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STOCK NOTES.

Facts and Figures.

President Springer's address at the National Stock Association was filled with wisdom and information. Among other items we find these:

"The American hog numbers into the millions, and the demand grows ever apace. We are slaughtering nearly 4,000,000 tons of pork every year in the United States (more than the balance of the world put together), and the consumption is rapidly increasing, the exportation extending the world.

"In 1899 the sheep of the United States furnished about 270,000,000 pounds of wool from less than 37,000,000 sheep, against 50,000,000 sheep in 1884. The consumption of mutton and lambs has increased beyond the expectation of even the most enthusiastic sheep breeder, until now nearly 500,000 tons are consumed.

"Less than ten years ago your range horses were selling at from \$5 to \$25 on the market. Today they bring from \$20 to \$50, while your high-class saddle and coach horses are selling at their highest figure, even to \$1,000 each. Less than ten years ago your cattle down here in Texas were sold at \$8 for a cow, with a calf thrown in, while today the cow is worth from \$15 up, and the calf at least ten more.

"We find the United States credited with nearly 55,000,000 head, and a beef production of nearly 4,000,000 tons per annum. Look at the results at our great markets this past year—beef selling on the hoof as high as \$8.50 per hundred, live weight. This, of course, was given for the highest quality—produced only by thoroughbred bulls. However, the average price of all beef at the markets has been so satisfactory that I have yet to hear of a single complaint from any beef producer."

A firm in Texas has purchased 4,000 ounces of strychnine besides a large amount of cyanide of potassium and other poisons and will begin a war on prairie dogs. The range countries in general are engaged in an effort to exterminate this little pest.

Cattle in Cherry county are going through the winter in splendid shape, but few losses being reported. Calves are being dropped right along, now, and unlike last season the percentage of deaths is very small among the little ones. As our ranchmen continue to adopt better methods this percentage will be still farther reduced.

Quite apart from the enhanced market value, pure-bred stock has another value which is not always estimated at its true worth—the value of its influence upon the intellectual life of the family. One only needs to go into the family home on the farm where pure-bred cattle, horses, sheep or swine are reared to be convinced of the reality and the beneficence of this influence.—National Rural.

The Iowa Homestead says that "In conversation with a man who ships stock I found that it pays to patronize markets as near home as possible. The week before he had shipped two car loads of hogs, one to Chicago and the other to a market half that distance. On the shipment to Chicago the car just paid for the outlay. On the other he cleared forty dollars. The shipper is a man of veracity and I have not the least doubt of the truthfulness of the statement."

A special from Hot Springs says the sheepmen of the northern part of the Black Hills have organized another association, with headquarters at Belle Fourche. It includes sheepmen of western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming, and southern Montana. Preliminary steps were taken at the meeting toward erecting a wool warehouse at Belle Fourche, which question will be fully determined at their next meeting on Feb. 20. It is estimated that 200,000 pounds of wool will be marketed at Belle Fourche this year, and the sheepmen do not wish to ship direct from the cars, as heretofore, preferring to store in a warehouse and be enabled to await a favorable market. Another sheepmen's organization was effected at Edgemont in December, but this last organization takes in a different territory.

The receipts of horses at Chicago last week were the largest reported for the same period for several years, being 2562. A large number of buyers were on hand and there was a good demand for drafts on German export account. Export chunks sold for \$75 to \$115, farm chunks \$60 to \$90, medium drivers \$75 to \$150, fancy drivers \$150 to \$400, a few pairs at \$350 to \$700; saddlers \$65 to \$200. Feed Western range horses were on hand. Poor to fair brought \$10 to \$25, good to extra choice \$30 to \$75.

If there is any truth in market signs, good bulls are cheaper now than they will be after a little while, and hence any one who feels that he is going to need a bull in the not distant future would, in our judgment, serve his own interests best by buying just as soon as he can find an animal that suits him. We feel morally certain that as the season advances good bulls will bring better prices than they are now commanding, and our suggestion is that all who are in need of bulls should make the purchase at as early date as possible.

