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A MILESTONE

This issue closes Volume 1 of The Wheatfield and we pass our first milestone. Lexington people have been good to us and we have endeavored to give you a good live local paper, doing our duty as we have seen it. We have, no doubt, made some enemies, yet we feel that among the liberal, broad minded people we have made more friends than enemies. We expect to continue using every honest method for the upbuilding of Lexington and vicinity. It has been a pleasure to us to see the many improvements that have been made during the past year, the water system has been extended, modern fire-fighting apparatus has been installed, electric lights are now being used to replace the old oil lamps and many new buildings have been built. All of which contributes its share toward making Lexington the best town in Morrow county.

NEGLIGENCE

A case of gross negligence was brought to our attention the past week. On Thursday evening last a telephone message was sent to J. S. Baldwin, in care of the Postmaster at Walla Walla, notifying him of the serious condition of his baby. Mr. Baldwin states that he called regularly every day for mail and was told there was nothing for him until Saturday evening the message was delivered to him. On Sunday morning the Postmaster at Walla Walla was called by phone and stated that Mr. Baldwin had not called for his mail for three or four days and that letters were waiting there for him and that the telephone message had not been delivered. These letters were from Mr. Baldwin's wife and were of importance to him. Had they been delivered Mr. Baldwin would have reached home before his child died.

DRY FARMING

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land throughout the great West is tilled to the utmost limit of its productiveness; and its membership includes hundreds of successful dry farmers in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Arizona, and other states.

The cynical have often remarked that the price at which land could be bought on the plains was gaged by the ability of the owner to pay taxes. Many thousands of acres have changed hands at one dollar, or even less, per acre, because the owners thought it better to take than to lose all. Less than two years ago, many sales were reported as low as \$3 and \$3.50 an acre. Last year prices ranged from \$5 an acre to \$7.50, and even up to \$10 and \$12; and the President of the Colorado State Commercial Association is on record with the prediction that in a short time no land in Eastern Colorado within a reasonable distance of railroad transportation can be bought for less than \$25 an acre. This revolution in land values is due mainly to the activity of men who have been

A LIVELY TUSSELE

with that old enemy of the race, constipation, often ends in Appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with the Stomach, Liver and Bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at W. P. McMillan's

watching the results of experiments in dry farming. Some have bought for speculation, some for cattle and sheep ranches, but more than all for active farming. One company has bought 300,000 acres of arid land in the Panhandle of Texas, and 80,000 acres more in eastern Colorado, to subdivide into small farms and sold to those willing to cultivate by the Campbell system.

Western Kansas and Nebraska and eastern Colorado are known all over America as forming one of the most desolate and God forsaken regions on the continent. Abandoned for the most part to Occident ants and prairie dogs, whose low mounds dot the plains for hundreds of miles, being, in fact, almost the only objects that break the monotony of the view over thousands of square miles of territory. The ill repute of this great region is largely traceable to the thousands of men who rushed thither with true American impulsiveness and lack of foresight seventeen or eighteen years ago. The glowing reports of land agents and low-site promoters had inspired dreams of easily gotten wealth in the world-old virgin soil, in men unprepared for hardship, ignorant of the conditions that were to confront them, and knowing nothing of the only methods that would have made successful farming possible. Their haphazard and misdirected efforts in lands where the heavens so stingily measure out their moisture brought scant and insufficient returns, and most of these early pioneers on the plains sacrificed their invested capital and sought other fields of endeavor. These men forever cursed Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado, and their deserted farms were again given over to sage-brush, cacti, and rabbit-grass. It now seems as if the history of the prairie lands a thousand miles farther east was about to be paralleled. Forty years ago it was commonly believed that the prairies of Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois were irreclaimable wastes, where nothing but poverty and starvation awaited the settler. Just as these lands yielded in time to the plow and harvester, so will the inexhaustible soil of the Great Plains richly reward the toil of those who adapt farming methods to natural conditions.

SCHOOL NEWS

School work is progressing nicely altho' the recent warm weather is not very favorable to hard study but the general indications throughout the school is that better work is being done than ever before.

We would like to have some pupils who expect to commence later, try to start just as soon as possible. We need you here every day in order that we may secure the best results.

We would like to organize a teachers review class if a sufficient number of teachers or those desiring to teach would let us know. If there are any persons desiridg such work that are interested in this proposition they will please write the principal.

Congress has been holding some interesting meetings of late, its work altho' misunderstood by some seems to be for the best interest of the room. Things are continually changing and we are not surprised that this work is misunderstood by some yet we believe that the room will make a success of its undertaking.

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