Fort Worth, Texas, December 30.—The proposed withdrawal of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association from the National Live Stock association is still a subject of animated discussion among Texas cattle men. Several reasons have been assigned for such probable action, but the most feasible one is the proposed doubling of the annual fees by the National association. Heretofore the basis of computation of assessment for membership was the number of stock owned, but at the last Chicago meeting of the National association the executive commitee charged the basis so as to permit a larger number of sheep to be equal to one herd of cattle in computing the assessment for membership. As this would virtually result in doubling the assessment on the cattle men, and thus require from the Texas association some $800 instead of $400, as assessed in previous years it was considered that the burden would be to great. Secretary J. C. Loving of the Texas association was seen by The Post representive, but he was not able to say what the executive committee entended doing in the premesis, and said that it would be a matter that would have to be settled at the coming March meeting. He said in reference to the defeat of the Grout bill, the eight-hour law, and the enlargement of the power of the Interstate Commerce commission: "Undoubtedly a united front is better than a divided one to accomplish certain things desired by the majority of live stock interests of the country. All live stock men are interested in enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission so that they can enforce their orders. As matters now stand, the commission may find that discrimination exists, and may order it discontinued, as in the $2 per car charge at the Chicago stock yard, but the railroads pay no attention to the orders. In the matter cited the Texas association has sued the stock yard to recover the charges found to be illegal by the commission, but the court has not yet rendered his decision." It was stated here today that President Murdo Mackenzie of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association has expressed himself as in faver of separation from the National organizition.

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In Thirty-six Seconds.

Sonora, Texas, December 27.—In the roping contest here yesterday Mr. Tom Barksdale carried off the first prize, roping and tying his steer in thirty-six seconds. Mr Jesse Barksdale won second money in fifty-three seconds. His first throw caught and brought down the steer, horse and rider. The horse fell on the rider and rolled over him. Mr. barksdale again mounted and threw the beef and tied, all in the short time above mentioned. It is considered here a remarkable feat of activity and skill, and but for his misfortune he would have won first money. Mr. Ed Pride won third money in thirty-six seconds. Tonight the cowboys' ball will come off, and will be followed on new years eve with a grand masquerade ball.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, } ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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New York, December 30.—Bob Fitzsimmons was seen tonight at his home and informed that Jeffries and Sharkey had been matched. He said: "From reading the many advance notices sent by Jeffres and Delaney from the West during the last few weeks, i was led to believe that Jeffries was hot after me and was coming to town to make me extraordinary inducement tofight him. In the first place, Jeffries is not here and in the second place I have not received any great offer he had to make. Delaney did not notify me personly that he was in town.

"I have retired from the ring, but I certainly would have considered any offer Jeffries or his manager had to make had I received it."

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—A statement exhibiting the extent of the cotton manufacturing industry of the United States for the year 1900 as compared with 1890, was issued today by the census bureau. The statement places the total value of cotton manufacturing products at $336,974,882, a gain of over 25 per cent since 1890. The number of establishments in 1900 was 1051, a gain of 16 per cent; the capital employed, $467,240,157, a gain of 32 per cent; salaried officials 4996, a gain of 84 per cent; amount paid in salaries, $7,535,129, a gain of 117 per cent; average number of wage earners, 302,861, a gain of 38 per cent; total wages paid, $90,384,532, a gain of 36 per cent. Cost of materials used, $176,551,527, a gain of 14 per cent.

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Pure home rendered leaf lard, the finest article on the San Angelo market, give McWhorter & Son a trial order, it will please you. Phone 190.

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The human family are prone to pain. Pain in the joints, in the muscles, headache, backache, rheumatism, cramps, etc., certainly make life miserable. Therefore it is a pity that any such sufferers hesitate to expend 25 cents for Quick Relief, the always sure external as well as internal cure.

Behold Texas.

Texas has this year given ample demonstration of the advantages to be secured by using pure bred sires. Money invested in these animals is better placed than in gilt edged bonds. —Chicago Live Stock World.

If you want cheap fire insurance see Huffman & Clark. They work for a home companye located at San Antonio, the Home Protective Fire Insuranc Co., and can give you satisfactory rates.

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Romances of Agriculture.

Any one still under the delusion that farming is an occupation giving little opportunity for mental effort should read Secretary Wilson's latest report. There he will find the outlines of scores of real romances of achievement, with the world for their scene and the most patient and acute minds as their actors.

A few years ago a frost, such as living men had not known, swept away the orange groves of Florida. To many this was a calamity without a remedy. They could see nothing to do but to replace the blasted trees and hope that such a frost would not soon occur again. But the scientific experts said: "Let us find or make an orange tree that will resist frost." Over in Japan they found the tree, but its fruit was of little value. So they set to work to combine this Japanese tree with the Florida sweet orange. They have produced the hardiest orange tree known, and are confident that in a few years they will have a fruit both resistant to frost and of good quality.

Rice has been grown in Louisiana for a hundred years, but the yield seemed to be diminishing and the industry was dwindling. About three years ago the agricultural department suggested the substitution of the Japanese rice plant for that formerly grown. The experiment was so successful that the production this year exceeded that of 1899 by 73,000,000 pounds, and imports of rice have fallen from 154,000,000 to 73,000,000 pounds. About $20,000,000 new capital has been invested in the Gulf coast rice industry.

Coffee has long been the small Porto Rican farmer's chief money crop. Though little known in this country. Porto Rican coffee is in steady demand at high prices in Europe. Soon after Porto Rico became American our experts began studying coffee culture They speedily found that the Porto Ricans were shading their coffee plants too much—that the shade was not necessary in itself and that its chief value was in the effect on the soil of the roots of the leguminous trees which supplied it. Better methods have been suggested which are expected to double or treble Porto Rico's coffee crop.

