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STOCK NOTES.

A letter from J. H. Quigley, who is now in Lincoln, says it will probably be a month before the brand commission will conclude its first session. An enormous amount of work is ahead of the board.

H. Ormersher went east last Saturday night. His destination is Sioux City, Iowa, and the object of his going is to buy and ship some more cattle of the excellent kind he is in the habit of disposing of in Chadron.—Chadron Journal.

James Early brought one of the largest hogs to market, Friday, that was ever weighed upon our city scales. It tipped the beam at 745 pounds. Mr. Early is a most successful hog raiser and has a nice bunch of nearly one hundred more at home, so he informs us, but none, however, as big as the mammoth porker he marketed here Friday.—O'Neill Independent.

T. A. Gillespie, Big Timber, Mont., writes: "Live stock matters are in a very satisfactory condition in this part of the west. Cattle are doing well on ranges in all parts of the state where sheep have not been held. Stock cattle have brought the best prices in years this fall, cows with calves at side bringing \$43, calves \$16 to \$18, yearlings \$25 to \$27.50, and two-year-olds \$30 and upward. Sheep on ranges never did better than this fall."

It has been reported that the government has been buying, recently, a portion of its beef supplies for the army in the Philippines from Australia, but it is hardly probable that any considerable proportion of that ration will be purchased anywhere but in the United States. Only in case of some urgent requirement would there be any reason for obtaining it elsewhere. The present force of the United States in those islands will be maintained there for a long time and will probably require a monthly beef supply of about 4,000,000 pounds of beef. This, together with the beef supplies that will be taken by the British army in South Africa will very materially increase the requirements of the American packeries.—Texas Stock Journal.

On the first of December the railroads revoked their carload rates for live stock, and substituted therefor a rate per hundred pounds. Under the old rate it cost a shipper \$50.00 to send a car of cattle to Omaha, while under the new he cannot hope to get off for less than \$56.30, a difference of \$6.30, and many times this difference will go as high as \$15.00. The carload rate on hogs was \$46.00, and the new rate will make the freight average \$52.00 or more, a difference of at least \$6.00 on each and every car. This makes quite a difference to local shippers, and they are correspondingly sore, claiming the new rates are unnecessarily high. A number of complaints of this character have been made to the state board of transportation, and the board's action thereon is anxiously awaited.

There will be held a meeting of the stockmen at Whitman on Jan. 10, 1900, to take action on the proposed disposition of the government land in the sand hills. Each and every stockman certainly has a direct interest in this matter and should keep the date in mind, and honor the meeting with his presence and encourage their neighbor to come with him. We would recommend that there be more encouragement offered to the settler and keep the land out of market, as the government land should be used to benefit the public instead of a few that would buy up large tracts and benefit only a few that would be ready to improve the opportunity, and work hardship to many. The repeal of the timber claim and preemption laws has confined the settler to only 160 acres of land, which is not valuable enough to warrant the settler sufficient returns for the hardship of settling a new country, which is not adapted to agricultural interests in the full sense of the word.—Whitman Sun.

Indications are that the constitutionality of the new brand law will be tested in the courts before long. Many stockmen place a high value upon their right to a certain brand, and claim that if they are deprived of their right it

will cause them an untold amount of trouble, if not actual loss. Admitting this, we yet believe that in the long run the workings of the law will prove satisfactory to everybody. Changes cannot be made in a day, and to save our ranchmen unnecessary inconvenience the board should give those who lose their present marks ample time, say one or two years, to get their herds in shape. Of course no young stuff should be marked with the old, or rejected brand. In this way we believe the law could be put into effect with a minimum amount of inconvenience, and meanwhile stock owners would have the same protection that the law now affords, and the only loss sustained would be the loss of the prestige which attaches to the old brand.

