

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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## HAWAIIAN FISHERMEN.

Clouds and Teeth Play a Part in Capturing the Octopus.

The native fisherman of Hawaii, while an adept with the hook and line, does not seem to use his hands to capture his prey when occasion arises. The bonito is the fish most generally caught with hook and line, and as the hook used is of mother of pearl, made from the shell of a mollusk now quite rare, which glistens with an iridescence similar to the shimmer from the scales of the smaller kinds of fish on which the bonito lives, no bait is needed. The barb of these hooks is of bone, and two tufts of hog's bristles attached at right angles to the barbed end keep the inner side up, so that the hook lies flat on the surface of the sea. When a likely fishing ground has been reached, the fisherman, standing up in the canoe, casts out his line violently, so that the hook falls with a slap on the water and attracts the attention of the fish. The line and hook are then drawn rapidly toward the boat, as though it were a spoon, and the bonito, taking the hook to be a small fish, rises to it immediately. It is fortunate for the fisherman that he has to waste no time in baiting his hook, for this method of casting frightens the school, and the fish disappear within ten or fifteen minutes.

An ingenious plan by which very large fish are caught is by planting a long pole on the shore in such a position as to cause it to lean decidedly toward the water. On the top of this a bell is arranged so that it can swing clear of the top of the pole. A block and fall are also attached to the pole close to the top, and a long line, with baited hook at the end, is run through the block and allowed to float out to sea, the land end being tied in a slip-knot to the bottom of the pole. As soon as a fish is hooked its struggles cause the bell to ring, whereupon the fisherman runs to the pole, loosens the slip-knot and plays the fish until he has drowned it, when it is hauled ashore.

In fishing for octopus the native dives to the bottom and with a stick pokes around in the small holes in which the octopus lives. When he touches one, it seizes the stick and allows him to draw it out of the hole. When he reaches the surface, the native grabs it with his hands and bites into the head, thus killing the animal.

## FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Do not let rubbish of any kind lie underneath the trees. It harbors vermin. A yard or lawn always looks barren without some ornamental trees and shrubs.

As an apple or pear orchard will last a lifetime, particular care must be taken in the selection of varieties.

If currants and gooseberries are pruned in tree form, they will bear larger and finer fruit. Prune every year.

To have a good garden the land must be kept rich by liberal use of manure. During the winter is the best time to apply it.

Nearly all house plants will be benefited by having the blossoms that appear immediately after planting in pots pruned off. Let the plant get well established before flowering.

The rose is a hearty feeder and will therefore bear annual manuring, but only well rotted and thoroughly fine manure should be used, taking care to work it well into the soil early in the winter.

## FORT BLUNDER.

How It Was That Uncle Sam Built It on British Soil.

Charles' Island is an American fort which was built on British soil. How many can guess what fort it is and where located? The name is Fort Montgomery, and the location is on an island near the foot of Lake Champlain, about half a mile northeast of Rouses Point, N. Y.

A short time ago, when traveling in that part of the country, I saw this fort and asked the name of it. "Why, that is Fort Blunder," said my informant. "Did you never hear of it?" I confessed ignorance, and he explained matters.

It seems that after the war of 1812 the government of the United States became convinced that the entrance to Lake Champlain should be guarded by a fort strong enough to engage any British fleet which might attempt to force an entrance to the lake, and so Fort Montgomery was constructed at a cost of nearly \$500,000. It was an immense fortification for those days and was arranged for three tiers of guns.

Just about the time it was completed the joint surveyors fixing the line between the United States and Canada came along and, after doing a good bit of figuring, announced that Fort Montgomery was on Canadian soil. The northern boundary of New York state was the forty-fifth parallel, and this fort was several hundred yards over the line. Work on the fort came to an immediate standstill, and the matter was made the subject of a special treaty.

It was decided that in view of the fact that the United States had not intentionally encroached on Canadian soil the forty-fifth parallel should be bent a little out of its course at this point so as to include the fort. That is why the fort is called "Fort Blunder." It was never armed and has never been occupied by more than one or two men.


**C. F. COOPER**  
Postoffice address  
Oasis, Neb.  
Cattle and horses  
branded on  
left side or shoulder.  
Brand registered  
1891. Range—12 miles  
southwest of  
Merriman on the  
Niobrara river.



**R. U. G. H.**  
Range—South and west of Hackberry  
and Duck Lake.



**ALONZO HEATH**  
Postoffice address  
Cody, Nebraska  
On left  
side. Horse  
brand on  
shoulder.



**U. G. Criger.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Brand recorded  
No. 1067.  
Brand—eas  
cut on si sam  
left hip.



**John Gresh.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
On both sides;  
some on right  
side and hip.  
Horses same with-  
out bar, left thigh.



**D. Bray**  
Rosebud S D  
Cattle branded on  
left thigh or hip  
same as cut  
horse brand  
same on the left  
shoulder.




