

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
Rauce 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 steal-
ing cattle with above brand.

Joseph W. Bownet

F. O. address
Merriman, Nebr.
Right ear cropped
Hole in center of left
ear
Range Lake creek
S. D.

William M. Dunbar

Lessee from Helme & Kroeger
Cody, Neb
DU Either side
Also low on
right
Left ear of cattle
Split
Range head of Hay
Creek

Henry Pratt

Rosebud S. D.
Left side
Horses same on
left shoulder
Deerhorn clip on
some cattle

William Shangren

Cody, Neb.
Dulap 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 on
left side
And on right side
Bear creeks

Charles H. Faulhaber

Brownlee, Nebr.
Either right or left
side on cattle
Horses same on
left shoulder
Left ear cut off of
cattle
Range Loup river

Marshall & Wolfenden

Kennedy, Neb.
Some on the left
side
Horses on left
shoulder
Brand is small
Earmark: Quarter
clip behind, half cir-
cle forward on left ear
Range Lone Tree
Lake

Louis F. Richards

Merriman Neb
Range Big White
and Bad Rivers

Charles Benard

Rosebud S. D.
Range Big White
and Bad Rivers

W. R. Kissel

Brownlee, Neb.
Also some below
left hip
Also right
hip
Range Kissel's
Ranch

Wheeler Bros.

Cody, Neb.
Range on the Snake
River and Chamber-
lain flat

Charles C. Tackett

Rosebud, S. D.
Range head of An-
telope near St. Mary's
mission
Horses branded
on left thigh

William F. Schmidt

Rosebud, S. D.
On left side
Horses branded
same on left hip or
shoulder
Range on Horse
Creek

GLADSTONE IS DEAD.

ENGLAND'S "GRAND OLD MAN" PASSES AWAY.

His Demise Had Been Long Expected, Owing to His Years and Suffering—Death Was Faced with Fortitude and Welcomed as a Friend.

Nation Mourns Him.

William Ewart Gladstone, England's greatest statesman of this century, died at Hawarden castle at 5 o'clock Thursday morning.

It is a simple story, this record of the closing hours of a life which, more than any other, perhaps, has influenced the lives of his fellow countrymen during two generations. The pain, which, though intermittent, was most cruelly severe for the last nine months, had gradually subsided for three or four weeks past. This was due, not so much to the use of morphia, which was employed more or less since January, as to the fact that the nerves themselves had mercifully exhausted their capacity for suffering. Drugs were used sparingly during the last ten days, the result being that Mr. Gladstone was conscious and clear in mind, except for brief spells of delirium, due chiefly to weakness.

Gladstone well knew on Tuesday that his hour had come, and plainly the thought brought him sweet content. He was conscious most of the time, but almost beyond the power of speech or motion. His great mind was still active, and



WILLIAM EWART GLADSTONE.

still versatile. He surprised the watchers at midday by murmuring a prayer in the French language, with which he was perfectly familiar, but seldom used in the ordinary affairs of life. His vital force continued to diminish, and during the afternoon his pulse became almost imperceptible. His breathing was but of the faintest, and his extremities became cold through the feeble action of the heart, yet there was a slight rally about sun-

DEATH IN A STORM.

Life and Property Lost by Tornado in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Storms of wind, hail and rain ravaged widespread sections of the Northwest. In Eastern Iowa cyclones brought death and disaster to scattered communities, and in Illinois, Wisconsin and in Southern Kansas cyclones and high winds leveled frame buildings, killed some stock and damaged crops. In all the afflicted sections wires were blown down and early details of the disaster were meager. Almost all the vast territory mentioned was rain soaked and wind blown. The cyclones moved the usual narrow paths of from eighty rods to eighty feet in width, and swept for a distance of twenty miles or less.

The cyclone passed north of Clinton, Iowa, between the towns of Charlotte and Riggs, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, doing an immense amount of damage and killing ten people, as far as reported. The storm, after leaving Tipton, passed between Clarence and Stanwood, swept south through Lost Nation and Elwood, running north near Delmar, touched the lower end of Jackson County, and, crossing the Mississippi at South Sabula, Iowa, struck Illinois between Savanna and Thompson. Trees were uprooted and buildings wiped out. The storm passed two miles southeast of Riggs, on the Milwaukee Railway, and ruined everything in its path from southwest to northeast.

