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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 T 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.

Brosman, 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. B., 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 markon ewes, crop on left ear pouched 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., Curriusville, 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 lefthip, hole in right ear.

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

Hinton & Janke, 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.—[illegible] on cattle, [illegible] on shoulder on horses; on cattle, [illegible] hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and slit in left. Range in Gayrock district, Morrow county.

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

Howard J L, Galloway, Or.—Horses T, across 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.

Hanseker, H A, Wagner, Or.—Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip.

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

Huston, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horse 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.

Jackin, 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.

Kontheland, 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.

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

Lesley, J. W. Heppner Or.—Horses branded L and A on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, a slit over right eye, three slits in right ear.

Loel, George, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded double H connected. Sometimes called a seven 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; horse, M on left shoulder.

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

Mitchell, Oscar, Ione, Or.—Horses, 77 on right hip; cattle, 77 on right side.

McClarns, D. G., Brownsville, Or.—Horses, Figure 3 on neck shoulder; cattle, M3 on hip.

Motire, Frank, Fox Valley, Or.—Male shoe with toe-calk on cattle on ribs and under in each ear; horses same brand on left side.

McHaley, [illegible], 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.

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

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

Ong, Herman, Prairie City, Or.—On cattle, O L connected on left hip; horses on left stifle and warts on nose. Range in Grant county.

Parrern, Olaus, Eight Mile, Or.—Horses, quarter circle shield on left shoulder and 24 on left hip. Cattle, fork in left ear, right cropped, 24 on left hip. Range on Eight Mile.

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

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

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

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

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

Rennger, Chris, Heppner, Or.—Horses, C R on left shoulder.

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

Sharp, Andrew, Lexington, Or.—Horses branded A H on right shoulder, wood quarter circle over brand; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow county.

Horn, Wm. H, Dairyville, Or.—HR connected, with quarter circle over top on cattle on right hip and crop off right ear and split in left. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Morrow Grant and Gilliam counties.

Reiter, 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.

Sears, Thos., Hessian, Or.—Horses, S A P on left hip; cattle same on left hip.

Shriver John, Fox, Or.—SC 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, 2 on left shoulder; cattle, 2 on left shoulder.

Tipoots, 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 B, 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, UF 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 on shoulder; Cattle, same on right hip.

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KANGEGATSUK.

BY RALPH GRAHAM TABER.

It was the springtime of the year, but at Kikkertaksoak there were no soft May breezes, no blossoming flowers, no buds of delicate green. The season's heralds were the shrieking wind, the rushing torrents fed by melting snow, the crashing avalanches from the ice-bound heights, the surgings of the mighty sea, which stretched its arms and breathed with sullen sighs, like some sound sleeper slowly wakening, and cracked and ground its covering of white, tossing huge fragments upon end, and filling the snowy ocean plain with hills and knolls, which scintillated with dazzling luster beneath the bright morning sun.

In the shadow of a lofty cliff, upon a bank of deeply drifted snow, were six white mounds, which might have attracted no attention except, perhaps, by their regularity of form.

From one of these there emerged, upon all fours, the short, squat figure of an aged man, who rose erect, tossing the long, grizzled hair back from his eyes impatiently, and turned to address another following him.

"'Twas I who said it, Kupa, did I not?" he demanded.

His companion, scrambling to his feet, grunted an assent, and proceeded to envelope his head in the fox-trimmed hood which made one piece with his loose fitting upper garment.

Both men were clothed alike in heavy furs, the spotted hairy skins of the ranger seal; each carried a long, old-fashioned muzzle-loading rifle, and a heavy spear tipped with walrus tusk, attached to which was a long thong of walrus hide swinging in loose coils from his mittened hands.

Their full, broad, brownish faces, straight black hair, piercing eyes, flat noses and short statures proclaimed their race, if their dress and equipment would not have been sufficient.

"The foolish boy has not returned," continued the elder, in the Esquimau tongue. "The time was ill and nothing could be gained. I said it, but the stripling mocked at me—me, Mauterjek—the oldest of the tribe! Was I not shaman before this cub was born?"

