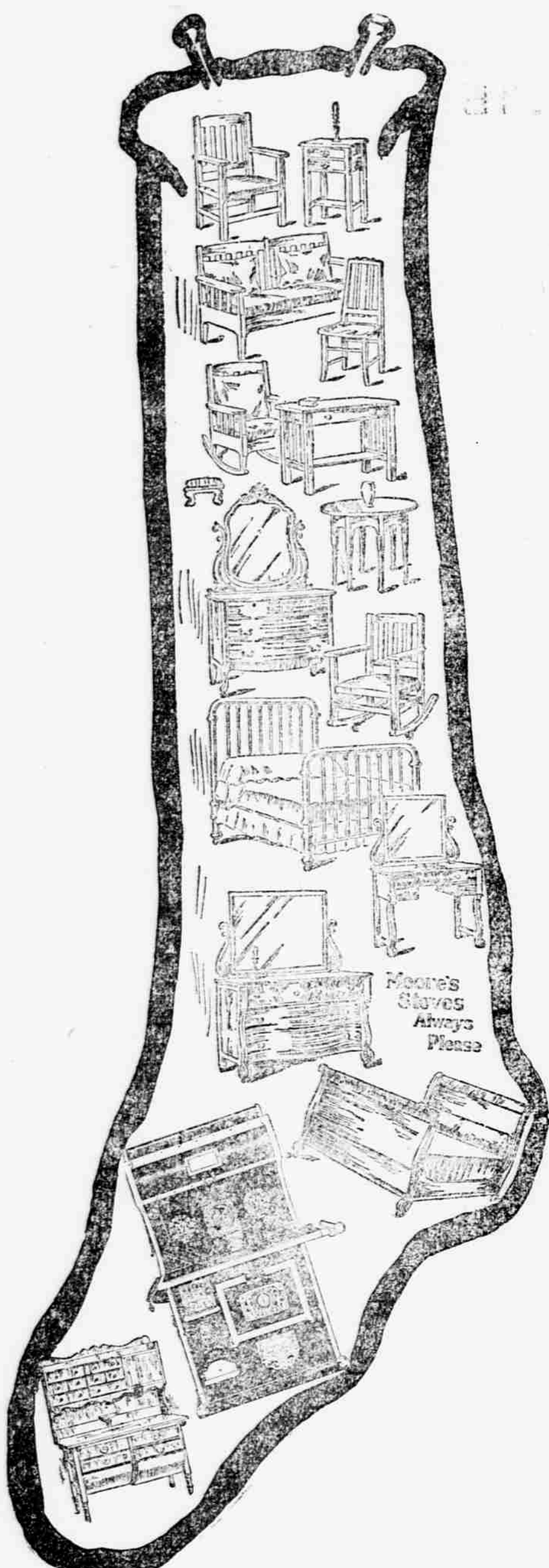


# Frank Fischer's Xmas Stocking

is full of up-to-date ideas for Xmas presents. Look through this stocking, and also take notice of the other popular suggestions



Aluminum Coffee Percolators  
Nickel Plated Ware  
Silver Knives, Forks and Spoons  
Stag Handle Carving Sets  
Individual Carving Sets  
Japanese China, Glass Ware  
and Dishes of all styles  
Japanese Straw Baskets and Lacquer Ware

## For the Children

Dolls, dressed and undressed, doll heads and bodies. See the large doll in the Display Window.

## Barney & Berry Skates

for both young and old

Sleds and coasters. The automatic coasters. A full line of trunks, suit cases and telescopes. New Home, White and New Royal Sewing Machines. (All Standard makes.) Green Philippine Fibre Rush Furniture. High grade Reed Furniture, including Foot Stools, Tables, Boudoir Boxes and the handy Sewing and Work Baskets. Weathered Oak Rockers, Book Cases, Magazine and Umbrella Stands. All sizes of Kitchen Cabinets, and Couches.

This large display of goods suitable for Christmas presents will greatly interest you. Do not forget to call and see them.

