

USE OF IDLE LANDS URGED

Thousands of Acres in Oregon Available for Production of Bean Crop

(Special to The Times)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—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 crops 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 Are Profitable

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 three 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.

Soils Are Rich.

Generally speaking, the soils of the bean growing districts are rich in all of the mineral elements 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 exclusively. 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.

Weeds Are Numerous

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 thirty years. Because of the intro-

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duction 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 region. Under this system of farming from one-third to one-half of the land lies idle each season.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WHERE MILK IS CHEAP.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Or., Dec. 31.—The average price of milk in twenty-six of the leading cities of the United States, is 3.56 cents per quart, according to the table of prices recently prepared by the United States Statistical Bureau. The average price received by the farmer and dairyman was but 2.9 cents per quart. Compared with prices in Oregon, the average city price seems remarkably low. The dairy department of the Agricultural College sells direct to consumers at about 9 cents per quart, which price is perhaps a fair average for the entire state.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! COAST LABOR SITUATION.

The Eugene Register says: "Having made a visit to Portland, Manager C. L. Gano of the Eugene Coffee Club on his return here reported that the labor conditions in Portland are not encouraging. According to the figures of Rev. Johnson, who conducts the Men's Resort, there are between 3000 and 4000 men in the city out of employment. At one place he saw between 500 and 700 men lined up waiting for identification cards that would give them a chance at the municipal works being opened for their benefit by the city of Portland. Mayor Cotterill of Seattle makes a report of 15000 men out of employment in his city and like reports are received from various of the Pacific coast cities. Since the Coffee Club has been opened in Seattle a general study has been made

of the labor situation and in this city work has been supplied to more than 3000 men since last March. Rev. Johnson, manager of the Men's Resort, when visited by Mr. Gano, showed him 200 to 300 men sleeping in the chairs of the rest and reading rooms. Upstairs beds were supplied for 10 and 15 cents to lodgers, and together with those in the basement dormitory about 400 men are cared for nightly.

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