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Monthly Meteorological Summary.
 STATION: Valentine, Nebr. MONTH: February, 1905.

Date.	TEMPERATURE.		PRECIPITATION.	WIND.	WEATHER.
	Max.	Min.			
1	19	-28	0	PC	Clear
2	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
3	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
4	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
5	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
6	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
7	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
8	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
9	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
10	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
11	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
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23	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
24	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
25	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
26	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
27	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
28	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
29	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
30	14	-21	0	PC	Clear
31	14	-21	0	PC	Clear

ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE.
 (Reduced to sea level; inches and hundredths.)
 Mean 29.30; highest 29.88, date 1st. Lowest 29.22, date 8th.

TEMPERATURE.
 Highest 62°, date 25th. Lowest -26°, date 2nd.
 Greatest daily range 83°, date 13th. Least daily range 10°, date 7th.

MEAN FOR THIS MONTH
 1880 25° 1892 26° 1905 18° 1901 18° 1904 20°
 1881 25° 1893 26° 1899 25° 1902 22° 19 15 13°
 1881 19° 1894 18° 1897 21° 1900 25° 1903 16°

MEAN FOR THIS MONTH FOR 16 YEARS 25°
 Absolute maximum for this month for 16 years 68°
 Absolute Minimum for this month for 16 years -37°

PRECIPITATION.
 Total this month 51; snowfall 4.9.
 Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 20 dates
 snow on the ground at the end of the month 0.

Total precipitation this month in
 1880 0.15 1892 0.47 1905 0.55 1898 .30 1901 1.19 1904 .22
 1881 1.49 1893 .25 1895 .25 1899 .45 1902 .29 1905 .51
 1891 1.55 1894 1.54 1897 1.49 1900 .25 1903 .13

WIND.
 Prevailing Direction NW; total movement 6595 miles; average hourly velocity 10; maximum velocity (for five minutes) 44 miles per hour from N W on the 8th.

WEATHER.
 Number of clear days 13 partly cloudy 13; cloudy 2; on which .01 inch, or more, of precipitation occurred 7.

NOTE: "T" indicates trace of precipitation; "-" below zero; "C" partly cloudy.
 JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer Weather Bureau.

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TIME TABLE
 Great Northern Line
 at O'Neill, Nebr.
 Going East, Leaving 10:10 a.m. Arrives 9:50 p.m.
 Passenger, daily except Sunday.
 Connections with Elkhorn trains east and west bound from all points west of O'Neill.
 Shortest route to Sioux City and beyond.
 Through connections for Sioux Falls, Minneapolis, St. Paul and all points north and west.
 Buy local tickets to O'Neill.
 FRED ROGERS, G. P. A.
 Sioux City, Iowa

Joe Bristol is short seven head of cattle, branded same as in cut elsewhere in this paper; also one black horse about 6 yrs old, weight about 1000 pounds, branded 02 on left shoulder and NB connected below on same shoulder. Anyone knowing of above stock please report to
Joe Bristol,
 Valentine, Nebr.

Horses For Sale.
 Some good work horses, saddle horses and some good young mares. Terms to suit purchaser. Inquire at Bishop's livery barn.
W. T. BISHOP.

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

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice to Creditors.
 THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County of CHERRY COUNTY, ss. Court.
 In the matter of the estate of Nettie E. Brosius deceased.
 To the Creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county, on the 22nd day of April, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1905, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 22nd day of April, 1905.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 5th day of March, A. D. 1905.
 W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.
 THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County of CHERRY COUNTY, ss. Court.
 In the matter of the estate of Tius J. Tay or, deceased.
 To the Creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county, on the 22nd day of April, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1905, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 22nd day of April, 1905.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 28th day of March, 1905.
 W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator.
 In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.
 STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. COUNTY OF CHERRY, ss. Court.
 To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of James A. C. Childers, deceased: It is hereby ordered that the administration of said estate be granted to her-self as administrator.
 It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Valentine Democrat a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
 Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1905.
 W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Notice of Executors Sale.
 In the matter of the estate of Sarah Woodson, deceased.
 Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of Hon. W. H. Westover, Judge of the District Court of Cherry County, Nebraska, made on the 25th day of February, 1905, for the sale of the real estate herein-after described, there will be sold at the front door of the Court House in Valentine, Nebraska, on the 24th day of April, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate to-wit: Lots 11 and 12 and 1/2 S 1/4 of section 4, township 23, range 27, and Lot 2 of section 9, township 23, range 27. Said sale will remain open one hour.
 Date: March 15, 1905.
 ALFRED LEWIS and P. W. C. LAWSON, Executors of the last will and testament of Sarah Woodson, deceased.

