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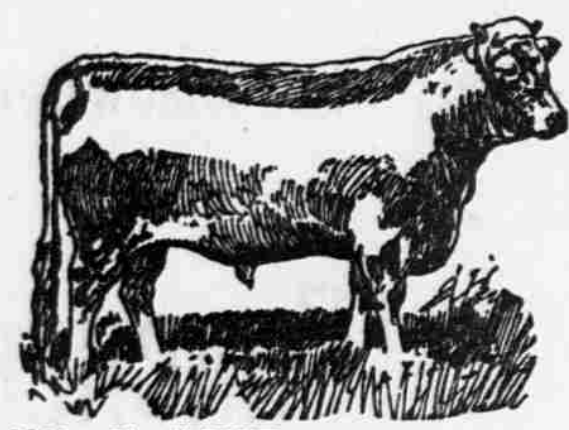
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WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

A consignment of 130 head of steers from Deer Creek, Oklahoma, was sold on the Chicago market for \$4.90 to \$5.30 per 100 pounds, their weights ranging from 1,358 to 1,473 pounds.

There's no use talking. good horses are getting scarce and all kinds have moved up a peg this spring. In the city of Pittsburgh recently horses have been in demand and have brought higher figures than for years. One horseman is reported as saying that he could place a number if he knew where he could buy them right. The market in the country has advanced more than anywhere else as a rule.

If the troops in Cuba and Porto Rico are to be supplied with beef on the hoof, the animals will, to all appearance, have to be shipped there. As indicating the cattle situation in Cuba the civil governor of the province of Puerta Principe says that before the war the cattle in the province numbered 700,000 and that now, although pasture lands are abundant and in fine condition, there are fewer than 10,000 head in the province.

Southern stock growers have started a big enterprise in the shipment of cattle, for slaughter, to Havana. The projectors of this new enterprise are W. G. Wart, proprietor of the Augusta (Ga.) stockyards, and John A. Darwin of the Charleston, (S.C.) stockyards, who, after careful examination, have determined to go into the business extensively. The first shipment will consist of 300 head, direct to Havana, and large ranches are to be established in Cuba, on which the herds are to be fed and raised.—National Provisioner

The National Congress of Mothers met in convention the other day and aside from other important business brought up the seating of Congressman Roberts, which brought forth the following good and truthful words from the lips of Susan B. Anthony:

"We have laws in all our states to punish men who violate the laws of monogamous marriage, but if we should go to congress would we not find men there who, upon investigation, would be punishable under these laws? Why, then, should we go away out to Utah to seek out a man to punish?"

A resolution embodying the sentiments expressed by Miss Anthony was then adopted by a unanimous vote

The National Rural in speaking of the shortage of cattle and feeding, says: "The cattle-feeding business in Illinois is in a pretty ragged shape. We have no beef cattle in Illinois. The farms are practically denuded of beef cattle. It was not so fifteen or twenty years ago. We used to send out good cattle by the train load. These times will not return until we return to cattle breeding and feeding for beef. The knowledge of cattle has gone with the cattle: the men who gave their money, brain and time to the business are gone with the cattle. The young men and the children on the farms know practically nothing of feeding cattle; they have had no opportunity to learn. If we hold these high priced lands we must return to cattle feeding."

An editorial in the New York Journal of Commerce says:

"The sale of 306 American beeves in England at \$97.58 to \$100 per head, quite justifies the Secretary of Agriculture in saying that it would pay Americans to produce for export the things that people abroad wished to buy. The fact that this lot of cattle weighed an average of 1,360 pounds, and not one was lost on the voyage, and the lot arrived in better condition than they left this country, shows that the animals were well selected and were well cared for on the voyage, and this intelligence and painstaking evidently paid. If American horses, suitable for omnibus work, will readily command \$150 in Liverpool and London, it will pay on American farms to raise the kind of horses that is desired."

