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Biggest Horse Herd in United States.

Stretching for 200 miles on the north side of the Columbia river from a point opposite The Dalles, Ore. to the Big Bend, in Washington, lies the largest individual horse range in the United States.

In this great expanse of variegated hills, prairies, sand dunes, upland plateau and river bluffs, range the holding of the Switzlers, John and "Jade," amounting today to 11,000 head of horses.

For the past 30 years this same expanse of country has been the range of the Switzlers, formerly William, John and Jade. In 1883 William died and the two other brothers continued in partnership for several years, when they divided and each now conducts his own interests.

Jade Switzler lives at Expansion, Klickitat county, Wash., 12 miles below the town of Umatilla, on the north side of the Columbia.

John Switzler lives on Switzler's island in the Columbia river, near the town of Umatilla.

Jade Switzler owns 4000 head of individual horses, and John owns 7000 head, the range for both of these immense herds being in the territory mentioned at the beginning, from The Dalles to the Big Bend.

At the highest tide of the Switzler holdings, before William Switzler died, the brothers owned at one time 15,000 head of horses. This is said to be the largest herd of horses ever owned by one company in the entire United States. The Switzler brand, "S" on the hip, was known from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, as they shipped and drove horses to every known market in the United States.

In the early history of the Switzler horse industry, the holdings were cayuses—small, hardy, incorrigible pinto and buckskin mustangs—the hardiest brand of equines that ever trailed behind the cattle herds from the Pacific coast to Cheyenne in the trail over the precipitous mountains of the Inland Empire.

But the cayuses are now entirely weeded out. The Switzlers sold 7000 early days, or that followed an Indian head of these wild mustangs to the Linton cannery, at a contract price of \$3 per head, delivered. Since that clean-up, the class of horses raised on this immense range has been greatly improved. Large draught stallions have been crossed with the wiry, nerry, Western mares, and the result is a grade of horses weighing from 1000 to 1200 pounds, that is fit for any ordinary service and bring the highest price in every market. About 600 stallions are kept.

On this 200 miles of range, this 11,000 head of wild horses reign monarchs of all they survey. The Columbia and Yakima rivers are their watering places, they run over parts of three large counties

and there are colts on the ranges 2 and 3 years old, without brands, and that were perhaps never seen by one of the Switzler herders.

Round-up corrals are built about 10 miles apart over this great range, and the 50 men employed in the round-ups, gather and brand the colts in the fall. The round-up is now in progress. The two brothers own about 200 head of trained saddle horses, a large drove of horses in itself.

The stallions are turned loose on the ranges, and the entire number of wild mares produce 80 per cent of colts each year. None of this great herd is ever fed a particle of feed during the winter season, the sand hills and rolling prairies affording sufficient nutritious feed the year around.

Settlers are crowding this vast horse range. Watering places are being fenced up, and slowly the great expanse is narrowing down, but there yet remains an empire in extent.

Horse stealing is more or less prevalent, in the Switzler range, the very magnitude of the business making it impossible to guard against renegeades from the outside, who slip in and appropriate what they can safely take away.

The demand for the Switzler horses is constantly growing. This season Minnesota buyers have sent out three large shipments of wild horses at \$20 per head delivered at the yards at Kennewick, and the class of the younger horses is being constantly improved.

Over 1000 head of horses have been sold from the ranges this season.

LEADER PREDICTS LONG WAR.

Japan Will Be Out a Billion Dollars in Two Years.

Tokio, Oct. 6.—In addressing the members of the United Clearing Houses of Tokio today, Count Okuma, the leader of the progressive party, warned the people to prepare for a long war, the date of the termination of which it was now impossible to foresee. He predicted that the cost to Japan for a two years' war, including the loans which had been already placed and the expenses consequent upon the war at its termination, would total \$1,000,000,000, which would make the per capita share amount to \$20.

Count Okuma said corruption appeared to pervade the military, political and financial departments of the Russian Government, and that this corruption had almost resulted in a climax which threatened a revolution. It was even reported that Lieutenant-General Stoessel, now defending Port Arthur, and upon whose shoulders rested the responsibility for the loss of a large share of Russian prestige in East Africa, was guilty of dissipation during the siege. The speaker declared the weaknesses of the Russians gave the Japanese many victories. He pointed out that, despite her defeats, Russia continued to hold a prominent and commanding position in Europe, and said that even Emperor William was "courting the favor of the Russian autocrat."

Despite her weaknesses, Count Okuma said, Russia possessed immense resources and had tremendous advantages in the size of her population and the greatness of her wealth, and it would be necessary for the Japanese to make heavy sacrifices in order to attain success. He predicted that the war would cost Russia from \$1,500,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000, and said it would be impossible to raise loans or to increase the taxes in Russia, because the limit had been reached.

The Count predicted it would be necessary for the Japanese government to borrow \$250,000,000 next year, and added that if \$75,000,000 were secured abroad the country must face a depreciation in the value of its securities.

