

# The Valentine Democrat

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## MESSAGE IS SENT IN

CONGRESS RECEIVES LONG EXPECTED COMMUNICATION.

Favors Intervention to Terminate Hostilities and Asks Discretionary Authority—Opposes Recognition of Present Cuban Government.

**The President's Message.**  
President McKinley has sent his long expected message on the Cuban question to congress. The message begins with a statement that under the pretext of the constitution the president must from time to time inform congress on the state of the union, it becomes his duty to address that body "in regard to the grave crisis which has arisen in the relations of the United States and Spain by reason of the warfare that for more than three years has raged in the neighboring island of Cuba."  
The message asks congress to authorize the president to take measures to secure the termination of hostilities in Cuba, and secure the establishment of a stable government there, and the use of the military and naval forces of the United States, as may be necessary for the purpose.  
The president says the only hope of relief from a condition which cannot longer be endured is enforced pacification of the island. The issue is now with congress and he awaits its action, standing prepared to carry out every obligation imposed on him by the constitution.  
Spain's decree for the suspension of hostilities is submitted to congress for just and careful attention, with the observation that if the measure attains a successful result, "Then our aspirations as a peace loving people will be realized. If it fails it will only be another justification for our contemplated action."  
The Maine incident figures prominently in the message. The president argues that the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor shows Spain is not able to guarantee security to foreign vessels. Spain has disavowed any connection with the disaster and offered to submit to arbitration all the differences which may arise from the affair.  
The president favors intervention to terminate the hostilities and asks discretionary authority, but opposes recognition of the present Cuban government.

**DESERTERS RETURN TO DUTY**  
Sailors Give Themselves Up and Will Serve Out Old Terms.  
At the receiving ship Vermont twenty-five deserters have been taken from the ship's prison and restored to duty. They had all been out of the service two years, but when the probability of war arose had given themselves up. Under a recent order of the secretary of the navy they have been restored to duty and will serve out their original terms of enlistment. This is the first act of its kind in the history of the service. Victor Albizua, a Spaniard, who was on the Dolphin and who was removed to the Vermont, will be honorably discharged from the service.

**WIFE MURDERER TO HANG.**  
Gov. Tanner Refuses to Interfere in Chris Merry's Case.  
Wife Murderer Chris Merry, sentenced to hang in Chicago, has been informed that Governor Tanner has refused to again interfere in his case. Merry in all probability will die on the gallows April 22.  
"I guess I'm ready to go," said Merry when informed of the governor's decision. "It will all be over in a minute, and if I went to Joliet it would take all my life. But I'll tell you it's sort of hard to pass the whole thing up so quick."

**NO HOPE FOR GLADSTONE.**  
Disease will Eat Into His Brain and Cause Death.  
There is little encouragement in the news from Hawarden. The eminent physicians who have in hand the care of the Grand Old Man look for the end within seven or eight weeks. In that time the disease will have eaten into the brain and ended the life of the great liberal statesman. In a younger man the consequences of his affliction would probably be insanity, but in Gladstone's case it can only be death.

**Scott Makes an Apology.**  
The controversy between Clement Scott, the dramatic critic of London, England, and the theatrical people of that part of the world, arising from Scott's reflections upon the virtue of actresses, in an interview in December last, has been settled by an abject apology upon the part of Scott.  
It is believed that Sir Henry Irving will accept the apology and that the matter will be allowed to drop. The controversy had grown in bitterness, the managers combining to keep Scott out of their theaters, while dozens of appealing and threatening letters were sent to the Daily Telegraph, by which paper Scott is employed, asking for his discharge.

**United States District Judge.**  
United States Judge John B. Rector of the northern district of Texas, who has been insane for two years and unable to occupy the bench, died at his home in Austin Monday night.  
**Butterine Law Knocked Out.**  
The circuit court at Chicago has decided that the manufacturers of butterine have the constitutional right to color their product yellow in imitation of butter. This in effect annuls the butterine law passed by the last Illinois legislature.  
**Miss Willard's Body Cremated.**  
In accordance with her frequently expressed wish the body of Frances E. Willard was cremated in Chicago Saturday. The ceremony of incineration was kept secret to avoid the presence of a curious crowd.

