HORSE THIEVES MUST GO

Montana Growers Determined to Rid the Range Country of the Rustlers.

An Organization Being Perfected Which Will Take in Every District.

Portion of the Gang Located With a Thousand Stolen Animals in Their Possession—Heavy Losses.

During the year 1891 the stockmen of Montana, Idaho and eastern Washington lost a great many thousand dollars through the operations of well organized gangs of horse thieves in the states mentioned. A prominent horse grower living in the eastern section of Montana, talking on the subject yesterday, said the evil had grown to such an extent, and the thieves had become so bold that it had come down to the question, "Shall the horse growers and stockmen have their business wiped out, or shall they wipe the thieves out?" The stockmen have determined to accomplish the latter, and are now organizing to carry it through. It will be remembered that four or five years ago the cattle growers of Northern Montana suffered heavy losses from the depredations of cattle thieves. Finally they organized and in one summer hunted the cattle thieves to death, hanging or shooting a score or more of them. Since that time there have been but few cattle stolen from the ranges.

But it is much more difficult to run down the horse thieves. Horses can be driven faster than cattle, can be corraled to better advantage, and unless there is a well organized system, extending over a large area, it is almost impossible to run the thieves down. During 1891 the rustlers became so bold and so desperate that it was worth a man's life to run across them with a band of horses in their possession and make any inquiries. In the same way they have terrorized settlers along their drives, so that honest and law abiding citizens, who know what is being done, fear to tell the authorities, lest the thieves burn them out of house and home, or shoot them down like dogs. It is believed that there are not less than 100 men engaged in the wholesale stealing of horses in Montana and adjacent states. Their method of doing business is something like the following: A portion of the gang will run a bunch of horses out of Washington down into western Montana. There they will be taken in hand by another portion of the gang, and run through northern Montana down to the Wyoming border. The members of the gang who do the shipping receive them there, and they are sent down into Iowa or Illinois on the cars and sold. Sometimes, when there is a demand for horses in Dakota, they are sent there and used. This was illustrated in the case of Lafayette Wright, residing near Sprague, Wash. In October, 1890, thieves drove off fifteen head of fine horses belonging to him. Last fall a neighbor of Wright's went down into North Dakota with a band of horses. While there this neighbor got on the track of the horses Mr. Wright had lost. The latter, with a sheriff, went to North Dakota, and at Valley City he found his horses. After some trouble Wright received something over $1,000, but he never was able to find who the thieves were.

But the rustlers do not always sell in North Dakota. If they think there is a surplus of horses in any section of that state they immediately set about to reduce it. South Dakota also is a great sufferer from the depredations of horse thieves. Edward Deakin, of Pierre, S. D., a raughman, in talking of the evil in his state, says: "Your western horse thief is no petty criminal. He does business on a wholesale basis and deals only in large lots. Within the last few weeks not less than 500 horses have been stolen from ranches in the vicinity of Pierre. The thievery is not difficult, because the horses are loose and grazing over the range. The thieves, who work in companies of four to six, ride on to the range just about daylight, and getting as many of the horses as possible into a drove, drive them on a dead run till they reach a safe distance from the locality where the horses are owned. Then the tired animals are tethered in 'strings'—that is, a number of them are tied together—and the march to the thieves' quarters is resumed. The gang that is working around Pierre now has a rendezvous in the mountains. Here they keep the stolen horses for a while, when they take them to some town and sell them, pretending to be ranchers. One gang that was 'rounded up' a couple of years ago used a big cave in the side of a mountain as a barn, and in this they could hide 1,000 horses. The entrance was barely large enough to admit a single horse, and was concealed by a heavy growth of underbrush. Another gang dug a cave in a bluff overlooking a stream. They used to lead the stolen horses a mile or so in the water of the shallow river, and by that means throw pursuing parties off the track of the herd, the trail ending abruptly at the water's edge. The present gang is strongly intrenched in the mountains, and will fight desperately when attacked."

