

NEW MEXICO CATTLE RAISING

The Outlook for Cattlemen Was Never More Encouraging.

ALL THE GREAT COMPANIES MAKING MONEY

Improvements of all kinds being effected—the territory rapidly developing into an enormous cattle producing country.

Las Vegas, N. M., Feb. 22.—(Special to The Bee.)—Cattle raising is one of the chief industries of New Mexico.

In fact, an assessment valuation of \$60,000,000, nearly one-third of the total assessed value of the territory. This, however, is not a fair criterion. New Mexico has a peculiar law by which \$100 worth of property is exempted from taxation to every stockholder.

Just before the assessment comes round the lands and sheep are divided out among the sons and sons-in-law, the daughters and daughters-in-law, and even the grandchildren, till each one's amount can, without a note of thanks, be estimated at not more than \$800.

As soon as the assessment is gone, all the property reverts to the original possessor, and remains his till the next yearly visit of the assessor has to be provided for. In this way the sheep and farming interests of New Mexico do not bear their proper proportion of tax burdens.

Consequently, the cattle of the territory do not represent one-third of the actual wealth of New Mexico. Nevertheless, it is the most valuable industry of which the territory can boast, exceeding even mining in this particular.

Reliable statistics concerning cattle are difficult to secure, the numbers reported varying largely from year to year with the liberal feeling of the various managements.

For instance, in San Juan county, in 1880, the assessments stood: Cattle, \$25,375; sheep, \$10,770; horses, \$9,830.

In 1890 the assessments were: Cattle, \$27,525; sheep, \$12,725; horses, \$10,725.

The tax rate for both years was 2 per cent, but no one can believe that in the space of one year there would be so great a change in value.

However, the live stock department of the Atchison railroad has prepared a statement of the number and condition of the live stock in the territory, and their statement may be accepted as approximately correct.

It sets down the whole number of cattle in New Mexico at 815,000 head. By the end of 1890 the number of head of live stock in the territory was 815,000.

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Winter losses in this territory are but slight, and do not, as a general thing, average over a fraction of 1 per cent.

The principal causes of loss are the depredations of wild animals, the killing of calves by Mexicans for their flesh and hides, and hogging down along the water courses in the spring.

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