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**P S ROUSCHE**  
Postoffice address  
Brownlee, Neb.  
On left side or any  
part of animal. Ear-  
mark—right ear cut  
off; horses branded  
same on left hip. Also  
has stock branded H  
on side or shoulder,  
or JK or W or O VL  
or O or FZ. Also  
the following, the first one being on side and hip



**JULIUS PETERSON**  
Postoffice address  
Gregory, Neb.  
Branded as on cut  
Range two miles  
north of Gregory



**LEE AND SONS**  
Postoffice address  
Brownlee, Neb.  
On right side, or  
LE on same side  
also LEE on left  
side  
Range, north-  
rowise, 2 to  
miles



**J A SAULTS**  
Postoffice address  
Gregory, Neb.  
On left side or hip;  
horses same on left  
shoulder  
Range—Arkansa  
Valley and Snakr



**GEO HIGGINS**  
Postoffice address  
Brownlee, Neb.  
Branded on left  
side; some H left  
side and thigh—  
and  
on left thigh  
Range—Duck Lake



**C F COOPER**  
Postoffice address  
Kennedy, Neb.  
Cattle branded on  
left side same as cut  
Stock over  
one year old  
horses same  
on left shoulder  
Range south & west  
of Hackberry Lake and Curlew  
Also some brande — on left leg



**JACOBSON BROTHERS**  
Postoffice address  
Gregory, Neb.  
On left side; some  
same with I on left  
shoulder  
horses  
left shoulder  
Range—Gor-  
don and Goose Lake



**DAN WEBSTER**  
Postoffice address  
Harlan, Nebraska  
On left side or hip;  
horses branded same  
left shoulder  
Range between Nio-  
brara and Snake riv-  
ers, south of Merri-  
man



**CLARENCE K SMITH**  
Postoffice address  
Whitman, Neb.  
On left side; horses  
same on left shoulder  
On left side  
anywhere on  
animal. On  
hip or thigh  
Range north prong  
Middle Loup river  
and Buffalo Lake



**O J KELLAR**  
Postoffice address  
Cody, Nebraska  
On left side; also L O  
or W L on left side  
of some cattle  
Also  
on left hip,  
and horses on  
left shoulder  
Range—Mouth of  
Bear Creek



**P PULLMAN**  
Postoffice address  
Pullman, Neb.  
Branded as on cut;  
Also P on shoulder  
—on side P on hip;  
also W side P hip  
also P on shoulder,  
W on side P on hip  
Range north prong  
of North Loup



**R. HANSON.**  
Postoffice address  
Valentine, Neb.  
Cattle branded on  
left hip; horses the  
same  
Range in Dry Val-  
ley



**DAN ADAMSON**  
Postoffice address  
Chesterfield, Neb.  
Br noded as on cut;  
some 5 on left hip;  
some just one brand  
like on cut on left  
thigh  
Range—between  
Bordman and Snake



**R M FADDIS**  
Postoffice address  
Pass, Neb.  
Range, North Loup  
River



**DAWSON & BALL**  
Postoffice address  
Chesterfield, Neb.  
Cattle branded on  
left side as on cut;  
also V left neck and Z  
left hip; some V left  
neck, V left shoulder  
and Z left hip; horses  
YZ left hip. Range  
Snake River, 31, 32, 33.



**ALBERT NENZEL**  
Postoffice address  
Nenzel, Nebraska  
On either side of cat-  
tle; horses same  
Range northeast of  
Nenzel



**CHAMBERLAIN & CO**  
Postoffice address  
Brownlee, Neb.  
Branded on either  
side same as on cut  
also — both jaws



**RICHARDS & CAIRNES CO.**  
Cattle branded on  
any part of animal;  
also the following  
brands:  
Horse branded the  
same  
Range between  
Gordon on the F.E.  
& M.V., R. R. and  
Nebraska. Address, BARTLETT RICHARDS,  
Chadron, Nebraska



**WILLIAM FERDON, MANAGER.**  
Postoffice address  
Valentine, Neb.  
Like cut on either  
left side or hip; also



**GEORGE N DAVIS**  
Postoffice address  
Simeon, Neb.  
Branded on right  
side or hip  
Also  
on left hip  
Horses on right  
shoulder as on cut  
Range—Gordon and  
Snake



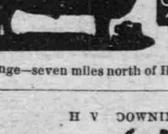
**MASON COMPANY**  
Postoffice address  
Hyannis, Neb.  
On right hip;  
T L either side  
On right  
side left  
hip  
horses right  
shoulder



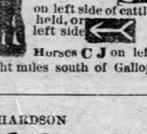
**C JENSEN**  
Postoffice address  
Gallop, Nebraska  
Left side on private  
stock and right side  
on cattle belonging  
also  
on left side of cattle  
held, or  
left side  
Horses C J on left  
shoulder. Range—Eight miles south of Gallop