A year or so ago D. A. G. Flowerree, of this city, lost 400 head of horses at one time, and not a trace of them has be ever had. The past summer the complaints have come from all over Montana, especially from growers in the eastern part of the state and in Custer county. Advices from that section say that Tom Kent, a well-known grower, lost 400 head last season. Other growers also lost largely.

But the end is rapidly drawing nigh. Detectives have been with the gang, and they are now located, together with 1,000 head of stolen stock. A posse of thirty stockmen struck their trail the other day, and news of an engagement may be expected at any time. But this is only the beginning of the war of extermination which will be waged as relentlessly against the horse rustlers as it was against the cattle thieves. To carry it out, each round-up district will have a separate organization, but all working in harmony. A fund of $20,000 is being raised, and with this the growers believe they will be able to put a stop to horse stealing in the state. Agents will be kept at all the shipping points in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, and every possible outlet guarded. Unless the rustlers soon dispose of the horses they have corralled in Wyoming, near the Montana line, and scatter, a big force will be upon them, and the result will be a pitched battle, for which the stockmen will be prepared.

The celebrated Jackson corset waist in black and colors for sale only by Butcher & Bradley.

Cheap bedroom sets and stoves at Taylor's, on Broadway.

$5 Reward.

For a dog, lost about Nov. 20. Black and tan, medium size, some white in the face, ring around the neck, white under the belly, tail large and curly with considerable white, had a leather collar on with city copper tag No. 80; also my name on silver plate. W. H. HUNDLEY, Helena.

Herbert Nicholson & Co., having been appointed sub-agents for the celebrated Lethbridge coal, are now prepared to deliver same promptly. By far the most economical soft coal in the market. Telephone 335.

Dr. Parsons.

After nearly a month's absence from business, on account of illness, Dr. Parsons will again be at his office on Monday, Jan. 25.

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THREE GLOVE CONTESTS.

Ike Hays, of Helena, Knocks Out Jim Lovett, of Canada.

There was a spirited contest at the first exhibition of the Helena Athletic association in the gymnasium on Park avenue last night. The event of the evening was the heavyweight contest between Ike Hays, colored, of Helena, and Jim Lovett, a recent arrival from Canada. Lovett was knocked out in the third round after receiving heavy punishment. Only once were the honors even between the men, which was in the second round. When time was called at the opening of the first about 150 spectators surrounded the ropes. Lovett was taller than his opponent but fifteen pounds lighter, Hayes weighing 180. The latter was in good condition. Lovett's seconds said after the fight that their man was not in trim. The first round was in favor of Hays, who did nearly all the leading, and scoring two knock downs. At the conclusion of the round Lovett looked winded but came up quickly at the call of time. In the second round Lovett began playing for the colored man's wind but was not effective. Just before the round closed Lovett rushed Hays into the white man's corner and against the ropes.

Hays forced the fighting in the third round, and rushed Lovett repeatedly. Hays landed with both hands on the neck in one of the rushes, sending the Canadian to the floor near the ropes. Hays went to his corner while time was being counted. Before ten was reached Lovett was on his feet, and advanced toward Hays in a dazed way. The latter landed left and right on the neck, and again the Canadian fell. He was game, and struggled to his feet only to receive more punishment in the neck, while his arms worked like pistons rods against the air. This time he fell on his knees, the blood from his nose staining his white tights, until the ten seconds expired, when his seconds helped him to his corner. Hays showed no marks of punishment. Jim Taylor and Alex. Goodman were behind Hays. In Lovett's corner were William Searles, Sid Huntington, of Francisco, and the South Butte Spider.

Before this contest Chick Rogers and Jim McFarlane, colored, two middleweights, gave the spectators an interesting exhibition. Sid Huntington and the South Butte Spider acted for Rogers and Ed Rolles and Bill Rideout were with McFarlane. Both men were well scienced. In the first round there were two heavy exchanges with the honors about even. In the next Chick landed on McFarlane's jaw, followed with the right on the body. McFarlane went to the floor and was counted out. Rodgers says he will not fight any more colored men.

Two juvenile members of the association opened the exhibition with a three-round contest for points. A glee club furnished songs between the contests. Five-ounce gloves were used and good order was preserved. One of the association members acted as referee. He put one spectator out of the hall for getting near the ropes and talking to the contestants.