The desire that every western sheepman has to retain his flocks at home and sell only the wool will sooner or later result in a heavy accumulation of sheep which sometime must be marketed. For a year or two this plan may work, but as soon as the ranges become overstocked or the price of wool should be cut in two, or if a drought should come, there would be a deluge of sheep at market points that would paralyze the business. Of course, it is not at all likely that these calamities will all come at once, but it is certain that the process of accumulation is going on and some day will result in overstocked markets.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

Since the subject of leaving the arid lands of the west has assumed such importance we have written Representative Neville for copies of all bills on this subject and as soon as they arrive we will publish a synopsis of each bill for our readers' benefit. We understand that one of the bills introduced provides for leasing 20 acres to a man for every acre he owns. In other words, if a man owns one-quarter section he will be permitted to lease twenty quarters, provided he does not encroach upon another man's domain. The whole thing is a complicated question, and while it is not probable that any bill of this nature will be passed it behooves us to keep our eyes open for schemes and tricks.

Strayed—One iron gray mare, 3 years old, half blood. Branded SF on left shoulder. Please notify Max E. Viertel, Crookston, Neb.

Strayed or Stolen—Three work mares, 1000 pounds each. One bay branded DS on left shoulder. One bay and one brown branded DS on left hip. D. STINARD, Valentine, Nebraska. Liberal reward.

Strayed or stolen—18 head of cattle from our range, between January 21 and 23, cattle branded on left side and some I on left shoulder. JACOBSON BROS., Gregory, Nebr.

Strayed or Stolen. Several head of horses and cattle, branded at headwaters of the Calamus river.

W. E. Haley, Valentine, Neb. Brand registered No. 293. Range in Sharps Ranch and German prairies 6 miles south of Kilgore.

R A WESTOVER, Postoffice address Lakeland, Neb. Branded on left hip and shoulder. Some on right side. Range in Brown and Cherry counties, at headwaters of the Calamus river.

WM ERICKSON, Postoffice address Kennedy, Neb. On left side and hip; horses D or A on left jaw. Range—two miles northwest of Kennedy.

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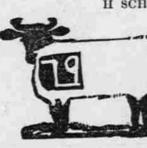
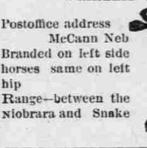
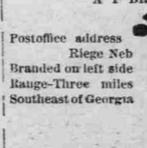
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<p>H SCHULTZ</p>  <p>Postoffice address McCann Neb. Stock branded as on cut. Range—north and south of Georgia.</p>	<p>STADMAN BROS</p>  <p>Postoffice address Pass, Neb. Brand on left side. Horses and some cattle branded on left side and hip. Range, Bull Lake and Wanda-duce Creek.</p>
<p>WILHELM ANDERSON</p>  <p>Postoffice address McCann Neb. Branded on left side. Horses same on left hip. Range—between the Niobrara and Snake.</p>	<p>W G SAWYER</p>  <p>Postoffice address Oast, Nebraska. Butler & Quisenberry have charge of these cattle; horses D on left shoulder; some stock branded V anywhere on animal. Range, Snake river.</p>
<p>Prideaux Sanford</p>  <p>Kennedy, Neb. Cattle branded on left side. Horses branded on left shoulder.</p>	<p>C S WILLIAMS</p>  <p>Postoffice address Gallop, Nebraska. On left side; also W—1 left side; also J—1 left hip; also W on side and S on hip; horses S on left jaw. Range—Eight miles south of Gallop.</p>
<p>N. S. Rowley</p>  <p>Kennedy, Neb. Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side of hip. 3 on right hip and 1 on left side. C on left hip of horses.</p>	<p>A T BRACKETT</p>  <p>Postoffice address Riego, Neb. Branded on left side. Range—Three miles Southeast of Georgia.</p>
<p>Marquardt & Rowlus</p>  <p>OTTO STRUBE, Manager. Merriman, Neb. Cattle brand OM on left shoulder. Some of cattle have various other brands. O S on left hip. Horses brand A on left shoulder. Range—Formerly the W. Monier ranch 5 miles east of Merriman, from F. E. & M. V. R. H. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Rowlus, Valentine, Nebraska.</p>	<p>PIKE BROS</p>  <p>Postoffice address Crookston, Neb. Brand on left side of animal. Some on right hip. Range—On Upper Nebraska, 5 miles east of Crookston.</p>

