## THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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Listen, you who are temmuring "ob fers" under gour breata - usion t three short-fut pregiment tales:

Past the speciator's window one morning lottered two chubby little lads their arms around each other's neck The specimer thought to house factor a pretty picture of childish unsophistiention they made. When the spoke, however, he can, ht his breath. "I won \$3 yesterday," remarked the younger of the two, who may possibly have been eight, "Honest? How?" demand ed the other, big eyed. "Ch. my father and I ber on a race, and my horse won." was the acceptaint reply.

Before the spectator had fairly recovered from the staggering effect of this speech a group of little girls drew up before the house. One of the littlest of them was in difficulties with her hair, which had been dressed in some occult feminine fashion beyond the spectator's power to describe and had slipped its ribbon. As an older girl struggled to reduce it to order she said remonstratingly: "What makes you try to wear it this way, Gladys? It's much too short." The little tot turned on her a withering glance. "It's the fashion!" she exclaimed, with crushing finality.

To these disclosures of unblinking sophistication may be added the tale of a acighbor whose little boy is just six. He had hoped to keep the child unconscious that he is the heir of millions and had brought him up in the strictest simplicity. And yet the other night, as he climbed on his father's knee for a good night kiss, he electrified the father by demanding. "Papa, how much are you worth?"

# HAD NO FAITH IN SIGNS.

### He Was an Enemy of Superstition. With an Exception.

Mr. Holley looked at his grandson with a mixture of amusement and reproach on his shrewd old face. It was dusk in the barn, a time for confidences. "I dunno where in all the earth you got such not ons, sonny," the old than said. "Not from your ma's folks or your pa's eith r. There never was any talk of belief in signs and superstitions in either the Holley or the Fawcett stock, that's sure. It must have come from that foreign lady they had to teach you, I expect."

"And you don't believe there's any harm in a bird's flying into the house or breaking a mirror or seeing a black cat, grandpa?" asked the little boy earnestly. "And don't you care whether a pin sticks straight up in the floor or which shoulder you see the moon over or whether you get anything on you wrong side out? Not any of those things?"

"All foolishness," said the old man with a reassuring pat of the bot little hand. "I'm glad you've talked it out with me, sonny. Now, you just put it out of your head, and I'll tell you what I'il do. When we go up to the house, I'll give you a little, old penny I've been saving for you for a lucky piece. You just earry it in your pocket all the time, change it from one suit of clothes to another, and see what it 'll bring you."

"Do they really bring luck, grandpa?" asked the little boy.

"Course they do," said Mr. Holley firmly. "When we get another spare time. I'll relate to you a few cases that's come under my own eye of lives saved by 'cm, and so forth. Course they do.'

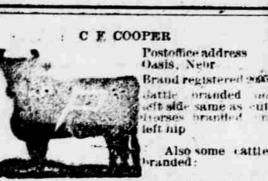
Swelling the Unsuccessful Ranks. A great many men have been left behind because of their listlessness, their easy going ways. They were too slow. Opportunities would not wait for them. They would have taken advantage of them. would have succeeded, if the chance had not burried by so fast. If the opportunities had tarried awhile, had given them a chance to look them; over and consult their friends or if they and only come back, these gently people would now be on the heights instead of looking wistfully up from the foot of the mountain. But, alas, oppor tunities never return, and he who is not ready to seize them as they flit onward will have only regrets for his portion.

Siamese Reporting. Siamese reporters are not quite so deft as our own specimens, says the London Globe, but they have a fine impressionistic touch which charms the jaded fancy. Here is an account of a murder from that happy land:

"Shooting outrage! Oh, fearful agony! Khoon Tong, one of Phya Song's staff, was on a mission to Lampoon. and on his return instantly shot dead by some miscreants, scoundrels. Oh, untimely death! Oh, fearful! All friends expressed their morne. The cowardice dog is still at large. Six soldiers and six policemen were at once dispatched." 1 de martine de

### Estray Notice

Taken up by undersigned on my premises one mile south of Sperks, Nebr., one pale red sceer with white face, short two years old, has ear Job Work mark -crop of left ear and split in right ear. Has been at my place since April 18, 1902, No other marks or brands perceivable. Can have same by proving property and paying cost. 47 8" ... JOHN B. GROOMS, Sparks, Nebr.

