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The wool trade is recovering not only in America but throughout Europe.

It is said that the San Pedro Cattle Company are about to ship 1,000 beef cattle to the Kansas City market.

We are informed that T. V. Kean, one of our largest sheep owners, clipped this season 80,000 pounds of wool.

Come, now, Gen. Geronimo, give our soldiers a fair fight, or name your terms, Republicans want to run you for Congress.—Courier.

The Aztec Cattle Company are now receiving Texas stock cattle on their range in the northern part of this county at the rate of two or three train-loads a day.

An exchange says Major Hilliard is on a big trade to deliver 200 cars of stock cattle from Pecos City to Albuquerque, New Mexico, between now and September.

The Apache County Critic says seventy-five head of high grade and thoroughbred bulls were the contribution last week to the Aztec ranges. They were landed at Winslow.

There are six horses at Tubac, left by a party of raiding Indians, awaiting claimants. Communications in regard to these animals should be addressed to T. Lillie Mercer.

It is reported that W. D. Reynolds, one of the cattle barons of the Lone Star State, has secured a range near Holbrook, in this county, and is removing a large number of cattle to it.

John McKee, says a Colorado exchange, captain of the round-up of the Stock Growers Association of White River, was killed by Dan Taylor recently. Cause—six shooter and too much whisky.

The Tombstone Democrat says E. Morales, of Wilcox, was last week held in \$500 bonds, charged with grand larceny. The alleged larceny consisted of Morales branding a steer belonging to Henry Dial.

It is reported that Mrs. Annie White, of Salt River Valley, who had considerable destroyed some five years ago by the military at Prescott, has been allowed \$18,000 by the government for losses sustained.

The Pecos Valley Star says Col. J. E. Simpson shipped twenty-four car loads of cattle Wednesday, bound for the Aztec Cattle Company's range at Winslow, Arizona. He will ship 300 cars in all, at the rate of a train each day.

The Hoof and Horn says that a number of stockmen on the Verde have made up a pool for the shipment of 500 beef cattle to eastern and western markets, and will drive their stock through Salt River valley and ship over the Southern Pacific railroad.

Says the Florence Enterprise: A report comes from the San Pedro to the effect that several bands of Indians residing there have been ordered to the San Carlos by the authorities, and that they are obeying the order. Eskiminzin's band is included in the number.

Wm. Garland, whose range lies between St. Johns and Woodruff on the Little Colorado river, is reported to have sold all his beef cattle at 34 cents per pound to Farr & Jackson, butchers of Albuquerque, to be delivered at Williams, on the line of the Atlantic & Pacific railroad.

The Hoof and Horn says Zeiger Bros' cattle at Navajo Springs are in splendid condition. No stock could have wintered finer. The increase has far exceeded their expectations. By constant care and watchfulness no losses have been sustained worthy of note.

The sale of a large block of the bonds of the Arizona Mineral Belt railroad, says the Tombstone Democrat, to an eastern syndicate, insures the early construction of seventy-five miles of that line, which will bring it through a magnificent timber belt to a point near the Tonto Basin.

J. C. Saint, of the Acoma Cattle Company, having a range in Northern Arizona, recently purchased 3,500 head of stock cattle in Chihuahua, which will soon be shipped into the Territory. They will be taken off the cars at Grant station, on the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad.—Wilcox Stockman.

Some Mexican troops had a fight with the hostiles last week near Magdalena, Sonora, says the Wilcox Stockman, and succeeded in killing one squaw and recovering the niece of A. L. Peck, who was captured at the time Peck's wife and child were killed about two months ago. The girl, who is a Mexican, aged twelve years, is now at Magdalena.

The Tucson Star is authority for the statement that the late Indian raid through Pima county has alarmed the people in the vicinity of Salero to such a degree that a number of them have left for the north. George Garnett and James Johnson's families passed through Tucson yesterday bound for Prescott. Others have brought their families to this city.

