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A Soft Answer.

It was in 1872 that George Chesmore Bromley, author of "Long Ago and Later On," became a member of the Bohemia club of San Francisco and soon found himself "Sire of the Low Links," which occasion he vividly recalls, and especially his arrival at home afterward. He writes: "My dear little wife awoke at my entrance and inquired the time. I looked at my watch and replied, 'Ten minutes past 10,' and then laid the watch on the mantelpiece. Having some doubts as to the correctness of my reply, the little woman arose and looked for herself. 'What time did you say it was?' she asked again. 'Ten minutes past 10,' said I. 'Ten minutes past 10! Why, it only lacks ten minutes of 2,' said she. 'Is that so?' said I. 'Why, bless my soul, how time flies! I had no idea that I had been home so long.' This was another occasion when I realized that a soft answer turneth away wrath."

Wrestling With the Spaniard.

When Walter Williams, from Columbus, Miss., was in Spain in the summer of 1903 he called upon a provincial editor in the interest of the St. Louis exposition. The next day the paper had the following: "Walter Williams of the United States purchased the state of Louisiana and next year will give a celebration, to which he invites his fellow journalists of Europe." Mr. Williams again called upon the editor and thoroughly explained matters. The editor apologized and printed this correction: "Governor Francis of Missouri has purchased a large tract of land in the Great American desert, and Walter Williams is here to invite the journalists of Spain to a show which the governor will give next year." Mr. Williams fled the place, fearful the editor might explain some more.

Rossetti's Awful Breakfast.

It was at one time arranged that Dante Gabriel Rossetti, his brother William and Scribner and George Meredith should live together in a certain house. Meredith happened to see Dante Gabriel Rossetti at breakfast and changed his plans. Meredith himself tells the story. "It was past noon," says he. "Rossetti had not yet risen, though it was an exquisite day. On the breakfast table on a huge dish rested five thick slabs of bacon, upon which five rigid eggs had slowly bled to death. Presently Rossetti appeared in his dressing gown, with slippers down at heel, and devoured the dainty repast like an ogre." That meal was too much for Meredith, and he sacrificed three months' rent rather than see it repeated.

The Sphinx's Riddle.

The riddle which the sphinx propounded to the Thebans and the solution of which she made a condition of her withdrawal from the state was as follows: "What animal has one voice, at first four, then two and at last three feet?" Oedipus discovered the answer to be "man," who in infancy, from using his hands as well as his feet in walking, may be said to have four feet (all fours), in after life employs but two, and in old age to these he adds a third, which may be reckoned a third. Upon this solution being given the sphinx is said to have thrown herself headlong from the citadel.

The Simple Life.

In my wanderings on foot when I walk through the provinces of Europe and talk to the people and fish and learn I find that what people lack most in life is simplicity, the poor man as well as the rich. It consists not in plain dress, but in plain living, in simplicity of heart, of personal beliefs and respect for the beliefs of others.—Rev. Charles Wagner.

Her Smuggled Necklace.

Women who are the soul of rectitude in all other things will not hesitate to evade the law when it comes to smuggling. For some reason or other they do not consider smuggling dishonest, but rather as an exciting sort of game to play. Every woman who goes to Europe spends hours of her preparation to return in devising means of bringing things in without paying duty. Men are much more honest about the things they bring in, and not long ago I heard of a case in which a man smuggled this smuggling tendency in his daughter, but took good care that she should not be discovered evading the law.

His daughter had purchased a valuable diamond necklace in London and announced her determination to bring it in without paying one penny of duty. There was no reason in the world why she should have chosen to do this, as her father was a very rich man and could have paid the duty without noting its absence from his bank account. But she wanted the excitement, and her father agreed to let her have her own way. She brought the necklace in in a small bag, which her father asked her to let him hold for a moment or two, and it was not for nearly a year that she found out her father had declared the ornament and paid the duty on it. At any rate, she had had her amusement.—New York Post.

Preparations.

Begin the morning by saying to thyself, I shall meet the busybody, the ungrateful, arrogant, deceitful, envious and unsocial, but I, who have seen the nature of the good, that it is beautiful, and that of the bad, that it is ugly, can be injured by none of them.—Marcus Aurelius.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Order of Hearing and Notice of Probate of Will.

In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska. STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF CHERRY. To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of William Bingham, deceased: On reading the petition of Enos E. Burns, praying that the instrument filed in this Court on the 7th day of July, 1905, and purporting to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, may be proved and allowed, and recorded as the last will and testament of William Bingham, deceased; that said instrument be admitted to probate, and the administration of said estate be granted to himself as executor. It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter, may and do appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat a weekly newspaper printed in said county for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court this 7th day of July, A. D. 1905. W. A. TOWNE, County Judge.

Weather Data.

