

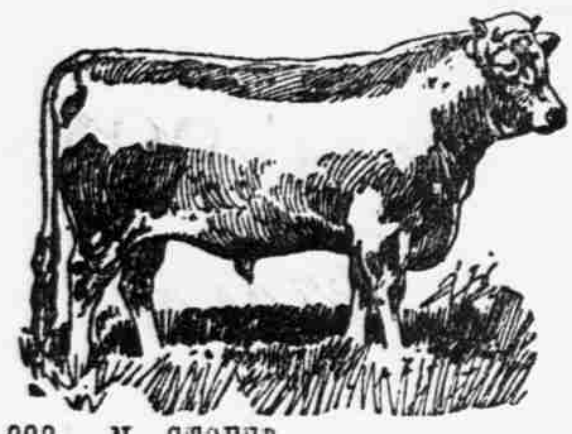
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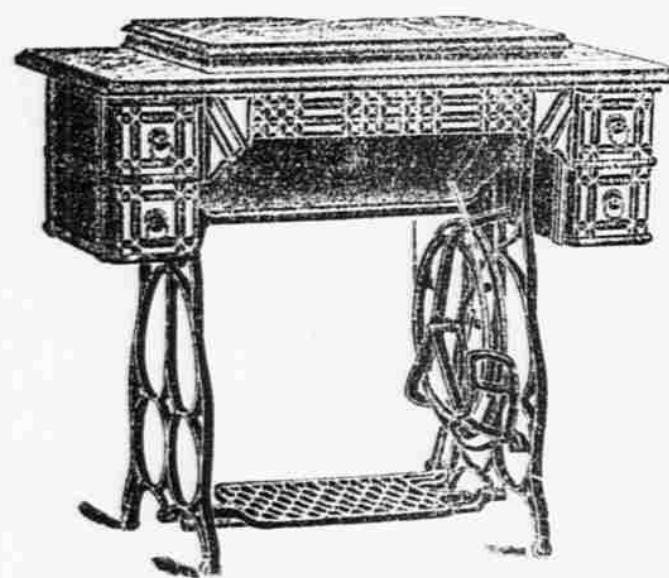
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"Forcible annexation would be criminal aggression."—McKinley's message to congress.

The O'Neill Independent wonders if the military bands at Manila play the "Battle Cry of Freedom."

If Lichty is right, Cornell should be fired from the state house; if Cornell is right Lichty should be sent to the asylum.

Eagan was court martialed and found guilty, then rewarded by being given a six years' vacation on full pay, \$5,500 per year. This is discipline.

The WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT is a bright newsy sheet edited by Robert Good and is always welcome to our table barring its political prejudice.—Newport Republican.

The Norfolk News applauds Gov. Roosevelt when he says the Filipinos "must be made to realize absolutely that we are the masters." And yet we fought our brothers for five long years to keep them from using the title of "masters."

As evidence that Cherry county is prosperous, the large roller mill of 200 barrel capacity, at Valentine, is running regularly, using the wheat of the locality. The live stock interests are in very encouraging condition. The loss from the recent storm and cold spell is practically nothing. Cattle are in fine condition.—In Sunday's World-Herald.

A boy in Sheridan county was playing with a 50-cent piece recently, and the same became stuck in his throat. A doctor was called, and that individual caused the boy to swallow the coin and then made the boy's father cough up two silver dollars. If we had fifty cents and a boy we'd employ that doctor by the year and get rich without working.

John Sherman, former Secretary of State, is indignant over the report of the war investigation commission in regard to General Miles. He says: "If President McKinley were up for election today, he would get in Ohio but an inconsiderable number of votes. From all that I can learn there is little enthusiasm for him there, and but very few newspapers are supporting him."

This paper wishes to enter an emphatic protest against the habit certain members of the legislature have of "pairing" every week on the vote for senator. Members were elected to the legislature to work and vote, and not to "pair" with some fellow who wants to go home every other day. Legislators should stick to their knitting and elect a senator.

The last act in the pretended prosecution of Eugene Moore occurred in the Lincoln courts the other day. The republican county attorney entered a nolle pro. in all the cases against him, at the same time to just wipe the slate clean as it were, all the cases against Mayor Graham and other republicans charged with bribery and such like things were also dismissed.—Nebraska Independent.

The deficit of \$112,000,000 announced by the secretary of the treasury needs serious revising in several points. One item in the correction should be a reduction in the receipts of the government of \$64,751,222. That amount was paid into the treasury during the year to buy Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific railroads. That amount should be added to the deficit of war taxes and Dingley bill.—Nebraska Independent.

