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Armstrong, J. C., Idaho, Or.—T with bar under it on left shoulder of horse; cattle same on left hip.

Alison, O. D., Eight Mile, Or.—Cattle brand, O D on left hip and horse same brand on right shoulder. Range, Eight Mile.

Adkins, J. J., Harney, Or.—Horse, JA connected on left flank; cattle, same on left hip.

Bartholomew, A. H., Malheur, Or.—Horse branded T E on either shoulder. Range in Harney county.

Benjamin, J. W., Harney, Or.—Cattle brand, O D on left hip and horse same brand on right shoulder.

Benson, Peter, Harney, Or.—Horse branded B H on left shoulder; cattle same on right side.

Burke, M. H. C., Long Creek, Or.—On cattle, MAY connected on left hip, top of left ear, under half crop of right. Horse, same brand on left shoulder, range in Grant and Harney county.

Brown, Jerry, Lena, Or.—Horse branded T on right shoulder; cattle B on the left side. Left ear half crop and right ear upper slope.

Barlow, Wm., Harney, Or.—Horse 614 on right thigh; cattle same on right hip; split in each ear.

Brown, J. C., Harney, Or.—Horse, circle C with dot in ear on left hip; cattle, same on left hip. Horse, 614 on right ear, bar over it, on the left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip.

Boyer, W. G., Harney, Or.—Horse, bar brand on right hip; cattle, same with split in each ear.

Boyer, P. O., Harney, Or.—Horse, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Brown, J. C., Harney, Or.—Horse 614 connected on left hip; crop on left ear and two splits and multiple piece cut on right ear on horse same brand on the left thigh. Range in Grant county.

Boyer, J. C., Harney, Or.—Horse branded 614 on left side; cattle (three bars) right side, crop and split in each ear. Range in Grant and Harney county.

Cain, E., Coale, Or.—D on horse on left side U with quarter circle over it on left shoulder and on left side of right ear. Cattle, same on left shoulder only on horse over 3 years. All range in Grant county.

Cole, Chas., R. Yonson or Lena, Or.—Horse H C on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Harney county.

Correll, M. M., Oatfield, Or.—Cattle crop out of each ear and underbit, write in forehead, connect 614 on left side. Range Morrow and Harney county.

Coak, A. J., Harney, Or.—Horse, 614 on right shoulder; cattle, same on right hip; ear mark square crop of left and split in right.

Cox, Ed., R. Harney, Or.—Cattle, C with H in center; horse, C on left hip.

Cooker, R. E., Harney, Or.—Cattle, O on right hip; horse, O on left hip.

Chapin, H., Harney, Or.—Horse branded 614 on right hip; cattle, same on left hip.

Donahoe, W. M., Harney, Or.—Cattle, R D on right side, swallow fork in each ear; horse, R D on left hip.

Ely, H., Harney, Or.—Horse branded R L on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip. Range in Harney county.

Evans, J. S., Harney, Or.—Horse branded 614 on right hip; cattle, same on left hip.

Flanagan, H. A., Harney, Or.—Cattle, L F on right hip; horse, F with bar under on right shoulder.

Flanagan, H. E., Harney, Or.—Horse, F on right shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Flanagan, H. G., Harney, Or.—Cattle branded W F, with bar over it, on left side, crop of left ear. Horse, same brand on left hip.

Gearty, Elmer, Harney, Or.—Horse branded H, with a quarter circle over it, on left side. Range in Morrow and Harney county.

Hart, A. B., Harney, Or.—Cattle, round-top A with quarter circle over it on the right hip. Range in Morrow and Harney county.

Horton, J. J., Harney, Or.—Cattle, two bars on each hip; crop in right ear and split in left. Horse J on right hip. Range in Harney county.

Hughes, Samuel, Harney, Or.—T E F on left side, connect on right shoulder on horse on right hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and split in left. Range in Harney county.

Hahn, Milton, Harney, Or.—Horse branded 614 on right side; cattle on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip. Range in Harney county.

Howard J. L., Harney, Or.—Horse T on right side with bar above it on right shoulder; cattle on left side. Range in Morrow and Harney county.

Hall, Edwin, John Day, Or.—Cattle H H on right hip; horse same on right shoulder. Range in Harney county.

Hughes, Mar, Harney, Or.—Horse, shaded horse on left side; cattle, Harney on left shoulder; horse, A. W. Harney on right shoulder; cattle, J on left hip.

Humphreys, J. M., Harney, Or.—Horse, H on left hip.

Horton, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horse H on left shoulder; cattle, same on left side. Cattle same on left hip. Range in Harney county.

