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Township 27 range 45, Sheridan county.

**WM. O'MARA,**  
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Cattle branded on right hip. Horses branded same on right shoulder.  
Ranch on S. W. 1/4 of section 30, 25, 26 and adjacent range.

**H. A. DILLING,**  
Box Butte, Neb.  
Cattle branded on left hip, also with the bar over instead of under brand. Also on left side.  
Ranch on S. W. 1/4 of section 17, in township 27, range 46.

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

**JOS. NERUD,**  
Malinda, Neb.  
On left side. N on left side.  
J. R. Nerud.

**T. J. D. W. D.,**  
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3 5 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.

**J. E. MABIN,**  
Hemingford, Neb.  
Cattle branded flying horseshoe on left hip, as in cut. Home ranch sec. 25-27-28, Horse ranch in 26-48.

**H. A. ALLISON,**  
Lakeside, Neb.  
Cattle branded N-O on right hip. Range in Twp. 25, range 45, Sheridan county.

**POINT-OF-ROCKS RANCH,**  
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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.—RUBEN VLEET, 2-3 P. O. address, Box Butte, Neb.

**Estray**  
One small three-year-old black steer, weight about 500 pounds estrayed from our ranch about the first of last August. He bore the brand on right hip. Anyone locating this animal please notify me and receive reward.—DILLING BROS., 21-3 P. O. address, Box Butte, Neb.

## A NEW JERSEY SOLOMON.

**Easily Settled Dispute Concerning Ownership of Hens.**  
Magistrate Jermon once spent a summer in a little town in South Jersey and made the acquaintance of a justice of the peace who held more offices than Pooch Bah himself. "He was," says Jermon, "a notary public, a storekeeper, superintendent of the Sunday school, a lay preacher, postmaster, coroner, a farmer and a few more things that I can't recall now. He was a shrewd old fellow, as a decision in a case that I heard will go to show. Two farmers had a dispute about the ownership of some poultry, and each pleaded his own case. Each side had an equal number of witnesses and there was some tall swearing done all round. If I had been sitting on the case I would have given it up as a bad job, or sent it to court for trial. But that's just what he didn't do.  
"I forgot to state that in addition to all his other functions he was his own constable. The hens were in court in a coop and he ordered that a constable should take the coop to the roadway opposite the farms of the litigants and turn the creatures loose. And he did the job himself and got his fee for doing it. The hens settled the case by going directly to one of the farms, and the justice declared that they knew their way home, and gave judgment accordingly."—Philadelphia Press.

**BOSTON LIKES SENATOR DANIEL.**  
Virginia Statesman Makes Distinct "Hit" at the Hub.  
Senator John Warwick Daniel of Virginia was the lion of the occasion at the recent dinner of the Boston Merchants' association. A Boston daily declares that "from the moment the company was seated Mr. Daniel was 'the cynosure of all eyes.' A certain power radiated from his finely cut countenance and somehow it seemed as though where he sat there was the head of the table. A genuine southern, a gentleman from Virginia, of the old stock, and of clearest title to the much-abused 'F. F. V.', with all the graces and outward marks of that distinction.

**With Good Effect.**  
It was at a chamber concert by a famous string quartet, says the Chicago Journal, and the two large hatted, chatty persons of the matinee type who sat directly before the music lovers were so communicative as to their affairs and those of all their acquaintances that the recital was of small pleasure to the appreciative and long-suffering couple directly in the rear of the conversationalists. "I am sorry we could not have heard more of your conversation," the patient pale lover of music wrote on the margin of his program, "but the violinist has inconsiderately been making himself heard from time to time. I am sure, however, if you speak a little louder he will understand and give way to you."  
"I would like to drop that in their laps," he said, passing it to his companion with a savage gleam in his eye. "but I don't quite dare."  
"I do, then," said the mild-voiced young woman at his side, and in some sudden and inexplicable manner the paper appeared before the eyes of the voluble persons before her. They looked wrathfully behind them, only to encounter a row of immobile faces, all eyes raptly regarding the stage. They glared to the right and to the left of them, with no more satisfactory results. Then they sulked, which had the desired effect, and the remainder of the evening was a distinct success in their vicinity.

**The Wild Duck.**  
You love the mud flats where the wavelots break. The blue of sea, the green recess of river. The flashing mirror of the silver lake. Where in the breeze the golden reed beds quiver. Like invalid, a change of wind will make you haste to travel inland from the coast. But lusty strength your whistling pinions boast. As through the clouds your marshalled flight you take.  
To your staid brother of straw-scattered yard Scavenging placidly the livelong day. How like and yet how different you are! Your twinkling eye is ever on its guard. A distant human speck and you're away. While he scarce waddles from the scurrying car. —Westminster Gazette.

