



Mixed Calf Prices Go Upward; West Texas Glad Over Raise; Drummond Buying Cattle

By L. C. SLOAN

San Angelo, Texas.—With mixed calves weighing 50 to 75 pounds more than was expected, a price rise of one cent a pound during recent days has brought smiles to cattlemen of West Texas. Mixed calves are going at 5 1-2 cents a pound now, which looks a lot better than the 4 1-2 cents paid a few days ago.

Many calf transactions are being completed in the Big Bend Country of Texas and the first of December will see all of the desirable calves gone from that territory. Feeders have contracted most of the calves with the bulk of the trading done in the last 15 days. Prices are fair and calves are weighing on the average and some better than in recent years. The range is still dry in the Big Bend, in Presidio, Brewster, and Jeff Davis counties, and rain is needed badly.

W. B. Mitchell and Sons of Marfa, whose names are synonymous with cattle, have shipped out sev-

eral thousand head of cattle. Shipments on Nov. 15, 16, 17 and Dec. 1 of some 3,000 calves and yearlings will finish their shipping this fall, with the exception of a few scattered loads in December.

R. O. Ridler of Oklahoma City has purchased about 1,000 calves in recent days while W. E. Young of San Angelo has bought 1,400 calves in the Mason-Menard area to go to Illinois.

A. A. Drummond of Hominy, Okla., is in West Texas making purchases of cattle. He grazes each year about 32,000 head on his place, buying 10,000 in the spring and leasing out pasture for the other 22,000.

F. C. Mellard, representing Letts and Talkington of Letts, Kansas, has sent out a large number of calves to Iowa feeders. W. Oliphant of Wichita, Kansas, has sent a great many to the feed lots of that state.

Dozens of other cattle buyers arrived in San Angelo during the week.

WEST TEXAS REPRESENTED AT KANSAS CITY SHOW

San Angelo, Texas.—West Texas is well represented at the Kansas City Royal Cattle show opening on Nov. 15 in Kansas City.

Those from West Texas who have heretofore in carlot divisions at the show are: W. D. Garrahan and Son, Lobo; John D. Hughes and Son, Haskell; George Jones, Marfa; Means Brothers, Valentine; Smith Brothers, Marfa; R. R. Smith, Lobo; W. C. Allison, Alpine; Estate of Mrs. Lee K. McCutcheon, Alpine; Reid Brothers, Alpine; Swenson Land and Cattle Company, Stamford; Claud Benton, Hereford; W. H. Driggers, Thompson Brothers, W. R. Harris, J. R. Driggers, Santa Rosa, N. M.; Western Hereford Exchange, Midland; R. C. Williams, Fort Davis; L. B. Haggood, Henrietta; W. K. Dickinson, Sr., Lubbock; Fred Hobart, Canadian.

FEED 300 BABY BEEVES AT WILKERSON RANCH

300 highbred Hereford calves, except fed from the middle of July to October 8th are carrying 100 pounds of extra flesh at a cost of \$3.00 according to S. C. Plisk, in charge of H. H. Wilkerson ranch in the western part of the county.

The calves were fed a mixture of 40 parts of wheat, 50 parts of oats, ground and 50 parts of ground barley and alfalfa hay in mangers.

74 steer calves out of this group have been weaned, dehorned and put on a fattening ration containing wheat, oats, barley, falfa and cottonseed meal and ground hogart and cane for roughage.—Big Springs, Texas, News.

TEXAS CATTLE BEST SHAPE IN YEARS, SAYS GOVT. REPORT

Austin.—F. E. Finley, livestock statistician of the Texas and United States departments of agriculture, said today in his November report that livestock will go into the winter probably in the best condition in years.

Ranges have improved during October and moisture conditions are favorable in all but the south, southeast and the southern portion of the Edwards plateau region, the report stated.

"In localities shrinkage has occurred, but in the majority of sections cattle have held up well," Finley's report said. "The condition Nov. 1 is reported at 80 per cent of normal, the same as on Oct. 1.

