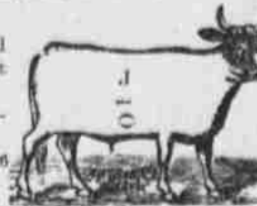


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MOSLER & TULLY,
Jess, Neb.
Stock branded as shown on cut on either side.
Also J-O on either side.
Township 26 and range 43.



SCHILL BROS.,
Schill, Neb.
Cattle branded on right thigh or XV on right side.
Township 27 range 45, Sheridan county.



WM. O'MARA,
Moomaw, Neb.
Cattle branded Catholic cross on right hip.
Horses branded same on right shoulder.
Ranch on S. W. 1/4 of section 30, 25, 45 and adjacent range.



H. A. DILLING,
Box Butte, Neb.
Cattle branded as D on left hip, also with the bar over instead of under brand.
Also on left side.
Section 17, township 27, range 40.




CURRAN BROS.,
Canton, Sioux county, Neb.
(Cross H Cross) on left side. Also H on left thigh. Under \$10 per on left ear.
Horses branded same as cattle on left jaw and U on left shoulder.



JOS. NERUD,
Malinda, Neb.
N on left side—J. R. Nerud.
N on left thigh—Frank Nerud.



T. J. DOWD,
Alliance, Neb.
3 S connected any place on left side. Range on head of Pine Creek, Sheridan County.



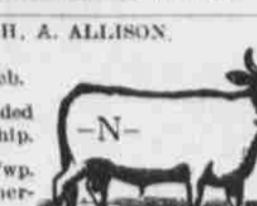
STORM LAKE RANCH, ROBERT GRAHAM,
Clema, Neb.
As in cut on right or left hip; left ear cropped. Horses branded O on left jaw.



E. MABIN,
Hemingford, Neb.
Cattle branded flying horseshoe on left hip, as in cut. Home ranch sec. 25-27-50. Horse ranch in 26-49.



H. A. ALLISON,
Lakeside, Neb.
Cattle branded—N—on right hip. Range in Twp. 26, range 45, Sheridan county.



POINT-OF-ROCKS RANCH, JOHN O'KEEFE & SONS,
Alliance, Neb.
Cattle branded OK on left side; also OK and OK on left side.



Stockmen: It will pay you to advertise your brands in this paper. The Herald has the largest circulation of any newspaper in Western Nebraska.

Estray
From the Dilling ranch on or about the second day of December last a bright bay gelding work horse, white face, branded T on jaw. Anyone locating animal and notifying us will be promptly rewarded.—REUBEN VILEY, 3-It P. O. address, Box Butte, Neb.

Estray
One small three-year-old black steer, weight about 160 pounds estrayed from our ranch about the first of last August. He bore the brand on right hip. Anyone locating him please notify me and receive reward.—DILLING BROS., 3-It P. O. address, Box Butte, Neb.

ORIGINAL OF "PARADISE LOST."

Manuscript to be Auctioned in England in March.

One of the most valuable literary relics in England is to be auctioned off at Sotheby's in March, unless it can be secured during the interval for the British Museum or the Bodleian Library. This is the original manuscript of the great book of Milton's "Paradise Lost." In thirteen small quarto leaves, the poet had been blind for fourteen years when the epic was completed for the printer; not a stroke from these closely written pages was from his hand, and the familiar tradition that he dictated the poem to one of his daughters is not confirmed by the penmanship, which is masculine in character. The alternative theory that the amanuensis was Milton's nephew, Edward Phillips, is hardly tenable, since the fact is not mentioned in the little volume of memoirs published by him in 1694. If Phillips had taken down the poem line by line he would probably have claimed the credit for it, as well as for suggesting alterations where the verses needed mending. While the identity of the amanuensis is a mystery, it cannot be doubted that this is the original copy filed at Stationers' Hall in 1667, and assigned to Samuel Simmons (or Symonds) "in consideration of the sum of £5 in hand paid." Another payment of £5 was made for a second edition, and Milton's widow assigned all her rights after his death for an additional sum of £8. The copyright was sold by the printer to Brabazon Aylmer, a bookseller, who subsequently transferred it to Jacob Tonson, and three generations of Tonsons printed numerous editions of "Paradise Lost," and were enabled by profits in trade to buy an estate in Hertfordshire. The manuscript was preserved in the Tonson family as the proof of their right to publish as many editions of the poem as they pleased, and it is now in the possession of William Robert Baker, a great-grandson of Mary Tonson.

