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NAMES OF ROMANCE

By Berton Brasley

Around the good world's wide expanse
Are places great and small,
Whose names fair tingle with romance—

And I would see them all:
There's Cairo, Fes, and Ispahan,
Bangkok and Singapore,
And Trebizonde and Cagayan,
And Rio and Lahore.

There's Sarawak and Callao,
Algiers and Kandahar,
Khartum, Rangoon, and Tokyo,
Bombay and Zanzibar;
About the name of each there clings
Enchantment's golden veil,
The wonder of strange folk and things,
The glamor of the trail!

For some are north and some are south
And some are east and west,
And some are curt with heat and drought
And some with balm are blessed;
But Capetown, Rhodes, or Disco Bay,
Shanghai, Seville, or Rome,
Their names come singing down the

way
To tempt me forth from home,
Their magic's ringing down the way,
To lure me forth from home.

On about two million acres of National Forest lands grazing by domestic stock is either entirely prohibited or is greatly restricted to provide range for elk.

It is estimated that in 1915 about 40,000 forest fires occurred in the United States, which burned over about 5,900,000 acres and caused a damage of approximately \$7,000,000.

Revised estimates place the amount of standing merchantable timber in the United States at approximately 2,767 billion board feet. Of this amount 1,164 billion board feet, or 53 per cent of the total, is in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

Evidently Roumania misjudged the temperature of the water when she jumped in.—Atlanta Constitution.

Peace-proposals without terms are as dead as faith without works.—Louisville Post.

News From Over Malheur County

FARM LOAN CO. HAVE MEETING

Rural Farm Loan Association Meets And Elects Officers—1000 Rabbits Around Each Haystack

FANGOLLANO, Oreg., Jan. 15.—The Rural Farm Loan of Barren Valley met at the Mud Flat community hall Jan. 13, and elected Bert Hartley of Crowley, president; L. Burere, vice president; S. H. Corliss, secretary, and Charley Cook, Rush McHargue, K. N. Dahle as appraisers.

Mrs. S. R. Copeland and son, Robie, and daughter, Mildred, were seen in Mud Flat Saturday.

Mr. Jim Bunyard and wife were called away suddenly by Burns last week by the sad death of Jim's brother.

Mr. Ray Bertran and Star were riding around Mud Flat looking for horses the past week.

Pinto Gould was at Fangollano last Sunday attending to business.

Not many John Rabbits here any more, just about 1000 around each hay stack every night.

C. E. Limberleg came through here last week on three wheats. We never asked him how he broke down but just supposed he slid over a rimrock somewhere.

It seems as though we aren't going to get any more snow, unless, we ship in a few carloads.

School is progressing nicely with Eva Knottingham as teacher. The children are learning fast. Some expect to take 8th Grade examination. Here's hoping they all pass.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gould were seen in this community last week.

Earl Willsey and F. Spencer are still hatching. We expect them soon to be married.

Mr. Mungus come up the latter part of last week looking over the country.

Lee Masters passed through here enroute to Crowley.

S. H. Corliss has just purchased a fine large Poland-China hog from Mr. Tomlin and expects to go into the hog business.

Miss Knottingham has gone to Big Mud Flat on her homestead.

THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

Normally the United States imports from about two-fifths to more than one-half of the wool required for domestic consumption. During the past three years importations have ranged from nearly 250,000,000 to more than 500,000,000 pounds each year, the average being over 300,000,000 pounds. The total consumption of lamb and mutton during the past 10 years has increased appreciably. In the fiscal year 1907 more than 9,500,000 sheep and lambs were slaughtered at plants subject to Federal inspection. The number now averages about 13,000,000 per annum.

In some sections of the United States there has been a steady decline in sheep production since the earliest statistical reports. This has been true also in every other settled country except Great Britain. The explanation undoubtedly is an economic one. In general, the primary purpose of sheep growers has been to produce wool. This can not be attained profitably on high-priced land. Naturally, therefore, with the increase in land values there is a rapid decline in the number of sheep. In Great Britain meat has been the principal product and wool the by-product, and the sheep industry has flourished.

Waste Land Made Productive. If American farmers will follow the British custom, the industry can be put on a profitable and permanent basis. The greater number of sheep in Great Britain are raised in the hills and on land comparable to much of the "waste land" of American farms. The areas in this country, especially in the East and in parts of the South, now relatively little used, can profitably be devoted to sheep production if the farmers will secure the proper breed of sheep.

