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Allyn, T. J., Ione, Or. Horses GG on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, under bit on right ear, and upper bit on the left; range, Morrow county.

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

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

Adkins, J. J., Heppner, Or.—Horses, JA connected on left flank; cattle, same on left hip.

Baird, D. W. and son.—Horses branded D B on the left hip; cattle the same on left flank, crop off right ear, undercrop in the left. Range in Morrow County.

Bartholamew, A. G., Alpine, Or.—Horses branded 7 E on either shoulder. Range in Morrow county

Bannister, J. W., Hardman, Or.—Cattle branded B on left hip and thigh; split in each ear.

Brenner, Peter, Gooseberry Oregon—Horses branded P B on left shoulder. Cattle same on right side.

Burke, M St C, Long Creek, Or.—On cattle, MAY connected on left hip, crop off left ear, under half crop off right. Horses, same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant and Morrow county.

Broseman, Jerry, Lena, Or.—Horses branded 7 on right shoulder; cattle B on the left side. Left ear half crop and right ear upper slope.

Barton, Wm., Heppner, Or.—Horses, J B on right thigh; cattle, same on right hip, split in each ear.

Brown, Isa, Lexington, Or. Horses IB on the right stifle; cattle same on right hip; range, Morrow county.

Brown, J. C., Heppner, Or.—Horses, circle C with dot in center on left hip; cattle, same.

Brown, W. J., Lena, Oregon. Horses W. bar over it, on the left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip.

Boyer, W. G., Heppner, Or.—Horses, box brand on right hip cattle, same, with split in each ear.

Borg, P. O., Heppner, Or.—Horses, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Brownlee, W. J., Fox, Or—Cattle, JB connected on left side; crop on left ear and two splits and middle piece cut out on right ear; on horses same brand on the left thigh; Range in Fox valley, Grant county.

Carsner Warren, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded O on right stifle; cattle ≡ (three bars) on right ribs, crop and split in each ear. Range in Grant and Morrow counties.

Cain, E., Caleb, Or.—Y D on horses on left stifle; U with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder and on left stifle on all colts under 5 years; on left shoulder only on all horses over 5 years. All range in Grant county.

Cate, Chas. R., Vinson or Lena, Or. Horses H C on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Corrigall, M M, Galloway, Or—Cattle crop out of each ear and underbit, wattle in forehead; horses half circle C on left stifle. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Curl, T. H., John Day, Or.—Double cross on each hip on cattle, swallow fork and under bit in right ear, split in left ear. Range in Grant county. On sheep, inverted A and spear point on shoulder. Ear marks on ewes, crop on left ear punched upper bit in right. Wethers, crop in right and under half crop in left ear. All range in Grant county.

Cook, A. J., Lena, Or.—Horses, 90 on right shoulder: Cattle, same on right hip; ear mark square crop off left and split in right.

Currin, R. Y., Currinsville, Or. -Horses, 22 on left stifle.

Cox Ed. S., Hardman, Or.—Cattle, C with E in center; horses, CE on left hip.

Cochran, R. E., Monument, Grant Co., Or.—Horses branded circle with bar beneath, on left shoulder; cattle same brand on both hips, mark under slope both ears and dewlap.

Chapin, H., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded C on right hip. Cattle branded the same. Also brands CI on horses right thigh; cattle same brand on right shoulder, and cut off end of right ear.

Douglass, W. M., Galloway, Or.—Cattle, R D on right side, swallow-fork in each ear; horses, R D on left hip.

Ely, Bros., Douglas, Or.—Horses branded ELY on left shoulder, cattle same on left hip. hole in right ear.

Emery, C. S., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded O., [reversed C with tail] on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range in Morrow county.

Florence, L. A., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, LF on right hip; horses F with bar under on right shoulder.

Florence, S. P. Heppner, Or.—Horses, F on right shoulder; cattle, F on right hip or thigh.

French, George, Heppner, Or.—Cattle branded WF, with bar over it, on left side; crop off left ear. Horses, same brand on left hip.

Gentry, Elmer, Echo, Or.—Horses branded H. S. with a quarter circle over it, on left stifle. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hiatt A. B., Ridee, Or.—Cattle, round-top A with quarter circle under it on the right hip. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hinton & Jenks, Hamilton, Or.—Cattle, two bars on either hip; crop in right ear and split in left. Horses J on right thigh. Range in Grant county

Hughes, Samuel, Wagner, Or.—⊥ (T F L connected) on right shoulder on horses; on cattle, on right hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and slit in left. Range in Haystack district, Morrow county.