**A. T. DAVIS**  
Postoffice address  
Hyannis, Neb.  
On right side  
horses  
on left  
shoulder.



**J. J. Peck.**  
Cody, Neb.  
On both sides.  
Horses CC on  
left thigh.



**Seth Gary.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
On both side and  
hip. Herd mark,  
dewlap.



**D. A. Hancock**  
Blackburn, Mo. or  
Simons, Nebraska  
Cattle branded on  
left side as on cut;  
also 16 on left side  
with a cross bar on  
right side. Horse  
brand, rake and 16  
on left shoulder or  
hip.



**A. Benson**  
Address—Arabia  
Nebraska.  
Range—North of  
Niobrara river.



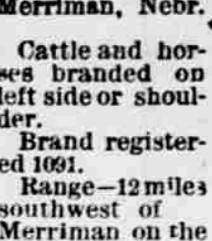
**Sawyer Bros.**  
Postoffice address  
Oasis, Neb.  
G. K. Sawyer has  
charge of these cat-  
tle. Horses DS on  
left shoulder. Some  
stock H on left side  
Horses same




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at the  
**DEMOCRAT.**

**MILLS BROS.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Cattle and horses  
branded on  
left side or shoulder.  
Brand registered  
1891. Range—12 miles  
southwest of  
Merriman on the  
Niobrara river.



**H. A. BUCK**  
Postoffice address  
Hyannis, Neb.  
Branded on left side  
Range eighteen miles  
north of Hyannis



**Roan Brothers**  
Woodlake Neb  
John Roan's  
private mark, slit  
in left ear



**D. N. GOURLEY**  
Postoffice address  
Rushville, Neb.  
On left hip; also  
500 on left side;  
Horses should-  
er.



**Sandy Williams.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Mostly on left  
side. Some on  
right side.



**J. A. SAULTS**  
Cattle on left  
hip. Horses on left  
shoulder. Some  
stock yet bearing  
my former brand as  
shown below.



**Allen & Sons**  
Ft. Niobrara.  
Brand registered  
No. 870.  
Horses branded  
on left hip.  
Range, Niobrara  
river 12 miles east  
of Valentine



**G. H. Seager.**  
Postoffice address  
Cody, Nebraska  
Cattle branded as on  
cut on left side, hip  
and shoulder; horses  
same  
Range, Snake Creek



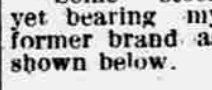
**J. B. Lord**  
Simons, Neb.  
Stock branded  
same as cut back of  
right shoulder and  
on right hip.  
Range on the  
Niobrara



**F. W. Jersig**  
Valentine, Neb.  
brands as follows  
69 left side, loin  
or hip  
AN left thigh.  
or side. Also the  
following brands:



**J. R. Wallingford**  
Kennedy, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
same as cut; also  
some branded  
U on left hip.



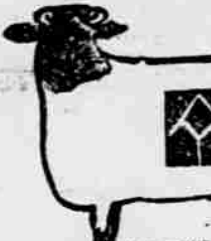
**P. S. ROUSCHE**  
Postoffice address  
Browlee, Neb.  
On left side or any  
part of animal. Ear-  
mark—right ear cut  
off; horses branded  
same on left hip. Also  
has stock branded H  
on side or shoulder,  
or JK or W or VL  
or O or FZ. Also  
the following, the first one being on side and hip



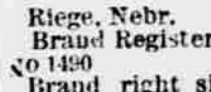
**Wm. F. Schmidt**  
Rosebud S D  
Same as cut  
or with bar under  
S; right ear slit  
and dulapied  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



**Garner Brothers.**  
Cody, Neb.  
Anywhere on cat-  
tle.  
Horses on left  
shoulder.  
Range—North  
Elk.




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



**F. M. Walcott.**  
Valentine, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
— on left hip.



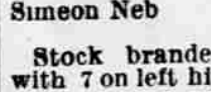
**C. W. Bennett**  
Simons, Neb.  
Stock branded  
with 7 on left hip  
also same as cut  
Range between  
Gordon and Snake  
creeks and on the  
Niobrara river



**Frank T. Lee.**  
Brownlee, Neb.  
Cattle on left  
side; horses same  
on left shoulder.  
Range—Four  
miles northeast of  
Brownlee.




**Charles Richards.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
on left side  
Horses on left  
thigh.



**Robert Emery**  
Rosebud, S. D.  
Cattle branded on  
both sides.  
Horses on left  
thigh.  
Range on Cut  
Meat creek.



**D. M. Sears.**  
Kennedy, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
as on cut, left side  
Some on left hip.  
Horses same on  
left shoulder.  
Range—Square  
Lake.