The Scotch Sabbath.

The earl of Aberdeen recently had a practical experience of the grim observance of the Sabbath in Scotland. He arrived in Edinburgh from London at 7:30 in the morning. There was not a single public conveyance in the station, and, leaving his valet in charge of the luggage, his lordship wandered out in the raw, cold weather, and walked along Princes street in search of a cab, but to his dismay every cabman was keeping the Sabbath. Afterwards his lordship met a milkman, delivering milk in a side street. A bargain was struck, his lordship got into the milk van, was driven back to the station, where his luggage was put into the vehicle, and then he rode in triumph to his club.

A Few Left.

After the Hon. Cave Johnson had served his long and brilliant career in Congress and had retired to the quiet of private life, he once stepped into the office of his nephew, Robert Johnson, then a young lawyer of much promise, and finding the young man engaged in writing with a gold pen had occasion to remark upon the extravagance of the rising generation. "Why is it," he asked, "that every young man now has his gold pen, while those of my day were content to use their goose-quills?" "I suppose," replied Robert, in the most innocent manner possible, "it is because there were more geese when you were a young man."

The Lord's Service.

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labor to pursue;
These, only Thee, resolved to know,
In all I think, or speak, or do.
The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O, let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.
These may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see;
And labor on at Thy command,
And offer all my works to Thee.
Give me to bear Thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray;
And still the things eternal look,
And hasten to Thy glorious Day.
Pain would I still for Thee employ
Whatever Thy bounteous grace hath given;
Would run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with Thee to Heaven.
—Charles Wesley.

Sad News for Gum Chewers.

The saddest news that has come out of Maine in a long time is that the spruce gum crop is short. This means that chewing gum will cost more this year, or gum chewers will get less for their money. Most of the gum put up by the great chewing gum concerns comes from the spruce trees of Maine, and the shortness of the crop therefore is of direct interest to every messenger boy, typewriter girl, saleswoman and cash girl who has the gum-chewing habit.

Underground Policemen.

Since the opening of the London "Two-penny Tube" there are in the city police force some constables who have to perform the whole of their duties underground. Their duty is to patrol the footways and staircases of the Bank station to prevent any breach of the peace, just as constables in the ordinary way patrol the streets above. They go on duty and are relieved at the same hours as their brother officers.

Makes Railway Record.

The London & Northwestern railway company has established a record railway run. The American boat express, which usually runs from Liverpool to Easton without stop, was pulled up at Crewe. The journey from Crewe to London, 158 1/2 miles, was done in exactly as many minutes, notwithstanding that on two occasions speed was reduced to almost walking pace.

WAS EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

Minister Turns Apparent to His Advancement.

Rev. F. W. Sanborn, pastor of the First Baptist church, Shiloh, Mo., that threatens to exceed the numbers of the army, of a Presbyterian minister.

"This minister," says Mr. Sanford, "was making a tour of Maine, preaching each Sunday in a different church. It happened that on one particular Sunday he had no new discourse prepared. This, however, did not bother him. Would he not be among strange people?"

"It chanced, however, that when he arose in the pulpit he saw a number of last Sunday's congregation seated in the front row. A delegation had come to hear him again, intending, if he pleased them, to offer him the incumbency of their church."