The cold and dry winters of the northern great plains States have frequently killed the grass and so curtailed pasturage that heavy loss of livestock resulted. In Russia the Agricultural department has found a grass and in Turkestan an alfalfa which stand cold and drouth better than any previously known here. The former has proved perfectly hardy clear up in North Dakota and assures the farmers there both pasturage and hay.

Not long ago an insect known as the "San Jose scale" was found to be numerous and destructive in the California orchards. Several European countries took alarm and adopted measures which threatened greatly to curtail our foreign fruit trade. Reasoning from such past experience as that of the rabbit and the thistle in Australia, it was seen that the reason this scale was so destructive was that it had reached a country where its natural enemies did not exist to keep it in check.

Then a worldwide search for this insect's home and natural enemy began. Both were found in North China. There the scale infested all sorts of fruit trees, but did no extensive damage because a beetle kept its numbers within bounds. So this beetle has been brought across the Pacific and set to work upon its natural prey, and California fruit growers are feeling much more cheerful than they felt a few years ago.

Such are a few of the achievements of scientific intelligence applied to the farming industry. They justify, although on other grounds than his, Cato's saying that agriculture was the pursuit most worthy of the good citizen. For they prove that in farming operations there is scope for the most painstaking research and the most acute thought of which the human mind is capable. They show that those who talk of of farming as 'a dull and unintellectual occupation are simply ignorant of what modern agriculture means and is.

The C. & G. Hagelstein Co have two cars of drilling machines on the road, which they have rigged so as they can be run either by horse power, steam or gasoline and parties needing such machines would do well to call and investigate.

Cow Bell Factories.

A village blacksmith bending over his anvil, hammering out a cow bell every now and then to supply the wants of his country patrons—that is the common idea of how cow bells are made. Few know that many men are employed the year round by large manufacturing concerns for this special industry.

Indianapolis is one of the four cities in the United States that can boast of such a factory, and aready market is found for its daily production of 180 dozens of bells.

It is interesting to note how cow bells are made. Open hearth charcoal iron is used as the metal, and the shaping, etc., is done largely by machinery. A sheet of iron is placed in the chopper and cut the required shape and size, after which, another machine securely fastens an inside and outside staple, to what will later become the top of the bell.

The outside staple is for the collar of the bell's wearer to be slipped through, while the inside staple is to hold the clapper. From here the unfurnished piece goes to the "cupper" where it gets its shape. This is a tremendous machine and the shaper comes down with heavy force on the metal. The operator of this machine must necessarily be not only experienced but wide awake, for as one of the employes remarked, "A sleepy man would lose a mit the first day."

Then the edges are punched and securely riveted. Now the bell is ready for the furnace. Eight bells or a nest, are placed in a crucible with a mixture of brass and charcoal. The end of the crucible is entirely covered with a mixture of white oak clay and manure, except for a small hole which is left for the gas to escape.

Thirty five or forty of these crucibles are then dumped into a red hot furnace and left until the brass and charcoal have had time to hove the desired effect of brazing, infusing carbon and putting a coating of brass on the surface. The crucibles are then removed, the ends knocked off and the bells cast into a big tank of cold water to cool. The furnace room is facetiously called "Hell on earth" on account of the awful heat. During the extremely hot weather last summer it was next to impossible to get men to work in this department. Thirty-six tried it one day, and all threw up the sponge.

When the bells are sufficiently cool, they go into the rattler or rumbler and come forth highly polished, after which, the clapper is placed and they are assorted. The ring of the bell is important, the slightest crack in the bell rendering it unmarketable. Such bells are thrown into the scrap pile to wait the avaricious onslaughts of the junk man.

Besides cow bells, hog bells and sheep bells are made in the same manner, and thousands of hog nose rings are turned out every day.—Indianapolis News.

The Bridge Beach cooking stoves, cooks and bakes to perfection, it will just suit you, there is nothing better for cooking or in price they run from $7.50 and upwards and are guaranteed by J. S. Miles.

Tod Sloan to Go Back to the Saddle.

New York, December 26.—According to the Journal and American tod sloan "Tod" Sloan will be seen in the saddle on the Metropolitan turf next spring. He has received assurance that the English Jockey club will restore him to good standing within a few weeks with the stipulation that he is to ride no more in England.

Pasturage.

Have grass and water for 300 head of stock, near Ozona, Crockett county at 25 cents per head if owner of stock looks after them, if not 35 cents. Call on or address

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Have Most Enough Sheep.

Sheepmen have been having a tolerably easy time of it lately both in securing range and in traveling through the country, but the range for sheep is getting scarce and with each flock passing through the determination to prevent them from going through except on roads they can legally travel is becoming stronger in view of the fact that very small part of the range in this county is traversed by a public road, some of them intending to come to this county are going to bump up against obstacles. Self preservation is the first law of nature and after a dry summer most of the ranchmen need every blade of grass they have and are going to protect it if possible.—Pecos County Pickings.

A Profitable Investment.

"I was troubled for about seven years with my stomach and in bed half my time," says E. Demick, Somerville, Ind. "I spent about $1,000 and never could get anything to help me until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken a few bottles and am entirely well." You don't live by what you eat, but by what you digest and assimilate. If your stomach doesn't digest your food you are really starving. Kodol DyspepsiaCure does the stomach's work by digesting the food. You don't have to diet. Eat all you want. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure cures all stomach troubles. J. W. Harris & Bros.

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A Mexican Killed.

Sonora, Texas, Dec. 25.—The only event that has marred the Christmas enjoyments here so far occurred last night when two Mexicans loading a piece of piping to fire off, ignorantly, it is supposed, caused a premature explosion, resulting in the death of one intsantly and the maiming of the other. The one killed had his head blown off and the other lost a hand.