

BAD GANG IS BROKEN UP

CATTLE THIEVES ON ROSEBUD HAVE BEEN CAUGHT.

FIVE MEN WORKED IN CROWD

It is reported at Sioux Falls that a Gang of Cattle Rustlers Working on the Rosebud Have Cleaned up a Thousand Head of Stock.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 4.—According to information received by United States authorities here, a gang of horse and cattle thieves, which for a number of years has infested the Rosebud reservation, in the extreme south central portion of the state, has finally been broken up. Every member of the band, five in number, is now under arrest.

The members of the gang have been unusually bold and daring in their operations. It is said they have run off not less than a thousand head of horses and cattle. The particular charge on which they are arrested is the theft of a bunch of thirty-six head of cattle, which they took to the Nebraska side of the line and sold.

The ringleader of the gang is Joseph Ferron, who was arrested several weeks ago and is confined in the county jail in Sioux Falls awaiting trial at the April term of United States court. Ferron's lieutenant was William Morgan, who was arrested at Fairfax last week, and on direction of United States Marshal Seth Bullock was taken to the Lawrence county jail at Deadwood for safe keeping until his trial.

Through the efforts of Captain Jack Foster, a government brand inspector stationed on the Rosebud reservation, the remaining members of the gang have now been placed under arrest. They were run to earth and made prisoners at the new town of Murdo-McKenzie, on the Chamberlain-Black Hills extension of the Milwaukee.

Since Ferron was placed in the county jail in this city he was visited by Captain Foster, and it is believed that the officer at that time secured information which assisted materially in the arrest of Morgan and the remaining members of the band.

MONDAY MENTION.

C. P. Parish went to Omaha on business at noon.

J. L. Whaler was over from Madison Saturday.

Knipe Lon of Pierce was in the city over Sunday.

James H. Pile of Wayne was in the city Saturday.

E. W. Cullum of Winside spent Sunday in the city.

Emil Winter of Petersburg was in the city Saturday.

Guy Strickland of Wayne was in Norfolk Saturday.

E. H. Ladyard of Creighton was in the city Saturday.

Paul A. Walter was in Norfolk Saturday from Genoa.

Miss Reeves of Humphrey spent Sunday in Norfolk.

C. C. Truiska of Wood Lake was a Norfolk visitor Sunday.

William P. Mohr of Spencer was a city visitor on Saturday.

William Garrett of Magnet was a Norfolk visitor Saturday.

W. F. Reavis of Battle Creek was a Sunday visitor in Norfolk.

J. L. Daniels of Madison was in the city on business Saturday.

Mrs. F. P. Berger of Creighton was a Norfolk visitor on Saturday.

J. P. Koenig was a Norfolk visitor on Saturday from Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kennedy of Sioux City are visiting at the Carberry home this week.

Henry M. Hansen was a Norfolk visitor on Saturday from Magnet.

M. Carberry of Bonesteel spent Sunday with his people in Norfolk.

Albert Elliott spent yesterday with friends in Neligh.

Miss Jeanne Elmore of Stanton was a Norfolk visitor Saturday.

Ralph Blood has arrived from Creighton and accepted a position with a local store.

Miss Ethel Long spent the day visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Long, and left on the noon train for Osmond.

H. G. Brueggeman received a telegram yesterday from his son Alex in San Francisco stating that he was the proud father of a son.

N. A. Bullis of Springfield, South Dakota, was in Norfolk yesterday.

Henry and J. P. Koester of Elgin were Norfolk visitors on Saturday.

Dwight Brown was badly scalded on his hand Saturday with hot water.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Owen of Wayne are visiting at the home of A. F. Tannehill.

Miss Nelda Hans and Miss Ella Hauptli of Battle Creek spent Saturday and Sunday in Norfolk.

Mrs. I. T. Cook went to Pierce and Winnetoon Saturday to visit with relatives. At Winnetoon she visited her brother, William Buffington.

James Collins has been quite sick with an attack of pneumonia, but is reported considerably better. His brother, Charles, a conductor on the Great Northern in Minnesota, has been visiting him several days.

The Trinity Social guild will meet with Miss Dorcht tomorrow evening.

The plan to establish a Commercial club lunch in Norfolk, where business men could all get together and discuss public plans every day, appears to be approved by many Norfolk men, and the idea is being discussed seriously.

City mail carriers of Norfolk are anticipating with much joy a raise in their pay which is promised by a bill that has passed the senate. This bill raises salaries to \$1,200 ultimately, in-

creasing from \$600 to \$1,200 at the rate of \$100 each year.

Sadie Dubois has been asked by a number of Norfolk people why she doesn't take her sheep in the Woodmen parade on Thursday afternoon, and she has practically promised to do it. If this is done it is expected that it will be a stellar feature of the procession.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash and two children of Long Pine are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bain.

Mrs. Robert Craft is quite sick with appendicitis.

Jake Christensen went to Scribner yesterday to do some boiler work for the company.

Foreman Beaton has the block signals all installed at the stations west of here except at Meadow Grove, Neligh and Newport, where the tracks will have to be moved.

Al Burling returned Saturday from Washington, where he was visiting relatives.

Brothers of the late George Wantlin were at the Junction Saturday attending to his interests.

Ray Beck was taken quite sick at Shoemaker West's shop Saturday. He is all right now.

Jake Hershisser received a letter from O. P. Masters, formerly of this city but now located at Los Angeles, Cal., as the proprietor of a billiard hall.

Mrs. Selkirk of Sioux City is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Ellenwood.

Our Northwestern blacksmith had quite an accident Saturday morning. His shop is rather cold and he had just sat down on the edge of his forge to get his back warm. In a moment a flame had leaped over his shoulders and his back was afire. He soon, however, got it put out. The back of his jacket was completely burned out, otherwise not much damage was done.

