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STOCK NEWS.

The New Mexico delegates made themselves heard in the pow-wow.

It is said widows were very numerous among the female visitors at the big convention, but the widow Butler does not seem to have been among them. Wheresoever the wealth is, there will the widows be gathered together.

The number of cattle in the United States is estimated at 51,000,000, or about one to every inhabitant. Their value is reckoned at $1,260,000,000 A pretty large amount of money to be hoofing it around over the country and liable, at any moment, to turn tail and skip out.

Col. H. Milne offered a series of resolutions, which were referred to the committee, asking Congress to grant owners of stock the right to lease tracts of arid land in the vicinity of their ranges for pasturage, but not in such way as to deprive settlers to occupy such lands at any time when it can be utilized for purposes of general entry and settlement.

The principal subject of discussion at the St. Louis convention was the establisement of a national trail in order to give a cheaper outlet to the cattle of the southwest. It was decided to send a memorial to Congress to establish a trail six miles wide and to be securely fenced on either side and to be located near the line of the present route used in driving cattle north.

Maj. W. H. H. Llewellyn, in the convention, introduced resolutions pledging a fair treatment of the Indians by the stockmen generally, and an effort to maintain peaceful and friendly relations with the different tribes, so far as possible by honorable and fair dealing. Also was opposed to the policy of giving wild, uncivilized and unproductive tribes of Indians large tracts of the public domain which there was no possibility of them ever utilizing, and declaring it the sense of the convention that stringent laws should be passed against selling or giving them arms, and recommending that all wild Indians should be at once disarmed and efforts made to render them self-supporting.

The ERA wishes to repeat the statement it has made at different times, that the half of Lincoln county's grazing lands are not yet occupied. The whole northern portion of the county, comprising a tract almost as large as the state of Kentucky, is yet without the print of a hoof. This is not an arid desert, as might be supposed, but is covered with rich, nutricious grasses, and well sheltered by timber] and includes two mountain ranges. Now, we do not wish anyone," on this bare statement, to rush blindly in and occupy this magnificent region without first spying out the land. We are frank to confess there is one drawback to the occupation of this section of our county, but one which can be readily overcome with a small investment of capital and a fair share of perseverance. Although the grass is as fine as can be found anywhere in the territory, there are no springs of any considerable size and no streams of running water within its entire limits. We insist, however, that water can be resdily obtained by boring for it, and in that manner this whole region could be made to supply vast herds of cattle, where now it only furnishes pasturage for deer and antelope. It only requires but a limited examination of this magnificent grazing country to convince anyone that its occupancy is but a question of time, and when this is done it will add very materially to the wealth of our county, lessen taxation and make of Lincoln the foremost stock growing county in the territory.

A Letter From W. T. Holt.

The following letter from W. T. Holt, of Seven Rivers, to George T. Beall, of this place, is deemed of so much interest to stockmen that we have concluded to publish it in full:

MY DEAR BEALL:—I cannot neglect this opportunity, especially as I shall soon leave the territory for the winter, of expressing to you my clear conviction, based on well ascertained facts that the one thing most imperatively demanded by the material interests of New Mexico to-day is the speedy convening of a special session of the territorial legislature and the enactment by it of such stringent quarantine laws as shall be at once constitutional and effective, to prevent the enormous influx of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana cattle which will, otherwise, within the next eighteen months, overswarm us like a cloud of locusts to the practical ruin of the live stock industry of our people.