Sheep also can be made profitable on higher-priced land, as British experience shows. They compare favorably with other animals in economy of production. They require a minimum of expensive concentrated feeds. They exceed the other larger animals in the rate of maturity; lambs can be made ready for market at from four to six months. They make possible the economical and fuller use of labor. They are of assistance in keeping the farm free from weeds. The sheep farm is usually a weedless farm.

In practicing self denial so many people elect to give up nothing but elocutionary entertainments.

Kaiser Wilhelm perhaps is soothed by the thought that neither did Noah's peace-dove accomplish anything on its first trip.—Chicago Daily News.

The militiamen enlisted "for home and country," and now they would like to begin the home part of their service.—Philadelphia North American.

The chief characteristic of peace continues to be low visibility.—New York Evening Sun.

COAL FAMINE AT DEAD OX

Feeble Old Man Returns Home—Irrigation District Has Election—Zero Weather at Dead Ox.

DEAD OX FLAT, Oreg., Jan. 16.—Exceedingly cold weather prevailed over this section the past week. Everything has been laden with hoar frost throughout the nights and days despite the clear sunny weather. Several report frozen potatoes in the bins supposed to be frost proof.

Sleighting has been excellent and the jingle of the sleigh bells recall one's childhood in the northeastern states.

The coal famine is still on and many have to resort to the old time sage brush fuel. Lucky is he who laid in a supply of brush before the snow.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 6, the O. C. Miller home was the scene of a delightful card party. In the afternoon Mr. Miller drove into Payette with a big sleigh and returned with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Culbertson of Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Landon, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chapma, Mr. and Mrs. Dunnick and little 9 year old daughter and Miss Ruby Landon of Payette. Besides the visitors present were I. L. Culbertson and G. R. McDonald. 500 was the game enjoyed by all till the wee sma' hours sandwiched with refreshments. The visitors were driven on back by G. R. McDonald and deposited at their respective homes by the cold gray light of the morning. That all enjoyed themselves hugely and appreciated the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Miller goes without saying.

Last Wednesday Mr. Fletcher Betely went to Weiser with Mr. Gay, the old man mentioned in last week's items, bought him a ticket for Newport where his children reside and saw him safely on his journey home. Mr. Gay is so old and feeble it was decided home was the better place for him such cold weather. A brother of I. N. Chatfield, who resides in Portland was to meet Mr. Gay there and see him transferred to the proper train for the last lap of his journey.

At the election of Dead Ox Flat Irrigation district held Tuesday, Jan. 9th, a directorate was chosen that favor disorganization of the district. This district was voted into existence several years ago and many residents residing within the district at that time have moved away or abandoned their holdings entirely and those still residing therein and have taken up residence therein since organization with few exceptions are very much dissatisfied with the showing made by the officers. The last report of the secretary showing a total collection of taxes to the amount of some \$12,000, nearly all of which has been disbursed; besides a debt of some \$3000 secured by directors' notes and only some \$2500 spent in actual property (water rights, rights of ways, franchises) has caused a furor of criticism and dissatisfaction the outcome of which will be looked forward to with interest mingled with anxiety.

At the election of Payette-Oregon Slope Irrigation district held at the power house Tuesday, Jan. 9th, it was decided to increase the directorate from three to five members and the following directors were elected: C. M. Johnson, O. C. Miller, Geo. Lattig, Mr. Bowles and Mr. Raymond.

Walter Yardley and wife are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Ty Raney. Mr. Yardley is helping Mr. Raney dig a well.

It is reported the thermometer stood at 17 degrees below Monday morning at Payette. If the temperature does not soften in a few days a much lower mark than that will be reached. It is excellent for feeding sheep on the ground but tough on the fellow who hauls the feed.

—DEAD OX.

During the past fiscal year there were constructed on the National Forests 227 miles of new road, 1,975 miles of trails, 2,124 miles of telephone line, 89 miles of fire lines, 81 lookout structures, 40 bridges, 222 miles of fence, 545 dwellings, barns and other structures, 17 corrals, and 202 water improvements.

