Brand Inspector's Report

The following explanation is made in order that all will clearly understand the annual report of the Brand Inspector: The Wyoming Stock Growers Association has brand inspectors employed to operate as to give the best service with the least delay to the weighing of the at the following open markets, namely, South Omaha, Chicago, Kan- cattle, sas City, Sioux City, St. Joseph and Denver, and at Indian agencies agencies only at certain times, probably two or three times a year.

The Nebraska Stock Growers Association pays to the Wyoming yards. Stock Growers Association a stated amount (\$4,000.00 per year) to secure the inspection of Nebraska cattle by the inspectors employed, the animal or animals may be seen that are claimed by the Inspector. by the Wyoming S. G. A. By so doing, the Nebraska S. G. A. se- It has been the experience of all Inspectors that, when the shipper cures a practically perfect service at an expense considerably less can be shown the animal claimed, the ownership can be adjusted amson than it would cost to employ brand inspectors independent of the without trouble, and in mist cases to the satisfaction of all parties other association.

The South Dakota Stock Growers Association secures brand ininspector.

When branded cattle, owned by members of the association, are found in shipments where they do not belong, either thru having been ceeds being sent direct to the rightful owner by the commission men and by him delivered to the owner. In case of dispute or doubt, the of the secretary of he Association. This gives a check on all who are ership has been definitely settled.

of "rustling" in Nebraska, and if all stockmen were members of the association would, in connection with the enforcement of laws pertaining to county inspectors, etc., practically wipe out cattle stealing in this state. Even without any stealing, the system of brand in- your commission firm or the Inspector. If present do not fail to hand spection is worth many times its cost in returning to members of the association the proceeds of cattle called "strays." Right here we you arrive in the yards. By so doing you will save the Inspector wish to call particular attention to the recommendations by Chief Brand Inspector C. L. Talbot, following the statistical report.

We wish to state further by way of explanation that the fiscal year of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association is from April 1st to bills of sale, thus avoid having the proceeds held until authority is March 31st of each year. The table showing cattle inspected from produced. We take up the bills of sale so you are in no danger of March 31 to May 31 is for Nebraska and is given to bring the report having them used again. down to the first of the month in which the annual convention of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association was held.

Membership in Association

A great deal can be truthfully said regarding the benefits of membership in the Nebraska Stock Growers Association and reasons tary of this Association \$11,645.48 for 192 estrays and during the why ranchmen of the central and western parts of the state should join, but there is one thing in particular of which we wish to speak, and that is brand inspection. Every cattleman of Nebraska who has reason for using a brand should be a member of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, and if he rightly understood the proposition he past twenty years for Wyoming and South Dakota, and for sixteen would join, unless already a member.

Not only does the money returned annually to members of the association thru brand inspection amount to many times as much as the total of the annual dues of all members, but this system of brand 2454226 45915 \$1874047.37 117950 \$4958017.37 163865 \$6832064.74 inspection has reduced the amount of cattle stealing to a very small fraction of what it would be if the N. S. G. A. did not exist. Fur- 1662949 15936 thermore, if all cattlemen of the ranch country would adopt brands, 2898979 2935 have them recorded in the office of the secretary of state, as provided by law, and then join the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, cat- 7016154 64786 \$2580741.40 184106 \$7538251.50 248892 \$10118992.90 tle stealing in the ranch country could be eradicated.

There is another source of great loss to ranchmen without the protection that comes thru membership in the association, and that is by "strays", as they are called, cattle that get into the shipments of men to whom they do not belong. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1915, the amount returned to members thru the inspection provided for by membership in the association was \$67,200.88. The annual report of the secretary-treasurer was made at the convnetion that would not have been paid to the owners. held in June, and shows the amount received from membership fees and dues for one year to be \$4,802.96. Thus for every dollar paid into the association on fees and dues the members received, on an the owner is not a member of this Association. average, fourteen dollars from strays that they would have otherwise lost. Taking the last five or six years together, the amount returned Secretary of State at Lincoln carries with it inspection. This is not from strays has averaged in proportion to the amount paid in even larger than for the last year. During the fiscal year ending March 31, 1913, the amount returned to members from strays averaged about fifty dollars for every dollar paid on membership fees and dues.