The following data, covering a period of 15 years, have been compiled from the Weather Bureau records at Valentine, Nebr. They are issued to show the conditions that have prevailed, during the month in question, for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month.

JULY TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal 73° The warmest month was that of 1890 with an average of 76° The coldest month was that of 1891 with an average of 68° The highest was 106° on 6th, 1895 The lowest was 41° on 9, 1895

PRECIPITATION.

Average for month 3.15 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more 9 The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.97 inches in 1900. The least monthly precipitation was 0.54 inches in 1895. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.77 inches on 4-5, 1900. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1885-85 only) was 0 inches.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER.

Average number of clear days, 14; partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 5.

WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the S. The average hourly velocity of the wind is 10.6 miles. The highest velocity of the wind was 52 miles from the W on 14, 1893

JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer Weather Bureau.

Short Lived Bachelors.

"Do bachelors die young? Do they die earlier than married men?" asked a single man. "It would seem so. I was just reading a report which seems to argue strongly in favor of the matrimonial idea. The report shows that the mortality among bachelors from the age of thirty to forty-five years is said to be 27 per cent, while among married men of the same age it is 18 per cent. For forty-one bachelors who attain the age of forty years there are seventy-eight married men who attain the same age. The difference is still more striking in persons of advanced age. At sixty years of age there remain but twenty-two bachelors for forty-eight married men, at seventy years eleven bachelors for twenty-seven married men and at eighty years three bachelors for nine married men. These figures seem to indicate that the best thing for a man, to do is to get him a wife and shake wearing coronet of bachelorhood. We all want to live as long as possible and live happily if we can. Some bachelors are reasonably happy, but all of them are not. Get married. That's the proper caper."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Eight Arrows in the Air at Once. "There is a purely Indian exploit which is recognized as a test of fast shooting," says Mr. Ernest Thompson Seton in Country Life in America. "In this the 'honor' is allowed the archer who can have six arrows in the air at once and the 'high honor' for seven. The Indian record is eight, but not many Indians have made it."

Pen Picture of Bunyan. In the life of John Bunyan by W. Hale White the author of "Pilgrim's Progress" is described as follows: "He appeared in countenance to be a stern and rough temper, but in conversation mild and affable, not given to loquacity or much discourse in company unless some urgent occasion required it. He never boasted of himself or his parts. He abhorred lying and swearing, being just in all that lay in his power to his word, not seeming to revenge injuries, loving to reconcile differences and make friendship with all. He had a sharp, quick eye, accompanied with an excellent discerning of persons, being of good judgment and quick wit. As for his person, he was tall of stature, strong boned, though not corpulent, somewhat of a ruddy face, with sparkling eyes, wearing his hair on his upper lip after the old British fashion, his hair reddish, but in his latter days time had sprinkled it with gray. His nose was well set, but not declining or bending, and his mouth moderately large, his forehead something high, and his habit always plain and modest."

Low Excursion Rates to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, etc.

Via the North-Western Line, will be in effect from all stations July 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 25, 26 and 27, with favorable return limits, on account of various meetings. Two fast trains to the Pacific Coast daily. The Overland Limited (electric lighted throughout), less than three days en route. Another fast train is "The California Express" with drawing room and tourist sleeping cars. For rates, tickets, etc., apply to agents Chicago & North-Western Ry. 263

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ALONZO HEATH Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska On left side. Horns on right shoulder. Range north of Curcomb Lake

Garner Brothers. Cody, Nebr. Anywhere on cattle. Horses on left shoulder. Range—North. Ell.

F. T. Brackett Rice, Nebr. Brand Registered No. 1500 Brand right side of hip. Horses same on right shoulder. Range, Niobrara 5 miles south of Kilgore

J. W. Stetter, Valentine, Nebr. Horses branded: I < I + Horses on left shoulder: I-O left thigh. Range on Boardman, Gordon, Snake and Sand Creek.

Sawyer Bros. Postoffice address. Oasis, Nebr. G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses DS on left shoulder. Some stock on right side. Range on Snake river

Roan Brothers Woodlake Neb John Roan's prime mark, slit in left ear

Nebraska Land and Feeding Co. Bartlett Richards, Pres. Will G. Comstock, V. P. Chas. C. Johnson Sec. & Treas. Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands: [Logos] Horses branded the same. Range between Gordon on the F. & M. V., R. R. and north of Niobrara. Address: BARTLETT RICHARDS, Ellsworth, Nebraska.

R M Faddis & Co. Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy. Some branded on left thigh. Horses on left shoulder or right thigh. Some on right thigh or shoulder.

WILLIAM BEAMER Gordon, Nebr. Cattle branded same as cut on left side. Horses on left shoulder. Range—3 miles south of Irwin.

