

Exposition Items.

The ground plan of the Trans Mississippi exposition discloses the intent of the managers to devote liberal space to live stock and agricultural exhibits. Nearly eighty acres at the north end of the vast enclosure have been set apart for a racing course, live stock stalls, a ten-acre irrigating exhibit in operation, agricultural exhibits, etc. In fact agriculture and live stock will be made prominent features of the exposition. The managers take the view that the Trans-Mississippi region is a great farming and stock-raising country, with which fact it is desirable to impress eastern visitors.

The premium lists will be announced in due time. The aggregate premiums for live stock will not be less than \$30,000 nor more than \$80,000, and of the entire amount set aside for this purpose 25 per cent each will go for horses, cattle and swine; 15 per cent for sheep and 10 per cent for poultry. The announcement that there will be special arrangements for live stock at the exposition is of importance to breeders, as it requires some time to fit their stock for exhibition. Manager Bruce is anxious that the breeders should begin to fit their stock at once, as by beginning early they will be more certain of having creditable exhibits.

There is today an unprecedented revival in the live stock industry throughout the west. The low price of corn, abundance of grain, an active demand and favorable prices have combined to give the live stock industry a veritable boom.

Perhaps the most striking proof of the wealth and resources of the country west of the Mississippi is afforded by the statistics of live stock. The number of horses and mules in the states and territories west of the Mississippi is computed to be 8,458,809, and their value is estimated at \$462,639,621. The number of cattle is computed at 39,970,616, and their value is estimated to be \$461,093,206. The number of sheep and hogs is estimated at 50,311,500, and their value at \$168,158,075. In other words, the aggregate value of the live stock west of the Mississippi, in round numbers, is \$1,091,890,962.

BEHIND THE PALMS.

Behind the palms when the violins play soft and low  
And the chaperones sit dozing in a sleepy row,  
When the perfume of crushed roses fills the air,  
Behind the palms we seek a respite from the glare  
And whisper silly nothings in each other's ears,  
And make our future roseate plans for the coming years,  
Behind the palms.

Behind the palms we have a little heaven of our own.  
Where no hooded devil dare intrude, upon the throne  
Sits Cupid, reigning king and all the world's a dream  
Of bliss, all things are filled with glamour and gleam  
For one sweet hour, while others dance and whirl outside  
To the maddening music flowing like a passion tide  
Behind the palms.

But every dream must have its rude awakening  
And when our bliss has come to be almost too sweet a thing  
A cat-like tread steals near and ere we understand  
There stands the chaperone, with upraised hand  
She storms and sputters and we quickly tear apart  
By we'd been sitting rather close, just hear to heart  
Behind the palms.

Alas, that every rose must have its spiteful thorn,  
I wish that that old chaperone had ne'er been born,  
For now the bliss is over and Marguerite must go,  
And fate will never give us such another chance I know  
For the chaperone has found our little secret out  
And we shall meet no more at either dance or rout,  
Behind the palms.  
—WILLIAM REED DUNROY

Teddie Thoughtless—They say—aw—  
Miss Vanderwhack, that tobacco will kill germe, don't y' know.  
Miss Vanderwhack—It's a good thing you stick to cigarettes, Teddie.



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