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STOCK NOTES.

A letter from J. H. Quigley, who is now in Lincoln, says it will probably be a month before the brand commission will conclude its first session. An enormous amount of work is ahead of the board.

H. Ormersher went east last Saturday night. His destination is Sioux City, Iowa, and the object of his going is to buy and ship some more cattle of the excellent kind he is in the habit of disposing of in Chadron.—Chadron Journal.

James Early brought one of the largest hogs to market, Friday, that was ever weighed upon our city scales. It tipped the beam at 745 pounds. Mr. Early is a most successful hog raiser and has a nice bunch of nearly one hundred more at home, so he informs us, but none, however, as big as the mammoth porker he marketed here Friday.—O'Neill Independent.

T. A. Gillespie, Big Timber, Mont., writes: "Live stock matters are in a very satisfactory condition in this part of the west. Cattle are doing well on ranges in all parts of the state where sheep have not been held. Stock cattle have brought the best prices in years this fall, cows with calves at side bringing \$43, calves \$16 to \$18, yearlings \$25 to \$27.50, and two-year-olds \$30 and upward. Sheep on ranges never did better than this fall."

It has been reported that the government has been buying, recently, a portion of its beef supplies for the army in the Philippines from Australia, but it is hardly probable that any considerable proportion of that ration will be purchased anywhere but in the United States. Only in case of some urgent requirement would there be any reason for obtaining it elsewhere. The present force of the United States in those islands will be maintained there for a long time and will probably require a monthly beef supply of about 4,000,000 pounds of beef. This, together with the beef supplies that will be taken by the British army in South Africa will very materially increase the requirements of the American packeries.—Texas Stock Journal.

On the first of December the railroads revoked their carload rates for live stock, and substituted therefor a rate per hundred pounds. Under the old rate it cost a shipper \$50.00 to send a car of cattle to Omaha, while under the new he cannot hope to get off for less than \$56.30, a difference of \$6.30, and many times this difference will go as high as \$15.00. The carload rate on hogs was \$46.00, and the new rate will make the freight average \$52.00 or more, a difference of at least \$6.00 on each and every car. This makes quite a difference to local shippers, and they are correspondingly sore, claiming the new rates are unnecessarily high. A number of complaints of this character have been made to the state board of transportation, and the board's action thereon is anxiously awaited.

There will be held a meeting of the stockmen at Whitman on Jan. 10, 1900, to take action on the proposed disposition of the government land in the sand hills. Each and every stockman certainly has a direct interest in this matter and should keep the date in mind, and honor the meeting with his presence and encourage their neighbor to come with him. We would recommend that there be more encouragement offered to the settler and keep the land out of market, as the government land should be used to benefit the public instead of a few that would buy up large tracts and benefit only a few that would be ready to improve the opportunity, and work hardship to many. The repeal of the timber claim and preemption laws has confined the settler to only 160 acres of land, which is not valuable enough to warrant the settler sufficient returns for the hardship of settling a new country, which is not adapted to agricultural interests in the full sense of the word.—Whitman Sun.

Indications are that the constitutionality of the new brand law will be tested in the courts before long. Many stockmen place a high value upon their right to a certain brand, and claim that if they are deprived of their right it

will cause them an untold amount of trouble, if not actual loss. Admitting this, we yet believe that in the long run the workings of the law will prove satisfactory to everybody. Changes cannot be made in a day, and to save our ranchmen unnecessary inconvenience the board should give those who lose their present marks ample time, say one or two years, to get their herds in shape. Of course no young stuff should be marked with the old, or rejected brand. In this way we believe the law could be put into effect with a minimum amount of inconvenience, and meanwhile stock owners would have the same protection that the law now affords, and the only loss sustained would be the loss of the prestige which attaches to the old brand.

There is no branch of the live stock industry making such rapid gains as the sheep business. All kinds of people out west are investing in sheep, hoping that the present good condition will keep up. People are naturally attracted to any business that is making money, regardless of whether they know anything about it or not. At the present rate of growth it looks as if the thing might be overdone, as it has been in the past, and that those who are looking for profit and experience might at least get all of the latter they want. Sheep are prolific and soon reach maturity, and even with a good demand for both wool and mutton there is a possibility of overstocking the demand. There is no better business than the sheep business for one who understands it, and there is none that is fuller of pitfalls for the novice. Like any other business one should learn more about it than can be gotten from books, before branching out too boldly.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

The Hyannis Tribune issued a very creditable special edition last week, and in its mention of various stockmen we find the following:

Dr. A. J. Plumer located on his present location in 1888, where he has built a fine residence and ranch.

Henry Buck is located about eighteen miles north of Hyannis in Cherry county. He runs a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle, and thinks they are about the stuff. Henry's stock always bring the top price on the market at any rate.

L. L. Morrill is another Cherry county ranchman whose family reside in Hyannis. Mr. Morrill is an old settler and has a fine range and a nice herd of stock.

J. G. Cooley's range is located six miles northwest of Mother Lake. He has a herd of fine bred stock and although he is in Cherry county he does his trading at Hyannis.

A. T. Davis, located fifteen miles north, in Cherry county, has a ranch well stocked with cattle, hay galore and plenty of range. He also breeds a fine class of horses, German coach and English Shires.

The editor of the Rushville Standard has announced his determination of entering the law business as an active practitioner. It will now go hard with Bro. Lyon if he ever jumps onto Heath again.