The populist party of Nebraska will doubtless take up the battle cry at the next election and attempt to make great political buncombe out of the fact that the anti-pass bills in the state legislature were defeated by the votes of the republicans.—Dawes County Journal

Not political buncombe, but real meritorious facts. The populists and democrats have continually voted for measures prohibiting "passes" while republicans always supported the same, and eventually causes the Journal no little amount of uneasiness.

Two bills in the legislature which have been placed on general file, and are especially interesting to our readers, are, 1st, a law to let the voters of a county decide whether they want a herd law or not. 2nd, a law repealing section 1 of chapter 51, requiring the county clerk to keep a record of the different brands, without which endless litigation is sure to ensue. The fact that these bills have been placed on general file, is conclusive that they are considered meritorious, and our readers should not be slow in making their desires known to our representatives.

**Live Stock Notes.**

While in town last Saturday J. W. Ostrander of Rushville called at these headquarters and chatted a few minutes with the editor. Mr. Ostrander has decided to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with his brand, and has had notice of \$400 reward inserted with his brand advertisement, the "circle J." Speaking of the condition of cattle, he said his stock was all in fine condition, and he attributes this to the fact that he doesn't use sheds except for calves and cows about to drop calves. He is firmly convinced that an animal which has to stay out in all sorts of weather will come through the winter in better shape than those which have shelter. This of course does not apply to ranches where the herds may be fed while under cover, but to the ordinary ranch where stock must go out for feed and water.

A prominent Chicago live stock commission merchant says: "There is no probability of any oversupply of cattle any time this side of May 1, and there is every indication that the demand will keep in excess of the supply right through the season. The prevailing high prices during the last three months have caused the shipment of every steer that was anywhere near ready, and a great many that ought to have been fed several months longer. This marketing has left the country with lighter stocks of marketable cattle than any time in the last ten years, and I think the people who are advising everybody to ship cattle "now" are "guessing wild," with nothing to warrant such advice. The effect of the "embalmed beef" scandal has already been nearly discounted, but it undoubtedly was instrumental in breaking prices last week. The public will probably never know the "inside workings" of this case, but if the government inspection had been as rigid on meats furnished the army as it is on meats furnished the export trade there would have been no foundation for any of the reports that have been scattered broadcast over the country."

The inferiority of southern cattle has been a great draw back to that country in the production of beef in competition with northern cattle. None feel this shortcoming more than do the railroads throughout that section, and they are inaugurating moves to remedy the deficiency in at least one particular—better breeding. It behooves our northern ranchers to guard well their laurels lest they lose the place now held in supplying the markets with beef cattle, for season, cheaper labor and freight rates are all in favor of the southern cattle raiser. In referring to the matter of improving stock in the south the Iowa Homestead says: "The Industrial Department of Sea Board Air Line has inaugurated a plan to begin the work of improvement among southern cattle by placing pure bred bulls along the line of their road for free use. To this end the department has solicited the contribution of bulls from breeders of the various improved breeds, and the road undertakes to place them along its line and move them from time to time to new localities, giving ample notice to the communities in other localities where pure bred bulls are entirely too scarce and where the individual holdings of "she stock" are too small to justify private ownership of the right kind of bulls."

A Kansas man has been in the Chicago market recently buying a car-load of good farm chunks to ship to that state. Horses on the Kansas farms are becoming scarce, and the shortage seems to be general throughout the state. Horses to ship to Kansas sell at \$50 to \$75 per head, plain general-purpose chunks being wanted.

Martin Brothers sold, a few days ago, a drove of 610 head of 75-pound goats to a Chicago slaughterer at \$3.25 per 100 pounds. They were raised by Watson Tyson, of Blair, Nebraska. Mr. Blair is a large raiser of goats, and has about 4,000 on his farm. They were bred from goats from Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. Last year Mr. Tyson fed 5,000 sheep, but he is not feeding any now. A good many goats are raised in Texas and the surrounding country, and large numbers are marketed here. It costs little to feed them, and they make fair profits for their owners in sections where land is cheap. A few goats are bought for children's pets, but most of them are converted into a common grade of "mutton." No "goat meat" is ever seen in the butcher shops.

The Colorado Cattle Company has recently purchased 20,000 head of cattle near Casas Grandes, 150 miles from El Paso, in Mexico. They will be shipped to Denver this month. It is understood that the amount of money involved in the trade is about \$350,000.—National Stockman.

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