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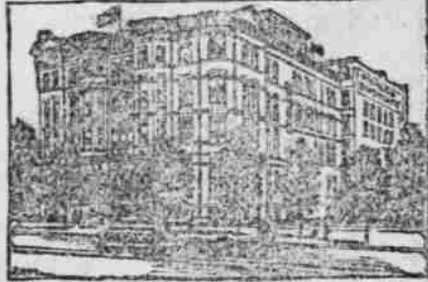
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It is estimated that in twenty years from this time this country must have 70,000,000 head of cattle to allow of the present per capita consumption of beef.

The member elect of the legislature now gets up in his sleep and answers to imaginary roll call, or cries out softly: "Put this on the jack, open."—Flagstaff Champion.

The superintendent, the engineer and the bridge builder of the Maricopa and Phoenix railroad, visited Tempe this week. They reported that the road would be built as fast as money, capital and energy could do it.—Tempe News.

The cattle branding in the American Valley, Socorro county, New Mexico, for the year 1886, is the largest that has been tallied since cattle were introduced into this country. It is generally estimated that it will reach 65,000 head.—Stock Grower.

The Nogales News says seven thousand seven hundred dollars worth of pearls passed this custom house last week for New York, shipped from the pearl fisheries of Lower California, which are said to be the finest pearl fisheries in the world.

The Stein's Peak mines are liable to create as much stir as did Tombstone in early days. There are plenty of mining districts yet undiscovered in Arizona, hundreds of square miles upon which the eye of the prospector has not yet gazed.—Tucson Star.

The directors of the Insane Asylum have appointed Dr. O. L. Mahoney, of Phoenix, superintending physician for that institution. The doctor is a genial, good hearted man and his friends anticipate success for him in this new field for his skill.—Ex.

It is reported that the Trinidad Cattle Company has begun suit against James Wilcox of El Moro for \$25,000 damages for shortage of cattle and want of title to land sold them two years ago. There may be many suits of this nature instituted by parties before the year is out.—Raton Comet.

The seven hostile Indians—three bucks, three squaws and a half-grown boy—who escaped from Captain Lawton while being brought into Fort Bowie, are reported to have been seen recently in the vicinity of Arispe, Sonora. They are confining their depredations to the occasional theft of a horse.—Wilcox Stockman.

W. A. Pettus, of Goliad county, sold about 750 two-year-olds, and 250 one-year-old heifers to W. C. Gardiner, of Apache county, Arizona, to be delivered at Pettus station, on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, by the 10th of December, at \$10 and \$7 per head.—Texas Live Stock Journal.

R. G. Head has declined the Presidency of the St. Louis Stock Yards. This is bad for the yards as Col. Head is almost universally regarded as the leader of the western cattle growers. Col. Head has the confidence and respect of every stockman in the west, and had he taken the helm of the new enterprise, its success would have been assured, as the ability and practical mind of R. G. Head is everywhere recognized as being of a superior order.—Stock Grower.

The U. S. Economist thus predicts wool figures for 1877: Mark our words, if the spring season will not open in Texas and California, if not Michigan and Ohio at prices that will make buyers open their eyes with astonishment. This is what interests us now most, and not what the ruling prices are at the Colonial wool sales, as there is no possibility of obtaining any supplies from there at present, nor in the immediate future either.

No, dear reader, Sparks is no lost sight of in the midst of the work now going on to help out the welfare of the beef producer. The western man will pay his respects to Mr. Sparks during the coming session of Congress. It is hoped in the near future that you will have an opportunity of submitting your proof for the acquirement of a title to your homestead without being called a thief and a liar by the head of the land department of our government.—New Mexico Stock Grower.

A shooting scrape took place at Brigham City a short time ago between Lot P. Smith and John Thistle, which grew out of a dispute over some sheep which, it appears, had got mixed. Angry words passed between the men and Smith ran into his house, obtained his gun and fired two shots at Thistle, shooting off his little finger. Thistle had no arms. Smith then pulled his gun on W. A. Daggs, who was present, but did not shoot. A warrant has been issued for his arrest.—Flagstaff Champion.

