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sheds for the cattle owned there. And it is quite as innecessary as it is im-possible. The cattle ranges of Nebraska begin about 200 miles west of Omaha. There is no fine to mark where agriculture leaves off and grazing begins, but at about the point named timber and water become too schere for profitable agriculture, and the ranchmen take up what the plowmen ean't use. The land is owned in equal parts by the ranchero and the government, but is enjoyed free of rent by the cattle men. The ranches vary in extent to the size of the herd and the run of the water course. The first essential in "laying out" a ranch is water. As for grass, there is always plenty of that, summer and winter. A moderate estimate is said to be two miles of water front, running twenty miles back, for each "1,000 head of cattle. So that a man with 20,000 head of cattle—which is, about the largest number owned by any one man, and more than twice the average of all— would require forty miles of water front, running back, twenty miles. It is not always an easy thing to find this. When found and occupied, how-ever, the rights of the inder and oc-cupant are respected by his brother ever, the rights of the finder and oc-cupant are respected by his brother stockmen to the extent that he is al-lowed to remain in unmolested posseslowed to remain in unmolested posses-sion. It is a maxim among them that "stocknoen respect each other's rights." There are persons called jumpers, how-ever, who look upon the stockmen as having no rights which they are bound to respect, and who make it a business to pick out the best land in a range and settle down upon it under the Homestead or Pre-emption laws, re-maining just long enough to be bought off, when, they move to another maining just long chough to be bought off, when they move to another range to play the same part. The stockmen complain grievously about this, as an annoyance from which they should be protected by law. They can-not buy the land from the government in quantities to suit them, and they think Congress should pass a law al-lowing them to lease it for a term of years, so as to allow them to improve years, so as to allow them to improve it, and to give them a fixed tenure, it, and to give them a fixed centre. The cattlemen have their own associa-tion and their own regulations, which seem to be intended not only for the benefit of these who are in, but for the exclusion of those who are out. No cattleman has ever been known to encourage an outsider to embark in a cattle-raising enterprise.

cattle-raising enterprise. After a good deal of dross-question-ing and figuring I arrived at some con-clusions as to the praits of cattle-vaising as a busines. I met one man, for instance, who had just arrived frow Chicago, where he had sold a thousand head of cattle at an average of \$40, and had been on his ranch two years. He bought them in 7820 for 38 a head. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking, loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking loss by Heat of the items of expense. Counting interest, care taking loss by and had been on his ranch two years. He bought than in 7880 for 38 a head. Counting interest, care-taking, loss by they scool lim, then put on the cars, at \$1,50 each. And to the an aver-age of \$5 each for transportation from Ogallala, Neb., to Chicago—\$100 per car the actual cost and an average of twenty head, to the cars, at \$1,50 each, kaving a net profit of \$23,500 on the herd. This was simply one—and not a large one—of may transactions made in the course of the year he the nature of an outside trans-actin, Because the rule is to raise the mas aready soid 16,500 head of eattle each thir year and now has on his ranch 13,500 head, of which he expects to send about 5,000 head to market be-fore the close of the exesson. It is very state execution of extile each at a with 2000 head of eattle each at a difference of the sender the states the actual to the actual the actual of which he expects to send about 5,000 head to market be-the second year, keep up his heed an sell \$5500 worth of cattle each at the sender to the the second year, keep up his heed surveys the send the states of the years the light of the states the the the states the the too raise the thir year and now has on his ranch 13,500 head, of which he expects to send about 5,000 head to market be-the second year, keep up his heed any states the states the to drinks standing on the side-wath. very safe to can have a state can, after the second year, keep up his herd and sell \$2000 worth of cattle every year; that is to say, he can not that amont after paying every dollar of expense. But 2500 head of cattle are considered a small ranch. The aver-age is more than twice that number.

Of possible and actual losses to the business there are really none to speak

the targest rates the expense up to this time is not over \$600. The cow-boys get about \$30 each for the "round up," but no stockman is allowed to furnish less than twelve, no matter how small his herd may be. Some are taxed as high as twenty cow-boys. The matter is all arranged at a Some are taxed as high as twenty cow-boys. The matter is all arranged at a meeting of the stockmen, held under the auspices of the Stockmen's associ-ation. When the cattle are all gathered in and branded for the summer the only help needed for the rest of the year is a sufficient number of cowboys to watch the herd, which is generally done by sleeping in the grass under some friendly shade. Three cowboys will take care of 5,000 cattle, keep them all together, and drive to the railroad station such as are to be sent to market.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat

WORDS OF WISDOM.

When you bury animosity, never mind putting up a tombstone. Poverty may excuse a shabby coat, but it is no excuse for shabby morals. The exercise of the will has very much to do in determining our physical

condition. The covetous man is as much de-prived of what he has as what he has

not, for he enjoys neither. The essence of knowledge is having it apply it—not having it merely to confess your ignorance.

Be deaf to the quarrelsome, blind to the scorner, and dumb to those who are mischievously inclined.

Let men laugh when you sacrifice de-sire to duty, if they will. You have time and eternity to rejoice in.

Knowledge is not simply what we read, but what we hold; but we are judged by the use we make of it.

If you can't trust a man entirely, let him skip; this trying to get an average on honesty always has been a failure.

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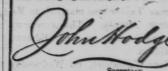
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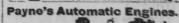
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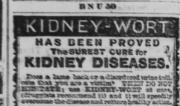






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