The magnitude of this threatened invasion, and still more, the disastrious effects that will invertably follow it, are but little appreciated as yet, even by our most sagacious stockmen. But you may be assured that I speak only words of "truth and soberness" when I say that it will, in all moral certainty, be such as will mark, within a year, a depreciation of at least 50 to 75 per cent. in the taxable value of the cattle, sheep and ranches of New Mexico—more especially east of the Rio Grande. It will be caused by a number of co-operative influences, principal among which will be the action now being, and soon to be, taken by the states of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, virtually prohibiting by stringent quarantine laws—which will be rigorously enforced—the importation into, or driving through those states next year of any cattle from the three states first named. The losses in the latter states mentioned, from Texas fever, the past year has been far greater than the public are generally allowed to know [exceeding several hundred per cent. the profits on the year's business], and the demand for a virtually prohibiting quarantine is too loud and unanimous to leave any doubt as to the speedy action of the respective legislatures of those states. I am advised that such a quarantine is a foregone conclusion. Hence must not only the 400,000 to 500,000 head of young cattle from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, which would otherwise find a market next year, as heretofore, in those northwestern states and the territories of Wyoming and Montana, be driven into New Mexico as their only outlet, but thousands of herds of breeding cattle will also seek New Mexico and Arizona in order that their increase of next and the following years may be elligible to the markets of the northwest.

But it is not from these vast herds alone that our cattle industries will suffer strangulation and decapitation, for there is the further certainty that in case we do not quarantine against the fever-infested regions as strictly as Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska do, then those northwestern states will all quarantine against us, —including our cattle in the same categorry with the Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana cattle. This would be even a worse blow, if possible, than the first, and what little value our over-crowded ranges and starved cattle might still possess, would be quite wiped out when we, in common with the hordes of long-horned, guant, lean and hungry Texas bovines, were shut out of our only market, and natural fattening ground.

But you see the situation at a glance, and can, remotely at least, conceive the danger and recognize the importance of prompt action. I am not at all familiar with your New Mexico laws, never having opened a copy, but am sure there must be some method of convening a special session before December, 1886. The ses. i m should be had, and laws made to submit to Congress for approval soon after the new year. There is no time to be lost. Thousands of cattle will be thrown over our border before spring. Of course the various cattle associations should act primarily, but they need good legal advice. I have written to some of them and shall stir up others. Let me hear from you on the subject if it interests you.

Hastily yours truly,
W. T. HOLT.

ESTRAYS.

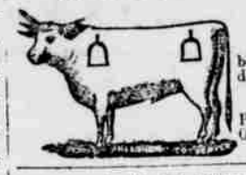
As there are frequent requests to publish notices of estrayed horses and cattle, the Era will hereafter publish all such notices under this head FREE OF CHARGE. Persons having such stock in their possession will please send us notice of same for publication.

One cow branded T H on left side; window-glass brand on left hip. Owner can have same by calling at A. C. McDonald's ranch, Agua Chiquite, Lincoln county.

NON-ASSOCIATION BRANDS.

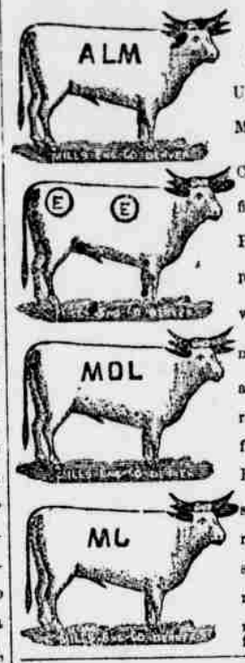
WM. ROBSON. GEO. T BEALL, JR.

RINCONADA RANCH.



Horses branded bell on left shoulder. Wm. Robson, Manager. P O Box 72, White Oaks, N. M.

A. C. McDONALD.



P O Address, Upper Penasco. N. M. Range, Agua Chiquite. I have fine bulls for sale. Persons desiring to purchase will do well to examine my stock. Brands as follows: A L M right side; swallow fork right and left. E E in circle right side; swallow fork right. M O L right side; swallow fork right and left. M 6 right side; swallow fork right.

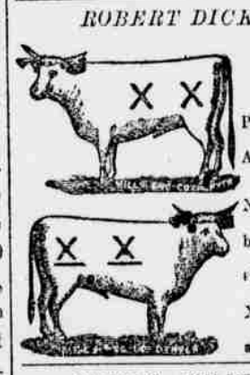
L. W. NEATHERLIN.

