



RANGE CATTLE IN THE WINNIPEG YARDS AWAITING SHIPMENT.

great plains fell upon the camp. Among the shadowy bluffs a coyote whiningly howled.

Far out on the dark plains the night herders sat their horses like statues, or sang as they paced about their nervous charges; a cow called in the blackness; another; another; then the far hills echoed with roaring sound of the multitude of beasts, swelling and dying and swelling again. The men wrapped their long coats closer and pulled their hats down low, for the air was keen.

So, day by day, the cutting out proceeded. Seven U, OH, IS, Anchor P, Eighty-six, all splashed across the river, and were swallowed up in the distance. Only the Bar U remained, and the end of the round-up was in sight. I was sorry, and experienced just such a feeling as I remembered having when a boy, the day after a circus. The Major was a great comfort at this period, and told me a number of serial yarns which had been told him by some people who had heard them from somebody else. I won't repeat them here because the

descendants of Ananias mightn't like it. However, I will maintain that if Ananias' yarns could trot in 2:30 on a cinder track, those the Major told could easily do the distance in 1:15 over a mud road.

Thus, as I have before stated, we reached the final stages of the round-up, and the weaning commenced. Both cows and calves were driven into a double corral with slip-bars between. Horsemen stirred them about, and whenever a cow got near the slip-bars she was jockeyed out. When all were gone the calves were turned into a big hay corral. They didn't like hay. That night nobody slept within a radius of one hundred miles.

Branding the late calves was the final operation. In the branding corral the mounted rope hand caught the young unfortunates by the heels, then dragged them to where the calf-wrestlers and men with the irons stood. One of the wrestlers seized the rope from the heels, another the tail, and pulling in opposite directions, gave the bawling animal a Dutch flip, then held him till the brand was prop-