**H V DOWNING**  
Postoffice address  
Gregory, Neb.  
On left side; also  
COLE on side  
Range—Stevenson  
Lake



**M. RICHARDSON**  
Postoffice address  
McCann Neb.  
Branded on left side  
Range—McCann



## STOCK NOTES.

### Live Stock Statistics.

The customary report from the division of statistics of the department of agriculture, showing the number of the various kinds of domestic animals in the United States on January 1, 1900, has just been made public. The report is made up from returns received from 50,000 correspondents all over the country, and they show that on January 1st there were on the farms of the United States 13,537,524 horses, 2,860,027 mules, 16,292,360 milk cows, 27,610,054 other cattle and 41,883,065 sheep. No estimate is made of the number of swine in the country, nor will any be made, the statistician preferring to wait for the enumeration to be made at the coming census. According to the estimate made of the number of live stock by the report there has been a decrease since the 1st of January, 1899, of 127,783 horses, 48,186 mules, 384,171 "other cattle," and an increase of 302,245 milk cows and 2,768,612 sheep.

### Why Not Raise Skunks?

In Indiana there are now in operation six skunk farms, and according to a dispatch in the Inter-Ocean a new one is to be established near Auburn by the DeKalb Fur Co., who are advertising for 100 females. From a pecuniary standpoint the business is a profitable one, the pelt of a black skunk selling at \$2.00 and the striped kind at \$1.50 up. After once being established the animals can be raised by the thousands with but little care and a small outlay for feed. The kittens are very docile and easily handled, while the old ones are susceptible of training and after becoming accustomed to a certain range and master, lose their disagreeable feature—odor. Why wouldn't it be a good idea for some of our people to establish a farm on the river, hauling skins from the town for food? It is worth a trial.

### The Outlook is Good.

The present condition of the range throughout the west and southwest is in fine shape. The winter has been the mildest on record and all stock on the range ought to be doing well. The prospects are good for an early spring, with a good season in the ground, all ranges should be fine the coming season. All cattle, where given sufficient range, will get fat. Prospects are favorable for a good, lively cattle market during 1900. The business conditions of the country continue in a flourishing condition, which will create a good home consumption for all meat products. With the two wars going on, one in the Philippines and the one in South Africa, they make an extra demand for canned and cured meats, therefore, we may expect fair prices for all we have to sell for some time to come.—L. A. Allen, of Oklahoma.

### A New Plan.

Some of our young men are arranging to put in their labor for the next seven years. The arrangement is to engage with a stockman to work for a term of seven years and receive \$15 per month the first year, \$20 per month the second year and a continual advance of \$5 per month each year until the expiration of the seven years. The employe is to have the privilege of investing his monthly earnings in stock and run the same on the range and with the stock belonging to his employer without any expense to the employe. The stock owner by such an arrangement secures services of experienced help at low wages for several years and the employe at the expiration of seven years will have a large herd of stock of his own.—Crawford Bulletin.

### New Sheep Law.

Sheep drovers who purchase stock in Oregon this year, to drive through Wyoming, will not have as easy a time getting through that state, according to J. M. Williams, of Moorcraft, Wyo. Mr. Williams, who is interested in sheep raising at that point, says a new state law will go into effect this spring, quarantining all outside sheep for a period of sixty days at the state boundary, and the stock has to be dipped and inspected and approved before being permitted to move on. This law is ostensibly a quarantine regulation, but is evidently aimed at Oregon and Washington sheep, which recent purchasers drive eastward to the feeding grounds.

### An Emphatic Protest.

After voicing their sentiments in a long preamble the stockmen at Hyannis passed these resolutions against the proposed lease law:

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to the proposed or any similar measure and earnestly protest against its enactment into law, and be it

Resolved, That this meeting of citizens take such action as will procure the dissemination of this protest throughout the territory affected, and earnestly request the immediate cooperation of its inhabitants, and be it further

Resolved, That Nebraska's representatives in congress be, and they are hereby instructed to work and vote against the proposed bill for leasing the public lands of the United States and against any similar measure.

### Didn't Run a Monkey Ranch.

It is related of "Arkansas Bob" Gillespie, that while coming to town a short time ago he had a breakdown while near the Niobrara, and requiring a wrench to repair the damage to his wagon he went to a neighboring house to secure it. The resident proved to be a Norwegian who did not understand English very well, but Bob asked him in his most distinct tones if he had a monkey wrench. The Norwegian looked puzzled and finally replied, "No, ay bane no monka ranch, but dare bane a cow ranch yust over dot heel." Bob collapsed.

