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STOCK NOTES.

An Early Spring.

From all indications we will have an early spring—at least "the wish is father of the thought." Cattle with few exceptions are looking fine, and very few losses this winter have come under the writer's personal observation. Of course we will have storms before grass, and possibly a blizzard which might do considerable damage, but the chances are in favor of the winter sliding into the lap of spring before we are aware of it. It is a good plan, if it could be arranged, for all stockmen to have some feed to use along about the first of April. We usually have some disagreeable storms about that date which are severe on cattle, especially yearlings and cows dropping calves. All stockmen know that it is the severe spring weather that pile up the death losses for the year. We may indulge ourselves with hopes for mild weather and early grass, but nevertheless we should be prepared for the worst if it should come. It is now six years since any great damage occurred by cattle drifting in a blizzard. The last drifting blizzard was in the spring of 1893. It was no unusual sight in those days to see from two to half a dozen cattle sticking in the mud at the edge of some lake or pond, dead from hunger and exposure. In one lake in particular the writer saw forty-two head of young steers and a few cows drowned in one night. In 1892 the blizzards were extremely severe and the loss to the country south and east of Alliance was very heavy. In the spring of 1891 there was drowned in Swan lake about 100 three-year-old steers belonging to a man named Warner. If a severe blizzard should come now the losses would not be half so heavy, as the lakes have nearly all under fence, which would retard the drifting somewhat, and lately stockmen have learned by experience that it pays to keep the herd well in hand about the time of year for blizzards—Pioneer Grip.

The Leasing Question.

At the recent meeting of the National Live Stock Association at Fort Worth, Texas, the subject of leasing the public grazing lands of the west was very fully discussed in the consideration of a resolution declaring in favor of leasing, and a substitute offered for it declaring against leasing. Upon a vote being taken the substitute was defeated by a vote of 330 to 227, 44 not voting, and the leasing resolution was adopted. C. F. Martin, secretary of the association, has issued a bulletin setting forth the facts in regard to the discussion and the conclusion reached, and declares the latter to be that, while the association decided in favor of leasing the public lands, none of the bills now pending in congress for that purpose are satisfactory to the stockmen and none of them were endorsed. Instead, the understanding was that legislation on the subject was to be prevented for the present, until the stockmen could agree upon a measure which would be satisfactory to all interests, and which, especially, would protect the small stockman and homesteader against the aggression of large accumulations of capital. A committee of sixteen, representing all the states and territories where range conditions prevail, was appointed to prepare a bill upon the subject. The committee is now at work upon the bill, and when it has succeeded in drafting a measure satisfactory to it, it will be presented to the stockmen of the west for approval and amendment, and when finally agreed upon by them will be presented to congress as representing the wishes of the stockmen of the west.

British Beef from America.

At the pure food convention in Washington last week Secretary of Agriculture Wilson stated that as a result of an investigation by an agent of his department he was informed that the fine beef sold in the English markets for English beef was killed in the western part of the United States and shipped in cold storage across the continent and then across the Atlantic. "This," he said, "is the fine beef of which England boasts."—Texas Journal.

New Mexico cattlemen are asking \$16 for yearlings, \$18 for two's and \$20 for three's.

The Belgian Hare.

Interest in the Belgian hare is increasing in all parts of the United States, and particularly in California which has taken the lead in the new industry. There are more Belgians in California than in any other state in the Union, and the breeding of the animal is more extensively carried on at Los Angeles than in any place in America, if not in the world. Northern California is now taking up the business rapidly, and every day one may read of arrivals of thoroughbred Belgians at various points in this part of the state. The Belgian hare is wonderfully prolific, like the English rabbit, which it resembles in form. An ingenious calculator has figured out that allowing six litters a year and eight young ones to each litter, the progeny of a single pair would in five years reach the enormous total of 4,305,181,682 hares. He further estimates that, allowing each hare only two square yards of space, this number of hares would need 278 square miles of land.—Texas Stock Journal.

Railroad is Held Accountable.

