## WESTERN NEWS-DEMUCRAT. E. News, Farm and Stock Journal.

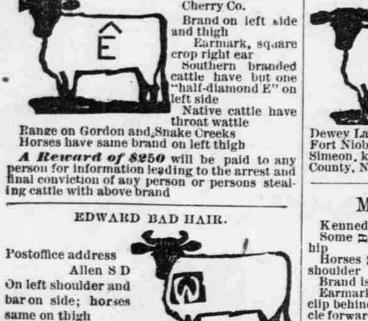
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Range-Bear Lieck

P. O. address

Merriman, Nebr.

Right ear cropped

Hole in center of left

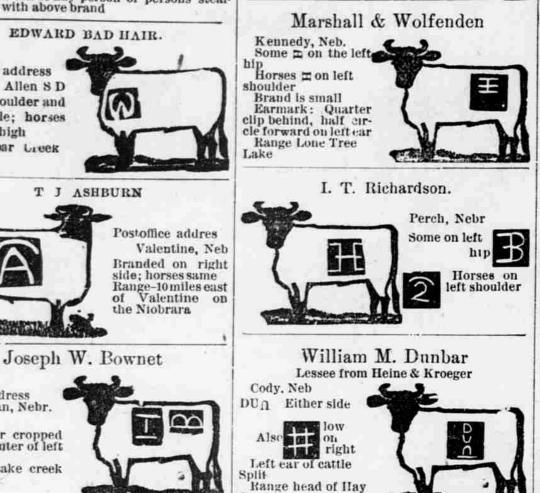
Range Lake creek

Parker & Son

with  $\equiv$  on left side m some cattle; also S46 on right side Horse brand, rake and 16 left shoulder or ranch-on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; also between Snake River and Simeon, knowo as the Felch range, all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

Anderson & Rounds.

W. W. ANDERSON.



Amelia Young.

STOCK NOTES. Simeon, Nebraska Cattle branded on

J. C. ROUNDS

eft side as on cut; At the South Omaha stock yards last year 837,583 cattle, 2,216,482 hogs, 1,086,319 sheep, and 34,255 horses and mules were received. The largest receipt of cattle in any one day during the year was on September 18, when 10,695 head were handled.

> The Belgian hare is becoming quite a fad in the west, Colorado and California being especially afflicted. The kids are sold at three to four months old, dressing two to three pounds. One doe will raise about sixty kids per year, and the flesh is by many considered to be superior to the spring chicken of our mammies.

Some shippers have a habit of shearing their sheep before sending to market, but we are advised by a prominent commission firm that buyers make

a difference of fully \$1.00 per hundred pounds in favor of the unsheared stuff. In view of this fact we would advise all to refrain from shearing sheep or lambs until regular shearing time.

The Platte River country is becoming quite a breeding district for stock hogs. The Rush Creek Cattle Company raised about 500 which they ship ped to the company's feeding pens at

almost 9,000,000 pounds. Range cattle were fewer in numbers than any time since 1889, and the prices show the highest range since 1891. It is generally conceded that prices this year show an increase of \$5 to \$7 per head over last year, but few tailings and feeders selling below \$4 Chicago sent 290,000 head of cattle to the feed yards during the year, extreme prices being

\$2.65 and \$5.40, the bulk selling at \$3.60 and \$4.50. The top price on hogs, \$5.00, was reached in August, the average for the year being \$4.05. No other branch of the live stock industry has shown such a wonderful growth as the sheep business, the exports being especially large, and the price of western wool reaching 20 cents, when before 8 and 12 cents was considered a fair price, although the sales of feeders fell off over 100,000 head.

The above we condense from the Drovers Journal annual review.

