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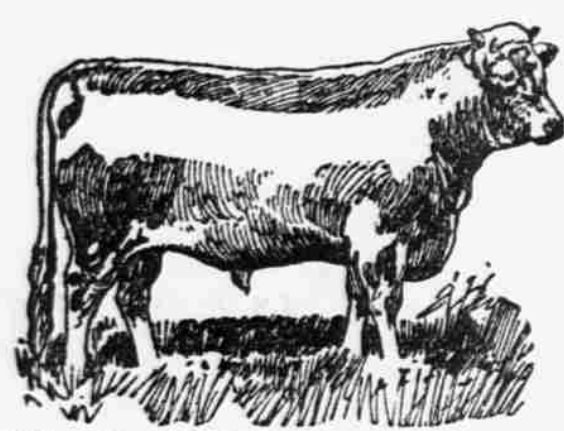
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A republican legislative investigating committee reports that Auditor Cornell did not misappropriate any funds belonging to the state, and exonerates him. This was no white-washing report and republican papers who hastened to liken Cornell unto Bartly and Moore will please copy.

The Amworth Star-Journal refers to Alex Schlegel as "formerly one of our best and most respected citizens," from which we would infer that Alex is no longer good nor respected. Bro. Burleigh should not censure a man simply because he is unfortunate enough to be connected with the Algerian department of our government.

Representative Joe Burns, republican member of the legislature from Lancaster county, made this statement to the house, last Thursday:

The only man who has approached me with a proposition or offer of a bribe is R. B. Schneider, chairman of the republican state central committee.

And up to date we have not heard of the charge being denied. Great is the potency of sugar, and the Oxnards, in Nebraska.

Among the bills passed by the legislature and which will probably become laws, are two, by Fisher, which are of interest here. One provides that in counties having not more than 10,000 inhabitants the county commissioners shall be elected by the entire county instead of districts as at present. The other creates a state registry of brands and marks, a state brand and mark committee, and provides for brands and marks upon live stock. Any person having cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, mules or asses shall have the right to adopt a brand or mark for the use of which he shall have the exclusive right in this state, after recording such brand or mark. A state brand and mark committee is created who shall pass upon all brands and marks submitted. If allowed by the committee they shall then be registered, with the secretary of state, and a fee be paid of \$1.50 for each brand or mark so registered. Twenty per cent of the total fees received shall be paid the commission for its service.

The republican legislature tried to play a cute trick on Governor Poynter by passing resolutions commending the work of the boys in the 1st Nebraska volunteers at Manila and running in a sentence laudatory of the administration. Governor Poynter saw the point, vetoed the resolution, and consequently is now being called a copperhead and other vile names for his temerity in exercising his prerogative as chief executive and refusing to place the state on record as being in favor of something three-fourths of our people denounce, namely, the war against the Filipinos. With their usual lack of fairness, or their usual amount of dishonesty, the administration organs completely ignore the governor's real reason for vetoing the resolution, and impugn his motive in every possible way, generally attributing his action to his hatred of things American, or patriotic. This however has become an old story with the people of this and other states since it has become a fad in certain quarters to say that every person who is against the administration is a traitor to his country, and only adds to Governor Poynter's glory.

The majority of the supreme court investigating committee brought in a report to the legislature last Friday, whitewashing Judge Norval, and the report was adopted at once, by applying the gag law, otherwise known as the "previous question." The report was swallowed without a murmur, and no republican had the nerve to defend it. The minority report, signed by our representative, John Shore, contained the following significant passages:

From the evidence advanced before the committee it appears that Judge Norval is guilty of felony. But it is not necessary that this house find him so guilty in order to impeach him. The constitution provides that "all civil officers of this state shall be liable to impeachment for any misdemeanor in office." That Judge Norval has been guilty of a misdemeanor is clear and the minority of your committee therefore recommends that the house entertain the following resolution:

"Resolved, That articles of impeachment be prepared and presented to the district judges of this state, sitting as a court of impeachment, as provided by law, for misdemeanor in office against T. L. Norval, associate justice of the supreme court."

