

Metzger Bros.
 Pullman Neb
 Cherry Co.
 Brand on left side
 also thigh
 Earmark, square
 crop right ear
 Southern branded
 cattle have lost one
 half diamond E on
 left side
 Native cattle have
 throat wattle
 Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks
 Horses have same brand on left thigh
 A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any
 person for information leading to arrest and
 final conviction of any person or persons steal
 ing cattle with above brand

P S ROUSCHE
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On left side or any
 part of animal. Ear-
 mark—right ear cut
 off; horses branded
 same on left hip. Also
 has stock branded H
 on side or shoulder,
 or JK or W or Y L or
 O or FZ. Also
 the following, first on
 being on side and hip

LEE AND SONS
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On right side.
 LE on same side
 also LER on le-
 side
 Range, north
 range, 2 to
 miles

GEO HIGGINS
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 Branded on left
 side; some on left
 side and thigh
 on left thigh
 Range—Duck Lake

CLARENCE K SMITH
 Postoffice address
 Whitman, Neb.
 On left side. Horses
 same on left shoulder
 on left side
 anywhere on
 animal. On
 hip or thigh
 Range north prairie,
 Middle Loup river
 and Buffalo Lake

GUSTAV WENDELL
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 A horn just above
 left shoulder blade
 Horses same on
 left shoulder
 Range south of
 Beaver Lake

J G COOLEY
 Postoffice address
 Hyanis, Neb.
 on right side; horses
 same on right
 shoulder
 five-six miles
 northwest of Mober-
 le Lake precinct

A J PLUMER
 Postoffice address
 Hyanis, Neb.
 Branded on right
 side and hip
 Also have stock branded
 on right side and hip
 Horses
 on right
 Range—Southwestern Cherry
 County.

WE STANSBIE AND DO BAUGH
 Postoffice address
 Hyanis, Neb.
 On left hip and left
 side. Also
 on left hip
 and left side
 horses same
 brands on shoulders
 Range—22 miles
 north of Hyanis.

MASON COMPANY
 Postoffice address
 Hyanis, Neb.
 on right hip
 On either side
 On left side
 left
 hip
 horses right
 shoulder
 Range—seven miles north of Hyanis.

SWEENEY BROS.
 Postoffice address
 Pullman, Neb.
 Cattle branded as on
 cut; horses branded
 same as cattle except
 reversed S.
 See block
 Range—Steven-
 son and Stephenson
 lakes and South

A HUMPHREY
 Postoffice address
 Hyanis, Neb.
 Branded anywhere
 on right side; horses
 same on left
 shoulder
 Range—sixteen
 miles northeast of
 Hyanis

J. A. Adamson.
 Valentine, Neb.
 On left side or hip
 on left side or hip
 Range on Niobrara

CHAMBERLAIN & CO
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 Branded on either
 side same as on cut
 also—both jaws

Marshall & Wolfenden
 Kennedy, Neb.
 Some on the left
 hip
 Horses on left
 shoulder
 Brand is small
 Earmark: Quarter
 clip behind, half ear
 clip forward on left ear
 Range Lone Tree
 Lake

Sam Hudson
 Simon Neb
 Left hip on cattle
 Left shoulder on
 horses
 Some horses LAZ
 on left shoulder
 Range between
 Gordon and Snake
 River and Niobrara
 River
 Left ears tagged All cattle dehorned

William M. Dunbar
 Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
 Cody, Neb.
 DU on either side
 Low
 on
 right
 Left ear of cattle
 Split
 Range head of Hay
 Creek

Amelia Young.
 Cody, Nebraska
 On right side,
 Right ear split
 Range, Little
 White river

Peder Thorsen.
 Gordon, Nebraska
 On right side; F on
 right hip, e horse
 brand and T on
 right shoulder
 Also cattle brand
 L S on left side
 Range, four miles
 south of Irwin

Henry Young.
 Cody, Nebraska
 Horse brand H Y
 on left shoulder
 Cattle, right ear
 split
 Range, Little
 White river, S. D.

Carl Timmagen
 Gordon Neb
 Also on left
 side
 Range 10 miles
 north and 6 miles
 east of Gordon

D C. Nelson.
 Cody, Nebraska.
 On right hip
 Range, Medicine
 Lake to the
 Snake river

Hutt Brothers.
 Gordon, Nebraska
 Range 4 miles north
 of Gordon.

