

A FINE STOCK COUNTRY.

The Advantages of Montana For the Successful Raising of Horses, Cattle and Sheep.

The Bunch Grass Pasture Nutrition the Year Around on the West Plains.

Some Interesting Facts and Figures Concerning the Cattle-Raising and Dairy Business.

Bozeman (Mont.) Special to the Press. The traveler across the plains of Northern and Eastern Montana a few years ago would have met almost daily vast herds of buffaloes and antelopes. The prairie was literally black with them summer and winter. They were the wild cattle and sheep of the Indian. As long as they were abundant, he thought it easier to jump on a horse and run down a buffalo cow or to stalk a fat antelope than to rear domestic animals. While the red man held possession of the land this state of affairs continued. But his white brothers pressed in from all sides, the buffalo herds diminished, the antelopes became scattered and shy, only the limitless prairie remained. The thought naturally occurred to the new comers, that a country which had been the home of such numbers of live stock would surely prove favorable to domestic herds. Immigrants, coming in wagons from Missouri or Minnesota, had driven a few milk cows along the supply of milk on the road; but these did not go far towards a basis for the establishment of extensive herds. People having this business in view went therefore to Texas, California and Oregon for their stock cattle, and the business grew gradually by the natural increase of the herds. Beef sold at good prices, and the value of stock cattle went up to \$40 and \$50 per head. As yet there was only a home demand for the beef, and the time came when the supply exceeded the demand, and had not the temporary decrease of population after 1873. Prices dropped until good cows might be bought at \$12 per head. It then first seemed to dawn upon our stockmen that as it had been possible to drive stock into the Territory, so it might now prove profitable to drive them out. In 1874 there were about 100,000 cattle in Montana, and that year a few thousand steers were driven to the Union Pacific railroad and shipped to Chicago. From that day the cattle interest took a new start and has grown into a very important and valuable industry.

Before entering into details about the different kinds of stock, let us first examine into the capabilities of Montana in a general way as a stock raising country. Prof. Cyrus Thomas says in his reports in the publications of the United States geological survey: "Without injustice to any part of the west, it may be truly said of Montana, that it is the best grazing section of the Rocky mountain region." A few years ago The New York Tribune sent one of its best correspondents, Mr. Z. L. White, to examine the resources of the western territories. He sums up his report as follows:

Montana is the best grazing country in the world. I know that this is a bold assertion to make, but after seeing something during the past summer of the best cattle ranges of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Dakota, Wyoming and Utah, which states and territories furnish us a far superior proportion of the beef business in this country, and talking with stock men, army officers, and others whose acquaintance with the west is far more extensive than my own, and whose experience gives to their opinion great weight, I am certain that it is not exaggeration. There may be portions of South America, where cattle, sheep and horses may be raised at less expense than in Montana, but there is certainly no place in the world where the same grade of animals, ready for market, cost the ranchmen less money, while the price which they command is greater than in any of the Spanish American republics, and but very little below that obtained in the less remote states and territories of this side of the Mississippi.

THE FIRST REQUISITE OF A STOCK COUNTRY is good grass and plenty of it. The grasses of the Rocky mountains are the well-known grama (or buffalo) and bunch grasses. The buffalo grass is a short, fine, curly grass, rarely exceeding four or five inches in length, but extremely nutritious. This grows on very dry soils, and is especially adapted to sheep, but has not in Montana the same importance as in the southern territories. It is the bunch grass on which our cattle feed and fatten on a thousand hills. Under this name are embraced several distinct species of grasses: but they have all the same characteristics. It grows in more or less scattered tufts, and to a height of one to three feet, according to the richness and moisture of the soil. On the driest, gravelly plains there are large, bare spaces between each "bunch," while in the high mountain parks I have found it growing close and tall as timothy in an eastern meadow. It is often cut for hay on the table lands near the mountains, yielding as much as one and one-half tons per acre. It does not grow in the low, alluvial bottoms, but the benches, the table lands, the foothills, the very mountains themselves, where not frost-lad or naked rocks, are covered with this admirable grass. It is a beautiful sight in spring to see all these vast plains and hills assume an emerald hue, as the new grass sprigs up and gradually climbs the mountain slopes, following closely in the wake of the melting snow, until it clothes them to the summit. In June it reaches its full growth, and as the heat and dryness of the air increases the grass assumes gradually a yellowish hue, and by the middle of July has the appearance of a ripe grain field. But now the peculiar qualities of this grass begin to show themselves. An eastern grass which was all dried up for want of

moisture would soon have its little remaining strength beaten and bleached out by the rain, the wind, and the sunshine. The mountain bunch grass, dried standing on the prairie, retains all its nourishing properties and is fully as good feed as in its green state. As Prof. R. W. Raymond says of it, "to pasture a horse on bunch grass is like giving him plenty of good hay with regular and liberal feeds of grain." Towards spring it loses some of its strength, but when stock can get plenty of this dry and apparently worthless grass to eat, they will keep in good condition all winter without other food and without shelter. This is the

