

FROM BARREN LANDS.

Our lives have held too many bounties, and in spite of fate's bestowing, To-day we do not hold within the hand Aught that is worth the showing.

THE KEVAL'S LAND CASES.

Senator Van Wyck's Claim for Money Expended Refused by Judge Brewer. Omaha Herald. The case of Knevals vs. Van Wyck, concerning the ownership of property in Thayer county, came up in the United States circuit court last week.

PLAYING THE GAMBLER.

An Incident of the Cour d'Alene Mines. Amid the general din of the saloon, and rising above the general confusion, the click of glasses against bottles, and the tinkling sound of ivory chips, may be heard the words "queen high," "pair kings," "bet two beans," and the like, uttered in a soft but penetrating voice, which attracts one upon entering the door.

An Inscription for His Own Tombstone.

The following inscription will be placed on Charles Reade's tombstone. It was written by himself: Here Lie By the Side of his Beloved Friend, the Mortal Remains of CHARLES READE, Dramatist, Novelist and Journalist. His Last Words to Mankind are on this Stone.

Laughter as a Medicine.

A short time since two individuals were lying in one room very sick, one with brain fever and the other with a protracted case of the mumps. They were so low that watchers were needed every night, and it was thought doubtful if the one sick of fever could recover.

cept his arms, but seizing a pillow, he managed to strike the watcher in the face with it. Thus suddenly awakened, the watcher sprang from his seat, falling to the floor, and awakened both the nurse and the fever patient. The incident struck the sick men as very ludicrous, and they laughed heartily at it for some fifteen or twenty minutes.

THE YOUNG GRANTS.

How They Look and How They Live—Pictures of the Grant Trio.

New York World. Frederick Grant is a young man of stout build and florid complexion, about 35 years old and bears a striking likeness to his father, ex-President Grant. He was educated at West Point and served in the regular army, chiefly out west, for some years, reaching the rank of colonel. Soon after his marriage to Miss Honore, of Chicago, a sister-in-law of Potter Palmer, some five years ago, he resigned his commission and taking up his residence in New York, went into business. He and his wife have lived very luxuriously and have entertained considerably, giving many handsome dinner parties.

Strange Lapses Into Insanity.

Buffalo Dispatch. A man named Thomas Edmundson, of Nebraska, was arrested in this city on a charge of insanity. He was on his way to Europe, and on leaving his home in Nebraska was believed to be perfectly sane. When he reached Philadelphia he acted in such a strange manner that he was set down as a crank.

The Cost of Bachelor Life.

An unmarried man can spend a very snug little fortune in New York without dissipating to any large extent. Supposing he takes a small suite of rooms in a fashionable apartment house, eats at the club, keeps a road horse and wagon and gives half a dozen parties in a year. At this rate his rent will cost him \$2,500, his meals at the club or fashionable restaurant about \$3,000, his horse's board and his club dues about \$1,000 more, his entertainment an additional \$500 and that makes a total of \$7,000.

Old-Fashioned Mothers.

Thank God, some of us have had old-fashioned mothers. Not a woman of the period, enameled and painted, with her great chignon, her curls and bustle, whose white, jeweled hands never felt the clasp of baby fingers, but a dear old fashioned, sweet-voiced mother, with eyes in whose clear depths the love-light shone, and brown hair just threaded with silver, lying smooth upon her faded cheek. Those dear

A PRISONER ON A SNOW PEAK.

The Rescue of Ramsey, Who, Like Greeley, Was Held Fast in Fetters of Ice. Denver Dispatch to Globe-Democrat. Pike's Peak has been scaled and Sergeant Ramsey, the beleaguered signal officer, has been revictualled. Ramsey had been alone on the summit for seven weeks and not a word had been heard from him. On top of a snow-bound peak, three miles above the level of the sea, his position may be imagined. Last Tuesday Sergeant Hall and Messrs. Widmeyer and Beckhaus started out for the peak with the determination of getting there. They left Manitou at 4 1/2 p. m. and reached the summit of the peak at 8 p. m. the following night, after having been on the trail twenty-

The Man Who Broke Grant.

Ward was the son of a well known missionary to the East Indies, who has a large family, and he is well connected. He was raised about Geneseo, N. Y., and among his acquaintances was George Conkling's father, an old reformed judge very fond of gunning. Ward went to college at Princeton, and was not long after to take up business and not lose any time, and he became clerk of the Produce exchange, in place of going to Princeton college, despite a quick eye for business. He began to speculate in those certificates of stock, and as he married the daughter of the cashier of Mr. Fish's Marine bank, he went to see Mr. Fish on the subject of his father-in-law, to lay before him certain small but safe operations he knew about. Mr. Fish was quiet, conservative, rather juvenile-minded man, easy to be seen, and probably as much to help young Ward along as to make money himself, he extended him credit, and Ward came in with earnings. Among other things, Ward had a brother who was a good mining engineer, and he found a mine in Colorado which he worked to the nicest advantage. Instead of exploring it in New York, they kept digging out the ore, and it lasted longer than Colorado mines generally do, and as Mr. Fish had taken an interest in this mine to help Ward, he found that his profits were most remarkable. It seemed that everything that young Ward touched turned to gold. He was one of those oldish young men who had but few pleasures, and those chiefly with his family, and with nature and responsible men. In the course of time Ward said to Mr. Fish that he had made up his mind to quit the produce exchange and take a desk somewhere up near the stock exchange and financier a little up there. Mr. Fish said to him, "Ward, you have been doing very well, and you know that not one man in twenty can maintain himself in speculating in stocks?" Ward, however, was confident, and he took desk-room somewhere near the stock exchange, and while he made some losses his gains were greater.