The cattle industry. This is a subject that a series of papers could be written upon every week in the year, the interests are so varied, our country is so large. Long winters in one section with expensive feeding material come in competition the same long winters and cheap feeds of Northern and Western states, the long grazing and cheap corn and cottonseed meal of the Southwestern states and territories, also the cheap grazing lands of Mexico and some of the South American countries, where the plant or capital invested is all or nearly all in the herd. Free grazing in the Southwest and Northwest, cheap land taxes if any, the cheap feed of the corn belt of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and other western or middle states, makes the rearing of cattle in eastern states not a very promising investment as practiced the past few years for beef purposes.

The supply of cattle on the South Omaha market this week was about the same as last week, and the demand for all desirable kinds has been good with prices firm. There was some inquiry for export grades, and the handy weights were the easiest sellers. Cows, heifers, bulls and veals sold at strong prices, and the limited supply of stockers and feeders received changed hands at good prices, many farmers desiring cattle for the now rapidly growing grass.

It will be admitted readily by a very large per cent of men engaged in all lines of business that times have greatly changed and that methods of doing business have changed decidedly, says Spirit of the West. New conditions must be met. No intelligent or well posted man will doubt the above, yet we have altogether too many farmers and breeders who have made very few changes in the method of producing horses as regards breeding a higher class and also in care of the colts and maturing them for market. Somehow or other the same ambition to produce a first-class horse is not as strong as to produce first-class corn, wheat or oats. The impression prevails that the colt will, some time or other, without much care or attention grow into a horse and sell at the average market price. There was a time when this was true but that time has gone by. From the time the breeder contemplates breeding a colt he must begin to carefully study all the conditions. In the first place he must breed to a first class, well bred, stylish good-gaited stallion, and when the produce arrives he must count on giving it the best possible opportunity to develop as quickly as possible and be ready for market. The growing and developing process is just as important as the breeding, and unless both are judiciously looked after and wisely performed the result will not prove satisfactory. As time advances other conditions will follow that will have to be met just the same as now. Conditions at the present time differ from those of twenty years ago. There is only one way to succeed and that is to keep up with the times.

The annual report on the division of statistics, Department of Agriculture, contains the customary losses of cattle for year ending March 30, as follows: "The estimated percentage of loss of cattle from winter exposure is 2.2 per cent., which is .6 above the average of the last nine years, and the highest percentage since 1890. As is usual, the largest percentage of loss from exposure occurs in the Gulf States, where the open winter makes winter protection but little attended to, and in the far western states where the range system is in vogue. The highest percentage of loss in the entire country is 7.9 per cent. in Louisiana, Arizona being second with 5.9 per cent. The averages are also high on the Pacific coast, where they range from 3.6 per cent. in Oregon to 4 per cent. in California. On the other hand, deaths from exposure in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island are too few to be reported. In Maine and Vermont they are placed at two in every thousand head. In Connecticut at three, in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan at five, in Minnesota at 6, Ohio at seven, in North Dakota and Iowa at eight and in Wisconsin and Indiana at nine to every thousand. In New Jersey, Delaware and Illinois the estimate of loss from exposure is ten per thousand. The loss of cattle from disease is placed at 2 per cent., which is .3 per cent above the average of the last nine years. The highest ratio of loss from disease and from exposure is reported in Louisiana, where it amounts to 47 per thousand, and running down to nine per thousand in Wyoming and Idaho. The cattle losses for the year number 1,865,176 from all causes and have been exceeded only three times, and then the total number of cattle on the farms was greater by several millions than at present. The estimated percentage of loss from winter exposure in sheep is 3.5 per cent and is the highest since 1890. As in the case of cattle the percentage of loss is heavier in the south and on the ranges and lowest in the extreme north. It is a significant fact that in Minnesota and North Dakota where winter conditions are very severe, the losses are only eleven per thousand, which is less than one-third of the average of that of the United States as a whole. The losses from disease have been 2.1 per cent., the average for the past nine years being 2.4 per cent. In the New England States the loss was from thirteen to thirty-four per thousand, in the states and territories of the far West from four to twenty-one, and in the south from twenty-two to forty-two. The total number dying from exposure and disease was 2,208,958, which has been exceeded but twice in the last ten years. The loss of hogs from disease was 8.2 per cent., a ten-year average being 8.4 per cent., and a fifteen-year average being 9.1 per cent."

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