ABOUT CATTLE.

Once the Law Forbade the Killing of Cows in This Country.

The first cattle that were brought into the American colonies were landed at the James river plantation, in Virginia, in the year 1607. They came from the West Indies and were the descendants of the cattle taken to those islands by Columbus on his second voyage, in the year 1493. In 1610 several cows were landed, and again, in 1611, about 100 head more were brought to the plantation. This, therefore, was the genesis of the cattle business in America.

In order to encourage the industry to the fullest possible extent an order was passed forbidding the slaughter of any animal of the bovine kind under penalty of death. Under this restriction the number of cattle increased to 30,000 in Virginia alone before the end of the year 1619.

The first cattle brought into the New England colonies arrived at Plymouth in 1624, and were imported from England by Governor Winslow. Three heifers and a bull made up the cargo: "in color," the old record says, "they were black, black and white and brindle." In 1626 twelve cows were sent to Cape Ann, and in 1629 thirty more. In 1630 about 100 were imported "for the exclusive use of the colony of Massachusetts bay." During the same year 103 were sent from Holland to New York, so that by the year 1630 there were a good many head of "horned cattle" in the different colonies.

The reader naturally thinks of these animals as superb specimens of the bovine race, but they were not. History, that is, the curious and interesting part of history, tells us that the average weight of fat cattle in the Liverpool market as late as 1710 was only 370 pounds. What an evolution in 182 years?

OLD LONDON CHURCHES.

The Pestilential Airs With Which They are Filled.

The Church of St. Mary Woolnoth, which stands out conspicuously at the King William street corner of Lombard street, London, was closed ten months ago, and it is clear from the statement of the rector that the step was not premature. It has been his unhappy lot to be often startled in the course of his services by a loud yet muffled sound, evidently issuing from the vaults under the church. As these vaults are now "hermetically sealed," the phenomenon may well have excited the imaginations of timid members of the congregation. Mr. Brooke, however, recognized the noises only too well. They were caused by the falling of leaden coffins, sometimes from the height of ten or twelve feet, in consequence of the mouldering away of the coffins of oak and elm on which they had been piled. It would be well if the evils of this relic of the barbarous system of intramural interment had ended here. Unfortunately the process of "hermetically sealing," according to Mr. Brooke's evidence before the consistory court of St. Paul's Cathedral, has been anything but "hermetical." Mr. Brooke declares that for years nearly every official had died from the effects, direct or indirect, of the unendurable smell.

Arthur Statham, the counsel representing the parish, stated that 1,681 adults and 422 children had been deposited in this horrible receptacle between 1700 and 1832. In the latter year according to Mr. Statham, the vaults were closed for burials; but these burials in St. Mary Woolnoth, if burials they can be called, were continued for at least twelve years after the latter date.

Wanted, Two Good Murderers.

Some curious letters passed between Garrick and a man named Stone. The latter was employed to get recruits for the lower parts of the drama, and one night he wrote to Garrick: "Sir: The Bishop of Winchester is getting drunk at the Bear and swears he will not play to-night." At first sight this seems peculiar conduct for a bishop, but it should be explained that the communication only refers to the man engaged to take that character in the play of "Henry III." On another occasion Garrick wrote to Stone: "If you can get me two good murderers I will pay you handsomely, particularly the spouting fellow who keeps the apple stall on Tower Hill; the cut in the face is just the thing. Pick me up an alderman or two for Richard if you can, and have no objections to treat with you for a comely mayor."

A Peacock's Little Foster Mother.

A bantam hen at Norwich, Conn., has adopted a young peacock, newly hatched from an ordinary looking egg, to the greatest disgust of another hen, who did the hatching. There were three pea chicks first, but the latter hen killed one and the other died. The bantam soon manifested a warm interest in the peacock and the peacock became attached to his foster mother. Although the peacock is three times the size of the bantam hen he does not like to be left alone, and when his little mother gets out of his sight it is amusing to hear him set up his ear-piercing yawp for her to return to him. The little hen is very faithful to him, and devotes her whole time to the plumaged giant.

Dangerous at Such Times.

Some ladies never can understand that a man of letters should sometimes be left alone in his den. Byron himself says that, however much in love he might be any moment, he always felt, even when with the fair, a hankering to be back in his untidy library. There is a story of Lady Byron's entering the den and asking: "Do I disturb you, Byron?" "Yes, damnably," answered Childe Harold, in an intelligible, if not a pardonable irritation.

Final--Proof--Notices

HON. J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.
HON. F. M. DUBOIS, Receiver.

Parties having notices in this column are requested to read the same carefully and report to this office for correction any errors that may exist. This will prevent possible delay in making proof.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Dec. 17, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John W. Pierce,

of Hemingford, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on the 23d day of January 1897, on timber culture application No 924 for the w e ¼ sec 25, tp 29 n, r 50 w.

He names as witnesses: John F. Neeland, James A Hunter, William D. Cross, Hamilton Hall, all of Hemingford, Neb.

J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Dec. 7, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb. on Jan. 16, 1896, viz:

Vojtech Chladek,

of Dunlap, Neb., who made H. E. No. 2383 for the n e ¼ sec 35, tp 23 n, r 48.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Lichte, John Potmesil, Christoph Lichte, Bernard Fendrich, all of Dunlap, Neb. J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

Land Office, Alliance, Neb., Dec. 2, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John C. Alexander,

of Ardmore, S. D., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before M. J. Blewett, clerk district court, at his office in Harrison, Neb., on January 9, 1897, on timber culture application No. 616, for the s w ¼ of sec 14, tp 28 n, r 48.

Witnesses will give testimony before register or receiver at Alliance, Neb. He names as witnesses: Thomas L. Hopkins, Wm. J. Britton, John Jelinek, Wm. D. Johnson, all of Hemingford, Neb. J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Nov. 25, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

Hester A. Fuller, nee Harker,

has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on January 4, 1897, on timber culture application No. 925, for the n w ¼ sec 24, tp 26 n, rg 49 w.

She names as witnesses: E. Vaughn, J. H. Jewett, W. H. Jewett, of Boros, Neb., G. W. Young, of Alliance, Neb.

J. W WEBB, JR., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Nov. 18, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on Dec. 26, 1896, viz:

Joseph Duhon,

of Hemingford, Neb., who made H E No. 3657 for the s e ¼ sec 33, tp 28 n, rg 51 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Anton Chytka, James Turek, Robert Anderson, Henry Shimek, all of Lawn Neb.

J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

U. S. Land Offic, Alliance, Neb., Nov. 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John C. Lammers,

of Rushville, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on December 22, 1896, on timber culture application No. 908, for the n e ¼ sec 22, tp 27 n, r 47 w.

He names as witnesses: Christopher C. Buggles, Albert Marundy, O. B. Webster, of Box Butte, Neb., Peter C. Sorensen, of Rushville, Neb. J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

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Anna Neeland, Sec.

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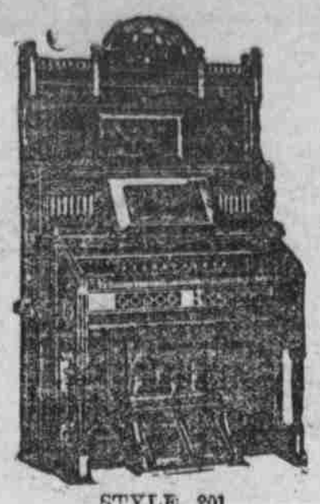

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