

James C. Foster.

A visitor to Mr. Foster's cozy ranch home, a view of which is shown above, will long retain a pleasant recollection of Mr. Foster and his interesting family. He is a native of Pennsylvania and March 5, 1848, is the date of his birth. For 30 years Mr. Foster resided among the pines of that mountainous state, during which time he was mostly engaged in rafting and logging on the Susquehanna river. In this line of business he was an expert. In March, '64, he enlisted in the union cause and served to the close of the war in the First Battalion, 1st infantry volunteers, and also in the 47th infantry volunteers, taking part in many hard-fought skirmishes. When the war ended Mr. Foster returned to Pennsylvania and worked on a farm for four years. Following this he spent four years more farming his own land, after which he removed to western Nebraska and took up a claim twelve miles north of his



Noon Hour on C. L. Hashman's Ranch.

horses roam and feed on the nutritious grasses of his vast land holdings, while great corrals, barns, out-houses and other conveniences abound all about the place. Mr. Green was born in Vermont in 1861, and for 23 years resided in the vicinity of his



Branding a "Youngster."

present location, which he homesteaded and tree-claimed fifteen years ago. He owns 480 acres, but controls nearly 8,000 acres, upon which he feeds 350 head of high-bred Herefords and Shorthorns and 40 head of blooded horses. Upon the premises are two wind-mills, water tanks, out-houses, barns, ample corrals, good wells and other conveniences. A comfortable, cozy

birth. He then went to Iowa and for a while worked at carpentering. In 1885 he came to Box Butte county and the following year took up a pre-emption and tree claim on which he has since resided. To-day he is considered one of the most substantial ranchers in the county, and



J. C. Foster and Family.

six-room residence, surrounded by tall shade trees, is a feature of the ranch not to be overlooked, and the happy home life of Mr. Foster and family is worthy of emulation. The family consists of himself and wife and five children, the oldest daughter, who is not included, being the wife of Edward Miller, and resides elsewhere. Mr. Foster was married in Fullerton, Neb., May 2, 1882, to Miss Carrie M. Douglas.

has accumulated most all his possessions since settling here. Mr. Green is a man of integrity and honor, his word being considered as good as a secured note.

J. C. Berry.

One of the most modern and best equipped ranches in this section of the country can be found fifteen miles east of Alliance, and is the home and property of J. C. Berry. It consists of 2,500 acres of deeded land, 700 of which is devoted to hay. It is stocked with 500 head of Shorthorn cattle and 120 head of horses of the Percheron and Shire breeds. Mr. Berry came to his present location in 1887. He was born in Fairfield county,



The Foster Ranch Home.

Thomas A. Green.

Mr. Green owns one of the best equipped and best stocked ranches in Box Butte county. A visit to his ranch will satisfy the most skeptic that Mr. Green understands his business. His ranch holdings constitute 11 quarter sections. One hundred head of Shorthorn and Durham bred cattle and 50 head of Shire stock

O., April 7, 1852, and in 1864 moved to Lucas county, Ia. Public spirited and of a kindly nature, Mr. Berry retains the respect of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. His marriage occurred in 1875 at Charlton, Ia., to Miss Nebraska B. Wilson, and an interesting family of five girls and one boy have since come to cheer his hospitable home.



View of the Foster Ranch.

Geo. D. Gaddis.



The accompanying illustration is a view of the beautiful ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Gaddis, located four miles south of Alliance. Mr. Gaddis was born in McLean County, Ill., May 2, 1859. Owing to ill health he sought the invigorating



The Geo. D. Gaddis Ranch.

atmosphere of western Nebraska with beneficial results in the year 1885. Not only did he recover his health, but he prospered in other ways. Mr. Gaddis filed on a homestead three and one-half miles southwest of Hemingford in the fall of 1885, settling there on the following spring. After a residence of several years thereon, where he prospered, a change was made to the present location. This ranch contains 3,160 acres of valuable deeded land, and is stocked with 250 head of Durham cattle and a fine bunch of horses. While prospering in a financial way, Mr. Gaddis was called upon to suffer a loss most painful in being separated from his helpmate, who died March 30, 1901. He was united in marriage to this estimable lady, Miss Mary E. Andrews, in 1883. To them were born three children, two of whom preceded their mother to the immortal world. One son died in 1887 at the age of three and one-half years, and another boy of the same age departed this life in 1894. While deprived of these jewels of his household Mr. Gaddis realizes that such is life and that all must sooner or later respond to the call of the invisible power which holds the destiny in the palm of his omnipotent hand. With a spirit possessed by the true man, the subject of this sketch pushed on in life's duties, ever remembering that this world belongs to the living, and

he spent eighteen months selling and dealing in farm implements, and then re-engaged in the same business at Edgely, N. D., for two years more, after which he bought grain at Kulin, N. D., for two years. Mr. Fritschel

\$1,000,000, but that this is only a small representation of what will be produced when the industry is developed. In substantiation of this, Secret S. C. Bassett, of the Nebraska Dairyman's Association, showed, at the