## ARMISTICE GRANTED.

**Government Informed of the Deceit and Its Terms.**  
The Spanish government, through its minister at Washington, Senor Polo, delivered an important official document to the state department Sunday stating that the armistice which the queen regent of Spain had commanded Gen. Blanco to proclaim Monday was without conditions, that her majesty's government had granted liberal institutions to the Island of Cuba which the coming Cuban parliament would develop; recalling the condoleance and sympathy expressed by the regent and her government on the disaster of the Maine and the horror this disaster had occasioned in Spanish hearts, and appealing to the courtesy and sense of justice of the United States government to enlighten public opinion on the attitude of Spain. The note also repeats the offer of the Spanish government to submit the Maine question to experts designated by the maritime powers of the world.  
This document was the official notification of the Spanish government to the United States of the granting of an armistice and its essential terms. Minister Woodford's dispatch Saturday night had briefly stated the fact that an armistice had been agreed upon, but it was not communicated as coming from the Spanish government. The communication cleared up misapprehension on the most vital point of Spain's concessions, namely, that the armistice was without conditions.  
Senor Quesada of the junta declared that the armistice was simply a Spanish trick designed to create the impression that the insurgents were unreasonable. From his standpoint nothing short of independence will satisfy the Cubans. It remains to be seen how far Gen. Gomez and the insurgents in the field entertain this view. If they also reject this armistice, Spain is not likely to continue the truce and the resort to arms will continue.

**LEE ARRIVES AT KEY WEST.**  
Consul General Left for the National Capital at Once.  
"Tell the Olivette to get under way at once, Capt. Cowles; signal the Bache that the United States fleet is ready to clear out of Havana and please follow the Bache out."  
These were the words of Consul General Lee at 5:15 Saturday afternoon as he stood on the poop of the Fern with a group of correspondents around him. The Evelyn had already passed Moro Castle when the Olivette weighed anchor. The Bache was close behind and the Fern was the last of the line. The wharves and boats on both sides of the narrow entrance to the harbor were crowded with Spaniards, who hissed and jeered as each boat passed out.  
There was one pretty incident. On the Cabanas shore a British steamer was unloading at her wharf. As the Fern passed the Union Jack was dipped while the English crew gave hearty cheer. It is needless to say that the compliment was returned with all possible gusto.  
All arrived at Key West Sunday in a state of wreck. At about 11 o'clock Gen. Lee went ashore and received an answer from Washington to his request for orders sent earlier. After a brief reception Gen. Lee went on board the Olivette, which had been kept waiting and sailed for Tampa at noon. He will go direct to Washington.

**ROBERT MORRIS' LEGAL HEIR**  
Indiana Woman May Secure a Fortune From the Government.  
Mrs. Catherine Snyder of Warsaw, Ind., has finally been proven the lawful heir of Robert Morris, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. During the war of the revolution Morris loaned \$100,000 to the national government. With interest this now amounts to \$1,000,000. This amount will be claimed by Mrs. Snyder. She has been proved the daughter of John Morris, a son of Robert, who died at Middletown, Ohio, seventy years ago. The facts would never have been known but for the discovery of old family records by the government investigators.

**CHILKOOT'S TRAGEDY.**  
Alaskan Disaster Worse Than First Reports Indicated.  
Later details received from Alaska increase the horrors of the avalanche in the Chilkoot Pass instead of lessening it. Sixty-six dead bodies have thus far been recovered, and 150 persons are said to be unaccounted for. It is barely possible that some of these had succeeded in crossing the pass before the avalanche occurred. A conservative estimate is that between 75 and 100 persons were killed.  
**Charges Against Gardner.**  
Two affidavits were filed against Oscar Gardner at Columbus, Ohio, Friday, one charging him with prize fighting, and the other with manslaughter. There was padding on the ring floor, and the injury was advanced that concussion of the brain was caused by Stout's head striking the floor. The autopsy does not bear out this theory, but indicates that the knockout blow on the jaw did all the damage. Gardner was released on \$700 bonds, pending a preliminary hearing. He says he will never fight again.  
**A Diver Asphyxiated.**  
Chief Gunner's mate Johnson, of the gunboat Newport, while making an examination of the ship's bottom at Key West, met with a sudden death from asphyxiation. The exact cause is not known, but it is thought the air pipe became entangled in some way. He was down some time, and as he gave no signals he was drawn up, when he was found to be dead. The examination was a routine affair and not made because of any supposed defect.

