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P S ROUSCH
Postoffice address
Browline, 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 G 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

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

G 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
Hawberry Lake and Curlew
Also some brands on left leg

JACOBSON BROTHERS
Postoffice address
Gregory, Neb.
On left side; same same with 1 on left shoulder
Horses on left shoulder
Range—Gordon and G. Snake Lake

DAN WEBSTER
Postoffice address
Barnum, Nebraska
On left side or hip; horses branded same on left shoulder
Range between Niobrara and Snake rivers, south of Merriman

CLARENCE K SMITH
Postoffice address
Whitman, Neb.
On left side; horses same on left shoulder
Range—north of Merriman
Middle Loup river and Buffalo Lake

J H STEELE
Postoffice address
Cody, Nebraska
On left side; also LO or WL on left side of some cattle
Also on left hip; horses on left side
Range—north of Merriman
Middle Loup river and Buffalo Lake

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

R M FADDIS
Postoffice address
Pass, Neb.
Range, North Loup River

ALBERT NYNZEL
Postoffice address
Valentine, Nebraska
On either side of cattle; horses same
Range—north of Merriman

P PULLMAN
Postoffice address
Pullman, Neb.
Branded as on cut; also P on shoulder—on side P on hip
Range—north of Merriman
Middle Loup river and Buffalo Lake

MASON & BROS.
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb.
On left side; also Z on left neck and Z on right side of some cattle
Range—north of Merriman
Middle Loup river and Buffalo Lake

CHAMBERLAIN & CO.
Postoffice address
Browline, Neb.
Branded on either side same as on cut; also—both jaws

WILLIAM B. ROBINSON
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb.
Like cut on either left side or hip; also
Range—north of Merriman
Middle Loup river and Buffalo Lake

RICHARDS & CAIRNES CO.
Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands:
Horses branded the same
Range between Gordon of the P.E. & M.V., R.R. and Northwestern Nebraska
Address: Richards, Chadron, Nebraska

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

MASON COMPANY
Postoffice address
Hyanis, Neb.
On right hip; T, L either side
On right side left hip
Range—seven miles north of Hyanis, Neb.

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

C JENSEN
Postoffice address
Gallop, Nebraska
Left side on private stock and right side on cattle held by Jensen
Range—north of Merriman
Horses C J on left shoulder. Range—Eight miles south of Gallop

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

STOCK NOTES.

The "humble" mule is in reality the aristocrat of farm animals. During the past year he was worth an average of \$9 more than a horse, \$22 more than a milch cow and \$28 more than a beef.

The Niobrara Land and Sheep Co. publish their first annual report this week, which shows that corporation to be in a most healthy condition. Their assets now reach the snug sum of \$45,000 and stock in this company is at a premium—Gordon Journal.

One way to head off the wire trust is not to use their wire any more than possible. It is pure robbery to advance the price of wire like it has been in the past year. If barb wire could be made and sold for \$2.25 per hundred what must be the profits now when it is selling for \$5.35. Outside of politics this is a question for the American stockman and farmer to ponder over.—Alliance Grip.

Chicago Drover Journal of March 8 notes that exporters paid \$4.90 and \$5.50 for cattle during the week. Hogs closed a shade higher than Wednesday of last week. Native cows and heifers closed 10 and 15 cents higher than a week ago. Native beef cattle advanced 10 and 15 cents during the week under review. There was an advance of 10 and 15 cents in the general run of sheep and lambs during the week.

Joseph Roach, a cattleman of Minot, N. D., is in Oregon preparing to purchase several thousand head of young cattle with which to re-stock his ranges on the lower Yellowstone and on the Missouri. He is buying yearlings and two-year-olds in various parts of Oregon and paying from \$20 to \$26 per head. He has also purchased 2,500 head of yearlings and two-year-olds, the stock to be delivered in May, and which will be shipped by rail to the Yellowstone.—Times City Journal.

Bulls and Contagious Abortion
A bull used on a herd in which there is contagious abortion will communicate the disease to other herds. For how long the infection will be communicable none of the authorities have collected data enough to be certain. It is known, however, that cows will carry the germs until, after three or four years, they become fortified against them, themselves, and no longer abort, although they will still continue to communicate the disease. The probability, therefore, is that in like manner the bull will also continue to carry the germs of the disease perhaps indefinitely.—Homestead.

Mortgaging Sheep and Wool.

Does a mortgage on sheep include the wool? asked a correspondent of the Pacific Rural Press. Its answer is as follows: "A man gave a chattel mortgage on a herd of sheep in Kern county, the mortgagee to cover the increase thereof." The mortgagee sheared the sheep and the mortgagee claimed the wool. Suit was brought for its recovery, but the lower court ruled against the mortgagee. The supreme court in affirming the judgment has laid down the law the 'increase' of a herd of sheep or cattle or other domestic animals means the young of such animals, and cannot apply to the wool in question any more than the chattel mortgage of a dairy would cover the butter and cheese to be hereafter produced.