"What was he to do? He suspected the cause of the delegation's visit, and he wanted to please them mightily. An inspiration came to him, and, frowning down upon his hearers, he began:

"Dear Friends: I have been much pained by a report that has reached me. I preached last Sunday, as you know, in Shiloh church. Well, I have been reliably informed that the good people of Shiloh took umbrage at my discourse. They questioned its orthodoxy. How am I to reply to them? How am I to defend myself? But one way is open to me. In order to refute this baseless charge from Shiloh I am going to repeat, sentence by sentence, and word for word, the sermon I preached there last Sunday. Give me, I pray you, your attention, and see if you can find in my sermon a single unorthodox thought."—Chicago Record-Herald.

First Aid for Injured Animals.

A West Philadelphia physician is writing an interesting and valuable little book that he intends to call "First Aid to Injured Animals." The book deals with the treatment of the common accidents that happen to dogs, cats and horses. It shows how 50 per cent of the deaths that occur among domestic animals are due to the mistaken treatment that these animals receive in the interim between their falling ill and the veterinary surgeon's arrival. The physician said: "Take the case of a valuable dog, for instance. Dogs frequently choke. A bone, a nail or a piece of tin gets in their throat and there is great danger of their dying before the surgeon comes. Many of them do die, but there is no reason for this. For it is easy, without the slightest danger of being bitten, to put the hand in the mouth of a dog and to draw out or push down the obstruction that is killing him. A bandage—a handkerchief or a towel will do—is passed between the teeth and over the upper jaw, and in a similar way another bandage is passed between the teeth and over the lower jaw. One person holding the ends of two bandages keeps the dog's mouth wide open; a second person can then, with perfect ease and safety, put his fingers down the animal's throat and relieve him. There are a hundred emergencies like this one—just as dangerous and just as easily treated. In my book it is my purpose to describe all these emergencies and thus I hope to save many animals' lives."

The "Coup de Mouserrat."

The fatal issue of a recent French duel causes discussion of what the Parisian fencers call the "Coup de Mouserrat." The history of this stroke is romantic. The hero of the story was a young Parisian musician engaged to be married to a young lady of Bordeaux. Quarrelling with a cousin of his fiancee, he got his ears boxed at the Bordeaux Club. Ignorant of fencing, he dared not resent the insult, and renounced his engagement. But he also took fencing lessons from one Mouserrat, a maitre d'armes of Toulouse. Mouserrat taught him one trick only, and he practiced it for a year. At the end of that time he returned to the Bordeaux Club, slapped his man's face, and, being called out, instantly ran his opponent through the body with his cunning lunge.

Cuba's Richest Woman.

Senora Rosa Abreu, the richest woman in Cuba, is a handsome, intelligent, aristocratic looking widow worth \$2,000,000, and with no incumbent. She lives in the Cerro, a fashionable suburb of Havana, was born in Cuba, as was her late husband, and all her interests and sympathies are entirely non-Spanish. La senora is very democratic in manner and takes great interest in a society originated by American women to aid the poor. Her plantation, one of the largest in Cuba, consists of 150,000 acres of magnificent coffee land.

Has Held Honors Long.

Joseph S. Miller of Bridgeton, N. J., has just been installed for the forty-first time as secretary of Brearley chapter, Royal Arch Masons. The installation was marked by the presentation to Mr. Miller of a beautiful jewel of rich workmanship and appropriate design.

Laziness of Great Men.

If early rising were a condition of fame, our biographical dictionaries would be much slenderer volumes than they are; for it is a deplorable fact that many of our great men are as reluctant to leave their pillows in the morning as any of their obscure fellowmen.

Supplants American Cheese.

Canadian cheese is being substituted for American in the English market, because of its superiority and cheapness.

WORN-OUT RUBBER MADE NEW.

Modern Inventions Permit Rejuvenation of Valuable Product.

Worn-out rubber, like worn-out silver, is something that does not exist in these days. Ever since the advent of bicycles and automobiles, both of which draw heavily on the world's rubber supply, and ever since the hundred and one uses to which rubber is put in connection with electricity, the material has become more and more scarce and valuable, so that even the old rubber shoe and the worn-out rubber boot may throw out their chests in pride at being worth really something. Nothing containing rubber is discarded nowadays. The old rubber coat over which the spring tires of a motor car may run on a country road to-day may some day find a resting place in the soft tresses of a woman's hair after having been transformed into a handsome comb.

