HORSES, CATTLE AND SHEEP.

Huntley & Clark had five mares valued at about $2,000 killed by Northern Pacific trains during the past year.

Out of a large bunch of horses belonging to Huntley & Clark, which were ranging in the mountains east of the Missouri river since last spring only one animal was missing. This result was attained by keeping a herder with the stock.

F. J. Keene, who is successfully engaged in breeding shorthorn cattle in the Missouri valley, served on the U. S. jury last week. Mr. Keene is strongly opposed to the veterinary service of Montana, and he pronounces it a gigantic fraud and an unnecessary expense to the association.—Live Stock Journal.

A syndicate of St. Louis capitalists has been formed for the purpose of establishing an immense cattle ranch in Mexico. The land to be purchased has already been selected, and final arrangements are being perfected for the inauguration of the enterprise. The ranch will comprise 1,250,000 acres in what is known as the Freezing Zone, in the state of Chihuahua.

It is hardly ever spoken of, but Kohrs & Bielenburg, of Deer Lodge, are pretty heavy cattle slaughterers themselves. They supply the principal part of the beef eaten in Butte, Helena and other mining towns. Mr. Nick Bielenburg passed through Miles City yesterday en route to Butte from the East. Upon his arrival he will commence the killing of something like 1,000 head of good fat beeves whose carcasses will be kept in a cooling room and dealt out to customers next spring when fat grass beeves are not expected to be very plentiful.—Stock Growers' Journal.

Every cowboy has it within his reach to become a cattleman. Not simply the owner of a few head of cattle, but he can number them by the hundreds or even thousands if he chooses. But he cannot do this and spend his earnings for guns, fire whisky, and hold the name of being a good card player. There no is class of employers who feel so kindly to their men as do cattlemen. Nearly any of them will consent to pay a good, sober, painstaking man in young cattle at the end of a given period. The boys can, in fact do, learn the business thoroughly; learn the capacity of the range and the accessible water. If he does not wish to go it alone he has an excellent opportunity of selecting from among his companions a partner. We know of several boys starting a band and giving it into the care of one, and the rest invest their wages in cattle. It thus takes but a few years to get a herd of sufficient numbers to require all their time to attend to.—Hoof and Horn.

Care of Horses.

1. Never allow any one to tickle your horse in the stable. The animal only feels the torment and does not understand the joke. Vicious habits are thus brought on.

2. Never beat the horse when in the stable. Nothing so soon makes him permanently vicious.

3. Let the horse's litter be dry and clean underneath as well as on top. Standing on hot, fermented manure makes the hoofs soft, and brings on lameness.

4. Change the litter partially in some parts and entirely in others, every morning; and brush out and clean the stall thoroughly.

5. To procure a clean coat on your horse, use plenty of rubbing and brushing. Plenty of "elbow grease" opens the pores, softens the skin, and promotes the animals general health.

6. Never clean a horse in the stable. The dust fouls the crib, and makes him loathe his food.

7. Use the curry-comb lightly. When used roughly it is a source of great pain.

8. Let the heels be well brushed out every night. Dirt, if allowed to cake in, causes grease heel.

9. Whenever a horse is washed, never leave him until he is rubbed quite dry. He will probably chill if neglected.

10. Let the horse cool slowly and then groom him quite dry, first with a wisp of straw, then with a brush. This removes dust, dirt and sweat, and allows time for the stomach to recover itself and the appetite to return.

Death of "Buck Barker."

Many readers of the River Press will regret to learn of the death of E. A., better known as "Buck" Barker, the discoverer of the Barker mining district and in whose honor the camp was named, which occurred in Missouri a few days ago. He was an old-timer in the country, and was on the frontier most of his life, having been in California in the early days. "Buck" sold his mining property in Barker during the boom and realized several thousand dollars for the same, when he returned to his old home at Odessa, Mo., and settled. He bought a farm and we understand was swindled out of it by means of a defective title. We believe he married since his return to "the states" and leaves a widow. He was too free and liberal a man to save money, so his thousands slipped through his fingers, and he died poor and almost helpless. Peace to his ashes!—River Press.

As to Townsite and Mineral Patents.

A Washington special says: Sec Lamar has written a letter to Commissioner Sparks of the general land office, that will reverse the practice of that bureau in issuing patents for mining claims. It has been the practice of the department in granting patents covering lodes or mining claims that interfere with townsite claims to give surface improvements and betterments to the townsite claimants. In the case of Duffenbach vs. Hawke, the supreme court decided that the fee simple to the ground was indivisible and included the surface as well as the subterranean possessions. On October 25th, Commissioner Sparks addressed a letter to Secretary Lamar stating the practice of the department, citing the decision of the court, and asking for instructions. The secretary replies that the decision of the court must be followed and conveyances made to lode claims including the surface improvements.