Since the passage in 1912 of the act providing funds for land classification, and as a direct result of the classification work, a total of 13,477,781 acres has been eliminated from the National Forests. This includes an elimination of approximately 5,800,000 acres of land from the Chugach National Forest in Alaska, which embraced lands of low value for any purpose other than mining.

Widows and orphans are ignored in the "status quo ante" peace-terms.—Wall Street Journal.

President Wilson's remarks to warring Europe sound a good deal like "Tut! tut!"—Boston Transcript.

We note that Luther Burbank has turned his attention from potatoes to orange-blossoms.—Boston Transcript.

The forming of the Billy Sunday Corporation inspires the fear that not even salvation is to remain free.—New York Evening Sun.

CATTLE ARE VACCINATED

Brogan Folks Leave for Minnesota—Series of Dances at Jamieson Hall by Grangers.

T. J. Logan and Emory Cole came back from Vale Wednesday, after looking over business affairs a few days.

A. B. Rouse and Dave Logan vaccinated the Rouse yearling cattle on Wednesday.

Mrs. Goodwin will entertain the Civic Improvement club at the next meeting, to be held at the home of Mrs. Phil Edwards.

Lorenz Tschirgi chaperoned a car of hogs to Portland on Friday. The hogs were shipped by Messrs. Tschirgi, Voak and Schlottman and Mrs. Breedlove.

Mrs. Jamieson went to Vale Friday returning Saturday.

Mrs. Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schlottman, and Mr. Richardson left for their home in Minnesota Friday, having spent a few days in Brogan.

The Traders Day sale, which was to have been held on Jan. 27, has been postponed to some time in February.

The Hill Billies were entertained at the home of Mrs. Malone Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Coleman entertained the Pioneer Club Thursday afternoon.

Miss Hudson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Voak, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hamstreet, Mr. Loveless and Mr. Meronde at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Kelley made a trip to Vale Monday.

Mrs. Breedlove left Monday for Boise on a business trip. She will stop at Ontario and Vale before returning to Brogan.

"Texas" Phillips and "Bill" Hyke carried some coyote hides to Vale on Monday.

Mr. Kennedy left for Vale Tuesday for a few days.

The Literary club of the school will have an entertainment at the school house Friday evening.

Mr. A. A. Doubrava is making a business trip to Payette, having left on Tuesday.

Billie Eaton came home from Vale Tuesday. He has been serving the county as a juror the past few days.

Cold weather these days. Thermometer is reported as going down to 16 degrees below zero.

The people of Brogan, headed by the members of the Grange, will give a series of three dances at the hall in Jamieson, the proceeds to go to the building of the Community hall in Brogan. The first dance will be held Jan. 20, Saturday evening. The ladies will serve lunch.

DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE

It is somewhat difficult to reconcile the attitude of some of the state railway commissioners, in opposing exclusive railway regulation by the national government, in view of the fact that to procure more efficient regulation by the states the state commissions themselves seem to have found it necessary to form a national organization.

In other words, the very existence of the National Association of State Railway Commissioners of itself denies the contention that state regulation is or has been a success. If not, why was this association formed and why does it exist?

To hear some political job-holders talk one might easily conclude that the citizens of the states and of the United States are entirely different people, and that the national government is not made up of states and the people thereof but that it is almost foreign and to be looked on with suspicion. The nation controls all navigable waters, it controls the mails it alone has authority to coin money, regulate commerce between the states declare war and exercise other powers elemental to the general welfare, but, while it is safe to trust it with these great powers, trust it to exercise control over 85 per cent of all railroad traffic, in the opinion of certain politicians, who apparently regard a fat job of more importance than the general welfare, it isn't safe to trust it with control over the other 15 per cent.

How the railroads feel about exclusive federal control we neither know or care. It is not a question or an undertaking that the people need consult with anyone. It is a big business question, vital in its economic relations to the public welfare, and it is up to the people to handle it in a way that will produce the most public good wholly regardless of the railroads or the selfish politician.—Industrial News Bureau, Pacific Coast Manufacturer.

In other words, the President would like to know whether this is a private war or whether anybody can get in.—New York World.

Germany made war on her own terms but can not make peace in the same way.—New York Sun.

The Monroe Doctrine is rumored to be little anxious about its future.—Philadelphia Record.

The Kaiser no sooner won the iron cross than he signified his willingness to make peace.—Indianapolis News.

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