



SEASONAL ROUNDING UP of range stock fathered the modern rodeo. Here roping calves, a long, tiresome job which left leathery cowhands weary at the end of the day, evolved into the arena roping event as rodeo enthusiasts know it today. Roping remains the same but branding definitely smacks of the mechanical age. A typical shot, made on the Harry Obenchain ranch in the Bly country east of Klamath Falls, is: No. 1, showing ranch hands branding a calf while a cow pony stands with taut rope which is, incidentally, one of the first requirements of a good cow horse. No. 2: This calf is receiving the modern treatment used on most of the larger ranching operations in the West. The animal is pinned in a machine through which its head protrudes. The

machine clamps the calf firmly and the men can go about their work of branding, giving shots and clipping or notching ears—all in one operation. No. 3: A cowhand kneels beside a fire (left) as he prepares the red hot iron before the calf is run through the chute, clamped in the machine, branded and turned loose. The flash in the center is the ever present dog always found around at round-up time. No. 4: Separating the cows from the calves is actually the first step of all when the stock is brought in from the range. It's a dusty job as can be seen by the film of dust which clouds the center of this picture. Credit for these fine shots, all made on the Obenchain place, go to Gib Fleet for No. 1, and to Jimmy Floyd for the other three.

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