P O Lookout, Lincoln Co., N. M. Range, on head of Black River Ear mark, crop and underbit on both ears. L I N on left side.

C. H. SLAUGHTER.

P O Lookout, Lincoln Co., N. M. Range, head of Black River. H I L left side.

ROBERT DICKSON.

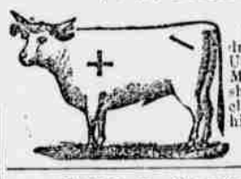


Range: Middle Penasco, P O Address, Penasco, N. M. Cattle branded X on left side and hip, also X bar right side and hip.

JOHN G. WHITE & CO.

Post Office address and range, Upper Penasco, N. M. Cow brand W bar on left side. One-half of this brand belongs to J. W. Curtis.

J. W. CURTIS.



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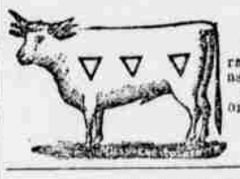
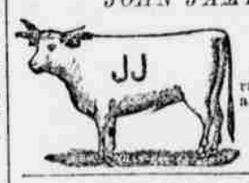
JOHN B. GARDISSER.



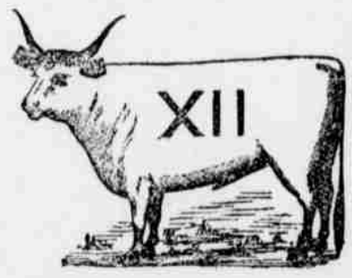
P O address and range, Upper Penasco, N. M. Three triangles on left side.

JOHN JAMES.



P O address and range, Upper Penasco, N. M. J J on left side.

RAPER BROS.



Fine Bulls and Stallions for sale. Range: — Pleasant Valley, nine miles due north of Penasco. Brands on either side. P O Address, South Fork, Lincoln Co., New Mexico.

Lincoln County Stock Association.

$500 REWARD.

ARTICLE XIII. The association shall advertise to pay to any person who shall procure the arrest and conviction of any person or persons who shall violate the stock laws of the territory to the detriment of any member of the association the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000), provided that the association shall not be responsible for rewards for the arrest and conviction of persons for depredations committed against the stock of such persons who shall not have their marks and brands recorded on the books of the association, and that no one in the pay of the society, nor any member thereof will be entitled to recover for such services.

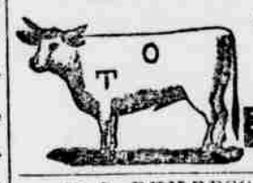
For further information concerning this reward, address W. E. Anderson, President Stock Association, Roswell, N. M., or John W. Poe, Vice-President Lincoln, N. M.

STOCK BRANDS.

$500 DE RECOMPENSA.

ARTICULO VIII.—La Asociacion publicara y pagara a cualquier persona que procure el arresto y convicion de cualquier persona o personas que violen las leyes de ganado del Territorio de Nuevo Mexico, al detrimento de cualquier miembro de la Asociacion, la suma DE MIL PESOS ($1,000,) proveido que la Asociacion no sera responsable por el arresto y convicion de personas por depredaciones cometidas encontra de tales personas que no hayan protocolado sus marcas y fierros en los libros de la Asociacion y que ninguno bajo el pago de la Asociacion, ni ningun miembro de la misma, sera entitulado de recobrar por sus serbicios. Por mas informacion tocante a la recompensa dirijance a W. E. Anderson, Presidente de la Asociacion, Roswell, Nuevo Mexico, o John W. Poe, Vice-Presidente, Lincoln, N. M.

BRYAN & GUNTER.



P. O. Address, Penasco, N. M. Left side. Horse brand same.

W. L. RYNERSON & CO.

P. O. Address Rio Felix, Lincoln Co., N. M.

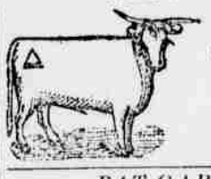
FRANK LESNET.

Horse brand H L connected on lft shoulder. P O Address Ruidoso, N. M.