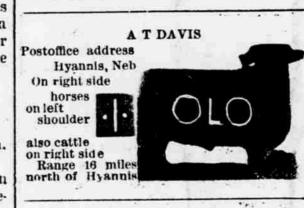


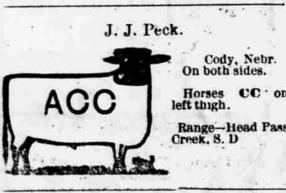
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John Gresh Merriman , Neb. On both sides; some on right side and hip. Horses same without bar, left thigh Range, Lake Creek

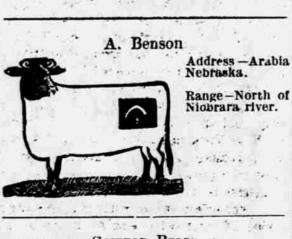
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Seth Gary. Merriman, Nebr. On both side and hip. Herd mark, dewlap, SG Range - Lake Creek and Little White River.

D. A. Hancock Blackburn, Mo. or Simeon, Nebraska Cattle branded on ft side as on cut; also is on left side with = on left top of some cattle; also \$46 on right side Horse brand, rake and 16 on left shoulder or Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska



Sawyer Bros. l'ostoffice address. Oasis, Nehr. G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses DS on eft shoulder. Some eft side eft thigh. Range on Snake river



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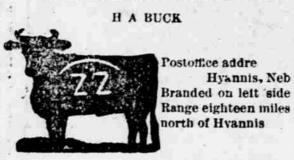
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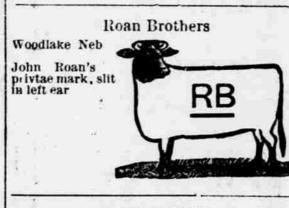
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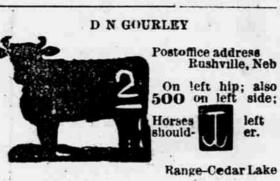
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MILLS BROS. Merriman, Nebr. Cattle and hores branded on left side or shoul-Brand register-Range- 12 mile southwest of Merriman on the Niobrara river.







Sandy Williams. Merriman, Nebr Mostly on left right side. Horses same on Range- Lake



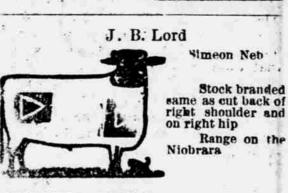
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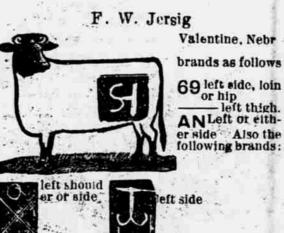
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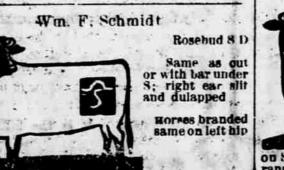


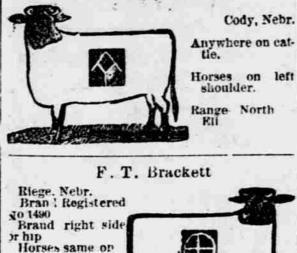






P 8 ROUSCHE Postoffice address Brownlee, Net On left side or any part of animal. Earmark—right ear cut off; horses branded same on left hip. Also has stock branded H ou side or shoulder or JK or W or O'VL or O or FZ. Also the following, the first one being on side, and hip

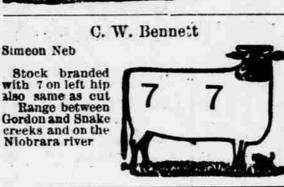




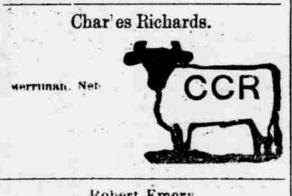
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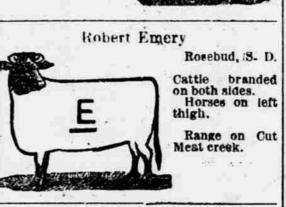


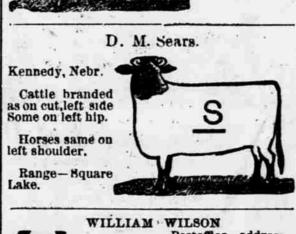
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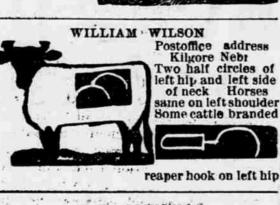