# FRANK FISCHER

## Hardware and Furniture.

## MESSAGE ON PANAMA

### President Lays Before Congress Facts Regarding Purchase.

Chief Executive Declares Government Should Prosecute Defaming Editor. Charges of Graft Called String of Infamous Libels.

President Roosevelt sent to congress Tuesday a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama canal property by the United States, denouncing in strong language charges that there was anything wrong in the acquisition of the canal. He says:

"In view of the constant repetition of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by or on behalf of the United States government in connection with the acquisition of the title of the French company to the Panama canal, and of the repetition of the story that a syndicate of American citizens owned either one or both of the Panama companies, I deem it wise to submit to the congress all the information I have on the subject. These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis, called the News, edited by Mr. Delevan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Mr. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, the World, owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody. Unfortunately, thousands of persons are ill-informed in this respect and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer.

"The story repeated at various times by the World and by its followers in the newspaper press is substantially as follows: That there was corruption by or on behalf of the government of the United States in the transaction by which the Panama canal property was acquired from its French owners; that there were improper dealings of some kind between agents of the government and outside persons, representing or acting for an American company; that among these persons, who it was alleged made 'huge profits,' were Mr. Charles P. Taft, a brother of Mr. William H. Taft, then a candidate for the presidency, and Mr. Douglas Robinson, my brother-in-law.

"These statements sometimes appear in the editorials, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals either unknown or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanderers is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes and in part stories originally concocted with a view of possible blackmail. Now, these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has been, or can be, produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous libels. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson for instance. But they are in fact wholly and in form partly a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the articles.

"The real offender is Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. While the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the government authorities. In point of encouragement of iniquity, in point of infamy of wrongdoing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance. It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this villain of the American people, this man who wantonly and wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable citizens and to convict the government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrongdoing of the basest and foulest kind when he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description for the charge he has made. The attorney general has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer will be brought."

"So far as this government is concerned," concludes the president, "every step of the slightest importance has been made public by its executive."

Message on Brownsville Affair. The president sent a message to the senate Monday on the Brownsville affair, reiterating all that had been charged against the colored soldiers concerned in shooting up the town, but recommending the reinstatement of any of the dismissed troops who might now come forward and satisfy competent authority of disposition to tell the truth and purge themselves of the contempt and conspiracy of silence declared to have marked the original inquiry.

## LONGBOAT WINS RACE.

Italian Runner Collapses in Sight of the Goal.

As on the memorable occasion of his first Olympiad, Dorando Pietri collapsed within sight of the goal Tuesday night and Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, who had been led by a yard or more nearly all the way, won the Marathon race at Madison Square Garden, New York.

The race was hard fought from start to finish and kept the thousands of spectators in wild excitement. At twenty-five miles Dorando was leading by two yards. A moment before Longboat had made a remarkable spurt and put himself on an even footing with the little Italian. Dorando immediately regained first position and the men were fighting it out in the twenty-sixth mile, with Dorando in the lead, but visibly weaker. The chances of Longboat appeared to improve in the second and third laps. In the fourth lap, while the crowd was crying itself hoarse, both men slackened perceptibly. Then suddenly Dorando staggered and dropped. Longboat finished alone. His time for the distance of 26 miles, 385 yards was 2:45:05.25.

The time was 33.35 seconds slower than the Marathon mark established by Dorando when he defeated Hayes over the same track three weeks ago. It was a gruelling race for nearly twenty-five and one-half miles, with the Italian generally in the lead, but occasionally overhauled by a wonderful spurt on the part of the Indian.

## VOTE IN LAST ELECTION.

Total Cast for All Candidates is 14,852,239.

The total popular vote of presidential candidates at the last national election was made known in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total shows the following votes cast: Taft (Rep.), 7,637,676; Bryan (Dem.), 6,292,182; Debs (Soc.), 447,651; Chafin (Pro.), 241,252; Hisgen (Ind.), 53,186; Watson (Pop.), 33,871; Gilhaus (Soc. Labor), 15,421. Total for all candidates, 14,852,239.

