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OUR STOCK INTERESTS.
A Grand Showing—Over 33,000 Cattle within a
Radius of Twenty Miles of Maiden.
From our special Correspondent.
LETTER NO. 2.

EDITORS ARGUS—Accept an apology
for not presenting this promised article
sooner. Twenty-two below zero and
a snow fall of eight inches is un-
usual for this country, at least at this
time of the year. The cattle men wore
a woe begone look, and their remarks
of "By jingo if this keeps up till the
first of March we will 'skin out' for
milder climes," etc., were numerous.
The sheep men had the wool pulled
out of their eyes, and began looking
at eastern market reports, as to the
valuation of pelts.
But all is changed now. The "beau-
tiful" is gone. The fierce polar wave
has changed to a mild chinook, and at
the present writing the surrounding
country has the appearance of mid
summer, and the gentle breezes will
compare favorably with those of spring.
Leaving Mr. Brook's place we took
a back track for two miles, then pro-
ceeded up Moccasin creek, passing
Mr. Linsey's place, who has a well
improved ranch, which is confirmed
by the fact of his raising 900 bushels
of grain besides other garden produce.
We continued to the north side of
Moccasin mountain, on the head of
Dog creek, which flows in a northerly
direction and intersects the Missouri
two miles below Fort Clagett. Stand-
ing upon an elevated knoll, the scene
before us was grand. An open, rolling
country as far as the eye could reach,
traversed by Box Elder, Armell's, Deer,
Dog, Salt and Plum creeks, and as fine
a grass country as ever laid out doors,
was presented to our view. All these
creeks flow north or nearly so, empty-
ing into the Missouri between the
mouths of the Musselshell and Judith
rivers.

This is just the country stock men
want. All these streams have but
little running water—enough to water
stock and no more—consequently
worthless for agricultural purposes, and
stock men often remark with a pleasant
grin, that "grangers will never bother
us."
It will, however, be no more than
proper to admit that this section is
stocked to its fullest capacity, if the
future welfare of those who are here
and those who wish to come, are taken
into consideration.

We shall presently append a list of
stock men and an estimate carefully
prepared of the number of cattle they
own. We called on Mr. J. L. Stuart,
who is located on Dog creek. He has
a cosy home, is an intelligent, accom-
modating and courteous gentleman,
and to whom we are indebted for much
valuable information.
One mile further down the creek is
the home of Mr. James Dempsey, has
a splendid location, and like Mr.
Stuart, is a cattle man. Among the
attractive things about his ranch is a
bouncing baby, (Mr. & Mrs. Demp-
sey's first) which can justly lay claim to
the title of belle of Dog creek.
John H. Ming, has put up tempo-
rary quarters on Plum creek, on the
west side of the Moccasins, and ranges
his cattle on lower Dog creek. Messrs.
Chas. Ranges and A. Hash are located
on Deer creek, also the home ranch of
Mr. James Perkins, is located on this
creek—all "cow boys." Mr. Valen-
tine Staubach, of Beaver creek, (Lewis
& Clark Co.) has driven his cattle to
this section, so also Mr. P. Dunlevy, of
Missouri valley.
Mr. Eugene Townsend is located
on Deer creek, at the crossing of the
Carroll road, has forty acres under
cultivation, extensive improvements,
large ricks of hay and grain, and the
whole appearance indicates thrift and
rustling management and whose labors
are made easy by a tidy housewife.
On Armell's creek is the home ranch
of Mr. James Fergus. Want of space
prevents us from justly describing this,
one of the most complete ranches in
Meagher county. A passing sketch is
all we can give for the present, and in
a few weeks will donate a column to
this place. Among the noticeable
features on Mr. Fergus' ranch is the
 seldom seen well regulated place.
His houses, stables, corrals and en-
closed fields are extensive, and he can
justly boast of the best 100 stock
horses in Meagher county, besides
being the owner of the valuable stall-
ion, "Den A," one of the most com-

plete pieces of horse flesh we have
seen for some time. Although Mr.
Fergus has celebrated his 70th birthday
he appears hale, hearty and active as
ever, and we consider him good for
another thirty to come. Mrs. Fergus
is also in good spirits and enjoying
excellent health. Mr. Andrew Fergus,
son of James F., is generally occupied
in attending to their extensive herd of
cattle which range principally on
Armell's creek.

We also had the pleasure of meet-
ing Miss Mary McHose, a late arrival
from the east, who is on a visit to Mrs.
Fergus, and a very acceptable addi-
tion to the community, especially
when we consider the host of unfor-
tunate old bachelors that surround us.
We will now append our list, and
in our next will write up the sheep
men and the number of sheep in this
vicinity:

Stuart, Kohrs & Co.	18,000
John H. Ming	3,500
Judith Cattle Co.	4,500
James Fergus & Son	1,400
C. L. Vawter	1,200
James Dempsey	750
Chas. Ranges	725
J. L. Perkins	2,000
Valentine Staubach	400
A. Hash	150
P. Dunlevy	250
J. Stuart	440
Total	33,315

All the above stock men's headquar-
ters are within twenty miles of Maiden.
We have been unable to ascertain the
names of cattle men to the east of
Maiden, on McDonald and Flat Wil-
low creeks, which would swell the
list to some five thousand head more.
So also on Big Spring creek, are quite
a number of cattle, the number and
owners we have been unable to learn
for the present. It will be safe to
estimate the value of cattle alone
within the twenty mile radius, at one
million dollars.

A. SCRIBBLER.
Cut off the Belt.
The Mineral Argus urges on the peo-
ple of the Maiden mining district pro-
mpt action to obtain legislation by the
present congress which shall cut off
from the Fort Maginnis reservation the
mineral belt partly embraced in it.
The neglect or refusal of this relief
would be a misfortune, not only to those
immediately interested in that particu-
lar district, but to the territory at large.
There is every indication of a vast
production of wealth from the mines in
that district, which would be accom-
panied and followed by the rapid devel-
opment of that portion of Montana.—
Minneapolis Evening Journal.

How He Courted Her.
The following is Artemus Ward's
description of why he courted Betsy
Jane: "There were many affecta' ties
which made me hanker after Betsy
Jane. Her father's farm jined ourn;
their cows and ourn squelched their
thrust at the same spring; our mares
both had stars on their forehead; the
measles broke out in both families at
nearly the same time; our parents
(Betsy Jane's and mine) slept regularly
every Sunday in the same meetin'
house, and the neighbors used to
observe: 'How thick the Ward's
and the Peasleys air.' It was
a sublime sight in the spring of the
year to see our several mothers (Betsy's
and mine) with their gowns pined up,
so they couldn't sile 'em, effecktion-
ately bilin' soap together and aboosin'
their neighbors."

The Brave Who Wanted a Cannon.
General Sherman, when out on the
plains this summer, met at one of the
smaller Colorado stations a number of
Indians, writes a Washington corres-
pondent. They came up to him and
shook hands. Many of them displayed
great admiration for him as the great
white brave, and some of them ap-
pealed to him for gifts. One, a lusty
old buck, with a greasy blanket
thrown over his shoulders, wanted a
cannon. He said:
"Tell the great father at Washing-
ton to send Indians a big cannon. Me
want cannon to shoot big bullets."
Sherman replied: "I don't think
Indians ought to have cannons. I'm
afraid you would use them against my
soldiers, wouldn't you?"
The copper colored brave looked at
the General, and no sign of a smile
glittered in his eye as he replied: "No!
no! no! Indian no need cannon for
soldiers; kill soldiers with sticks;
soldiers no good; want cannon for
cowboys."
It is said that General Sherman was
greatly amused and somewhat dis-
gusted.

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