"Softly, master; we must be off to find the meat to-day, so let the trouble lie. It is not good to feed the empty stomach on idle thoughts; so thou thyself hast said. Thou art my mother's husband, the never-failing hunter, the true of aim. Our time will come. Shall we let our people starve while tooktoo (the deer) yet may roam the hills? Sikeepa may have found him while we talk—"

"That he will not!" the shaman cried. "Take which way thou wilt—the deer is mine, if any may be found."

And swinging his long gun to his shoulder he started off, with agility surprising in one so old, and soon was lost to sight among the drifts.

Sikeepa had started out the day before, in spite of storm of driving wind and biting rain, in search of anything that might be found for food.

The deer had disappeared across the land, the seals become exceptionally scarce; disease had visited the camp and robbed him of his father, the chieftain of the tribe, whose native judgment and instinctive knowledge of right and wrong, combined with strong will power and a kindly disposition, had made his wish a law with those he ruled, enabled him to settle all disputes and yet retain the loving veneration of his people.

The dying chief had let them understand that Sikeepa, though yet a youth in years, had met and slain Nanuk, the water bear, and earned his right to be their Kangegatsuk.

The father had then cautioned and advised him: "My son, thou'lt have short time to mourn my death. Sickness and famine, twin-born, are upon us. Thou wilt be envied, and thy actions watched that some cause may be found for thy displacement.

"Go, if thou canst, and fill the camp with food; so shalt thou prove thy worth and earn affection. Take on thyself the burdens of the whole; nor seek to rule thy elders; but advise them.

"Cross not the shaman. Pay him his tribute as a gift deserved by reason of the mysteries he knows; but be not ruled thyself by lesser ones. When thou dost know the right way, hold it fast, and be not turned aside though every man's hand should uplift against thee."

Thinking of these, his father's dying words, Sikeepa forced his way against the wind, narrowly watching for some sign of game, and clambering over the hummocks of rough ice which filled the broad channel round his island home and bound it to the distant Labrador main.

Khimik, his father's favorite hunter, gaunt leader of the team, trotted beside him, safely in leash.

So hour by hour they plodded on until the sun was low. Then Sikeepa, halting before a drift of snow, drew a broad knife out from its sheath, and with practiced skill slashed from the mass a number of wedge-like pieces, piling them in a circle as he worked, which swiftly shaped itself into a hut.

A comparatively short time sufficed to complete his simple preparations for the night; and, once within the tiny ingloo, he pillowed his head on Khimik's shaggy back and slept.

The morning dawned bright and fair; the wind still blew with wild persistency, but the sky was clear; and Sikeepa, drawing forth a small skin bag part filled with oil, shared the meager contents with his dog; then slit the bag and shared that morsel also, and started again upon the search for game, chewing the bit of sealskin as he went.

It might have been near noon when Khimik stopped, cocked up his ears and heavily sniffed the air.

Sikeepa's brave heart grew light within him, and, giving the dog more leash, he urged him on.

Khimik turned sharply toward the wind and ran a pace or two, halted, and then tugged fiercely at the leash, with head erect and tightly curling tail.

Sikeepa looked carefully to the priming of his gun, then gave the dog his will and followed noiselessly.

Presently the animal stopped and sniffed the hard frozen surface of the snow-covered ice. Sikeepa, kneeling, saw a few faint scratches there and rose with glowing cheeks and flashing eyes.

"It is Nanuk!" he whispered, breathlessly. "Good dog, good Khimik, keep on!" And cautiously they followed up the trail.

Upon a cluster of rugged hummocks they found the bear lazily dozing in the noontide sun, and, keeping well to leeward, stole upon him with such skillful tread that Nanuk took no note of their approach, nor dreamed an enemy shared the field with him, until a well-aimed bullet pierced his side and the red blood spurted forth. Then with a roar of mingled rage and pain the great beast rose and faced the daring boy—who now was hastily reloading his clumsy weapon—paused a moment and flung himself at his foe; but ere he reached his aim the gun was poised and two shots rang out simultaneously.

