

AFRICAN TREK OX.

Its Use as Transport and How Its Work is Done.

At the present moment, when the efficiency of our army in South Africa largely depends on the stability of its transport, it may not be amiss to consider the capabilities of the trek or transport ox, who, after all, despite mules and traction engines, is the mainstay of South African transport, says the Pall Mall Gazette. The imperial authorities in the Cape Colony and Natal are now busily engaged in buying all the available ox transport they can, as is testified by their numerous advertisements in Colonial papers. Oxen are less expensive than mules. They are slow, but sure, never doing more than three miles an hour, or twenty miles a day, which is considered a good trek. The Zulu ox is the best bred animal, but small and unserviceable when compared with the bastard Zulu or Natal ox, which thrives on both the "sour" veldt or coast grass and the "sweet" or up-country veldt. Oxen, however, require very careful handling, and must on no account be overdriven; they must have at least six hours a day for grazing purposes. In the winter they can find a picking on the parched veldt where a mule or horse would fail. They are naturally in poor condition till the green grass of the spring arrives in September. They are very liable to lung sickness and red water, and whole spans sometimes perish from these fell diseases. In the winter time they suffer terribly from the cold, and on no account should they be worked in the rain during that season, for, among other things, the yoke when wet gives them sore necks, thus rendering them useless. The ox's best work is done at night time, and moonlight treks are the usual thing with "transport riders" after their teams have been grazing all day. They are never kept under the yoke for more than eight hours during the day, two stretches of four hours each. From 4 o'clock to 8 in the morning and from 6 o'clock to 10 at night are the favorite hours for trekking. As to their hauling capacity, a "span" or team of eighteen oxen will easily draw a buck wagon (weighing a little over a ton), loaded to six thousand pounds, over the South African roads, many of which are little better than tracks across the veldt. Twenty miles a day for a heavy baggage column in such a country as South Africa is really good going.

BUYING A LARGE ESTATE

Several Capitalists Are Now Engaged in That Occupation.

The starting of a new great country estate is always a matter of interest, says Harper's Weekly. The tendency in rich city men toward that sort of enlargement is of recent growth, and it is natural that there should be examples of it in increasing numbers near New York. E. H. Harriman, railway giant—the same enterprising man who carried a ship load of scientists to Alaska in 1899—has bought himself 20,000 acres of land in Orange and Rockland counties, New York, to the west and north of Tuxedo and edging over toward Goshen. Orange county is still famous for its butter and Mr. Harriman doubtless intends to keep a cow. His further intentions have not as yet transpired except as shown by considerable investments in roads. Much of the fun in owning a farm two miles square lies doubtless in planning what to do with it. Mr. Carnegie, whose commodious dwelling on upper Fifth avenue is already the biggest house in town, is building himself another in Westchester county near the St. Andrew's golf links, but has not yet given evidence of an acute attack of land hunger. Mr. Whitney has 1,000 acres on Long Island, nearly twice as many on October mountain and a big tract in the North woods, and there are many other estates of from 500 to 3,000 acres on Long Island and near the Hudson. Dr. Webb has elbow room at Shelbourne and leg room in the Adirondacks, but the greatest and most interesting of American estates seems still to be Mr. Vanderbilt's Biltmore in North Carolina. There will be great sights in architecture, horticulture, agriculture, floriculture and all the allied industries and arts to be seen in this country fifty years from now if the steel business and railroad business continue to flourish and government continues stable.

Fremskridtskvinde.

The new woman in Denmark calls herself fremskridtskvinde, or woman of progress, and if we are to believe a writer in the Boston Transcript, who seems to know about her, she maintains her claim to the title only by sacrificing her best womanly instincts. She is, in other words, rather too advanced to be of any real benefit to society. We are informed that she apparently despises the homely arts of her grandmother and by way of demonstrating her originality fills her house with tobacco smoke and politics. She is prone, says the writer, to regard the rearing of a family as a rather irksome and ungrateful task imposed upon her sex, and she is becoming even more jealous of the seeming freedom and independence of man in professional pursuits.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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 Horse brand

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 Vent—T under brand

T. B. PROPER,
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 Range on Russell creek.

AUGUSTUS F. HOWES.
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 Ear mark crop

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 P. O. Ekalaka Mont Range O'Fallon and

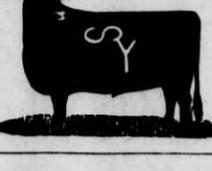
 Horses branded same as cut on left thigh.
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CHARLES D. LANTIS.
 P. O. Brandenburg, Mont.

 Range on Liscom Creek.
 Horse brand, same as cut, on left shoulder.

MRS. G. L. BROUGHTON.
 P. O. Address, Stacy, Mont. Range—Head of Pumpkin creek. Ear mark—crop off left ear, swallow fork Horse brand iron on left and—Same shoulder.

 Ear mark—crop off left ear, swallow fork

SAM YOUNG,
 P. O. address, Ekalaka, Mont., Range, Chalk Butte.

 Cattle branded as cut on left side Horse brand, same as cattle. Ear mark, under seven.

O. H. KONKRIGHT.
 P. O. Address, Forsyth. Range, Big and Little Porcupine.

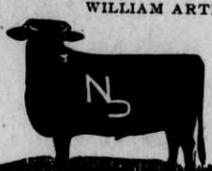
 Range, Big and Little Porcupine.

WM. GERHART.
 Post Office address Miles City, Mont. Range on Moon creek. Horse brand on left thigh. Cattle the same brand


MRS. ROBT. JOHNSON
 P. O. Address Franklin, Mont. Range, tributaries Cache and Powder river.


M. WEHINGER.
 P. O. Address Miles City, Mont. Range between Powder river and Yellowstone. Horse brand same. Vent 2 up side down.

 Other Brands. 

WILLIAM ARTHUR.
 P. O. Address, Knowlton, Mont. Range—Fallon Creek. Cattle Brand Same as cut on left side. Horse Brand—Same iron on left shoulder.


WHITBECK BROS.
 P. O. Address—Boebe, Mont. Range—Squaw and Pumpkin Creeks. Cattle Brand  on left side. Vent, with original brand.

SYLVESTER NEWELL.
 P. O. Address, Ashland, Mont. Range, Otter Creek. Horse brand—VIV On left thigh. Ear mark—crop tight under back, two under back left.

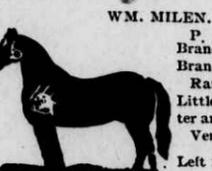
 VIV On left thigh.

GEORGE P. HAUSER.
 P. O. Address Ekalaka, Mont. Range on Lame Jones and Beaver creek. Brand same as cut on left side. Also own  on left side. Horse brand same as cut on left thigh.

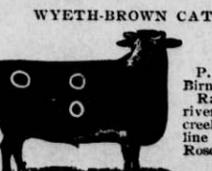
PATRICK SCHAILL.
 P. O. Address, Miles City, Mont. Range, Sprin Coulee.  on right side. also  on side

WILLIAM CHERRY.
 P. O. Address, Sanford, Dawson county, Mont. Range, head of Big Dry and Calf creeks. Horse brand same as large cut on left shoulder. Other brands—Horses same as small cut on right shoulder. Cattle brand same as small cut on both shoulders. 

GEORGE MCGOWN.
 Postoffice address, Miles City, Mont. Range, Tongue river.


WM. MILEN.
 P. O. Address, Brandenburg, Mont. Brand 6 on left jaw. Range on Lone tree, Little Pumpkin, Foster and Lake creeks Vent on

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