P. H. Young, Simeon, Nebr. Cattle branded as cut on left side. Some on left side. V on left jaw of horses. Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

Saady Williams, Merriman, Nebr. Mostly on left side. Some on right side. Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Lake Creek, S. D.

C. P. Jordan, Rosebud, SD Horses and cattle same as cut; also on right hip. Range on Oak and Butte creeks. A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.

A. Benson, Address—Arabia, Nebraska. Range—North of Niobrara river.

J. B. Lord, Simeon Nebr. Stock branded same as cut on right shoulder and on right hip. Range on the Niobrara.

James Goodfellow, Cody, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side. Horses J3 on left jaw. Range—Between the Niobrara and Medicine Lake.

N. S. Rowley, Kennedy, Nebraska. Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side of hip. F + on left side. Some cut the brand of horseshoe (either side up) on left side or hip. F on left jaw and left shoulder of horses. W on left hip of horses.

Chi Psi Cattle Co. Edward Lewis, foreman. Wood Lake, Nebr. Cattle branded as in cut on right side. Range: 6 miles east of Simeon on Cronin ranch.

C. W. Bennett Simeon Neb Stock branded with 7 on left hip also same as cut. Range between Gordon and Snake creeks and on the Niobrara river

J P GARDINER Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska On left side of cattle; horses O right arm. Range, north and south of Niobrara river, 12-miles south east of Cody

George Heyne, Cody, Neb Brand registered No. 1127 Horses branded on left shoulder. Range north and south of Outcomb Lake in Cherry Co

Albert Whipple & Sons, Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded SOS on left side OSO on right side. Some cattle also have a + on neck. Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters. Some Texas cattle branded SO on left side and some on left side. Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded AW bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses.

SWEENEY BROS. King, Neb Cattle branded as on cut; horses branded same as cattle except reversed S. See block S. Range—Stevens and Stephenson Lakes and South

D. A. Hancock, Marshall, Mo. or Simeon, Nebraska Cattle branded on left side as cut; also 16 on left side with — on left hip of some cattle; also 16 on right side. Horse brand, rake as 16 on left shoulder or hip. Z on left jaw. Home ranch—on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

A T DAVIS Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb On right side horses on left shoulder. Also cattle on right side. Range 18 miles north of Hyannis

C. H. Little, Merriman, Nebr. On either side. Horses same on hip. Also B Range—Lake Creek S D

PIKE BROS Postoffice address Crookston, Neb Cattle branded PE on either hip or right side. Horses PE on left shoulder. Range—On Minnehaha 5 miles east of Crookston.

G.H. Seager, Postoffice address CODY, NEBRASKA Cattle branded as on cut on left side, hip and shoulder; horses same. Range, Snake Creek

Pat Peiper, Simeon Nebr. Stock branded same as cut on right shoulder and on right hip. Range on the Niobrara.

G. W. BEAMER, Gordon, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side as cut, 6-inch box and 3/4-inch circle Brand registered 875. Horses branded left shoulder. 2 1/2 inch circle, 1-1/2 inch square. Registered 875. Range—6 miles south Irwin on Niobrara river.

G. W. McFarland, Valentine, Nebr Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Old stock 2Y Range—four miles east of Fort Niobrara, north and south of Berry bridge the

Robert Quisenberry Postoffice address Simeon, Nebr. 6 left hip on Y cattle. Horses same on right shoulder. Range on Snake River.

FRANK MOGLE Postoffice address CODY, NEBRASKA On either side cattle herdmark—left ear clipped and right ear split; horses branded same on left shoulder. Range on Niobrara and Medicine Canyon

D. Stinard, Valentine, Nebr. State Brand registered 1554. Cattle and horses branded same as cut on left hip. Range—2 miles east of Ft. Niobrara.

Parmelee Cattle Co. Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded as cut on left side with stripe under tail. Horses branded left thigh.

Metzger Bros., King Neb Cherry Co Branded on left side and thigh. Earmark, square crop right ear. Horses have same brand on left thigh. Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks. A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

Jos. Bristol, Valentine, Nebr. Range on Niobrara river four miles east of Ft. Niobrara. Horses and cattle branded as shown in cut as left hip or side as shown in cut

H A BUCK Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb Branded on left side Range eighteen miles north of Hyannis

J. A. YARYAN Fullman, Nebr Cattle branded JY on right side. Horses branded JY on right shoulder. Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

J.F. Swain, Sparks, Nebr. Cattle branded on ft side as shown in cut. Range—South of Sparks on Niobrara river.

C. E. Wright, Valentine Nebr. Brand registered No. 374. Brand anywhere on right side.

D. M. Sears, Kennedy, Nebr. Cattle branded as on cut left side, hip and shoulder; horses same. Range—Square Lake.

W. E. Haley, Valentine Neb Brand registered No. 290. Range in Sharps Ranch and German precincts 6 miles south of Kilgore