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Sept. 12. The sensation of the hour in stock circles is the bold theft and driving away of over 200 head of cattle owned by prominent Ada county, Idaho, cattlemen, including John Lemp and T. C. Catlin. For cleverness of design and boldness of execution the theft stands without a parallel in the voluminous history of stock stealing operations in this section.

There were several rustlers in the gang of thieves. They quietly gathered small bunches of fat steers at various points, and, at the appointed time, about three weeks ago, collected them and drove them towards the land of stock yards.

The victims are satisfied they know at least two of the thieves, and several men are now attempting to strike the trail of the stolen band. One of the followers has reported that he has gotten on the track of the rustlers. The fact that another trail has reported he also has struck the trail, which leads in an entirely different direction, shows that either the thieves have thrown all the trackers off the scent or that they are endeavoring to drive the cattle through in small bands, each taking a different route.

Brained With a Pitchfork.

Spokane, Sept. 11.—J. H. Buckman one of the most prominent farmers in Lincoln county, was killed near here last evening by Walter Fairman. A threshing crew was at work on Buckman's place and Fairman was measuring grain.

Buckman accused Fairman of swindling, whereupon Fairman called Buckman a liar. The latter struck Fairman, who retaliated by knocking Buckman down. He then jumped upon the prostrate form of Buckman and choked him until he cried for help.

Buckman walked away, apparently satisfied with the beating he had received.

About 10 minutes later Fairman looked up and saw Buckman coming toward him with a knife. To protect himself he grabbed a pitchfork. The spectators say Buckman made a rush at Fairman with the uplifted knife, when he raised the pitchfork and struck Buckman a blow over the head with the handle. Buckman fell like a log, the blood rushing from his ears, nose and mouth.

Without recovering Buckman expired within half an hour. Fairman made no effort to escape but remained in the vicinity until a deputy sheriff arrived.

Truth Coming Out.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The Times this morning publishes a long letter from its Havana correspondent, dealing with the state of affairs in Cuba, in the course of which he says:

"Careful study for the past four months convinces me that, despite serious losses, the rebels are holding their own against the troops. The wealthy agricultural districts are now completely under rebel control, and the whole sympathy of the islanders is with the rebels. Even Havana, which is more Spanish than any other town or district is permeated with animosity toward Spanish rule, and is honey-combed with intriguers on behalf of the rebellion.

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