Speaking of this matter the Sunday World-Herald says: "As a matter of fact, under the decisions of the Nebraska supreme court, decisions concurred in by Judge Norval himself, the testimony presented to that committee showed that Judge Norval was an embezzler of public funds."



W. E. Hall sold to Hampton & Lester last week 191 head of cows at \$33 per head.—Alliance Grip.

The Niobrara Land and Sheep Co bought five quarters of land this week. They are getting a lot of deeded land and buying it cheap too.—Gordon Journal.

The stockmen of Brown county have organized a stock association with these officers: President, N. C. Hedrick; vice-president, Thomas Seals; treasurer, P. E. Wantz; secretary, A. L. Coffey.

Three car loads of horses have recently been shipped from this place by buyers which means between four and five thousand dollars more cash in the county. Horses seem to be a fair price with indications of an advance.—Osceola Independent.

At the Jandt cattle sale in Crawford last Friday, prices ranged very low. Two year old heifers sold for \$17 and white face cows sold for \$30 with calves at their sides. People seemed to fear the stock, though they were alleged to have pedigrees, and registered.

One of the good laws enacted by the late legislature was that which places cattle stealing on a par with horse stealing, instead of grand larceny. Hereafter the owner of a stolen cow or calf will not have to prove the value of the animal to be \$35 or over in order to have the thief sent to the penitentiary.

Sylvester Snover, a German farmer living near Hooper, lately bought the Wade ranch, formerly Fetter ranch, eighteen miles southwest of O'Neill, consisting of 1250 acres, paying \$6,300 cash. Mr. Snover also bought eighty head of cattle of Mr. Wade and the ranch will be continued under the management of Mr. Lambertson of Fremont.—O'Neill Frontier.

A correspondent of the Springview Herald asks: Can the agricultural editor or any of the correspondents explain why so many cows are losing their calves. The losses have been very great in this neighborhood the past fall and winter—one man having lost 90 per cent, and others from 20 to 50 per cent. Is it a disease, and is there any remedy? The losses in this way will probably average 25 per cent in this vicinity, and still they continue.

A Texas live stock journal says in a recent issue: "The advent of so many magnificent bulls on the range in Texas during the last five years should be a good and sufficient explanation to Montana and other northwestern ranchmen why they can no longer come to Texas to buy up cattle to stock up with at their own prices. So marked has been the grading up of the herds of Texas that many a steer now goes from the state to the shambles that a few years ago would have been accounted good bulls."

Texas advices state that the severe winter materially reduced the stocks of cattle in many sections, and the present scarcity is expected to increase the price of meat both on the hoof and on the block. Texas is sending a better class of cattle to the Chicago market than heretofore, and the stockmen down there are making wonderful strides in improving their herds. When a man of Colonel C. C. Slaughter's business ability buys a bull for \$5,000 to put on a Texas ranch it is evident that he has faith that cattle are going to sell at good prices.—National Stockman.

Stockmen generally are noting the fact that the quality of range cattle is steadily improving, while the quality of eastern farm cattle is as steadily deteriorating. The explanation of this is found in the fact that the rancher can afford to pay bigger prices, thus getting better bulls, than the small raiser, because he has so many females to breed. At most of the large sales the best stock is usually sold to westerners. Cherry county itself is a good illustration of the move toward better breeding, not less than 200 full blood bulls having been brought into this county during the last year. The conditions above noted cause an eastern stock and farm paper to remark: The good bulls have gone west, and the result is seen in range-bred cattle that top the market when fed right. If our farm-bred cattle are to maintain their lead they must be bred up. If individual farmers cannot put up enough money to keep the best bulls at home they must club together or organize to do it. It is this or march in the rear of the procession before many years in the breeding of beef cattle.

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