F. C. Daerfelt, Manager.
 Gordon, Nebraska
 Cattle also branded
 99 on right hip
 Horses and mules
 branded same as cut
 on left shoulder

J. C. Jordan
 Gordon, Nebraska
 One bunch branded
 as on cut on left side
 One bunch branded
 on left hip
 Horses on left
 shoulder
 Range 10 miles
 southwest of Gallop,
 between Niobrara
 and Snake rivers

George F. Damon
 Albany, Neb.
 Cattle branded
 FD on left ribs or
 right shoulder; SD
 on right hip and left
 ribs; 6 on left hip
 Horses FD or SD on
 right shoulder
 Range 7 mi north
 east of Albany Neb
 Agent for Pasteur
 Back Leg Vaccine

Joseph Fickel
 Gordon Neb
 Also on left
 hip
 Horse brand F on
 left shoulder
 Range 10 miles
 northeast of Gordon

Program of Farmer's Institute to be held in Cornell's Hall, Valentine, February 16 and 17:
 FIRST DAY—FEB. 16.
 10:00 to 10:45 Agricultural Methods—C. A. Whitford
 10:45-11 Agricultural Experiences in Cherry County—D. W. Hahn
 11:00-11:30 General Experience Meeting of Cherry County Farmers
 11:30-12:00 Sheep for the Market: a Best Breeds b Where to Get Them, c How to Care for Them—G. W. Hervey
 NOON.
 1:30-2:15 Breeding and Feeding Cattle for Beef—G. W. Hervey
 2:15-2:45 Does it Pay to Keep Blooded Stock in the Sand-hills?—Wm. Wilson
 2:45-3:00 General Experience Meeting of the Cattle Men of Cherry County.
 3:30-4:00 How are Farmers and Cattle Men Interrelated in Nebraska's High School Free Attendance Law?—Hon W. R. Jackson
 THURSDAY EVENING.
 7:30-7:45 Music.
 7:45 Address: Best Education for the Masses—Hon W. R. Jackson
 SECOND DAY—FEB. 17.
 10:0-10:10 Some Points in Horticulture—C. A. Whitford
 10:40-11:00 Experiences in Horticulture in Cherry County—C. M. VanMeter
 11:00-11:20 Questions and General Discussions.
 11:20-12:00 Scab and Other Diseases of Sheep.—Dr. A. T. Peters.
 NOON.
 1:30-2:00 Black Leg in Cattle.—Dr. A. T. Peters
 2:00-2:15 Experience With Black in Cherry County Cattle—M. L. Walker
 2:15-2:45 General Experience Meeting of Cattle Men of Cherry County.
 2:45-3:30 Poultry for Profit; a, Best Breeds; b, How to Care for Them—J. A. Brewer
 3:30-3:50 Does it Pay to Raise Thorough Bred Chickens?—O. W. Morey
 3:50 Chicken Cholera and its Prevention, and anything else Dr. Peters may have forgotten to tell us during the day.—Dr. A. T. Peters.
 FRIDAY EVENING
 7:30-7:45 Music
 7:45-8:15 The Farmer Boy's Future—James Lawless
 8:15 A More Practical Education for Farmer's Boys—C. A. Whitford
 This promises to be the best far er's institute ever held in Cherry county. The State University sends us four good men: Messrs. Whitford, Hervey, Jackson and Peters. This array of talent joined with our home talent gives us a program worthy the attention of every one who can possibly attend the meetings. L. H. PERKINS, President.

With this issue of the WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT the paper enters the fourth year of its existence, which has been a checked one. Starting as the Democratic Blade it finally became the Gazette, next the Independent, and then the Valentine Democrat. In September it was merged with the Western News and bears its present hyphenated name with modesty and decorum. The paper speaks for itself, and for it we have no apologies to offer, except that we would make it better were it not for our straitened circumstances. This obstacle however will we hope be gradually removed, and as our ambitions soar no higher than our paper, the readers of the NEWS-DEMOCRAT may rest assured that they will be made richer as we grow in wealth. Our circulation is now larger than that of any other country paper on this line of road, and we shall strive to make of every reader a friend. True to its principles and its clientele, it will always be found standing up for the right and the interests of the stockmen and farmers who are the "bone and sinew" of the northwest. We are proud of our paper, and hope that our readers may always be proud of it too. With this wish we begin the new volume, and hope to begin many more the same way.