**Shipping Gold from Havana.**  
Gold is being shipped from Cuba to New York city. Already \$600,000 have been received, and \$400,000 more has been engaged for shipment. This gold is shipped from Havana because war is imminent.  
**A Big Sacramento Fire.**  
The pattern storehouse of the Southern Pacific company at Sacramento, Cal., was galled by fire Sunday night. The loss on the almost invaluable patterns is estimated anywhere from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

**MARKET QUOTATIONS.**  
Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.02 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2, 29c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 52c; butter, choice creamery, 20c to 22c; eggs, fresh, 9c to 10c; potatoes, common to choice, 50c to 60c per bushel.  
Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, common to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 93c to 94c; corn, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c.  
St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 99c to \$1.01; corn, No. 2 yellow, 27c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 51c to 52c.  
Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 96c to 97c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 31c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c; rye, 52c to 53c.  
Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 97c to 98c; corn, No. 3, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 28c to 30c; rye, No. 1, 51c to 52c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 45c; pork, mess, \$9.50 to \$10.00.  
Buffalo—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.04 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2 yellow, 34c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 31c to 32c.  
New York—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1.04 to \$1.05; corn, No. 2, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 33c; butter, creamery, 16c to 23c; eggs, Western, 10c to 11c.

## FEAR AN APACHE UPRISING.

**White Settlers Alarmed at the Proposed Withdrawal of Troops.**  
The proposed withdrawal of United States troops from Arizona and New Mexico has greatly alarmed the big cattle raisers of that section of the country. They fear an outbreak by the Apaches, and have warned the department at Washington that the removal of the troops is likely to lead to a serious Indian outbreak. It is intimated, though, that the national guard of some of the western states may be sent to Arizona and New Mexico to protect the cattlemen and the settlers. There are about 38,000 Apaches in New Mexico, and they have not been any too good tempered for some time. They have a number of real or fancied wrongs against the settlers, and it is the belief in the Indian country that the presence of the troops is the only thing that restrains the Apaches. The White Mountain Apaches are particularly ugly, and there have been a number of small affairs, recently between whites and Indians, which are taken by the settlers as an indication of the temper of the aborigines.

**MAKES VERY FAST TIME.**  
Steamer Wilhelm der Grosse Beats All Western Records.  
Again the big German steamer, Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, has eclipsed all westward records between Southampton and New York. It crossed the ocean at an average speed of 22.09 knots. Its time, as given by Capt. Englehart, from the Needles to the Sandy Hook lightship, was five days and twenty hours, or more than two hours ahead of its former record, which was made on its maiden voyage in September last. Moreover, its average exceeds that made by any ocean steamer. It is 10.28 knots better than the best average made by the Cunarder Lucania, and it exceeds the Cunarder's record trip from Queenstown.

**RELIGIOUS WORKERS IN PERIL.**  
Leaders of Racine Volunteers In-hale Coal Gas.  
Capt. Sherman and Lieut. Wilds, the women who conduct the Volunteers of America in Racine, Wis., were in a precarious condition Sunday on account of inhaling coal gas which escaped the previous night from a coal stove, the top having been left partly open. The women were removed to a private residence and medical aid was summoned. Although they regained consciousness they are reported in a dangerous condition.

**BATTLE ON THE NILE.**  
The Anglo-Egyptian Forces Take Mahmoud's Fortifications.  
A Cairo dispatch says that the Anglo-Egyptian forces under Gen. Kitchener attacked the Dervishes' position Friday morning and rushed to the center of Mahmoud's fortifications without a check. The attack was entirely successful. The Dervishes lost heavily.  
**Canvas Uniforms for Troops.**  
Gen. Miles, commanding the army, has taken the initiatory steps for securing 10,000 canvas uniforms of a character designed especially for use in the warmer states of the south. Secretary Alger will approve the recommendation of Gen. Miles that two companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry, about to leave Montana, proceed direct to Key West instead of stopping with the remainder of the regiment at Chickamauga. The commanding officer at Key West has some work which it is desired the hurry forward and for this purpose the soldiers are needed.