IMMENSE ADVANTAGE MONTANA HAS in raising stock, making it possible to follow this pursuit without expensive winter feeding, wherever the climate conditions are such that the snow does not fall very deep or lie long at the time. The snow fall is very variable in different winters and different localities. In some of the mountain valleys, the best grain sections, it falls usually deep and covers the ground all winter; in others snow sufficiently deep for sleighing is almost unknown. On the plains and in the more open country the fall is ordinarily light, and even when a heavy fall occurs it remains on the ground but a few days. A warm wind from the Pacific, the so-called Chinook, carries it off or a high wind, even if cold, blows it into the hollows and gulches, leaving the ridges and points bare. Once in a while a general snow occurs, covering the whole face of the country to a depth of from six to eighteen inches, and staying on the ground several weeks, undisturbed by wind. Then it is time for the stockman to "rustle." If his cattle are in good condition they will stand short commons a long time; but if they are already weakened by snow weather and the range has been closely grazed, his losses are apt to be heavy. If he has a fresh range near by to which he can drive his herd, he will usually escape severe loss, as the cattle can graze through a considerable depth of snow as long as this remains loose. But if a thaw comes, followed by a hard freeze, while the snow still lies deep, and a hard crust forms on the top, then the cattle can neither travel nor feed and fare hard if it continues long. Such cases are, however, extremely rare. In April and May the falls of rain and wet snow are general and heavy, and these the stockman hails with delight as they insure a good growth of grass.

It is only within the last few years that the plains have been open to the stockgrower. He has followed, as the Indian has been pushed back. Now all of Montana, except the Indian reservations, is practically open for settlement. A few herds have pushed as far east as the Musselshell, but nearly one-half of Montana is yet virtually unoccupied. To this vast section many eastern capitalists are going as well as the stock-growers from the crowded ranges of Wyoming.

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A CRAZY ELEPHANT.

The Damage He Did in One Week—Twenty Persons Killed.

Mola Buksh belonged to the Maharaja Benares, and was lent by him one January to a small shooting party in the South Mirzapur, consisting of three gentlemen, two of whom he would with them their wives and children. He was without tusks, of great size, and of what amateurs call beautiful points, stanch with tigers, trained and tractable, but credited from the first knock on his with an uncertain temper. On the 15th of the month he took part in an expedition into the jungle, pelted a wounded tiger in a ravine with clouds till the brute charged and fastened on his ear, then got his foe between his legs and kicked him from hindfoot to forefoot and back again till he was done for. On the 19th he carried some of the party, including two ladies, for an outing, nothing unusual being observable in his manner, except his rather excited rivalry with a horse which was cantering by his side. On arriving at camp he was fed as usual by female hands, and his affection humored of having a biscuit put actually into his mouth. He had, however, about him rather a menagerie smell, for which a bath in the neighboring river was prescribed. In perfect peace of mind all retired to rest. But at midnight came the cry, "Mola Buksh has killed his mahout!" This was true, but it was generally thought that the act was accidental. The paroxysms had come on him about 2 A. M. He at once tore himself loose and went in search of his second attendant. This man was a purloiner of grain, inattentive and cruel, and greatly detested by the animal. The mahout and his deputy were sleeping side by side under a tree, shrouded in their coverlets as the manner of the country is. MOLA KNELT ON HIS ENEMY and killed him and perhaps in attempting to rise stepped on to the mahout, who was drunk and not likely to roll aside. At any rate, some hours afterward, when the animal returned and saw the bodies he only looked down at that of the mahout, but seized the other and tossed it hither and thither. All was alarm, naturally, in the camp. Cows were slung up in trees—only fortunately a banian—and the ladies and children put in comparative safety. Morning was anxiously looked for. When it came, however, the coast was clear. Mola Buksh was passing his time in wrecking a village at some little distance, unroofing the houses and plundering the sweetmeats and grain. The other elephants had been driven into the jungle; the men were armed and vigilant, the servants on the watch. As an alarm was given, a forced march was determined on and off the whole party set for an encampment ten miles on. This was reached in safety, but the elephant

