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The Loop Valley Hereford Ranch



Prize Boobies 13,693 and Culy Coat 11,231 at head of herd. The blood of Fowler, Abbie O. Lord, Wilton and Sir Gladstone predominates in my herd.

No. 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100. Ranch four miles north-west of Brownlee, Nebr.

HENRY AUGUSTON
Blacksmith
Brownlee, Nebr.
Does general blacksmithing at hard times prices for cash.

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Good, Hard Rock for sale in any quantity.

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Office Fraternal Hall or Elliott's Drug Store.

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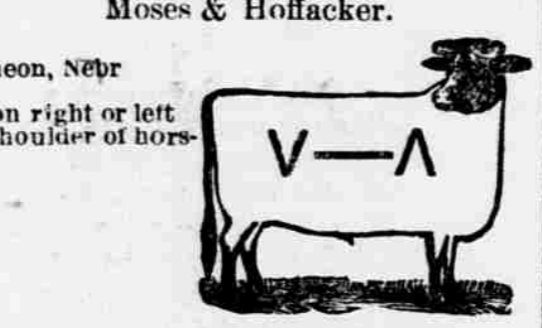
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WEST BOUND		
No. 27 Frt. Daily		2:33 P. M.
No. 25 " " " " " "	except Sunday	9:40 A. M.
No. 3 Passenger Daily		12:49 A. M.
EAST BOUND		
No. 28 Frt. Daily		6:50 A. M.
No. 26 " " " " " "	except Sunday	5:00 P. M.
No. 4 Passenger Daily		4:47 A. M.

MILL PRICES FOR FEED.	
Straw, bulk	75 per cwt \$14.00 ton
Shorts bulk	85 " " \$16.00 " "
Screenings	70c " " \$13.00 " "
Chop Feed	1.05 " " \$20.00 " "
Corn	.95 " " \$18.00 " "
Chop corn	1.00 " " \$19.00 " "
Oats	1.20 " " \$23.00 " "

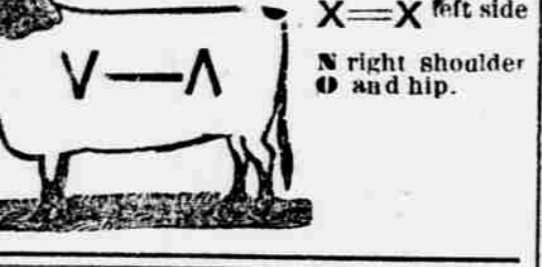
John Nicholson,
Dentist.
Will be in Valentine on the 20, 21, 22 and 23rd of each month. Reserve your work for him. Office at Donohoe House.

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Moses & Hoffacker.
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N on right or left shoulder of horses
O on left jaw. H on left side. H on left thigh



S. N. Moses
X=X left side
N right shoulder and hip

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In addition to the editorial department, which receives Mr. Bryan's personal attention, the Commoner contains a Current Topic department, wherein a non-partisan discussion of topics of timely interest and other valuable information will be found. The Home Department is conducted by an experienced woman who is widely known as a writer of household topics and who is an authority on the art of cooking in all that the term implies. This department also is worth the subscription price. The other departments of this paper are all interesting and ably conducted, among which is a summary of the world's news told in narrative style, and Mr. Maupin's department—Whether Common or Not—contains original anecdotes and wit, moral lessons in homely phrase and verse, and appeals to old and young alike.

The Commoner as a whole is clean, entertaining and instructive, and its rapid increase in circulation—now amounting to 140,000—is proof of the paper's strength and influence.

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A MOST LIBERAL OFFER.
All our farmer readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper The Home-

stead, its Special Farmers' Institute Editions and The Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, county and general news, our own paper, and make the price of the four one year only \$1.25. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own, are well known throughout the West, and commend themselves to the reader's attention upon mere mention. The Home Stead is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the West. The Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while the Special Farmers' Institute Editions are the most practical publications for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office.

The Greatest of its Kind.
The excellent record of the "Mercantile" is attracting much attention. It now has in Nebraska over seven thousand policy holders and over six million dollars of insurance in force. It has annually for five years on an average declared to its policy holders a dividend of 15 to 20 per cent; that is, it has saved in cost to its policy holders that much. There is no man but what would like to be in a business that would yield him 20 per cent profit.—The Mutual Insurance Journal.