This grand total exceeds by 1,341,531 the total number of votes cast in the presidential election of 1904.

Compared with that election, the candidates of the Republican, Democratic and Socialist parties increased their vote this year. The reverse is true of the candidates of the Prohibition, Populist and Socialist Labor parties.

The biggest difference in a party vote is shown in an increase for Bryan of 1,315,211 over the total vote cast in 1904 for Parker.

## Mother and Babe Perish in Fire.

In a fire which destroyed their home at Bavaria, Kan., Mrs. Frank Himmelwright, wife of a section foreman, and her six-months-old child were burned to death.

## Chicago's Murder List Is 155.

The report of the police department shows that 155 persons were murdered in Chicago in the year 1908. Of the murders, twenty-four remain unsolved.

## All Quiet in Hayti.

Hayti has quieted down. American naval representation, with the exception of one vessel, will be withdrawn from the waters of that country.

## Ireland and Scannell in Rome.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul and Rt. Rev. Richard Scannell of Omaha, Neb., arrived in Rome. Both are in good health.

## CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The government crop report giving the final estimate on the wheat crop of the United States for 1908 today checked the declining tendency of prices in the wheat market and caused a firm tone at the finish, final quotations showing net gains of 1/8 to 1/4 c. Corn and provisions closed steady and oats easy. Closing prices: Wheat—Dec., \$1.05 1/4; May, \$1.05 1/4; July, 97 1/2 c. Corn—Dec., 57 1/2 c; May, 61 1/2 c. Oats—Dec., 49 1/2 c; May, 52 1/2 c. Pork—Jan., \$15.72 1/2; May, \$16.07 1/2. Lard—Jan., \$9.12 1/2; May, \$9.37 1/2. Ribs—Jan., \$8.17 1/2; May, \$8.47 1/2. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.01 1/4; No. 3 corn, 58 @ 58 1/2 c; No. 3 white oats, 50 1/4 @ 51 1/2 c.

## South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,600; 10 @ 15 c lower; native steers, \$2.75 @ 7.25; cows and heifers, \$3.00 @ 4.75; western steers, \$3.50 @ 6.00; Texas steers, \$3.25 @ 5.00; canners, \$2.00 @ 2.70; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 5.25; calves, \$3.00 @ 6.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.25 @ 4.25. Hogs—Receipts, 8,800; steady; heavy, \$5.35 @ 5.60; mixed, \$5.30 @ 5.40; light, \$5.25 @ 5.50; pigs, \$3.25 @ 5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.30 @ 5.50. Sheep—Receipts, 12,000; 10 @ 2 c lower; yearlings, \$4.75 @ 5.75; wethers, \$4.00 @ 4.50; ewes, \$3.25 @ 4.15; lambs, \$5.00 @ 7.15.

## Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,000; steady; steers, \$4.60 @ 7.55; cows, \$3.00 @ 5.25; heifers, \$2.50 @ 4.60; bulls, \$2.75 @ 4.50; calves, \$2.50 @ 8.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 @ 4.85. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; steady; choice heavy shipping, \$5.70 @ 5.82 1/2; butchers, \$5.65 @ 5.75; light mixed, \$5.10 @ 5.30; choice light, \$5.35 @ 5.45; packing, \$5.40 @ 5.75; pigs, \$4.00 @ 5.15; bulk of sales, \$5.50 @ 5.65. Sheep—Receipts, 20,000; weak; sheep, \$4.00 @ 5.00; lambs, \$5.25 @ 7.40; yearlings, \$4.25 @ 6.50.

## HARRIMAN SUSTAINED

### Supreme Court Decides He Need Not Answer.

Interstate Body Not Entitled to Press Questions Relative to Private Transactions—Harlan, McKenna and Day File Dissenting Opinion.

In an opinion handed down Monday by Justice Holmes, the supreme court of the United States held that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kahn, the latter a New York banker, should not be required to answer the interstate commerce commission's questions concerning dealings in stocks between the Union Pacific and other roads, to which they refused to make response when the subject was under investigation in New York.