**Spain Is Waking Up.**  
A recent report from Bilbao states that there is a very strong possibility of the import trade in nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia for agricultural purposes being considerably increased, owing to the efforts to improve the methods of cultivation in Spain. About 4,000 tons of nitrate are used every year at Bilbao in the production of acids and chemical manure.

**Electoral Commission Survivors.**  
Only three of the fifteen members of the famous electoral commission of 1877 survive—ex-Senator Edmunds, Senator Hoar and Gen. Eppa Hunton, of Virginia. All of the five justices of the Supreme Court who sat on the commission long since passed away.

**Steamers from Antwerp to Congo.**  
Negotiations are proceeding between the Congo Free State and German shipping companies for the establishment of a German-Belgian line of steamers from Antwerp and the Congo.

**Dog Has Broom-Stealing Habit.**  
A dog in Brandon, Vt., has acquired the habit of stealing brooms and bringing them home. Already he has secured half a dozen, and his owner cannot find out where he got them.

## THE HARDINESS OF TREES.

**Said to Depend Largely on Where Seeds Come From.**  
An expert nurseryman says the hardiness or nonhardiness of trees depends largely upon where the seeds from which the trees in question sprang came from. Satisfactory results are seldom experienced by planting a seed obtained from the Sunny South, say. By planting seeds gradually further north, however, trees may be at length hardened and acclimated until a seed from such a tree may be reasonably expected to thrive and mature its fruits.  
Trees, like people, acquire their habits from the climate in which they live. The northern tree knows instinctively when the time has come to ripen its fruit. The southern tree follows the same instinct, being in no hurry, as there is little likelihood of real cold. With transplanting further north its habits change.  
The great trouble with most people is that they want to jump a tree from South to North at one move. This same idea is evident in the attempt to bring various fruit trees from Russia to the northern United States.  
Apples and plums from the land of the Great White Czar have taken kindly to the below zero conditions of the gentle Dakotas.

**FOR ECONOMY ON RAILROADS.**  
Effective System Recently Introduced by James J. Hill.  
James J. Hill has introduced a new economy on the railroads which he controls. Each engine has a tab kept on its daily employment and against it is charged every cent used for oil, fuel, repairs and operation. Thus if engine 200 is found to be costing more than engine 250 the engineer of the former is asked to explain. The same plan is to be extended to every car on the system. Then the conductors and engineers who make the best showing are to have bonuses.

**Tight Clothes Cause Distress.**  
Some of the most eminent physicians in the world declare with emphasis that tight gloves, shoes and clothing have a tendency to cause colds and a great deal of suffering during the winter, no matter how warmly a person may be clad. He says: "Tight shoes on anyone's feet will arrest the circulation, and while, of course, the foot might not freeze, it has no chance to get warm, and thus invites the cold, with a good possibility of pneumonia stepping in to charge up more trouble to the tight shoes. The same thing is true, though in a lesser degree, of tight gloves on the hands, and a tight collar or tight neckband on a shirt is apt to cause a cold in the head by interfering with the veins in the discharge of their duties. Shoes and gloves that fit snugly ought to be worn in the winter, but those that are tight are absolutely dangerous, extremely so because the general public knows so little about it."

**The Seven Ages of a Racehorse.**  
First, the foal. Wobbly, and nifty, gait at its mother's side; And then the whinnying colt, with gentle eyes. And softly floating mane, frisking in pad-ock. Nibbling luscious green. Then comes the saddle. Fiercely fought at first, with many a kick. But later borne with grace. Then daily training. Months of pampering care, and trials on a track. Traveling, and racing under clever hands. With waxy stride, eyes bulging and mark of whip. His eyes of money earning nipped in bud. For he no more the soft care of hand. And he has played his part. The sixth age shows.  
The horse of gentle breed doctored, and drawing cab. With waxy stride, eyes bulging and mark of whip. On his shrunken shank; and the full, deep breath. Once drawn in measure strong, labors. And whistles in its sound. Last scene of all. That ends this strange, pathetic history. For which 'twere mercy to implore oblivion. Rens tall, sons slight, sans strength, sans everything. —Florence M. Blair in Rider and Driver.

**Algerian Wheat.**  
Practically all the wheat grown in Algeria is hard wheat. The total product in 1902 was 21,000 metric tons. Of the annual crop all but a very small portion is consumed in Algeria. The native population use only the Algerian wheat, which is made into bread, semoules and couscous. The latter is a dish highly esteemed by the Arabs and very extensively used. The flour used for breadmaking and other cooking purposes by the European population is imported.

