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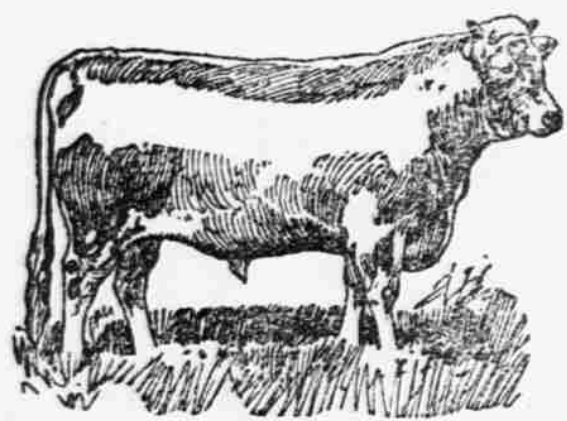
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WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT

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John T. Mallahan of Kearney, former superintendent of the state industrial school, has been notified by Senator Thurston that he has been designated for supervisor of the census for the Sixth congressional district.

Republican papers just now are filled with talk about how the United States is capturing the foreign markets for structural iron work. And yet to protect the manufacturers from foreign competition we place a tariff of 45 percent on all importations of this character. Can anyone explain why this is thus?

Judge Westover had the following positive card in the Rushville Standard last week:

"I am convinced that my obligation to my party in this judicial district, my duty to myself and my family require that I, at this time, state publicly that under no circumstances could I accept a nomination for congressman from this district, if such nomination should be tendered. —W. H. WESTOVER."

C. Dana Sayre, who ran for mayor of Chadron three weeks after joining the republican party, was badly defeated by Ed Satterlee. This should serve as a horrible warning to all democrats thinking of deserting the ranks. The republican party is already overburdened with office seekers of their own without taking up deserters from the democrats. —Alliance Grid.

A. Berger, of Lexington, this state, reports the farmers in his section greatly interested in horse breeding, which is now conducted more carefully than ever before. During several years the Nebraska farmers abandoned horse breeding and turned their attention to raising and feeding cattle and sheep, but with the improvement in prices they are once more breeding draft horses and drivers. Nebraska's climate and grasses are well adapted to horses, and some prime horses are marketed.

L. M. Humphrey of Rapid City, one of South Dakota's best known cattlemen, has purchased pretty heavily of Canadian stockers. With J. D. Sietz of Kansas City, Mr. Humphrey bought 11,000 head of stockers for delivery May 15. The bunch is made up of mixed stock and the aggregate price foots up to about \$250,000. These cattle will be put on the South Dakota range and the deal is the biggest one of the season thus far. —Northwestern Stockman.

A small boy, so says the Randolph Times, once wrote the following essay on newspapers: "I don't know how newspapers came to be in the world; I don't think God does for he ain't got nothing to say about them and editors is one of the missing links you read about. And they stayed in the bush until after the flood, then came out and wrote the thing up and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever dies; I never saw a dead one. The editor goes 'bout undresses all winter. Don't wear no socks and p'hasn't paid his subscription in more than five years." We don't know where the boy lived but judge from the number of our subscribers that are back on subscription, that several of them must live in this neighborhood.

The new brand law which takes effect July 1, provides that it shall be the duty of the governor to appoint three reputable stock raisers, who shall be chosen from those largely interested in cattle, who shall hold their office for a term of two years. Said three persons so chosen, together with the secretary of state, shall constitute a state brand and mark committee. Said committee shall meet at least twice each year at the office of secretary of state, and as often at the call of the chairman as is necessary.

A record shall be kept by the secretary of state of all brands and a fee of \$1.50 shall be charged for recording such brands. Twenty per cent of these fees shall be paid each member of the state committee.