The supreme court has upheld the decision of the circuit court of Illinois giving H. H. Harris judgment against the Illinois Central railroad for the loss of a number of cattle shipped by him in cars which were said to have been infected with Texas fever germs and from which the disease was communicated to the herd, resulting in the death of several head. The appellate and supreme courts have in turn affirmed the decision of liability, positive proof having been adduced that disease was so communicated to the cattle. The supreme court declares that before the company used these cars for shipping cattle it should have disinfected them, so as to provide against the spreading of disease among live stock shipped on the road. Having failed to take this precaution to protect innocent shippers the court holds that the company is liable for any loss that may have accrued to the shipper thereby.—Texas Stock Journal.

Hides are reported scarce and prices are firm.

The German crusade against American meats has about reached the point where it is high time for Uncle Sam to begin to fling adjectives at Emperor William with a celtic accent.—Texas Journal.

The report comes from Wyoming that glanders has broken out among the horses of the McShane outfit on the line of the Burlington's Alliance-Guernsey extension. The animals have been placed in quarantine.

Hunters from the Laramie plains have recently been collecting bounties on pelts of dogs, killed among the haunts of wolves and coyotes, as predatory wild animals. The dogs have deserted their domestic homes to mingle with the wild beasts.—Texas Journal.

At the sale of the late Duke of Westminster's string of race horses, which took place Thursday at Kingsclere, Flying Fox, winner in 1895 of the Derby, the 2000 guineas, the Eclipse stakes and the Doncaster St. Leger, was purchased by Edmond Blanc for about \$196,000.

Mules are selling about as well as any other live stock now. Good, big mules are comparatively scarce, and buyers for the British government have taken a large number of small and medium sized animals from the market, and indications point to a sharp revival of mule breeding.

There is a great difference in the way in which cows for dairy use should be developed from that in which beef cattle are to be treated. Cows should be kept in a good healthy condition, but any tendency to over-fatening is to be avoided. That a race horse becomes weakened by a superabundance of flesh is generally known and the same is true of a dairy cow.

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. J. BALLARD.

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 JK or W or VL or O or FZ. Also the following, the first one being on side and hip



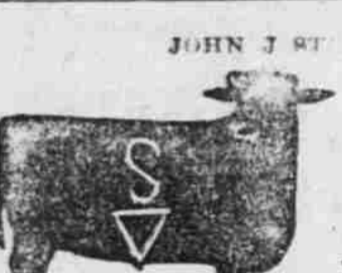
LEE AND SONS
Postoffice address—Brownlee Neb.
On right side. LE on same side also LER on left side
Range, north—rowles, 2 to 3 miles



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




JOHN J ST
Postoffice address—Brownlee Neb.
On right side
Range, Horse Valley



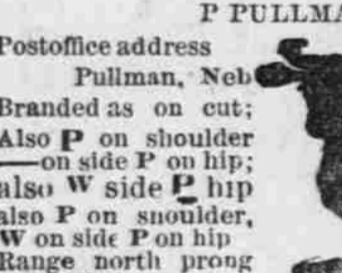
CLARENCE K SMITH
Postoffice address
Whitman, Neb.
On left side; horses same on left shoulder on left side anywhere on animal. On thigh
Range—Mouth of Buffalo Lake




J H STEELE
Postoffice address
Cody, Nebraska
On left side; also LO or W L on left side of some cattle
Also on left hip; and horses on left shoulder
Range—Mouth of Bear Creek



P PULLMAN
Postoffice address
Pullman, Neb.
Branded 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 ADAMSON
Postoffice address
Chesterfield, Neb.
Branded as on cut; some 5 on left hip; some just one brand like on cut on left thigh
Range—between Bordman and Snake



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 VZ left hip. Range Snake River, 31, 32, 33.



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



WILLIAM FERDIN, MANAGER.
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb.
Like cut on either left side or hip; also



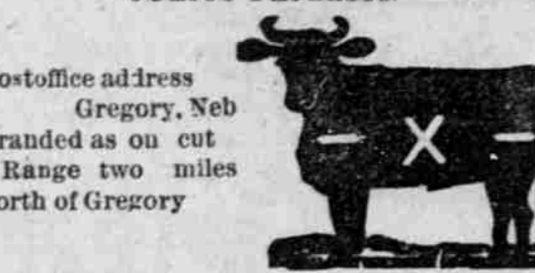
MASON COMPANY
Postoffice address
Hyannis, Neb.
On right hip; T L either side
On right side left hip horses right shoulder
Range—seven miles north of Hyannis.