**Murder the Jailer and Escape.**  
A special from Marysville, Kan., says: Four prisoners confined in the city jail for burglary murdered the jailer, B. C. Baterson, and made their escape. Marysville is just across the state line on the Lincoln and Manhattan branch of the Union Pacific system.  
**Weekly Bank Statement.**  
The New York weekly bank statement shows the reserve decreased \$684,000; loans decreased, \$8,000,000. The banks now hold \$35,000,000 in excess of legal requirements.  
**Purchases a British Steamer.**  
Hong Kong advices state that the United States has purchased the British steamer Saffro. She was owned by the China and Manila Steamship Company.

**Banquet at Shelton.**  
The triennial social and banquet of Wood River, Gibbon, Ravenna and Shelton lodges, Knights of Pythias, was held at Shelton. Over fifty members were in attendance. Secret work was conferred in two degrees—first and second—after which an elegant supper was served.  
**Killed by a Kick.**  
W. H. Ackerman, a prominent farmer, was killed by a kick from a colt on the farm of H. N. Way, two miles south of Stanton. He had just purchased a span of colts and was tying them behind his wagon when one of them kicked him in stomach, killing him instantly.  
**Engineer Hurt.**  
While working at a switch in the brick yard at Table rock a B. & M. engine jumped the track and the engineer, Charles Wards, fell from the engine on a pile of ties and sustained a sprained back, but was not seriously injured.  
**Surveyors at Work.**  
The surveyors of the projected Nebraska and Northern Railroad from Atkinson to Butte have made arrangements for starting on the preliminary survey. They expect to complete the work in a week or ten days.  
**Accidental Shooting.**  
As Miss Barbara Hoffman of Falls City was reaching for something on a shelf above her head a revolver was knocked down, causing it to be discharged. The bullet entered at her elbow and came out near her shoulder.  
**Boy Accidentally Shot.**  
A son of W. H. Hawley, living near Fremont, was accidentally shot and killed while out hunting with several other boys. The accident occurred about six miles east of the city. The boy was about 15 years old.  
**Grain Company Organized.**  
Another farmer's grain company has been organized by farmers of Adams County. Articles have been filed incorporating the Farmers' Grain and Supply company. The company will have an office at Hastings and operate in Adams County.  
**Brick Work Resumes.**  
The Louisville Brick company began work this week. For some weeks passed it has had a force of men loading brick manufactured last winter. About twenty-five men are employed.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

**NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.**  
**Lincoln Visited by the Most Disastrous Fire in the History of the Capital City—Loss Over Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.**  
**Disastrous Fire at Lincoln.**  
The fire at Lincoln on April 1 was the most costly conflagration in the history of the city, a conservative estimate of the loss being \$200,000, of which probably one-half is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have started from the electric wires in the basement of the Davis furniture store. On account of the smoke for the first hour the firemen could not locate the blaze and worked at random in the basement. When it broke through to the upper floors the water pressure weakened and the flames crept to the adjoining buildings. It was not at first thought that the Richards block was in serious danger, as it was taller than the others and was supposed to have a solid wall. But there was a weak point at the fire went through. At the back part of the Richards block, on the east side, the building was originally one story higher than the Davis building. At this point there were two windows in the east wall. Last year the Davis building was raised one story higher and covered these windows, the openings being stopped up in a temporary manner. It was here that the flames broke through. Had it not been for this weak point the Richards block could have been saved.  
When the flames seemed to be beyond control and the water pressure gave out, the department at Omaha was asked to send aid and a detachment of men were sent immediately. The Lincoln firemen were worn out by their seven hours' fight, but not a single accident was recorded.

