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STOCK NOTES.

It is estimated that over 2,500 horses were shipped from Converse county, Wyoming, during the first nine months of this year.

The demand for baby beef has made mature cattle very scarce on the ranges and a four-year-old steer is seldom seen there now.

Ulia Powell sold three greyhounds this week to Tommy Dowd for \$60 in clean cash. He also contracted three more to Joe Fickle. There is more money in raising greyhounds than there is in steers or sheep.—Gordon Journal.

An Oklahoma judge has decided that a brand is not evidence of ownership of cattle. This is contrary to custom and former decisions and the case is watched with interest by stockmen. A reversion is expected on appeal.

R. Lisco, manager of the Rush Creek Cattle Company, has leased the Richardson ranch for a period of five years paying \$1000 per year rental. This is one of the best ranches in the country and lies convenient to Mr. Lisco's other property.—Alliance Grip.

A new industry has been started in Colorado by Mr. B Littlefield of Routt county, who now has a herd of fifty elk, who now has a herd of fifty elk, and expects in five or six years to increase them to 1,000. He is raising them for beef.—Live Stock Inspector.

Upon recommendation of Harding, the Yankton Indian agent, the department has allowed \$20,000 for the purchase of cattle for that reserve and if the experiment proves a success an appropriation of a like amount will be made to each agency in the west.—Miles City Journal.

It has long been the custom of westerners to get their breeding stock from the east, but the recent shipment of a car of breeding cows from Nebraska to Vermont seems to indicate that the tide has turned and we may expect that ere long the eastern farmers will get all their good breeding animals from the west.

A Chicago market report on sales of stockers and feeders has this sentence: "The demand for feeding cattle is quiet unless the quality is good." That is getting to be the usual thing. The market for most of the offerings in the line of live stock drags frequently because of lack of quality. Quality is becoming more and more essential, and herein is a lesson for breeders.

Judge Kohlsaat of the United States Circuit Court, on Monday of last week rendered a decision in favor of the railroads in the case of the interstate commerce commission versus various western roads, with reference to the \$2 terminal charge at Chicago. The court ruled that said charge is a segregation or division of the through rate or charges, as authorized by law, and therefore legal.

The Texas breeders of cattle are not studying much about where their cattle have been but about what they are now. An old time breeder, discussing the problem, once said: "It does not matter so much where our stock came from, gentlemen. The question is, where has it got to?" That is the question after all. It will pay each individual to stop and answer this question for himself. Is his stock improving?—Homestead.

The horse men and the automobile men are making faces at each other now. The automobile fellows say their machines do not balk, shy or eat feed, and the horse men say their horses never blow up and scatter their dismembered parts all over creation. This may all be true, but horses are not really useful until they are well broken, while when an automobile is broken it is no good. I am on the side of the horse.—Homestead.

Reports from the range country of Texas and New Mexico indicate that owners are cleaning up their ranges to an unusual extent, partly because of disastrous losses of the very poor cattle last winter. The shipments that have gone in this way, explain to a great ex-

tent the large receipts of that class of cattle at the markets. Prices seem high now, but with increased consumption and demand there is little likelihood, from a Texas point of view, of cattle for the best breeding purposes being any cheaper next spring.

The report in this paper a couple of weeks ago that efforts will be made to pass a bill through congress this winter providing for the lease or sale of government "arid lands" has raised a storm of protests in this section of the state. It is the general opinion that the laws we now have are ample, and that legislation along the line indicated would be productive of much harm to cattlemen, especially the smaller outfits. As it is now, the "law of the range" gives to each individual the same rights that are accorded to another, regardless of wealth, and no change is wanted. We make this statement only after consultation with many stockmen, big and little, and if it does not fairly represent the sentiment of our readers, we will be pleased to hear from them and give their communications space in the paper, besides sending them to our congressman at Washington, should it become necessary for protest or advice to be offered. Let's hear from stock men on this question.

J. R. VanBoskirk, secretary of the cattle association, has interested himself in behalf of stockmen's interest relative to public lands. He received a letter from Jas. C. Dahlman stating that there will be a meeting of governors of western states in Denver some time next month and asks for the opinion of stockmen as to the disposition of public lands. Mr. VanBoskirk is of the opinion that stockmen will oppose any scheme calculated to throw these lands from the federal to the state government and to this end he will agitate the matter, and, if necessary will petition congress to allow present conditions to remain as they are. While there may be some who would like to get an opportunity to secure deeds to portions of the public range, yet it is generally conceded that a law giving either title or lease to these lands would result in crowding out all stockmen not members of some trust that would be organized to buy up the entire territory. As matters now stand no trust can secure any more of a foothold on the ranges than the humble citizen with only a few head of cattle, and for the best interest of all concerned it is well that public sentiment should be crystallized in this direction.—Alliance Grip.

