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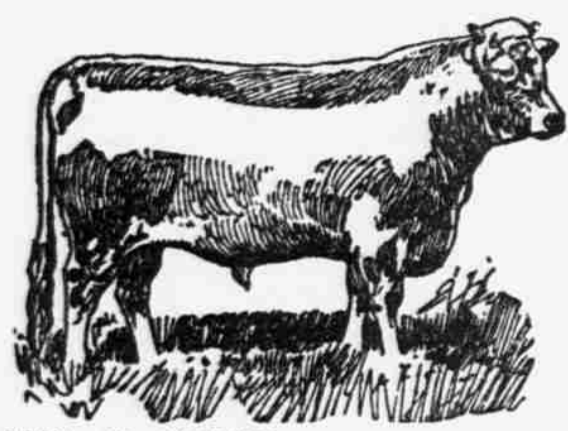
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WESTERN NEWS-DEMOCRAT

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The Editor in the Country.
(Continued from last week)

DEAR GEORGE:
Coming out of the hills to the Gordon valley again, we passed Coln Ainslie's place, took a peep at "Dad" Felch's old stand, caught a glimpse of John Daniel's ranch, passed Flinneaux's, and came at last to "Slab Castle." W. H. Stratton's old store and formerly the Oasis post-office. To describe this building would require a column of space. It is made of the rough outside slabs from logs cut on the Snake, two stories in height, and is about the ugliest specimen of architecture in the state, but withal it is artistic in all its ugliness. In former days ingress to the store was had only by means of a ladder running up the outside of the building to the second story, and the old inhabitants even tell that at one time they had to go through a hole on hands and knees, ere the "store" was entered. Be that as it may it is a tough looking place even now, and we did not tarry long. About a mile and a half away is Oasis, and Ed Harris, the postmaster, is building a neat sod store near his residence. Here we met a number of friends, and then pushed onward until we reached Jim Steadman's store, at Haeber & Grange's old stand. Jim and Dave were on hand dispensing the necessities and luxuries usually found in a well equipped store. Among those who gave us greeting here were G. W. Burge, Milt Dunham and Joe Culbertson, all of whom were talking politics and reservoirs. After "chewing the rag" for a while with these gentlemen we pressed onward to Piercy's, stopping only to shake hands with Will Kennedy on the way, and we're here yet.

NELS ROWLEY'S, May 22, 1899
When we drove up to Piercy's Friday noon, we found him busily engaged shingling the Episcopal chapel which stands on the hill a few yards from his house, but he called to us to put up our team, which we did at once. John seems to be a great ladies man so he pulled for the house as soon as he could, while I offered to help with the shingling. It was raining a little then, so work stopped, just as Woodruff Ball and a Chicago friend, Van Schaick, rode into the yard. This sudden increase in the number of boarders would disconcert most women, but Mrs. Piercy didn't seem to mind it very much, and soon we were all seated and doing justice to a fine dinner, a big platter of trout being the central ornament. During the afternoon the storm increased, so we all concluded to spend the night here.

Mr. Piercy, as you probably know, has been here about fifteen years, and he now owns a splendid place. The ranch buildings are all good, and everything is conveniently arranged. A large tank is built on a hill about 25 feet above the house, and from this radiates a system of pipes which supplies the various yards, troughs and tanks with an abundant supply of water. On the ranch now are about 150 fine cattle, principally Polled Angus, and a dozen horses. In addition to the ranch work Mr. Piercy is the Kennedy postmaster, government weather bureau officer and makes out monthly reports for the agricultural department. He owns about 800 acres of fine land in the Gordon valley, which here is a mile or more wide, and it is all in sight from his house. Saturday about 10 o'clock the rain stopped and I went out and shingled the church (a part of it) and worked up a good appetite for dinner. Afternoon the storm began again, but Messrs. Ball and Van Schaick pulled out about 5 o'clock. We didn't. Sunday morning dawned bright and clear, and at length we bid our host and hostess goodbye, leaving in company with Dr. Lewis and C. J. Farnham, who had driven up about breakfast time.

