

Metzger Bros.
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 Branded on left side
 E
 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 the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand

CHAMBERLAIN & S.
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 Branded on either side same as on out also—both jaws
 Range on Gordon and Snake creeks
 Horses have same brand on left thigh

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

P. S. ROUSCHIE
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On left side or any part of animal. Earmark—right ear cut off; horses branded same on left hip. Also has stock branded H on side or shoulder, or J R or W or O V L or O or F Z. Also the following, the first on one side and hip

Sam Hudson
 Simeon Neb.
 Left hip on cattle
 H on right shoulder on horses
 Some horses Lazy on left shoulder
 Range between Gordon and Snake River and Niobrara River
 Left ear tagged. All cattle dehorned

LEE AND SONS
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On right side
 LK on same as also LK on side
 Range, north of Snake, 2 1/2 miles

William M. Dunbar
 Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
 Cody, Neb.
 Either side
 DCC
 Also low on right
 Left ear of cattle split
 Range head of Hay Creek

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

Amelia Young
 Cody, Nebraska
 A-Y
 Right ear split
 Range, Little White river

JOHN J. STEIN
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On right side
 Range, 1/2 miles west of Snake River

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

CLARENCE K. SMITH
 Postoffice address
 Whittman, Neb.
 On left side; horses same on left shoulder anywhere on animal. On hip or thigh
 Range north prairie Middle Loop river and Buffalo Lake

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

J. G. COOLEY
 Postoffice address
 Hyannis, Neb.
 On right side; horses same on right shoulder
 Range—six miles northwest of Mott or Lake precinct

Carl Thoenhagen
 Gordon, Neb.
 On left side
 Range 10 miles north and 6 miles east of G. Elon

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

Hutt Brothers
 Gordon, Nebraska
 Range 14 miles north of Gordon

W. E. STANSBIE AND DO RAUGH
 Postoffice address
 Hyannis, Neb.
 On left hip and left side
 Also on left hip and left side
 Horses same brands on shoulders
 Range 22 miles north of Hyannis

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

MASON COMPANY
 Postoffice address
 Hyannis, Neb.
 On right hip
 T L either side
 On right side
 Left hip
 Right shoulder
 Range—seven miles north of Hyannis

J. C. Jordan
 Gordon, Nebraska
 One bunch branded on left hip
 One bunch branded on left hip
 Horses on left shoulder
 Range 7 miles southeast of Gallup, between Niobrara and Snake rivers

SWEENEY BROS.
 Postoffice address
 Pulman, Neb.
 Cattle branded as follows: cut; horses branded same as cattle except reversed
 Range—Stevens and Stephenson Lakes and South

George F. Damon
 Albany, Neb.
 Cattle branded E F on left hip on right shoulder; H on right hip and left ribs; G on left hip
 Horses F L or S on right shoulder
 Range 7 mi 1/2 east of Albany Neb.
 Agent for Pasture Bank Log Vaccines

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

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

J. A. VANCE
 Postoffice address
 Pulman, Neb.
 On left side
 Range on Snake River

Whetter Bros.
 Cody, Neb.
 Also B—on right side
 Range Chamberlain, Platte and Snake Rivers

J. A. VANCE
 Postoffice address
 Pulman, Neb.
 On left side
 Range on Snake River

Marquardt & Howins
 Myro Stevens, Manager
 Merriman, Neb.
 Cattle brand OM on left shoulder
 Some of cattle have various brands
 Range—between Snake and Niobrara Rivers

Items From the State Capital.
 One of the pleasantest hours we ever spent was at Lincoln two weeks ago, when W. B. Price, legal adviser of the state auditor, and the writer played billiards with "Uncle Jake" Wolfe, commissioner of public lands and buildings. Despite his years Uncle Jake is a good player and it kept Price and the editor busy to beat him.

Hon. John Shore was found at his post, voting regularly for W. V. Allen for senator. He had been present at every roll call except one when we saw him. He had never missed voting. As he remarked, "It's all we can do; just vote, and take what the republicans are willing to give us." Our representative is one of the finest appearing men in the house, and as he has a mind of his own he can be relied upon to vote always according to his convictions. He voted against the resolution to recall Col. Stotsenburg, of the First Nebraska, and believe he was right in doing so.