In deciding the case the supreme court held that the commission is not entitled under the interstate commerce law to press questions relative to private transactions, even though they involve dealings in the securities of interstate railroads when the investigation of which such questions are a part has been begun upon the commission's initiative. The opinion dealt with the refusal of Messrs. Harriman and Kahn to make reply to questions put by the commission in the course of an inquiry concerning the dealings of Mr. Harriman as president of the Union Pacific railroad in stocks of other railroad companies, many of which are competing lines. Justice Holmes said the commission's inquiries should be confined to cases in which complaint had been made. He said privacy should be properly regarded in proceedings begun by the commission for its own purposes and that the powers conferred in the interstate commerce law exceeded any which have ever been delegated by a constitutional body of lawmakers.

In a dissenting opinion concurred in by Justices Harlan and McKenna, Justice Day declared that the effect of the opinion of the majority of the court would be materially to narrow the scope of the interstate commerce law. These three justices declared the questions of the commission, so far as they were sustained by the United States circuit court for the Northern district of New York, were entirely proper and should have been answered by Harriman and Kahn. Justice Harlan went even farther and held that all of the commission's questions should have received responses. Justice Moody did not participate in the case.

## FANATIC TERRORIZES TOWN.

Mad Man From Nebraska Shot Down in Edgewater, N. J.

Proclaiming himself to be "John, the Baptist, come to save the world," an armed fanatic terrorized the town of Edgewater, N. J., for an hour. He appeared suddenly on the main street, flourished a revolver and exchanged many shots with a hastily formed posse and at last fell wounded. Nobody else was hurt. In the midst of the excitement the madman seized a horse and wagon and tried to escape before he was shot down. The man, gray whiskered and apparently about fifty-five years of age, said he was Oscar S. Pomeroy, and that his home was in Nebraska, but that he had been an inmate of a private sanitarium in Stamford, Conn. He was ordered taken to the state asylum at Morris Plains, where he will be detained pending other proceedings.

## DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES SHIP.

Flag of Holland is Run Up to Mast Head of Venezuelan Vessel.

The Dutch cruiser Gelderland captured the Venezuelan coast guard ship Alix outside Puerto Cabello. The Dutch flag was hoisted over the Alix, the crew of which was sent ashore. The guardship was then manned by a Dutch officer and marines and towed to Willemstad. Although the seizure of the Alix was plainly discernible from Puerto Cabello, the forts there did not fire on the Gelderland. There is great enthusiasm over the incident in Curacao.

## Northcote Praises American Fleet.

Words of praise for the American battleship fleet and its officers and men were uttered by Lord Northcote, retiring governor general of Australia, at a luncheon in his honor at the Lawyers' club in New York. Lord Northcote said the vessels gave Australians a broader conception of the importance and power of the nation across the Pacific from them than they had before the visit. Of greater consequence, however, he regarded the fact that the appearance and conduct of their officers and men created an impression to their credit that he believed would be everlasting.

## Mrs. Gould Denied Jury Trial.

Katherine Clemmons Gould was denied in the appellate division of the New York supreme court a trial by jury in her action for divorce from Howard Gould.

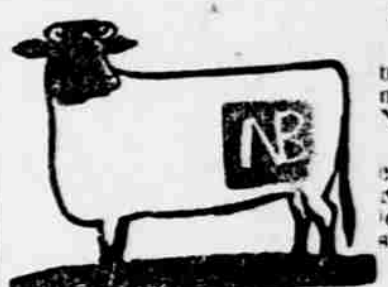
## Ruef's Sentence Delayed.

The pronouncing of sentence on Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, convicted of bribery, was postponed by Superior Judge Lawlor until next Saturday, Dec. 19.

## Grand Sire of Odd Fellows Dead.

Judge John L. Nolen, grand sire of the independent order of Odd Fellows of the world, died at Nashville, Tenn., Monday.

