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The Herd Law.

ED. JOURNAL:—

Sir: Will you kindly permit me to occupy some of your valuable space for a few words which I wish to say in answer to the articles which appeared in your last issue relative to free range and herd law, which is at present being agitated by the herd law element of this county. As for myself individually I care not whether we have herd law or free range but I advocate free range because of the way the county is situated geographically, as there are hundreds of thousands of acres in this county that are practically worthless except for grazing purposes, therefore why drive out the man that has a few head of cattle? What use will our herd law friends make of the immense amount of rough hills and bluffs? They cannot cultivate it, but the cattle man could run cattle on them and thereby increase his own comfort, and at the same time return more revenue in the county treasury and help his poorer neighbor by buying his products for feeding and fattening his stock, besides giving them employment otherwise.

What advantage would it be to our poor farmer if all the country were settled up by just as poor men as himself? Where would he get employment? Who would buy his products? Does it not apply the same to a county as to a state, as to the whole United States. Just stop here a moment and think of the whole United States being settled by poor men! What would become of them? Why, you can easily draw a conclusion. How could our illustrious government be maintained—who could pay any revenue? Does it not apply to a county in the same manner? How could a county government be maintained if there were not somebody that could pay taxes? Why it would take about a million taxpayers such as some of your Glen correspondents who are the biggest howlers about the cattlemen, particularly one certain man who is always howling about free range and the corruption of our county officials, and he has never paid one cent of taxes, but who is loaning money at 3 per cent, to poor farmers and takes a mortgage on ten times the value loaned and in any case in default of payment sells out his poor victim and thinks he has done an act of charity and who owns today 1,600 acres of land in Sioux and Dawes counties and holds down 2 1/2 a quarter section which he neither cultivates nor otherwise makes use of, only lives there to the detriment of the community. He is only here for the purpose of speculation. We certainly do not want such a class of people. Were it not better for two or three substantial farmers to own those 1,600 acres of land who would add ten times more towards the maintenance of the county government than for him to hold it for speculative purposes? He advocates herd law yet lets his one cow roam at will around his neighbor's door yard and even meanders into the soldiers' camp and destroys their hay and grain in their absence. Were it not better for him to practice what he preaches? But, then, his cow has a perfect right to all the privileges of free range. Now, in regard to the article about the meeting of the citizens of White River where several citizens stated that they had their crops destroyed by range cattle for three successive seasons, I will state in contradiction that there was not one head of range stock in this valley since the year 1885, and, being one of the oldest settlers, I know whereof I speak and this statement I can get verified by any right minded citizen of this valley, and if they call the few cows that are natives in this valley range cattle they are simply ignorant of the term range cattle. And, in reference to the allegation of one of our neighbors of having 1,000 head of nice cabbages eaten up by his neighbors' cattle, I will say that man never planted that amount of cabbages and I here call his attention that he did not strictly adhere to the truth, though it is true that some dwarfed plants were destroyed by said cattle, but as the cabbages did not actually belong to said citizen, although they were on his ground, therefore did not claim any damage, otherwise he would. This statement I can also verify by affidavit if necessary. Now if such men as these are a necessary adjunct to a community I would sooner not belong there. So I will close my remarks this time, and maybe I will come again.

Respectfully Yours,
 ONE WHO KNOWS.
 A careful perusal of the above article will convince any one that the writer is

FARM LOAN

ON LIBERAL TERMS.

Jones & Verity, Harrison,

woefully ignorant of the subject matter or else he wilfully misrepresents the same, and we prefer to apply the first designated disqualification to him.

He states first "that there are hundreds of thousands of acres of land in this county that are practically worthless except for grazing purposes," which is a gross exaggeration. This county contains a small per cent of land that is unfit for agricultural purposes. The major part of the county consists of good farm land as everyone knows who is at all acquainted with the county. He also desires to know why we want to drive out the men with a few head of cattle; and what we are going to do with the bluff lands? In answer we will state that at the present time the greater portion of the county is uncultivated and as in all new counties a great amount of it will remain uncultivated for a few years. This land may and should be used for grazing purposes. House roll 95 does not provide that it shall not be so used. All that is required or contemplated by the bill is that the cattle be kept from destroying the crops of the settlers. The stock raisers will still retain the right to graze over the uncultivated lands. It is a fair provision and we honestly believe it will be better for the stock men. For \$100 a boy can be hired during the summer who can herd at least 500 head of cattle, at a cost of 20c a head, and which we contend is less than it costs to let them run on free range, computing the per cent. of loss, cost of rounding etc. The passage of house roll 95 will not necessitate the removal of a single critter, except to provide for the cultivated land of the incoming settlers, and the friends of free range assert that the county will settle as rapidly under fence law as under herd law so it is not necessary to defend that point.