Gov. Poynter received the scribe very cordially, and chatted pleasantly for a few minutes. The governor is working hard, and up to date his course has been such as to win the approval of all. Compared with Gov. Holcomb, Poynter is a small man physically, but he has brains and knows how to use them. He is respectful to all, but when his mouth closes suddenly it means that one has said enough. Nebraskans will never need to feel ashamed of their governor.

Auditor Cornell, Secretary of State Porter, Treasurer Meserve and Supt. Jackson all met the writer with a smile and hearty hand shake, and each inquired about friends in this section of the state and expressed their appreciation of the support they received from the northwest during the last campaign.

Prof. Berkley, of Brown, second assistant clerk of the house, and N. E. Gardner of Keya Paha, engrossing clerk for the senate, were found busily engaged in their duties, and pleasantly drawing a salary of \$300 per day. These are the only appointees from this section of the state, and they are a credit to their home counties.

Representative Shore says it will be hard work to pass any law affecting the stock industry in any way. He also thinks it will be hard work to amend the game law.

Concerning Delinquent Taxes
 Delinquent taxes have all been carried up to the 1898 books, and they show some very queer things. We know at least two men who are perfectly good who have never paid a cent of taxes to the county, their tax running way back to the early '80's. A careful estimate places the amount of delinquent taxes at \$80,000, and it is very probable that they will amount to \$100,000. If this amount was paid into the treasury all outstanding bonds and warrants of the county could be paid, the court house could be built, and there would still be a handsome surplus left. The thought calls up visions of Utopia. Think what a blessing it would be to live in a county which was entirely out of debt, which paid cash to its creditors, and which was constantly increasing in taxable valuation. How insignificant each man's taxes would be! What public improvements could and would be made! But alas, the tax dodger and shirker is always with us, and we will have to wait several years ere we realize the blissful condition above set forth. We are gratified to note, however, that our county treasurer and commissioners are doing their best to collect these taxes, and we hope they will succeed.

Eli Precinct.
 Henry Heckel went to O'Neil last week on a visit with his brother.
 Rev. Hunt closed his meeting at Center the middle of last week on account of the cold weather and came home.
 Our local groundhog saw his shadow if he came out before noon, but if he slept until noon we will have an early spring.
 E. O. Crowder has moved his family to the Chain creek last week. Bert is going to work there.
 The river up this way has been frozen over for the last week. The ice is of sufficient thickness to admit of teams crossing with a load.
 The cold weather of the last week has caused people to gather up their cattle and feed. Although the weather has been very cold, there has not been a heavy fall of snow. At the press writing (Monday) the indications are that the weather will moderate.

Arabia.
 Miss Lily went west to Valentine east Saturday, returning Sunday.
 Earl Irvon was loading a car of hay, on our side track, the forepart of the week.
 M. J. Jordan is being a busy every day this cold weather to be shipped to Fort Robinson.
 J. T. Lee was up from his ranch last week and reports stock as doing well despite the cold weather.
 John Jordan went to Valentine last Saturday to make final proof on his tree claim and thus perfect his title to 160 acres of Uncle Sam's domain. J. Jordan and A. Benson accompanied him as witnesses.
 W. S. Kilgore made a business trip to Woodlake Monday.
 Ch. Kenyon is in the neighborhood. The County of Josephine are the afflicted one at present.
 M. P. H. Phelps has returned from a trip to Ireland and he went to visit his father and relatives whom he had not seen for a long time. Mr. Phelps is a resident of Cherry county his home.

Third and Last Call.
 This is the third and last call for the attention of the people of Cherry county to the Farmer's Institute to be held in Valentine on Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17.

Examine your programs and see the good things that are in store for those who attend. We have just received another letter from Prof. Taylor saying that he is very much pleased with our program and that every speaker promised by the State University will be on hand and perform the parts assigned. One speaker writes that in addition to the work assigned him he will give a talk on the side issues of farming, such as poultry, small fruits, and bees.

The topics represented on the program are so varied that every one in reach of Valentine will be profited by attending. It makes no difference what your profession: be it farmer, stockman, merchant, lawyer, doctor or housekeeper.

The people of Valentine should see that the hall is crowded Thursday and Friday evening a d Friday afternoon.
 R. H. WATSON.

