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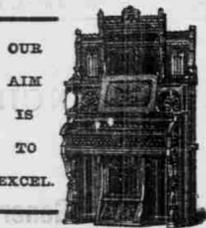
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LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Items of Interest to Stockmen, Gathered from Reliable Sources.

Springer Stockman: The Keystone Land and Cattle company will purchase this year three to four thousand young steers.

Florence Enterprise: Cattlemen from Pima county were up looking for wells and ranges in this county this week. They want the benefit of our low taxes.

Flagstaff Champion: W. E. Curry, a prominent cattleman of Daggett, California, shipped two car loads of fine beef cattle from this point the early part of the week. They were purchased from the Marr Bros., of Verde.

Florence Enterprise: Mr. Isaac Putnam, of San Pedro, was in town Wednesday. He has sold another lot of cattle to W. H. Mellor and came down to close the bargain. Mr. Mellor now owns a fine herd of cattle.

Exchange: The loss from the cattle plague in Russia, within a period of five years, from 1876 to 1880, is estimated at no less than 1,208,500 head of horned cattle; but even these figures, based upon official information, are considered far below the real numbers.

Las Vegas Optic: In the two car loads of fine Hereford bulls now in the stock yards, owned by Mr. Tood, of Kansas, who accompanies them, are eight superb animals worth about \$600 each. They go to J. B. Slaughter in Socorro county.

Journal-Miner: A runner came in a few days since from Thompson Valley to secure medical attendance for Ross Blakely who was injured by a horse falling on him while engaged in a rodeo. Mr. Blakely is a son of W. G. Blakely, district attorney of Mohave county.

Silver City Sentinel: H. G. Noel has received a hundred and twenty-two head of stock cattle at his ranch on the Mangus. They were purchased from W. Beall and driven up from the San Simon valley. On Thursday all the unbranded calves received their new owner's marks.

Las Vegas Gazette: Five car loads of cattle came in this morning from the east. Four of them will pass on to the south and but one will remain here on sale. Among these are eight thoroughbred Hereford bulls, consigned to J. C. Leary from A. D. Hudnall, West Las Animas, Colorado.

Chicago Commercial: A proclamation forbidding the importation of cattle into Illinois, except under certain conditions, was issued by the Governor. The interdicted district lies south of the thirty-fifth parallel east of the Mississippi, and south of the thirty-sixth parallel, west of the Mississippi.

Stock Grower: The Arizona Cattle and Mining Company of Decatur; capital, \$30,000; incorporators Sullivan Burgess, John A. Brown, George W. Bullard and C. B. Smith, is an outfit which has just been granted a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of the State of Illinois.

Fort Collins Express: A subscription purse is being raised by several Fort Collins young men, half of which will be given to the man who at the fair will produce the worst bucking bronco, and the other half to the man who will ride him and "stay with him" with the most ease and grace.

Phoenix Gazette: Mr. Fred Wilcox, one of our Verde cattlemen, is in town. He reports plenty of grass on the range and the cattle rolling fat. He says that the rodeo is almost completed, and that cattlemen generally are looking forward to a fortunate year for the business, as grass and water are everywhere plenty.

Flagstaff Champion: The stock

men are jubilant, and wear a grin from ear to ear. They have bright prospects before them. The late rains have had a tendency to make vegetation grow very rapidly, and the foot-hills are covered thick with grass, which stands about six inches high. There has not been so good a prospect for several years.

Phoenix Herald: Mr. F. L. Brill a few days since lost a valuable riding horse by the bite of a rattlesnake, while on his way up to Wick-enburg. He rode over the snake without happening to see it, and his horse was struck in the ankle of one of the hind feet killing it in two or three hours.

Phoenix Gazette: W. H. Frink, the well known owner of the Martinez stock ranch, Yavapai county, came in a few days since. He has just returned from the pursuit of thieves who drove off thirty head of horses from his ranch, following them to the Gulf of California. He secured a portion of the stolen stock, but was not fortunate enough to catch any of the thieves.