BILL NYE'S BOYHOOD.

Why He Does Not Particularly Yearn to be a Boy Again.

If I were a boy again, endowed with the same wild passion for plucking watermelons in the dark of the moon, I would no doubt fall a victim to that overmastering passion as I did before, but looking at it as I do now, I would be wiser. Boys cannot, however, have the mature judgment of manhood without the experience and rheumatism that go with it. So it is better that in our childhood we may be able to eat a raw turnip with safety, and know something later on in life. I notice a great change in myself while comparing my present condition with that of joyous boyhood. Then I had no sense, but I had a good digestion. Now I havn't even the digestion. The hurrying years have cavorted over my sunny head till they have worn it smooth, but they have left a good deal yet for me to learn. I am still engaged in learning during the day and putting arnica on my experience at night.

Childhood is said to be the most gladsome period in our lives, and in some respects this statement may be regarded as reliable, but it is not all joy. I have had just as much fun in latter years as I did in boyhood, though the people with whom I have been thrown in contact claim that their experience has been different. I hope they do not mean anything personal by that.

I do sometimes wish that I could be a boy again, but I smother that wish on account of my parents. What they need most is rest and change of scene. They still enjoy children but they would like a chance to select the children with whom they associate.

My parents were blessed with five bright-eyed beautiful little boys, three of whom grew up and by that means became adults. I am in that condition myself. I was the best of the family with the exception of my parents. I am still that way. My early life was rather tempestuous in places, occasionally flecked with sunshine, but more frequently with retribution. I was not a very good roadster when young, and so retribution was 'most always just in the act of overtaking me. While outraged justice was getting in its work on me, the other boys escaped through a small aperture in the fence.

That is another reason why I do not yearn to be a boy again.

When we ran away from school to catch clubs, and when we built a fire to cook them, and the fire got into the tall, dray grass and burned four miles of fence and sixteen tons of hay for a gentleman for whom I had a high regard, and I went back to put out the fire, the other boys escaped and have so remained ever since.

A just retribution has never had any difficulty in overtaking me and walking up and down over my wishbone.

When a party of us had been engaged in gathering Easter eggs in the barn of a gentleman who was away from home at the time and he returned just as we had filled our pockets with the choicest vintage of his sun-kissed hens, and the other boys escaped while I was occupying the attention of the dog, and I had to slide out of the second story of the barn. It is still fresh in my mind as I write. I wore my father's vest at that time and it was larger than was necessary. My father was larger than I at that time, for I was only nine years of age and had not arrived at my full stature. In sliding down the batten I discovered that the upper end was loose and that my flowing vest had slipped over it, so that when I got down about four feet I hung by the board buttoned inside my bosom and the scrambled egg oozing out of my knickerbockers.

The batten had sprung back against the barn in such a way as to prevent my unbottoning my vest, and while I hung there on the side of the barn like a coon skin, the proprietor came around and accused me of gathering his eggs prematurely.

I had heard truth very highly spoken of by people who had dabbled in it more or less, and so I resolved to try it in this instance. So I admitted that such was the case, and it was the best thing that I could possibly have done, for the man said as I had been so frank with him he would take me down as soon as he got his other work done, and he was as good as his word. After he had milked nine cows and fed nine calves he came with a ladder and took me down. He also spanked me and set the dog on me, but I did not mind that for I was accustomed to it. To hang on the side of a barn, however, like an autumn leaf, trying to kick large holes in the atmosphere, is disagreeable.

This incident cast a gloom over my whole life. It has also reconciled me to the awful decree that I can never be a boy again.

Status of Congress.

General John B. Clark, clerk of the house of representatives has completed and caused to be printed an unofficial list of the members of the house for the Fiftieth Congress. He classifies them as 168 democrats, 152 republicans, and 4 independents, with one vacancy, Rhode Island, which is to be filled, probably by a republican. One hundred and ninety-five of the number are old members, being ten more than the number of the old members in the present congress. Of the old members 100 are democrats and 95 republicans. If the independents divide, as they are expected to do, equally between the two sides, it will give the democrats a majority of fourteen in the full house.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Horatio Ross, the crack shot of Scotland, is dead.

The jewels of the late Mrs. Stewart are worth $750,000.

Senator Mahone made $40,000 by the recent rise in Richmond & Danville railroad stock.

The California wine season has been one of the most favorable ever known. The vintage is 19,500,000 gallons.

The great George Washington was passionately fond of dancing. George and Mrs. General Greene once waltzed for a three hours without stopping.

