

Metzger Bros.
 Pullman, Neb.
 Cherry Co.
 Brand on left side
 and high
 Earmark, square
 crop right ear
 Southern branded
 cattle have but one
 half diamond E on
 left side
 Native cattle have
 throat scut
 Hange 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 steal
 ing cattle with above brand

P. S. ROUSCHIE
 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 O V L
 or O or P Z. Also
 the following, the first on
 tongue on side and hip

LEE AND SONS
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On right side, or
 left on same and
 also LEZ on left
 side
 Range, north
 western, 2 to
 miles

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

JOHN J. STEIN
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 On the T side
 Range, Horse
 Valley

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

GUSTAVE WENGLER
 Postoffice address
 Brownlee, Neb.
 Brand on left side
 and high
 Horses same on
 left shoulder
 Range north
 western Lake

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

A. J. PLUMER
 Postoffice address
 Hyannis, Neb.
 Branded on right
 side and hip
 Also have stock branded
 on right side and hip
 Horses
 Range—Southwestern 4 herds,
 County.

W. E. STANSBIE AND D. O. BAUGH
 Postoffice address
 Hyannis, Neb.
 On left hip and left
 side. Also
 on left hip
 and left side
 horses same
 brands on shoulders
 Range 25 miles
 north of Hyannis

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

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

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

J. A. ADAMSON
 Valentine, Neb.
 On left side or hip
 L 4 left side or hip
 On left side
 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 cir-
 cle forward on left ear
 Range Loup Tree
 Lake

Sam Hudson
 Simeon, Neb.
 Left hip on cattle
 Left shoulder on
 horses
 Some horses lazy
 on left shoulder
 Range between
 Gordon and Snake
 River and Niobrara
 River
 Left ears tagged. All cattle dehorned

William M. Dunbar
 Lessee from Helme & Kroeger
 Cody, Neb.
 DU 1 Either side
 Also low
 on
 right
 Left ear on 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; T on
 right hip, horse
 brand and T on
 right shoulder
 Also cattle branded
 E on left side
 Range, fowl ml
 south of Irwin

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

Stotts & Stetter
 Cody, Nebraska
 Branded on left side
 Range, Tin Can Lake
 and Morgan Flats

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

Hutt Brothers
 Gordon, Nebraska
 Range, 14 miles north
 of Gordon.

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 Gallup,
 between Niobrara
 and Snake rivers

George F. Damon
 Albany, Neb.
 Cattle branded
 on left ribs or
 right shoulder; H D
 on right hip and left
 ribs; G on left hip
 Horses H D or S D on
 right shoulder
 Range 7 mi north
 east of Albany Neb
 Agent for Pasteur
 Black Leg Vaccine

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

Wheeler Bros.
 Cody, Neb.
 Also on right
 side
 Range Chamberlain
 Flats and Snake
 River

Marquardt & Bowlus
 Otto Stueck, Manager.
 Merriman, Neb.
 Cattle brand OM on
 left shoulder. Some
 of cattle have various
 other brands. OS on
 left hip. Horse brand
 A on left shoulder.
 Range—Formerly
 500 W. Monnier
 ranch 5 miles east of
 Merriman from F. E.
 & M. V. R. R. south to Leander Creek. Mar-
 quardt & Bowlus, Scribner, Nebraska.

The Farmers' and Stockmen's Institute.
 The farmers' institute held here under the auspices of the Nebraska state university, co-operating with our local institute, has been a most pronounced success. The large hall at the court house, where the meeting was held, was crowded beyond its seating capacity. The opening was under the direction of C. A. Whitford, of Arlington, who delivered an address on "Agricultural Methods." O. W. Hahn, a practical farmer, gave a very interesting talk on "Agricultural Experiences of a Cherry County Farmer." "Does It Pay to Keep Blooded Stock in the Sand Hills?" was discussed by William Wilson. This was followed by a general experience meeting of the cattlemen of Cherry county.

M. L. Walker was selected to introduce the subject of growing alfalfa in Cherry county. This proved to be a very interesting subject and elicited much discussion both for and against its success. It, however, resulted in an expression favoring the culture of alfalfa.

On the second day, "Some Points on Horticulture," by C. A. Whitford; "Experience in Tree Growing in Cherry County," by C. M. Van Meter, were subjects that interested the audience.

The subject of "Sheep and Wool," by G. W. Hervey, was ably discussed. The poultry subject was fully discussed by papers given by O. W. Morey and J. A. Brewer, and poultry diseases were then taken up by Dr. Peters. This subject was pretty fully canvassed from a practical standpoint. Several other subjects were discussed in an informal way.