Wilcox Stockman: The Governor of Kansas has issued a proclamation prohibiting the driving into or turning loose of Texas cattle in that State, which have not been held north of the 37th parallel during the previous winter. The proclamation has been issued in accordance with the wishes of the citizens of the State, who have in former years suffered large losses in stock through Texas fever disseminated by through cattle.

Socorro Bullion: It is reported that grass and water are scarce on the ranges in this county; but after interviewing a number of prominent cattlemen, including Floyd Garrett, Wes Bruton and J. D. Reed, our representative declared that there is no foundation for such a report. On the contrary cattle were never in better condition; water is abundant, the grass nutritious, and the outlook generally very promising.

Stock Grower: A. L. Peck, a well known ranchman whose wife and child were ruthlessly murdered by Apache fiends, near Nogales, Arizona, was rendered more than half crazy by his terrible loss. He said: "I have a ranch and four or five hundred head of cattle, but I never want to see them again. The government won't protect me, so I will protect myself. I will kill every Indian in the country." Mounting his horse, he rode off, and has not been heard of since.

Wilcox Stockman: Beef has become so dear in New York that the commissioners of Central Park cannot longer afford to feed it to the animals in the zoo. They have fitted up a private slaughter house and will kill old horses for feeding the animals. This gives the human animal more beef, and makes a market for plug horses that have served their time. As for the caged animals they eat the meat just the same little imagining that an imposition has been played on them.

Washington dispatch: The Committee on Territories of the House reported back substitutes for the bills introduced by Lanhan, of Texas, to nullify the acts of the Legislature of New Mexico and Arizona, and to prevent the introduction of diseased cattle into these Territories. The substitutes allow the introduction of cattle without restriction during the months of December, January and March, and limits the inspection fee in the other months to ten cents per head.

Florence Enterprise: Mr. Phillips, manager of the Repesita cattle ranch, this county, is preparing to make a large addition to his herd. He is also preparing to build a reservoir that will catch the water from a water-shed over six miles in length and width. Such a reservoir would water over a thousand head of cattle for at least six months in

a year, and thus save the cost of hoisting water. He will also make a proposition to the canal company to place a fence along the upper side of the canal, from the head to the terminus, upon the condition that the company will furnish him water for his cattle.

El Paso Journal: J. B. Slaughter, who sold his Socorro county ranch and cattle not long since to Upcher & Stevens for \$130,000, was in El Paso a short time since, en route to Colorado City to visit his family. Mr. Slaughter has just returned from a horse-back trip from Socorro, across northwestern New Mexico and up into Utah territory, going to within 150 miles of Salt Lake City. He was ranch hunting of course (for the Slaughter boys can't keep out of the cattle business). He found some fine country up there, and we would not be a bit surprised to hear of John's joining the Mormons in the near future. Mr. Slaughter was on a "dicker" for his Texas ranch and cattle, but had not consummated the trade up to last accounts.

International Live Stock Journal: It is just and proper that all classes of working men, cowboys included, should organize or band together for their mutual benefit. They should instigate ways and means for providing the necessities of life for those of their number who are worthy, but from unavoidable or unfortunate circumstances, are in need. They should do all they can to elevate the morals and general tone of their business or profession. In fact there are many things they can do that will result in much good to both themselves and their employers; but they should not, under any circumstances, try to run or manage their employer's business, except by his consent and direction.

Miles City Journal: Last year the stockmen of Montana more than ever before interested themselves in seeing that ranges were supplied with good, vigorous bulls, and the result is already perceptible, as there never was before at this time of year so great a number of large, healthy calves on the range as at present. It is safe to assume that the percentage of calves branded this year will be far greater than for any previous year, and this increase may be traced directly to the increase made last year in the number of range bulls. But notwithstanding the improvement in this respect, it can hardly be doubted that some of the ranges are not yet stocked with bulls to that degree that would produce the greatest profit, and the importance of supplying such ranges with the proper number of vigorous bulls cannot be over-estimated. No man should hold back in this matter, but every one should emulate every other rangeman in furnishing number and quality of bulls for the general range. In this way will all be made prosperous and no one notice the expense.