There is no branch of the live stock industry making such rapid gains as the sheep business. All kinds of people out west are investing in sheep, hoping that the present good condition will keep up. People are naturally attracted to any business that is making money, regardless of whether they know anything about it or not. At the present rate of growth it looks as if the thing might be overdone, as it has been in the past, and that those who are looking for profit and experience might at least get all of the latter they want. Sheep are prolific and soon reach maturity, and even with a good demand for both wool and mutton there is a possibility of overstocking the demand. There is no better business than the sheep business for one who understands it, and there is none that is fuller of pitfalls for the novice. Like any other business one should learn more about it than can be gotten from books, before branching out too boldly.—Chicago Drovers' Journal.

The Hyannis Tribune issued a very creditable special edition last week, and in its mention of various stockmen we find the following:

Dr. A. J. Plumer located on his present location in 1888, where he has built a fine residence and ranch.

Henry Buck is located about eighteen miles north of Hyannis in Cherry county. He runs a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle, and thinks they are about the stuff. Henry's stock always bring the top price on the market at any rate.

L. L. Morrill is another Cherry county ranchman whose family reside in Hyannis. Mr. Morrill is an old settler and has a fine range and a nice herd of stock.

J. G. Cooley's range is located six miles northwest of Mother Lake. He has a herd of fine bred stock and although he is in Cherry county he does his trading at Hyannis.

A. T. Davis, located fifteen miles north, in Cherry county, has a ranch well stocked with cattle, hay galore and plenty of range. He also breeds a fine class of horses, German coach and English Shires.

The editor of the Rushville Standard has announced his determination of entering the law business as an active practitioner. It will now go hard with Bro. Lyon if he ever jumps onto Heath again.

In a long letter to the Star-Journal, J. N. Ferguson, of Ainsworth, says:

"Now, I am no friend to populists or democrats, politically, but if the devil were to advance a good thing, endorse it and give him credit for it. Besides, I believe that if the republicans of the United States were to go into their hearts and give their sentiments honestly, ninety-nine out of every one hundred would say that their sympathy was with the Boers and would hail with satisfaction the ultimate defeat of Great Britain."

The Valentine Democrat kicks because the currency bill recently passed by the people's representatives in congress was put through without any useless red tape or monkey work, claiming that the anti didn't have sufficient opportunity to express themselves upon it. Such a discussion would have accomplished nothing beyond taking up a lot of valuable and expensive time and affording some long winded democrat a chance to get his name in the Congressional Record. Congress is in session to do business—not merely to humor the kicking minority.—Stuart Ledger.

The Ledger misunderstands our position. Like Bro. Church, we do not believe in long winded speeches, but we do object to such important bills as H. R. 1 being forced to a vote without ample time for consideration, not alone by congress but by the people. In this case the people knew absolutely nothing about the provisions of the bill. Had they been given an opportunity to protest against the measure, the protest against Roberts would have sunk into insignificance.

MIDWINTER SALE FOR CASH!

Men's Cotton Flannel Underwear, - were 50c, now 25c
Men's Heavy, Fleece Lined " " 50c, " 35c
Men's Winter Underwear " " 35c, " 20c
Ladies' Winter Union Suits " " 50c " 35c
Misses' Winter Union Suits " " 35c " 25c
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<p>Wheeler Bros. Cody Neb Also—B—on right side Range Chamberlain Flats and Snake River Cattle 10</p>	<p>J. C. Trowbridge Merriman, Neb Range between Irwin and Merriman, south of railroad Cattle P</p>
<p>Newman Bros. & Nations. Cody, Nebraska On point left shoulder. Also on point left shoulder. Also on left shoulder. Same on left hip Left side Cattle O</p>	<p>Hugh Bovill, Manager Merriman Neb All on left side or hip Range north of Ell Cattle E H</p>
<p>J. A. Adamson. Valentine, Neb On left side or hip A4 left side or hip On left side Range on Niobrara Cattle A</p>	<p>Charlotte E. Bovill Merriman Neb Left side or hip Range north of Ell Cattle R</p>

Taken up, at my place about 4 miles east of Fort Niobrara, May 25, one sorrel bull, aged gelding, 5 years old, and one bay mare, 2 years old, both branded on left shoulder.—DREYFUS