### Keya Paha Stockmen.

A meeting of the Keya Paha River stock association was held at Brocksburg on Feb. 17th, and from the minutes of the meeting we learn that the following business was done:

Moved and carried that the US brand (on left jaw) as allowed by the State Brand committee, be adopted by this association as an association brand, to be used by members of the association in addition to their private brands.

Moved and carried that the executive committee procure 100 brands and sell them to the members at cost.

The supreme court of Kansas has just rendered a decision declaring unconstitutional the action of the last legislature in requiring railroads to furnish free transportation to shippers of live stock. The court was unanimous, and its decision reverses both the appellate court and the Sedgwick county district court. The court holds that it was a deprivation of property without due process of law and therefore unconstitutional and void under the fourteenth amendment of the constitution.

Secretary Martin, of the National Live Stock association, has been appointed special agent in charge of the taking of the classified census of live stock. Headquarters for this division embracing all the range country, has been established at Denver. This will be the first time in the history of the country that a classified census of live stock will have been taken. A special appropriation was made by congress for this purpose.—Miles City Journal.

Chicago Shoe and Leather Review says: The packers have little trouble in disposing of their branded hides, but native steers and cows are dull and neglected. The tanners find country hides are relatively cheaper and are neglecting the packer markets. We quote native steers 13 1-2c and 13 1-4c; Texas, 13c; Colorado steers and branded cows, 11 1-2c and 11 3-4c, and heavy and light native cows, 11 1-2c.

Speaking of the meeting in Hyannis, Feb. 17, The Tribune says "There was a goodly representation of stockmen from this and Cherry county, and all were quite enthusiastic in their denunciation of the measure. There were a few, and a very few we are glad to say; who were willing that the land should be leased, but the great majority was "ferminst" the bill from first to last."

A Trinidad, Colo., report says F. D. Wight will make the largest individual shipment of wool to Boston ever sent from the southwest r'n country. It aggregates about 650,000 pounds, and represents the entire clip from his thousands of head of sheep for the past three years. The greater portion of the wool is scoured.

Chas. Carver, formerly of Pullman, now of Alliance, was a Whitman caller Saturday morning. He went north to look after some stock interests there. He has sold his ranch, which is about eight miles south of Alliance, and will move to Colorado in the spring and try ranching there.—Whitman Sun.

## MIDWINTER SALE FOR CASH!

Men's Cotton Flannel Underwear, - were 50c, now 25c  
Men's Heavy, Fleece Lined " " 50c, " 35c  
Men's Winter Underwear " " 35c, " 20c  
Ladies' Winter Union Suits " " 50c " 35c  
Misses' Winter Union Suits " " 35c " 25c  
Children's Winter Underwear " " 5c to 15c

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In 1899 Montana marketed about 20,000,000 pounds of wool, at an average price of 16 1/2 cents per pound, and it is estimated that there are now in the state 3,218,802 sheep.

**Is This Plain Enough?**  
If you have a nagging cough and are losing flesh, go to a drug store and get a bottle of Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Take two-thirds of it, and then, if you are not benefitted, return the bottle to the druggist and he will return your money. Isn't that fair? No one could ask more. 25 cts., 50 cts. and \$1.00 a bottle.

**Liberal Reward.**  
Strayed or stolen—18 head of cattle from our range, between January 21 and 23, cattle branded on left side and some I on left shoulder. JACOBSON BROS., Gregory, Neb.

Taken up, at my place about 4 miles east of Fort Niobrara, May 26, one sorrel bald-faced gelding, 5 years old, and one bay mare, 2 years old, both branded on left shoulder.

Strayed—One iron gray mare, 3 years old, half blood. Branded SF on left shoulder. Please notify Max E. Viertel, Crookston, Neb.

**Strayed or Stolen.**  
Several head of horses and cattle, branded on left side.

**F. T. Brackett**  
Riego, Neb.  
Brand Registered No 1400  
Brand right side or hip  
Horses same on right shoulder  
Range, Niobrara 6 miles south of Kilgore



**H SCHULTZ**  
Postoffice address  
McCann Neb.  
Stock branded as on cut  
Range—north and south of Georgia



**WILHELM ANDERSON**  
Postoffice address  
McCann Neb.  
Branded on left side  
horses same on left hip  
Range—between the Niobrara and Snake



**Prideaux Sanford**  
Kennedy, Neb.  
Cattle branded on left side  
Horses branded on left shoulder



**N. S. Rowley**  
Kennedy, Neb.  
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side of an hip.  
2 on right hip and 1 on left side.  
C on left hip of horses.



**Marquardt & Bowlus**  
Otto Strubbe, Manager.  
Merriman, Neb.  
Cattle brand OM on left shoulder. Some of cattle have various other brands. OS on left hip. Horse brand A on left shoulder.  
Range—Formerly Geo W Monnier ranch 5 miles east of Merriman, from F. E. & M. V. R. R. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Bowlus, Scribner, Nebraska.