The monster staggered blindly, turned and beat the air with his huge forepaws, then fell on his side, and, drawing his knife, Sikeepa leaped upon him.

"Be not so fast!" a harsh voice called out, angrily. "Nanuk is dead, but 'tis because of me. And were I not still young enough to hunt, thy carcass would need skinning, not the bear's." And Mauterjek, the shaman, stood beside him.

"Look! Here thy bullet sped—and here again. This is the killing blow, here in the neck. It is the place to strike. None but a foolish boy would aim so low. What! do you still dispute me? Be off at once and send the team and sledge; if nothing else, thy limbs know how to run. And tell no lying tales how thou didst kill."

Sikeepa, knife in hand, remained erect. His color came and went throughout this speech, but otherwise he seemed unmoved by it. Then, stooping quickly, he severed one big forepaw, slung it in a noose of sealskin thong, and with it on his shoulder strode away, nor answered Mauterjek by a single word.

Khimik hungrily lapped the warm, red blood; but the shaman drove him off with vigorous blows, and, whining, he limped away on the road his master was pursuing with nervous steps.

That night, when all had feasted and hunger was a memory fading fast, Sikeepa called the people to assemble and in a few words told them of the hunt.

"Mauterjek claims the killing blow as his; yet you all saw the wound in Nanuk's neck. The bear was facing me, its side to him; say, then, whose bullet was it did the work? He has reviled me in terms unjust, unfit. Had he been younger he would have heard from me. I do not war with age, nor bandy words. Is he to be your chieftain, or am I?"

The people looked anxiously at one another.

The shaman rose with brows dark-knit as night; his teeth were ground together and his bronzed features twitched. A moment passed before he could control his rage sufficiently to speak in measured tones, and then he said:

"Children, this upstart boy, this lying cub, would have you say that he had slain the bear; that he alone had found the camp this food; that he alone was fit to rule the tribe!"

Then swaying his body slowly to and fro, beginning in a low voice, but gradually gaining force with eloquence:

"Who is it drives away your aches and pains; restores your health and heals your wounds; charms the wild things which furnish us with food, brings buiyea (the seal) to your spears, draws fleet-foot tooktoo from the inland wastes?

"Who weaves the spell to keep our ancient foes, the mountain folk, from spreading out upon our hunting ground to kill our deer and seals, to steal our wives, to trap our men like foxes in their holes?

"If this young crow should set him over us, look not to Mauterjek again when food is gone; look not to Mauterjek when illness comes.

"War with the tribes, and worse; disease, and worse; famine, and worse; ay, death, and worse shall come; for none shall be left to build you burial cairns; the wolves shall end it! Tais I prophesy, I, Mauterjek! Oh, people, hear and heed your Mauterjek!"

And the harsh voice of the shaman rose to shrieking pitch, the people swayed to the rude rhythm of his speech; and Kupa threw himself, face downward, moaning: "Aillah! 'Tis thou hast said it. Ahaillah! thou art our shaman and our chief; Aillah!"

The morning star shone brightly overhead when a solitary figure appeared before the group of icy huts, and a low voice called: "Khimik, come. Hauk! hauk!"

A whine responded as the dog thrust his sharp muzzle against Sikeepa's hand; and slowly, but without hesitation and with not one backward look, the youth and his mute comrade faced the south and left the camp behind.

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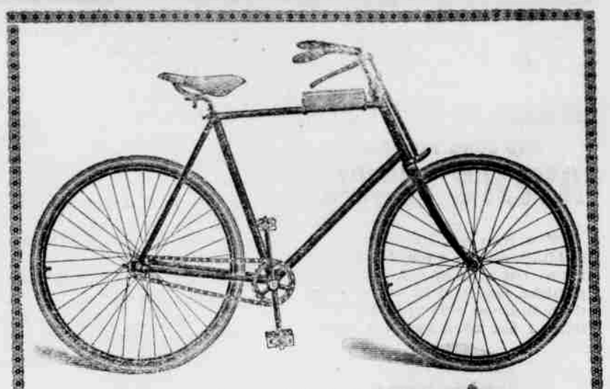

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