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The Journeys End

High Freight Rates Are Bringing Back the Old Cattle Trails

There are many of the old time cattlemen in this country as well as throughout the country generally, who are becoming interested in the old time "trailing" of cattle from place to place instead of paying the high freight rates now demanded. In this respect Frederick J. Haskin, of Denver, has written an interesting article on the old days and the new days, which is as follows:

A herd of several hundred cattle recently reached this city, from a ranch hundreds of miles away, by the same method that cattle were brought to market in the days before the railroads were built.

Although a rail route was available and although it would have gotten cattle to market in a fraction of the time here, this herd was driven overland as millions of cattle were driven in the early days. Half a dozen cowboys, with a pack outfit to carry their supplies and beds, drifted the cattle slowly across mountain and plain, letting them graze there every evening, "riding herd" upon them every night to guard against theft and stampede, carrying out every detail of the technique that was evolved when the whole west was one vast open range without a rail upon it.

It was a restoration of an ancient and picturesque scene, but it was not staged for any sentimental reason. These cattle were driven to market overland for the good practical reason that they were in that way brought to their destination for about one-fourth of what it would have cost to ship them by rail. It looks as though inordinately high freight rates might bring back into use the "long trail" over which the nation's beef traveled to market under its own power for more than half a century.

A Mexican Origin.
The cowboy is such a typically and traditionally Yankee figure that many Americans do not realize that the American cattle business is really Mexican in its origin and moved slowly from the far south to the north. In the early part of the last century there were no cattle in all of the west north of the Rio Grande. Down in old Mexico, on the other hand, there were enormous herds of scrubby longhorn stock which had been introduced by the Spaniards many generations before.

Meantime a hungry Yankee civiliza-

tion was growing up in the eastern half of the continent. Cattle were raised on the eastern farms, but not nearly enough of them to feed this growing nation. Enterprising Yankees down in the southwest began to see that there was a future in the raising of cattle in the west for sale in the east. Accordingly they began stealing the herds of the Mexicans, bringing them across the Rio Grande and founding herds of their own in Texas. They not only found it easy to steal cattle, but they also found that when these cattle were brought north they grew larger and fatter than ever they had on the hot southern ranges.

It was easy to get the cattle and easy to raise them, but reaching the market was another matter. Attempts were made to drive them across to Louisiana and sell them, and also to ship them from gulf points to eastern markets, but all of these attempts failed. When the civil war broke out the plains of Texas were swarming with cattle for which there was no market. Their owners had unlimited beef but very little money. You could buy a cow for a dollar.

Wild Cattle Started.
During the war these herds were forgotten and multiplied untended. After the war the plains swarmed with unbranded cattle worth little or nothing. Men of foresight hired cowboys and began rounding up and branding this wild stock. It was exciting business, for the cattle were as wild as deer. A cow or calf belonged to the man who could put his brand on it first. Incidentally, the way was prepared for the long war between the rustlers and the cattle barons which presently began.

Of course, the old days of the long trail will never come back. There are a thousand fences across it. But the passing-of-the-cowboy theme has been a little rewritten. There is still a great deal of open range in the west, and there are still thousands of men who can throw a rope and hogtie a steer as well as ever it was done. The western cowboy still knows how to drive cattle long distances and get them to the market in good condition, too. Unless freight rates drop there will probably be many long drives in the next few years.

Big shipment of Tanlac just received. F. E. Holsten, local agent.

HUNTERS TAKE NOTICE.

Absolutely no hunting allowed on my place. E. E. FENNER.

FOWLING

A hard rain visited this vicinity Sunday night. Although it only rained a short time a big amount of water fell.

Mr. Grinstead and daughter, Mrs. Hoff, left Friday after a few days' stay at the Blackfoot ranch. Mrs. Mann took them to town.

There was an attendance of twenty-six at the Union Sunday school Sunday. There was no preaching.

Ed Wilkins and son, Ernest, were Alliance callers Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Elsea motored to Alliance Thursday on business.

Mr. Hamilton came out after his daughter, Miss Alice, Friday evening. Miss Zetta Nichols returned home Friday after a few weeks' stay at the Hall home. She assisted with the house work.

Miss Jean Hall spent a few days with her grandmother Elsea last week. Mrs. Elsea took her home Sunday so she could start to school.

Roy Boyer shipped several cars of cattle to Omaha Saturday. He accompanied the shipment.

C. P. Mann and family and Russell Gray took dinner with grandma Crawford Sunday. Then they all motored over to Sunday school.

Miss Alice Hamilton spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Simpson at Crawford's.

Mr. Banks, Clarence Kilpatrick and Kyle Tucker motored to the Worley place Sunday to fix a windmill. They stayed until Monday evening.

Mrs. Elsea and Jean spent Saturday night at the Eaton hay camp.

Mr. Mann had the misfortune to break his engine Friday evening, and had to milk forty-four cows by hand. He took his engine to town Saturday for repairs. Miss Hutchinson accompanied him and remained in town over night.

Harley Brooks and Lonnie Wilkins motored to Alliance Sunday evening after the latter's sister, Miss Iva, who has been visiting in Hemingford for some time.

Mr. Simpson of Alliance brought the school teachers out to the Sunday school Sunday, where they met their friends and all went their different ways. Miss Hutchinson, Miss Hamilton and his daughter, Miss Eva, came out with him.