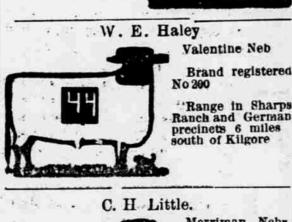




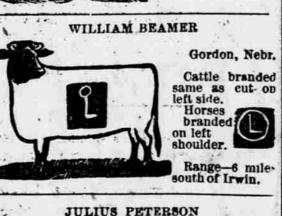


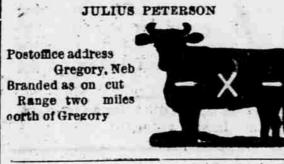












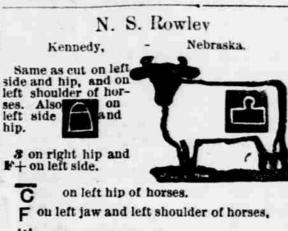






Cody, Nebr. Cattle branded on left side. Horses JG on left jaw Range-Between the Mobrara and ledicine Lake.





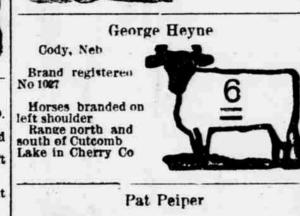
on left hip of horses. R M Faddis & Co.

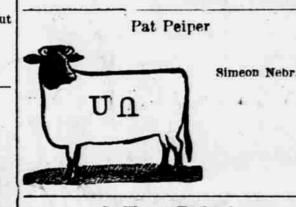


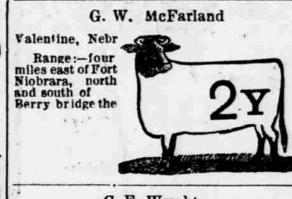
J P GARDINER ostoffice address Cody, Nebraska On left side of cat-PGtle: horses O right arm Range, north and south of Niobrara River,12-miles south

west of Cody

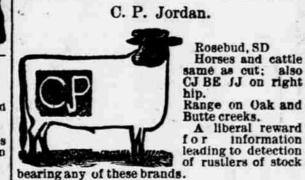




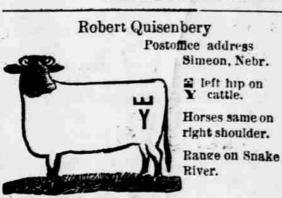


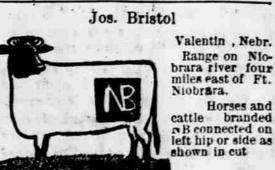


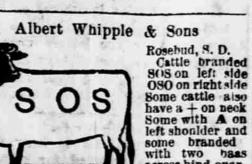




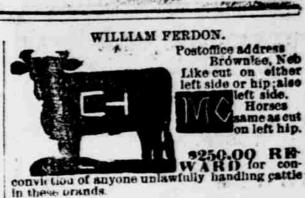






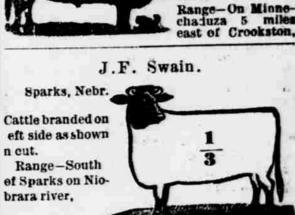


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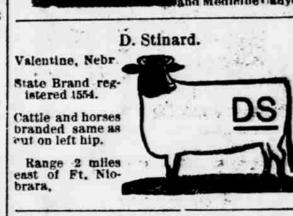


Henry Flineaux SimeonNebr. Brand Registered Cattle branded on left hip. Some without quarter circle. Horses branded on left shoul-

PIKE BROS Postoffice address Crookston, Neb Cattle branded PE on either hip or right side, Horses PB on left



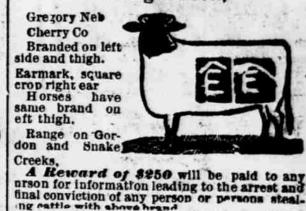
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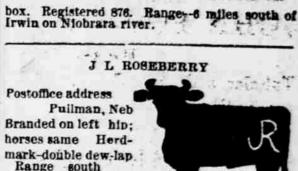
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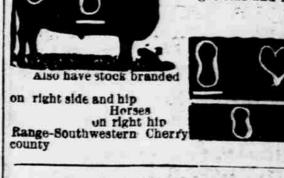
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