Inspection is a careful examination of all branded cardle received at the various stock yards to ascertain if the brands are owned by the shipper, and in case they are not, te, require bills of sale or other authority for all cattle owned by members of this or other associations. This work is carried on by the different associations and State Boards of Live Stock Comunissions through inspectors located at the market points during the catire year.

The work is so divided among the inspectors at the stock yards

When estrays are four,d the shipper if present and in his absence where cattle are sold to contractors. The work of the brand inspect- the commission firm selling the cattle, are notified as soon as possible. at the office in the rear of the First National Bank at 2 o'clock p. m., ors at the open markets is continuous thruout the year; at the Indian A tally for all estrays claimed is put into the bands of the commis- June 15, 1915. sion firm as soon as it can be done after the work is finished in the

> The object in notifying the shipper or his commission firm is that concerned.

Under the rules of the various associations, inspectors are respection on the same plan, hence it appears in the report of the brand quired to collect the proceeds for all estray cattle owned by members of the associations, and send them to the secretary of the association of which the owner is a member.

stolen or being strays, they are cut out and sold separate, the pro- in any bank or with any commission firm by filing a written order A. Bufink, whose address was thought to be Whitman or Grand Iswith the Inspector at any market point. My experience in the yards land, and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with the suphandling the shipment or else sent to the secretary of the association leads me to advise that all estray money should go through the hands posed owner and endeavor to establish the ownership. money is held by the chief brand inspector until the question of own- handling your cattle. When shippers claim to have bought cattle had corresponded with Holcomb & Company who formerly owned and are without bills of sale the commission firms are allowed to hold the brand but was unable to receive any reply from them. The mat-This system of brand inspection has greatly reduced the amount the proceeds for a reasonable time to allow the shipper to produce his ter was looked over and the Secretary is to make further effort to authority.

Allow me at this time to say a word to the shipper.

you arrive in the yards. By so doing you will save the Inspector work and at the same time put money into your own pocket, then you will have no complaint to make that your cattle are being unneces- Bangs. sarily disturbed or detained. If you sell cattle vent them or give

Benefits

What have the stock growers, as well as the commission firms, de rived from inspection at South Omaha and other markets?

For the year ending March 31, 1915, there was sent to the secre same time the proceeds for 916 were sent direct by the commission firms to the owners valued at \$55,555.40, or a total of 1108 head, worth \$67,200.88.

The following report is the sum total of cattle inspected for the years for Nebraska:

No. Proceeds to Secys Proceeds to Com. Men Total for State Insp'd No Head Proceeds No Head Proceeds No Head Proceeds WYOMING

SOUTH DAKOTA

578164.78 43854 1643253.22 NEBRASKA

128529.25 22302 936980.91 25237 1065510.16 TOTAL

In addition to above, 920566 head were inspected for Colorado, and 451381 head for Montana.

This statement is correct as can be shown by the tabulated reports on file with he secretary.

No one can say what part of this would have been paid to the owners had there been no inspection, but we can say without fear of successful contradiction, that the work of Inspectors, with the aid of and Tully-Musser Cattle Company. Mr. Davis not being present the a pair of clippers, has proven the ownership of hundreds of cattle.

Mistakes can be made by the most careful shipper, who when

Convention Proceedings

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 21st annual session of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association was called to meet at Alliance, Nebraska, on the 15th day of June, 1915; and pursuant to such call the Executive Committee met

Robert Graham in the chair; Chas. C. Jameson, Secretary and Treasurer. The following members of the Executive Committee answered to roll call: Rubin Lisco, J. H. Bachelor, Herman Krause, A. R. Modisett, John H. Orr, A. H. Metzger, Ed. M. Brass, Daniel Ad-

The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion approved.

The matter of adjusting disputes relative to ownership of strays and to ascertain owners of those reported by the inspectors to the Secretary as unknown was taken up,

No. 7414, dated November 16, 1914, one stray taken from a ship-Any member can have his proceeds sent direct to him or placed ment made by J. H. Sibbett of Hyannis was supposed to belong to

> Report No. 4198. The Secretary informs the Committee that he establish ownership and adjust the matter.

