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### COOK'S "AGATE SPRINGS" RANCH. A Model Ranch. Its Location, Surroundings, Improvements and Advantages.

Eighteen miles south and three miles east of Harrison is situated Mr. Jas. H. Cook's stock ranch. During a recent visit there we were pleased to note the many improvements that have been placed there since Mr. Cook purchased what was formerly known as the O 4 ranch.

In point of situation, a better one could hardly be found in northwestern Nebraska; having the advantage of an unlimited supply of both hay land and pasture, pure running water that never freezes, and the natural shelter of the hills that almost surround it: three of the most necessary requisites for successful cattle raising. Over fifteen hundred acres of pasture land bordering on the stream is fenced and divided into convenient enclosures of from a few acres to several hundred.

Mr. Cook has utilized here his experience of several years at the cattle business in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska. The rule of "a place for everything and everything in its place" is here followed and an air of neatness and order prevails.

The large barn is used only for the several teams of working animals and has suitable bins for feed and rooms for harness, saddles, &c., besides a large hay room above. Attached to this on either side is the store rooms for buggies, wagons, sulkies and a few farming implements. Near the barn is the largest of the several springs, so arranged that the water is carried into a trough and used for watering horses. Just south of the barn is a long, well arranged building, divided into box stalls for the stallions and other compartments for young stock poultry and etc., but the principal stock sheds are several rods farther east, opening to the south, and will comfortably shelter about 200 head. Substantial corrals are built adjacent to the sheds, for holding the cattle while being sorted, branded or dehorned. A board-tight corral near is circular in form and is used for breaking, branding and breeding of horses, being especially adapted to the catching and breaking of horses as it is constructed with a flaring top and smooth inside, so that it is almost impossible for animals to hurt themselves or the rider. The plan is original with Mr. Cook and approaches perfection for its purpose.

The herd of graded and thorough bred horses is headed by the Hambletonian stallion,

#### MENDONIAN.

A standard bred trotting stallion. A beautiful bay with black mane and tail, and a white star in forehead. He was foaled on the 27th day of May, 1884; is 17 hands high and weighs over 1,300. His pedigree is second to none of any young trotting stallion, his ancestors being from noted trotting families on all sides for generations. Next comes the promising two year old stallion,

#### GOPIER.

Sire, Chas. Hays, by Governor Hayes, he by (Master) Fisk's Hambletonian Star. Dam, Topsy, by Lexington (Chief, Jr., (210); 2nd dam by Blanchard's Morgan; 3rd dam by Alf Green, by Bacchus, (thoroughbred) he by Lexington, four-mile race horse.

There are a fine lot of mares in the herd first among which is

#### BLAZE LIGHTON.

Bay filly, foaled May 20th, 1887; bred by W. W. Marantette, Mendon, Michigan. Sire, Pilot Medium (1597). First dam, Vermont Hero (141); 2nd dam, Sherman's Black Hawk (142); 3rd dam, Hambletonian (10). Next comes

#### PATSY.

Bay filly, foaled June 22nd, 1886. Sire, Lexington (Chief, Jr., (2103). Dam same as Blaze Lighton. Also

#### L. U.

Bay filly, foaled April 20th 1885. Sire, Paragon Mamirino. Dam same as Blaze Lighton. And

#### JESSIE BELL.

Bay filly, foaled June 3rd, 1886. Sire, Lexington (Chief, Jr., (2103). See Wallace Stud book, also American Stud Book. First dam, Field's Royal George, full sister to Lotta B. (record 2:34, private 2:32 at five year old form.)

These, with the others of the herd, comprise nearly 100 head. There are also 14 young mules in the herd, a part of which are broke to work.

Well informed stock growers will appreciate the fact that unusual care has been exercised by Mr. Cook in establishing and stocking his ranch, in view of the fact that good blooded stock is more valuable under any and all circumstances.

The cattle herd of 150 head are all

high grades or thorough bred from the Short Horn and Polled Angus families. The dehorning plan is carried out and the beneficial result is so apparent as to be convincing. The animals are all unusually large and thrifty, ranging as high as 1,800 and 2,000. Mr. Cook will breed nothing hereafter but the hornless varieties, having experienced confidence in their superiority over the horned animals. The new bull for his herd, which will be secured from the east next spring, is a Red Polled.

A half mile race track is being completed for the better training and speeding of his horses. A great many other improvements are either planned or under execution. A fish pond, enclosing a high grassy spot of about half an acre, is nearly completed and several hundred German carp have already been placed therein. The island is to be the site of a new and commodious dwelling to be erected next summer. Several thousand fruit and forest trees have been planted and as a rule are thrifty and doing well.

Mr. Cook served several years in the employ of the Government during the early days of western Nebraska and Wyoming, and is better known to the Army officers and cattle men as the noted scout, Jas. Cook.

#### Fighting the Inevitable.

The argument of many railroad organs is that investments must not be impaired. The argument virtually is that interest on railroad bonds and returns on all railroad securities must be guaranteed and in no way interfered with. And upon the same assumption the same authorities complain grievously when these returns dwindle, and they are glib in declaring that everything is going to the demerit bowwows. This is the substance of no end of stuff which is given out from sources of railroad authority, and it even passes current in many circles which are reckoned of account in finances and business. Yet when it is analyzed and reduced to its naked meaning it is based on a fundamental absurdity. It all amounts simply to this, that the railroad property alone, among all species of property ought to be taken out of the laws of trade and competition and guaranteed the supernatural privilege of profit in spite of all progress and circumstances. Now what special sacredness inheres in railroad investments, any more than in other investments, that they should bring perennial profit at all hazards? Leave out of the account the frauds and robberies which taint so many railroad securities, leave out the question of balooned bonds and watered stock, and admit that all railroad obligations represent actual values, which is not true at all—still the fundamental absurdity of the positions of the railroad organs remain exactly the same. The fact is that the man who puts his money into railroad investments must take his chances just the same as the man who puts his money into real estate, into trade, into manufacturing.—Sioux City Journal.

