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Omaha, Dec. 8.—The enormous crop Kansas and Nebraska produced the past year has given agriculture such an impetus in these two states that all other industries have in a measure been overshadowed. The attention soil culture is receiving in the west has determined the Burlington Railroad Company to establish a number of experimental stations or model farms in order to demonstrate the advantage of the most improved methods of soil culture and led farmers of Nebraska and Kansas to new efforts in this direction and enable them to become independent even in so-called "drought sections" and in "dry years."

Incidentally the company expects returns from its investments in increased and regular crops necessitating heavy freight and passenger traffic on its net work of lines in the west.

John Francis has just returned from a trip over Nebraska where he has established "model farms" at Oberlin, Kansas, and at McCook, Holdrege, Alma and Broken Bow, Neb.

Something was done in this line by the company last year, and with immensely satisfactory results. The farms consist of 40 acres in each station under the immediate supervision of a practical and tried farmer of the neighborhood. Each farm will be visited frequently by one of the learned corps of Professors Campbell who is skilled in the new methods. In Nebraska and Kansas farm staples, corn, wheat, rye, oats and potatoes, will be produced. The farming at the experimental stations is conducted primarily on the theory that the rainfall of the west is ample and abundant for all practical farming purposes, but that owing to capillary attractions the

moisture escapes from the earth before it performs its proper and desired functions.

The new method will contribute to retard the action of nature's law at critical moments and retain the moisture. Experience has demonstrated that the virgin soil of the western prairie is dry and hard to an unknown depth. However, where the surface has been disturbed and capillary attraction interfered with, the same soil under exactly similar conditions otherwise, is moist and mellow as desired by farmers.

On this theory the small grain will be drilled in lines far enough apart to permit cultivation. The surface will be cultivated to a depth of one or two inches. Capillary attraction will bring the moisture this near to the surface, where the attraction of the molecules is destroyed and the unlimited store of moisture distributed gradually to the roots of the grain instead of passing rapidly into the atmosphere. The professor's experts will spend the remainder of their time in speaking at farmers' institutes in this and adjacent states.

List of patents granted to Pacific States Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and Foreign Patents, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

F. H. M. Davis, Los Angeles, Cal., Horse-power pumping machine.  
G. Koehler, San Francisco, Cal., Bottle-stopper.  
G. O. Ranson, Portland, Ore., Vending device.  
A. J. Soto, Martinez, Cal., Arm rest for books.  
J. T. Titus, San Francisco, Cal., Sewer-trap and flushing gate.  
H. G. Wilshire, Los Angeles, Cal., Speeding device for race-tracks.

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