The great good that the cattlemen do the settler by buying the products of the farm is a little beyond the sight of the JOURNAL. We understand that one stock man bought some 1,200 or 1,500 bu. of corn from the settlers and it was considered of so much importance that it was paraded in a newspaper of Sioux county. Now if the farmers of Sioux county are, in the aggregate, going to be able to sell at least 1,500 bushels of corn to a cattle man, the market will undoubtedly be unlimited in that direction when each farmer, on an average will probably have from 2,000 to 5,000 bushels of corn each year. We presume the writer is ignorant of the fact that we have a railroad in Sioux county and will in all probability have two or three more in the near future, and that it only costs one or two cents more per bushel to ship from here than from central or eastern Nebraska. If the farmers can profitably raise corn on land worth \$50 or \$75 per acre, it can be done here where land is free.

In regard to revenue into the county treasury, the JOURNAL will make this statement without fear of contradiction, that the poor men pay the bulk of the taxes the world over, and will also venture the assertion that the poorest settler in Sioux county pays a great deal more taxes in proportion to the actual amount of property he owns than the richest cattle man in the county. We will bet two copper cents and a pants button that the cattle man will take as good care of the tax business as the money loaner referred to, and have their cattle conspicuously absent from the county assessing time.

Judging from the vote of last November we are led to believe that there are about three hundred actual farmers in Sioux county at this time, and we sincerely believe that if we have herd law the number will be increased to six thousand in less than five years. The harangue about the money loaners methods of doing up the settlers, (which if true is not to be commended,) and the cabbage head controversy is neither argument for or against free range.

If the republican party of Iowa had adopted the policy and doctrine of the Iowa State Register and J. S. Clarkson, on the matter of the control of railroads, the state of Iowa would have gone democratic in the year 1888. This well remembered fact stares one in the face when Mr. Clarkson's conceded ability and fitness for almost any public place causes his name to be suggested. It is only a question of how much should be forgiven him in the name of general republicanism, in which respect he stands well.—Atlantic Telegraph.

An astronomical occurrence happens this month which has not occurred before in four thousand years, and will not happen again for four thousand years. It is simply this, February has no new moon. Get your almanacs and look the matter up.—Greenfield Transcript.

Mrs. L. O. Hull has been quite busy dressmaking since moving on the claim two miles north of town, and would like to have the work of all her old customers who find it convenient to come or send their work.

Oats for sale at the lumber yard.
 Sioux county school warrants bought at the Bank of Harrison.

Wm. Schonebaum won the Beck pony at the raffle last Saturday.

Attorney Hull can be found at the bank most any time these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Verity are rejoicing that their baby that was very sick is now much better.

The Herald has taken a long stride in the right direction by dropping from the head of its editorial column the name of A. J. Babcock.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please get to the front and settle up as I need the money.
 D. H. Griswold.

Why were not the names of the central committee who met recently and did such a large amount of business, published along with the proceedings of said meeting?
 Geo. Brundidge while being initiated into the secret of driving six bronchos had two runaways in succession last Friday. Neither Mr. Brundidge or the bronchos were injured.

During the past ten days several of our farmers have been engaged in sowing wheat. George Roach, who lives southwest of town, has already sown upwards of twenty-five acres.—Oelrich Advocate.

There is a demand at this office for several copies of the Bodarc Record. Parties having old copies they will dispose of are requested to submit them to us for approval. We will give 25c a piece for the desired copies.

We would recommend the appointment to the office of fool killer the person who signs as A. Glen Taxpayer, to an article in the last Herald, was it not for the fact that by virtue of his office, his first official act would be to commit suicide.

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Republican' Attention'

The republican leagues of Nebraska and each republican club in the state is entitled to send four delegates, besides the president of each organization, who shall be ex-officio a delegate, to the republican league convention to be held at Baltimore beginning February 25. The many active clubs in Nebraska should give their state a strong representation in that convention, and delegates should be chosen now and reported soon, in order that the executive committee of the convention may make the necessary arrangements.

Ample accommodations can be secured for all delegates and others who wish to attend the inaugural ceremonies, if notice is given in time.

Hotel rates for the four leading hotels, American plan, from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day.

Railroad rates are one fare for the round trip, and on tickets to Washington a stop over at Baltimore will be allowed.

East and west of the Ohio river tickets good from February 26 to March 7.

The names of delegates should be forwarded as early as possible to Mr. D. L. Brinton, Secretary, 23 west Saratoga street, Baltimore, Md. Mr. Brinton will also engage hotel accommodations for such as signify their wish that he should do so.

It should be remembered that Baltimore is a much better place at which to stop when Washington is as crowded as it will be during the inaugural, than at the Capital city.

Any further information can be had either of Mr. Brinton at the above address, or of the undersigned at Omaha.

R. W. BROCKENBIDGE,
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