

FARMING IS NOT POPULAR IN PANAMA

Experts of Agricultural Department Give Up Trying to Teach Natives Rudiments of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—If Panama is to be made sufficiently productive of food to provide for the 30,000 canal diggers, this must be accomplished by others than the Panamanians.

This is the conclusion of the experts recently sent there by the department of agriculture to study farming conditions. They will shortly issue a report upon the opportunities in farming which that country offers to settlers, and the practicability of the establishment of government farms for the supply of Uncle Sam's employees.

Discussing the farm settlers' chances, one of the experts said that there was a market for products unequalled in this country. Practically all of the food of the Americans working upon the canal is canned or cold storage, and this diet is beginning to tell upon them, not only in their energy, but in the apathy with which they face vegetables tinctured with tin and meats that, even though garnished with highly seasoned sauces, have the suggestive, ghostlike taste of preservatives. A good idea of their eagerness for real unbenzoated food is the price they willingly pay for fresh milk—from 20 to 50 cents a quart.

Of course, the men now there will return when the canal is completed, but it will be necessary always to maintain a large growth in population, just as at Suez. There now seems every probability that the zone will be garrisoned.

Though the ground is rough and broken there is little soil erosion and the climatic conditions make up for the difficulties in cultivation. A stick sawed off and stuck in the ground would almost take root and grow. Of course some experimentation in the vegetables and grains which are best suited to the region would be necessary, but it is probable that the agricultural department will establish "experiment gardens" there which would aid the farmer immensely.

BUTTE FALLS ITEMS.

The Butte Falls Sunday school gave another of their delightful socials Friday night, February 21, at the home of Mrs. Boughton. The evening was spent in playing games and singing. Refreshments were served. All had a jolly time—we always do at Mrs. Boughton's. These socials are well attended, as everybody is invited.

Butte Falls basketball team won from Jacksonville recently in a closely contested game and Butte Falls is proud of the boys. Wednesday evening, January 26, Mrs. Dupree gave a reception for the team and invited everybody to attend. The large, newly furnished hotel was filled with a merry crowd. Excellent music was furnished by Professor Wright, Dr. Grover and Mr. Hill-dreth. The games were enjoyed by all. Ray Parker won the prize for pinning the tail on the donkey. During the evening ice cream and cake were served in the dining room. Mrs. Dupree is a royal entertainer and the time passed all too quickly. The Butte Falls team hopes to play a return game with Jacksonville. The boys say they were royally treated at Jacksonville and wish to express their appreciation of the courtesy shown them.

Leonard Briggs, father of our postmaster, is seriously sick. We hope for his early recovery.

Merchant Moras has added largely to his stock of groceries and now has a very select stock. Dues is making customers every day by his courteous treatment and his efforts to keep a supply of the desirable goods.

Merchant Hughes is on the sick list. There has been considerable sickness here this winter—colds, in grippe and pneumonia.

Four inches of new snow fell one day this week.

Your Eagle Point correspondent made the statement that the Butte Falls school had 12 pupils, when in fact we have about 50 pupils and two teachers, nine grades. We have a schoolhouse that would be a credit to any town and no excused account.

Frank Netherland has taken charge of the Butte Falls Lumber company's plant and will continue the improvements.

Adams & Briggs, our real estate men, report several sales of lots the past week and contracts for others. A colony of about 15 families from Riverside, Cal., will soon locate here and will build a church building. Considerable inquiry for small tracts of land. The ad in the Mail Tribune is reaching people in all sections of the country, as far away as Colorado.

Sam Hudson has been in from his homestead several times lately.

Fred Michael and M. C. Mahoney are at work clearing and improving their homesteads.

Joe Hendricks and wife were down from the homestead. Joe reports about 26 inches of snow at their place. Joe continues to clear land, regardless of the snow.

John Cook of Rancheros was in town this week. He reports his hay all sold out. There is no hay for sale in this section now.

A. J. Young has returned to his homestead after a visit at Salem and other Willamette valley points.

Mrs. William Beale was in town and carried home with her a new sewing machine from Merchant Briggs. Mr. Briggs reports the machines giving perfect satisfaction and at about half the traveling agents' prices.

D. E. Potts has practically recovered from his recent sickness.

Dick Stowell, our mail carrier, is laid up for repairs, the grippe having got the best of him. Dick has put in pretty steady time on the road this winter.

Tuti Tuti Operator—What do you think of the new foreman, Jimmie?

Devil—Say, dat feller could print all he knows in display type on a postage stamp without causing the stamp.

Spring silks. Meeker.

MACON IS WATCH DOG OF TREASURY

Little Congressman From Arkansas Makes Himself Unpopular by Opposition to Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—He rises with a scowl upon his little, dark, wrinkled face, his shoulders hunched up, his hands spread out, in an attitude half apologetic, half appealing, and talks in a whining voice. He does not stand more than five feet six in his little shoes, and he has all kinds of trouble expressing himself.