Kills all Land Lease Legislation

The following dispatch to the World-Herald will greatly please a large number of our readers who have feared legislation on the lease question: "Washington, D. C., March 10.—As some uneasiness had been caused by various propositions to revise the public land laws the house committee on public lands today adopted the following resolution offered by Mr. Mondell of Wyoming: "Resolved, That in order to dispose of legislative suggestions, which at the present time the committee or the congress is not prepared to act upon, and to facilitate the consideration of other important matters before the committee, all bills having for their object the general cession of the public domain to the states and territories, or the general leasing of the public grazing lands, be disposed of by laying same upon the table."

The citizens of Hooker county met at Mullen on the 3d inst., and adopted resolutions against the passage of any bill providing for the leasing of public lands. Nothing new was contained in the resolutions beyond what has been published heretofore, except the following: "And we pledge ourselves not to support any man for public office that will work or vote for said bill."

A number of our subscribers have said they wished we could publish the land office notices, but the hard hearted officials will not consent that we may have some of the pie, so we concluded to do the next best thing, and publish the particulars, at any rate, and in another column will be found the result. This paper goes farther than any other like it has been in the past year. To the best of our knowledge no other paper in the Union publishes such a table, and we hope it will prove of benefit to all our readers.

A Reply to Fairhead

GALLOP, NEBR., March 13, 1900.
EDITOR NEWS-DEMOCRAT—I saw in your last week's issue a letter from my friend and neighbor, Mr. Fairhead, on cattle stealing and how to stop it. I will agree with Mr. Fairhead that cattle stealing must be stopped, but how to stop it is the question. We can hardly blame a man when he sees the penitentiary before him for a term of from five to ten years if he uses any means to escape, for self preservation is the first law of nature; but how would it be to look after our county officials. When a man is elected to an office of public trust by the electors of a county and is paid a liberal salary for his services, if he sells out and lets a prisoner escape or fails to prosecute to the best of his ability, such an officer is, in my opinion, far worse than the thief, and if some of these cases were severely dealt with by the people there would be less jail breaking and fewer criminals go free on technical points.

A vigorous enforcement of the law and the punishment of public offences as well as private ones will do much to remedy the trouble. Let's here from others.
DAN WEBSTER.

High Grade Bulls.

I have at my ranch 20 miles south of Valentine, in Dewey Lake precinct, 19 high grade Hereford bulls, two and three years old, and three head of full blood Galloways, which I will sell cheap. These bulls are all first-class and were raised on my ranch.
W. G. BALLARD.

Eli Precinct.

Key Hunt went to Lavaca last Friday.
Wm. Dahlgrin and family were visiting east of Eli the first of last week.
G. B. Nichols made a trip to Gordon the first of last week.

Mrs. W. L. Nichols is teaching a three-months term of school in Dist. 55.
Mrs. J. E. Selder and Mrs. E. E. Crave were on the sick list last week.
Miss Etta Brown, county superintendent, was visiting schools in this part of the county week before last.

Rev. Conell held a very successful meeting at the Garner school house. Twelve or fourteen of the young people united with the church. SANDY.

Sparks.

A successful term of school closed in Sparks last Friday evening with a literary program.
Chas. Lowry has quit teaming for the U. S., has rented John Whillan's fine farm and will be his own boss.
Felix Nollette has bought the old Sterling farm of 320 acres and has now a good home of his own. Felix is doing well.
Cap Archer goes to Valentine almost every Sunday.
Ray Jones is getting to be a broncho buster.
Archer and Bowden are wintering 255 head of cattle.
Jake Homar is back from the east. He says he knows of lots of men working on farms for their board, and he has been working for a month.
The county bridge at the Widup ford has gone out and ice was thrown upon the floor of the new iron bridge at Berry's ford. It stood the strain but it is four feet too low.
The Ashburn boys will run a herd this summer.
Mrs. Hardy Sears went to Valentine for medical treatment last Saturday.
KATY.

SPRING GOODS ARE ARRIVING

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Newest patterns in all Over Lace.
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Taken Up.
4-year-old dehorned steer, roan colored, + on left shoulder, U left hip. Above described animal was taken up at my place 3 miles from Chesterfield.
P. A. COOPER. 7-6t

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, Neb.

Strayed or stolen.
Several head of horses and cattle, added
Amos Strong, Valentine, Neb.

C. E. Wright.
Cooper, Neb.
Brand registered No. 374.
Brand anywhere on right side.

F. T. Brackett
Riego, Neb.
Brand Registered No. 1490
Brand right side or hip
Horses same on right shoulder
Range, Niobrara 6 miles south of Kilgore

H SCHULTZ
Postoffice address
McCann Neb.
Stock branded as on cut
Range—north and south of Georgia

WILHELM ANDERSON
Postoffice address
McCann Neb.
Branded on left side horses same on left hip
Range—between the Niobrara and Snake

Prideaux Sanford
Kennedy, Neb.
Stock branded on left side
Horses branded on left shoulder

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
On right hip and on left side.
C on left hip of horses.

Marquardt & Bowlus
Otto Straub, 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. B. R. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Bowlus, Scribner, Nebraska.