In a long letter to the Star-Journal, J. N. Ferguson, of Ainsworth, says:

"Now, I am no friend to populists or democrats, politically, but if the devil were to advance a good thing, endorse it and give him credit for it. Besides, I believe that if the republicans of the United States were to go into their hearts and give their sentiments honestly, ninety-nine out of every one hundred would say that their sympathy was with the Boers and would hail with satisfaction the ultimate defeat of Great Britain."

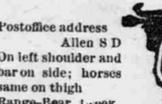
The Valentine Democrat kicks because the currency bill recently passed by the people's representatives in congress was put through without any useless red tape or monkey work, claiming that the anti didn't have sufficient opportunity to express themselves upon it. Such a discussion would have accomplished nothing beyond taking up a lot of valuable and expensive time and affording some long winded democrat a chance to get his name in the Congressional Record. Congress is in session to do business—not merely to humor the kicking minority.—Stuart Ledger.

The Ledger misunderstands our position. Like Bro. Church, we do not believe in long winded speeches, but we do object to such important bills as H. R. 1 being forced to a vote without ample time for consideration, not alone by congress but by the people. In this case the people knew absolutely nothing about the provisions of the bill. Had they been given an opportunity to protest against the measure, the protest against Roberts would have sunk into insignificance.

Metzger Bros.,
Pullman Neb
Cherry Co.
Brand on left side and thigh
Earmark, square crop right ear
Southern branded cattle have but one "half-diamond E" on left side
Native cattle have throat wattle
Range 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 stealing cattle with above brand



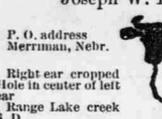
EDWARD BAD HALL.
Postoffice address
Allen S D
On left shoulder and bar on side; horses same on thigh
Range-Bear Lake



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



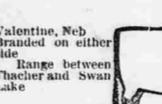
Joseph W. Bownet
P. O. address
Merriman, Neb.
Right ear cropped
Hole in center of left ear
Range Lake creek S. D.



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



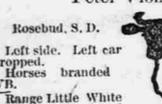
R. A. McQuade.
Valentine, Neb
Branded on either side
Range between Thacher and Swan Lake



Charles C. Tackett
Rosebud, S. D.
Range head of Antelope near St. Marys 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
Cattle branded as on cut
Some horses branded on left side
Range on Gordon Creek



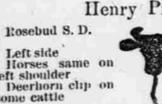
Gorsuch Bros.
Newton, Nebraska
Cattle branded as on cut
Some horses branded on left side
Range on Gordon Creek



Louis F. Richards
Merriman Neb
Cattle branded as on cut
Some horses branded on left side
Range on Gordon Creek



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



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



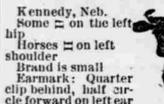
N. S. Rowley
Kennedy, Neb.
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip.
Horses on left side and hip.
Range 10 miles northeast of Gordon



W. W. ANDERSON.
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, make and 16 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.



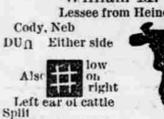
Marshall & Wolfenden
Kennedy, Neb.
Some — on the left hip
Horses — on left shoulder
Brand is small
Earmark: Quarter clip behind, half circle forward on left ear
Range Lone Tree Lake



L. T. Richardson.
Perch, Nebr
Some on left hip
Horses on left shoulder



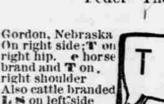
William M. Dunbar
Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
Cody, Neb
DU on either side
Also low on right
Left ear of cattle split
Range head of Hay Creek



Amelia Young.
Cody, Nebraska
On right side.
Right ear split.
Range, Little White river



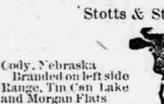
Peder Thorsen.
Gordon, Nebraska
On right side; T on right hip. e horse brand and T on right shoulder
Also cattle branded L on left side
Range, four miles south of Irwin



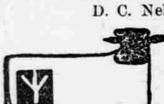
Henry Young.
Cody, Nebraska
Horse brand H-Y on left shoulder
Cattle, right ear split
Range, Little White river, S. D.



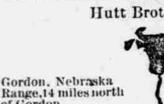
Stotts & Stetter.
Cody, Nebraska
Branded on left side
Range, Twin Lake and Morgan Flats



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



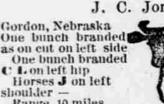
Hutt Brothers.
Gordon, Nebraska
Range, 14 miles north of Gordon.



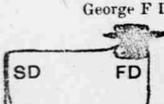
F. C. Duerfeldt, Manager.
Gordon, Nebraska
Cattle also branded 50 on right hip
Horses and mules branded same as cut on left shoulder



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



George F Damon
Albany, Neb
Cattle branded FD on left ribs or right shoulder; left on right hip and left ribs; 6 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 Marrivall
Pine Ridge, S D
Cattle branded as on cut and below on either side. Earmark small fork on left and crop right.
Horse brand as below on left thigh or hip



Marquardt & Bowins
OTTO STRUBB, 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 ranch 5-miles east of Merriman, from P. E. S. M. V. R. R. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Bowins, Nebraska.



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



Hugh Bovill, Manager
Merriman Neb
Also
All on left side or hip
Range north of Ell



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



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 25, one sorrel hind, aged gelding, 5 years old, and one bay mare, 2 years old, both branded on left shoulder.