Mrs. Brus was a caller at Mann's one day last week.

Frank Kane and Ernest Wilkins spent Sunday evening at the ranch. Dr. Simpson, veterinary, of Alliance and another doctor were called out to Kilpatrick's ranch Saturday evening to look at a steer.

Nola Eaton and Miss Sadie Wilkins called at the Boyer home on their way back from Sunday school. They made a stop at the ranch also.

Ed Leathers moved his outfit home last week after stacking Henderson's hay.

Johnny Vogel, Ted Johnson and Charles Darvol were hunting Sunday afternoon.

James Eaton and Ray Waite motored to Alliance Monday morning.

Miss Roberts of Gering will teach the Hall school this winter starting Monday.

Miss Marguerite Henderson and Master Willie Fred will take the Ninth grade.

John Vogel and family have moved into the Ira Johnson house and Chas. Darvol and family moved out with Mr. Johnson.

"Scotty" Henderson and wife spent a day at the ranch last week.

Ed Wilkins stacked his oats Sunday. They expect the threshers this week.

Mr. Banks gathered several bushels of green tomatoes for pickles at the Wilkins home one day last week.

They are cutting the third crop of alfalfa on the ranch this week.

Word was received from Mrs. Ferguson that she arrived safely and is having a fine time.

A letter from Mrs. C. Hall states that she is feeling fine and is able to climb the big hills.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

LODGEPOLE—When Frank Stafford of Sidney was going after his sister, who teaches school a man stepped onto the running board of the car and robbed him of his watch.

BEATRICE—Prosperity dawned on Dr. W. A. Rush, Beatrice physician, when he received a telegram from Powell, Wyo., stating that he was successful in the land drawing there, but he received a jolt when a telegram came an hour later informing him that a mistake had been made in the transmission of the message and that he only drew a blank.

WYMORE—The oil well near Beatrice is now down 2,905 feet in a formation of Mississippi limestone. When through this formation the hole will be cased and drilling proceed with a six-inch bit. Casing is on hand to put the hole down 3,400 feet.

FREMONT—Residents of north-west part of the city have been terrorized the past few nights by the visits of a female "peeping Tom," who has been unusually active in the residential district. The woman has become a general nuisance and her wan-

derings during the dark hours of the nights have thrown severe scares into the women and children. The identity of the nocturnal visitor is believed to be known but in the hope that her operations will cease, no word was given to the police. It is believed that the woman is suffering from a mental derangement and relatives will take steps to keep her within doors after nightfall.

LODGEPOLE—Ground is so dry here, farmers declare, that it is of little or no use to sow fall wheat. While many have put seed into the soil, others are still holding back.

TECUMSEH—Elmer Gottula, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gottula, living in the south part of the county, was bitten by a rattlesnake. The child was taken to Elk Creek for treatment and seems to be getting along all right.

NORTH PLATTE—Brady and Maxwell on the east and Hershey, Sutherland and Paxton on the west have each voted bonds to jointly build a power line from North Platte to the respective villages for the purpose of obtaining electric "juice" for light and power purposes from the North Platte Light & Power company.

OMAHA—Police cars and several others joined in a chase after three automobile bandits Saturday night. The bandits, in a stolen touring car, sped east on Douglas street and ran the machine into a cinder pile at Ninth and Dodge streets. They jumped out of the moving machine. Police, when they arrived on the scene, found I. E. Hutchinson, 121 Turner boulevard, lying in the street. He said he received his injuries when the machine struck him as he was crossing the street. He was arrested and held for investigation. Police said he might have been one of those in the car and received his injuries when he jumped from the car.

OMAHA—Theodore Bernhardt, 15, slept in a barn in the rear of his home for three nights for fear he would receive a whipping. Last Thursday, without the consent of his parents the youth went to the Ak-Sar-Ben field. He returned home but instead of reporting to his mother and having a clean, warm bed, he sought the hay.

PAWNEE CITY—Three stores at Dubois were entered by burglars. At the Pritchard hardware store about \$20 in change was taken. This comprised the loot taken from the town, as the other places broken into missed nothing. The Fullwider clothing store at Summerfield, Kas., was robbed the same night and it is thought the same parties did both jobs.

CALLAWAY—Henry Linenbrink, a farmer residing three miles west of here has lost over seventy head of hogs from cholera. This is the first report of cholera in this part of Custer county since last fall. Most all other farmers in the immediate vicinity are vaccinating their hards.

GRAND ISLAND—Late Thursday night the bageman was asked to deliver a square trunk from the Union Pacific depot to 615 West Second. There are no houses in this block, it being pioneer square. The baggageman attempted delivery but no one was there on the approached the place. The trunk was soon there after in the possession of the police and was found to contain 24 quarts of old bonded Cedar Brook whiskey, estimated to be worth at least \$500.

THE KID KNEW.

A teacher was instructing a class in English and called on a small boy. "James," she said, "write on the board, 'Richard can ride the mule if he wants to.'"
"Now," continued the teacher when Jimmy had finished writing, "can you find a better form for that sentence?"
"Yes, ma'am, I think I can," was the prompt answer. "Richard can ride the mule if the mule wants him to."

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