No. 5314, dated September 7, 1914, taken from a shipment made If you have bills of sale or other authority give or send them to by Rentfro Bros. of Bingham, one steer. Unable to ascertain owner, so proceeds are still held.

> No. 51271/2, report dated August 31, 1914, from a shipment made by A. T. Davis, one steer bearing brand registered by W. H. Bangs of Pruden, Nebraska. Secretary instructed to correspond with Mr.

> Report No. 5375. Steer shipped by Stansbie, September 8, 1914. Unable to establish ownership.

Report No. 4915, from a shipment made by the Sand Hills Land & Cattle Company, August 18, 1914, one steer bearing the brand claimed by P. J. Sturgeon. Mr. Bachelor of the Sand Hills Land & Cattle Company thinks that the steer is one of a lot he bought from Sturgeon which was not branded. The matter was laid over expecting Mr. Sturgeon would appear. (Mr. Sturgeon did not appear during any of the meetings but later he saw Mr. Bachelor and Mr. Bachelor informed him that he could pick any three members of the Executive Committee and submit to them and he, Mr. Bachelor, would abide by their decision. This, however, was not done during the meetings.)

No. 5651. One steer shipped by Brass & Rice from Alliance, bearing an unknown brand, but one which both Mr. Brass and Mr. Rice were quite positive was on several steers which they purchased. As no adverse claim was presented the proceeds were awarded to Messrs. Brass and Rice, they agreeing that should any other claim be 2221418.00 made for ownership they will protect it.

Report No. 5400. Same as last above report, preceeds to Brass & Rice.

No. 6422, from a shipment made October 5, 1914, by W. H. Booth from Ellsworth, a steer bearing unknown brands. These Booth cattle were ranched by Tully and McLaughlin and it was suggested that the matter be referred to Mr. McLaughlin.

Report No. 6614, shipment made by C. M. Davis of Oshkosh, October 12, 1914, one steer which hore the brands of both Mr. Davis matter was laid over for the Secretary to adjust with the other parties interested.

Report No. 6191, one steer taken from a shipment made by Mr. estrays are shown to them they are willing to pay for them, even if Clough, September 29, 1914, from Antioch. Mr. Clarence Mann appeared before the Executive Committee, and also Mr. Clough. Mr. Mann said that the steer bore a brand that very closely resembled his brand. The matter was submitted to the Brand Inspector and in his opinion the similarity of the brands was so great that the drawing made by him could be Mr. Mann's brand. Mr. Clough stated l desire at this time to call your attention to the brand laws as 'that he wintered cattle with Mr. Mann at his ranch and that when he published in your official paper, The Alliance Herald, under date of brought them away the hair was long and the brands were almost indistinguishable and that it was more than probable that he drove this animal to his ranch by mistake. The matter was considered by the Executive Committee and on motion the proceeds were awarded to Mr. Mann, he being undoubtedly the onwer. Report No. 4589. Taken from a shipment made by Sibbett & Son of Hyannis, July 27, 1914, one steer which bore both Mr. Sibbett's brand and the brand of the Sand Hills Land & Cattle Com-I trust I have been able to show that inspection is not only valu- pany. Mr. Sibbett being present and Mr. Bachelor representing the Sand Hills Land & Cattle Company, the matter was fully gone over pro and con by all parties interested and it was decided, after due consideration, by vote that Mr. Sibbett showed the best claim to ownership and the Secretary was instructed to pay the proceeds over to him. Report No. 1482, September 9, 1913, a steer that was shipped by H. Cline from Hyannis. This steer bore the brands of Harry Haythorne, Mr. Cline, J. B. Sibbetts and E. W. Christman and had been in controversy since the date of the shipment, between Cline and Sibbetts, the other parties making no claim. The matter was taken up in detail by the Executive Committee and was thoroughly gone over, both gentlemen being present, and after due consideration and weighing all the evidence it was decided that the animal in the opinion of the Executive Committee belonged to Mr. Hiram Cline, and the Secretary was instructed to turn the proceeds over to him. Report No. 5756, a cow that was taken from a shipment made by C. J. Mach on September 21, 1914, for Ora Jones, amounting to \$36.21. The animal in question bore Mr. Jones, brand and in the absence of any adverse claims the Secretary sent the proceeds to Mr. Jones at Lavaca. Later Mr. E. W. Christman of Hyannis or Whitman made claim to the animal proving to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee that the animal had been in his possession for a number of years, was an old cow, and that he had sold her to a Mr. Mach, a brother of the one making the shipment. The Brand Record with the Secretary of State shows that Mr. Christman at one time applied for this brand but was refused. This going a long way to substantiate his claim to the animal and others vouching for his honesty, etc., and the Secretary stating that he had endeavored to adjust the matter and had communicated with Mr. Jones, but Mr. Jones was so positive that the animal was his that he was not inclined to give up the proceeds. After due consideration it was decided by the Executive Committee that no one was to blame in the matter. To settle it to the satisfaction of all concerned it was the sense of the meeting that the Association pay to Mr. Christman or He his representative the proceeds of the cow, the Secretary to obtain from all parties interested a receipt in full releasing the Association from all liabilities of any kind whatever. The following reports were brought to the attention of the Executive Committee by Chief Inspector Talbot of South Omaha:

South Omaha, Nebraska, June 15, 1915. Mr. President, Members of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, Ladies and Gentlemen: some rise lies 14 million 1

It is with pleasure that I appear before you to read my annual report of the work done at South Omaha, and have the opportunity to make a few remarks on the value of the work that this Association

| is do | ing for its n Cattle Inspect | embers and | the sto | ek gro Year | wers of | f Nebras | ska. 1915 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------|----------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| 5 C | 1914 | NEBRASK | | | SO. DA | | TOTAL |
| i.e. | April | 5942 | | 808 | 61 | | 7369 |
| 1 | May | 5888 | | 120 | 38 | V75. | 6688 |
| - C | June | 5639 | | 276 | 55 | | 6471 |
| | July | 10096 | | 119 | 176 | 27. State 19. | 13983 |
| 100- | August | 28018 | 196 | | 581 | 10 million | 58459 |
| | September | 59389 | | 536 | 749 | | 96518 |
| X | October | 41908 | | 050 | 725 | | 79210 |
| | November | 19404 | | 243 | 494 | | 36591 |
| 17 | December | \$570 | | 322 | 305 | | 18974 |
| 1015 | January | | | 741 | 114 | 100 C 100 C | 8295 |
| 1910 | February y | 5413 | | | 21 | | 7848 |
| | March | 6255 | | 377 811 | 11 | | 11204 |
| 1.16 | marca | 9269 | | 211 | | | 11201 |
| | TOTAL | 205791 | 106 | | 3438 | | 246610 |
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| 1.44 | June | 77 | | 95 | 1 | 11 | 283 |
| 146 | July | 250 | - 0 | 158 | | 64 | 2472 |
| | August | 280 | | 545 | | 16 | 3041 |
| | September | 286 | | 249 | | 64 | 2699 |
| | October | 143 | | 180 | | 33 | 1356 |
| | November | 27 | | 622 | | 3.0 | 679 |
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| | Neora | Calves | | iteers | Cows | Total | Value |
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| | urns to Com. | 100 M () () () () () () () () () (| 54 | 466 | 347 | 916 | 55,555.4 |
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| TO | FAL | 5.0 | 6.2 | 603 | 393 | 1108 | \$67.200.8 |
| | | Estra | ys Other | Associ | ations | | |
| Ret | urns to Secre | tary 16 | 28 | 1180 | 210 | 1434 | \$98,537.3 |
| Ret | urns to Com. | Men 84 | 136 | 5903 | 2027 | 8150 | 559,618.8 |
| TO | TAL | 100 | | 7083 | 2237 | 9584 | \$658,156.1 |
| | Grand | Total for Ne | | | | | |
| | | 150 | | 7686 | 2630 | 10692 | \$725,357.0 |
| | Average | for Calves, | Bulls, St | eers ar | id Cows | for 16 1 | lears |
| 1389-1900 \$42.09 | | | 1907-1908 | | | 07-1908 | \$30.91 |
| 1900-1901 37.09 | | | | 1908-1909 | | | 3.6.40 |
| | 1901-1902 | 26.70 | | | 1909-1910 | | 37.91 |
| | 1902-1903 | 29.50 | | | 1910-1911 | | 47.42 |
| | 1903-1904 | 23.40 | | | 19 | 11-1912 | 40.53 |

The question is often asked, What is inspection? How done? And what benefits are derived from it?

