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**COST OF BEEF WEST AND EAST.**

It is a question of much importance to

farmers of New York and other Eastern

States whether the quantities of beef

cattle raised by ranchmen of Texas and

western plains in general will be

there in the future to supply the markets

at such prices as to forbid the raising of

beef cattle at a profit elsewhere. Farm-

ers of Western New York have in years

past made the feed of beef cattle for

winter a branch of their system of farm-

ing, which, if not yielding much direct

profit was still productive to the farm by

supplying manure to increase fertility to

the soil. Local demand has been hereto-

fore such as to encourage this branch,

and has been greatly beneficial, in addi-

tion to the productivity of our manure.

The present low price of manure, and the

supply of Chicago fresh beef have almost

present demand for the fine cattle now

fattened in all this section of coun-

try, and there seems but little prospect

of better demand in the future. A cattle

drover, who has dealt in western cattle

in years past, told me he was offered

last fall, in Texas, for \$5 per head, and

the ranchman would keep them one year

for \$1.50 per head, which would make them

cost at two and a half years old \$6.50

per head. These cattle, he said, were

blood Texas steers, but were grade

stock of good quality. Such steers could

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years old, in Chicago market, to defray

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