P S ROUSCHE



Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb. On left side or any part of animal. Ear-mark—right ear cut off; horses branded same on left hip. Also has stock branded H on side or shoulder, or J K or W or O V L or O or F Z. Also the following, the first one being on side and hip



JULIUS PETERSON



Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. Branded as on cut. Range two miles north of Gregory

LEE AND SONS



Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb. On right side, or L E on same side also L E K on left side. Range, north-northeast, 2 to 3 miles

J A SAULTS



Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. On left side or hip; horses same on left shoulder. Range—Arkansas Valley and Snake

GEO HIGGINS



Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb. Branded on left side; some H left side and thigh, and on left thigh. Range—Duck Lake

C F COOPER



Postoffice address Kennedy, Neb. Cattle branded on left side same as cut. Stock over one year old on right side; horses same on left shoulder. Range south & west of Hackberry Lake and Curlew. Also some brand C on left leg

CLARENCE K SMITH



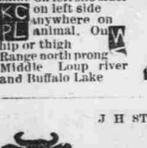
Postoffice address Whitman, Neb. On left side; horses same on left shoulder. Range between Niobrara and Snake rivers, south of Merriman

JACOBSON BROTHERS



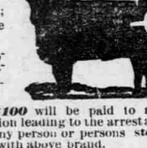
Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. On left side; some same with I on left shoulder. Horses left shoulder. Range Gordon and Goose Lake

J H STEELE



Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska. On left side, also L O or W L on left side of some cattle. Also on left hip and horses on left shoulder. Range—Mouth of Bear Creek

DAN WEBSTER



Postoffice address Harlan, Nebraska. On left side or hip; horses branded same left shoulder. Range between Niobrara and Snake rivers, south of Merriman

P PULLMAN



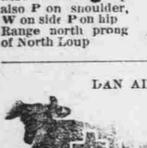
Postoffice address Pullman, Neb. Branded as on cut; also P on shoulder—on side P on hip; also W side P hip also P on shoulder, W on side P on hip. Range north prong of North Loup

DAN WEBSTER



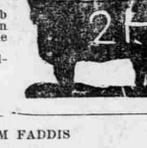
Postoffice address Harlan, Nebraska. On left side or hip; horses branded same left shoulder. Range between Niobrara and Snake rivers, south of Merriman

DAN ADAMSON



Postoffice address Chesterfield, Neb. Branded as on cut; some on left hip; some just one brand like on cut on left hip or thigh. Range—between Bordman and Snake

R HANSON



Postoffice address Valentine, Neb. Cattle branded on left hip; horses the same. Range on Dry Valley

DAWSON & BALL



Postoffice address Chesterfield, Neb. Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also V left neck and Z left hip; some V left neck, V left shoulder and Z left hip; horses V Z left hip. Range Snake River, 31, 32, 33.

R M FADDIS



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GEORGE N DAVIS



Postoffice address Simeon, Neb. Branded on right side or hip. Also on left hip. Horses on right shoulder as on cut. Range—Gordon and Snake

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Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb. On right hip; T L either side. On right side left hip and right shoulder. Horses right shoulder

C JENSEN



Postoffice address Gallop, Nebraska. Left side on private stock and right side on cattle held in common. Also on left side of cattle held, or left side. Horses C J on left shoulder. Range—Eight miles south of Gallop

H V DOWNING



Postoffice address Gregory, Neb. On left side; also COLE on side. Range—Stevenson Lake

M RICHARDSON



Postoffice address McCann Neb. Branded on left side. Range—McCann