School Reports
 Report of district number two, February 8, 1899: Those neither absent nor tardy are Ira Hooper, Byrd Ward, Melvin, Rhoda and Vannie Hooper, and Ralph Brosius. Those tardy but not absent are Cecil Riggle, Will Brosius, Lora Seger, Clara, Walter and Viola Brosius, Maude and Byrd Melton. Those missing one day are Fred Cottle, Walter Brosius, Harry Ward and Johnnie Melton. Average daily attendance 13. -- Jennie Morgareidge, Teacher.

Report of school in district number four, Cherry county, for the month ending January 27: Number of days taught, 20; number of pupils enrolled, 13; average attendance, 11; those not absent, Mary Jordan and Allen Benson; absent but one day, Bernice Kief, and Anna Cuhel.—Mrs. M. R. Harden, Teacher.

Where Shall it be Built?
 Agitation in regard to the location of the new court house is now on. Several sites are suggested. One is west of Smyser's livery barn; another the old Fischer corner, opposite the laundry; another the corner east of the present building; still others favor locating the building in the west part of town; a large percentage of our people would like it on the hill near Christensen's, and another favorite site is just north of the Episcopal church. In any event, it is very probable that the site will be donated the county, no matter where the building is located. It is thought that the commissioners will settle this matter at their next meeting.

An Apology
 Our blank paper order failed to materialize this morning, consequently about three-fourths of our subscribers will receive their papers one day late this week.

Broke an Arm.
 Marguerite Miller, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, accidentally fell over the coal bucket Tuesday night and broke an arm. Dr. Compton was called and administered to the wants of the child, and at this writing, it is getting along nicely.

Notice to Non-resident Defendants.
 H. D. Crooker, 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, 1899, Oscar S. Crooker 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 1895, 1896 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 any claimant by, through, or under them, or either of them; that he said premises and real estate be sold for the satisfaction thereof, together with the costs of suit and costs of sale; that the proceeds of said sale be applied to the payment of all of said taxes, interest, penalties and costs, in and to the same or any part thereof.
 And you are further notified and required to answer said petition on or before the 15th day of March, 1899.
 A. M. MORRISSEY,
 Attorney for Plaintiff

A WINTER EXCURSION.
 If sick you can find help. If crippled with rheumatism you can be cured. If tired you need rest and the place to go to.
HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA.
 The expense is less than you imagine. "The Northwestern Line" has announced special excursions, north and south, during this month.
CHEAP RATE.
 The Evans Hotel will remain open and this will be a lather hotels and boarding houses a good food service with low rates during the winter.
Round Trip Rate From
 Val 1.00 to 1.25 \$7.20
 An corresponding rates from other points.
 Excursions to the coast and back or any other points. Tickets valid for 30 days. Round trip tickets to the coast and back or any other points. Tickets valid for 30 days.
 February 14 and 28.

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

Attorney Smith of the U. P. road was here attending district court Tuesday and had the case filed against the company by the owners of the cattle that L.H. Wells shipped in here last fall, transferred to the federal court. They sued the railroad company for \$2,000 damages for not properly feeding the cattle while in the stock yards here.—Kimball Observer

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 the 8th day of February 11, 1899, 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 19th day of January 1899.
 W. R. TOWNE,
 County Judge.

J. H. FRITZ
 Notary Public
 Brownlee, Nebraska
 All work promptly attended to.

Attention, Stockmen
 Farmers and the General Public
 Any parties wishing Tanks any size or kind Will be given Special Prices between this and 15th of April. Shop west of school house, at residence.
JONES & DUNN

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

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

THE ELKHORN RAILROAD.
 "North-Western Line" is to be to and from the SUGAR BEET FIELD OF NORTH NEBRASKA.

B. B. Testers Bros.
 Newton, Neb.
 Horses same as left shoulder
 Range between the Gordon and the Snake
Gorsuch Bros.
 Newton, Nebraska
 Cattle branded on left side
 Range on left side of Gordon Creek

D. C. NELSON
 CODY, NEBR.
 Has recently started in business and offers bargains to all cash buyers of
 Groceries
 Corn
 Oats
 Clover Feed
 Flour
 Salt
 Glidden Wire, Soft and Hard
 Pine, Paints, Oils and all kinds of Ranchers' Supplies

I. T. Richardson.
 Kennedy, Nebraska
 Some on left hip
 Horses on left shoulder
Stotts & Stetter.
 Cody, Nebraska
 Branded on left side
 Range, Tin Can Lake and Morgan Flats

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 Range between Teacher and Swan Lake
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