For the information of stockmen we publish below the rules and regulations governing the allowance of brands under the law passed last winter, and which went into effect on the first of last July. It is the desire of the "Brands and Marks Committee," of which J. H. Quigley, of this place, is chairman, that the applications for brands be all in before the last of this month, otherwise the brands will not be recognized until after these which were filed prior to January 1 have been considered. Hence, if you have a brand you wish recorded, you had better send it at once to Lincoln. If you don't register your brand this month it will stand no show unless it is unique, regardless of the length of time you have had it registered with the county clerk:

- 1.—Applications for the registry of brands or marks should be sent to the secretary of state with the fee of \$1.50 for each brand or mark. Remit by cash, draft or postoffice money order. In all cases where brands or marks are recorded in the office of the county clerk a certified copy of such record must accompany each application.
- 2.—Applications for registry are required to be made by December 31, 1899, for all brands and marks then in use. Applications will be filed in the order received, considered by the board in said order and in the order of their registration in the office of the county clerk.
- 3.—No application will be accepted or recorded when the same reads "On either side or any part of the animal," provided that a brand described as being on both sides, both hips or like parts of the body may be accepted. All solid brands and marks removing to exceed one-half of the ear will be rejected.
- 4.—It is recommended that applicants do not apply for any single letter, number or figure.

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Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks
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EDWARD BAD HAIR.
Postoffice address
Allen S D
On left shoulder and bar on side; horses same on thigh
Range-Bear Creek

T J ASHBURN
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb
Branded on right side; horses same Range-10 miles east of Valentine on the Niobrara

Joseph W. Rownet
P. O. address
Merriman, Neb.
Right ear cropped
Hole in center of left ear
Range Lake creek
S. D.

Parker & Son
P O Address
L. W. Parker
Reige, Neb
Brand same as cut.
Also ZP
Range on Niobrara south of Crookston

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

Charles C. Tackett
Rosebud, S. D.
Range head of Antelope near St. Mary's mission
Horses branded on left thigh

Peter Vlondray
Rosebud, S. D.
Left side. Left ear cropped.
Horses branded VB
Range Little White River, at mouth of Cedar Creek.

Louis J. Richards
Merriman, Neb

Gorsuch Bros.
Newton, Nebraska
Cattle branded as on cut
Some ft side on hip
Range on Gorau Creek

Louis F. Richards
Merriman Neb

Henry Pratt
Rosebud S. D.
Left side
Horses same on left shoulder
Deerhorn hip on some cattle

John DeCory
Rosebud, S. D.
Some branded 1D
Horses JD on left hip
Range in Meyer Co on Antelope Creek

N. S. Rowley
Kennedy, Neb.
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip.
H on right hip and on left side.

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

W. W. ANDERSON. J. C. ROUNDS
Anderson & Rounds.
Simeon, Nebraska
Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also 10 on left side with — on left hip of some cattle; also S46 on right side Horse brand, rake and 10 on left shoulder or hip
Home ranch—on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; also between Snake River and Simeon, known as the Felch range, all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

Marshall & Wolfenden
Kennedy, Neb.
Some on the left hip
Horses on left shoulder
Brand is small
Earmark: Quarter clip behind, half circle forward on left ear
Range Lone Tree Lake

I. T. Richardson.
Pereh, Nebr
Some on left hip
Horses on left shoulder

William M. Dunbar
Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
Cody, Neb
DU Either side
low on right
Left ear of cattle
Spill
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. e horse brand and T on right shoulder
Also cattle branded L on left side
Range, fowl miles south of Irwin

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

Stotts & Stetter.
Cody, Nebraska
Range, 14 miles north of Gordon.
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.

F. C. Duerfeldt Manager.
Gordon, Nebraska
Cattle also branded DU on right hip
Horses and mules branded same as cut on left shoulder

J. C. Jordan
Gordon, Nebraska
One bunch branded as on cut on left side
One bunch branded C on left hip
Horses J on left shoulder
Range, 10 miles southwest of Gallop, between Niobrara and Snake rivers

George F Damon
Albany, Neb
Cattle branded SD on left ribs or right shoulder; SD on right hip and left ribs; G on left hip
Horses FD or SD 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

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Alex Marivall
Pine Ridge, S D
Cattle branded as on cut and below on either side. Earmk swallow fork on left and crop right.
Horse brands as below on left thigh or hip

Marquardt & Rowlin
OTTO STUBBS, 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 Geo W Monnier ranch 5-miles east of Merriman, from F. E. & M. V. R. R. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Rowlin, Scribner, Nebraska.

J. C. Trowbridge
Merriman, Neb
Range between Irwin and Merriman, south of railroad

Hugh Bovill, Manager
Merriman Neb

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

Newman Bros. & Nations.
Cody, Nebraska
On point left shoulder. Also O on point left shoulder
Also on left shoulder
Same on left hip

J. A. Adamson.
Valentine, Neb
On left side or hip
A4 left side or hip
On left side
Range on Niobrara

Taken up, at my place about 4 miles east of Fort Niobrara, May 26, one sorrel bald faced gelding, 5 years old, and one bay mare, 2 years old, both branded on left shoulder.—ERNEST SEARS