Notice to Creditors.
 THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. In the County of CHERRY COUNTY, ss. Court.
 In the matter of the estate of Peter W. Frueden deceased.
 To the Creditors of said Estate: You are hereby notified, that I will sit at the County Court Room in Valentine in said county, on the 22nd day of April, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m. to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1905, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 22nd day of April, 1905.
 Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court this 28th day of March, 1905.
 W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.
 In the County Court of Cherry County, Nebraska.
 STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss. COUNTY OF CHERRY, ss. Court.
 To the heirs and to all persons interested in the estate of Milfin P. Brosius, deceased: On reading the petition of Charles H. Cornell praying a final settlement and allowance of his account, filed in this court on the 20th day of March, 1905.
 It is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this Order in the Valentine Democrat, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.
 W. R. TOWNE, County Judge.

Contest Notice.
 U. S. Land Office, Valentine, Nebraska, March 28, 1905.
 A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Charles J. Lee, contestant, against the vested entry No. 16219, made August 2, 1904, for 1/2 of section 24 and 1/2 of section 25 township 28 range 28, by William Davis, contestee in which it is alleged that said claimant has never entered upon said tract of land and established a residence thereon as required by law; also that said claimant has never cultivated said tract of land as required by law; also that said claimant has wholly abandoned said tract of land for more than six months last past, and has failed to cure his taxes up to date. And that said alleged absence from the said tract was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine under the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on May 10, 1905 before the register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Valentine, Nebraska.
 The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, filed March 28, 1905, set forth facts which show that for one diligeant personal notice of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
 J. C. PETTIGRIN, Register.

A Benson
 Address—Arabis Nebraska.
 Range—North of Niobrara river.

J. W. Stetter,
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Other brands: I < I +
 Horses branded: I, < or + on left shoulder; I-O left thigh. Range on Boardman, Gordon, Snake and Sand Creek.

P. H. Young,
 Simeon, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as cut on left side
 Same as on left side
 On left jaw of V-horses.
 Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

Nebraska Land and Feeding Co.,
 Bartlett Richards, Pres. Will G. Comstock, V. P.
 Chas. C. Jamison Sec. & Treas.
 Cattle branded on any part of animal, also the following brands:
 Horses branded the same
 Range between Gordon and the F. E. & M. V. R. B. in Northwestern Nebraska. Address: BARTLETT RICHARDS, Ellsworth, Nebraska

St. Francis Mission
 Postoffice address: Crookston, Nebr., or Rosebud, S. D.
 Cattle branded as in cut.
 Some cattle in S D branded only on left hip.
 Range: North of the Minnechaduzza, 8 miles west of Crookston, and on Bull Creek.

F. W. Jersig
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as shown in cut on left side, loin or hip.
 Range between the Gordon and Snake south of the Niobrara river

R. M. Faddis & Co.
 Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy.
 Some branded on left thigh
 Horses on left shoulder or thigh
 Some on left or right thigh or shoulder

ALONZO HEATH
 Postoffice address: Cody, Nebraska
 On left side, Horses on left shoulder.
 Range north of Cutcomb Lake

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

Garner Brothers
 Cody, Nebr.
 Anywhere on cattle.
 Horses on left shoulder
 Range—North of Ft. Niobrara

F. T. Brackett
 Ridge, Nebr.
 Brand registered No 1480
 Brand right side on hip
 Horses same on right shoulder
 Range, Niobrara 6 miles south of Kilgore

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

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

Sawyer Bros.
 Postoffice address: Oasis, Nebr.
 G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle
 Horses DS on left shoulder. Some stock on left side
 Horses on left side
 Range on Snake river

Woodlake Neb
 John Roan's private mark still in left ear

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

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

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

Sandy William
 Merriman, Nebr.
 Mostly on left side. Some on right side.
 Horses same on left shoulder
 Range—Lake Creek, S. D.