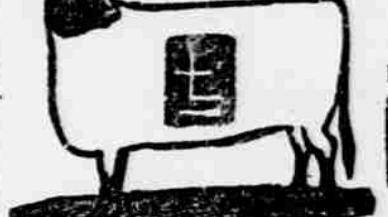
## Los Bristol



Valentine, N. B. Range on Snake Creek north of Simeon, Neb. Some cattle branded as cut on left side as shown in cut

## R M Faddis & Co.

Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy. Some branded on left thigh.



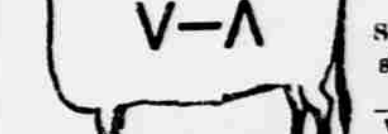
Horses branded on left shoulder or thigh.



Some branded on left shoulder or thigh.

## P. H. Young.

Simeon, Neb. Cattle branded as cut on left side.



Some on left jaw of horses.

Range on Gordon Creek north of Simeon.

## Albert Whipple & Sons

Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded SOS on left side.



Some cattle also have a cross on neck. Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters. Some Texas cattle branded SOS 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.

## 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.

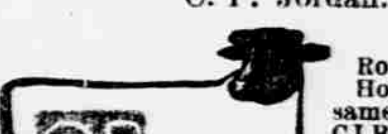


Some cattle branded with a cross on left side and hip. Some on left jaw and left shoulder of horses.

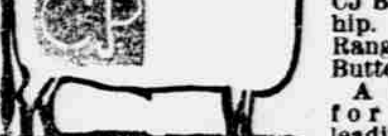
On left jaw of horses.

## C. P. Jordan.

Rosebud, S. D. Horses and cattle same as cut, also CJB on right hip.



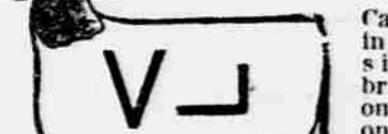
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## KORH & TERRILL.

Brownlee, Neb. Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Some on left hip. Range on North Loup river, two miles west of Brownlee.



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## J. A. YARYAN

Pullman, Neb. Cattle branded JY on right side.



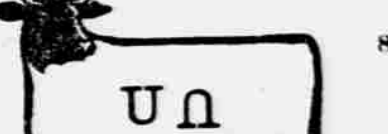
Horses branded JY on right shoulder. Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.



Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

## Pat Peiper

Simeon, Neb. Cattle branded as in cut on left side. Some on left hip. Range on North Loup river, two miles west of Brownlee.



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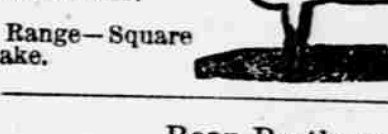
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## D. M. Sears.

Kennedy, Neb. Cattle branded as in cut, left side. Some on left hip.



Horses same on left shoulder. Range—Square Lake.



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## Roan Brothers

Woodlake, Neb. Range on Long Lake and Crooked Lake.



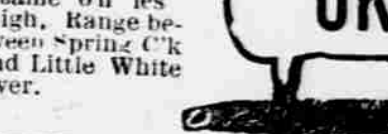
Range on Long Lake and Crooked Lake.

## JOHN KILL'S PLENTY

St. Francis Mission, Rosebud, S. D. Cattle branded as in cut; horses same on left side.



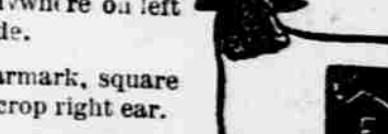
Cattle branded as in cut; horses same on left side. Range between Spring Creek and Little White river.



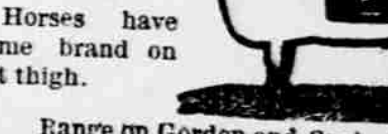
Range between Spring Creek and Little White river.

## Metzger Bros.

Rolle, Neb. Cattle branded as in cut on left side.



Earmark, square crop right ear. Horses have same brand on left thigh.



Earmark, square crop right ear. Horses have same brand on left thigh.

Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks. A reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.