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These companies are represented by I. M. Rice of Valentine. In these companies together with the German Mutual of Omaha he has written thousands of dollars of insurance for people in Valentine, Crookston, Cody, Merriman, Gordon, Wooklake and throughout Cherry Co. There has never been a question as to the reliability of these mutual companies and those holding policies in them can testify to the saving in cost of insurance. There should be no discrimination against them because they have saved thousands of dollars to policy holders, and insurance rates have been lowered 25 per cent by virtue of the existence of these companies, in which even those opposed to mutual insurance have profited. They insure city and farm property, school houses and churches.

Sparks News
Mrs. C. J. Callen is now visiting at Sparks with her son.
A large crowd attended the Easter services at the M. E. church. The decorations were beautiful, consisting of an arch of roses and lilies.
The new organ has arrived for the church.
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hudson spent Easter with Mrs. Hudson's sister, Mrs. Perry.
The birthday surprise party at Mr. Tom Hudson's Tuesday evening was well attended and all enjoyed a good time.
Miss Della Osborn is now staying with Mrs. G. Bristol, attending the Bristol school.
Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth went to Valentine Saturday.
Mrs. C. F. Callen has ordered a new stock of millinery goods.
Miss Gertie Allen is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. Haley.
Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson were out driving Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Graham pastor from Norden, dined with Mrs. Callen Sat.
Etna Brechbill and his aunt went to Valentine Monday.

McCann Items.
P. C. Galloway and wife left for the county seat last Saturday.
Mrs. L. A. Thompson moved from the Niobrara river to Kilgore last Tuesday.
The box social at the McCann school house last Friday night was quite a success. Everybody reports a good time.
C. A. Schowidersky is building a house on his ranch and improving his property.
D. Hendershot is improving his ranch by building a fine corral on his place.
August Erickson, Valentine, was visiting with Miss Mina Wurtz last Sat.

Eli Precinct.
Bun is putting down a well for Larson Bros.
Geo. Heckel has returned from the eastern part of the state.

Andrew Dahlgren has gone over to the churn ranch to work.
Jensen Bros. were on the river last week.
School closed in district No. 55 last Friday with a dinner and exercises. Mrs. Kittie Crowe was the teacher and is one of the best in the county. The program she prepared for the last day of school and rendered by the pupils would do credit to schools of twice the size.
The bridge across the Niobrara river known as the Crane bridge needs repairing. The approach to the north end of the bridge is about one-third gone. The commissioners or some one ought to see that it is fixed and that at once, or the county may have to pay some damages.

Bailey Briefs.
Wm. German was in Bailey the 10th looking for something fat.
Fred Walker went to Cody the 9th to meet George L. Hauver and family.
Lulu Sellers went up the river on the 9th to Mrs. Crowe's last day of school.
G. W. Seager is fixing a supply tank in the upper part of his drug store.
Fred Walker is going west soon to herd sheep.
Chas. Sellers went to Cody on the 10 to make final proof on his homestead.
Wm. Alder, from Merriman, will build a house on his place in Bailey in a few days.
Wm. Finlason was at the churn ranch last week on business.
We hear much about borrowing trouble, but who loans it?
An exchange says, trusts are breathing easy again. When did they breathe otherwise?
Lon Heath is in Cody plastering the Murphy building.
Wm. Finlason will start for Alberta Canada on the 13th.
W. H. Sellers was in Merriman the 8th doing some trading.
John Story was up the river the 8th after pork and poultry.
To be kind even to animals is to be wise.
If the trusts can be regulated by compelling them to reveal their methods, the wolf problem can be solved by making the brute show its teeth.

Arabia Screenings.
Everybody and everything is measly in this neighborhood this spring. Mr. Kreyck's family has been sick for weeks.
Ducks are very scarce this spring in proportion to past seasons but there are plenty of geese around trying to kill them.
A nice rain fell last Thursday night which is sure to bring the green grass.
On the 25th ult the Arabia orchestra furnished music for a masquerade ball at Longpine and when they returned they looked like smoked herring. They attributed it to travelling and loss of sleep but we believe they enjoyed too good a time, don't you?
Allen Benson arrived from Fremont about ten days ago and we are right glad to see him again. He says he is greatly pleased with the Normal school and does not hesitate to recommend it to any person desiring a thorough education in any line and he also says that if nothing happens to prevent he will return next fall to complete the course.
Leonard McNamee, who has been working for A. Benson the past winter, went down to Johnston last week on the pretense of holding down a homestead, but we are compelled to believe there were some stronger attractions—such as a sweetheart you know.
How many eggs did you eat Easter morning?