No person shall adopt a brand previously recorded. The committee shall decide whether brands offered for record conflict, provided that no brand shall be accepted described as being on either side of the animal and that a brand described as being on both sides may be accepted. Where two brands are similar the committee shall decide as to priority of ownership at its regular meeting. The party thus losing his brand shall not thus have his ownership of stock in any way invalidated, the object of the act being to make illegal and enjoin from the further use of the brand.

Owners of cattle bringing them to a county for grazing shall submit the brands to the committee to obtain permission to use the same and assurance that it does not conflict with others and the owner may be enjoined from the use of a conflicting brand.

A penalty of not to exceed \$1,000 is provided for violation of the law.



We are informed that the Standard Cattle Company will advance the wages of their employees twenty percent the first of next month.

H. Schwabewer, known to most of the stockmen of this and adjoining counties, and who has been a guest at the state's palatial mansion, surrounded by a substantial wall to keep the vulgar out, where guests have nothing in the world to do but just to walk about, has returned to his home and the bosom of his family after eighteen months incarceration therein. If we are rightly informed his sentence was for three years. He is released on parole, and on his arrival here was met at the train by his faithful waiting wife who accompanied him to their home on the Gordon.—Whitman Sun.

Train load rates for live stock, like feed-in-transit rates, will soon be ancient history, if the present intention of the trans-Missouri railroads is carried out. The system, they say, has served its purpose, and now has grown to be a bad one, so will die a much needed death.

The rates were made for the benefit of live stock shippers in Nevada, Idaho, Western Montana and Washington to South Omaha and Kansas City, the idea being that single car shipments were for them inconvenient, while train loads should be encouraged. So a low rate was made for ten cars or more.

In practice, however, anywhere from two to ten shippers would bunch together their car load lots, and make up a train whenever they got ready, shipping it in one man's name. Thus no shipper need to send any large amount of stock till he got ready, yet the train load rates were always available.

So it is quite probable that May 25, the date set for the abolition of feed-in-transit rates, the train load rates will go with them, and eat load rates the only ones made. —World-Herald.

At one of the "experience" talks generally held at this office, a stock raiser related his experience with calves for a number of years. He suffered loss through calves becoming afflicted with scours, although he administered the various remedies recommended to cure the trouble after being caused, he thought best to devote more attention to ascertain the cause and if possible remove the same. Arriving at the conclusion that the trouble was caused mainly by the young animals becoming chilled through lying on frozen or icy beds, he prepared a separate place under his stock sheds for the calves by making a straw bed to the depth of three feet, enclosing the same with the exception of a small opening for the calves to go in and out. He finds a little trouble to induce the calves to enter the enclosure and remain on the straw bed, but after occupying the same for several nights they seek the prepared bed ground without the least bit of trouble, following each other to the same similar to a band of sheep. Since he prepared the straw bed his calves have not been troubled with scours. —Crawford Bulletin.

Thus far this spring there has been a restricted demand for light weight stock cattle owing to the lack of good pasturage. In a short time the demand will undoubtedly be good, for every year many such cattle are purchased during the spring and kept on grass until late in the season, when they are put on dry feed until ready for market. With a general scarcity of good cattle throughout the country, and plenty of pasturage, there is every reason to expect a liberal demand this spring for young stock steers. It is an encouraging promise of better things that feeders are refusing to buy scrub stock.

W. P. Anderson, who was a short time ago in Texas, says there are plenty of cattle in the Long Star State, and their average quality shows remarkable improvement as compared with ten years ago. Mr. Anderson says: "On the Cross L ranch, forty miles west of San Angelo, a ranch covering over 200,000 acres, 25,000 cattle are now feeding, and over 1,000 pure-bred bulls have been placed on this ranch. 400 Missouri bulls having been sent there within the last five years. Ranchmen in Texas stopped spaying heifers in '03, and since then breeding has gone forward actively. Fully half a million cattle are now under contract to be shipped from Texas to Indian Territory to graze, and fully 75,000 cattle will be sent from San Angelo to Indian Territory pastures before June opens. The greater part of these cattle will be shipped to Chicago next autumn. —National Stockman.

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