When Cleveland made his now famous bond issue, he told the congress he could get \$16,000,000 more for the bonds if they would make them payable in gold instead of in "coin." This congress refused to do, most of the present republican leaders voting

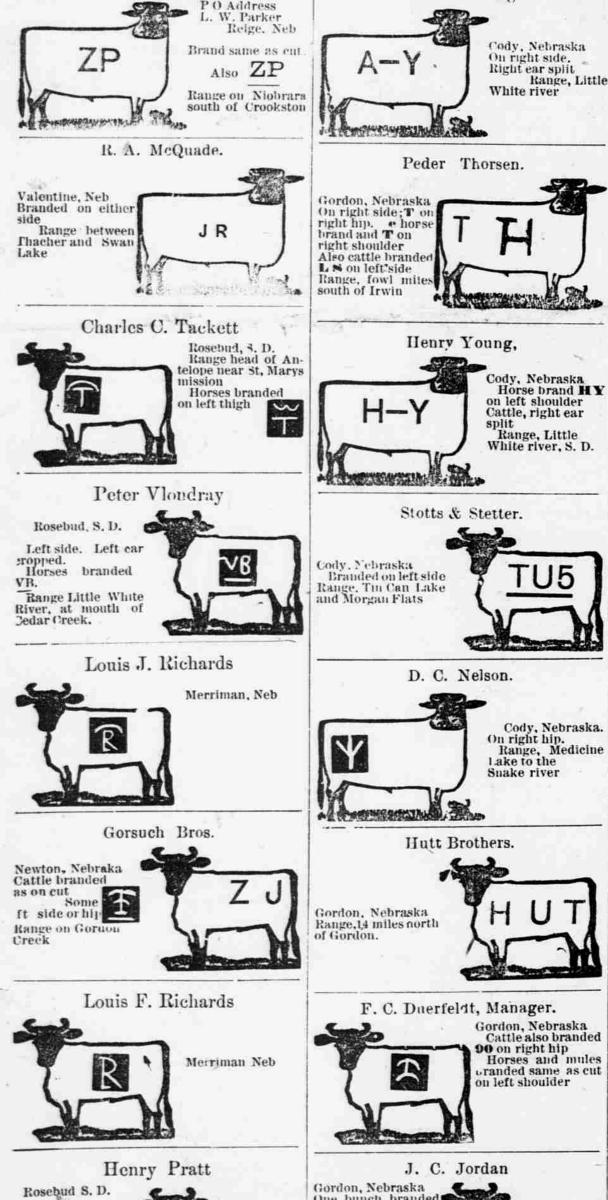
against the proposition. The financial bill now before the senate makes these bonds payable in gold, thus making a present of \$16,000,000 to the bondholders. Is anyone so blind he cannot see the truth of this? Central City. Duffin Bros. have marketed about 250, Hagerty Bros. about 175, as well as numerous others. These hogs seem to be proof against the ray Range, Little ages of cholera and are in good demand,—Alliance Grip.

MIDWINTER SALE FOR CASH!

Men's Cotton Flannel Underwear, - were 50c, now 25c Men's Heavy, Fleece Lined " . " 50c, " -35e Men's Winter Underwear - - " 35c. 66 20c Ladies' Winter Union Suits - - - " 50c - 66 35c Misses' Winter Union Suits - - - " 35c 44 25cChildren's Winter Underwear - - 5c to 15c ALL WINTER DRESS GOODS AT COST.

DAVENPORT & THACHER General Merchants

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"Here," says an exchange, "is some thing that is worth two dollars to every farmer to know. Sprinkle lime in your stock tank and not a particle of scum will form on the water. When the lime loses its strength the scum begins to form, which may be twice during the season; wash out the tank and repeat the dose. It is cheap, and not only harmless but wholesome, keeps the water sweet, and saves livestock."

At Omaha, Monday, about a hundred cars of cattle were received, made up of all kinds of stuff. Right good beef cattle were scarce, the market as usual being made up principally of half fat stock. More than the usual number of stockers and feeders were on hand, but they were gobbled up in a hurry at prices a little in advance of last year. In the list of sales we notice the top price was \$4.95 for 84 head of feeders which averaged 575 pounds. Cows sold at \$3.50, the highest price

paid being \$4.15 for 22 head. Hogs sold at \$4.32 and \$4.37.

The proposed new treaty with Argentine provides that the tariff on gold. wool and hides from that country shall be reduced 20 per cent, and cattle and sheep men all over the country are opposing the treaty. The Argentine republic is one of the largest wool producing countries in the world, and is the most formidable competitor the United States has in the meat markets stock industry of this country, but we outstanding.

trust which could make and unmake politicians, they might secure more favorable legislation.

1,000,000 hogs. The average weight of | exchange for gold.