Count ought to be dwindling to proportions that would make it a matter of small financial consequence, it is swelling to dimensions which may well be regarded as alarming.

Table with 2 columns: Country, Amount. Includes Great Britain, military and navy \$17,775,921; France \$12,467,320; Germany \$8,739,281; Russia \$10,829,271; Italy \$11,846,920; Austria \$7,490,900; United States, last fiscal year \$60,064,009.

It is proper to state that of the above sum set down opposite the United States for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, \$27,618,817 was on account of back pensions. The regular annual charge was \$22,245,192. But there were added to the rolls during the year 17,961 names of permanent pensioners, the average cost of each one of whom is \$106.18. The annual pension charge was, therefore, increased by nearly \$2,000,000, apart from the amount paid for the year.

A Chicken Which Swam for Its Life.

Atlanta Constitution. One day last week a hawk darted down in Mr. Harris' yard at Franklin, seized a month-old chicken and flew off across the river. Marshal Pittman saw the hawk catch the chicken and shot at him. No sooner than he shot, the chicken was dropped in the river. Seeing it fall, Mr. Pittman ran to the river and, strange to say, about twenty-five or thirty from the bank saw the little fowl swimming with all its might. The chick got ashore all right.

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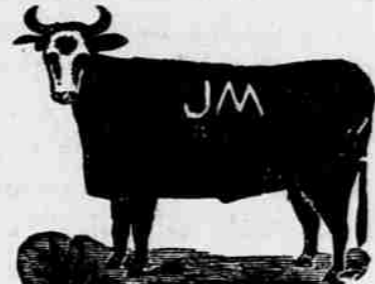
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DENNIS M'KILLIP.

Ranch on Red Willow, Thornburg, Hayes County, Neb. Cattle branded "J. M." on left side. Young cattle branded same as above, also "J. F." on left jaw. Under-slope right ear. Horses branded "E" on left shoulder.



W. J. WILSON.

Stock brand—circle on left shoulder; also dewlap and a crop and under half crop on left ear, and a crop and under bit in the right. Ranch on the Republican. Post-office, Max, Dundy county, Nebraska.



HENRY T. CHURCH.

Osborn, Neb. Range: Red Willow creek, in southwest corner of Frontier county, cattle branded "O L O" on right side. Also, an over crop on right ear and under crop on left. Horses branded "8" on right shoulder.



SPRING CREEK CATTLE CO.

Indianola, Neb. Range: Republican Valley, east of Dry Creek, and near head of Spring Creek, in Chase county. Vice President and Superintendent.



JOHN HATFIELD & SON.

McCook, Neb., Range: Republican valley, in southwest corner of Frontier county. Also E. P. brand on right hip and side and swallow-fork in right ear. Horses brand-d E. P. on right hip. A few branded "A" on right hip.



W. N. PROCTOR.

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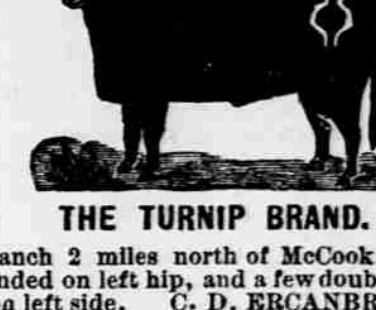
J. B. MESERVE.

Ranch, Spring Canyon on the Frenchman River, in Chase county, Neb. Stock branded as above; also "717" on left side; "7" on right hip and "L" on right shoulder; "L" on left shoulder and "X" on left jaw. Hat under-crop left ear, and square-crop right ear.



C. D. PHELPS.

Range: Republican Valley, four miles west of Culbertson, south side of Republican. Stock branded "161" and "7-L." P. O. Address, Culbertson, Neb.



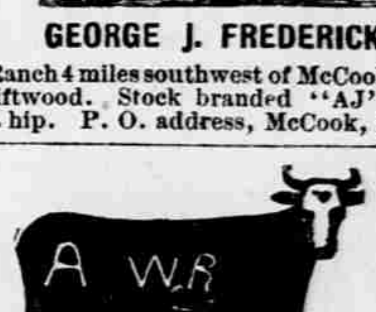
THE TURNIP BRAND.

Ranch 2 miles north of McCook. Stock branded on left hip, and a few double crosses on left side. C. D. ERCANBRACK.



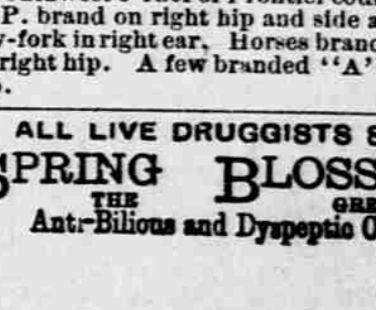
STOKES & TROTH.

P. O. Address, Carrico, Hayes county, Nebraska. Range: Red Willow, above Carrico. Stock branded as above. Also run the lazy brand.



GEORGE J. FREDERICK.

Ranch 4 miles southwest of McCook, on the Driftwood. Stock branded "AJ" on the left hip. P. O. address, McCook, Neb.



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