Range conditions have improved over most of the west and northwestern portions of the state during October. Good rains fell over the eastern and northern portions of the Edwards plateau region in north, northwest and northeast Texas. However, it is still dry in the southeast and south districts and the southwestern portion of the Edwards plateau."

LIVESTOCK FEEDING BRINGS IN REVENUE

Brady, Texas.—Much additional revenue is expected to be brought to this section by a livestock feeding program this winter.

With 6000 lambs and 1000 steers already in the feed lots of McCulloch county, it is expected that this county will feed out about 30,000 animals this winter.

Hoofs and Horns, \$2.00 per year three years \$5.00.

BIG BEND CALVES MOVING TO FEED LOTS

San Angelo, Texas.—The movement of cattle from the Big Bend Country of Texas to the corn belt is increasing in volume, and hundreds of head are moving out. W. B. Mitchell and Sons of Marfa have sent several hundred head from their ranches to Battle Creek, Iowa, where they will be auctioned off. November is perhaps the biggest month of the year for cattle movements from West Texas.

In the Big Bend some calves are being sold at 5 to 5 1-2 cents a pound mixed, but prices in general over the section are 4 1-5 to 5 cents a pound. Some contracts for calves at 6 cents a pound have been repudiated.

Between 500 and 600 calves have been shipped out by the Drake Commission Company of San Angelo.

SHIPPING CATTLE FROM BIG BEND

Alpine, Texas.—Buyers from the north have been active in the Big Bend country the past few days.

Practically all of the calves that were for sale have been sold.

Kincaid Brothers loaded out 1150 steer calves to Norwich, Kas.; C. B. Price 1100 heifer calves to Latham, Kas.; Cap Berkeitt, 350 mixed calves. Other shipments are to be made in the next few days. Ranges are good and stock in good shape for the winter.

A REVIEW OF WYATT EARP, FRONTIER MARSHALL BY ANTON MAZZANOVICH

(Author of "Trailing Geronimo" and True Short Stories of the Southwest Frontier)

I have read Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshall, by Stuart N. Lake, but it took me a number of weeks to build up courage in order to read this most remarkable story through. Now if it were not for the 18th Amendment, one could gather enough courage by gulping down a quart of cowboy delight. Outside of Wyatt Earp, most of the gun men on the frontier mentioned in the story did the same thing in order to kill their man. According to Earp's story he is "it" throughout the book. With the help of Stuart N. Lake the book has a carload of dime novels nailed to the mast.

To my mind Wyatt Earp is the Single O of the one or two gun artists that ever walked in high heel boots. Surely a guardian angel and the bullet proof armour saved his life on many occasions. Most of the story is an insult to the hard riding bunch who rode the trail from the Texas Panhandle to Abilene, Dodge City, Elsworth and Wichita. Most of them are described as gun men and killers, and this superman Earp made all of them from Ben Thompson down hunt for cover.

As far as Tombstone and Cochise County goes, Wyatt does not live up to his reputation gained else-

where. The Curly Bill killing as described by Earp is the biggest dream ever drawn from an opium pipe. As the story goes, it was a hot day and in order to ride with more comfort he loosened his cartridge belt. When Curly Bill's gang opened fire on the posse lead by Earp, he dismounted in order to get the bead on Curly Bill with his shirt cut. After he killed him he tried to remount, but the cartridge belt held his legs together. Any hombre knows that if he let the belt slip two notches, as soon as he hit the ground the belt full of cartridges would hit the ground about the same time. I rode that part of Graham and Cochise Country from 1881 to 1883, and no one in that section ever showed me where Curly Bill was buried. And none of the oldtimers living today can show the location of the grave. Johnny Behan and my old friend William Breckenridge sure ket a dirty deal in Earp's story. No doubt a number of oldtimers will resent it. In fact it would have been better if the book had never been placed before an intelligent reading public.

