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### JESSE AND FRANK JAMES.

Canton Aroused When the Desperadoes Were Near Here on Their Escape From Minnesota.

Away back in 1876 the good natured old timers in Canton were aroused by the news that the James and Younger gang of desperadoes had raided a bank at Northfield, Minn., and that three had been killed and the balance were making their escape down the Sioux Valley. About nine o'clock in the morning one dreary rainy day, in the summer, a young man named Rongstad, who lived up near where E. B. Peterson now lives, rode into town and in a few minutes it was noised around that the James brothers were east of town and making their escape south. The horse young Rongstad rode had a bullet in its neck, fired by one of the James brothers. In a very short time every man in Canton who had a gun was tearing around hunting for a mount to follow and capture the daring freebooters. It was raining hard at the time and the roads were very muddy, but this didn't prevent fifteen or twenty from starting out, crossing the river at Beloit and thence east to head off the fugitives. Peter Wahl who proved up on his homestead in Dayton township last week, was in this office last Friday and incidentally mentioned the James brothers and his narrow escape from being killed by them. This brought to our memory the occasion which produced so many heroes in Canton. Mr. Wahl says that the James brothers came to the Rongstad place in the evening wearing rubber overcoats, and claimed they were sheriffs hunting horse-thieves. In the morning they made for the Fowler farm run by Charlie Fountain, there they found mules and passed on to the Larson place where Andrew Shulson was in charge. Peter Wahl was there and had a nice mare with him. John Wahl was also in the party. It was about 7 a. m. The James boys told the young men that they were sheriffs hunting horse-thieves and wanted fresh horses. One of the James boys took the halter out of Peter Wahl's hand. Pete objected and said him no man could ride that mare but himself. Before Pete knew it, James was on the animal's back, and then pulled a big gun and said stand aside Bub. Pete recognized the importance of the threat. The other brother had taken a pony from Shulson and away they went in hot haste for the Sioux which they crossed at Carl Anderson's place, and were none too soon as a Minnesota sheriff and posse were scarce half a mile behind. Peter Wahl and young Rongstad got moused and followed the robbers, crossing the Sioux a few minutes behind them. Just as the James brothers got on top of the bluff they turned around and one of them fired at the pursuers. Peter Wahl dodged and the bullet passed through the neck of Rongstad's horse, lodging in the skin on the opposite side. Young Rongstad and his bleeding horse then made for Canton, and the Cantontites were prompt to respond to the cry for help. Peter Wahl watched the James brothers disappear and he got on top of the hill only to see them flying across the country in the direction of where Inwood now stands. Pete followed as best he could, for he wanted his good mare back, but his horse was no match for the ones the robbers rode and Pete had to give up the chase. He met the Canton warriors and told them the direction the robbers had taken, and he continued back towards Canton, stopping at Beloit, where Ernest Wendt, now of Canton, was running a big store, and as Pete was bareheaded, Mr. Wendt gave him a hat. Pete lost his hat in the chase and didn't have time to stop. The Canton hunters returned, none catching sight of the daring robbers. The James boys on their way south ran across Dr. Moshier, out on the prairie, who lived at Fairview in early days, and they needed fresh horses and made him not only give them his team, but made him change his dry clothes with them, and told him not to move for an hour, and he didn't for several. Moshier got back to Sioux

City pretty badly frightened. He got the Wahl mare in the forced trade and in due time Pete got his animal back. The robbers continued to run the gauntlet from Canton to Missouri, but always managed to keep ahead of their pursuers. The James boys gave Canton almost as much preparation for war as Ed. Alexander's Sioux Indians. The Indian scare drove everybody into Canton, and some never stopped until they reached LeMars.

### MINNESOTA CREAMERY NOTES.

Jacob Christiansen of Albert Lea township received a check of \$19.31 for 2033 pounds of milk delivered to the Albert Lea Creamery during the month of November, all the milk being from two cows. He has excellent cows and takes good care of them, believing in the theory that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well.

This week the butter shipments are as follows: Blooming Prairie, 4,340 lbs.; Geneva, 2,450 lbs.; Newry, 1,470 lbs.; Union, 2,800 lbs.; Berlin-Summit, 4,000 lbs.; Summit, 1,610 lbs.; Red Oak Grove, 1,800 lbs.; Geneva Village, 5,810 lbs. Total, 24,430 lbs.—Blooming Prairie Times.

The largest monthly milk check issued by the Albert Lea Creamery Association during the past year was to Rogers Bros. of Albert Lea township, in the sum of \$105.88 for the month of May. Their total income of milk during the year ending November 30th, was 1,900.57. The largest monthly check issued by the same association was for \$103.43 to A. O. Bakken for the month of August. Mr. Bakken's sale of milk amounted to over \$1100 during the year.

Extract of annual report of Geneva Village Creamery Association: Milk received, 3,873,312 lbs.; butter made, 178,577 lbs.; average yield for the year, 4.62; received for butter shipped, \$29,964.76; retailed for cash, \$129.36; retailed to patrons, \$3,090.50; total receipts, \$33,174.62; paid into sinking fund, \$1,980; running expenses, \$2,518.13; paid patrons for milk, \$25,643.06; paid patrons in butter, \$3,090.50; paid patrons for work, \$7.85; total disbursements, \$33,179.54.

The annual meeting of the Albert Lea Creamery Association was held in this city last Monday and was well attended. The following officers were elected: President, T. A. Vandegrift; vice-president, F. S. Ruble; secretary, M. Halvorson; treasurer, F. W. Barlow; directors, A. O. Bakken, A. J. Berglund, and Jas. Carey. The report of the secretary for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1895, showed that 4,964,428 pounds of milk had been received at the creamery during the year, from which 220,003½ pounds of butter were made, besides the cream sold; total expenses, \$3,658.22; sinking fund, \$2,492.40; total receipts, \$41,969.55; total paid patrons, including butter and small surplus, \$35,818.93; average price, paid patrons per hundred pounds of milk, 71 cents; average net price per pound of butter, 19 cents; price paid patrons, 16 1-5 cents per pound; yield, 4.41 per hundred pounds of milk. All debts of the association are paid and a 25 per cent. dividend was ordered paid to stockholders. \$50 was voted President Vandegrift as a slight recognition of the services he has rendered the association since its organization. Harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout the deliberations of the meeting.

### A Snap.

For sale, 160 acres of land one mile east of Harrisburg, at \$18 per acre. 140 acres broken. Inquire of John Allibone, Canton, South Dakota.

Henry Arnason, proprietor of the City milk route, is selling milk at 5 cents a quart. Get tickets from the wagon. Customers served night and morning with all they want. HENRY ARNASON.

### Notice of Stock-holders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lincoln County Agricultural Society will meet at the Court House in the City of Canton, at 2 P. M., Feb. 5th, 1896. A new board of directors is to be elected at this meeting.

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