

TEN THOUSAND HORSES

The Government Takes a Pride in Its Four-Footed Stock.

All the Animals are Required to Conform With Certain Regulations—A Horse Lasts Six Years, and is Sold by Auction to the Highest Bidder.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Whenever, upon the occasion of any public parade, the cavalry stationed at the Grand Hotel, here, forms part of the procession, the magnificent appearance of the horses excites the universal admiration of the spectators. Their size, for they are above the ordinary build, suggests in itself the idea of strength, while the uniformly shaped head and large prominent eyes tell of the intelligence of the animal.

The United States does not spend nearly so much, but it secures a class of horses high above the average, and by proper and humane treatment, loses a small percentage of them. Moreover, the animal when it becomes the property of Uncle Sam fares better than its fellows, and ordinarily his life is conserved in the service for some years beyond that of the horses of other armies.

Congress annually appropriates about \$20,000 to be expended in the purchase of horses. This amount is divided pro rata among the divisions of the army, those on the Atlantic coast not requiring as large a sum as the cavalry on the western coast, who the life of the animal is not altogether one of easy contentment. In Arizona, especially, the equine mortality is greater than in any other section, and more horses become disabled and unfit for further service. The burning sands and alkali deserts lead to blindness and diseases of the hoofs, and the animal has either to be shot or sold, the lack of proper pastures and feed also cuts an important figure in the life of the cavalry horse in the remote garrisons of the west, for while his eastward and westward movements are on full allowance of oats and corn twice a day and sleeping in a comfortable stable, the western horse is making a scanty meal on hucks and sleeping in a ramshackle building that seems to have been especially constructed for a free circulation of air.

There are nearly 10,000 horses in use by the United States army. Of this number about ten per cent. are sold annually because of their unfitness for further cavalry or artillery duty, and about five per cent. are lost by death. So, in order to maintain the standard, it is necessary to purchase about 1,500 animals every year. When the standard is maintained by replenishing the Quartermaster-General's Department is notified. An advertisement inviting bids is inserted in the prominent papers and a contract entered into with the lowest bidder to deliver the horses at the desired point, if, after a suitable inspection by the secretary of war, they meet the requirements of the standard fixed by the army regulations. The regulations require that the horse shall be a gelding of uniform and hardy color; from fifteen to seventeen hands high; from 8 to 8 years of age, and weighing between 900 and 1,200 pounds for a cavalry horse and between 1,500 and 1,800 for artillery horses. There are other requirements necessary, such as the soundness of the animals and their health. Whenever it becomes necessary to purchase the half-bred horses of California or southern Texas the standard is somewhat reduced to 14 1/2 hands. Long-legged, loose-jointed, long-bodied and narrow-chested horses, as well as those which are restive or vicious, are rejected.

Most of the horses used in the army are purchased in St. Louis and Louisville, although the general rule of late has been to obtain the animals in the States in which they are desired for use, the idea being to obtain thoroughly acclimated animals. The average cost of a horse is a trifle over \$134.

As soon as the purchase is completed the horse is branded with the letters "U. S." on the left fore shoulder, and a complete descriptive list is made of him, which always accompanies him wherever he is transferred. The horses are distributed by the regimental commander, and the riders or drivers are not allowed to exchange them or permit any one else to use them.

With every troop of cavalry a record of the animals is kept, containing the description of every one received and transferred, showing the kind, name, age, size, color, marks, brands, or other peculiarities, how and when acquired and disposed of, the name of its rider and driver, and the use to which it is applied.

The forage ration for a horse is fourteen pounds of hay and twelve pounds of oats, corn or barley, and in special cases of hard service or exposure the grain ration is usually increased three pounds. In localities where good grazing is practicable for a considerable portion of the day, or during seasons when little labor is required of the animals, the ration is usually reduced.

The animals usually last about six years, and at the end of that time are sold at auction, or before, if they are disabled so as to be unfit for service. When sold the officer puts another brand on the horse, making it impossible for the horse to be sold to the government at some other point. They are worthless for carriage purposes, and are too much worn out to be fit for the more arduous work of street car hauling. They are usually sold to contractors, who employ them in hauling small loads. But the army horse does not last long after he drops out of service.

NOTES FROM DEER LODGE.

DEER LODGE, Sept. 28.—The assignment of the Mercantile Company of Granite was placed on file in the clerk and recorder's office yesterday afternoon. The assignment is very lengthy in its provisions. The value placed upon the assets is \$127,538.21, and the debts amount to about \$90,000.

BONDS AND STOCKS.

Up and Down in Market Values on the New York Exchange.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The stock market to-day presented little of the excitement of yesterday, and while the feeling was reactionary in early trading and there were material declines from yesterday's figures, a recovery was full and decided, and at the close there were more advances than declines. Manitoba is the only stock showing a decided change for the day, losing 1 per cent.