was soon in pursuit, upset the camels, oads and all on the road, fang to fight and left the burdens deserted by the flying coolies, caught up two unhappy lingers and killed them both and pounded away over the hill stones with madness in his head and unnatural activity of over-heated excitement in his limbs. The various friends were seated on trunks watching their growing encampment, when the shout arose "Mola is coming!" And sure enough, heading down a steep pitch, swung into view the reckless mammoth, as if the fiends were close behind him. That was a moment indeed. Wives, ayahs and children were hurried to trees scarcely of adequate height, and the men and the servants took their places for defence beside them. But one—I shall certainly name him—Wigram Money, a magistrate of Mirzapur, advanced on the little plain between the tents alone to MEET THE APPROACHING BRUTE. He received Mola Buksh at fifty yards with his first barrel, and the ball struck the centre of the forehead. This stopped him, and a second made him turn again toward the hill. He was pursued on horseback, and though he doubled round and again approached the tents, he remembered his lesson; and, indeed, though he dogged the hurried marches of the party, appearing suddenly and causing great alarm, for the next day or two he seemed to have a dread of coming quite close. The distances he traveled were scarcely credible; by light and in the dark it was one excited and destructive raid, without exhaustion and without repose. He tore off roofs, he tore up wheat, he devoured or scattered the contents of shops. The villagers—men and women, children and old people—fled before him. He invaded two other sporting camps besides the one he was first attached to, tossing the equipments about, maddening the horses and at times surprising some unfortunate attendant. He harassed the Maharaja himself on the line of march, pushing over his camels and breaking his furniture, and forced the prince to save himself by sheer galloping to a country palace. One of his last feats was this: A Rane of high birth was on a pilgrimage to Benares. She was encamped in a grove. Red and white striped tents were enclosed by the canvas walls; in the innermost was the Rane herself. The Rane or entourage of native rank encircled her, and they stood by her, with shakos over their tied up heads and old unloaded flint muskets, stood about. There was a rush of cattle and peasannts down the road, dust in clouds, and a cry of "the elephant!" The Rane's currier hired left her. Mola Buksh leveled all opposing obstacles and stood before the miserable princess herself. The slave girls hid behind themselves. The old lady fled to her palanquin. The mad animal tore her from it and put her to death. He feasted on a heap of cakes which had been prepared for the shrines of the holy city. A Brahmin crept in to see what the fate of his mistress had been. Mola seized him and destroyed him, and flung him on the road, where his body was seen by my informant. On the 27th the fit subsided, and Mola Buksh walked into his stables at Ramnagar, the fort of his master, near Benares, glad to have his wounds attended to. He had been a week on the loose—had killed twenty persons and wounded others, and had destroyed a great deal of property.

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In coats, the latest fashion in New York is three and four button frocks, very quiet, in dark colors, with pin checks and dots.

The vests are being cut short, and fancy vests in polka dot and stripes are being worn. White vests will not be worn this summer.

The straight standing collars, coming together in front, are worn a great deal, but the swell collar is one with about a quarter of an inch space at the throat and the ends bent down about half an inch. The flat scarfs are still worn in bright colors.

Low stiff hats, with broad brims, are to be worn. The colors are snuff brown, olive green and black, with light drab for summer wear. Straw hats will not be worn to any great extent. The silk hats are made with a wide brim and a very large bell crown.

In underwear, the favorite article for summer wear appears to be fancy striped baggish suits consisting of undershirt, drawers and stockings. These suits range in price from \$5 to \$12. With low shoes, neck and white striped socks are worn and are considered very neat.

In shirts, the fancy stripe and dot is sold largely with the white shirts. The fancy shirts are made to open both behind and in front, in order that there may be ventilation to keep the body cool. The white shirts are made to open only behind, as they are worn in full dress, and a solid bosom keeps its shape much better than an open one.

In the matter of shoes there is no set style, but the enamel shoe, with colored seal top, is being worn a great deal. The favorite color is a brownish yellow, and the enamel can be renewed as often as necessary, and the top may be easily cleaned. The extreme pointed toe is not made in first class goods, although the shoe is narrow. These shoes are worn either with a lace or imitation lace, faced with patent leather.

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