Much has been written about Tombstone and Cochise County in the past and all stories are conflicting. Now Wyatt tells his story entirely different from all the rest that we have read. Some day perhaps some one will come out with the truth. To me the story is simply impossible. However, Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshall, has William S. Hart, the noted two gunman of the silent pictures, skinned by one hundred miles. Too bad that Wyatt Earp was not able to join our brave boys for service in the World War. It would have been easy for him to start out from the trench in the shank of the evening with a 45 frontier cannon in each hand and one in each boot leg, and by morning compel the whole German Army on French soil to throw up their hands and surrender. He held five hundred armed miners at bay with only a short cut gun in in Tombstone, Arizona, and saved Johnny Behind the Deuce from being lynched. A most remarkable stunt, if true.

An article published in the Los Angeles Times, issue of November 3rd, by Stuart N. Lake, author of Wyatt Earp, Frontier Marshall, states that America's gangster problem could be solved within fifteen minutes, "if we had a few men with native courage such as Earp had." You are wrong, Mr. Lake. Wyatt Earp would not last overnight against our present day gun artists. He also said that he would bring out another book on the "he men" of the sixties, seventies and eighties. Impossible, Mr. Lake. Wyatt Earp killed them all long ago.

One good thing about Hoofs and Horns is that it is not in competition with any other publication because there is no other one like it. The field is unoccupied, or was till we entered it.

RANGE WOMAN'S COLUMN

By HELEN HUNT

When Mrs. Phoebe Hearst bought the San Jose de Babilcora Ranch in western Chihuahua, Mexico, she was the first American woman known to own a ranch in Mexico.

Mrs. Hearst purchased the Babilcora so as her nephew Jack Foldsansbee, nationally known sportsman (horse racer and sailor and a friend of the late Sir Thomas Lipton), might manage this million acre domain—which he did for awhile. However, he tired of it and Mrs. Hearst put J. C. Hays in as manager.

Mr. Hays was the only American in Mexico who successfully repulsed Revolutionary forces in Mexico—Villa, Orozco and others—the Babilcora vaqueros were loyal to their employer.

The Babilcora is a magnificent ranch. Has run 60,000 head of the finest cattle in Mexico. The largest leopard ever known in Mexico was killed on the Babilcora.

Mr. Parks, who is so universally liked in Mexico is present manager. Mrs. Hearst left the Babilcora to the well known William Randolph Hearst.

Mrs. Hearst was delightfully western in all her ways.

Some months ago I promised my Hoofs & Horns readers recipes and toggery suggestions, but have decided not to do so, as there are so many magazines you "cow girls" can get to give you all the ideas you want about cats and dress.

Anyway seems such recipes would be like serving barle due festooned with camembert and a demi tasse royale after a mulligan stew. They just wouldn't mix—would they?

Owing to severe illness in family, am cutting my column down a little.

Somewhere amid the branches of my ancestry there must have been a love of the open. If this is not true I am at a loss to know why the mountains, plains and the people who live among them fascinate me so.

Maybe it is the fine free air they breathe or it may be the simple unhurried life they lead.

It may be the very greatness of nature, but whatever the reason, I like to think, talk and write about them.

Mrs. Wood, mother of Frank J. Hagenbarth, President of American Sheep Association of the United States and former owner of the famous Palomas Ranch in Mexico, truly a pioneer woman. She made a fortune in cattle, often telling how her husband, Mr. Wood, with his cowboys, drove their cattle from Colorado to Chicago market on foot. Once Mr. Wood and his cowboys drove their cattle in to Chicago. This time they had mounts, and after delivery attended McVickers Theatre with boots and spurs on.

Mrs. Woods was a woman of great strength of character. She even in her advanced years was in love with life—life of the west. While taking a woman's tender interest in all sweet and gentle things, she had an imagination that in strength and boldness was splendidly masculine.

She died rich. No words of praise could add to her fame. She was beloved by all who knew her.

My friendship with Mrs. Wood will always stand out as a bright oasis in memory's golden waste.

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