G. D. Cook, of Prescott, accompanied by A. R. Eylar and J. Miller from Phoenix and Big Bug, Arizona, says the Albuquerque Democrat, passed through the city this morning for Kansas City. They had in charge a whole train load of fat Texas cattle, the property of Mr. Cook, and as the market is very firm in the Chicago of the west at this time, big money will undoubtedly be realized for the stock.

It has been asserted that printing is not a healthy business, and that one of its chief ailments is lead poisoning. I can testify to this from personal knowledge. A friend of mine once started a paper out in Arizona some years ago, and he had not been running six months before he died from lead poisoning. It was a 44-caliber Smith & Wesson in the hands of a wild-eyed miner which caused the attack. It was fatal and he has been dead ever since.—Peck's Sun.

Wm. Munds, says the Flagstaff Champion, one of the largest cattlemen in Northern Arizona, is visiting our mountain city on business connected with his cattle interests. Mr. Munds has two as fine stock ranges as are to be found anywhere. One is situated about twenty miles south of here, and is what is called his summer range. The other, or winter range, is on Oak Creek and the Verde river. He reports the rodeo as only about commenced on the mountains, and says that the calf crop this year exceeds that of all previous ones.

The Hoof and Horn discourses as follows about a former celebrity about St. Johns, known as Loco Tom: Tom Lucky, a sporting gentleman of unlooked-for proclivities, who has been jay-hawking the boys about Socorro, has been pulled up in Arizona, on the charge of having stolen a bunch of six horses from Patterson & McGee, and other numerous parties in Socorro county. There are some stock evils that are not traceable to the Indians and Mr. Lucky will probably wish he were an Apache, with all the world to roam in, before he again enjoys the freedom of the country.

The Wilcox Stockman says a horse belonging to Mr. Greenwood, on the San Pedro river, was stolen Sunday last. On Monday, T. B. Roberson and D. H. Logan took up thief's trail, which led them through

the Dragoons and thence in the direction of the Graham Mountains. They had not prepared themselves with water, and as the trail took them through an unwatered country, Mr. Logan became prostrated from thirst and heat. They finally reached Mr. Howard's place at Winchester, and after resting there for a day, Mr. Logan came to Wilcox, being still in a weak condition. Mr. Roberson continued on the thief's trail, with prospects good for overhauling him.

The Flagstaff Champion thus notices some improvements being made by General Manager Bullwinkle, of the Arizona Cattle Company. It says he received from the East a large lot of telephone wire, which is to be used in constructing a telephone line from Flagstaff to Fort Ricks, the headquarters of the company. From that point the line will run to La Rue Springs, Hart's and their winter range. When completed the company will be in communication, by wire, with each of their different ranches and thereby save the expense of having to send a courier to those points when business requires.

Mr. Pryor, of Austin, in an interview published in the Dallas News, speaking of Col. J. W. Dwyer's recent purchase of one and two-year-old heifers, said that the stock papers, all over the west, had unjustly assailed Mr. Dwyer for taking these cattle to New Mexico, the papers referring to the cattle as a herd of "sand-lappers" and "doggies" which Mr. Dwyer was using his official position to get into New Mexico, at the risk of infecting all the cattle in the territory. Mr. Pryor asserts that San Saba county where these cattle were purchased is far removed from the coast, and if there is a county in the state that ought to be free from even a suspicion of infection, it is San Saba.

Berry Gatewood returned from Arizona yesterday. He says it has rained some in the northeastern corner of the territory, but that other portions of the territory are dry as a powder house, and destitute of both grass and water, and the outlook is gloomy in the extreme. Geronimo and his band of Apaches are ravaging the country, murdering, robbing, stealing, burning and otherwise having a time that partakes largely of the nature of a savage picnic, and Gen. Miles and his soldiers don't amount to a fly on a bull's horn. In the first place the country is so dry that an expedition against the Indians is out of the question, and in the second place, if they could go in pursuit, the Indians would escape into the mountain fastnesses.—Dallas News.

