OBSERVER.

"BE JUST, AND FEAR NOT."

Poughkeepsie, Feb. 16.

HORSE THIEVES

THE Oswego Society for detecting Horse Tnieves, in the town of Beekman, have had their angual meeting, and appointed a sufficient number of riders, to pursue and apprehend any thief who shall steal from either

of the subscribers.

Aaron Brownell, Joseph Potter, Jesse I. Clapp, Israel Share, John C. Share, Thomas Andrews, John Wilkinson, Darius Washburn, John C. Wiltsie, Isaac B. Clapp, Elisha C. Barlow, Richard Christie, Derick Swaid. Joseph Potter, jun. Gilbert Noxou, Seneca Potter, James Striker, Elias Vail, Samuel Losee, James Germond, Platt Vail, Benjamin Christie, Baltus Velie, Jacob Warner, Joshua Brownell, John E. Townsend, Benjamin H. Conklin, Bernard B. Velie, James Vail, Joseph Fowler, James Vincent, Germond Vincent. John Christie, jun. Leonard Nelson, Daniel Noxon, John W. T. Potter Abraham P. Hoxie, Sytia Share. Abraham G. Noxon, Edmund Overacker, William Wolvin, Michael Overacker, Joseph Luckwood, Daniel Dean, Lodowick P. Hoxie, Mynard Velie, James S. Cook, Peter Dean, William Randolph, Moriatty Vincent, Hubbard Fowler, Clibert I. Vincent, Israel Fowler, Preserved Fish, Chauncey Fowler, James Losee, George E. Dearing, Phebe Vail.

Feb. 9, 1820,

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1859.

The "Independent Society for the detection of Horse Thieves" holds its annual meeting on the 15th inst., at the Hotel of Mr. Coon in this village. See notice.

HORSE THIEVES BEWARE!!

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Members of the

UPPER RED HOOK ASSOCIATION for detecting and apprehending Horse Thieves have appointed an able and efficient corps of Riders, who are ready at a moment's warning to start in pursuit of any person stealing a horse or horses from any member of said Association.

NAMES OF MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS :-

Samuel Nelson & Son Henry, William W Pitcher, William Coopernail & Son John, John J Stickle & son Peter, William Titamore, Pe-J Rockefeller & son William, William Cramer & Aaron Shook. Henry Cotting & son Benjamin, Nicholus Philips, Jane Hermance & Sisters, Andrew Teator, Henry Staats, Philip Allendorf & son P Alexander. Wilhelmas Benner, Peter H Teator & son John, Zachariah D Feller, Jacob & Albert Feller, Abram Pitcher & son Robert, Daniel A Cuck, Thomas Elmondorf & Sisters, William R Moore, Norman C Ames, Abraham Staats.

DANIEL A. CUCK, Secretary.

Dated, Upper Red Hook Aug. 12th, 1859. [17m3]

NOTICE. NOV.4,1859

HORSE THIEVES BEWARE!!

The "Independent Society of Red Hook," have held their annual meeting, and appointed an active and efficient corps of riders, with sufficient money in their treasury to pay expenses for your detection.

7 THE STATE MEMBERS. Fred'k Barringer Jacob Benner Geo. Or Hoffman William Waldorf ... Anthony Straat Jr man Jacob Pells John-Elseffer harren to John L Lown: -; David Teal an serif and Jacob Teal Lewis D. Elseffer ... Ind John Moore Maria Moore - 72 Clandins Martin . c Peter G. Fraleigh : Fred'k F. Shafer William Fraleigh Gustavns Cholwell Angustus Martin at the Edward Martin : 200 Henry Conklin Alfred Allendorf Jacob Straat Tan Andrew E. Teal T J&P Hendricks & Co. Alfred Pindar Orison Graves John R. Faurence Co. George N. Hoffman & Sons Syr Jeremiah Hendricks Henry A Barringer John W Hoffman Benjamin B Hoffman David Pells ... 7 3117 Pow. 25, 1859. John Elseffer, Secretary.

The importance of the horse in the early years of our country is attested to by the proliferation of Societies for its protection.

We last week copied an article from the Fishkill Journal, referring to the Hopewell Society for the detection of horse threves, which held their seventy-eighth annual meeting in Jan. 1874, and which claims to be the oldest society of the kind in the State. We have since learned from the Secretary of the Upper Red Hook society, that probably the oldest society of the kind in the State is in our own town, this society having held its seventy-eighth annual meeting in Oct. 1873. Since its organization eight horses have been stolen, all but two of which were promptly recovered. A horse stolen from Mr. A. Staats in 1868 was recovered by the society near Connecticut, and the thief was in jail in twenty-four hours after the theft was committed. Henry Staats is the oldest surviving member, having been a member fifty-nine years. Wilhelmus Benner has been a member fifty-one years and Capt. S. Nelson forty-eight years. The Society is prepared with a good corpo of riders and a full treasury to follow up the thieves and bring them to jus-

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