Hale, Milton, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded -O- (cattle with parallel tails) on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip also large circle on left side.

Howard J L, Galloway, Or.—Horses ⊤ (cross with bar above it) on right shoulder; cattle same on left side. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hall, Edwin, John Day, Or.—Cattle E H on right hip; horses same on right shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Hughes, Mat, Heppner, Or.—Horses, shaded heart on the left shoulder. Range Morrow Co.

Hansaker, B A, Wagner, Or. -Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip.

Humphrey, J M. Hardman, Or.—Horses, H on left flank

Horton, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horses H on the left shoulder and heart on the left stifle. Cattle same on left hip. Range in Morrow county.

Jones, Harry, Heppner, Or—Horses branded H J on the left shoulder; cattle branded J on right hip, also underbit in left ear. Range in Morrow county.

Junkin, S. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, horseshoe J on left shoulder. Cattle, the same. Range on Eight Mile.

Johnson, Felix, Lena, Or.—Horses, circle T on left stifle; cattle, same on right hip, under half crop in right and split in left ear

Keeny, Mike, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded KNY on left hip cattle same and crop off left ear; under slope on the right

Kirk, J. T., Heppner, Or.—Horses 69 on left shoulder; cattle, 69 on left hip.

Kirk, Jesse, Heppner, Or.; horse H on left shoulder; cattle same on right side, underbit on right ear.

Kumberland, W. G., Mount Vernon, Or.—I L on cattle on right and left sides, swallow fork in left ear and under crop in right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Lofton, Stephen, Fox, Or.—S L on left hip on cattle, crop and split on right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range Grant county.

Linsallou, John W., Lexington, Or.—Horses branded half-circle JL connected on left shoulder. Cattle, same on left hip. Range, near Lexington

Loxley, J. W. Heppner Or.—Horses branded L and 4 on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, wattle over right eye, three slits in right ear.

Lord, George, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded double H on left shoulder. Sometimes called a swing H, on left shoulder.

Marie, M. C., Heppner, Or.—Cattle branded circle on right hip; horses same on right stifle. Range in Morrow county.

Minor, Oscar, Heppner Or.—Cattle, M D on right hip; horses, M on left shoulder.

Morgan, S. N., Heppner, Or.—Horses, M I on left shoulder cattle same on left hip.

Mitchell, Oscar, Lena, Or.—Horses, 17 on right hip; cattle, 17 on right side.

McCarver, D. C., Brownsville, Or.—Horses, Figure 3 on each shoulder, cattle, M on hip.

Mettler, Frank, Fox Valley, Or.—Make stamp with bar-fork on cattle on ribs and under-bit each ear; horses same brand on left stifle.

McHaley, S. A., Swamson, Or.—On horses, a with half circle under on left shoulder; on cattle, four bars connected on top on the right side Range in Grant County.

Neal Andrew, Lone Rock, Or.—Horses A N connected on left shoulder; cattle same on both hips.

Nordyke, E., Silverton, Or.—Horses, circle T on left thigh; cattle same on left hip.

Ottosen, Joseph, Canyon City, Or.—A 4 on cattle on left hip; on horses, same on left thigh. Range in Grant county

Olin, Perry, Lexington, Or.—P O on left shoulder.

Olin, Herman, Prairie City, Or.—On cattle, O LP connected on left hip; horses on left stifle and wattle on nose. Range in Grant county.

Pearson, Oliver, Eight Mile, Or.—Horses, quarter circle shield on left shoulder and 24 on left hip. Cattle, fork in left ear, right dropped. 24 on left hip. Range on Eight Mile.

Parker & Gleason, Hardman, Or.—Horses IP on left shoulder.

Piper, Ernest, Lexington, Or.—Horses branded E (L E connected) on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow county.

Piper, J. H., Lexington, Or.—Horses, JH connected on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip, under bit in each ear.

Potter, A. C., Ione, Or.; horses diamond P on ——— shoulder; cattle, J H J connected, on the left hip, upper slope in left ear and slit in the right.

Reed, Andrew, Hardman, Or.—Horses, square cross with quarter-circle over it on left stifle.