Harris, Harry, Harney, Or.—Cattle branded J on right hip, also underbit in left ear; Range in Harney county.

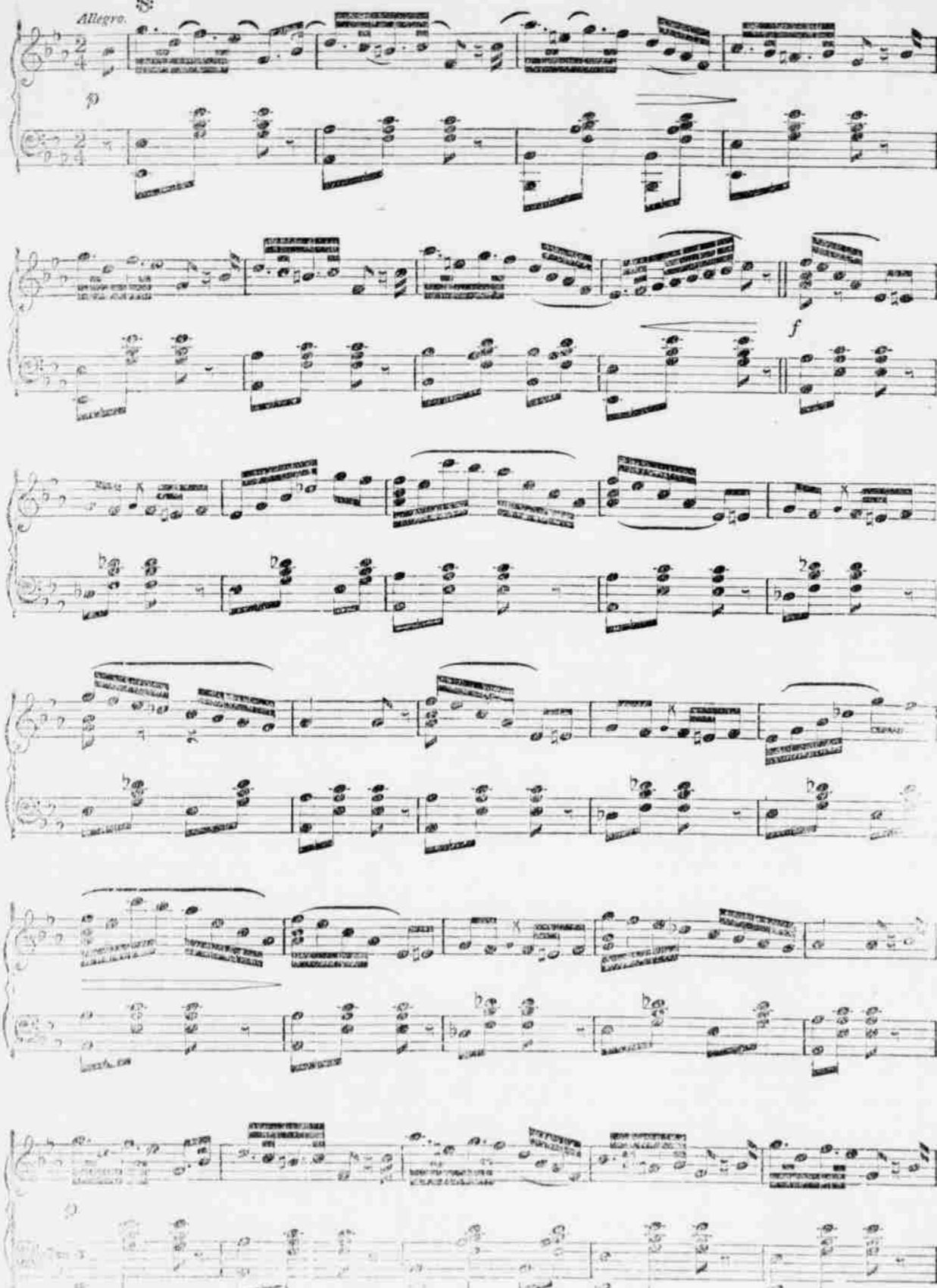
Jenkins, R. S., Harney, Or.—Horse, horse, same J on left shoulder; cattle, the same. Range in Harney county.

Johansen, Fritz, Harney, Or.—Horse, circle 7 on left shoulder.

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FLORIDA SINKHOLES.

Mysterious Actions of the Ground of That State.

Large Depressions in the Earth Which Appear and Disappear from Cause as Yet Uncovered.

The recent accident on the Florida Southern railway near Gainesville recalls the old question concerning the Florida sinks. What are they?