A letter from a friend in England to the Shelby Sun contains the following significant item: "One thing demonstrates the gigantic fraud which the people of the United States almost unconsciously submit to, and that is the sugar trust fraud. Here in England and where there is not a pound of sugar produced, granulated sugar retails at three halfpence (3 cents) a pound, but in the "land of liberty" where sugar is produced, the government, under the guise of tariff dues, throws its mantle of support over one of the worst monopolies that ever cursed a nation, and the consequence is that the people are made to pay between 6 and 7 cents a pound."

A special press dispatch from Sioux City states that indications go to show satisfactory progress of the negotiations for the purchase by the Milwaukee Railway company of the Pacific Short Line road between that place and O'Neill. The line is to be sold under foreclosure soon. President Miller, of the Milwaukee, is intending to extend the road through Northern Nebraska so as to be a carrier of cattle for P. D. Amour's packing house at Sioux City, and who is also a heavy stockholder in the Milwaukee. The project looks plausible.

State Treasurer Meserve has made a call for \$50,000 worth of state warrants. He has also given notice that he has on hand \$100,000 of the permanent school fund to invest in state securities in addition to the above, for the benefit of the schools of the state. How is this for an honest state treasurer?

Gallop
 Edith Warren from this vicinity, is up at Pine Ridge visiting her grandmother. Grant Kreger and wife lost a little boy by death on the 20, and they have the sympathy of the community in their hour of affliction. There will be an oyster supper at Coe's school house some time in the future. Watch this paper for further particulars. The supper will be given for the benefit of the minister, and a good attendance is hoped for. Andrew Henderson was in Gordon Saturday on business. Mrs. George Hill is in Gordon where she is caring for her baby at the hospital. Mr. Hill and A. C. Johnson are hatching it during her absence. Mr. Swan, of Gordon, has 1,800 head of sheep on the Murphy place near Willow Leeper's. Lynda Man, who has been working in Gordon, is home on a visit. Gerlie Cady is reported quite sick.

Eli Precinct.
 The messes are still on the warpath in this part of the moral vineyard. Mr. and Mrs. Len Winslow are the proud parents of a new boy. Henry Heckel was under the weather las week with the grip. B. O. Goodrich has moved back from Valentine. Berri can't stay away from Eli precinct. Wm. Spence was over south on a trade last week. The dance at Strube's was enjoyed by all present except Rubber Neck, who had a cramp in his stomach and was not able to take part. Gustave Gunderson and Mr. Sherman were through here last week looking for cattle. Geo. Heckel attended the dance at Mr. Cass's Friday night. A Mr. Reef from Iowa, was on the river last week. He came out to see his son, who was working for J. E. Selder. We understand the son will return with his father to Iowa. I. B. Nichols is in Cody working at his trade of plastering. Why don't Aunt Betsy, of Merriman, send in items every week, or is she waiting for someone to get married so as to give her pedigree?

Strayed or Stolen.
 One white-faced heifer, coming two in the spring, branded CJ on left side and M on left hip. Liberal reward is offered by Chris Jensen, Gallop, Neb.

Strayed Notice
 Taken up by the subscriber living twelve miles west of Cody on section 3, township 33, range 35, one light gray mare 10 or 11 years old, weight about 750, no marks or brands to be seen. Said mare came into my premises about the 15th of August, 1898, and has been in my premises continually since.
 WILLIAM MAYBER.

Taken Up.
 At my place near Wood Lake, one two-year old steer of Hereford stock, branded O T L on both hips, and X on left side, just back of fore leg. Owner is requested to remove said steer or it will be sold according to law.
 PAUL KENNICOTT.

Appointment of Administrator
 In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, in the Matter of the Estate of D. M. Underwood, Deceased.
 Emma E. Underwood having filed in my office a petition praying for the appointment of John Underwood as administrator of the estate of D. M. Underwood, deceased, All persons interested in said estate will take notice that I have fixed 5 o'clock, February 11, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., as the time, and my office in Valentine, Cherry County, Nebraska, as the place for hearing of said petition at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may appear and show cause if any there be why such administrator should not be appointed. Witness my hand and the seal of the county court of said county this 10th day of January, 1898.
 W. R. TOWSE,
 County Judge.

