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Township 29 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,
Moonsw, Neb.
Cattle branded Catholic cross on right hip. Horses branded same on right shoulder.
Ranch on S. W. 1/4 of section 30, 23, 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.
Ranch on section 17, 18, township 27, range 47.



H. A. ALLISON,
Lakeside, Neb.
Cattle branded N on right hip.
Range in Twp. 28, range 45, Sheridan county.



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



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



E. E. BABIN,
Hemphill, Neb.
Cattle branded flying horseshoe on left hip as in cut. Home ranch sec. 25-27-50, Horse ranch in 28-48.



JOS. NERUD,
Mallinda, Neb.
On left side.
N on left side—J. R. Nerud.



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



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



Notice to Creditors.
In County Court, within and for Box Butte county, Nebraska, July 1, 1904, in the matter of the estate of John S. Hughes, deceased. To the creditors of the said estate. You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court House in Alliance in said county on the 15th day of December, 1904, at 1 o'clock p. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate with a view of their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is 6 months, from the 15th day of June, A. D. 1904, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from said 15th day of June, A. D. 1904.
Witness my hand and seal of said County Court, this 1st day of July, 1904.
(A true copy)
D. R. SPAOHT,
County Judge.

AN IDEAL FISH.

Mohawk Chubs Are Graceful, Slim and Elegant Creatures.

There are in some clear, cold streams of the north certain fish known locally as "Mohawk chubs." These fish are the ideal fish in shape and color—graceful, slim, elegant creatures, pure silver except on the dorsal ridge, which is the tint of oxidized silver. They are tender mouthed and remind me somewhat of the grayling, although they have not the great dorsal fin nor the fragile mouth of that fish. They often inhabit trout waters, and I have an idea that trout feed on the smaller ones, although I have no absolute proof that this is true. I know, however, that pickerel, muskellunge and black bass strike at them eagerly.

These fish rise to a fly and are often quite as gamy as grayling. Often and often I have struck them in trout waters and have found them interesting fighters when tackle is light and water cold and swift.

Animals and birds appear to be very fond of them, or at least are often seen eating them, perhaps because they may be easier to catch than trout. Where Mohawk chubs are, herons and kingfishers congregate. The only time I ever saw an osprey in that region was once when whipping that stream. The osprey dashed down within a rod of me and seized a Mohawk chub that must have weighed a pound at least, bearing him up out of the pool and away across acres of swamp toward the distant forest.—Robert W. Chambers in Harper's Weekly.

BUCHAREST.

The Capital of Roumania is a Sort of Miniature Paradise.

Though all Bucharest is modern, we find the old eastern methods of mercantile construction—little open cupboards lining the road, dealers squatting among their wares, literally at the receipt of custom, for they make no effort to invite it, and the various trades huddle together, here an armory of rude pottery, richest green and richest red; there an arsenal of thick leathern sandals, a heavy patch of burnt amber; yonder an avenue of black sheepskin caps set out upon brass stands, in appearance like peasants' heads after a massacre. Out in the streets are high hillocks of golden grain, pyramids of pumpkins and blazing piles of scarlet chilies. At intervals little congregations wait with laughing philosophy until they shall be hired—builders with their hods, laborers with their spades, all with the emblems of their toil. Bucharest may be summed up as a city of pleasures and palaces, a metropolis of perpetual carnival, a temple of boisterous joviality. Her engaging people combine the color, the grace and the hospitable instincts of the east with the comfort and convenience of the west. Every instant spent among them yields a quintessence of life and joy and warmth and color. A small Paris indeed? Nay; 'tis a little paradise.—Herbert Vivian in Saturday Review.

Ant Colonies.

An ant nest or colony arises from eggs laid by one or more "queens." The developing young are tended by the sexless neuters, or "workers." The maggots, or larval ants, are fed by them, often nourished out of the nurses' mouths, and are as carefully watched in respect of the temperature and other conditions of the nurseries as are infantile human beings. When full development occurs the pupae change into ants, which are either winged or wingless. The latter are the "neuters," or workers. They may develop big jaws and appear as the "soldiers" of the colony. Those which are winged are the founders of new colonies. They are of both sexes and they produce the eggs whence the new generations will be evolved.

Purchase of Wives.

Wives are still obtained by purchase in some parts of Russia. In the district of Kamyschin, on the Volga, for example, this is practically the only way in which marriages are brought about. The price of a pretty girl from a well to do family ranges from \$100 to \$200, and in special cases a much higher sum is obtained. In the villages the lowest price is about \$25. It is customary for the fathers of the intending bride and bridegroom to haggle for a long time over the price to be paid for the lady. A young farmer whose father cannot afford to pay for a wife for him need not think of getting married.

Japan in the Eighth Century.

As early as the eighth century a university had already been established in Japan that included such modern divisions as schools of medicine, ethics, mathematics and history, and some of the text books employed at that remote period dealt with such subjects as the diseases of women, materia medica and veterinary surgery, types of text books which appear to have been unknown in European countries until about 1,000 years later.

