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The Land of the Mild-Eyed Steer,

Omaka Warld Herall Valentine Neb., June 3 .- If Wash ington is the "City of Magnificent Dist ances," then this is the country of magnificent distances. The good roads movement may be freded in Iowa, Il linois and Indiana but the people of Northwestern Nebraska have no cause for werry on this point. The roads are always good here. Mud is something inknown and even in the dryest weather the duet is not burdensome

The ranchment of Northwestern Nebraska use. as a rule, the wide-tired wagon and as a result the roads are al ways like the best macadam-hard. free from dest and as smooth as a bill iard table. This is a good thing for the sountry, for where houses are miles apart and a ranchman has to drive thirty or forty miles to a town good grass of the sand hills. roads are a prime necessity. But up here in Cherry county a forty-mile drive is an absolute pleasure.

The hospitality of the citizens of Valentine is unbounded. Last week the Elkhorn Valley Editorial Association held its fifth annual meeting here and two dozen editors came to town. When the train from the east pulled into the Valentine station at 1:30 in the inoraing a host of Valentine people were on the deput platform to greet the newspaper mer and escort them to coby homes for entertainment. The train from the west came in at 4:40 in the merning, yet the visiting editors who came on that train found many to welcome them.

When one spends a couple of days in the society of the newspaper men of Northwest Nebraska one is able to understand why this section is receiving the attention of people looking for locations in which to engage in cattle raising and mercantile pursuits. They are the liveliest lot of hustlers imaginable and each is forever declaring that his particular town and section are the best that ever happened.

A year ago "Eob" Good was editor of the Valentine Democrat and week in and week out he was ready to mount his editorial tripod-that's what the old sway backed office chair is always called-and declare in double leaded accents that Valentine stood at the head of all and Cherry county led the Bassett is the best town in Northwestern Nebrasha while Rock county can two and then remarked in his broad promises to be fast and furious. English-accent:

If Good was in Hades he would whittle out a font of type make a press and get out a paper full of declarations that his particular corner was the coolest and most comfortable portion of the infernal regions."

And Good's eloquence in behalf of his section is equalled by the eloquence of every other newspaper man in this portion of the moral vineyard.

Through sunshine and rain, through drouth and moisture, through good and evil report, the editors of the northwest have had an abiding faith in the future of this section and their cheerful optimism and their "never say die" method has had much to do with the present prosperity of this great cattle country. They were the first onehere. When others were leaving in de spair they remained behind and swore that the time would come when the despised sand hills would be the object of all who sought wealth. And they have hved to see their faith vindicated Today a million steers roam these same sand hills and their owners sit back in ease and .watch their bank accountgrowing to respectable proportions.

It may not be generally known but the fact is that there is an industry other than cattle raising that is bound- to grow in this section. Along the Nio brara and Minnechaduza exist great deposits of fuller's earth waiting for the developing influence of capital. Building stone of superior quality exists in untold quantities along the Minnecha-

Fuller's earth is found chiefly in Henry Fliniaux, Simeon, Nebrasi Bedfordshire, Surrey and Kent, Engand at dits pr acipal use is cleansing No sia Cuarter il from Woolen fabries. Pecause of, EDITOR scared soap has superseded it for enterthin Some without quarer this purpose but it would still be used there's brandif it could be had as cheaply as soap. it also furnishes a basis for many of the high explosives. Aluminum is obtained in large quantities, from this species of clay. There is no reason why the ndustry should not flourish in this section for the deposit of fuller's earth is nexhaustable.

Valentine first sprang into fame during the famous Sioux uprising in 1890 01. This was headquarters for the military service, both militia and regular, and the famous seventh cavalry was stationed at Ft. Niobrara when the Postoffice address Sioux came down in a swarm and threatened to massacre every white person in the northwest. Valentine was at its liveliest then. Those who were not too badly frightened at the idea of a lot of half starved Indians | west of Cody wrecking the government were working day and night making money while the soldiers was present.