The first place we passed was Bill Erickson's, and turning a corner we got a view of ex-commissioner Milt Dunham's ranch, and then we turned toward S. Q. Spain's. While going through Spain's pasture we met Nels Rowley and family going after their mail, but as we had their letters they turned toward home again, after a short chat. But a short distance west we drove into the yard of Bachelor & Nye, and unhooked for dinner. The boys were branding and castrating colts when we drove up, this job having been delayed by the rain, and with my customary sang froid I was soon in the thick of the fray. Content at first to hold a horse while down, it wasn't long till my ambition rose and ere long I was swinging a rope trying to lasso a colt. The first cast I made was after a two-year-old, and I caught a sucking colt. The boys had a great laugh at my expense, but that didn't affect my nerve at all, and I kept at it and finally caught the horse I was after. While the branding was going on I practiced,

and next time got the animal the first cast.

Bachelor & Nye have been here only two years, but in that time they have made a very nice start. A neat house, men's quarters, large barn, convenient corrals, and an immense enclosed cattle shed, 30x180 feet in size, covered with corrugated iron, constitute the buildings of the ranch, while on the range are 1,100 head of cattle bearing their brand, a monogram 7JHP. In addition to their own land they have about 3,000 acres under lease. Mrs. Bachelor had her hands full at dinner, but with the wonderful methods employed in this country the big table was filled and so were the dozen hungry people who sat down to it. After looking over the ranch a little we pulled on to Nels Rowley's and we are now enjoying the hospitality of these kind of people.
Bon

DAWSON & BALL'S, May 24, '99

DEAR GEORGE:
When I wrote you from Rowley's I didn't have time to tell you about his place, so I'll do it now. We crossed the Boardman in Bachelor & Nye's meadow, and came to Nels' place up the creek. The house is prettily located on the north side of the stream, and is surrounded by a very nice yard. A windmill furnishes a bountiful supply of water for the house, and pipe connection keeps the corral tank full. Nels likes good things to eat, and raises plenty of garden truck and will soon have a nice lot of fruit. One of the pleasant things I found here was a patch of artichokes, and I really envied the hogs which live on these succulent vegetables. Rowley's range runs north, and is most all under fence, which keeps his 350 head of cattle from straying. Nels purchased seven full blood Polled Angus bulls this spring which are beauties, and he expects to breed up his stock, which even now is fine.

Sunday evening we drove over to the Shore place, and I saw a regretful look in John's eyes as he wandered around the scene of his former labors. This place belongs to Rowley also, and is a very pretty one indeed. The log house with its well kept lawn, the trees and beautiful meadows east and west, all combine to make things seem homelike. This place is now occupied by a man named Marion and his wife, who work for Nels. We were so well pleased with Mrs. Rowley's table and the cordial treatment received that we stayed until after dinner, Monday, but then we hitched up and started for Waite's.

Following the north bank of the Boardman we soon came to one of those everlasting wire gates which are a feature of this country, and John announced that we were now on the Waite ranch. He didn't need to announce that the rain was falling. This Boardman creek is peculiar in many respects. Most of the time it is merely a long stretch of marsh that would "mire a horse blanket," but the marshes are bordered with wide stretches of excellent hay land. The hills on the north side are very steep and make excellent shelter for cattle while being fed in the winter. We traveled about four miles after opening the gate before we came to the ranch headquarters and Chesterfield postoffice. John used to live here. The main portion of the building is sixty feet long, and is constructed of two old log houses, weatherboarded on the outside, and lathed and plastered inside. This is divided into four rooms and a frame addition containing the same number of rooms is built on the north. A fine piano embellishes one of the rooms and gives an air of refinement to the place.

This ranch is improved more highly than any other in this section, and the barns, sheds, corrals, and outhouses are models of neatness. A unique feature of the ranch is its complete provisions for dairying on a small scale. A barn and stanchions for six milk cows has been built, and a house surrounding the base of the windmill is fitted up for the purpose of keeping milk and butter sweet and clean. The terminus of the Newton-Chesterfield and Chesterfield-Valentine mail routes we found in a neat sod building outside the high board fence which protects the residence and yard on the north and in this place also the men who work on the ranch board and sleep. It is a pity that Mr. Waite hasn't enough cattle to stock his ranch, which runs along the Boardman for eight miles, but such is the case, and for that reason the place is for sale.

We left Waite's during a heavy rain storm, and pulled on up the creek. At Wallingford's we overtook I. N. Russell, who was just finishing up his rounds assessing Gillaspie precinct. A short distance above Wallingford's the valley narrows, the hills on each side coming almost to the water's edge, and it was here that Commissioner Dunham once got stuck in the mud and had to be lassoed and dragged out. Above "the narrows" the valley widens again, and in the distance we catch a glimpse of Richardson's. After round-

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