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STOCK NOTES.

Many of those who purchased what is known in this county as "Sioux City stuff" a year or so ago are beginning to realize the mistake they made. Not all have failed to make the stuff pay expenses, but many have.

Western Nebraska beats the world! Stock of all kinds are running at large on the ranges and doing as well as in midsummer; cattle fit for the butcher's block, that have not been fed a bite of hay or grain, are being shipped to eastern markets for beef.—Bassett Eagle.

We notice in the Congressional Record of January 11 that Senator Allen of this state presented in the national congress a petition from the Live Stock Institute of South Omaha, remonstrating against the enactment of legislation abolishing the manufacture of butterine and kindred products.

The biggest mistake that many cattle feeders make is to think their cattle are fat when they are only half fat. At the present time the demand could readily absorb more thoroughly finished cattle than are coming, while there is a surplus of cattle that have not been fed long enough to make them suitable for first-class trade.

George Jakes recently purchased fifty head of heifers of A. S. Mawhinney which makes a nice acquisition to his already well stocked ranch. The entire herd was considered fine stuff, but those bought by Mr. Jakes were topped from the bunch. He lately purchased the H. L. Merriman ranch which, with his former property, makes a ranch to be proud of.—Hyanis Tribune.

According to telegraphic dispatches received Saturday, a terrific blizzard swept through the southern part of New Mexico and territory in that vicinity. Several lives were lost in the storm, but just how many has not yet been ascertained. Thousands of head of stock perished in the storm, and it is estimated that the loss will amount to not less than \$500,000 to stockmen.

A large number of stockmen attended the stock meeting here Wednesday. It was decided at this meeting to ask Governor Poynter to do what was in his power at the meeting of the governors of the western states to be held in Denver, to have the land left as it is now, if possible, and if not, to lease it to the real bona fide settlers in small tracts for a term of twenty-five years.—Whitman Sun.

The cattlemen on the western ranges have marketed their stock pretty closely in order to have plenty of feed for what they intend to carry through the winter. This is wise, for it has relieved the pressure on the feed resources materially, and one good animal, well wintered, is worth two that barely get through alive. Occasional sales of range cattle are still made, and the prices received indicate that the seller's views are just about as strong as they were in the fall.—Homestead.

The annual quarantine order of the general government against Texas fever, issued December 20th, went into effect January 1st. The order prohibits moving cattle from any part of the quarantined territory across the line, except pursuant to the regulations. The line of a year ago is but little changed, the principal difference being that it places a part of California north of a line drawn east from San Francisco, above the line and out of the quarantined area.

Stockmen who bought wire and fencing material a year ago find they made a timely purchase. Barbed wire has advanced 100 per cent in the last year, this must be prosperity for at least the wire trust. A number of stockmen in the vicinity of Sidney bought from the railroad company cast off boiler flues at about one and one-half cents per foot, cut them in six foot lengths and punched holes to fasten wire on and are using them for fence posts. They give good satisfaction.—Alliance Grip.

Two years ago official statistics showed that sheep in California, of which there were 2,577,000 head, were worth \$1.86 each. Now the average

price of sheep in that state is more than twice that amount, with a prospect of further advancement. Though it is a long haul sheep have been shipped from California to Chicago to considerable profit. We are getting a good many such sheep now, only they come through the feeders' hands and do not reach here until several months and often a year after they have left their native ranch.—Drovers' Journal.

This morning's World-Herald says of the market: "Stockers and feeders were in light supply and the market was fully steady on that kind of cattle. Buyers seemed to want the few here and for the most part they cleaned up everything in good season. A bunch that came in late met with ready sale at what looked like good, steady prices. Good feeders are in active demand and the only trouble is that they are so hard to get, while there seems to be an abundance of common to medium stuff. Quite a good many of the warmed up cattle shipped in for beef are being sold for feeders and taken back into the country to be finished.

Tom Dowd is the proud owner of the finest piece of horse flesh ever shipped to Gordon or Sheridan county. It is a blooded Kentucky saddle horse trained to a number of fancy gaits, and can do anything from a plain walk to a polka, or a cakewalk. He purchased the animal in the city of Hastings while there visiting during the holidays, and the price paid is not to be even guessed at.—Gordon Journal.

The Springview Herald says: "Bro. Good was surely cut out for a congressman, and the fusionists of the Sixth district have squashed one of their brightest lights," to which we bow modestly and with a very becoming blush assent. The Herald is becoming so decrepit and has been neglected so long that we hope this slight mention will make Bro. Skinner think his paper is read, once in awhile.

Gordon is an easy town. A few weeks ago the proprietor of a fake hospital worked a number of its prominent citizens to the queen's taste, and last week a hotel man was bilked out of a hundred or so by a smooth young man who represented that he intended building a \$10,000 hostelry and would lease it to the hotel man. Some day the people of our sister town will fall in line with Editor Lyons' paper and stick to home industry.

After the war the bonds of the United States were purchased at an average price of fifty cents on the dollar. In 1868 the contract was changed so that payment should be made not in "lawful money of the United States," but in "coin," and now the infamous financial bill passed recently by the lower house of congress proposes to change the contract again, so that the bonds shall be payable in "gold." This is patriotism with a big "P."

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that the annual examinations for positions in the classified service will be held all over the country in March and April. There were over 8,000 appointments last year, and judging from present indications, there will be nearly 10,000 this year. Anyone who wishes may try for a place without expense. One can obtain full information about the dates, places and character of the examinations, free, by writing the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C.

According to republican treasury figures, during the last thirty-eight years this country exported two and one-half billion dollars worth of merchandise more than they imported, which would naturally lead one to think that we had received that much more coin, but according to the same report we exported over a billion more dollars in money than we imported, making a total of three billion dollars exports over imports. Arguing from these figures one would naturally suppose that the people had three billion dollars coming from foreign countries, but the statistics show that the balance is the other way, this country now owing to foreigners over fourteen billion dollars. Why is this? During all but eight of these 38 years the country has been ruled by republicans.

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Marquardt & Bowls
 Otto Straube, 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 Monier ranch 5 miles east of Merriman, from F. E. & M. V. R. E. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Bowls, Scribner, Nebraska.

Wheeler Bros.
 Cody, Neb.
 Also on right side
 Range Chamberlain Flats and Snake River

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

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

Hugh Bovill, Manager
 Merriman Neb
 Also
 All on 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

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

Strayed or Stolen.
 Three work mares, 1,000 pounds each. One bay branded on left shoulder. One bay and one brown branded on left hip.

Taken Up
 At my place, five miles northeast of Arabia - One brown mare, three white feet, branded T on left shoulder. One buckskin mare, black mane and tail, branded on left shoulder.

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

W. W. ANDERSON.
 Anderson & Rounds.
 Simeon, Nebraska
 Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also 16 on left side with on left hip of some cattle; also 846 on right side. Horse brand, rake 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 Feich range, all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

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

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

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

I. T. Richardson.
 Perch, Neb
 Some on left hip
 Horses on left shoulder

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stotts & Stetter.
 Cody, Nebraska
 On left side
 Range, Tin Can Lake and Morgan Flats

Louis J. Richards
 Merriman, Neb

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

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

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

Louis F. Richards
 Merriman Neb

F. C. Duerfelst, Manager.
 Gordon, Nebraska
 Cattle also branded 90 on right hip
 Horses and mules branded same as cut on left shoulder

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

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

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

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

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

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