#### Communicated.

Mr. Pine Top, over on Cottonwood had the mumps and they get well very slow. A friend of mine was over there the other day and found one man trying to kick himself to death. Poor man! he voted wrong and has at last awakened to the fact. Stop short and not make a fool of yourself. You say, "that rank on Soldier creek," it don't make any difference who you talk about if he did not vote for the Ring. You ask who is a bigger story teller than George Walker? I know of men who can beat him and I want have to go to lyceum to rake up all the back lies of my neighbors. Please look to some of your own family Mr. Pine Top. If I hear of you kicking yourself again you will hear from me if I am in the country, and if it comes to shooting, I will load my gun with whiskey and shoot you right in the mouth where you got it on election day. Y.

#### Don't Forget

That we want several more correspondents. Some may think they are not competent that a person must be able to write and spell every thing correctly. Not so. Send us the news as best you can and we will correct it and make it readable if not already so. Try it once or twice.

#### Harrison's New Mill.

Mr. C. L. Tubbs has added to the Novelty Works a mill capable of grinding graham flour, buckwheat flour, meal, and chop feed of all kinds. He will be ready for business after the 15th of December.

#### School Entertainment.

The Hillside school, district No. 2, will give an evening entertainment Friday eve. 21. All are invited. Curtain will rise at 8 o'clock.

MOORE THOMAS, Teacher.

50 tons of hay for sale 4 miles northwest of town, by Bigelow Bros.

We can save you money on any paper in the U. S. by clubbing it with the JOURNAL. Come and see.

J. W. Secor informs us that he has discovered a sure method of keeping horses from running into barbed wire fences, whenever its adoption is practicable. It is simply to plow a furrow along the line of fence, from eight feet to a rod away. The horse will invariably halt at this furrow in time to discover the fence beyond. It is worth trying.—Sheridan Co. Sun.

Alize Hope Robinson, of Foxcroft, Maine, is only eleven years old, but this year she has been "field overseer" of the picking of over twenty-five bushels of strawberries, having had some days as many as twenty little girls and boys under her charge picking the fruit. She kept good order, knew just how much each one had picked, saw that the work was properly done, and understands all the fine points of strawberry raising as well as anybody.—Emorest's Monthly.

Mothers pay too little attention to the headgear of their infants and children. Who has not seen an impatient and testy nurse hastily tying on a bonnet or a cap for a child, while she perhaps crumpled the ear on itself or pushed it out so that it stood at right angles to the head? Whenever this is done the ultimate position of the ear in adult life is affected. It is not to be wondered at that so many ears stand at right angles from the head or hang in so lackadaisical manner by their attachments. The prevention of these errors will lie in a careful personal supervision of the headgear.

If a tendency on the part of the ears to stand off at top bold an angle be noted in infancy, it may be corrected by so arranging the bonnets and caps that the ear lies flat against the head. It would not be amiss even for a cloth to be bound around the forehead at night, when the child sleeps, so that the upper portion of the pinna be taken in by the bandage; if these procedures be persevered in for some time the malposition of the ears may be greatly remedied.

When a woman has a new pair of shoes sent home she performs altogether different from a man. She never shoves her toes into them and hauls until she is red in the face and all out of breath, and then goes stamping and kicking around, but pulls them on part way carefully, twitches them off again to take a last look, and see if she has the right one, pulls them on again, looks at them dreamily, says they are just right, then takes another look, stops suddenly to smoothe out a wrinkle, twists around and surveys them sideways, exclaims: "Mercy, how loose they are," looks at them again square in front, works her foot around so they won't hurt her quite so much, takes them off, looks at the heel, the bottom and the inside, puts them on again, walks up and down the room once or twice, remarks to her better half that she won't have them at any price, tilts down the mirror so she can see how they look from that way, hacks off, steps up again, takes thirty or forty farewell looks, says they make her feet awful big and never will do in the world put them on and off three or four times more, asks her husband what he thinks about it, and then pays no attention to what he says, goes through it all again, and finally says she will take them. It's very simple.—Kansas City Times.

The legislature of Nebraska will soon be called upon to revise our election laws. The ballot system in force in this state, as well as in the other states of the country, is faulty. Efforts are being made in various commonwealths to purge elections of their bad elements. In Massachusetts and in New York measures have brought before their respective legislatures to correct elective methods. The reforms are modelled upon what is termed the "Australian ballot system." Under this method ballots are printed by the state, and all candidates, nominated a certain fixed time before the election appear on these ballots, and no other can be used. Instead of having a separate ballot for each candidate, all the candidates for one office are printed on the same ballot and each voter marks his choice in a room by himself. This is a guaranty of secrecy. No one can know how the elector votes, and under some election laws under this system the voter is prohibited from telling how he voted under penalty. The Australian method commends itself in discouraging the use of money for election purposes. A candidate, in order to run under this system is not put to the expense of paying for the printing of tickets or the peddling of them at the polls. It moreover breaks up the evil trade of buying votes, so scandalous in our elections, as no one can tell whether the votes thus bought have been delivered.—Omaha Bee.

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