The Bee Hive announces that they will sell this week an English decorated dinner set containing 111 pieces for $15, said to be worth $22.50.

Butcher & Bradley can't keep notions, hosiery, underwear, etc., they sell them at such low figures.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The state board of equalization will be in session to-day.

The ice men do not expect a large harvest this year in this vicinity.

All the trains are arriving and departing on time these pleasant days.

The trial calendar in department No. 2 will be called at 10 a. m. to-day.

Two lots in Sermour Park addition have been sold by Frank Langford to John Anderson for $500.

The Commercial club will entertain leading citizens of Meagher county at The Helena this evening.

James Burdock was arrested yesterday on a complaint sworn out by Mary Machamer, charging him with bastardy.

The latest quotations received in Helena from St. Louis are those of Thursday, when Elizabeth was quoted at 52⅝.

Miss Hattie Smith and Wm. C. Nett were married at Augusta a few days ago. Miss Smith was born in Helena eighteen years ago.

The Chinese kept open house yesterday and distributed wine and cigars to their grown visitors and candies to the little ones.

Real estate men report a better business for any one month since last June. The merchants generally, also report a good trade.

The executive committee of the national mining congress meets in Helena on Monday. The committee has one or more representatives from every county in the state.

Judge Pemberton, of Butte, has made an order directing J. L. Davis to pay Mrs. Annie Davis $25 a month alimony until further order. Both parties are well known in Helena.

Placer locations filed with County Clerk Tooker yesterday were, forty acres near the lower end of Eldorado bar, by Patrick Casey; 120 acres near the upper end of Spokane bar by James Chapman.

Advices from Washington are to the effect that James J. McEvilly, of Helena, late cadet at West Point, has been appointed private secretary to Commissioner Carter, of the general land office, vice George Freeman, resigned.

A. Pincus, a Butte ticket broker, formerly of Helena, has been arrested on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Pincus sold a man a ticket to Colorado which proved worthless, and then refused to refund the money.

Chas. Starrett, a resident of Wickes for the past twenty years, where he has been engaged in mining, died yesterday. The remains will be embalmed, and later in the season will be taken to Chicago for interment. Mr. Starett was the father of Mrs. L. C. F. Lotz, of this city.

The Omaha Mining company filed its articles of incorporation yesterday with the secretary of state. Operations will be carried on in Meagher and Cascade counties. The incorporators are Emilie Roehl, Hugo Matthews, M. H. Luther, J. C. Wardner, Adam Harnurg, Philip Hartman, Henry Keogh; capital stock $500,000.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Helena District Telegraph company the following directors for the ensuing year were elected: T. H. Kleinschmidt, C. K. Wells, H. Summers, A. E. Veazie and E. W. Williams. The directors elected the following officers: President, T. H. Kleinschmidt; vice-president, C. K. Wells; secretary and treasurer, A. E. Veazie.

A tea set containing fifty-six pieces nicely decorated, at $4, is one of The Bee Hive's cards this week.

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Gold fillings, $3 and up.
A full set of teeth, upper or lower, $10.
Extraction of teeth with electricity, 50 cents.
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Thompson block. Suitable for dry goods, boots and shoes, or clothing. Best location in Helena. See John W. Thompson, Pittsburg block.

Gold Block.

Elegant office rooms for rent; also hall suitable for lecture, lodge or club room. Apply to Jas. Sullivan, room 17.

Masquerade Ball.

The Turners of Helena will give a masquerade ball on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at Turner hall. Sixteen prizes will be awarded. Don't forget to come.

The action of Carter's Little Liver Pills is pleasant, mild and natural. They gently stimulate the liver, and regulate the bowels, but do not purge. They are sure to please. Try them.

THE GRANITE MOUNTAIN.

A District Near White Sulphur Springs Coming to the Front.