E. Boyer's Dairy Farm.

then located in Clay county, Neb., and engaged in carpenter work. Two years ago he came to Alliance, and branched out as carpenter and contractor, which he has successfully followed since then.

annual meeting in January, that whereas there were only two milch cows the square mile in Nebraska in 1880 there are now 16 to the square mile with a total value of \$37,000,000 with production aggregating \$20,000,000 during 1903. The Burlington Route has published the Haecker article, with the Bassett figures, in pamphlet form, this week, and will circulate hundreds of copies in the East. We are informed that any Nebraskan can have copies sent to eastern friends by sending the names and addresses to J. Francis, the general passenger agent at Omaha. The pamphlet contains also a list of creamery stations, and it is noteworthy that there are now 550, compared with 282 in January, 1903.

Attorney W. G. Simonson.



Born and educated in Michigan where he, in time, took collegiate degrees, after which he was with Harper Brothers, of New York, in their Educational and Legal departments for five years. He came to Alliance before the lot sale, and erected the first frame building on the original town site and has resided here continuously until a month ago, when he removed to Denver to practice his profession of law. While actively and successfully engaged in the law practice, he identified himself with many business enterprises. He was always to the front in any matter to promote the welfare of the town. He is still interested in the future of Alliance, and owns considerable property here.

Edward McConnell.

Mr. McConnell is the proprietor of the Lakeside hotel, at Lakeside, and good, old, jolly host he is, too. He came to Nebraska last fall, and soon after his arrival took charge of the above named hotel. Forty-three years ago he arrived on earth at Belfast, Ireland. At the age of 14 he went to England and four years later came to America and located at Springfield, O., entering the employ of the Champion machine shops as moulder, a trade he had learned in England. Six months later he became a dry goods commercial traveler, which he followed



T. A. Green's Ranch.

E. H. Boyd.



The subject of this illustration, E. H. Boyd, is a native of the state of Michigan. He is a graduate of the well known college at Ann Arbor, and also took a classical course in Adrian college. In the former institution he studied five years, completing a successful course of learning. Mr. Boyd located in Alliance in October, 1903, where he has met with commendable success in the pursuit of the legal profession. He was recently appointed local attorney for the B. & M. railway.

B. F. Gilman.



B. F. Gilman is a practicing attorney at Alliance, Neb., and was born near Darlington, Wis., April 24, 1855. He was educated at the State University at Madison, Wis., graduating therefrom in 1878, and after

three years spent in teaching school, took the law course at the same institution, graduating in 1883. He came to Box Butte county in March of 1887, and edited the Box Butte Republican until the first of January, 1888, when he sold out and took up the practice of law. He has held various positions of public trust. He was the first county superintendent of the county and was county attorney from 1893 to 1897. He enjoys an extensive law practice and is at present president of the Alliance Building & Loan association, an institution that has been in existence a little over a year, that has made a phenomenal growth, and is closely identified with the prosperity of the city.

with this noble inspiration, he has won a large circle of friends.

April 2, 1902, Mr. Gaddis again took unto himself a wife in the estimable person of Miss Belle C. Steele, and this happy couple have since resided on the ranch which to-day is known as a most hospitable home, where friends find a pleasant place to visit. This ranch, with its commodious home and other improvements, is an honor to the stock raising section of Nebraska,



View of Britton & Parker's Sheep Ranch.

They Ought to Know About Our Nebraska Cows.

It would be well for Nebraska if everyone in the East who thinks of coming here or who thinks at all of the dairying industry could be handed a copy of an article on "Dairying in Nebraska," prepared by Prof. A. L. Haecker, of the State Experiment Station, after the victory of the steer "Challenger," which was given his start in life on skimmed milk. The professor believes that the possibilities of Nebraska as a dairying state are almost limitless, and he shows not only that one creamery paid farmers for butter-fat, during 1903, a total of \$1,250,000, and that another paid

lowed for eight years. The succeeding 11 years he farmed in Indiana, and came to Nebraska March 27, 1894. Mr. McConnell was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Singleton. One son James, is the issue.

Live not for selfish aims. Live to shed joy on others. Thus best shall our own happiness be secured; for no joy is ever given freely forth that does not have quick echo in the giver's own heart.—H. W. Beecher.

The self, harmonized by Union, seeth the Self abiding in all beings, all beings in the Self; everywhere he seeth the same.

H. E. Fritschel.

There are few building contractors, if any, who have constructed more buildings in Alliance than has Mr. Fritschel, in the same length of time. Mr. Fritschel has resided here but a little more than two years, yet he has in that period done the architectural work of fifty-six buildings, and in each case the owner was amply satisfied with every detail of the work. Mr. Fritschel was born in Roumania in 1869 and resided there for 19 years, the latter four years of which he taught school. He then went to Berlin, Germany, on a four months' visit. In 1889 he came to America and settled in Yankton, S. D., for a short while, thence to Eureka, N. D., where



A Herd of Herefords at Rest on Benton Peer's Ranch.