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HORSE AND COW NEWS.

McCook, Neb., January 19, 1884.

Northwestern Live Stock Journal:

The lowest register of the thermometer here this winter was 6 deg. below zero. The snow is now three inches deep, with a slight crust, but there is plenty of feed on the river bottoms and hill sides uncovered. Cattle and horses are all doing well. This is a sort of "half-and-half" feeding and range region. Most stockmen own neat, easily handled herds. Weak cattle are not in good shape. They were all cut out in the fall and put under fence till winter is well over. During the severe spells of weather like those of late these "weak brothers and sisters" of the herd are fed hay and very often corn. Strong cattle are left to rustle for themselves on the range, without fear of much loss. There is no irrigation and consequent fencing off of range stock from water hereabouts. Hay for feedings sells at \$1 in the stack. Where procurable, corn raised is worth 40 cents per bushel, and if shipped from Franklin, Webster or other eastern Nebraska counties, it is worth 45c. per bushel delivered here, freight paid. No hogs or geese are used to fatten up fed cattle, as is customary in many feeding regions in the states. Only a small quantity of grain—enough to tide weak stock through tough weather—is fed, and all fed is thus thoroughly digested and utilized. Mr. J. B. Meserve, an eastern man about one year interested in stock here, feeds 310 head of weak cattle fifteen bushels of corn in the ear daily, allowing seventy pounds of ear corn to make one bushel of sixty pounds of shelled corn. His experiments lead him to prefer corn at even fifty cents per bushel to hay at \$4 per ton for feeding.

Beeves are shipped from this region to Chicago at Indianola, twelve miles distant, and Culbertson, 12 miles west of here, there being no stock yards at this place.

From reliable parties I glean the following: John B. Hatfield & Son, formerly of Decatur, Ill., whose ranch is on the Republican river, four miles southeast of here, brought from the east, a year ago, 350 yearling heifers and 13 short-horn Durham bulls. He has pursued the plan of feeding the weak ones only, and has promise of a fine little graded herd.

W. W. Fisher & Sons, whose range is at the Falls of the Frenchman river, are not feeding any, their herd being hardy natives. Their cattle are doing finely. Mr. Fisher came out here from Illinois in 1878, "busted." Now he owns 400 head.

Doyle & Bowles, whose range is on Red Willow, ten miles south, own about 800 head, of which they are feeding about 75.

William Proctor, whose range is on Red Willow, northwest of here, with a herd of 1,100 head, is feeding hay and millet to 150 weak ones. Mr. Fisher says Mr. Proctor is down on "skim-milk" imported eastern cattle. During freeze-ups they shuffle out on the ice and drown in air holes on the river like rats, and they will follow a team and wagon to—well, warm regions where things never freeze. He would rather have a hairy, rustling native or rawhide Texan yearling any day than the smoothest eastern skim-milk that was ever brought out here.

Charles Babcock, the gentlemanly Register of the Land Office at McCook, bought 150 Texan mares, last fall, which are doing well in care of a stockman 35 miles north of here.

There is no kicking here about freighters' fencing, as there is farther west. People believe running stock on the range and feeding the same a little pays better. Corn has not averaged a yield of six bushels to the acre for five years past, but some stockmen prefer trying to raise their own corn to shipping it here from points east of here. Next year is always the one they are going to raise rank corn. Farther east there are a good many sheep, but horse and cow men here say that the few hands on this range are not, so far, detrimental.

W. M. Porter, a cow-boy of the stripe that can heel a cow the first throw and set a bucking horse very deep in the saddle, and who is now employed by the half-circle A outfit on Red Willow, says Henry Church, a Frontier county stockman, is bidding \$30 for yearling steers and \$29 for twos, to be delivered this spring. No takers.

In conclusion, McCook is a vigorous, growing yearling town, and its resident stockmen and other citizens nice, pleasant people to do business with.

PONY BILL.

The dance at the opera house on Thursday evening last, broke up in a row. It seems during the evening several parties had imbibed more whisky than was good for their judgment and an altercation took place between a man named Frank Young and E. F. Quigley, in which the latter tried to use a revolver. This move was frustrated by bystanders and Young got in his work on Quigley with a chair, cutting the latter's head open. Quigley who was the aggressor was put out of the house. He returned shortly with a carbine and threatened to shoot everybody. Finally Messrs. A. W. Hamilton and Andy Barber took the gun away from Quigley, and put him to bed as he had grown weak from loss of blood. To say that the affair is simply disgraceful, is drawing it mild. In our opinion the time for such scenes in this county has passed and the sooner owners or managers of public dance halls recognize the fact the better. No man under the influence of liquor should be allowed to enter such a place on any pretext whatever, as his presence is an insult to every lady there.—Indianola Courier.

SOCIETY is very queer. The people most sought after are those who do not pay their debts.

A MAN at Grand Rapids, Mich., has been fined six cents for "sassing" his mother-in-law.

If brevity is the soul of wit, there is a good deal of fux in a dude's coat tail.

BY OUR ASSISTANT EDITOR.

Woman is the Sunday of man. No, we think poker has the precedence.

The young women of Blountville, Tenn., have organized with a motto: "Total abstinence, or no husbands."

"Dig graves for old follies and errors," says Ella Wheeler. That's the way to do, dear Ella; but where can you get enough cemetery room for all the corpses?

An exchange says "A man might as well borrow his neighbor's cow and milk her, to save the expense of keeping one, as to borrow his paper to save the expense of buying one for himself."

The following is said to be the set form of instructions that Missouri husbands give to new wives: "My dear, I'm a bad man from away back when aroused, but gently treated, I'm as docile as a lamb. You just induce me to do always as I please and there'll never be any trouble in the family."

It seems that Fred Douglass wanted to show his sympathy with the woman's rights movement by marrying Miss Pitts. His wife is one of the strong-minded agitators of woman suffrage, and being in despair of getting a white man anywhere near her equal, she concluded to tie herself to an intelligent contraband.—Bee.

The Faculty of Williams College have substituted German in place of the Latin for the winter term of the Sophomore year, and the University of Indiana has dropped Greek and Latin from their curriculum of studies entirely. It seems as though the classics must go, and the classic pony will needs fall into disuse. Freshman: Hence these tears.

KATE FIELD says: "Matthew Arnold may talk forever about the superiority of American women over men, and I know better. All a man wants from a woman usually is receptivity. American women are more sympathetic to him than men, hence in his estimation superior. Don't talk to me of the superiority of my sex. When women are superior to men they will demand the suffrage, and several other things."

GEORGE A. POST, who represents the Fifteenth Pennsylvania district in the National House of Representatives, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest member of that body. It is said that recently, when Susan B. Anthony wrote him a polite letter, asking his vote and influence for a certain resolution in behalf of woman suffrage, he replied, "Dear Susan: No. Yours, truly, Geo. A. Post."

EX-GOVERNOR BUTLER'S farewell gift of a Bible to Massachusetts reminds a Washington Post writer of the time when Mr. Bell, on becoming Governor of Texas, began his inaugural address with: "Fellow-citizens: In the chaste and beautiful language of Job, 'Now is the Winter of our discontent made glorious by this sun of York.'" The result of this remarkable pronouncement was that the Governor was presently overwhelmed with gifts of Bibles from every state and from foreign lands; Bibles in English; Latin, French, Russian and Hindoo; illustrated, illuminated, polyglot, hieroglyphic; bound in paper, leather, velvet; sent by mail, by express, by freight, by special messenger.