Except the railroad feature, there is nothing so very unusual in the formation of a new sink; one was formed a year or so ago about a mile from the site of the accident, and close by the same railroad, but there was no particular publicity given to the fact. Unless the formation of a new sink causes some particular accident or inconvenience, it is only mentioned as a new curiosity to be something to look at if you are going that way.

Alachua county probably has a larger number of these sink holes than any other county in the state.

Some of these sinks have water in them, some are dry, and some are forty feet in depth, and bearing orange trees grow on the sloping sides.

All efforts to find natural causes for these sinks have failed to account for their existence, says a correspondent of the Savannah News.

The numerous recent discoveries in some western states, in Central America and in Mexico of the remains of the dwellings of a people who lived beneath the surface of the earth, suggest the possibility that these Florida sinks are the breaking-in of the roofs of chambers formed by a race of people who, in the long ago, occupied Florida.

That subterranean chambers and passage-ways exist in Florida is well known, but how they were formed and for what purpose I have never seen even suggested in any work on the subject.

The natural wells all have an artificial appearance. They are all entrances to tunnels in which water runs. Persons have often entered one and come out by another. I have heard it claimed that these natural wells are the openings to subterranean railways, and that they lead to large rooms in some places. I have been told of a large subterranean chamber near Archer on the walls of which are picture writings.

The investigation of this subject might yield some very interesting information. A small party of friends regarding these Florida sinks. They have found that, like the numerous other ancient works of Florida of which I have written, such of these sinks as they have examined all bear the same engineer's marks (attractive bodies placed in the ground), by which the outlines of the original work can be traced, and also the connecting passages; and this has led to the further discovery that the same lines are quite numerous in places where there are no signs of sinks or natural wells to be seen.

A decided similarity exists between many ancient works found in American and Egyptian work. There is no good reason why we should not take what is known of Egypt to at least suggest the form or purpose of the unknown in America. In Egypt and Mesopotamia, I am informed, the excess of grain crops is placed in chambers in the ground, the chamber is closed, and all visible traces

NOTHING LIKE PRINTER'S INK.

How It Once Induced James Gordon Bennett to Raise a Pressman's Salary.

James Gordon Bennett is very erratic in his movements. He "drops in" upon his branch offices in Paris or London without any notice being sent of his coming, and delights to surprise the clerks by overhearing their books and examining their accounts. On one of these occasions, says the Utica Observer, one of the pressmen, a man who had worked for the elder Bennett, and was an excellent workman, though guilty of an occasional lapse from sobriety, had a bad black eye and was in a quandary as to what excuse he should offer if Mr. Bennett noticed it. Acting on a sudden inspiration he seized an ink roller and rubbed a daub of ink on the side of his face completely concealing the discoloration of the skin.

Presently Mr. Bennett came into the press room, and with the superintendent, John Hays, went carefully through, scrutinizing every detail, and looking sharply at each employe. When about to leave he turned suddenly, and, pointing to the besmirched pressman, he said:

"Mr. Hays, what is that man's name?"

The culprit quailed in his shoes until Mr. Bennett smiled, slowly:

"I want you to give that man three dollars per week more wages; he is the only man in the room who looks as if he had been working."

The Figuy Castle of Samoa.

The Samoan Islands are the natural habitat of the most distinctive species of variety of the genus now known to the naturalist. The weight of the males of these Illipuntia cattle seldom exceeds two hundred pounds, the average being not greater than one hundred and fifty pounds. The females usually average about one hundred pounds larger, are very "stocky built," seldom being taller than a merino sheep. These smaller cattle are nearly all of the same color—reddish mouse color, marked with white. They have very large heads as compared with their bodies, and their horns are of exceptional length.

A Decorated Flower Seller.

A well-known character in Paris is an old woman, whose breast is literally covered with crosses and decorations, and who is now peacefully engaged as flower-seller. Her name is Jean Moreau, and her honors were gained in the Crimea, at Rome, Gravelotte and at Orleans. On one occasion she rendered valuable service to her country by swallowing a military dispatch of great importance, and so prevented its falling into the hands of the enemy. A woman who has swallowed so much for her country with dispatch should not be allowed to sup sorrow in her old age.

Man is Adjusting Himself.

In an old volume of "The Transactions" is found the following by Dr. J. P. Wilson: "Where, let me ask, are the great and wasting epidemics that once devastated the whole inhabited globe? They are gone," says the sanitarian, "because I have stamped them out." No, indeed. They do not appear, simply or largely because they have become innocuous to the human race. Habit has rendered them more and more harmless. Man is rapidly adjusting himself to his environment."

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