President in referring to fleeces of twenty-five and fifty head, seems to have lost sight of the tens of thousands that are run in flocks in this country, but can only mean the blooded animals raised at great cost for the improvement of the range flocks.

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tions be presented so our Congressmen, and to C. G. Burbank, who is representing our interest at Washington.

Supreme Court. Special to the Gazette. GALVESTON, TEX., Jan. 10.—The Supreme court convened to-day. The following cases were affirmed: Whit Becker vs. Walters, from Fayette county; Burrow vs. Slaph, from Fayette county; Rattigan vs. Holloway, from Fayette county; Farley vs. Deelande, from Burleson county; Adams vs. Fisher, from Galveston county; Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway vs. Dove, from Maverick county; McKinney vs. Matthews, from Hill county. The case of Webb county vs. Gonzales, Sheriff, from Webb county, was reversed and remanded. Warren vs. Jones, from Harris county, reversed and remanded for appeal. Hyde vs. Alorzo, from Victoria county, dismissed by agreement. The case of Parks vs. O'Connor, from Goliad county was submitted on briefs.

TEXARKANA. The United States Courts Adjourn for Want of Business. Special to the Gazette.

TEXARKANA, ARK., Jan. 10.—The United States courts for the Texarkana division of the Eastern district of Arkansas, which were convened here yesterday, adjourned at noon to-day for the term. All the business on the docket was new, and most of the cases were continued by consent. Only one criminal case was disposed of. The defendant, a man named John Howell of Lewisville, Ark., plead guilty to the charge of selling whisky without license and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve one month in the Little Rock penitentiary. By far the most important civil case on the docket was closed and virtually decides several other similar cases pending in the court which are of the same nature and involve the same points at law. It was an attachment case growing out of the failure of Muezzelmeier & Klein, which occurred here in August last. At the time of the failure Smith Bros. & Co. of New Orleans and other creditors of the bankrupt concern ran attachments on eight different establishments here, and seized goods that had been purchased from the failing house. The case just decided was an attachment ran against M. Levy & Bros. by Smith Bros. & Co. and others, and a large quantity of goods were sold. A large array of witnesses were in attendance, and Muezzelmeier & Klein proved the sale was bona fide, that they received the money for the goods and paid it out on their outstanding indebtedness. The decision of the court was that the attachments be dissolved, which practically ends the affair in that court. The grand jury was discharged after finding only one indictment.

Waco. The Waterworks Question Still Unsettled. A Snow Frozen. Special to the Gazette. WACO, TEX., Jan. 10.—There was a man by the name of Jones frozen to death near McGregor Sunday night. It is reported and thought that he was under the influence of liquor and lay down by the roadside, where he was found the next morning. He was not quite dead when discovered, but was too far gone to be revived.

Thursday night there will be organized in this city a prohibition party club. Dr. J. B. Cranfill is the leading spirit in its organization.

John Neville, charged with horse thieving was jailed, and James Murphy and Buck Mathews were released from imprisonment. They were United States prisoners and had been in jail for violation of the revenue laws.

There is an effort being made to incorporate the Waco Examiner for \$60,000, with some of our wealthiest and most prominent business men as the incorporators.

The secret session last night of the City Council, as a committee of the whole, to consummate, if possible, a contract with the Waco Water Company adjourned without any definite action so far as the public has any knowledge. They will meet again to-night in secret session on the same business. The general impression is that a contract will be made with the water company. Though repeated attempts in the past have proved in vain, the citizens of Waco are looking forward with a keen interest to the result of these secret sessions, and to learn the specifications of the contract, if one is made. A contract will either be made at this time, with the Waco Water Company, or the city will be bound to build her own waterworks.

Cod Fish. The best ever brought to this market is at the Fort Worth Grocer Co's. Restaurants, boarding houses, hotels and private families please remember this.

Knocked senseless. BRYAN, TEX., Jan. 10.—Captain D. D. Dawson, high sheriff of this Brazos county, was knocked senseless yesterday afternoon. He received a hard fall as he was coming down his residence steps. His head struck against the corner of the bottom step leaving a severe gash. His back was also injured by the fall. His physician says, however, that the captain is not seriously hurt and that in a few days he will be able to be out again.

San Angelo. At the annual meeting of the San Angelo Building and Loan Association on the 9th, the following directors were elected: M. B. Pulliam, William E. Eds, G. R. Masworthy, R. O. Harris, G. W. Echols, Charles F. Potter, J. C. Reas, G. A. Daily, Penrose & Cons. Albert Reas was appointed secretary and treasurer.

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A SACRIFICE TO THE SUN.

How the Ancient Aztecs Sent a Human Soul as a Messenger to Their God.

