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**Live Stock Notes.**  
The cattle in this vicinity, says the Pullman correspondent of Whitman Sun, are all in good condition. It has been necessary to feed but little. People who have been here for years assure us that there has not been a winter equal to this since 1882. However there is yet time for severe storms, but the condition of the cattle will be such that their safety is secured.

The Drovers' Journal takes a very sensible view that there will be a decrease in the demand for stock cattle on account of higher priced corn, and an increased demand for good fat beef cattle, owing to the natural scarcity. In other words, the tendency of dearer grain will be to widen the gap in prices between feeding cattle and those of prime marketable condition.

It is currently reported that the cattle lost by Brockman, Jewett and Cowan, for which a reward of \$700 has been offered have been found but we are unable this week to give the full particulars. It appears that unknown parties have stolen the cattle and secreting them in the bluffs along the Missouri river for some time, and upon hearing of the reward that had been offered made an attempt to get them across the river and to market, or away, when they were apprehended by parties on the lookout. We will be able to give full particulars next week. There were in the neighborhood of forty-seven head of the stolen cattle.—Springview Herald

Governor Poynter declines to accept or use railroad passes. He says he takes this position, not as a matter of policy which he wished to impose on anybody else or to cast any reflections on any other person who did not do as he did, but because he had taken the position he did in his inaugural, and believing that he was right in the matter, he felt that it was incumbent on him to do as he had done.

Quite a little sensation was produced in the senate at Washington the other day. Senator Caffery was reading from a book when Senator Spooner arose and asked, "What book is the senator reading from?" Senator Caffery replied: "This is the constitution of the United States." It seems that the imperialists have so completely abandoned all faith in the constitution that they don't know it when they hear it read.—Nebraska Independent.

The longest sermon on record was preached by the Rev. Isaac Barrow, a Puritan preacher of the seventeenth century, who once delivered a sermon in Westminster Abbey, lasting three hours and a half; and the shortest sermon ever preached was perhaps the sermon which Doctor Whewell was fond of repeating from the text, "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward."

The sermon occupied barely a minute in delivery, the following being a verbatim report: "I shall divide the discourse into three heads: 1, Man's ingress into the world; 2, His progress through the world; 3, His egress out of the world."

"First, his ingress into the world is naked and bare.  
"Secondly, his progress through the world is trouble and care.  
Thirdly, his egress out of the world is nobody knows where.  
"To conclude—  
"If we live well here, we shall live well there.  
"I can tell you no more if I preach a year." Then he gave the benediction

Senator Mason, of Illinois, a republican, in a speech in the United States Senate January 10, took issue with President McKinley on the question of expansion, and said:

"The Filipino is begging to treat with us as to his own land; he acknowledges our gallant services; there is no honest commercial treaty that an honest nation could ask that they are not willing to consent to. They want liberty, as we did, and when 70,000,000 people have heard their cry for mercy and independence, the father in New England will plead for the father in Manila; the mother in Illinois will pray for the poor mother in the islands of the sea; the fathers will vote as the mothers pray; the poisoned views of selfishness will have had its run, and God help the party that urges war on the native who defends only his liberties and his home. Shall we amend and print Lincoln's Gettysburg speech, so that it will read, 'A government of all of the people, by a part of the people, for a few of the people?'"

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, sees ahead of him the rock which will drive the old line republicans out of the party himself included. He says: "I stood in a humble capacity by the cradle of the republican party. I do not mean if I can help it, to follow its hearse. When you raise the flag over the Philippines as an emblem of dominion and acquisition you take it down from independence hall. The Monroe doctrine is gone. Every European nation, every European alliance has the right to acquire dominion in this hemisphere when we acquire it in the other."

Kansas City Drovers Telegram: E. W. Holcomb, representing the Holcomb Cattle Co., one of the largest ranch owners in Western Kansas, was at the yards today. Mr. Holcomb brought in three cars of western steers that were sold on the local market. Range men in Finney county, Mr. Holcomb said, have suffered severely on account of the bad weather this winter. The cattle on hands are in poor condition, and unless things improve, will go on grass next spring in very poor shape. No corn is raised in that part of the country, and the cattle are fed only roughness, alfalfa and cane. The supply of cattle is large and a good deal heavier than at this time last year, in fact, nearly twice as many are owned in the county.

Cattle averaged the highest in price last year since 1885, with cows and heifers relatively higher than steers. Western range cattle were on an average 30 cents per 100 pounds higher than during 1897, and the highest since 1884, Texas cattle showing a similar advance. Hogs sold at the highest prices since 1895, but averaged nearly \$3 per 100 pounds lower than in 1893. The average price of sheep, \$4.25, was the highest in many years, and \$1.45 per 100 pounds higher than in 1894. Lambs averaged 40 cents per 100 pounds higher than in 1897, and \$1.80 higher than in 1894.

Peter Jansen, a sheepman of Nebraska, wrote 150 letters of inquiry to feeders throughout that state, asking for the number of sheep on feed this season. From the replies received he figures the shortage at 40 per cent as compared with a year ago. One striking feature of the sheep trade at the present time is the remarkably poor demand for heavy weights of sheep and lambs. A sheepman remarked a few days ago that he could not remember a time when heavy fat sheep and lambs were harder to sell.

During the past year there were shipped from Chicago 216,350 cattle for export, a decrease of 37,000 from the previous year. England is our best consumer, and fewer foreign cattle were required in that country than usual, owing to the serious drought over there which forced many cattle to market prematurely. Exporters, of course, send across the Atlantic many cattle in addition to those purchased in the Chicago market, great numbers being bought every year direct from the farmers in Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, and other states. About 375,000 cattle were landed in Great Britain from the United States during the year, against 398,000 in 1897. Canada exported 101,376 cattle in 1898, being 18,000 less than in 1897.

During the past year the Chicago receipts of horses reached the high-water mark, the arrivals footing up 118,754 head, against 111,601 in 1897. The local market developed an increase in sales of 9,381 horses over the preceding year. The most unpleasant feature of the trade is the fact that there are thousands upon thousands of horses in the middle western states of marketable age that cannot be sold at satisfactory prices to their owners. There are too many common horses and far too few choice animals.—Chicago Letter in National Stockman.

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