John S. Mosby, the ex-confederate cavalryman, is practicing law in San Francisco. He made much money during his Chinese consulship, but he spent it all.

Congressman-elect Finley of Kentucky will sue the Courier-Journal and Times of Louisville for libel, claiming $50,000 damages, for making charges affecting his private character.

Better Than Door Bells.

A pair of lead knuckles weighing seven or eight ounces were taken from a prisoner who was being searched at headquarters the other day, and the sergeant picked them up and asked:

"What do you use these for?"

"To knock on the door and 'rouse up my wife when I get home late," was the reply.

"Then they answer for a door bell, eh?"

"That's it, sir, only they are ten times as reliable. You can't hit your wife with a door bell if she comes down stairs jawing, but you can with these. I'm a poor man, sir, and have to study all sorts of economy."

Gen. Grant's Last Letter.

Gen. Mosby, who is to lecture in Boston soon, has in his possession the last letter of Gen. Grant. It was dictated the day before Gen. Grant died, and was addressed to Gov. Stanford, asking his influence to secure Col. Mosby a situation in California which would help him to enter on the practice of law. This letter was the means of obtaining an appointment as counsel for the Southern Pacific railroad, which Mosby still holds. Gen. Grant had a very strong attachment for Col. Mosby, which was fully reciprocated by the latter. Grant always said that Mosby was one of the very best officers on the Southern side during the war, and one who thoroughly understood and appreciated what war meant.

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LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T. November 20, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver, at Helena, Montana, on December 31, 1886, viz:

Abraham Hogeland.

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 5564, for the S½ SE¼, NW¼ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼, Sec. 9, Tp. 17 N., range 16 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Emory A. Huson and Clark B. Shipman, of Lewistown, Montana, and Timothy S. Lish and John Mason, of Cottonwood, Montana.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., Nov. 27, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at Helena, Montana, on January 18, 1887, viz:

Bennett Price,

Administrator of the estate of William R. Roberts, who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 4,745, for the N½ SE¼, S½ SW¼, section 1, township 14 north, range 17 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: David L. Shafer, Richard H. Canine, Francis McGinn, George W. Nesmith, of Cottonwood, M. T.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., November 19th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Fergus County Montana, at Lewistown, M. T., on January 7th, 1887, viz:

Angus McMillan,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 7735, for the W½ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼, SE¼ NW¼, Sec. 28, Tp. 15 N. Range 17 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Alonzo Macumber, Richard H. Canine, Samuel Hixon and Robert Keller, all of Cottonwood, Montana.

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., November 12, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Probate Judge of Fergus County, Montana, at Lewistown, Montana, on December 28, 1886, viz:

Walter H. Peck,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 6,106, for the NE¼ Sec. 18, Tp. 18 N., range 21 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William Fergus, Herbert Blanchard, William A. Parrott and William C. Chamberlain, all of Fort Maginnis, Mont.

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., November 11, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Fergus county, Mont., at Lewistown, Mont., on December 30th, 1886, viz:

John H. Vadnais,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 6,928, for the S½ SW¼, Sec. 12, N½ NW¼, Sec. 13, Tp. 15 N., Range 18 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Joseph Jackson, George J. Weideman, William Hortop and John Toombs, all of Lewistown, Mont.

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Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA M. T., December 4th, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Fergus county, Montana, at Lewistown, on January 20, 1887, viz:

Silas M. Baker,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 4,610 for the S½ SE¼ Sec. 1, N½ NE¼ Sec. 12, township 14 north, range 17 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William Berkin and Thomas E. Pounds, of Cottonwood, Mont., William W. DeWitt and William Hortop, of Lewistown, Montana.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, M. T., November 30, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Fergus County, Montana, on January 15, 1887, viz:

Samuel Rokley,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 7,709, for the NE¼ NW¼, SE¼ NW¼, NW¼ SE¼, NE¼ SW¼, section 8, township 12 north, range 23 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said land, viz: Edward Parmlee, Benjamin F. Moulton, Louis J. Dubell and John Scott, all of Flat Willow, Fergus County, Montana.

S. W. LANGHORNE, Register.

Notice of Final Entry.

LAND OFFICE AT HELENA, MONTANA, Oct. 29, 1886.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge of the Third Judicial District Court, of Montana Territory, in and for Meagher county, or in his absence before the clerk of said court, at White Sulphur Springs, M. T., on December 16, 1886, viz:

Lancelot Johnson,

who made Homestead application No. 1811, for the S½ SE¼, S½ SW¼, Sec. 9, township 12 north range 14 east.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Breathitt Gray and Leonard B. Divers, of Utica, Montana, David D. Reed and John W. Winter, of Philbrook, Montana.

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