L L L CATTLE CO.

Horse brand, L on right shoulder and circle on rig't jaw. Address M. R. Lewis, Ft. Sumner, N. M

WM. SLANE.



P O Address Ruidoso, Lincoln Co N M

PAT GARRETT.

Also all cattle with bar — butt brand. P. O. Address Ft. Stanton, Lincoln Co., N. M.

J. A. LARUE.

Range, Rio Felix, Lincoln Co. N. M. P O Address Las Vegas, N. M.

ED. TERRELL.

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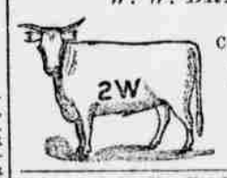

Cross on left jaw -+- P. O. Address Ruidoso, Lincoln Co., N. M.

A. K. EAKERS.

P. O. Address Ft. Stanton, Lincoln Co., N. M.

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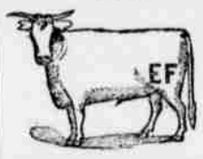

P. O. Address, Lincoln, Lincoln Co., N. M.

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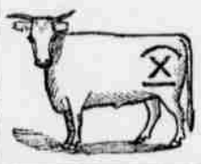


Horse brand X P. O. Address White Oaks, Lincoln Co., N. M.

FLORENCIO GONZALES.

P. O. Address Lincoln, Lincoln Co., N. M.

Mescalero & Jicarilla Apaches.

Address, W. H. H. Llewellyn, South Fork, N. M. Branded U S on either side; also bow and arrow or star and crescent.

THE LEA CATTLE CO.

Brand left side but sometimes on right side. Ear marks sometimes reversed. E side and also some on side and hip. W side. J Bon hip or loin. L E A. Cross on side and hip. Cattle branded with various other ear marks and old brands. Address, J. C. Lea, Roswell, N. M.

STOCK BRANDS.

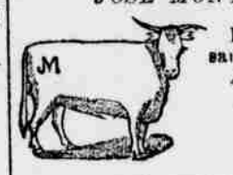
JAMES RAINBOLT.

P. O. Address Ft. Stanton, Lincoln Co., N. M.

B. J. BACA.

B B on either side. Horses same as cow brand. B. J. Baca, Lincoln, Lincoln Co., N. M.

JOSE MONTANO.



Horses branded same as cows. Address, Lincoln, Lincoln Co., N. M.

T. B. POWELL.

All over two years old have 999 on shoulder, ssh side and hip. Horse brand same as cow brand. Rio Penasco, Lincoln Co., N. M.

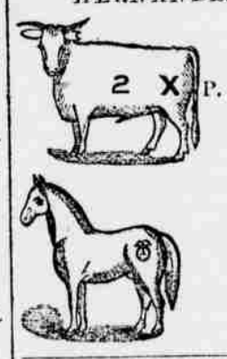
J. & J. S. RAYNOLDS.

Horse brand J on left shoulder. Old cattle in various old marks and brands. A. B. Allen, Manager. P O Address Fort Sumner, New Mexico.

WM. ROBERT.

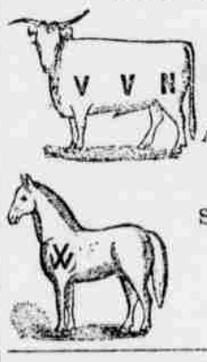
P O Address South Spring River, Lincoln County, New Mexico

HERNANDEZ BROS.



P. O. Address Ft. Sumner, San Miguel County, N. M.

EDDY BROS.



V left shoulder, A left side N left P. O. Address Seven Rivers, N. M.

COYOTE AND RED LAKE CATTLE CO.

Cattle brands on either side. Various Mexican brand on cattle and horses.

W. H. HUDGENS, Ass't Manager, P O Address White Oaks, New Mexico.

ANDERSON CATTLE CO.

P. O. Address, Roswell, Lincoln Co., New Mexico.

On left side and J H connected on left hip. Ear mark upper half crop and under bit in the left and crop in the right.