The Rocky Mountain Husbandman, referring to the Four Mile mining district near White Sulphur Springs, says that Mace & Stevens are down fifty feet on the Panama and are pushing work vigorously. Mr. Hanson is sinking on the Summerville and has a shaft down thirty feet. Mr. Hunsberger has reached the depth of seventy feet on the North Pacific, and S. Gurwell has reached the forty-foot level on the Champ Bella, while Messrs. Leonard, Adamson, Connors and Hammond are pushing development on the Granite mountain with flattering prospects. The Grasshopper, however, is the best developed property of the camp and has a fine dump of good ore. This mine is developed to the depth of 100 feet and in the cross-cut shows up a vein from four to seven feet in thickness that works in the neighborhood of two hundred ounces in silver to the ton. There is some of the richest rock found in the state taken from this mine. The Granite Mountain has a shaft down seventy-four feet, while at the fifty-foot level there was a cross-cut of thirty feet all in lead matter, cutting a streak of manganese and galena eight feet wide. This cross-cut exposes only one wall and it is believed the lead is fully fifty feet wide. A sample assay of the full width of the lead as far as exposed, thirty feet, gave an average of thirty-three ounces in silver, and some assays from the lead have gone up into the hundreds. There were ten or more tons of ore in the ore house and small chunks were being taken from every bucketful of dirt as the sinking progressed. The shaft is going down at the rate of ten feet per week and when it reaches the 100-foot level another cross-cut will be run. This promising mine is situated upon the contact between the lime and granite, well up against the main mountain, and the characteristics of the country denote that it is a splendid mineral region. Reefs of dolomite, huge porphyry dikes and great granite walls mark the face of the country, and wherever a pick is stuck in the ground along the contact evidences of mineral wealth are exposed. Both the Granite Mountain and Grasshopper are far enough advanced with development for a little work to make them ready for yielding ore, and once a railroad penetrates the Smith river watershed an immense mining district will be developed at our very doors.

PERSONAL.

Louis Goslin, of Barker, is at The Helena.

Chas. A. Smith, of Harlem, is visiting the capitol.

Thos. Joy, of Castle, is a visitor in Helena.

J. P. Rhoades, of Castle, is at the Grand Central.

J. A. McGowan, of Horse Plains, is visiting Helena.

Attorney Chas. E. Miller, of Castle, is at The Helena.

F. G. Arnett, of White Sulphur Springs, is a visitor in Helena.

P. J. Dunohue, the mining operator at Monarch, is at the New Merchants.

Manager J. H. Longmaid, of the Empire Mining company, is in Helena.

Hugh McQuaid will sail to-day for Liverpool in the Cunard steamer Etruria.

A. D. Edgar, of the Northern Pacific, is in Castle. He is expected home to-day.

Col. C. A. Broadwater and family sail from New York Feb. 6 for Italy. They will not return to Helena before May.

A. Marks, of the Boston Clothing company, has gone on one of his semi annual purchasing trips to the eastern markets.

R. S. Vivean, a Kansas City financier and one of the directors of the Rapid Transit Co., is visiting Helena, the guest of J. H. Lawrence.

A. N. Spratt and family returned yesterday from California. Mr. Spratt says California is all right, but for a winter residence he prefers Montana.

Among White Sulphur Springs people in Helena are Jay Anderson, J. A. Workson and Ben D. Gardner, the latter the county assessor of Meagher county.

There is quite a delegation of Livingston people in Helena. Among them are J. O. Finn, Chas. S. Stebbins, A. J. Campbell, Geo. L. Carey and Alfred Myers.

John J. Rohrbaugh and family returned yesterday from York, Pa., where they have been visiting relatives for several months. Mr. Rohrbaugh returns firm in the belief that there is no place for business or residence that quite equals Helena.

A. L. Westfield, advance agent of the Andrews opera company, left yesterday for the east. Since the accident to the company near Brainerd Mr. Westfield has been waiting in Helena for advices. It is probable the company will not go on the road until next season.

Will Arrive To-Day.

The following passengers will stop off at Helena to-day from the west bound Northern Pacific train: Nella Shea, Miss Nellie Mason, Wm. Loobey, W. G. Harges, R. Buckingham.

Arrivals at the Grand Central.

