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Experiments By O. R. & N. on Barren Soils Along Its Route Prove Most Satisfactory.

Colonel Judson, industrial agent for the O. R. & N. Company's experimental farm, at Blalock, has worked out a plan whereby the vast areas of almost barren lands in Baker and Union counties can be restored to first class pasture lands, by comparatively little effort, says The Evening Telegram. The experiment has been progressing for three years, and the result is now such as fully and beyond doubt to have solved the problem. It is estimated that by following the method devised by Industrial Agent Judson, something like 500,000 acres of pasture lands may be converted from a state of uselessness into highly valuable cattle ranges.

Colonel Judson arrived in the city yesterday, and as usual is very busy with his almost numberless agricultural experiments. He was accompanied by C. R. Smeed, of the experiment station, and left today for a trip up the valley. Speaking of his successful experiment and new discovery, Colonel Judson said:

"A few days ago the extensive vasts of lands along the O. R. & N. Co.'s lines from Union clear through south to Huntington because denuded of vegetation as a result of constant grazing, and since then they have remained barren, except for small growths of flax and wool grasses here and there. To allow such areas of fertile land to go to waste was out of the question, and I commenced experimenting to find a restorative that would prove effective.

"Tests of grasses were made near Huntington, North Powder, Durkee, Baker City, Telocaset and on other lands tributary to the road between Union and Huntington, and the results, which I have just learned, are most gratifying, and the problem has been solved. "Formerly this land was a vast open country thick with bunchgrass, and excellent for cattle ranges. At present it is virtually denuded of grasses, so barren in fact that it would be hard to find a 20-acre tract that would support one steer through the year. By regressing the range at a conservative cost, two acres will keep a steer, hence the desire of the management of the O. R. & N. to make these lands pay tribute, and eventually make them the breeding ground for the raising of fine stock of the Pacific Slope.

"How well they have progressed can be inferred from a letter just received from Telocaset, accompanied by samples of bromeus enermus and tall meadow oat grass. These samples were sent by R. Frazer, the O. R. & N. Co.'s agent at Telocaset.

Three years ago the company fenced three acres of this range land, which was plowed, harrowed and seeded in the spring. In the fall a band of horses were turned in, and the grass cropped close to the ground, in fact, as close as could be eaten by horses. The fence was left open so that the horses could go in and out at will. Next spring the opening was closed and the crop was something immense, standing 4 1/2 feet, and as nice a bunch of grass as one would desire to see in any country. Last year it was given the same treatment, and this year it will be cut for seed. The grass today is in full bloom, and a month will probably pass before the crop can be harvested. "It has been demonstrated beyond doubt that the bromeus will grow and thrive there, and the samples sent me are in full bloom. In about a month the crop will be ready for harvesting."

"These lands are the property of the government, and it is therefore doubtful if anything can be done in the way of regressing until it has been opened up for settlers."

Kruger's Wife Dead.

A dispatch from Brussels says former President Kruger has been notified by cable that his wife is dead at Pretoria.

Buried City Found.

A prehistoric city of immense proportions is said to have just been unearthed on the Novajo, Indian reservation between Durango, Colo., and Farmington, N. M., the particulars of the find having been reported to the land department of the Santa Fe system.

A mercantile company, which has been exploring the territory in question for some time, a short time ago found a palace of prehistoric age, containing, it is said, 1000 separate apartments, some of them in an excellent state of preservation. Another stone castle containing 100 separate apartments. In some of the rooms inspected were found the finest of woods and other relics of a valuable character, specimens of which have been gathered and sent to the Smithsonian institution in Washington. The find is said to be exceptionally valuable from a scientific and ethnological standpoint, and it is believed to antedate the time of the Aztec occupation of the country ages ago.

The World's Thrift.

Thrift has become a world-wide habit, says the New York World. All within the last century, at the beginning whereof savings banks were unknown, all the nations have become inoculated with Benjamin Franklin's gospel of economy, and to-day very nearly nine billions of dollars are written on the savings-bank books of Europe and America.