**CONDITION OF STATE BANKS**  
Next Quarterly Statement Will Be the Best Ever Issued.  
Secretary P. L. Hall of the state banking board said the other day when speaking of the extraordinary increase in deposits in banks during the month of March, that this increase is general all over the state and may be expected to continue, so that the next quarterly statement of the banks will be the best in this respect ever made in the history of the state. The reason for this he says is because of the increased confidence in the banks and because at this time of year and particularly this year, the farmers over the state are selling their surplus grain and stock. He said observation had shown that December and January are the months when the most borrowing is done, and that in February, March, April and May there is sure to be an increase in deposits and a decrease in the amount borrowed. Speaking of the condition of the banks throughout the state, Dr. Hall says very few of them are making money at the present time, and not many have declared dividends for the last year. This is on account of the plenty of money and the difficulty in making loans. There has been a general reduction in the rate paid on deposits, and in some cases banks now refuse to pay anything on deposits and take the money for safe keeping simply to accommodate customers.  
**Fun Costs Ten Dollars.**  
Charley Clemens, who has had charge of a restaurant at Wymore for some time, upon being ordered to vacate by the owner of the building, procured a gun and endeavored to take charge of the place. He fired several shots through the walls and ceiling, knocked the furniture down and tore up things generally, until Marshal Actor came a long and arrested him. He was taken before a justice of the peace who fined him \$10 and costs.  
**Contracts for Asylum Supplies.**  
The contracts for furnishing supplies for the Hastings asylum during the second quarter have been let. Wolbach & Brach will furnish the dry goods; Kirkby & Day, boots and shoes; A. M. Clark, drugs; W. J. Falk, clothing; Hastings Milling Co., flour and feed; Raymond of Lincoln, groceries; C. J. Miles of Hastings will furnish half of the coal and Victor White of Omaha will furnish the other half.

**Flour Mill Sold.**  
J. J. Frederick has just sold out his flour mill at St. Paul to a new corporation just organized, under the name of the St. Paul Milling company, with a capital of \$20,000, and consisting of the following citizens: N. J. Paul, president; J. S. Van Cott, vice president; Roger Scribner, secretary and treasurer; additional directors, A. N. Dunn and George E. Woodberry.  
**Factory for Wymore.**  
Articles of incorporation under the laws of the state of Nebraska have been filed by the Webster Manufacturing company of Wymore city, with a capital stock of \$14,000. The business will consist of the manufacture of Sam's Combination blow-pipe and other dentists' and jewelers' supplies.  
**New Depot for Hastings.**  
It has been given out that the Burlington Railroad Company has definitely concluded to build a new depot at Hastings

**Nebraska Short Notes.**  
The Methodist Church society of Greeley has started on a new and handsome parsonage building.  
John S. Rossiter, formerly a brakeman on the Union Pacific Railroad, in trying to board a passenger at Oakland fell off the platform and received a severe scalp wound.  
The exercises of laying the corner stone of the new Methodist Episcopal Church at Wausa occurred April 7. A large gathering of people was present. The edifice is to cost \$1,200.  
A telegram was received by Colonel Bancroft of Lexington the other day from Eddyville, saying that Frank Morse, the postmaster at that point, had died under suspicious circumstances.  
Election of a principal and faculty of the State Normal School at Peru was the nature of business transacted at a meeting of the state board of education last week. Prof. J. A. Beatty was re-elected principal and nearly all the members of the faculty were retained.  
The case of the state against William Egbricht at Nebraska City, charged with obtaining money from the state under false pretenses while acting in the capacity of superintendent of the Institute for the Blind, has been continued until May 25. A new bond for \$1,000 was given.  
At a meeting of the Tecumseh city council the salaries of the city officers, excepting councilmen, were materially reduced. The action has not yet met the sanction of the mayor, who is a retiring officer, and the legality of the action of cutting salaries of incoming officers on the eve of their election is questioned by some.  
Two tramps went into John A. Reece's shoe store in Ashland to buy some shoes, they claimed. One of them pulled a revolver on Walter Commissioner and Andrew Ulrich, but in the excitement succeeded in escaping. The other was caught coming out the front door with a box of shoes slipped under his coat. Mr. Reece recovered the shoes, the tramps making a break toward the depot. After an exciting chase of three blocks Depot Policeman Robert A. Hinkley gathered the thief in his wagon and turned him over to the night watch, who landed him in jail.  
The old city council of Lexington held a meeting and requested the candidates for mayor, who were tied, to meet them and "draw cuts" to decide who shall be mayor. The issue of license or no license will be decided by the result.  
The state oratorical contest was held in Crete and resulted in first honor being given to the University of Nebraska in the person of J. D. Dennison on the subject, "The Evolution of Government." Second place was awarded to Miss Martha Johnson of Grand Island College, on the subject, "The Moral Triumph of Our Republic."