Rasinger, Otto, Heppner, Or.—Horses, C R on left shoulder.

Rietz Bros., Heppner, Or.—Horses branded 3 on the right shoulder; cattle, IX on the left hip, crop off left ear and dewlap on neck. Range in Morrow and adjoining counties.

Rooney, Andrew, Lexington, Or.—Horses branded A R on right shoulder, and quarter circle over brand; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow county.

Rogers, Wm. H, Dayville, Or.—RH connected, with quarter circle over top on stifle on right hip and crop off right ear and split in left. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Morrow County and Gilliam counties.

Rector, J. W., Heppner, Or.—Horses, JO on left shoulder. Cattle, O on right hip.

Straight W. E., Heppner, Or.—Horses shaded J S on left stifle; cattle J S on left hip, swallow fork in right ear, underbit in left.

Sagar, Thos., Heppner, Or.—Horses, S A P on left hip; cattle same on left hip.

Slater John, Fox, Or.—SU connected on horses on right hip, cattle, same on right hip, crop off right ear and under bit in left ear. Range in Grant county.

Smith Bros., Susanville, Or. Horses, branded H. Z. on shoulder; cattle, same on left shoulder.

Squires, James, Arlington, Or.; horses branded JS on left shoulder; cattle the same, also nose waddle. Range in Morrow and Gilliam counties.

Stephens, V. A., Hardman, Or.; horses SS on right stifle; cattle horizontal L on the right side

Stevenson, Mrs A. J., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, S on right hip; swallow-fork in left ear.

Swaggart, G. W., Heppner, Or.—Horses, 44 on left shoulder; cattle, 44 on left hip.

Sperry, E. G., Heppner, Or.—Cattle W C on left hip, crop off right and underbit in left year, dewlap; horses W C on left shoulder.

Thompson, J. A., Heppner, Or.—Horses, 3 on left shoulder; cattle, 2 on left shoulder.

Tippets, S. T., Enterprise, Or.—Horses, C on left shoulder.

Turner R. W., Heppner, Or.—Small capital T left shoulder, horses; cattle same on left hip with split in both ears.

Thornton, H. M., Ione, Or.—Horses branded HT connected on left stifle; sheep same brand.

Vanderpool, H. T., Lena, Or;—Horses HV connected on right shoulder; cattle, same on right hip.

Walbridge, Wm., Heppner, Or. Horses, U L on the left shoulder; cattle same on right hip, crop off left ear and right ear lopped.

Wilson, John Q., Salem or Heppner, Or.—Horses branded Jq on the left shoulder. Range Morrow county.

Warren, W H, Caleb, Or—Cattle W with quarter circle over it, on left side, split in right ear, Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Wade, Henry, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded ace of spades on left shoulder and left hip Cattle branded same on left side and left hip.

Wolfinger, John, John Day City, Or.—On horses three parallel bars on left shoulder; 7 on sheep, bit in both ears. Range in Grant and Malhuer counties.

Woodward, John, Heppner, Or.—Horses, UP connected on left shoulder.

Watkins, Lishe, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded UE connected on left stifle.

Wallace, Charles, Heppner, Or.—Cattle, W on right thigh, hole in left ear; horses, W on right shoulder some same on left shoulder.

Whittier bros., Huntington, Baker Co., Or.—Horses branded W B connected on left shoulder

Williams, Vasco, Hamilton, Or.—Quarter circle over three bars on left hip, both cattle and horses. Range Grant county.

Williams, J O, Long Creek, Or—Horses, quarter circle over three bars on left hip; cattle same and slit in each ear. Range in Grant county

Wren, A. A., Heppner, Or.—Horses running A A on shoulder; Cattle, same on right hip.

Young, J. S., Gooseberry, Or.—Horses branded TS on the right shoulder

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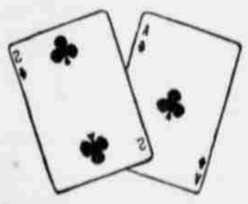

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THE THRESHER GUESTS.

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It was almost nine o'clock on a breezy October morning when Miss Sophronia Ilse opened the neat little gate in front of Albert Stanning's new house. There was a broad walk leading up to a porch where a few great purple clematis blossoms upon a trellised vine showed that the deceitful October sun was coaxing out flowers which did not belong to his time.

