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BURKE COUNTY HISTORY.

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SKETCHES OF THE PIONEERS.

CHAPTER 3. RANSOM BERNIE.

About this time a very laughable occurrence took place. Ransom Horse (whom man was a key member) had for years indulged too freely in the "overjoyful," but had been converted under the thrilling eloquence of a distinguished temperance lecturer, signed a pledge of total abstinence, and had determined to abandon the old habit.

HON. JAMES GRAHAM.

Hon. James Graham succeeded Samuel P. Carson as representative in congress from this district, and served until 1843, when he was defeated by Hon. Thomas L. Clingman, each claiming to be the better Whig.

MARK BRITTAIN.

Mark Brittain, an old citizen, and for many years sheriff of the county, was elected to the state senate in 1831 and 1833. A man of respectable character, esteemed by the people and loved by his neighbors.

COL. JOHN CARSON.

Col. John Carson, one of the wealthy and respected citizens of the county, resided during his long life on the beautiful stream known as Buck Creek; having its source near the crest of the Blue Ridge, and famous for the delicious brook trout that abound in its pellucid waters.

THE LAND OF BIG PASTURES.

Texas Has Fields as Large as an Ordinary County.

Very few people at a distance in thinking of western Texas understand that nearly the whole of it is at present fenced up in mammoth pastures, yet such is the case. Many of them are larger than ordinary counties, and some of them embrace large parts of three or four counties.

Another fair-sized holding of land is that of the Espinella cattle company.

A man traveling east on the road which was directed at front of the house on the west bank of the creek, having gone half a mile or more to where the public road crosses the Catawba river, discovered a number of hogs destroying a field of fine corn.

THE SPIDERS.

Spiders of mud, worms, frogs and rain of various colors have all happened, but spider showers are worthy of mention, and may be regarded as the most beautiful thing in strange showers.

THE MORE YOU STEAL THE LIGHTER THE FUNDAMENT.

In the Federal Court in Omaha, Neb., recently, Chas. Moser, president of the Capital National Bank of Lincoln, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for stealing a thing as a single pasture in one body and under one fence, larger than some states in the union, yet such is the fact. More than that, it is owned by a foreign syndicate.

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SMART SHEPHERD DOGS.

They Take Entire Care of a Flock Without Anyone's Direction.

In South America, in the region of the great pasture plains, dogs are not mean that a dog goes out with the herdsmen and helps watch the flock. I mean that the dog goes out alone and that he takes the entire care of the sheep without anyone's direction.

When "Colly" was only a day old he was taken away from his own mother and given to a big motherly sheep. She let the little blind puppy share the dinner of her own baby lamb.

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CARLISLE'S ENGLISH.

The Secretary of the Treasury Issued a Model Report—Secretary Gresham's Double—Our Great Navy—Secretary Herreshoff's Right Man for the Place—Grand Uniforms While on Duty—General Gossip.

There is a new watchman at the capitol. He came on duty one day, and was stationed at the door of the disbursing clerk's office. This is an important post, for it is here that senators go to draw money, and in their careless haste, the security of the capitol, they walk out the door with rolls of bills in their hands, thus offering a fine opportunity for the operations of sneak thieves.

During the present session of congress all the capitol policemen—there are 60 of them—have come out in bright uniforms of dark blue cloth, with gold braid trimmings, caps and pretty leather hangings for their clubs.

Secretary Carlisle has been showered with compliments on the manner in which he prepared his annual report. While it would be too much to expect that he should be pleased with all the recommendations which it contains, as a piece of literary work it held to be of exceptional merit.

THE ZOLA MECHANISM.

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NATIONAL POLITICS.

VARIED OPINIONS OF PROMINENT DEMOCRATS AS TO THE OUTLOOK.

Washington, Dec. 29.—[Special.]—In this full of congressional work the capital gazetteers have a good deal to say about national politics. They seem to be particularly concerned with the future of the Democratic party. Two radical views are held by Democrats themselves, one being that the party is sure to go out of power in the House in the coming general election, and in the senate and White House as well as soon as the people can get a chance to elect themselves.

One may hear this view expressed by such Democrats as Gorman, Hill, Cockrell and others who have never been much in sympathy with Mr. Cleveland. They say that the selection of Gresham to be secretary of state, of Mr. MacVegh to be ambassador to Italy and of other appointments made by the president, show that he is not a man of the party and that he desires to please himself first in all things.

Another view is held by many prominent Democrats. They say that while the party seems just now to be in the trough of despair, it is to be losing states and cities that state affairs will not long continue. They describe these losses to the natural reaction which always sets in after a change of party, and instead of being permanent and indicative of total loss of power they affect to be of the nature of temporary reverses on the theory that the sooner they come the sooner they will be over with and the better chance of a reaction in their favor.

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