Count Okuma urged the Nation to

carefully husband its strength and resources, and expressed the fullest confidence in the ultimate victory of Japanese arms.

New Records.

Lexington, Oct. 6.—The Pennsylvania for the 2:12 class of trotters value \$500 and the greatest event in turf history was won by Sweet Marie in three final heats, the first two heats going to Tiverton. Four world's records were made in the Pennsylvania by the lowering of the event record and making the fastest mile of the year on any track. When Tiverton won the first heat in 2:04 3/4 he lowered the event record and made the fastest trotting record of any horse this year. When he won the second heat in 2:04 1/2, he again lowered these records and made a world's record for the fastest second heat in the race. Sweet Marie won the third heat in 2:05. This established the world's record for the three fastest heats ever trotted in the race and her mark is a world's record for the fastest third heat ever trotted in a race. Sweet Marie won the fourth heat in 2:03 1/2 and the fifth in 2:09, thus establishing a world's record for the five fastest heats ever trotted in a race.

The average time for each heat was 2:06. The first three heats averaged 2:05 1/4. Sweet Marie, the winner, is owned by William Garland, of Los Angeles.

In the betting Sweet Marie was the favorite.

IS MAN OF CAPITAL.

Watson So Explains the Nomination of Parker.

Chicago, Oct. 10.—Thomas E. Watson, nominee of the People's party for President, spoke here tonight to an audience which filled the Princess rink to overflowing. The policies of both Republican and Democratic parties were scored bitterly by Mr. Watson and his declarations were received with enthusiasm. Mr. Watson spoke in part as follows:

"The most striking feature of the present campaign is that there is more energy displayed in obtaining nominations than there has been displayed in securing elections. In Judge Parker's campaign, particularly, there was ten times more industry, earnestness and systematic effort put forth in the effort to have him named as head of the Democratic ticket than is now being used to have him elected President. This is certainly a very peculiar situation. It requires explanation. How are we to explain it? Is it that the corporation influences which control the Republican party desire to perpetuate that system? To do this they must, if possible, secure control of the Democratic organization. The corporation influences to which Parker owes his nomination were hell-bent on having him nominated, but it is a matter of indifference whether he be elected.

"The reason why Parker cannot take any bold step in any possible direction, nor declare himself openly to be opposed to any principle of the Republican party, is that he dare not offend the star chamber influences that purchased the editors and the delegates and secured the nomination for him.

"This campaign, to a greater extent than any we have ever known, is a campaign of humbug so far as Parker is concerned. We have a campaign against trusts, financed by the Standard Oil Company; a campaign against extravagance, led by men who, when entrusted with power in 1892 on a platform pledging them to rigorous economy, increased the public debt \$262,000,000 in time of peace without having bought Panama or the Philippines or anything else except the paper parchment upon which they printed the bonds; a campaign against militarism, inaugurated by the men who lent the United States Army to the Pullman Palace Car Company to quell a strike at the point of the bayonet; a campaign

for tariff reform, led by men who opposed the income tax and who, when they had the power in 1892 to reform the tariff, deputized a Democratic Cabinet member to violate the sugar schedule just as Havemeyer directed; a prohibition campaign, led by the whisky trust; a labor movement, led by Bell and Fock and Peabody. A crusade against gambling led by Richard Campbell, of New York, and Tom Taggart, of Illinois, would not be more of a self-evident and brazen attempt to deceive than the Parker campaign, which pretends to be against class legislation and at the same time is led and cashed by such beneficiaries of class legislation as August Belmont, the Standard Oil Company and kindred corporation of the Wall-street sort.

"I am accused of drawing more votes from Parker than Roosevelt. Believing as I do that both of them stand for the same system, which I combat, the source from which I draw my votes is a matter of indifference to me, so that they are genuine Jeffersonian Democratic votes. If Bryan had bolted the St. Louis platform and called upon the Democrats everywhere to rally to his support against Wall street, Parker's campaign would have died in its birth. The Belmonts and Gormans and Olneys and Clevelands would have been driven into the Republican camp where they belong. Bryan would have made himself the uncrowned king of American Democracy, and in all probability would have defeated Roosevelt in 1904—most assuredly in 1908. As to Parker, he has not a ghost of a chance to be elected and the only practical effect of his continued candidacy is to stand in the way of real opposition to the present system.

"The purpose of my campaign is to revive and reorganize the real Democratic sentiment which exists throughout the country."

Largest Apple Sale.

What is thought to be the largest single sale of fancy apples ever made in the Northwest has just been made in Hood River.

A Hood River fruit company has just sold to Portland wholesalers 30 carloads of fancy Spitzenbergs and Newton Pippins, the total sale amounting to \$32,000. The 20 cars of Spitzenbergs sold for \$2.10 per bushel and the 10 cars of Newton Pippins, for \$1.75 per bushel.

The apples are for the fancy trade of the large Eastern cities and will be shipped over the Harriman lines to Chicago, New York and other leading cities. This entire shipment was selected stock, and is said to be the finest lot of Oregon apples ever sold in one lot.

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