Metzger Bros.,
Pullman Neb Cherry Co.
Brand on left side and thigh
Earmark, square crop right ear
Southern branded cattle have but one "half-diamond E" on left side
Native cattle have throat wattle
Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks
Horses have same brand on left thigh
A Reward of \$250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand

EDWARD BAD HAIL.
Postoffice address Allen S D
On left shoulder and bar on side; horses same on thigh
Range-Bear Creek

T J ASHBURN
Postoffice address Valentine, Neb
Branded on right side; horses same
Range—10 miles east of Valentine on the Niobrara

Joseph W. Bownet
P. O. address Merriman, Neb.
Right ear cropped
Hole in center of left ear
Range Lake creek S. D.

Parker & Son
P. O. Address L. W. Parker Reige, Neb
Brand same as cut.
Also ZP
Range on Niobrara south of Crookston

R. A. McQuade.
Valentine, Neb
Branded on either side
Range between Thacher and Swan Lake

Charles C. Tackett
Rosebud, S. D.
Range head of Antelope near St. Marys mission
Horses branded on left thigh

Peter Vlondray
Rosebud, S. D.
Left side. Left ear cropped.
Horses branded VB.
Range Little White River, at mouth of Cedar Creek.

Louis J. Richards
Merriman, Neb

Gorsuch Bros.
Newton, Nebraska
Cattle branded as on cut
Some ft side or hip
Range on Gordon Creek

Louis F. Richards
Merriman Neb

Henry Pratt
Rosebud S. D.
Left side
Horses same on left shoulder
Deerhorn clip on some cattle

John DeCory
Rosebud, S. D.
Some branded 1D
Horses JD on left hip
Range in Meyer Co on Antelope Creek

N. S. Rowley
Kennedy, Neb.
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip.
On right hip and on left side.
C on left hip of horses.

W. W. ANDERSON, J. C. ROUNDS
Anderson & Rounds.
Simeon, Nebraska
Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also 10 on left side with — on left hip of some cattle; also S46 on right side
Horse brand, make and 16 on left shoulder or hip
Home ranch—on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; also between Snake River and Simeon, known as the Felch range, all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

Marshall & Wolfenden
Kennedy, Neb.
Some — on the left hip
Horses — on left shoulder
Brand is small
Earmark: Quarter clip behind, half circle forward on left ear
Range Lone Tree Lake

L. T. Richardson.
Perch, Nebr
Some on left hip
Horses on left shoulder

William M. Dunbar
Lessee from Heine & Kroeger
Cody, Neb
DU on either side
Also low on right
Left ear of cattle split
Range head of Hay Creek

Amelia Young.
Cody, Nebraska
On right side.
Right ear split.
Range, Little White river

Peder Thorsen.
Gordon, Nebraska
On right side; T on right hip. e horse brand and T on right shoulder
Also cattle branded L on left side
Range, few miles south of Irwin

Henry Young.
Cody, Nebraska
Horse brand H-Y on left shoulder
Cattle, right ear split
Range, Little White river, S. D.

Stotts & Stetter.
Cody, Nebraska
Branded on left side
Range, Two Lake and Morgan Flats

D. C. Nelson.
Cody, Nebraska.
On right hip.
Range, Medicine Lake to the Snake river

Hutt Brothers.
Gordon, Nebraska
Range, 14 miles north of Gordon.

F. C. Duerfeldt, Manager.
Gordon, Nebraska
Cattle also branded 90 on right hip
Horses and mules branded same as cut on left shoulder

J. C. Jordan
Gordon, Nebraska
One bunch branded as on cut on left side
One bunch branded C L on left hip
Horses J on left shoulder
Range, 10 miles southwest of Gallup, between Niobrara and Snake rivers

George F Damon
Albany, Neb
Cattle branded FD on left ribs or right shoulder; left on right hip and left ribs; 6 on left hip
Horses FD or SD on right shoulder
Range 7 mi north east of Albany Neb
Agent for Pasteur Black Leg Vaccine

Joseph Fickel
Gordon Neb
Also on left hip
Horse brand F on left shoulder
Range 10 miles northeast of Gordon