Examining the details of this vast total of world-thrift, as reported by the Swiss Journal of Statistics, the fact appears that while the American people lead the world in the total amount of their savings-bank deposits—two billions and a half, roundly stated—yet Germany, France and Great Britain all lead in the number of their depositors. Eight in every 100 Americans have savings-bank accounts, but 26 in every 100 Germans, 25 in 100 Frenchmen and 22 in every 100 Britishers have them.

Quite significant is the fact that little Switzerland leads all Europe in the general thrift of her simple, industrious, republican people, nearly 42 in every 100 of whom have money in the savings-banks, and the average amount due them is \$148 each, which is much higher than the average due the British, German or French depositor.

Is it not a fact full of moral suggestion that the little Swiss Republic, without standing army, navy, ports or colonies, shows not only a larger per capita industrial production and foreign trade than any of the great European "empires," but a larger per capita of savings, which means a higher general level of comfort and happiness?

A young man of Glencoe, O. T., is offering 3,000 tickets on himself as husband, which he is selling at \$5 each, and it is said they are going like hot-cakes. This is how he explains his scheme: "By selling 3,000 chances for \$5 each, it will bring me \$15,000, which is a sufficient sum of money to attract any young woman desirous of marrying. I may not get the prettiest girl in the country, but I will get one, I am sure, who is anxious to marry me. I sell numbers at \$5 and agree to marry the holder of the number drawn at the raffle. I will have the raffle conducted on fair and square means by parties entirely disinterested. The money will be invested so as to support us handsomely, and I shall take the bride an extended wedding trip.

A Portland woman prayed long and earnestly for her husband, and finally asked her pastor what she could do to induce him to stay home at nights. He advised adding to his home comforts something that he enjoyed away from home. The next day the wife was inquiring the price of beer by the keg.

IS IN FAVOR OF LEASING.

JOHN GILCREST THINKS IT WILL SAVE THE RANGE.

Talks About a Just Law to All Concerned, Yet Concedes the Difficulty in Framing Such a Law.

John Gilcrest, of Burns, the superintendent of the Pacific Live Stock Co., was in Vale this week, says the Democrat. In discussing live stock interests, and especially range leasing, Mr. Gilcrest was most emphatic in his opinions. He thought that if congress furnished no relief the stock industry of the West would soon be a thing of the past. Our only hope is in a wise lease law, protecting alike the sheepmen, as well as the small and large cattle holder. Such a law would prevent the overstocking of the ranges and its consequent destruction. It would put an end to the migratory sheep bands which threaten to wipe out of existence the local stock and sheep men. Both alike suffer from this cause. With leasing, their bands would be confined to a certain locality, and the self interest of the owner would be sufficient to protect the range from overstocking. I recognize the difficulties in the way of forming a law alike just to all concerned, but think it can be done.

Mr. Gilcrest said that his company had obtained a lease of the road lands of the Eastern Oregon Land Company in the southern part of Grant county, in Harney county and in northwestern part of Malheur county.

Wears Out Mules.

About 250,000 horses and mules have been purchased by the British government in the southwestern part of the United States for use in the Transvaal during the war against the Boers. Traders who have dealt with the English army officers, who have been sent to this country for the purpose, declare that the cost to England per span of mules delivered in south Africa is more than \$500. The British are still in the market for good animals.

When it is considered that they have purchased a quarter of a million of mules in this part of the world alone, the question is asked, "What has become of them?" The average life of a horse in South Africa is about ninety days. Soon after the outbreak of hostilities against the crown a good, sturdy animal would live for only a few weeks' service as the bearer of an English cavalryman. His life is now shortened, because the fields are bare of grass, and when the cavalryman gets a new mount he rides it until it is weakened by starvation and then a bullet ends its life.

The Texas horses and mules have given better service than any secured by the British officers.

Aguinaldo Not Docile.

Aguinaldo is considerably irritated at his continued surveillance by the American authorities. When ever he signs his name he must add the word "Prisoner." He has refused the request of his friends to write the insurgent general, Malver, still at large in southern Luzon, advising him to surrender. He consented to sign a copy of his oath of allegiance, with the understanding that it be forwarded to Malvar with the purpose of influencing his surrender, but under his signature to this oath he wrote "Prisoner in Malaccanan prison."

General Davis has been ordered to the command of the American troops on the Island Mindanao and in the Jolo archipelago. General Kobbe, formerly commander of this district, will return to the United States.

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