From all reports the recent changes in the live stock rates are very obnoxious to the local shippers and unless the state board of transportation takes the matter up there will be trouble in the air shortly. It should be remembered that this is one of the fusion counties of the state, and unless some thing is done presently there is apt to be a change in the political complexion

of the county which will not be very pleasing to our present board of secrefor doing practically nothing. Arguing from this point it is easy to see that if the secretaries do not do something the county is apt to change its political complexion.

We have had many inquiries for a copy of the financial bill, passed by the national house of representatives, and now before the senate. We have but one copy of the bill, but below will be found a synopsis of the bill, which we believe will be found fair, one which will stand criticism from all parties. We would publish the bill in full but for lack of space. The bill: 1. Makes the dollar of 25.8 grains of

gold the standard unit of value. 2. Declares that all bonds now existing and hereafter to be issued shall be paid in gold.

3. Makes all greenbacks and treasury notes under the Shermar ` payable in

4. All silver certif. is to be restricted to one, two, and five dollar notes; legal-tender quality of silver dollar not affected.

5. Establishes a division of issue and redemption, to which is assigned all records and accounts relating to the issue, redemption and exchange of the several kinds of United States money. 6. Establishes a permanent gold reof the world. To reduce the tariff, serve fund equal to 25 per cent of the therefore, is a direct blow to the live total of greenbacks and treasury notes

7. Directs the secretary of the treasdoubt not that it will be done. Were ury to maintain this reserve and, if the stockmen organized into a gigantic | necessary, to sell gold bonds at not exceeding 3 per cent, payable in twenty years, but redeemable in gold, at the option of the United States, after one vear

8. Prohibits any transfer from the treasury general fund to the division of Combined receipts of live stock at issue and redemption that will reduce the four principal markets during the the general fund below \$56,000,000. last year s'ow an increase of 200,000 cattle, 40,000 sheep, and a decrease of holder and to be paid out again only in

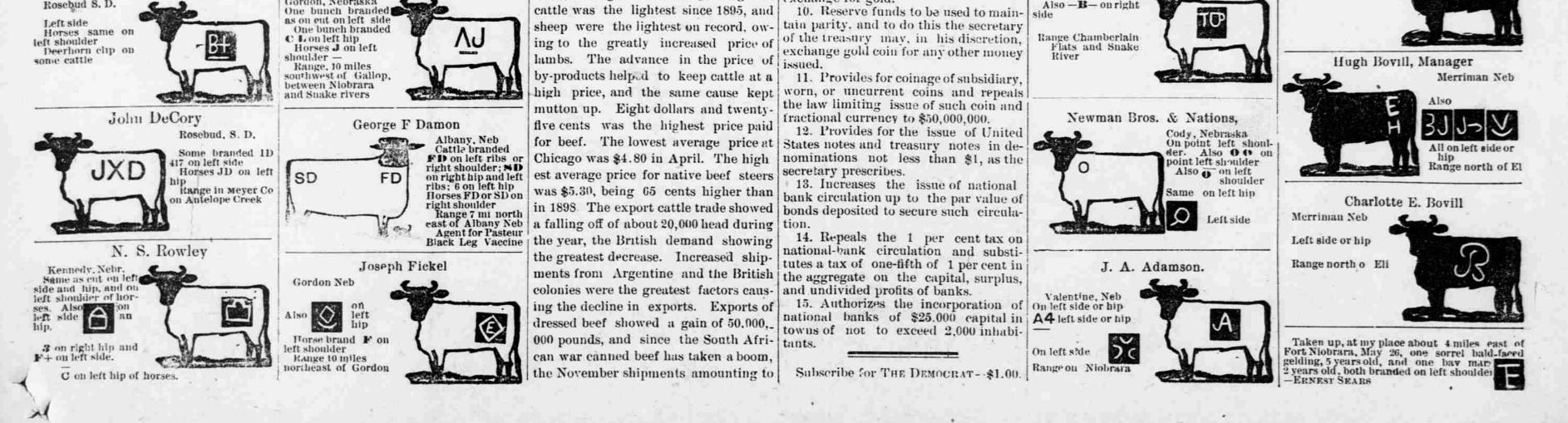
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