This is reported by the institute people to be the most enthusiastic and best attended institute held this year. It is safe to say that the people of Valentine and Cherry county are alive to their business interests.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are President, O. W. Hahn; vice-president, W. A. Wilson; Secretary, Mark Cypers; Corresponding Secretary, Prof. R. H. Watson; Treasurer, J. A. Hornback.

Dr. Peters on Blackleg.
 Perhaps the most interesting meeting of the institute was that held Friday afternoon, when A. T. Peters spoke on "blackleg." Dr. Peters is an acknowledged authority on this subject and his words were listened to with profound attention. He said that blackleg is caused by a microbe which lies dormant in the grass, hay or the earth, until taken into the system of an animal through the medium of a wound, when it immediately begins to propagate, at a wonderful rate. Only young animals are attacked, and as the cells of the animal tissue are not compact, a gas is formed, and it is this gas which causes the peculiar crackling or rustling sound heard when the hand is passed over the body of the animal. The doctor calls the gas inflated portions of the animal "tumors," and says that it is possible to cure the animal if the tumor is opened and disinfected in its very early stages. The chances are however one hundred to one that the operation will not prove a success, hence the only thing to do is adopt preventive measures. Referring to the habit of roweling with turpentine, blue vitriol, spanish flies, etc., he said that this operation might protect the animal temporarily, three months, possibly, but that it would prove successful no longer. So long as the sore remained and the animal did not gain in flesh it was all right. This and the practice of "nerving" merely lowered the vitality of the animal and are very expensive to the owner, both in first cost and the loss of flesh on the animal. He strongly recommended vaccination, and claimed that if the government or state vaccine is used strictly according to directions, it will prevent blackleg. Every failure of the vaccine could be traced to its improper use. The vaccine does not give the blackleg in a mild form as is usually supposed—it merely matures the cells of the animal tissue, and thus prevents the formation of the gas previously referred to. Blackleg is a disease peculiar to immaturity like measles, whooping-cough, scarletina and kindred diseases in the human family, and while it may be contracted is seldom found in stock more than two and a half years old. The vaccine is supplied free of cost by the state and national governments, and the only cost to the user is about \$5.00 for syringe, etc. Vaccination should not be done within two weeks of branding or dehorning, either before or after. Dr. Peters says blackleg will affect a human being, and said he knew at least three deaths which resulted from imprudent post mortem examinations, and he is very positive that blackleg cannot occur unless there is a wound on the animal. It may be very slight, but there must be a wound to allow the germs to enter the system.

Strayed or Stolen.
 One blue gelding, 4 or 5 old, weight about 700, branded horse shoe on left shoulder. One white mare about 12 or 13 old, has brand on left shoulder (design not known) with 2 or 3 old colt following, bay, with white face. Liberal reward for information.
 F. MOGLE,
 Cody, Nebraska.

Protect the Birds.
 Robert Good, editor of the Valentine NEWS-DEMOCRAT, protests against the passage of amendments to the game laws of Nebraska that will permit hunters to kill prairie chickens before October 1. His arguments seem sound and very much to the point. If the open season does not begin until October 1 the birds will be large enough to make genuine sport, and at the same time to be of use to the hunter after they have been shot. Earlier in the season they are too small to protect themselves by flight, and the flesh is so tender that it cannot be taken long distances in the heat of August and September without spoiling. Mr. Good's communication on deserves the close attention of the members of the legislature.

It has the earnest indorsement of Professor Lawrence Bruner, who has just issued a special university bulletin calling attention to the service done by the birds in exterminating the insect enemies of agriculture and horticulture, and calling upon the people of the state to protect all kinds of birds with jealous care. Professor Bruner in discussing Mr. Good's letter with the Journal, says that he would go even farther than is there suggested. The open season ought to be at least as late as October 1, but if he had his way about it he would feel like suspending the open season altogether. In his bulletin he makes the startling statement that the birds of Nebraska require 1,875,000,000 insects for each day's rations. This means that the birds of this state dispose of 15,625 bushels of insects in a single day, or more than a million bushels during the six months of warm weather. Even the unthinking ought to understand what this means to Nebraska farming and fruit growing. Professor Bruner insists that the matter is of supreme importance, and that if we are negligent in the matter of protecting the birds we will be made to suffer in a way that will remind us of the old grasshopper visitations—State Journal.