In the vicinity of Cedar Rapids the cyclone first appeared one mile south of Stanwood at 3:20 o'clock in the afternoon. Great damage was done to property in the vicinity of Tipton, Charlotte, Quigley, Clarence, Elk River, north of Wheatland, and near Maquoketa. It is estimated that not less than twenty-five people have been killed, while the number of injured will not be less than fifty. Many saved their lives by fleeing to cellars.

The cyclone which struck Preston, Iowa, destroyed most of the buildings in the town and killed Charles Floy, his wife and three children. The bodies of two of the children have not been found. In Ringold County, southwest of Des Moines, the buildings of J. A. Miller, east of Blockton, were swept away, and Miller and his daughter were injured. The latter had both legs broken. At Maloy the schoolhouse and Chicago Great Western depot were wrecked.

Two cyclones from southwest struck the village of Stillman Valley, Ill., the larger going north, doing but little damage. The smaller one struck the southwest side, passing across the town, leveling ten houses, one church and several barns and damaging a dozen houses, one church, a creamery and the Great Western depot. M. Nelson, his wife and two children, and one Johnson are reported killed, and about twenty persons are more or less injured, none fatally.

In Joliet the wind and rain storm swept through the city and blew down the big tabernacle where Evangelist Williams has been holding revival meetings.

A cyclone passed seven miles north of Sheffield, Ill., going in a northeastern di-



TRACK OF THE TORNADO IN ILLINOIS, IOWA AND WISCONSIN.

rection. It first struck the earth near F. W. Marrassy's farm, and destroyed everything in its path for miles. Several persons are reported killed. Paw Paw, Ill., reports that a cyclone passed four miles north of the town. Several people were injured, and Mrs. Frank Chichester was killed.

TO RAISE MORE REVENUE.

War Measure Will Yield a Total of \$151,497,066 Per Annum.

The increased revenues proposed in the pending bill are as follows:

Permitted liquors	\$58,006,120
Tobacco and snuff	43,840,560
Cigars and cigarettes	16,922,405
Tobacco manufacturers and dealers	307,102
Bankers	2,394,000
Exchange brokers and pawnbrokers	1,500,400
Commercial brokers	213,084
Theaters, circuses and other exhibitions	1,820,447
Rolling mills and billiard tables	1,000,000
Stocks, bonds, merchandise, etc.	10,000,000
Bank checks	5,000,000
Inland bills of exchange	1,500,000
Foreign bills of exchange	600,000
Express and freight, including all bills of lading	10,000,000
Life insurance	1,277,000
Mortgages	2,041,500
All other articles in schedule A, including the tax on receipts	28,000,000
Proprietary preparations and pharmaceuticals	20,000,000
Chewing gum	1,000,000
Legacies and successions	9,275,475
Total	\$214,045,829

Add to this the revenue to be derived from articles not included in the pending bill on the basis of the receipts of 1897—\$214,045,829:

Spirits	\$82,008,542
Brewers (special tax)	190,927
Retail dealers in malt liquors	191,071
Wholesale dealers in malt liquors	278,801
Wholesale dealers in malt liquors	1,034,029
Filled cheese	18,992
Miscellaneous receipts	375,468
Total estimated revenues	\$208,113,659

Deducting the revenues for 1897, which were \$146,619,593, the revenue provided by the Senate bill is \$151,497,066.

Notes of Current Events.

The effort to make sugar from beets dates back to 1747.

Hawaii begs to remind the President that it is still there and is still willing.

A twelve-story hotel is soon to be built in New York. It will cover an entire block and cost \$4,000,000. It will furnish parlor, bed room and bath for \$1 a day.

At Chicago, John Asquith, 75 years old, and his wife, Margaret, 70 years old, were found dead in bed at their home. They had evidently committed suicide by asphyxiation.



