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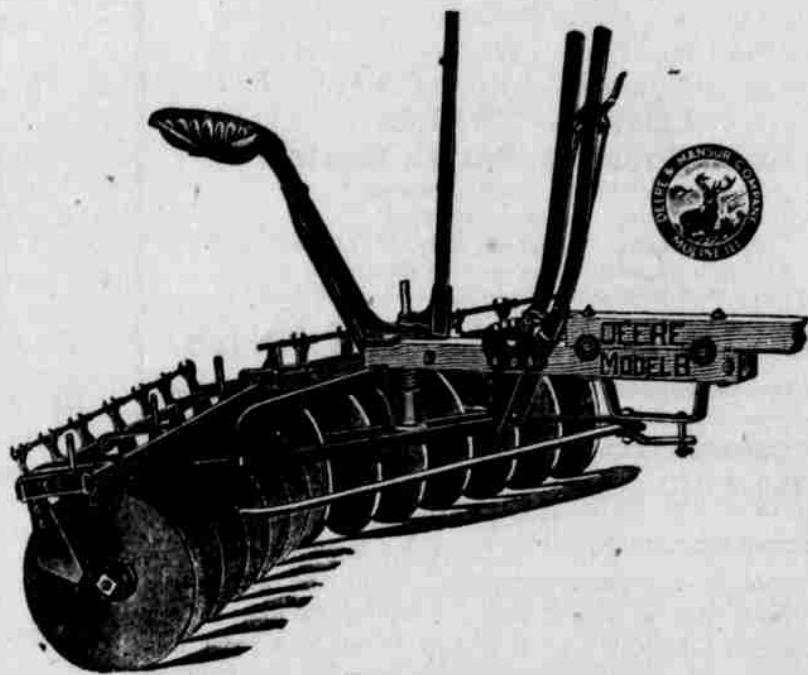
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Co-operative Land Colony

Experiment in Southern California Being Tried Out

While co-operation is in the air, the following description of a co-operative land colony in Southern California may be of interest to the readers of the Herald. The details are from a letter by J. P. Warrinner and published in the Salem Capitol Journal:

Mr. Warrinner went to Del Rio last year and was so well pleased with the workings of the colony that he returned to Salem a few months ago and disposed of his real estate and other interests here.

The Llano Del Rio co-operative colony was organized May 1, 1914. At present it has a membership of about 650, the members paying from \$750 to \$1000 for the privilege of becoming an active working member.

The colony is located about 80 miles from Los Angeles, or only 40 miles on an air line, was founded by Job Harriman and a few enthusiastic co-operators who believed in the co-operative idea.

On account of the state commissioners laying restrictions as to the selling of stock, the company was reorganized with a Nevada charter.

According to the letter of Mr. Warrinner, 350 acres of alfalfa have been put out this spring, and 26,000 fruit trees set out, with an acreage of 325. Eggs for the community are furnished by 1000 hens, which are brought to the central commissary and

distributed, and 70 cows furnish milk and cream.

For the colonists' meat, pigs are raised and rabbits to the extent of 3500. The first pair of shoes was made in the colony a short time ago and it is the intention to make enough shoes for the colony as soon as machinery can be obtained.

The schools are of the practical nature in which 40 acres are at their disposal to work out land problems. Five horses have been assigned for the use of the schools in their farm work. Part of the rabbit industry is under the school management and 500 chickens will soon be added to their practical equipment.

School children are now fed at an estimated cost of 4 1-2c a meal, according to Mr. Warrinner. When the garden is in full bearing, they expect to reduce this cost. For the younger children, the Montessori system of teaching is used. Children between the ages of 2 1-2 and 7 years are instructed according to this system.

Mr. Warrinner states that last year the colony was 70 per cent self supporting and this year they hope to make it 85 to 90 per cent. The population of the colony is nearly 650, and the members hope to make it 10,000 by 1918.

RAVAGES OF A RIVER.

Amazing Amount of Material Washed Away by the Mississippi.

It is estimated that the rivers of the earth carry 6,500 cubic miles of water to the sea every year. If the reader can even imagine a column of water ten miles square and reaching sixty-five miles skyward he will get a fair idea of the tremendous work that the sun and the winds have to do in pumping up this water out of the sea and carrying it over the earth. Perhaps a third of this is expended on the landed area of the earth.

Imagine a falls half a mile high and as large as 10,000 Niagaras tearing away at the continents every day and wresting material from them and transporting it to the sea. This represents the work of the running waters. The Mississippi river alone carries more than a million tons of material to the gulf of Mexico every day. It would require nearly 1,700 dirt trains, such as were used at Panama, to move each day's deposits that the Mississippi brings to the gulf.

The total bulk of material removed annually from the Mississippi valley into the gulf through the Mississippi river is greater than the total amount of material removed from the Panama canal, as it stands today, by the French and the Americans. In view of this fact, the statement of General Goethals, the builder of the Panama canal, that the man who attacks the task of deepening the Mississippi river will have the biggest engineering job ever undertaken by man, indeed becomes significant.

How rapidly the Mississippi is carrying forward the task of changing the shore line of Louisiana is revealed by the fact that it is building a mile of Louisiana territory into the gulf every seventeen years. Its delta, assuming that a delta begins at the first point where a break occurs and river water escapes to the sea, is now more than 200 miles long. This territory, which has been entirely built up by the river, now contains nearly 12,000 square miles, making it equal in size to the state of Maryland. For every 1,500 pounds of water that the Mississippi carries to the sea it carries one pound of material, either solid or in solution. It carries down to the sea nearly eight times as much material as the Nile, whose alluvial burdens have enriched Egypt for thousands of years.—John Oliver La Gorce in National Geographic Magazine.

Brown—Is it correct to speak of a man as "of the male persuasion?"

Jones—Yes, if the subject is not married.

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