Even vulcanized rubber, which, owing to the sulphuric process to which it was subjected, was formerly valueless, is now subjected to a process which rejuvenates it and makes it fit to be worked up again for the purposes of the manufacturer. Immense quantities of this product, which formerly was assigned to a rubbish heap, are now treated and admixed with a certain percentage of new gum, enough to cheapen the price of most rubber goods turned out by the manufacturers to-day. Old rubber, however, can be used by itself without any addition of fresh gum, the process of treatment being a simple one.—Answers.

THEN WAS THE TIME.

Southerner's Peculiar Plea for Promotion of Harmony.

Dr. G. Watson James, for many years on the editorial staff of the old Richmond Dispatch, now out of existence, tells this story to show how gentle and sweet was the feeling between the Methodists North and the Methodists South right after the war.

It was a raw and wet day when the doctor took a Mississippi steamer at New Orleans. He was accompanied by a Virginia Methodist. On board was a party of about 200 Northern Methodists who had been to some important conference away from home.

The Northern Methodists hugged the warm sides of the great exposed boilers of the steamer.

Another steamer came up astern, and a race was started. The doctor's craft was losing by inches, and the captain had the furnaces roaring and full head of steam on.

When an explosion seemed to have been overdue a half hour, the Southern Methodist went out into the cold and drizzle and raising his hands toward the gray sky uttered this invocation:

"O Lawd! Far be it from me, yo' umble servant, to wish any of Yo' people harm, but if Yo' are still in the biler bustin' business, now's Yo' chance."—New York Times.

To the Man Who Tried.

Not all of life is to win;
True hearts respect the man
Who lifts his banner and goes in
To do the best he can.
Three times, Sir Thomas, you have sought
To lift the trophy up,
But all the shamrocks that you brought
Have failed to win the Cup.
So gallantly you led the fight,
So true your pluck and pride,
We claim with heartiness the right
To praise the Man who Tried.
The world has smiled on you, Sir Tom,
And may it while you live;
Forgive us if we keep you from
The Cup we could not give.
How better far than rank or fame
It is to be content—
To take with gratitude, not blame,
The goods the gods have sent.
So now, Sir Tom, restrain your tears,
Nor rail against the Fates;
Content you with the Cup that Cheers
And not Inebriates.
—New York Sun.

Dangerous Exuberance.

A quaint and most disagreeable detail of Lord Curzon's recent visit to Koweit was the constant fusillade of ball cartridge kept up by his native escort. It does not appear that anybody, strange to relate, was hurt by the bullets, which must have been dropping all about in the surrounding country; but it is quite common in that part of the world for bystanders to be injured by these peculiar demonstrations of enthusiasm. Blank cartridge does not satisfy the feelings of these races when they are excited; they must, apparently, have the sensation of danger as well. The pure Negro, on the other hand, even the Duhoman and the Fan, is quite happy so long as he may make a satisfactory noise.—Montreal Herald.

Glass Money.

Glass money has been used from time immemorial by the Arabs of Fezzan and Tazili; and in Upper Burma are huge leaden tokens issued by the late King Theebau, and which still do duty, although they weigh three-quarters of a pound apiece, and it takes seven of them to equal in value a single Chinese dollar.

Millions for Memorials.

An official of the English war office estimates that half a million has been spent in the country during 1903 on memorials to those who fell during the South African war.

Deaths From Smallpox.

During the fiscal year 1903 there were reported in forty-four states 42,590 cases of smallpox, with 1,642 deaths, a mortality of 3.86 per cent.

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No. 302 Passenger daily from Denver and all intermediate points, arrives at 10:10 a.m.
No. 43 Local passenger daily from Omaha, Lincoln and intermediate points, departs at 3:10 a.m.
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