During the next year the postage stamps will be printed at the bureau of engraving and printing of the Treasury Department instead of by private contractors. The contract will amount to over \$62,500,000 even at the extraordinarily low price charged. The ordinary postage stamps will be furnished at 5 cents a thousand, postage-due stamps at 11.4 cents a thousand, newspaper and periodical stamps at 6.05 cents a thousand and special delivery stamps at 11.4 cents a thousand. The contract contemplates a total of 3,063,633,885 ordinary stamps, 4,340,320 special delivery stamps, 5,544,229 newspaper stamps and 19,573,100 postage-due stamps. There has been an enormous increase in the stamp business. Ten years ago, in 1888, the total value of stamps issued was \$88,298,741; to-day it is \$62,530,201; twenty years ago, in 1878, the total was only \$21,180,557.00.

The speech of Mr. Chamberlain, British minister of the colonies, in Birmingham the other day, is not taken seriously in Washington, neither by our own Government nor by the members of the diplomatic corps. While an Anglo-Saxon alliance would not be unnatural, or unprofitable for England, there are complications which would make it impossible at present, and the fact that Mr. Chamberlain proclaims it would make it unpopular in certain influential circles across the water, for he is not regarded as a practical man. He is the frequent inventor of new political policies; he is an uneasy, restless patriot, impulsive and impetuous, who talks as fast as he thinks, and never fears to express himself on all subjects. He has belonged to all political parties, one after another, and is always springing novelties upon the British people.

There is a fear at the Navy Department lest it may be necessary to exercise severe discipline with some of the naval reserves who have enlisted for the war. Two of the Maryland reserves, who were ordered to the auxiliary cruiser Dixie, have deserted. If they are apprehended and convicted of desertion under the laws of war they will have to be shot. Both of them are said to be young men of good families and excellent character, who enlisted under mistaken notions. They supposed that they were going out for a summer's cruise, to have a gay time of it, but when they found that they were expected to scrub decks, clean guns, shovel coal and do other menial labor, these proud sons of Maryland bolted without saying good-by and have not since been seen. There has also been considerable trouble of this kind with the military volunteers.

The surgeons who have been making examinations of the members of the militia volunteers will make reports that will be apt to discourage the bicycle light, and particularly the use of low handlebars. It is said in the medical department of the army that a great number of the volunteers who have been rejected for physical disability are bicycle riders, who, by that violent exercise, have developed diseases of the heart and the spine which unfit them for exposure or endurance. These troubles are said to be confined almost entirely to riders who use low handlebars and lean forward in the saddle.

Something over \$75,000,000 has already been expended in war preparations, and about \$25,000,000 more of obligations are outstanding that will mature during the present month, making a total of \$100,000,000 up to date, with contracts being made daily for all sorts of purposes involving the expenditure of millions. The Senate Committee on Finance after considering the subject very carefully came to the conclusion that the efforts of the United States to free Cuba would cost not less than \$380,000,000, provided the war was not prolonged more than one year.

Gen. Lee is going to have a sensational staff, if all the persons who have applied for service with him are gratified. Somehow or another the ambitious young men who have received staff appointments, and particularly the sons of their fathers, appear to think that Gen. Lee is going to be a favored commander, for most of them have applied for service with him. Russell Harrison, James G. Blaine and Algernon Sartoris are among the number, and his own son, George Mason Lee, is also to be appointed.

The first thing that Gen. Wheeler did when he was assigned to a command was to ask that his son be detailed as a member of his staff. Secretary Alger has detailed his son as a member of the staff of Gen. Miles. There is a good deal of the favorite son business going on in Washington just now in connection with the army appointments.

It is not believed by anybody in Washington that the Spaniards will attempt to send ships or troops to Manila. It would be useless for them to do so, unless the squadron is stronger than that of Admiral Dewey, and a squadron of that strength could not be spared from Spain without leaving its own coast unprotected.

The battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky might be finished and placed in commission in two months. The Illinois could not be made ready for sea in less than six months, but work was stopped upon all of them some time ago, because it was deemed more important to fit out the auxiliary cruisers first.

The father of Adjt. Gen. Corbin is still living in the old family homestead in Ohio. Although over 80 years of age, he manages the farm upon which the general spent his boyhood, and where he stopped going corn to enlist as a private soldier at the outbreak of the rebellion.

William McKinley has been President of the United States for nearly fifteen months, and has just sent his first veto message to Congress, declining to approve a bill to authorize a new trial for a case in the court of claims.

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