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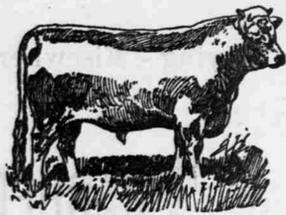
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With range horses offered for slaughter in Dakota at \$10,000 for 10,000 head and well-bred Montana and Dakota raised horses of the same ages attracting the attention of eastern buyers at prices that leave handsome profits for growers it is surely time for the people in the range country to pay attention more to quality than to quantity.

The report has reached town of the weedy condition of the range north of White river, and the poisoning condition of cattle from the same. On a recent roundup several cows were found dead and others bloated in an awful condition. They were stabbed, to let the gas escape and they appeared to be well and good again.—Chadron News.

One of the largest breeding establishments in the west is that of Wm. Humphrey at Ashland, Neb. The farm of 3,300 acres is comprised entirely of the rich bottom land lying along the Platte river. Mr. Humphrey has recently purchased the interests of his partner, and is now the possessor of nearly 1,000 pure-bred Hereford cattle. This includes the present crop of spring calves now in sight.

Jarvis Richards came up from the ranches in the sand hills the first of the week and remained until yesterday morning. Mr. Richards reports the sandhills country as looking better this year than ever before. The copious rains this spring have made the grass plentiful and the stockmen in that region, as well as all through northwestern Nebraska, are jubilant.—Chadron Journal.

New cottonseed oil mills are being built all over the cotton belt of Texas, and a larger percentage of the cattle fit to go on feed can be provided for next autumn than ever before. Last year's crop of Texas steer calves sell around \$15 per head, and at that figure they return home some profits. A good many New Mexican cattle have been sold recently at \$15 for yearlings, \$18 for two year-olds and \$21 for three-year olds.

The sales that have been made on range cattle, while at a shade lower prices than prevailed a year ago, are still at good, strong figures, and every prospect is for their continuance. The market prices that have been ruling throughout the spring have been satisfactory in the highest degree, and as far as it is possible to look ahead I see nothing during the coming year to indicate that they shall not continue at least as satisfactory.

New Mexico has adopted a law which provides for the collection of a special tax assessed upon cattle, horses, sheep and goats, the proceeds of the tax to form a separate fund in the treasuries of the several counties and to be used exclusively as a bounty fund for the payment of bounties for killing wild animals. The payments are regulated as follows: For each coyote or wild-cat, \$1; lynx, \$2; gray wolf, lobo, panther or mountain lion, \$5; for each bear, \$7.

There is not such a shortage of young scrub cattle as to materially enhance their value. What buyers are willing to pay good prices for is such stuff as will do for the feed lots next fall, aged steers and well bred steers, twos and ups. Raising scrubs will hereafter pay less each season, simply because the discrimination against them by the men who make a business of feeding has become general and is growing continually stronger.—Texas Journal

For several months the general tendency of cattle prices at the market centers have been favorable to the seller, but the supply of grass cattle which will soon be going in may have an influence that will occasion somewhat lower quotations, as the grass meat is not as firm as that made with grain. The Swift contract, however, for supplying the troops in Cuba ought to help keep up prices. This contract will require large supplies both of refrigerated meat and cattle on foot to be slaughtered as required. The latter class must dress not less than 400 pounds.

A dispatch from Lander, Wyoming, gives details of a meeting held by ranchmen along the Little and Big Popo Agie rivers, at which resolutions were adopted to the effect that "The stockmen and ranchers assembled do earnestly request the sheepmen to keep off the following described ranges, for the reason that we all have a few head of horses and milk cows and need the range for summer pasture and are unable to range them elsewhere." After this follows the description of the lands they desire exempt from inroads of sheep and the signatures of twenty-four ranchmen.

The health of President McKinley is very much impaired, and the Chicago Tribune attributes it to the excessive use of tobacco. It says: McKinley is becoming as inveterate a smoker as Gen. U. S. Grant. To this is attributed the development of his nervous condition. The president smokes almost continuously from the time he goes into his office in the morning at nine o'clock until he retires, about midnight. During the reception of official callers the president smokes. At the cabinet meetings smoking is also indulged in, and whenever the door of the cabinet room is opened to admit a visitor a blue haze of tobacco smoke is visible.

Casper, Wyoming, is a great wool center, and how great may be inferred from the statement made that the wool clip there will be 100,000 pounds lighter this year than last, not because there is less wool but because it is cleaner. Last year in round figures the clip at Casper was 3,800,000 pounds. This year the quality is reported to be very superior and unusually clean and the staple and texture show that sheepmen have been breeding for good wool as well as mutton. There are in the vicinity of Casper about 650,000 sheep that will furnish the wool clip of the vicinity for the present year.

It is really difficult to estimate the value of a high class horse, possessing nearly in perfection the most desirable qualities of his class, for so few such animals, relative to the number of men desiring to possess them, can ever be found. That is why dealers are so ready to pay what to some may seem an extravagant price when they find an almost flawless animal. The Chicago Drivers' Journal in speaking of the Donovan seal browns that sold in February for \$9,500, says that now on the same market they would bring \$15,000, and very likely \$25,000. Really, when such teams are offered where wealthy buyers compete no one could have any standard of value by which to estimate what they would bring.

One week ago last Sunday the State Journal contained a long editorial on the subject of "Reservoirs," and in that article took occasion to everlastingly roast Senator Allen, claiming that he had been instrumental in securing the passage of the law, and had filed on all the vacant land in one township located in the Broken Bow district. All the cuckoos immediately took up the cry, and soon Senator Allen was being roasted all the way from McCook to Blair for his meanness in conniving to rob the homesteader of his rights. But it seems the senator finally heard of the libel and called the State Journal to account. At any rate, that paper bearing date of Monday, June 19, contains a retraction of its former statement, and also apologizes for other canards it has published in regard to Senator Allen.

Many plans for legislating scrubs out of existence have been suggested, chief among them state inspection and licensing of sires, but Colorado makes the first practical test of this matter in this country. A law which goes into effect next month provides that no inferior or mustang stallion, no Texas, Mexican, Cherokee or other inferior bull, and no scrub ram, shall be allowed to run at large. The Jersey is classed with the scrubs in beef-producing Colorado, and no Jersey bull though his blood is the bluest of St. Lambert, will be permitted to roam on the range. All persons who own cows which run on public ranges must furnish one high-grade bull for every twenty-five cows. Violations of this law are punishable as misdemeanors. Moreover, anyone is authorized to castrate scrub sires that are found at large. It will be interesting to note the effect of such legislation upon Colorado live stock. If the experiment is found practicable other range states will doubtless follow with anti-scrub laws.—National Stockman.

It is a problem whether there is any money for the grazer in stock cattle at the present dizzy prices. When good stockers sell at \$4.50 to \$5.25 per cwt., as they now do at the leading markets for such cattle, the question of profit becomes largely a question of future markets for fat and feeding cattle. Such prices for stockers are evidence that many people need the cattle badly, or have considerable faith in the future. There are many things which will figure in fixing the future value of these cattle, and one of the most important is the season. Should it be favorable to the growth of pasture there will be no rush of grassers to market, as will be the case if drought occurs. And should the season be favorable for a corn crop there will be a good demand next fall for feeders, a class which will include many of the stockers now going onto grass. The area planted to corn this year is, beyond question, very large. If conditions are right a big corn crop will be raised, and that always means sharp competition for feeding stock. Thus in the cattle problem a great deal depends on one thing, sure, stock cattle are high, and too high as compared with fat stock.—National Stockman.

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