Unreasonable Conductor.

Conductor—You ought to have known better than to get off the car in that way. You should always step forward in leaving a car. Passenger (who has picked himself up)—But, my dear sir, I wasn't going that way; I live on the street we have just passed.—Boston Transcript.

One Way.

Madge—Did you tell her she was older than you? Marjorie—Oh, no; that wouldn't be polite. But whenever we meet in a car I offer her my seat.—Town Topics.

If you seek to make one rich, study not to increase his stores, but to diminish his desires.—Seneca.

A ROYAL FEATHER CLOAK.

Kalakauna Couldn't Wear It, and His Groom Disgraced It.

When King Kalakauna of Hawaii visited Japan many years ago he was very anxious to exhibit to the Japanese his famous royal feather cloak. It did not look well draped over the regular costume of the king, which was based on European military models. It was out of the question to wear it draped over brown cutlets, as was the ancient fashion. Finally it was decided to let Robert, one of his attendants, wear it. William N. Armstrong, the king's attorney general, said: "This additional service delighted Robert, who now, according to a confidential statement made to his Japanese attendant, was 'keeper of the royal standard,' 'groom of the feather cloak' and 'valet in ordinary.' While in the imperial car, on the way to Tokyo, the king's suit had suddenly seen Robert, sitting in state in the luggage car, dressed in a silk hat, white gloves and with the gorgeous royal cloak hanging over his shoulders, the tableau being completed by a group of Japanese attendants who were standing before him lost in admiration." But Robert was scarcely equal to the dignity that was his. In his capacity of valet he preceded the party to the palace assigned to them, and discovered there abundance of wines and spirits, which he consumed until they arrived. He was found asleep in the king's bed-chamber with the silk hat far down over his head and the gorgeous cloak askew on his shoulders. He was at once deposed from his office of 'groom of the feather cloak.'"

AN 'ODD PROCESSION.

Tiny Worms That Travel in a Long Serpentine Mass.

The sciara, of the genus tipulix, a tiny wormlike creature which is found in the forests of Norway and Hungary during the month of July or early in August, gather in huge numbers preparatory to migrating in search of food or for a change of conditions. When setting out on this journey, they stick themselves together by means of some glutinous matter and form a huge serpentine mass, often reaching a length of between forty and fifty feet and several inches in thickness. As the sciara is only on an average of about three thirty-seconds of an inch in length, with no appreciable breadth whatever, the number required to form a continuous line of the size above mentioned is incalculable.

Their pace is of course very slow, and upon meeting an obstacle, such as a stick or stone, they either writhe over or around it, sometimes breaking into two bodies for the purpose. A celebrated French naturalist says that if the rear portion of this snakelike procession be brought into contact with the front part the insects will keep moving round in that circle for hours, never seeming to realize that they are getting no farther on their journey. If the portions be broken in two, the procession will unite in a short time. When the peasant meets one of these processions, he will lay some obstacle in front of it. If it passes over it, it is a good omen.

The Japanese Sleeve Dog.

The Japs have a quaint standard of perfection by which they assess canine merits. Thus the sleeve dog has or ought to have five cardinal "points"—the "butterfly head," in which the color marking represents a butterfly, the white blaze on nose and forehead forming the body, and the rest of the face and ears the wings; the sacred "V" found in the wedge shape of the blaze running up the forehead; in the center of this sacred V an isolated circle of color, which typifies the "bump of knowledge"; the "vulture feet" requiring ample feathering, as the fringing hairs are technically called, and lastly the tightly curled, profusely feathered tail symbolical of the sacred flower of Japan, the chrysanthemum.

What Converted Him.

This story regarding a converted barbarian is told in the English papers: A negro clergyman was entertained at tea by the president of a college. The guest, who came from west Africa, related some particulars of his early life, when a lady asked him how he became a Christian. "The story of Jesebel converted me," he answered. "You know, we are told the dogs did not touch the palms of her hands. Well, that convinced me of the truth of the narrative, for we never eat the palms of the hands in my country. They are too bitter."

Attitude and Voices.

Generally speaking, races living at high altitudes have weaker and more highly pitched voices than those living in regions where the supply of oxygen is more plentiful. Thus in America among the Indians living on the plateau between the ranges of the Andes at an elevation of from 10,000 to 14,000 feet the men have voices like women and women like children, and their singing is a shrill monotone.

Hadn't Seen Him.

The Vicar—Did you see a pedestrian pass this way a few minutes ago? Farm Hand—No, sir, I've been workin' on this tater patch more'n a nower, and norter thing has passed 'cept a solitary man, an' he was trampin' on foot.—London Telegraph.

Singular Creatures.

"And so, Peter, you spell 'women' with an 'a'?" said the teacher, correcting an exercise. "Please, sir," was the reply, "my papa told mamma only yesterday that women were singular beings."

Men blush less for their crimes than for their weaknesses and vanity.—Le Bruyere.

"THERE is so much good in the worst of us, And there is so much bad in the best of us, That it won't do for any of us to talk about the rest of us."

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