Chicago dispatch: A special to the Times from Big Springs, Texas, says: Reports regarding the effect of the long drought are beginning to come in. The plains west of here are parched and dry, and the carcasses of thousands of cattle are to be seen in every direction. In some locations no rain has fallen since last September. J. M. Dawson and Colonel W. E. Hughes returned to-day from a trip as far westward as old Mexico. Mr. Dawson says that from this side of the Pecos, over in Mexico, and as far north as Arizona, it is drier than it has been in twenty years. Of the 7,000,000 head of cattle in Texas one-third are in the section visited by the drought. The cattle are dying by thousands for want of water and grass. There is very little grass anywhere near water, and that little is so dry and dead that it does not contain enough substance to do

the cattle any good. The cattle are very thin and getting thinner every day, and if no rain comes within thirty days the cattle business in West Texas will be ruined. The people are very gloomy over the outlook. The drought extends east as far as Big Springs. No clouds have been seen in months. Even if it should rain now, the cattle would not get fat enough for market this year. A rough estimate places the rate of mortality by thirst and starvation at 900 head per day. Fully 20,000 carcasses cover the plains. The stench as one passes along the Texas Pacific west of here is terrible.

Fort Worth Journal: Col. John N. Simpson did not tarry long at his Pecos ranch. There were no flowers or green grass to captivate, but a mournfully dry, very dry country and any amount of almost starving cattle, to look at. Vegetation is away behind the season, and, in fact, there are no more evidences now of spring, were the testimony confined to vegetation, than there was three months ago, even back to the first of January. "I tell you it is awful," continued the gentleman, "of course there is plenty of water in the river, continuously running snow water from the mountains, but the country bordering on it for eight or ten miles back, is as barren of food, almost, as a sad bank. Many of our steers go back into interior fifteen or twenty miles to where a sufficiency of cured grass can be had, but the amount of travel necessary to cover the distance between the elements of existence, keeps them poor and fit subjects for the bog and of which that country has its share. We have not had a good rain since last June, enough to do real good, a few snows along through the winter being the main dependence." Then the Colonel grew eloquent and let loose a volley of scripture on the reporter. He said "the people out there need the services of Elijah to put in a vigorous plea for rain as once upon a former occasion he, in like way, came to the rescue of the sinners." He thought there was an inviting field for a mission of this kind, and unless it came at an early day, the crows would have a picnic in the way of settling and closing up accounts. He thinks the capacity of the Pecos country is greatly over-estimated and that there are, by far, too many cattle there.

Mr. Nimmo, chief of the bureau of statistics, in his report on the volume of trade in cattle in Texas, says: According to the best estimate that can now be made, there have been about 3,000,000 young cattle driven from Texas to northern ranges during the last seven years, which, at \$15 per head, would amount to \$45,000,000. The "drive" of the year 1884 was about 300,000, which, at \$17 per head, amounted to \$5,100,000. These figures, the best which can be obtained, are, of course, only rough approximations. They clearly indicate, however, a large demand at the north for young Texas cattle, and a large supply adequate to meet such demand. The movement has been about as regular as commercial movements are generally, the tendency, on the whole, being in the direction of progress. It is asserted upon apparently good authority, that fully one-half of all the blood on the northern ranges to-day is of Texas strain. Many persons largely engaged in the cattle trade at the north, and the cattle raisers of Texas generally, maintain that Texas must in the future hold the position of a breeding ground, and the northern ranges that of a maturing or a fattening ground. According to the best estimates now obtainable, Texas has about 9,000,000 head of cattle, or one-sixth the entire number of cattle in the United States. The value of the cattle is placed at \$153,000,000, and in the ranch and range cattle area north of Texas, \$187,500,000, or nearly twenty-eight per cent of the total value of the United States.