

BEANS COULD AID LOCAL SOIL.

EASTERN OREGON SUMMER FALLOW ALL WRONG.

Cost for Growing Beans Very Light, Says Expert.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Thousands of acres of land are lying idle as summer fallow each year in eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, and northern Idaho that are well adapted to the growing of beans, states Farmers' Bulletin No. 561 issued by the Department of Agriculture. Fifteen years' experience shows that as good cereal crops can be grown following beans as after an ordinary summer fallow. The cultivation of the bean crop replaces the work necessary to care for the fallow, and leaves the soil in excellent condition for seeding winter wheat. The crop is also harvested in ample time to permit early fall seeding.

Beans do not seriously compete with wheat for labor, and the two crops can be grown with practically the same equipment. Approximately \$150 worth of extra machinery is needed to plant, harvest, and cultivate from 70 to 80 acres of beans instead of cultivating the land as summer fallow. With the present wage for man and horse labor it requires about \$6 more per acre to grow, harvest, and market a crop of beans than it does to summer fallow an equal area. Since beans yield on the average about 800 pounds per acre and sell for 3 cents per pound, the gross return per acre is approximately \$24. In districts adapted to bean culture, beans are therefore approximately \$18 per acre more profitable than summer fallow.

Generally speaking, the soils of the bean-growing districts are rich in all of the mineral necessary for plant growth. Under such conditions the maintenance of soil fertility will depend almost entirely on keeping up the organic matter of the soil. This is not easily accomplished when beans and cereal crops are grown exclusive-

ly. Stubble should always be plowed under instead of being burned. The plowing under of partially decayed bean and wheat straw will also do much toward keeping the soil in a productive condition. The decayed straw should be scattered rather thinly over the grain stubble in the fall. It should be thoroughly worked into the surface soil with a sharp disk harrow and plowed under as soon as possible after the first autumn rains. The disking causes the straw to mix thoroughly with the soil at the time of plowing instead of forming a layer in the bottom of the furrow.

The arable land of eastern Washington, eastern Oregon, and northern Idaho has been devoted almost exclusively to the production of wheat, oats, and barley for more than 30 years. Because of the introduction of serious weed pests soon after the land was brought into cultivation it was found unprofitable to grow a crop of grain each year. Many of the new settlers had come from the Willamette Valley, Oregon, where wheat and oats were grown by summer fallowing the land every second or third year. Hence, they naturally turned to this system of farming as a solution of their weed problem, and the growing of small grain by the summer fallow method is still the general practice among the farmers of this section. Under this system of farming from one-third to one-half of the land lies idle each season.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that dissolution of the partnership of J. E. Mazanti and Bert M. Sherwood, partners in the Rex hall, occurred January 8, 1914. All outstanding accounts due the firm will be collected by Bert M. Sherwood and debts of the firm will be paid by him.

J. E. MAZANTI,
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A WISH.

Mine be a cot beside the hill,
A beehive's hum shall soothe my ear.
A willow brook, that turns a mill,
With many a fall shall linger near.

The swallow oft beneath my thatch
Shall twitter from her clay built nest.
Oft shall the pilgrim lift the latch
And share my meal, a welcome guest.

Around my ivied porch shall spring
Each fragrant flower that drinks the dew.
And Lucy, at her wheel shall sing
In russet gown and apron blue.

The village church among the trees,
Where first our marriage vows were given.
With merry peals shall swell the breeze
And point with taper spire to heaven.

—Samuel Rogers.

FILIPINO FREEDOM.

I hope and assume that the present administration is merely making itself acquainted with the situation. When it gets the facts I have not the slightest doubt that it will see its duty as we have seen it who have been there. This is to encourage the Filipinos to take as active a part in the government as it is safe to have them take, but to retain a controlling hand while they are in their tutelage, while they are learning political self restraint.

It will take certainly two generations, perhaps longer, for them to do this, and for us to promise within any definite time to give them independence is very foolish. It would be a failure in duty to them. It would be a failure on our part in maintaining the self respect that we ought to have in discharging a responsibility that has come to us under circumstances we could not control and which we are quite able to discharge with comparatively small effort. We shall make a serious mistake if we follow the eloquence of the smooth spoken Filipino politicians who are looking hungrily for the exercise of a power which they are ill adapted to wield for the benefit of their own people.—William H. Taft.

Kept the Opposition Busy.

The only instance known wherein an employee was paid by his employer for gambling occurred in New Orleans. Walter Lamanna, a child of wealthy Italians, was kidnapped, and the interest was intense throughout the gulf coast country.

The staffs of the two leading morning dailies were engaged in "draw" after hours when the city editor of one of them was called out. He summoned a reporter.

"Get back in there and play at the paper's expense!" he hissed. "Make it lively!"

The reporter raised 'em and hoisted 'em and lifted 'em for an hour.

Then the game was broken up by cries of "Extra! Extra!" and the staff of the other paper read with emotion that the body of the child had been found.

There was a ten dollar check from the editor in the reporter's envelope next pay day.—New York Tribune.

Hard Luck.

"I always have tough luck."
"What's the matter?"
"I paid Brown \$5 that I borrowed from him several weeks ago."
"Where's the tough luck?"
"He said afterward that he'd forgotten all about it!"—Detroit Free Press.

Often the Case.

"It was a fair fight, wasn't it?"
"Sure it was. The under dog got whipped."
"Call that a fair fight?"
"Wait, now, let me explain. The under dog provoked it."—St. Louis Republic.

Cheerful Postscript.

Jones—The Browns have bought a car. Wife—Can't you say something cheerful once in a while? Jones—The funniest machine I ever saw and second hand at that!—Chicago News.

What ripens fast does not last.—Shakespeare.



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