## OMAHA'S BIG FIGHT.

**A Mandamus Is Issued Requiring Holcomb to Appear April 19.**  
On the petition of Dr. Victor Rosewater of Omaha the supreme court has issued a mandamus requiring Gov. Holcomb to appear April 19 and show cause why he should not be required to proceed to Omaha and hear testimony relative to the corruption of that city, created by the act of the executive. This is the case that grew out of the impeachment proceedings filed with the governor by Dr. Rosewater, alleging numerous corrupt practices. The law requires the governor to in person investigate the charge. He appointed a referee, however, but Mr. Rosewater refused to submit testimony to him, maintaining that the law required the governor to attend to the matter in person. The governor maintains that the attorney general advised him that the course he adopted was legal.

**Recognizing the National Guard**  
Several days ago Adjutant General Barry wrote to Congressman Stark calling his attention to the neglect in the new military bill to provide for the national guard and the volunteer forces, while it empowered the president to reorganize and increase the standing army. In his letter General Barry recommended that the entire bill be killed. Later he received a telegram from Mr. Stark in which he said that the overwhelming sentiment was that the national guard and the volunteer forces were the mainstay of the government and that all of the Hull bill had been killed excepting that part authorizing the organization of the regular army into three battalions instead of two. The message extended congratulations to General Barry and the guard.  
**Will Be Ready June 1.**  
The announcement was made the other day upon authority of the chief architects of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, that all construction work will be finished in time for the installation of exhibits and the perfection of concessions by the opening day, June 1. The large buildings are nearly ready for the artistic decorations, save the fine arts building and the immense structure which the United States government is building. On the latter the staff work is nearly done, and the dome is receiving the finishing touches. The concessionaires are pushing construction work rapidly, as are the various stores, fifteen of which are erecting buildings.

**It Was Loaded.**  
Fred Wiebe, son of Representative Wiebe of Grand Island, accidentally shot the servant girl with a 22-caliber revolver. While the family had been stopping at the Koehler one of the guests gave the boy a small revolver. It lay around the house for a while and was put away by the boy. Later Mr. Wiebe thought it might be well to load the weapon and have it handy for possible burglars, and it appears the lad did not know of this. The lad happened to come across the revolver and pointing it at the servant girl playfully pulled the trigger. The ball entered below the chin. The young woman is not seriously injured.

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**Charles Benard**  
Rosebud S. D. Range Big White and Bad Rivers.  
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**Wheeler Bros.**  
Cody, Neb. Range on the Snake River and Chamberlain flat.  
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**William F. Schmidt**  
Rosebud, S. D. On left side. Horses branded same on left hip or shoulder. Range on Horse Creek.

**STOCK BRANDS**  
Metzger Bros., Pullman, Neb. Cherry Co. Brand on left side and thigh. Earmark, square crop right ear. Southern branded cattle have but one brand on left side. Native cattle have throat wattle. Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks. Horses have same brand on left thigh.  
A Reward of \$100 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

**Joseph W. Bownet**  
P. O. address Merriman, Neb. Right ear cropped. Hole in center of left ear. Range Lake creek S. D.  
**William M. Dunbar**  
Lessee from Heine & Kroeger. Cody, Neb. DU. Either side. Also on right hip. Left ear of cattle split. Range head of Hay Creek.  
**Henry Pratt**  
Rosebud S. D. Left side. Horses same on left shoulder. Deershoar clip on some cattle.  
**William Shangren**  
Cody, Neb. Dunlap under side of neck.  
**Jack LePoint**  
Merriman, Neb. Cattle branded on left side. Some on hip also. Earmark round hole in center of left ear. Also use of left on left side. And on right side. Range Lake, Corn and Bear creeks.  
**Charles H. Faulhaber**  
Brownlee, Neb. Either right or left side on cattle. Horses same on left shoulder. Left ear cut off of cattle. Range Loup river.

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