1912 - 1913

1913 - 1914

1914-1915

53.58

66.75

60.65

27.66

28.61

30.65

1904-1905

1905-1906

1906-1907

Many have the impression that the recording of a brand with the true. The only way to have inspection at the market points is by ecoming a member of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association.

May 27, 1915.

You who do not assist this Association by your money and moral support can not reasonably expect those who do to render you any assistance in the recovery of your strayed or stolen cattle at the market points. These statements should appeal to every thinking man in the stock business in Nebraska, and especially to those who are not members of this Association.

able, but necessary to the successful carrying on the live stock business in the great state of Nebraska,

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| 1899-00 | 88105 | 149 | 6271.46 | 415 | 17467.35 | 664 | 23,738.81 |
| 1900-01 | | 8.6 | 3190.06 | 433 | 16059,97 | 519 | 19,250.03 |
| 1901-02 | | 75 | 2003.11 | 411 | 10973,70 | 486 | 12.976.8 |
| 1902-03 | Contraction of the second sec second second sec | 64 | 1888.40 | 1061 | 31299.50 | 1125 | 33,187,90 |
| 1903-04 | | 143 | 3348.05 | 776 | 18133.45 | 919 | 21,481.50 |
| 1904-05 | and the second second second | 105 | 2904.19 | 847 | 22317.38 | 952 | 26,221.5 |
| 1905-06 | | 113 | 3183.62 | 992 | 28381.13 | 1105 | 31,564.7 |
| 1906-07 | Out of the second s | 97 | 2982.54 | 1356 | 41490.10 | 1453 | 44.472.7 |
| 1907-08 | | 104 | 3215.25 | 1623 | 50166.93 | 1727 | 53,382.1 |
| 1908-05 | | 105 | 3921.17 | 1299 | 43643.60 | 1304 | 47.564.7 |
| 1909-10 | Contraction of the second second | 184 | 6941.24 | 2491 | 94433.81 | 2675 | 101.375.0 |
| 1910-11 | | 388 | 18400.74 | 1687 | 79997.54 | 2075 | 98,398.2 |
| 1911-15 | | 426 | 17267.42 | 1570 | 63632.10 | 1996 | 80,899.5 |
| 1912-13 | | 426 | 22810.03 | 5539 | 296613.45 | 5965 | 319,423,4 |
| 1913-1 | | 278 | 18556.39 | 986 | 65815.50 | 1264 | 84.371.8 |
| 1914-13 | | 192 | | 916 | 55555.40 | 1108 | 67,200.8 |
| | | | 11040.40 | 010 | 00000.40 | 1100 | 01.200.8 |
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Assault Case Dismissed the meantime being given the oppor-When Dave McIntosh, a negro, tunity to find some witnesses. falled to appear Monday morning at evidently failed in the attempt, as the trial of Jim Donovan, Judge Rob- neither he nor the witnesses appearerts dismissed the case. McIntosh ed Monday. swore out a complaint last Saturday Beginner's Band against Donovan for assault, his testimony being to the effect that he Parties desiring to join a "Beginwent into Donovan's restaurant, ate ner's Band" or wishing to take pria meal, and there arose a dispute vate instruction on any band instruover the change. While said dispute ment are requested to meet me at

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was in progress, Donovan locked the the band room in the city hall, Satfront door, according to McIntosh, urday night at 7:30. and then Donovan knocked him out by hitting him over the head with a piece of iron. The hearing was held Saturday, but was continued over Many people think they until Monday morning, McIntosh in psychic when they are only seasick.

No. 8374, two cows that were shipped by one C. M. Walters, and bore the brands of Hugh Brogan, proceeds being held by Commission Company. This matter it was the opinion of the Executive Committee should be adjusted by giving the proceeds to Mr. Walter who made the shipment but the Association will take no responsibility in Director Alliance Band. the matter,

(Concluded next week)