Got Whipped Twice in One Day
 Tuesday morning Fred Folks and John Thompson became involved in an altercation about the ownership of a dog, and John's father, "Hackberry," took a hand in the row. The result was a general mixup, in which "Hackberry" got decidedly the worst of it. Many of the "boys" sympathized with him in a spiritual manner, and early in the afternoon Marshal Layport started in to quell the racket the spirits were making in the Owl Saloon. "Hackberry" didn't quell worth a cent, and soon he and the marshal were busily engaged hurling epithets at each other's heads. Tiring of this pleasant pastime their fighting blood got uppermost, and soon there was another mixup, the marshal swatting the liveryman a couple of times and laying him out in the first round. "Hackberry" breathed vengeance, and spit blood, but up to date no arrests have been made, and everything is as quiet as the most ultra anti-war enthusiast could wish. Much excitement was caused over the two affrays, much comment has been made, and much whiskey has been taken place over the humerous side of the case, and for the life of us we have been unable to see where anybody has been justified in their various courses. And here endeth the chronicle.

C. K. Smith is preparing to do considerable fencing on his ranch in the near future.

Alex Burr came down from the ranch Tuesday and will go to Alliance the last of the week.

Chris Abbott drove in from his ranch Sunday with a pair of bobs and was showing some of our town people a warm time.

About twenty couples went out to the Corrother's ranch Tuesday night as a surprise party, it being the 20th birthday of Floyd Moran. Whitman Sun.

Arabia.
 W. S. Kilgore has on the sack list for a day or two but is better at present.

Phil Fleming made a flying trip to Valentine Saturday evening in quest of repairs.

John Heelan has treated his house to a coat of paint this week. Geo. Harden being employed to do the work.

Marion Kilgore, of Johnstown, is visiting his brother.

J. T. Kief is quite sick at the home of John Thomas, but we understand he is improving rapidly under the treatment of Dr. J. C. Dwyer, who was called Saturday.

The Loveliet Bros. loaded a car of hay here the fore part of the week. Mr. A. Benson is also loading hay here for shipment. Most of the hay shipped from here goes to Fort Robinson.

M. J. Benson made a business trip to Valentine Monday.

Mr. J. J. Jansky is again numbered among our citizens.

Notice to Creditors.
 In County Court, within and for Cherry County, Nebraska, in the Matter of the Estate of William E. Stansbie, Deceased.
 To the Creditors of said Estate:
 You are hereby notified that I will sit at the county court room in Valentine, in said county, on the 11th day of March, 1920, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months, from the 11th day of December, A. D. 1919, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 11th day of December 1919.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said county court, this 21st day of February 1920.
 W. R. TOWNE,
 County Judge

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

You can never gain the friendship or patronage of some people unless you join their particular church, after which you are held in high esteem, no matter if you are the biggest rogue in town. This is what we term churchianity and is the doctrine of the devil. It does much to retard the spread of christianity.—Gordon Journal.

And Valentine has one or two of these people.

A young lady asks a naughty editor how to make "not enough" out of the word "enough" and he tells her it is done by transposing the letters into words like this: Take the 3d, 2nd and 1st letters of the word and the 6th, 4th and 5th letters for the second word and you have two words that signify something that is not enough for any young lady.

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 is...

HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA
 The expense is less than you imagine. "The Northwestern Line" has announced special excursions, cert-in days this month at

CHEAP RATES.
 The Evans Hotel will remain open and this and all other hotels and boarding houses are giving good service with low rates during the winter.

Road Trip Rate From Valentine - \$7.20
 and corresponding reductions from other points west.

Climate, Water, Scenery and Hotels are unequalled. Thirty days time allowed and my agent F. E. & M. V. R. R., or J. H. Gable, Traveling Passenger Agent, Denison, Iowa, can tell you more about it. The next 7 dates will be February 14 and 28.

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 Capacity: — Sheep, covered sheds, 24 cars; open pens, 15,000. Cattle 28 cars.

The place to rest and feed for the Omaha market.
 Easy run to feeding points outside Chicago.
 Long distance telephone.
 Write or wire when you will arrive, to
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 Pine, Paints, Oils and all
 Kinds of Ranchers' Supplies

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 'North-Western Line' is to be to and from the
SUGAR BEET FIELD
 —OF—
NORTH NEBRASKA.

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
 Strayed or Stolen.
 Several head of horses and cattle, branded Amos Strong, Valentine, Neb.

Hugh Boyd, Manager
 Merriman, Neb.
 J also 3J
 All on left side or hip
 Range north of Ell

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

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

Goouch Bros.
 Newton, Nebraska
 Cattle brand ed as on cut
 Some left side or hip
 Range on Gordon Creek

I. T. Richardson.
 Kennedy, Neb.
 Some on left hip
 Horses on left shoulder

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