Word was received here by Mrs. G. T. Sprecher that Mrs. Perry Williams, her sister-in-law, died last night at Council Bluffs from an attack of pneumonia. Her death was very sudden.

Mr. Williams will be remembered as having at one time lived in Norfolk. The remains will be taken to Cheyenne for burial.

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ONLY TWO BILLS PASSED

LEGISLATURE HAS PROVIDED FOR ITS OWN PAY.

ALSO LOOKS AFTER EXPENSES

But There Have Been No End to Bills Introduced, and Most of Them are Draconic in Their Attacks Upon Industrial Institutions.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 5.—Special to The News: For twenty-two days the Nebraska legislature has been in session and up to date only two bills have been passed and signed by Governor Sheldon. These are two appropriation bills to cover the salaries and expenses of the legislature, one for \$80,000 and the other for \$20,000. The general sentiment both in the senate and in the house seems to be against corporations and capital, but no legislation along this line has yet been effected.

In the senate 245 bills have been introduced, averaging seven and one-third bills per member. Twenty-four of these bills have passed the senate, thirty-one have been killed and 192 have been pending. The senate has been in session only twenty-one days.

The house has been in session one day longer than this, and in it 253 bills have been introduced, averaging two and one-half bills per member. Eleven of these bills have been passed, eighteen have been killed and 224 are now pending.

Railroad regulation and rates is the subject taken up by thirty-two of the bills introduced in the legislature, and thirty bills are on revenue and taxation. Four anti-pass bills and two direct primary measures are under consideration. Eighteen bills are on file relating to county option and like matters. Three anti-trust and three anti-lobby bills have roused much discussion as has also the three bills relating to pure food inspection.

Along with the bills attacking corporations and capital are a number of measures to create offices. There are bills to establish veterinary examining boards, dairy inspectors, hotel inspectors, insurance inspectors and all sorts of supervising boards.

As compared with preceding legislatures the present session is unusually backward. This is due to the party reform pledges. When the members actually assembled the pledges did not seem so easy of fulfillment as they did during the heat of the campaign.

Primary legislation has almost divided the party into discordant factions. One school of reformers want a state-wide primary. Another faction desires a state convention, the local officers and the delegates to be named by the voters. Still another clan wishes initiative and referendum on the state platform the document to be compiled by the state central committee.

Partisans and veteran campaigners decried the primary system. The republicans are pledged to the innovation and the demands for the change are vociferous and unequivocal.

County option may prevail. The liquor interests are alarmed and it is reported that a vigorous fight will yet be made. Several representatives are in the city and it is claimed that no stone will be left unturned to defeat the option bill. The measure allows counties to decide the saloon or no saloon question once in five years.

So far the railway commission has accomplished nothing. The legislators are kicking because the members have not come to Lincoln to "get next to" the official duties while the commissioners are waiting for a bill to be passed clothing the new officials with powers, duties and salaries. The legislators claim that it was presumed that the commissioners would give their whole time to the work while the incumbents say that they understood the duties to be "merely judicial."

ROASTS MADDEN.

Fry's Wonderland Magazine Says Post-office Has Been Unfair.

Ed A. Fry, editor and publisher of Fry's Wonderland Magazine, issued at Niobrara, pays this sizzling tribute in the current number to Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden:

Fry's Wonderland Magazine has been unjustly treated by Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden in depriving it of the periodical rate of postage on very slim grounds. To not be admitted to the second-class rate places this magazine in the third-class and subjects it to a postage of four cents a copy—a prohibitive rate for any periodical.

Mr. Madden has for years been antagonistic to the legitimate press, but to that class "designed primarily for advertising purposes, or for free circulation, or for circulation at nominal rates" he has never used his big stick. It seems to be the local effort to which he objects, because, "unlike a newspaper, a magazine is known to be, not local, but of a general nature. It is designed to circulate, not in a locality, but throughout large areas of country, and its contents are chosen and arranged on that principle."

Before railroads and steamboats stage coaches and sailing vessels did very well. A horseless carriage was stoned by farmers in England for fear that it would supplant the horse. Mr. Edison's latest invention promises to fulfill that long deferred fear by the introduction of his storage battery. Mr. Madden should live in a past age, not in a progressive age like this. Wonderland does not object to logical actions for the improvement of any administrative office. But in doubt of truth the postoffice inspectors should be asked to investigate. This denial to the second-class rate has been a very serious blow to this worthy effort, its uncertainty in his hands having

crippled its progress. It may look like a very small affair to such an autocrat as Mr. Madden, but he will hear of Fry's Wonderland Magazine from another source and in a manner that may help to slip his wings.

Edwin A. Fry.

RAISE IN POSTAGE.

Periodical Publishers Will Begin Campaign of Popular Education.

New York, Feb. 5.—The Periodical Publishers' Association of America, representing the leading magazines and weeklies in this country, will determinedly fight the changes in second class mail regulations proposed in a report of the joint postoffice commission of congress. It was decided at a meeting of the directors to point out to the public, through the editorial columns of the magazines and weeklies, what was considered inconsistencies in the report, to have a special committee wait upon congress in the interest of publishers, and to enlist in the fight the co-operation of trade papers, daily newspapers and others affected by the proposed changes.

Frederick L. Colver, president of the Periodical Publishers' association, said in an interview:

"If the recommendations of the commission are adopted, the position taken by the government in the last hundred years will be reversed, and the publishing business will be revolutionized."

"Ever since the foundation of the government congress has encouraged by legislation the distribution of good literature. If it accept the measures proposed it will undo all its work in this line. It is safe to say that if the changes proposed by the commission are ever put in operation, three-fourths of the magazines now published will be forced out of business or will have to increase their prices. In either case the people will be the sufferers."