From that day to this Valentine has been prominently before the people. About the time the Sionx grew fractlous the people of this country began to realize that farming was useless and that cattle raising was their only hope. Today the country prospers because the mild-eyed steer grows fat upon the

The Standard Cattle Company with headquarters at Ames owns a sizeable ranch in Cherry county. The company owns and controls a range twenty-five miles wide and forty-eight miles long. The Richards & Comstock people own a range only a little smaller. But there is no conflict between these big range men and the men who have only a few acres homesteaded and a limited range privilege. The big concerns have pursued a policy of conciliation. If the small herd owner wants to sell out the big concerns pay him his price and the matter is settled. If the small herd owner wants to hold on after the big concerns have secured control of all the land about him he is not molested. On the contrary he is allowed to pasture his cattle with the big herds and his hay is purchased at a

fair figure. The result of this policy has been advantageous to Cherry county. The big ranch owners have prospered and the little ranchmen have been benefited. Up to date there has been no conflict between the cattle men and sheep headers. The sheep men have not advanced this far to the southeast yet. But when they do no doubt the history written in blood further to the north-

westwill be repeated here. Sheep and

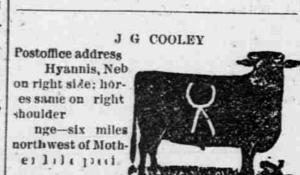
cattle cannot occupy the same range. In the latter part of June, about the 20th Valentine will have three days of Kennedy, Nebr. horse racing and other western sports that will be worth traveling hundreds procession. Now "Bob" is printing of miles to see. The trotter and the the Eagle at Bassett, Rock county and pacer are unknown in this section. The he spent twenty-three of the twenty- cow pony and the rangy runner are the four hours he was here insisting that only kinds of horseflesh receiving any particular attention in this neck o' the woods. The races will be running give every county in the state cards races and purses aggregating more than and spades and beat 'em out. "Bob" \$1000 have been hung up. The Indians always grows elequent when talking from the Rosebud Agency will be down about his home county. Frank Wing- in full force, for they have a lot of field of the Crawford Gazette listened gallopers that they are willing to bet neath the brand. to one of "Bob's" spiels for an hour or their last blanket upon. The sport

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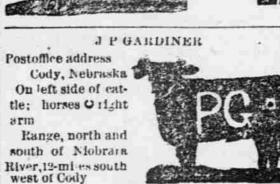
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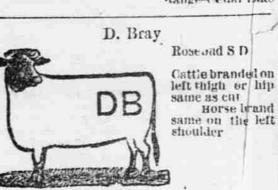
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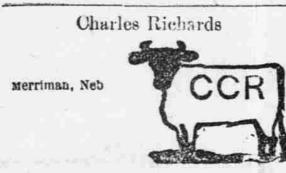




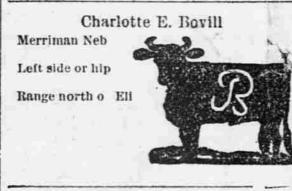


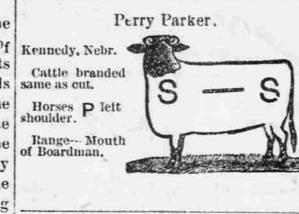


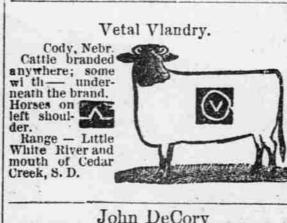


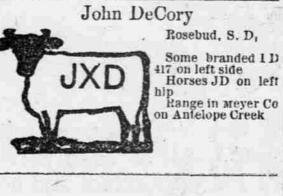


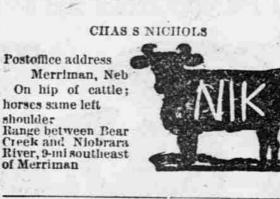


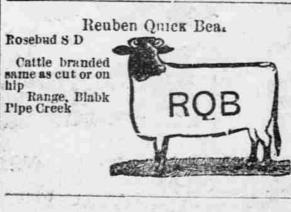










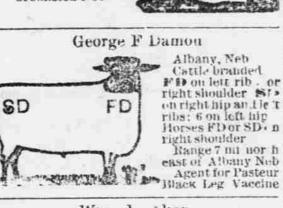


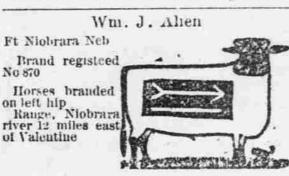
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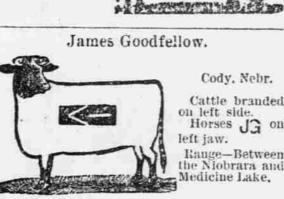
of Valentine in Dewey Lake precinct Shigh grade Herford bulls two and three years old and three head of ful blood Galloways which I will sell cheap. These bulls are all first class and were raised on my ranch. W. G. BALLARD' Woodlake, Nebr