The inducements to engage in cattle raising in this country several years ago was so great, says the Chicago Times, that eleven companies, with a capital of \$20,000,000, were organized in England. They own now 672,013 head of cattle and lease or own 3,319,082 acres of land in the west. In 1883 one of these companies paid dividends amounting to 20 1/2 per cent, but for two years past they have paid only 10 per cent. The rate of return is now very low, and the whole business seems to have suffered a serious deterioration. Of nine of these British American companies in 1885, one paid 7 per cent, one 6, two 5, one 4, and four paid nothing at all. Last year there were nearly 50,000,000 head of cattle in the country, and one of those British companies owned only 672,013 acres as noted above. The reason for the decline of profits is in part due to the action of the President, who obliged owners to vacate public lands and pay for their grass. Besides, in the year 1885 the yield of calves was behind that of the year before. The chief reason for the decline in dividends is the smaller selling

prices of steers; the falling reaching in some cases \$9 a head. The immense profits made at first, invited excessive competition, which cut down prices and profits.

The "cowboy" is no recent invention. If we read the writings of Moses, the historian, correctly, there were "cowboys" in the land of Canaan long before "the rowdy west" was discovered. We think that Abram and Lot had ranches there, "and there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and Lot's cattle." That is the way Moses reported it for the daily press in those days, but should such a thing occur here in Wyoming to-day the eastern newspaper dudes would come out with four-line pica headlines something like this: "Terrible battle among the cowboys!" "Abram's cow-punchers and Lot's bull-whackers get into a racket and shoot each other so full of holes that their hide won't hold straw!" "Abe and Lot arbitrate, and the latter gets up and dusts for the plains of Jordan where there is plenty of buffalo grass!" That is about the way the morning dailies would dish it up now. Even old Saul was a ranchman, and Dæg, an Edomite from Indiana, was foreman and had a regiment of cowboys in charge. Amos was a cowboy in Syria, and Moses himself at the round-up in Egypt. Joel the cowboy got sad and had the jim-jams because the grass dried up on his Zion, and Isaac was a "cattle king" in Gerar. So it will be seen that the profession of cowboy has been an honorable one from away back.—Rowdy West.

The Hoof and Horn gives the following particulars of a mammoth transfer of cattle and ranch property in Yavapai county: One of the most important sales ever effected in Arizona was consummated in this city on Monday last. The Walnut Grove Water Storage Company was the purchaser, and the properties transferred being in the southern portion of the county, while the prices paid were as follows: To J. R. Frink, ranch, \$30,000; Barney Martin, ranch, \$3,500; N. C. Shekels, ranch, \$2,000; Abner Wade, ranch, \$10,000. The properties mentioned give the purchasers complete control of the entire water supply of an immense tract of fine grazing country, which they intend to utilize to the utmost by the construction of a reservoir large enough to store a supply of water that will guarantee a run of 6,000 inches. The cost of the reservoir together with the sixty miles of pipe line which will be laid is estimated at not less than half a million dollars. The company is one of the strongest that has ever backed any enterprise in the southwest, having at present a paid up capital of \$1,000,000 in addition to the large sums it has already expended. Professor Blake, of Yale College, has been engaged as chief engineer in the work of constructing the reservoir, and placing the pipe, and will commence the work in September next. The company has already purchased nearly all the live stock ranging on the land affected, amounting to several thousand head; and their intention is to stock their range with not less than one hundred thousand head as soon as the reservoir is completed. Additional importance is given this sale, from the fact that it is the first time in the history of Arizona, or for that matter in the entire southwest, that the oft-discussed proposition of storing the surplus of winter water for use during the dry season, will be practically and scientifically tested by a company with sufficient capital to guarantee its not being hampered in its operations by any lack of funds. If success crowns this effort, the importance of Arizona as a permanent stock growing country is increased a hundred fold.