**The Really Clever Pose.**  
There is much more intellectual cleverness among the girls of to-day than there was fifty years ago. A flippant cousin says: "It does not pay for a girl to be clever; men are afraid of you if you are, and the other girls hate you." The really clever women are those who disguise their learning, and pose as amiable and charming idiots.—Ladies' Field.

**Use American Money.**  
United States money is extensively used in the northern part of Colombia, and in many stores prices are quoted in American gold.

**Best Hated Man in Ireland.**  
The late Marquis of Sligo enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most hated men who owned estates in Ireland.

**Lord Mayor's Valuable Badge.**  
The badge worn by the lord mayor of London is studded with diamonds to the value of £120,000.

## HOW IT IS GOVERNED.

**Child Gives New Facts About District of Columbia.**  
Commissioner Macfarland was the chief speaker at the dedication of a new public school building in the northern section of the city. Most of the pupils who were gathered in the big hall on the first floor to sing the national anthems and hear the advice of their elders were quite young, and the commissioner undertook to amuse them with a little story of a former experience in a Washington public school. This is what he said:  
"One day I was visiting a certain grade in a certain school, and the teacher there was so kind as to ask me to question the children, so that I could find out how much they knew. I didn't much relish being teacher even for a few minutes, but children, you don't know what it is to be a commissioner; I just had to do it.  
"Well, I stood up in front, and I said:  
"Who can tell me how the District of Columbia is governed?"  
"It seemed as if the question were too hard, and I was sorry I had asked it, because the teacher had been so anxious to have her pupils 'show off' before me. Then a little bit of a girl raised her hand timidly.  
"Well, how is it governed, my little girl?" I asked, reassured.  
"Please, sir, the District is governed by three missionaries, and one of them belongs to the engineer corps."  
"That was news to me, you know, and I had to resign my position to the real teacher. I was so surprised."—Washington Star.

**Mine Drainage Planned.**  
Mine drainage operations in South Staffordshire, England, by which 40,000,000 tons of coal may be won from flooded pits, are now contemplated. These mines have been flooded for a quarter of a century. The coal area has been split up into various ownerships, and before a drainage commission came into existence each owner was supposed to pump the water from his own pits. Some of them failed to do this and in the end all of the pits were abandoned. A drainage commission has obtained power to pump out the pits and has secured a loan of \$500,000 to do it with. The project is an extensive and difficult one, but mining experts declare that it offers no obstacles which modern engineering resources are unable to conquer. The re-starting of the mines means a large access of property to a district that stands in urgent need of it, and the prospect of restoring this long abandoned industry has created great interest in the neighborhood.

**Learn to Stand Well.**  
Women who wish to preserve the slimmest and the contour of their figures must begin by learning to stand well.  
This is explained to mean the throwing forward and upward of the chest, the flattening of the back and the shoulder blades held in their proper places, and the definite curving in of the small of the back, thus throwing the whole weight of the body on the hips.  
This, in a great measure, preserves the figure, because it keeps the muscles firm and well strung, and prevents the sinking down of the flesh round the waist, so common in women over 30, which is perfectly easy to escape. Another thing to avoid is a bad habit of going upstairs, as most women do, bent forward, with the chest contracted, which, as well as being an indolent, slouching manner of walking, is injurious to the heart and lungs.

**A Yankee Trade.**  
The old Yankee skill at driving a bargain is not being lost. A woman visitor at a fashionable resort on the Maine coast last summer went to the Universalist church in the place the first Sunday morning of her stay, and was politely shown to a seat. There was no hymn book, however, but the occupant of the pew behind her reached over and placed one in her hands. At the close of the service the visitor turned and thanked the person, saying as she was to attend that church all summer she would like to buy a hymn book. "Well," said the other woman, "I guess you can have that book if you'll give me a pair of black gloves, No. 7." Very well," said the visitor. The next day she went to Portsmouth, purchased the No. 7 black gloves for \$1.50 and duly received the use of the hymnal in exchange for them on the following Sunday.—Boston Herald.

**One Thing to Avoid.**  
"Yes," said the great man, "I am going to write a book of personal recollections. I think I am prominent enough to do that, don't you?"  
"Oh, yes, you're prominent enough, but I'd like to caution you about one thing."  
"What's that?"  
"For the purposes of publication, don't recollect anything about prominent men now living."  
"But they're just the people I want to write about. Those are the kind of reminiscences that will make the book sell."  
"Oh, well, suit yourself, but remember that I warned you."  
"What's the danger?"  
"Why, just as soon as you begin to recollect things about them they will begin to recollect things about you."  
"I hadn't thought of that," remarked the great man.—Cincinnati Post.

**Woman State Librarian.**  
Miss Josephine Holgate of Olympia has accepted the position of state librarian of Washington. She declined the appointment when it was first offered to her, and was persuaded to reconsider the matter.

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