Troy Times. Upon this rock, in certain religious festivals, the Mexicans sacrifice a human victim, to whom they gave the name of "Messenger to the Sun." That primitive historian, Father Duran, tells us all about it. He says that at the sound of musical instruments they brought forth an Indian from among the prisoners taken in war. He was surrounded by illustrious noblemen, who painted his limbs red with white stripes. His face was painted red, a white plume was glued into his hair and on his back was a little bundle which held a few eagle's feathers, lumps of ochre, pieces of gypsum, sandalwood and incense. In one hand he carried a walking stick, very gay with knots and ties of leather and feathers of all colors; in the other he bore a shield, with five small bundles of cotton tie. They led him to the foot of the staircase ascending to the temple, and there, in a loud voice, so that all could hear, they said to him: "Sir, that which we entreat thee is that thou dost go before our god, the sun, and that on our behalf thou dost salute him, and that thou dost tell him that the sons and principal nobles who remain here supplicate him to remember them, and that from his throne he doth favor them and receive the small present which they send him; and do thou give him this case for walking and this shield for the defense, and the other things that thou bearest in that little bundle." The Indian, hearing this address, answered what he pleased. Then they untied him and led him very slowly up the great staircase toward the temple, making much delay at each step to give him fresh instructions. Finally, arrived at the summit they placed him upon the rock Cuauhxicalli, where he was compelled to shoot his message to the sun. Then four ministers of the sacrifice ascended the four steps to the rock, removed the cane, the shield and the little bundle which the victim bore. They seized him by the hands and feet and hid him fast, while the high priest came with a knife in hand and cut the victim's breast, at the same time commanding him to go with his message to the true sun in another life. The blood drained into the bowl in the center of the rock and ran down a channel cut through the side in front of the chambers wherein was kept the golden image of the sun, and the sculptured sun on the face of the rock was drenched in blood. When blood ceased to flow the high priest opened the captive's breast with his knife of obsidian, or volcanic glass, and plucked out the warm heart, holding it aloft till it had ceased to drip and became cold.

A Big Enough Country.

The editor of the Dakota (Griggs county) Courier calls attention to the fact that Griggs county contains room enough to seat the entire population of the globe in armchairs within its limits, allowing each person a space of thirteen square feet. The county has an area of 720 square miles, or over 20,000,000,000 square feet, and the world's population is about 1,500,000,000. The actual population of the county is 3000.

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NEGRO MISSIONARIES.

How the Native African Preacher Genuinely Relapses to Barbarism

Nineteenth Century. When it first became apparent that the evangelization of Africa by means of white men was marked by such a terrible loss of life—for in the earlier times of African missions the mortality was much greater than in these days of ampler knowledge—the idea arose that the same end might be obtained, with less sacrifice, by raising up teachers, evangelists and pastors from among the natives themselves. This idea, theoretically a good one, was taken up with enthusiasm.

A negro Bishop was consecrated, negro archdeacons were ordained, a large ministry of negro clergy was formed for service in Western Africa. Almost every mission working in the dark continent began to employ natives of their own training as schoolmasters, catechists, readers and deacons. Just as, about the same time, commerce was to be developed between the white trader on the coasts and the natives of the interior by means of negro commercial travelers, "linguists" and middle men, so, in like manner, the Christian religion was to be spread among those that sat in darkness by the zealous efforts of negro evangelists who were to radiate in their proselytizing paths from a few well chosen centers on the coast presided over by white men. But in neither career, evangelistic nor commercial, did the native helpers prove a success. In both cases have white men found that the negro ally was a broken reed.

I regret to say that with a few—very rare—exceptions those native African pastors, teachers, and catechists whom I have met have been all, more or less, bad men. They attempted to veil an unbridled immorality with an unblushing hypocrisy and a profane display of "moral" religion which to an honest mind, seemed even more disgusting than the immorality itself. While it was apparent that one particle of true religion had made its way into their gross minds, it was also evident that the spirit of sturdiness which was present in their savage forefathers found no place in their false, cowardly natures. These are

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strong words, but they are not written down without reflection. The exceptions to whom these strictures do not apply it would be injudicious to name, but I might mention that they are men of an altogether different stamp to the half-taught native teacher, and have, themselves, received their education and training in England.

I trust it will be observed that in expressing these condemnatory views I have abstained from arbitrarily associating the color of a missionary's skin with the worth of his character. I draw attention to this reserve, because some of the best, hardest working, most satisfactory and sensible missionaries I have known have been West Indians—in color as dark as the Africans they had come to teach, but in goodness of heart and mind capacity fully equal to their European colleagues. But then these European several generations removed from the uncivilized negro, and were as much strangers to Africa and African habits as the average European.

The fact is that it takes at least three generations before any clear appreciation of the principles of morality, truth, gratitude and honor can penetrate the intellect and curb the instincts of a negro. Nor in this disadvantage is he singular among the backward races of man. The same statement applies equally to the red Indian, the Polynesian, or the Papuan—a wolf into a sheep dog, not a skulking jackal into a black and tan terrier; you cannot even effect this change in one individual, no matter how long he may live; the result can only

be obtained by generations of transmitted culture induced by constant restraint and careful education. Even then, when the bulk of your subjects are firmly established in their new mode of life, and breed true, there will be an occasional disappointing reversion. A young sheep dog will take to worrying sheep, or a black and tan terrier be detected killing fowls.

ATTACKED BY APACHES.

Two Members of a Prospecting Party Killed in Sonora. TOMSTONE, A. T., Jan. 10.—Superintendent Russell of the San Pablo mine in Sonora arrived here yesterday and says a prospecting party of four men were attacked ninety miles southeast of Vasconcelos, on Christmas, by Apaches. One of the prospectors named Jacobs was killed and another was mortally wounded. The other men fought the Indians off and then escaped. The Indians succeeded in getting some burros and provisions from the party. The band, it is thought, is the same that escaped from General Miles near the San Bernardino ranch at the time of General Miles' surrender, and has since been raiding Southern Sonora.

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