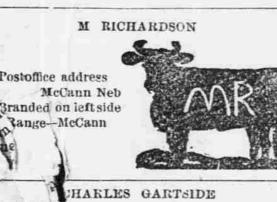


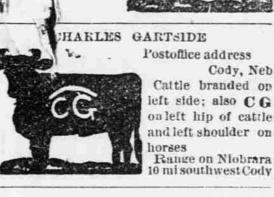


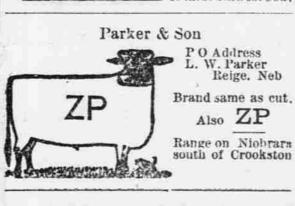


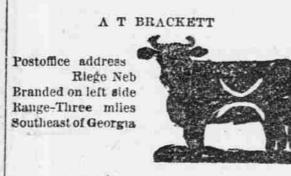


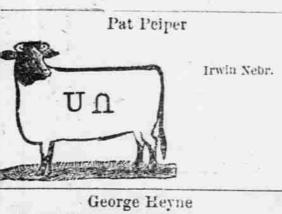


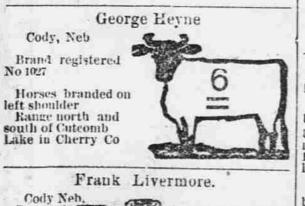


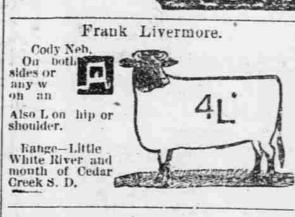


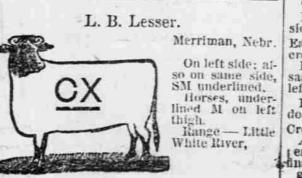




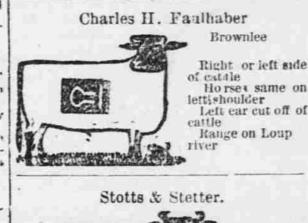








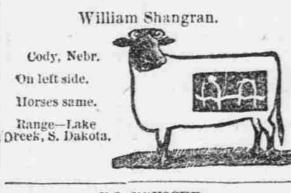


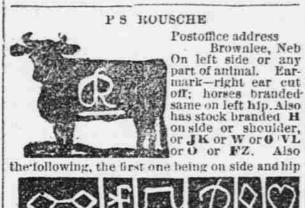


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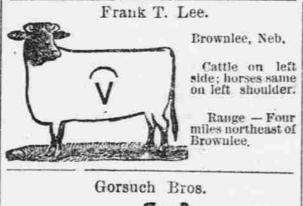


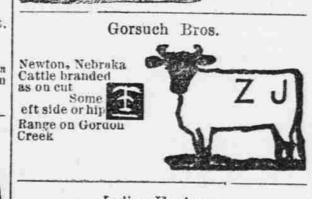


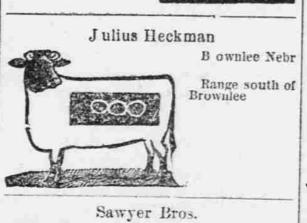


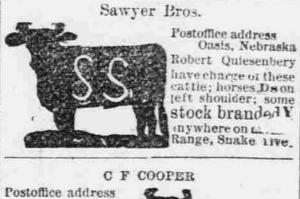














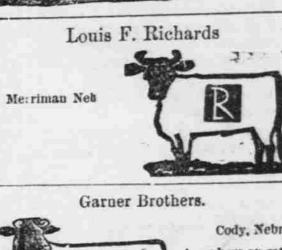
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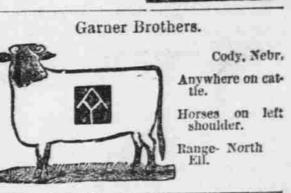
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