Porcupine Quills.
Duty before pleasure.
H. M. Burse went to S. D. last week.
W. C. Graddy took in the dance at Tom Hudson's.
Better slip with foot than with tongue.
Wm. Swain was through this locality recently.
Idleness is the root of all evil.
Henry Grooms is erecting some stables.
Better an open enemy than a false friend.
Miss Alice Tillson was out to church at Sparks Sunday.
Truth crushed to earth shall rise again.
M. Adair was at the office Saturday evening.
Dick Ogle was home Sunday.
Wm. Grooms bought a nice horse from Mr. Graddy.
Hope and strive is the way to strive.
Henry Grooms made seventeen trades last week.
Frank Lewis is holding down his homestead.
Mr. Land, of Norden, was through Penbrook Saturday.
Dick Burdick was out airing himself Saturday.
The noblest vengeance is to forgive.
Mr. Callen, the Sparks merchant, was at Penbrook one day recently.
W. Ryder is fencing his meadow.
Mrs. Swain and daughter, Roxie, went to Valentine Saturday.


The past winter was one of the most severe and lasting known to these parts but still all stock with the exception of a very few, are coming out very nicely. That goes to show the advantage of good sheds and plenty of hay.
Arabia is prospering so rapidly and the young people are so anxious to dance, why don't they appropriate funds and build a dance hall?


J. P. Kreyck has commenced assessing this precinct so I suppose nobody will be found at home for the next 20 days.
A dance was given in the school house of Hull's district on Sat., the 4th. We haven't seen any of those who attended but we are safe in saying that the attendance was not very great.

We learned that an anti-fence law has been passed and we believe it will work a great hardship on many of the ranchmen who have thousands of acres of land under a fence with a few acres of undeeded sand hills. Much of the deeded land is good for nothing but range but how are they to use it for that purpose without the aid of fences?

Table Notes.
Green grass and budding trees are the sure signs of spring.
Some of the farmers are busy putting in small grain.
The surprise party on Anna Gaskill last Saturday eve was a complete success. Twenty-two young people were present and enjoyed themselves hugely. Anna was the recipient of several useful presents.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Austin made a trip to town last Tuesday to attend the farmer's institute.
Geo. Gaskill purchased an Empire Cream Separator last week and is preparing to ship cream.
Daniel Hubbard is at present making his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Hooper.
J. J. Jackson has purchased the J. Gaskill place across the road from his and is now busy remodeling the house which already contains four rooms and is putting on two more, preparatory to moving his family in the near future.
Henry Becker, W. H. Hooper and T. W. Cramer have each put a fresh coat of paint on their houses, adding much to their appearances.
The Fairview teacher and pupils are busy preparing "The house without a man," to render at their school house next Friday evening.
C. W. Cramer took two hogs to market last Monday that netted him over forty dollars.
The Dry Creek school closes Friday.

A large number of friends and neighbors paid their respect to Mr. and Mrs. Segar and daughter last Friday by gathering at their home for the funeral services of Mr. Segar's mother. A number of the friends went with the bereaved family to Valentine from where the remains were taken to Colorado for interment.
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Dr. W. I. Seymour is coming.
FOR SALE:—Four year old, dark bay stallion; weighs about 1200 pounds; good limbs and well built. For further information inquire at this office. 10-4
LOST!
One gray mare branded  on left hip. Also one horse colt branded same as mare.
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Notice.
I have fourteen of fifteen registered Hereford Bulls, from one to three years old, for sale or trade. Also three full blood Galway Bulls at my ranch 25 miles south of Valentine and 20 miles west of Woodlake. W. G. BALLARD, 7 tf Woodlake, Nebr.
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Don't forget to see about your eyes while Dr. Barnes is at the Donohoe hotel.

Sin has many tools but a lie is the handle that fits them all.
Miss Randall went down to Norden Saturday.
Open confession is good for the soul.
Miss Lillie Grooms, of Valentine, visited several days with her cousins at Penbrook.
Never trouble trouble until trouble troubles you.
We feel sorrow for our editor that somebody should make a mistake about him.
Dave Owens was in Sparks neighborhood Sunday.
Roy Burdick is rushing the season by scouring his lister so as to be in the rush.
Charity begins at home.
John Owens says the only way to satisfy his appetite is to make a good horse trade.
Patience is the cheapest law.
John Grooms' Jr. children have been on the sick list but are improving.
Dave Hackler was out to Penbrook last Saturday.
Cherry county was well represented at Norden Monday in the hog business.
Once more we feel our oats; we raise good corn to feed our shoats; we eat light sleep tight, and practice economy.
Through some mistake last week we missed our blum budding.
Some people keep hounds to kill coyotes with but up west they keep them to kill their neighbors dogs with.
PORCUPINE.
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