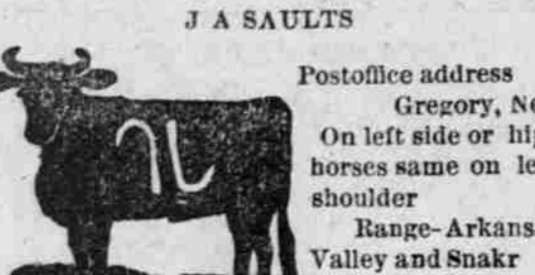
H V DOWNING
Postoffice address
Gregory, Neb.
On left side; also COLE on side
Range—Stevenson Lake



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



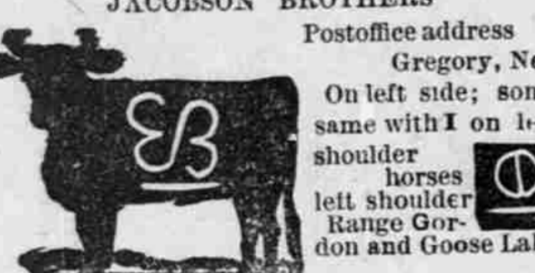
J A SAULTS
Postoffice address
Gregory, Neb.
On left side or hip; horses same on left shoulder
Range—Arkansas Valley and Snakr




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 Curlow
Also some brands on left leg




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



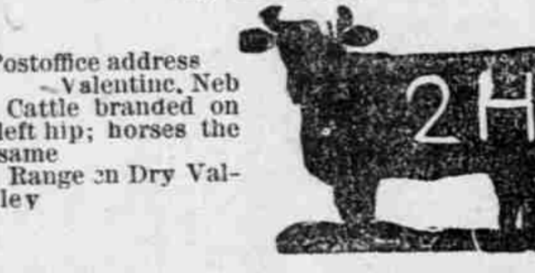
DAN WEBSTER
Postoffice address
Harian, Nebraska
On left side or hip; horses branded same left shoulder
Range between Niobrara and Snake rivers, south of Merriman



O J KELLAM
Postoffice address
Brownlee, Neb.
On left side
Range, between Moose Creek and Loup



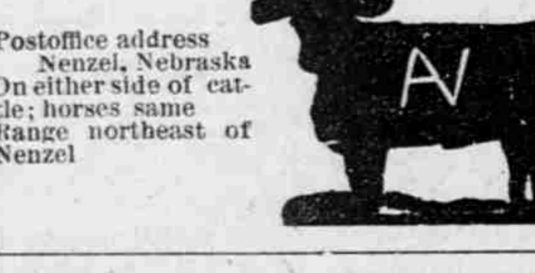
R. HANSON.
Postoffice address
Valentine, Neb.
Cattle branded on left hip; horses the same
Range on Dry Valley



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




ALBERT NENZEL
Postoffice address
Nezsel, Nebraska
On either side of cattle; horses same
Range northeast of Nenzel




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Range between Gordon on the F. E. & M. V. R. R. and Hyannis on B. & M. R. E. in Northwestern Nebraska. Address, BARTLETT RICHARDS, Chadron, Nebraska



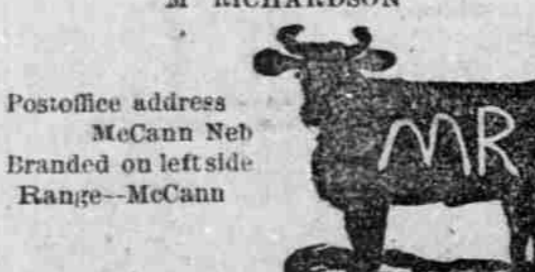
GEORGE N DAVIS
Postoffice address
Simeon, Neb.
Branded on right side or hip
Also on left hip.
Horses on right shoulder as on cut
Range—Gordon and Snake



C JENSEN
Postoffice address
Gallop, Nebraska
Left side on private stock and right side on cattle held for sale
Also on left side of cattle held, or on left side
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Range—north and south of Georgia




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Branded on left side horses same on left hip
Range—between the Niobrara and Snake



Prideaux Sanford
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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.
C on left hip of horses.



Marquardt & Bowlus
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 Mommier ranch 5 miles east of Merriman, from F. E. & M. V. R. E. south to Leander Creek. Marquardt & Bowlus, proprietors.