Miss Sophronia heard the slow creak of a rocking-chair as she crossed the perch, and saw through the screen door a pretty young woman sitting with a book in her lap, reading. Her blue calico wrapper was unbuttoned at the throat, her feet were untidily dressed, and her pretty, fair hair was gathered into a frowsy knot. She rose in some confusion when she saw Miss Sophronia, tossed her book aside and pushed toward her guest another rocker.

While the visitor removed her prim old maid's bonnet and her cape, she noted the untidiness of the room, where the breakfast dishes were piled in a unsightly heap on the table, and flies held high carnival.

"I came up to help you, Cissy," she said. "I noticed as I passed Gorham's that the men were pitching from the last stack. They will be here before noon. Have you got your dinner under way?" The young woman colored and her eyes, which were not blue, but a yellowish gray, grew dull.

"They are not coming here—or at least they are going to board at Father Stanning's."

"Then it is true."

"What, pray?"

The old maid rocked tranquilly and produced her knitting.

"O, I heard some of the girls at the society saying that you would not dare attempt to get dinner for the threshers; that your finnicky town ways might fool Albert, but you were too smart to try them on with the threshers. You know I do not pry into your affairs from a motive of idle curiosity, Cissy, and I want you to tell me why you are acting in this way."

"Well, Albert thinks I can't cook." This was said with an elaborate affectation of carelessness, but it did not deceive Miss Sophronia.

"And yet I have often heard him boast of your good housekeeping—your cooking especially."

"O, yes—at first. But now we are all wrong. I hate that sort of men that go about with the steam thresher! I shudder to think of Jim Finn, for instance, coming into my house. I know that they will spit over everything and eat like wild beasts. And when I said so Albert got mad and said he would take them to his mother's, where they would get something fit to eat."

"Quite naturally," murmured Ilse.

"Aunt Sophy! You were mother's friend and I owe a lot to you, but I am not going to bear that! 'Quite naturally' indeed! I think he was horrid."

"Cissy, did you know Albert was a farmer when you married him?"

"You know I did."

"Then I suppose what I have heard is true; that you have no practical good sense at all; that you supposed farming to be all sunset, moonrise, starshine, dewy apple blossoms, etc."

"You know I am not such a fool! but I do not see the necessity of our being brought in contact with—Jim Finn."

"And these men who do not know how to feed themselves according to your notion, are the very men, if I am not mistaken, who hauled and cut every stick of wood you burned that winter your father died. I am ashamed of you, Cecelia Stanning!"

No answer save the slow creak of the young wife's rocker.

"You have been used to them all your life. It was that year with that idle, do-nothing set at your aunt's which has filled your silly head with false ideas. You are unkind to Albert's mother, and the next thing you know you'll be unkind to Albert."

"I'm afraid I am that now—sometimes."

"Well, a sin confessed is half repented of. Go comb your hair, and come and help me. I am going to save your credit by getting dinner for those men." She began to gather up the dishes while Cissy ran to her room to improve her toilet, calling out directions to Miss Sophronia from time to time.

"There's a snow pudding cooling in the cellar."

"Snow fiddlesticks! You want about a dozen pies, meat enough for a regiment, a peck of potatoes and everything else in proportion. Hurry, child."

Cissy came forth presently with smooth hair, a ruffled apron and unruffled demeanor; she was neatly shod and the yellow lights in her eyes had given place to clear, cool grayness.

"You straighten up that disgraceful dining-room while I prepare the vegetables; then we'll tackle the poultry. But how shall we let Albert know?"

Cissy smiled demurely.

"He would never take them up there without coming home first."

"Oh," grunted Miss Sophronia, "then he's not altogether vile."

"He's lovely, Aunt Sophy," said Cissy, dimpling.

"I want you to have the credit of this dinner, Cissy," said Miss Sophronia, peeling potatoes as she taked. "You're like my own child to me and I want you to be happy and stay happy. The door to it is duty. I know. I missed it myself, and so I missed my grandchildren, unless I can be grandmother to yours, Cissy. I don't so much miss my man, nor my children, but I guess it'll be pretty hard on Miss Sophronia Ilse if she misses her grandchildren!"

The house was soon tidied—not a long task, for tidiness was its normal condition—vegetables made ready, fowls put to roast, and ham cut in a profusion which looked to the young wife like waste.