Money on call easy, at 4 1/2; prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. Sterling exchange steady, dull; sixty day bills, \$4.85 1/2; demand, \$4.88.

Mining quotations as follows: Aspen, 7.00; Independence, 2.00; Belcher, 2.00; Iron Silver, 2.00; Butte, 2.25; Holtzke, 2.00; R. E. & Miller, 3.00; B. H., 3.00; S. & S., 1.00; Chollar, 1.00; S. & S., 1.00; Crown Point, 1.00; S. & S., 1.00; Cashier, 4.00; Mexican, 3.50; Colorado Con., 1.00; Mutual, 1.00; Con. Cal. and O., 1.00; Denver City Con., 1.00; Delmonte, 2.00; Plymouth, 1.00; Commonwealth, 1.00; Denwood Ter., 1.50; Savage, 2.15; Europa Con., 1.00; Gould and Currier, 1.00; Small Hopes, 1.00; Hale and Norcross, 2.00; Union Con., 2.15; Homestake, 1.00; Ward Con., 1.10; Horn Silver, 2.25; Yellow Jacket, 3.20; Copper dull; Lake, Oct. \$10.60. Lead quiet and firmer domestic \$3.95. Tin had sharp decline; more active. Straits, \$20.75.

THE LONGEST PIG TAIL.

Rivalry Among Butte Chinamen for the Honors of Their Race.

BUTTE, Sept. 28.—Until to-day Quong Loy gloried in the possession of the longest pig tail in Butte. It was so long that he had to take two tucks in it to keep it from trailing on the ground. Unlike plebeian Chinamen he did not coil his tail about his head, but let it stream gallantly behind in all its nature, beauty and brilliancy. The splendor of the queue was still further enhanced by four gorgeous bows. One of yellow ribbon was tied at the apex of his head; another of rich purple was affixed to the first tuck; a third of dazzling green covered the second tuck; and a fourth of modest pink brought up the rear of the queue, about 1 1/2 inches from the top.

At noon to-day Quong Loy was seated on the curbstone in front of his residence in West Galena street, smoking his pipe in bliss and peace, and watching with a degree of scorn the plebeian Chinamen whose queues were hid under a bushel, proverbially speaking. Two streeturchins approached, and while Mr. Loy was sitting in dreamy contemplation one of them lit a match and ignited the end of the queue. The boys straightway disappeared.

STANDARD reprints of the incident to be sauntering by, inspecting the residences of West Galena street, noted the incident and hastened to say: "Mr. Loy, are you aware of the fact that your queue is aflame?"

An unconcerned grunt was the only reply vouchsafed. But Quong Loy sniffed suspiciously at his pipe, and thinking that some foreign material had got into his tobacco. Meanwhile the pink bow was entirely destroyed and the flame was creeping slowly toward the green ribbon. The reporter proceeded to look for an interpreter, and at last found the Hon. Mr. Chung Wo, one of Butte's most esteemed citizens and a good friend of Quong Loy. He reached the scene, the green ribbon was dissolved into thin air. The Hon. Mr. Wo said something to Mr. Loy in presumably the Chinese tongue, and then there was a transformation.

"Hellee, damme! Muchee hellee damme! Damme hellee!" screamed Mr. Loy, and jumping to his feet, seized his queue, rushed into the neighboring laundry and immersed the burning pig-tail into a tub of water. The English language was not expressive enough, and for a half hour the air of Galena street was resonant with choice Chinese epithets.

Quong Loy no longer does his queue up in tucks.

BACK OF HIS EAR.

A Stormy Cowboy Whose Freaks Ended All at Once.

THE FULL TICKET.

Voters Will Find a Guide in the Form Which is Printed Below.

Below is given the full ticket to be used next Tuesday with a cross worked opposite the name of each democratic candidate. Draw your pencil across the words "against the constitution."

FOR THE CONSTITUTION, AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION.

FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. Vote for 1

FOR GOVERNOR. Vote for 1

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. Vote for 1

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE. Vote for 1

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL. Vote for 1

FOR STATE TREASURER. Vote for 1

FOR STATE AUDITOR. Vote for 1

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Vote for 1

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE. Vote for 1

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE—5 year term. Vote for 1

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE—7 year term. Vote for 1

FOR DISTRICT JUDGE. Vote for 1

FOR CLERK OF SUPREME COURT. Vote for 1

FOR CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT. Vote for 1

FOR STATE SENATOR. Vote for 1

FOR REPRESENTATIVES. Vote for 7

FOR JOINT REPRESENTATIVE. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. Vote for 3

FOR COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER. Vote for 1

FOR SHERIFF. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY TREASURER. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY Supt. of Common Schools. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY TOWNSHIP CLERK. Vote for 1

FOR GOVERNOR.

FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR. Vote for 1

FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY. Vote for 1

FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. Vote for 2

FOR CONSTABLES. Vote for 2

FOR STATE TREASURER. Vote for 1

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