

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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## JUST LIKE MOTHER.

### An Early Morning Letter With an Important Announcement.

That domestic ambulance corps of which mother or wife or sister has charge, being accustomed to all the accidents that befall heedless men folk, can sometimes deal with them at long range. Thus the New York Mail and Express tells how, at 6 o'clock in the morning of the wedding day, a post-office messenger rang the bell at the home of the bride to be and handed out a special delivery letter.

It was addressed to the best man, who had come forty miles to second his best friend in the ceremony, and was, with several others, the guest of the bride's parents. The best man was still sound asleep, but he was promptly awakened on the supposition that the letter must contain something of importance.

It did, indeed. Rubbing his eyes in an effort to understand, he tore open the envelope and was astonished to find a sheet of letter paper, with a large needle of the sort men always choose when emergency compels them to sew thrust through it and a foot of black thread doubled and trailing in a loose tangle down the page.

The best man thought it was a joke, but he could not see it, and he was about to become resentful when, upon turning the sheet, he found this hastily written note:

Dear Brother—Mother says there is a button off your dress coat. It is in your waistcoat, right hand pocket. Sew it on. Crawling out of bed, the best man examined his coat and laughed to see that the situation had been accurately described in the letter. "Just like mother," he said. "She has probably lost a whole night's sleep thinking about that button."

Later in the day four bridesmaids gleefully assisted in making the repairs, and this telegram went to mother:

Button sewed on. Don't worry.

## KEEPING A LOGBOOK.

### The System of Abbreviations Used on Merchant Vessels.

How many landmen know how a logbook is written up? It seems just as complicated as double entry bookkeeping when one does not know, but after a little careful attention and study it's as easy to keep a logbook as to eat hot gingerbread. There is a list of letters arranged, and they look like so much Greek to the uninitiated.

The letter b, for instance, stands for blue sky, whether there be clear or hazy atmosphere. C means cloudy or detached, opening clouds; d denotes drizzling rain; a small j, fog; capital F thick fog; g, gloomy, dark weather; h hail; i, lightning; and m, misty or hazy, so as to interfere with the view.

The letter o represents overcast or when the whole sky is covered with one impenetrable cloud. Passing showers are noted by the letter p, and q indicates the weather to be squally. Continuous rain is indicated by an r, snow by an s and thunder by a t. Any ugly, threatening appearance in the weather calls for the letter u, and visibility of distant objects, whether the sky be cloudy or not, is represented by the letter v. A small w is wet dew. A full point or dot under any letter denotes an extraordinary degree. As an example of how the letters are used take q p d i t. This reads very hard squalls and showers of drizzle, accompanied by lightning, with very heavy thunder. Numerals denote the force of the wind. A cipher indicates calm, 1 light air, 2 light breeze, 3 gentle breeze, 4 moderate breeze, 5 fresh breeze, 6 strong breeze, 7 moderate gale, 8 fresh gale, 9 strong gale, 10 whole gale, 11 storm, 12 hurricane. This system of abbreviation is generally adhered to on all merchant vessels.

## Quickcands.

Quickcands have a horrible fascination for writers and readers of fiction, and the reality is every bit as bad as fancy paints it. One of the most remarkable quicksand accidents occurred years ago in New Zealand. Two prospectors were wading across the mouth of a small stream running into the sea in the north island of New Zealand. Both stepped into a quicksand. One who merely touched the edge of it got loose. The other sank rapidly and, in spite of his companion's efforts, was sucked under. When an attempt was made to recover the body, it was found that the sand was enormously rich in gold. From a single ton of it £300 worth of gold was washed.—Pearson's.

## His Audience.

First Pianist—Did you have much of an audience at your recital yesterday afternoon?

Second Pianist—Splendid! There were two men, three women and a dog. The boy, I afterward learned, was employed about the place, and the two men came in for shelter, as it was raining at the time, but the three women were all right. They came to hear me, I know, for I gave them the passes myself.—Boston Transcript.

## He Took the Watch.

It is told of the late Dr. Parker that when a very, very good young man came to him asking whether he should accept for certain special service a gold watch from an agnostic employer he replied: "Take it, my lad; take it. If he had been a Christian, perhaps he would not have offered it to you."


**C. F. COOPER**  
Postoffice address  
Oasis, Neb.  
Brand registered 2055  
Cattle branded on  
left side or shoulder.  
Also some cattle  
branded.