Col. Lanham, member of Congress from Texas, in a letter to C. E. Dailey, thus expresses himself on matters relating to the cattle industry: I would be glad indeed to do anything within my power that might look towards remedying the evils of pooling in the cattle business, which are admitted to be wide spread and far-reaching in their consequences. To what limit state legislation may go, and where the powers of Congress might begin in such matters, I confess I have not, as yet, definitely concluded in my own mind. I shall be glad to investigate the subject farther, and if I find anything can be done I shall be quite ready to aid therein as far as possible. Since I have been in public service I have looked with great interest to our cattle matters. I realize the fact that the industry therein represented is of the utmost general importance to our state and specially to my immediate constituency.

The Apache County Critic says: At Clayton's camp, one of the numerous ranches of the Aztec Land and Cattle Company, on Monday night last, Joe P. Thomas, alias "Kid Thomas," shot and killed Frank Ward, a young man who arrived from Texas last spring. It seems that Thomas and Ward were gambling when a dispute arose as to who held the winning hand. Hot words were interchanged, when Thomas drew his revolver, and as Ward arose to leave the table shot him through the thigh, severing one of the main arteries of the leg. No medical aid being procurable the wounded man bled to death. Thomas then went to the corral, saddled and bridled his victim's horse and rode away, notwithstanding the fact that the camp was full of men. Kid Thomas was at one time in the employ of the Aztec Land and Cattle Company and was well known in Holbrook and other towns along the railroad as a swagger and braggadocio, who was wont to "shoot the town up" every time he became loaded with whiskey. His victim is said to have been a very peaceable young man. Both of the parties have for several months been out of employment and were simply "putting in the time" at the ranch where the shooting occurred. Thomas is said to have gone in the direction of the Tonto Basin country, and is probably by this time in the neighborhood of Pleasant Valley, where, it is said, he has many friends.

The Hoof and Horn says: In view of the feeling so general throughout Arizona that the existing laws affecting the stock interests of the Territory are inadequate to meet the ends for which they were designed, we believe that much good would be accomplished by a general convention of representatives of the stock interests of all sections to meet at some available point in the Territory for the purpose of drafting such laws as would, in their opinion, rectify such deficiencies as the last two years have shown to exist in our present live stock laws. By the admission of no representative except those duly accredited by the organized live stock associations of the Territory to express their views and represent them, such a convention would be endowed with an influence which would command the respect of the Territorial Legislature, and insure from that body a careful and patient consideration of any measures relating to live stock matters that it might present. Selected, as the delegates would be, by the different associations of the Territory, its character would not be susceptible of the charge so often made against such conventions—that it was composed of the rich, and for the rich, and that the small fry had no show or share in the results of its deliberation. Each association, if it deemed proper, could fully and distinctly instruct its representatives as to its views and wishes on the subjects to be considered by the convention, and by such means a general expression of the sentiments of the stockmen of the entire Territory could be obtained.

A Dallas (Tex.) of the 15th inst. says the meeting of the Texas Live Stock Association in this city on the 15th of January will be the most important meeting of the sort ever held in this State, and will in all probability be the most numerously attended, as it comes at a crisis in the affairs of the Texas cattle business involving the solution of several questions of vital importance to that branch of industry. For the purpose of impressing the importance of the meeting upon the minds of stockmen all over the State, and securing as large an attendance as possible, and at the same time mapping out a programme for the meeting and making arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors, Col. C. C. Slaughter, Col. John N. Simpson, Gen. W. B. Gano, and several other prominent cattlemen of the city, held an informal meeting. It was decided to extend invitations to the working members of the Central Texas Cattle Association, the Pecos Association, the Northwest Texas Association, and all other cattle associations in the State, to meet with the Texas Live Stock Association in a sort of Congress, not only for the purpose of discussing matters of moment to the cattlemen of the State, but for the purpose of agreeing upon a line of policy to be pursued by Texas in the International Range Association, which will meet in Denver in February. The gentlemen thought by this means they could secure the attendance of 500 men at the very lowest estimate. They thought business would be facilitated by having the proceedings of each day to begin with an address or essay by some person competent to handle the matter upon one of the following subjects: "The Lease Law;" "Contagious Pleuro-Pneumonia, its Cause and Prevention;" "Splenic Fever, its Causes, Prevention and Treatment;" "Quarantine Laws;" "An Outlet for Texas Beef;" "The Best Types of Beef Breeds." The address or essay to be followed by an interchange of ideas on the subject treated of until noon, the afternoon session to be devoted to other business. In order to arouse thought the gentlemen decided that it would be well to offer a handsome premium for the best essay on each of the subjects mentioned, so that the Convention may get illumination from outside talent.

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