C. P. Jordan.
 Rosebud, S. D.
 Horses and cattle same as cut, also CJ BE I J or right hip
 Range on Oak and Butte creeks.
 A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock

J. J. Peck
 Cody, Nebr.
 On both sides
 Horses on left thigh
 Range—Head Pass, Creek S. D.

James Goodfellow
 Cattle branded on left side.
 Horses JG 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 horses. Also on left side and hip.
 F+ on left side.
 DX on left side and on left jaw and left shoulder of horses.
 W C on left hip of horses

Chi Psi Cattle Co
 Edward Lewis foreman
 Wood Lake, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as in cut on right side.
 Range: 6 miles east of Simeon on Crookston ranch

J. P. GARDINER
 Postoffice address: Cody, Nebraska
 On left side of cattle, horses on right side
 Range, north and south of Niobrara river, 12 miles south of Cody

Frank Rothelntner
 Postoffice address: Kilgore, Nebr.
 Cattle branded on side as on cut, same on hip
 Some on left side

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

Albert Whipple & Sons
 Rosebud, S. D.
 Cattle branded SOS on right side
 Some cattle also have a + on neck
 Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters
 Some Texas cattle branded S O on left side and some on left side.
 Horses branded SOS on left hip, some cattle branded AW bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses

SWEENEY BROS
 Postoffice address: Pullman, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as on cut; horses branded same as cattle except reversed S. See block and Stephenson Lakes and South
 \$300 reward will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand

D. A. Haddock
 Marshall, Mo. or Simeon, Nebraska
 Cattle branded on left side 25 or cut, also 15 on left side with — on left hip of some cattle; also 846 on right side of some cattle; also 16 on left shoulder or hip. Z on left jaw.
 Home ranch—on Devey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

A T DAVIS
 Postoffice address: Hyannis, Nebr.
 On right side
 Horses on left shoulder
 also cattle on right side
 Range 13 miles north of Hyannis

C. H. Little.
 Merriman, Nebr.
 On either side
 Horses same on hip. Also E 3
 Range—Lake Creek S. D.

Morey & Hewett
 Postoffice address: Gordon, Nebr.
 Cattle branded on left side, hip and shoulder
 Range—on Minnechaduzza 5 miles east of Crookston.

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

Pat Pappas
 Simeon, Nebr.
 Cattle branded on left thigh or hip same as cut
 Horse brand same on the left shoulder

C. E. Wright
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Brand registered No. 574.
 Brand anywhere on right side.

G. W. BEAMER.
 Gordon, Nebr.
 Left brand on left side, out 2-1/2 inch circle.
 Brand registered 875.
 South brand on left shoulder.
 Circle 2 1/2 inch circle, 1-1/2

G. W. McFarland
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Cattle branded as in cut on left side.
 Old stock 2Y
 Range—four miles east of Fort Niobrara, 10th and south of Berry bridge the

Robert Quisenberry
 Postoffice address: Simeon, Nebr.
 left hip on cattle.
 Horses same on right shoulder.
 Range on Snake River

FRANK MOGLE
 Postoffice address: Cody, Nebraska
 On other side cattle for mark left cut clipped and right cut split; horses branded same on left or older
 Range on Niobrara and Medicine river

D. Stinard
 Valentine, Nebr.
 State Brand registered 1354
 Cattle and horses branded same as cut on left hip.
 Range—3 miles east of Ft. Niobrara.

Parmelee Cattle Co
 Rosebud, S. D.
 Cattle branded as cut on left side with stripe under tail.
 Horses branded on left thigh.
 Range on Soldier creek.

Metzger Bros.
 King Neb Cherry Co
 Branded on left side and thigh.
 Horses have cross right ear
 Horses have same brand as cut
 Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks.
 A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

I. S. Bristol
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Range on Niobrara river four miles east of Ft. Niobrara.
 Horses and cattle branded as in cut connected on left hip or side as shown in cut

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

J. A. YARYAN
 Pullman, Nebr.
 Cattle branded JY on right side.
 Horses branded JY on right shoulder
 Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

J. F. Swain.
 Sparks, Nebr.
 Cattle branded on left side as shown in cut.
 Range—South of Sparks on Niobrara river.

Morey & Hewett
 Gordon, Nebr.
 Brand registered 232 On left hip of cattle. Horses same left shoulder or also 240
 Range south of Snake 35 miles east of Gordon

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

Pat Pappas
 Simeon, Nebr.
 Cattle branded on left thigh or hip same as cut
 Horse brand same on the left shoulder

C. E. Wright
 Valentine, Nebr.
 Brand registered No. 574.
 Brand anywhere on right side.