T. D. Sullivan, Marysville.	W. D. Birkhead, Marysville.
A. J. Duncan, city.	R. Walter, De Lamar, Idaho.
S. C. Huntington, Pocatello.	Dr. A. H. Robertson, Boulder.
M. F. Means, Pocatello.	E. S. Farrington, Nevada.
A. H. Jones, Spokane.	C. A. Smith, Harlem.
A. R. Creigh, Chicago.	R. M. Sand, Harlem.
A. A. Cecil, Harlem.	Miss Priest, city.
J. P. Rhoades, Castle.	Val. Staubach, Placer.
H. E. Sheets, Great Falls.	J. F. Faulkner, St. Paul.
Louis Miller, Corbin.	Mrs. Hamilton, Bald Butte.
P. L. Bathrick, Elkhorn.	G. W. Jackson, city.
C. E. Shewood, Livingston.	S. L. Dean, East Helena.
P. A. Manheim, East Helena.	Thos. Joy, Butte.

Arrivals at The Helena.

S. H. Sharpe, Kalispell.	H. J. Mock, Kalispell.
R. S. Vivian, Kansas City.	Chas. E. Parks, Boston.
J. L. Pippen, Minneapolis.	L. E. Cheney, Minneapolis.
Al. Lipman, Cincinnati.	J. H. Lawrence, city.
Mrs. J. K. Clark, Great Falls.	Louis Goslin, Barker.
Edi. H. Ingalls, New York.	Mrs. D. W. Donaldson, Northcote, Minn.
J. A. Anderson, White Sulphur Springs.	H. Coombs and wife, Great Falls.
Chas. E. Miller, Castle.	Miss Plumb, Port Huron, Mich.
B. D. Gardner, White Sulphur Springs.	J. A. Woodson, White Sulphur Springs.
A. J. Cambell, Livingston.	J. D. Finn, Livingston.
Alfred Meyers, Livingston.	Chas. S. Stebbins, Livingston.
D. McCramer, Spokane.	Geo. L. Cory, Livingston.
C. E. Harry, Chicago.	Wm. Schwartzkoff, New York.
Jas. H. Hurley, Marysville.	Henry Longmaid, Bannack.
C. F. Dutcher, Dayton, O.	Albert Lee, St. Paul.
	J. A. McGowan, Horse Plains.
	W. O. Miller, Philadelphia.

The New Merchants.

Operated by the Merchants Hotel company, now begs to announce that its rooms are open for the reception of guests. Rooms will be offered to transient guests at $1.25 per day (parlor floor), $1 per day (third floor), 75 cents per day (fourth floor). Extra for more than one occupant. Rooms to permanent guests at less rates. All modern improvements; steam heat, electric light, return electic call bell system, and sunshine in every guest chamber. Brussels and velvet carpets used exclusively throughout the house. Office, elegant bar and billiard room, cigar stand and palatial barber shop on first floor.

DINING ROOM REOPENED.

The dining room in this hotel has been leased to and is now operated separately by the Misses Nagle, who are prepared to furnis board at $8 for tickets good for twenty-one meals, $7 for twenty-one continuous meals, 50 cents for single meals.

Don't forget the masquerade on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Electric hall. Society Scandia knows how to arrange it so as to give everybody a good time. Everybody is cordially invited. Ladies free. Come and contest for the elegant prizes now on exhibition at Gans & Klein's windows. Masquerade suits at Mrs. Worth's, Penn block.

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Diseases of men and women. Complicated and so called incurable cases are successfully treated by Dr. Liebig & Co., Liebig World dispensary, San Francisco. Dr. A. C. Stoddart, the leading physician of above dispensary, will have offices at the Merchants' hotel, Feb. 1 to 4.

Birdseye View of Helena.

An elegant lithographed birdseye view of Helena on heavy plate paper, 28x44 inches, Price $1. Sent postpaid on receipt of price. B. H. FOLEY, Room 7, Denver block, Helena.

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Albion lodge No. 327, meets every Saturday evening at eight p. m. in the G. A. R. hall, on Park avenue. A cordial invitation is extended to all members and visitors to attend. WM. M. CATRON, President. J. ARTHUR ESLICK, Secretary.

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