**WILLIAM WILSON**  
Postoffice address  
Kilgore, Neb.  
Two half circles of  
left hip and left side  
of neck. Horses  
same on left shoulder.  
Some cattle branded  
reaper hook on left hip




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



**W. E. Haley**  
Valentine, Neb.  
Brand registered  
No. 200.  
Range in Sharps  
Ranch and German  
precincts 6 miles  
south of Kilgore



**C. H. Little.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
On either side  
Horses same on  
hip. Also 83  
Range—Lake Creek  
S D



**WILLIAM BEAMER**  
Gordon, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
same as cut on  
left side.  
Horses  
branded on  
left shoulder.  
Range—6 mile-  
south of Irwin.



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



**F. C. & M. O. Metzger.**  
Merriman, Nebraska.  
Cattle branded on  
left side as cut,  
some have  
same side  
Horses  
branded on  
left shoulder.  
Range—6 mile-  
south of Irwin.



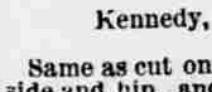
**Albert Whipple & Sons**  
Rosebud, S. D.  
Cattle branded  
SOS on left side  
OSO on right side  
Some cattle also  
have a + on neck  
Some with A on  
left shoulder and  
some branded  
with two bars  
across hind quar-  
ters.  
Horses branded  
SOS on left hip. Some cattle  
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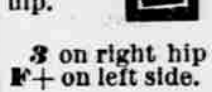
**James Goodfellow.**  
Cody, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
on left side.  
Horses JJ  
on left jaw.  
Range—Between  
the Niobrara and  
Medicine Lake.



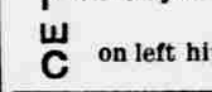
**N. S. Rowley**  
Kennedy, Nebraska.  
Same as cut on left  
side and hip, and on  
left shoulder of hor-  
ses. Also on  
left side and  
hip.  
on right hip and  
left side.  
on left hip of horses.  
on left jaw and left shoulder of horses.  
on left hip of horses.




**R. M. Faddis & Co.**  
Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy.  
Cattle branded  
same as cut.  
Some brande  
on left  
thigh.  
Some on  
left side or  
hip.



**J. P. GARDINER**  
Postoffice address  
Cody, Nebraska  
On left side of cat-  
tle; horses O right  
arm  
Range, north and  
south of Niobrara  
River, 12 miles south  
west of Cody



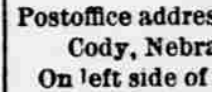
**Frank Rothleutner**  
Postoffice address  
Kilgore, Neb.  
Cattle branded on  
side as on cut same  
on hip.  
Some on left  
side.



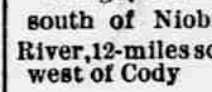
**George Heyne**  
Cody, Neb.  
Brand registered  
No. 1027.  
Horses branded on  
left shoulder  
Range north and  
south of Cutcomb  
Lake in Cherry Co



**Pat Peiper**  
Simons, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
on left side  
Horses on left  
thigh.



**G. W. McFarland**  
Valentine, Neb.  
Range—four  
miles east of Fort  
Niobrara, north  
and south of  
Berry bridge the



**C. E. Wright.**  
Valentine, Neb.  
Brand registered  
No. 374.  
Brand—anywhere  
on right side.



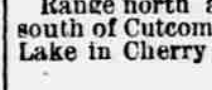
**C. P. Jordan.**  
Rosebud, S D  
Horses and cattle  
same as cut; also  
CJ BE JJ on right  
hip.  
Range on Oak and  
Butte creeks.  
A liberal reward  
for information  
leading to detection  
of rustlers of stock  
bearing any of these brands.




**Morey & Hewett.**  
Gordon, Neb.  
Brand registered  
2292. On left hip  
of cattle. Horses  
same left shoulder-  
er; also 240  
Range—South of  
Snake 35 miles  
se of Gordon.



**Robert Quisenberry**  
Postoffice address  
Simons, Neb.  
Left hip on  
Y cattle.  
Horses same on  
right shoulder.  
Range on Snake  
River.



**Jos. Bristol**  
Valentin, Neb.  
Range on Ni-  
obrara river four  
miles east of Ft.  
Niobrara.  
Horses and  
cattle branded  
as left hip or side as  
shown in cut



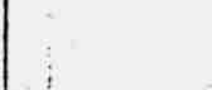
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SOS on left side  
OSO on right side  
Some cattle also  
have a + on neck  
Some with A on  
left shoulder and  
some branded  
with two bars  
across hind quar-  
ters.  
Horses branded  
SOS on left hip. Some cattle  
branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle  
branded SOS on left hip.




**WILLIAM BEAMER**  
Gordon, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
same as cut on  
left side.  
Horses  
branded on  
left shoulder.  
Range—6 mile-  
south of Irwin.



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




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Merriman, Nebraska.  
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**WILLIAM FERDON**