

The Grand Round-up:

Will Grimes is rounding up his cattle, cattle that live really on a thousand hills, for his immense ranch on Texas plains. They have been scattered in bunches taking care of themselves through the season. And now is the time to round them up, count losses and gains, mark his increase, select for the market.

They are coming into the great corral, a dusty, bucking group, scared, afraid of their fellows, fighting, rearing, bellowing, but they came in, ten thousand of them.

And now Will Grimes and his fellows, quietly stop their jobs. Magical it was, almost, to see the gradual understanding coming over the wild and frightened animals - an understanding of what was expected of them. They were leaders, to be sure, leaders that had been there before, who took it hard to be driven in but yet knew what was before them and somehow passed on to the great mass what it was all about. Days went by and order had come into the round-up. It all belongs and life was going on in an orderly fashion for them as it had gone on for each of the little bunches that had been driven in.

And there I said to myself, is a picture of
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the New Deal.- It/ grand round-up, the grandest we have ever had, for consider of what it is made up. These are no new

born notions. What are these hundred codes that have come tumbling and pushing, bellowing and bucking into Washington? What are they, indeed, but a great group of scattered groups that for years now, under the direction of the Daddy of them all, the Federal Trade Commission, have been struggling each in his own particular field to develop rules of living together in peace.

When the great round-up began in March of 1933 there were hundreds of associations in this country, makers of everything. (See page 17 of Burton, No. IV - manuscript - not printed article)

They
/have been going on, these independent gentlemen, attempting to put themselves into orderly action until they were including all sorts of enlightened plans for their industry.

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That is, when the industries came rushing to Washington at the order of the President there was a great mass of corporations, in some cases carried to even higher points than any code has yet attempted, ready for him to work with. It was proved material which they could place in his hands - laboratory practice - results obtained by long years of heart-breaking efforts, bitterness, war, but results in the possibility of harnessing yourself - a thorough democratic procedure now ready for another great democratic experiment, a rounding up

into a planned whole that had been proved to be good.

How much the President had to draw from, not only all the makings of a code, the receipts, which men who had been sweating over them for years so gladly hurried into his hands, but he had also to use in his round-up that big body of interpretations of a law, born of the need of a particular period, misinterpreted, that extraordinary interpretation of the Sherman and Trust Law. (Quote Holmes, Digest of decisions - Brandis in Oklahoma ice case)

It was the makings of the freedom from the law rigorously interpreted so that it was destructive to a flexible application.

But what wonderful other groups came to the round-up.