On left side and on left hip. Ear mark same as boot bar cattle.

On left side and J H connected on left hip. Ear upper one-half crop in left, and under one-half crop in right.

WT On left side and hip. Ear mark crop and slit in left and under bit in right.

G On left side. Various ear marks.

STOCK BRANDS.

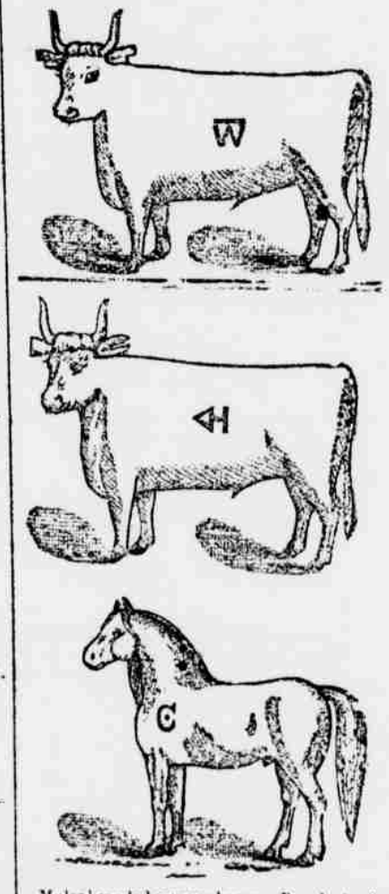
POE & GOODIN'S BRANDS.

Besides the brands as shown in above cuts we have cattle branded V on right hip. Marks on all increase as shown above. Old cattle are in various marks. Range, Salado, Rio Bonito, Little creek and Eagle creek. Post office address, Fort Stanton, Lincoln county, New Mexico.

n30-tf POE & GOODIN.

CARIZOZO RANCH,

LINCOLN COUNTY, - N. M.



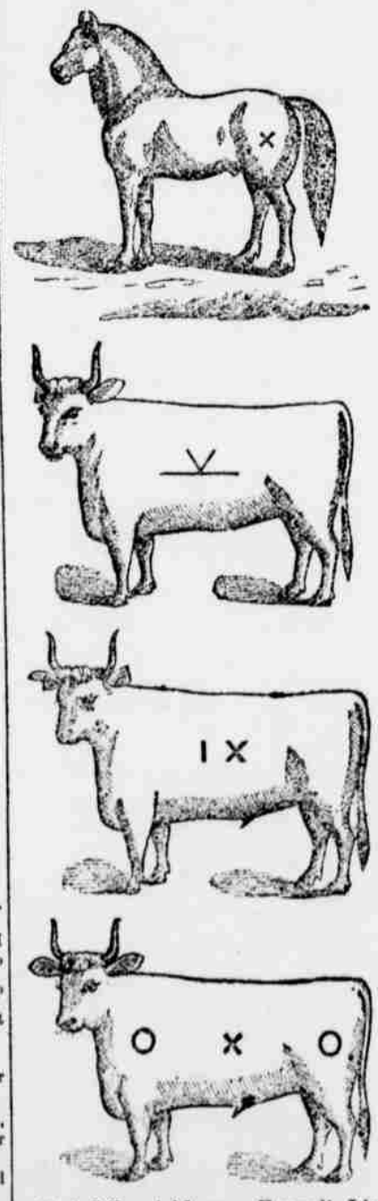
Mules branded same as horses. Ranch 10 miles southwest of White Oaks. In addition to the $1,000 reward offered by the Stock Ass'n. I will pay $50 extra on the conviction of any person for stealing or killing any stock belonging to the undersigned, from and after this date. JAMES A. ALCOCK, CARIZOZO RANCH, White Oaks, N. M. 9

MILNE & BUSH,

—OF—

BERRENDO RIVER AND PATOS RANCHES

LINCOLN COUNTY - - N M.



Post Office Address: Roswell, Lincoln county, N. M.