**MILLS BROS.**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Cattle and horses  
branded on left  
side or shoulder.  
Brand registered  
1601.  
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



**ALONZO HEATH**  
Postoffice address  
Cody, Nebraska  
On left side. Horses  
left shoulder.




**U. G. CRIGER**  
Merriman, Neb.  
Brand recorded  
No. 1087.  
Brand cut on si sam  
Ais. 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  
also cattle  
on right side  
Range 18 miles  
north of Hyannis



**J. J. PECK**  
Cody, Neb.  
On both sides.  
Horses CC on  
left thigh.  
Range—Head Pas-  
Creek, S. D.



**Seth Gary**  
Merriman, Neb.  
On both side and  
hip. Herd mark,  
dewlap.  
Horses same on  
left shoulder.



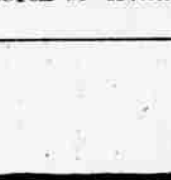
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Blackburn, Mo.  
Simeon, Nebraska.  
Cattle branded on  
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on right side. Horses  
brand, rake and  
on left shoulder or  
hip.  
Home ranch—on  
Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of  
Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska



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



**Sawyer Bros.**  
Postoffice address.  
Oasis, Neb.  
G. K. Sawyer has  
charge of these cattle.  
Horses DS on  
left shoulder. Some  
on left side. Horses  
same on left side  
left thigh. Range on Snake river




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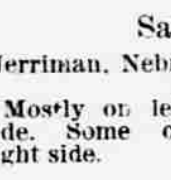
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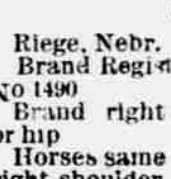
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**Garner Brothers.**  
Cody, Neb.  
Anywhere on cat-  
tle.  
Horses on left  
shoulder.  
Range North  
Elk



**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  
Riego



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



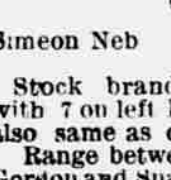
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Simeon Neb.  
Stock branded  
with 7 on left hip  
also same as cut  
Range between  
Gordon and Snake  
creeks and on the  
Niobrara river



**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 on left  
hip  
Horses on left  
shoulder.  
Some stock  
yet bearing. My  
former brand as  
shown below.



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



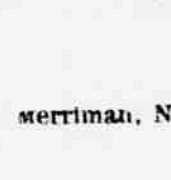
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Kennedy, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
as on cut, left side  
Some on left hip.  
Horses same on  
left shoulder.  
Range—Square  
Lake.



**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.



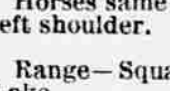
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Gordon, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
same as cut on  
left side.  
Horses  
branded on  
left shoulder.  
Range—6 miles  
south of Irwin.



**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 on  
left thigh  
Some cattle  
branded with  
X on left  
side. Range  
8 miles n. west of Merriman.



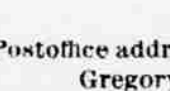
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Same as cut  
or with bar under  
S; right ear slit  
and dilapidated  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



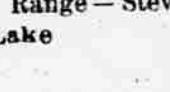
**VA**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip




**6**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



**2**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



**2Y**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



**44**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



**4**  
Horses branded  
same on left hip



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same on left hip



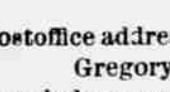
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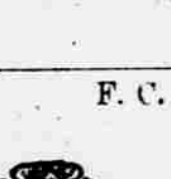
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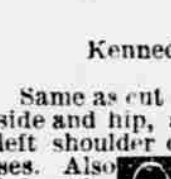
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**James Goodfellow.**  
Cody, Neb.  
Cattle branded  
on left side.  
Horses JS on  
left jaw  
Range—Between  
the Niobrara and  
Medicine Lake.



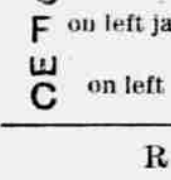
**N. S. ROWLEY**  
Kennedy, Nebraska.  
Same as cut on left  
side and hip, and on  
left shoulder of hor-  
ses. Also on left  
side and hip.  
3 on right hip and  
4 on left side




**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



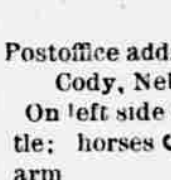
**Frank Rothleutner**  
Postoffice address  
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Cattle branded on  
side as on cut, same  
on hip. Some on left  
side  
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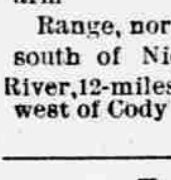
**George Heyne**  
Cody, Neb.  
Brand registered  
No. 1027  
Horses branded on  
left shoulder  
Range north and  
south of Cutcomb  
Lake in Cherry Co




**Pat Peiper**  
Simeon Neb.  
Cattle branded on  
left side and thigh.  
Horses have  
same brand on  
left thigh.  
Range on Gor-  
don and Snake  
creeks.



**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



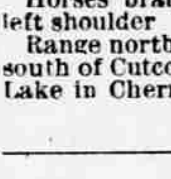
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Rosebud, S. D.  
Horses and cattle  
same as cut; also  
CJ BE JS on right  
hip.  
Range on Oak and  
Butte creeks.  
A liberal reward  
for information  
leading to detection  
of rustlers of stock  
bearing any of these brands.




**Morey & Hewett.**  
Gordon, Neb.  
Brand registered  
222. On left hip  
of cattle. Horses  
have a — on neck  
same with A on  
left shoulder.  
also 240  
left side.  
Range—south of  
Snake 35 miles  
e. of Gordon.




**Robert Quisenberry**  
Postoffice address  
Simeon, Neb.  
2 left hip on  
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  
X connected on  
left hip or side as  
shown in cut



**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  
branded AW bar connected on both sides and  
left hip of horses.



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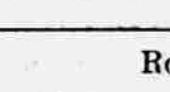
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