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CORN FROM KAFFIR LAND.

There is a new species of corn, which is being cultivated with success in the arid regions on the eastern slopes of the Rocky mountains, and may prove highly important to the whole arid region of the United States. It is called Kaffir corn, because it had its origin in the Kaffir country of South Africa, and will grow well in localities where wheat and ordinary corn would die of drought. Last year great quantities of this new corn were planted in the dry regions of Western Kansas and Oklahoma, and though the season was unusually dry one, the crops were good. We should be glad to hear of experiments with this corn in Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho, and suggest that our agricultural colleges seek information on the subject from the bureau of agriculture at Washington, and take measures for procurement and distribution of parcels of seed corn. We append an article from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, which gives many details on this interesting subject, viz:

The question of successful farming in the semi-arid regions of the great West is solved at last. Kaffir corn, first introduced on the American continent from the Kaffir country, in Africa, less than a decade since, is still an unknown product to nine-tenths of the people of the United States.

At first planted here and there as a curiosity, it was found to grow readily in all localities and under all conditions, and experiments developed the fact that it would mature a crop in the driest and hottest seasons on the high western plains. A more extended planting of the new grain and a comparison of results obtained soon developed the fact that whether the season was wet or dry, cool or hot, long or short, this new product would thrive on all kinds of soils with the minimum of care and cultivation, and planted any time between the first of April and the middle of July it would mature an absolutely sure crop of grain and fodder before the frosts of autumn.

The stalk looks somewhat like a single shoot of common corn, but shorter, attaining a height usually of from four and a half to six feet, and having pointed leaves of a rich green color. The grain forms in a head at the extreme point of the shoot, where the tassel is on ordinary corn, the heads being from seven to twelve inches in length and six to eight in circumference, and when ripe look like great white or red plums.

The grains are almost round, a little larger than a grain of rice and much resembling a grain of wheat in interior structure.

There are two varieties, red and white, the latter being the favorite crop. Though raised as an experiment here and there throughout the West for several years, it was not until the present year that it became a prominent crop. When the draught of last spring killed the wheat and oats and seemed almost certain to ruin the corn, the few who had had experience with the new grain began to advise their neighbors to plant Kaffir corn, as it would grow all right in dry weather, and they could thus at least raise feed for their stock. The newspapers took up the advice and soon farmers were planting Kaffir corn, utilizing the ground where wheat and oats had failed and planting on sod or scattered patches, where early corn had been burned out.

The planting was continued until well along in August, the acreage being in many sections greater than that ever devoted to a single crop. In Oklahoma alone nearly 50,000 acres were planted with the new crop. And every grain of it planted grew and thrived to maturity, and before the summer was over the farmers began to wonder what they would do with it all. They knew it was good feed for stock, but there was not stock enough in the territory to consume it, and the product was yet so new that it was not recognized in the outside markets.

Experience had already developed the fact that it made a most admirable feed, either to winter stock or fatten them for market, but with an abundance of the grain on hand, Oklahoma farmers soon discovered that it was better for horses than either corn or oats, making them fat and stout, and giving them a sleek, glossy appearance.

When it came to feeding hogs, it was

found that they gained flesh more rapidly than when fed on common corn, and poultry men have found the Kaffir grain an admirable egg-producer, and when fed unthreshed, the fowls are given exercise in picking it from the head.

The boys and girls soon discovered that it would pop as well as pop corn, the grains popping out large, white and tender, and women in the country found that, boiled like rice, the grain was excellent eaten with cream and sugar; that mashed into a pulpy mass it made an admirable pudding; and it was also a first-class substitute for hominy.

Still the quantity produced was so great that the people continued to wonder what they would do with it.

The owner of the roller mills at Medicine Lodge, Kan., ran some of the grain through the cornmeal grinder and produced a meal pronounced in every way equal to the ordinary cornmeal, but he was not content with this, but rigged up a special set of buhrs and produced a new product that bids fair to create a revolution in the world's breadstuffs—Kaffir flour.

Some of the flour was made into light bread. The bread was fully as white as bread made from second-grade wheat flour, and was sweet and palatable.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County.

William L. Label, Plaintiff.

vs.

Mattie J. Label, Defendant.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof in The Dalles Chronicle, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published at The Dalles, Wasco County, Oregon, by order of Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of the above named court.

Dated at Dalles City, Or., December 24, 1895.
G. W. PHELPS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County, upon a decree and judgment, made, rendered and entered by said court on the 19th day of December, 1895, in favor of the plaintiff, in a suit wherein the Solicitors Loan and Trust Company was plaintiff and Sylvester Brooks was defendant, and to me directed and delivered, commanding me to levy upon and sell the lands mentioned and described in said writ and hereinafter described, I did duly levy upon and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the county courthouse in Dalles City, Wasco County, Oregon, all of the lands and premises described in said writ and herein described as follows, to-wit:

The southeast quarter of section fourteen in township one, north of range fourteen, east of the Willamette Meridian, Wasco County, Oregon, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the sum due upon said writ, to-wit, the sum of \$198.54, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent per annum from the 11th day of November, 1895, together with the further sum of \$11.00 costs and disbursements in said action and accruing costs and expenses of said sale.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1895.

T. J. DRIVER,
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