

One Firm Owns 14,530,000 Acres of Land.

The firm of Miller & Lux, cattle kings of California and Oregon, own 14,530,000 acres of land, nearly all of it unimproved and used for grazing. The vast area held by this firm is not conceivable to one who has not traveled through the state. It is equal to the area of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut together. It is half the size of New York and three times the size of New Jersey. It is about the size of West Virginia and an eighth the area of California. It is as large as Greece, four times the size of Alsace-Lorraine, and but little smaller than Ireland and one-third the size of England and Wales together. There is only one thing that Henry Miller, the surviving member of the firm of Miller & Lux, becomes nervous over, and that is the discussion of the size of his holdings.—Lake County Examiner.

Deschutes Valley the Latest Paradise.

W. H. Moore returned last week from a fishing expedition up the Deschutes. He gives an interesting account of the country up at Bend, 30 miles south of Prineville, and especially of the river, which runs through a series of meadows, the banks being only a few feet high. The water is about fifteen feet deep, and Mr. Moore says it is the prettiest river to handle, in the way of irrigation, he ever saw. With scarcely any rise or fall, a ditch or wheel needs no attention, the same flow of water day in and day out. Then, it is the fisherman's paradise, full of trout—big fellows follow the angler along the bank waiting to be caught. It is the best summer resort in Oregon. There is no limit to the fishing and hunting ground; 50 miles of river, thousands of acres of timber with unlimited ice-cold water on which to choose a camping place. But alas, the country will not long be left as nature made it. Irrigating ditches are in course of construction, the eye of the timber cruiser has been abroad in the land, and in all probability the valley of the Deschutes from Bend to Pangara will in the near future be as thickly settled as any other part of eastern Oregon.—Shaniko Leader.

Date Palm May Solve The Problem.

The department of agriculture seems to entertain the belief that the date palm may solve the problem of what to do with the arid and alkali lands of Arizona, California and other western states. Experiments have been made in the past by the department at experiment stations, but renewed interest is being taken by the department of agriculture, and Professor D. G. Fairchild, agricultural explorer for the department, now traveling in Africa, has procured a number of suckers or offshoots, from the delta of the Nile, which he has shipped to the department and which will be distributed in the southwestern part of this country. In the United States the date is an article of luxury, but in its native country it is a most important food, many regions in Arabia and the Sahara being uninhabitable but for the date palm. The United States annually imports nearly \$1,000,000 worth of dates, but it is possible, the department believes, to raise all the dates needed in this country. The date palm, although grown profitably only in arid and semiarid regions, is not in the proper sense of the word, a desert plant. It requires a fairly abundant, and, above all, a constant supply of water at the roots, and at the same time it delights in a perfectly dry and very hot climate. The date palm is able to stand much more cold than an orange tree, but not so much as a peach tree.—Exchange.

The Capital Hotel is again under the management of Mrs George B Tedrowe, which fact guarantees the best of service to all patrons.

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1891 was	1,517,493	
1892 "	1,684,420	Increase 9.50 per cent
1893 "	1,610,422	decrease 4.04 "
1894 "	1,511,887	decrease 5.10 "
1895 "	1,576,452	increase 2.77 "
1896 "	1,926,718	increase 22.22 "
1897 "	1,572,102	decrease 18.40 "
1898 "	1,532,540	decrease 2.52 "
1899 "	1,651,389	increase 7.80 "
1900 "	1,965,610	increase 18.88 "

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