Notice to Non-resident Defendants.
 H. D. Crocker, full christian and true name unknown and J. E. S. Phillips, full christian and true name unknown, non-resident defendants. You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 10th day of January, 1898, Oscar S. Cummings as plaintiff, filed in the district court of Cherry County, Nebraska, his petition against you as defendants, the object and prayer of which is to have an accounting of the amount paid by plaintiff for taxes, interest, penalties and costs on the following described premises and real estate, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section nine, township thirty-three, range thirty-one, in Cherry County, Nebraska, for the years 1893, 1894 and 1897, with interest thereon, and an attorney fee of ten per centum of the amount so found to be due; that the amount so found to be due for such taxes, interest, penalties, costs and attorney fee be fixed and established as a valid and subsisting lien on said taxed premises and real estate, and superior to all other liens, equities or estates therein of the said defendants, or either of them, or anyone claiming by, through, or under them, or either of them; that the said premises and real estate be sold for the satisfaction thereof, together with the costs of suit and costs of sale; that the defendants do forever bar, foreclose and excluded out of all right, title, interest or equity of redemption in and to the same, or any part thereof.
 And you are further notified and required to answer said petition on or before the 10th day of March, 1898.
 A. M. MORRISSEY,
 Attorney for Plaintiff

THE ELKHORN RAILROAD.
 "North-Western Line" is to be to and from the SUGAR BEET FIELD NORTH NEBRASKA. D. C. NELSON, CODY, NEBR. Has recently started in business and offers bargains to all cash buyers of Groceries, Corn, Oats, Clopped Feed, Flour, Salt, Glidden Wire, Soft and Hard Pine, Paints, Oils and all kinds of Ranchers' Supplies.

WHENEVER YOU WANT Anything in the line of Clothing, Hats or Caps, Boots or Shoes, Staple or Fancy Groceries, Stoneware, Dry Goods, Notions, Salt Meat, Grain or Feed, Be sure to call and get prices at CRABB & VINCENT'S

CLARENCE WALCOTT SUCCESSOR TO THEO. TILLSON, PROPRIETOR LIVERY BARN NOW SOLICITS YOUR PATRONAGE

Why Pay \$30.00 For a drop-head machine when you can get a first-class machine for \$21.00 by writing to I. H. EMERY, Valentine, - Nebr.

COX, JONES & COX LIVE STOCK COMMISSION MERCHANTS SOUTH OMAHA, NEBRASKA Room 108 Exchange Bldg. References: UNION STOCK YARDS NATIONAL BANK, PACKERS' NATIONAL BANK. Telephone 141. We have a large clientele among Nebraska feeders and can always meet Omaha prices to Ranch customers IF NOTIFIED BEFORE SHIPMENT.

J. R. A. McQuade.
 Valentine, Neb.
 Branded on either side.
 Range between Thacher and Swain Lake.

Hugh Bovill, Manager
 Merriman Neb
 Range north of Ell

Attention, Stockmen
 Farmers and the General Public
 If you are in need of A Supply or Stock Tank or any kind of Carpenter Work We are prepared to accommodate you at reasonable prices and guarantee to give satisfaction
JONES & DUNN

Charlotte E. Bovill
 Merriman Neb
 Left side or hip
 Range north of Ell

When Visiting Valentine Stop at THE CITY HOTEL \$1.00 Per Day Good Service J. A. Hornback

B. B. Teeter Bros.
 Newton, Neb.
 Horses same on left shoulder
 Range between the Gordon and the Snake

J. H. FRITZ
 Notary Public
 Brownlee, - Nebraska
 All work promptly attended to—GEO. E-stray Notice. Taken up October 8, 1898, ten miles south of Cody, Nebraska, one white cow brand U on left side and one red calf with no brand U. Taken up by GEORGE BARKER.

Gorsuch Bros.
 Newton, Nebraska
 Cattle branded as on cut.
 Some horses on left side or hip
 Range on Gordon Creek

I. T. Richardson.
 Kennedy, Nebraska
 Some on left hip
 Range north of Ell

Stotts & Stetter.
 Cody, Nebraska
 Branded on left side
 Range, Tim Cain Lake and Morgan Flats

FIRST CLASS MILL
 I have established a Feed and Saw Mill 9 miles south of Cody, at the mouth of Medicine Canyon, and am now prepared to grind Feed, Corn Meal and Graham, etc. I sell all kinds of Lumber and dimensioned stuff, and Native Shingles. Give us a trial order.
 J. F. FICK