Eleven had struck before the engine had snorted and puffed its way into the rick yard at Albert Stanning's, but ahead of it rode the young master of the farm, sheepishly conscious that he had been cruelly unjust, and sure that he would have to acknowledge the same before Cissy's eyes would look kindly at him again.

Delicious odors greeted him as he neared the house. No one was in the kitchen, but there was a sound of some one moving about in the dining room adjoining. Rows upon rows of delicious looking pies were ranged upon the pantry shelves, pumpkin, cherry and apple. Near them was a pan of fragrant brown pudding, flanked by a foaming pitcher of lemon sauce to drown it in by and by.

Dazed, the young man, who seemed in no way an unusual young man except that he appeared to have more length of leg than he could conveniently use, passed into the dining room where a long table was laid, as exquisite in every appointment as if the president of our great republic had been an expected guest. His wife was flitting about adding some finishing touches to the table, and Miss Sophronia was seated near a window with her knitting work in her hand, and a book upon her knee, knitting and reading as was her habit. Albert clutched his wife as she passed him. "So you didn't get mad at what I said this morning? I've felt like hanging myself to a sour-apple tree ever since."

"Yes, I was. Mad all through. And don't you ever say such things to me again. You and I to quarrel—after all!"

Then she gave him a kiss, basted the browning fowls, turned the sputtering ham and thanked God she was alive, and that Albert was alive to love her.

At twelve, before the last stroke had died away, the new dinner bell hung upon the top of a white oak pole by the well sounded forth its welcome summons; for to be "behind hand with dinner" in the Pretty Bob neighborhood was all as bad as to provide but one kind of pie.

Somehow as the men trooped in they did not seem quite so repulsive as a like crowd had been at harvest time. They were boisterous, bandying coarse jokes, making fun, Cissy knew, of what they were pleased to call her "pernickerty" ways, and her "moonshine meals," but she merely smiled. She even hung up the fifth clean towel without a sign of disgust, and by the time they were seated at the table she owned to herself that even Jim Finn might be worse, for had she not seen him fondle her pet kitten, while waiting his turn at the washbowl?

She poured the fourth cup of coffee for poor, trembling, or'nary neighbor Jones—who ate his pie with his knife, held within two inches of the point, and drew his great, hairy hand across his face in lieu of a pocket handkerchief—without once looking across at Albert. She asked Tim Lewis, who was more than suspected of making midnight visits to his neighbors' henroosts, how his lame boy was, and told him not to forget to take a pocketful of sweet apples home to him. The rest of the men were neighbors, good honest men who knew better than to ask the same man twice for a chew of tobacco without offering a return of the favor, who "belonged to church" and did not swear except under great provocation.

Midway in the meal Miss Sophronia looked up from her book.

"I'd offer to help you, Cissy, but you seem to be getting along better without me. 'Too many cooks,' you know, 'spoil the broth.'"

It would have done poor, tired Cissy good to hear the remarks of the men as they smoked their pipes under the oaks in the back yard.

"That settles it," said one; "if I hear the women pokin' any more jokes at Al's wife, I'll shoot off suthin' that'll settle 'em. I hain't met with such a dinner since my mammy's day."

"Three kin's of pie and a puddin'! That lays it over anything we've seen yit. Al knowed what he's about when he married that town gal, now I tell ye."

"Did you hear the Gorham gal ticklin' about the dinner we'd git to-day? I just wisht she could a-seen it!"

"Them soggy apple dumplin's 'at we had thar yistiday lays heavy on my stummick yit," this from Tim Lewis; "I drapped one on my foot an' it hurted so I sort a-kicked it inter the dooryard, an' them pore chickens is fightin' over it till plumb yit."

As soon as the buzz of the thresher was heard Miss Sophronia bustled out of her chair.

"Now for supper, and then dinner to-morrow! We mustn't lose what we've gained. Two of the men will be here to breakfast. You sit down and let me wash the dishes!"

"No, no. Whoever heard of setting one's guardian angel to wash the dishes!"

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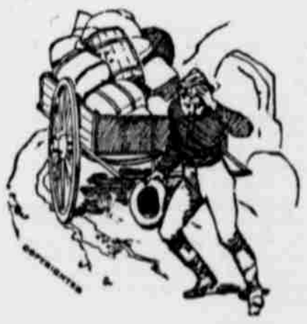

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