To look at him and to hear him you would not think that he amounted to much, and yet, today he is the most cordially disliked member of the house of representatives. Moreover, if money counts, he is the most valuable to the government. Recently he saved the treasury of the United States just \$150,000, and since the session of the present congress began has been instrumental in keeping in Uncle Sam's pockets a great many more thousands of dollars.

In short, Robert Bruce Macon, Democrat, of the first Arkansas district, the daily objector and kicker, the self-appointed watchdog of the treasury and the volunteer guardian of the people's interests, is so busy on the job these days that he takes scarcely time enough to get his meals.

Every time he leaps to his feet he makes an enemy of some other congressman, for he always jumps on some member's corns. If the session lasts long enough he'll have no friends left in the whole big chamber.

Last week Macon secured the knock-out of an \$125,000 appropriation for the immigration commission and got a \$25,000 reduction in the appropriation for the Pan-American congress at Buenos Ayres, this spring.

He occupies a seat directly in front of Speaker Cannon, in the first row, next to the center aisle, and every time a bill comes up appropriating money, he comes up, too.

"I object, Mr. Speaker," he cries, "That is too much money."

And then he proceeds to make a halting, clumsily-worded speech of half an hour's duration to prove that the people are being robbed.

Macon comes from Helena, Ark., where a dollar looks very large. It makes no difference to him whether the measure up for consideration is backed by the Republicans or the Democrats. He's against it if it carries an appropriation, and he counts that day lost that he doesn't lop a few thousands "off the top."

He is, therefore, not particularly popular with his Democratic colleagues, but as most of the big appropriation bills come in under Republican guardianship, his kicking and objecting generally looks like Democratic action.

"When I first came to congress I let a whole lot of big appropriations go through that I might have knocked out," said Macon regretfully, discussing his chosen vocation of money-saver, "but, you bet, I know the ropes now and won't let any more slip by. I know that what I'm doing isn't making me any friends, but I don't care a bit. Sometime ought to sit by and watch for extravagances, and as no one else seems to care about it, I'm going to go on as long as I stay in congress."

Attempt to Rob Fails.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 5.—A man with a crippled left foot, giving his name as George Gordan, is under arrest today and the police are searching for his three companions, following their attempt last evening to rob the Redmond drug store at Eddy and Franklin streets. Gordan was shot in the heel during a battle with the police, who surrounded the store. From a railroad ticket and papers found in his possession, Gordan is thought to live in Washington. The tickets was for the trip from Porter, Wash., to Elmer, Wash., and was of a recent date.

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GUARDIAN'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, guardian of the person and estate of Lloyd Elwood, a minor, by virtue of an order of the county court of Jackson county, Oregon, duly and regularly given and made and entered of record on the 29th day of December, 1909, and an order of said court supplemental thereto duly made and recorded on the 13th day of January, 1910, will on or after the 21st day of February, 1910, offer for sale and sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property, belonging to said minor, to-wit: Lot numbered nine (9) in block number one (1) of Whitman Park, in Jackson county, state of Oregon.

Dated this 15th day of January, 1910.

E. D. ELWOOD, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Lloyd Elwood, a Minor.

W. E. PHIPPS, Attorney.

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ASKS THE COURT TO ENFORCE ORDER

Mrs. Alzira M. Clay Asks That W. S. Clay Be Compelled to Pay Suit Money Awarded in Case.

Alzira M. Clay asks the circuit court, through her attorney, Robert G. Smith, in a suit filed today in which the State of Oregon ex rel. Alzira M. Clay is plaintiff and W. S. Clay defendant, to declare the defendant in contempt of court in refusing the order of the court, made by Judge Hanna in the case of W. S. Clay vs. Alzira Clay for divorce, that W. S. Clay pay \$500 into the court as suit money and maintenance for Alzira Clay.

W. S. Clay appealed from the decision of Judge Hanna and the present suit is brought on the grounds that the case was not appealable and asks that the defendant be adjudged guilty of contempt in failing and refusing to pay the \$500.

In the original complaint Clay alleged that his wife was insane and incapable of performing the duties of a wife and that she was at that time confined in an asylum for the insane. A counter-complaint was filed and the allowance of \$500 made on the showing. From this Clay, through his attorney, W. E. Phipps, appealed, and the present proceedings are brought on the ground that no legal reasons for appeal existed.

COST OF LIVING IS THE REAL ISSUE

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Otto T. Bannard, the defeated Republican candidate for the New York mayoralty in the last election, and now mentioned prominently as a candidate for governor to succeed Charles E. Hughes, has just presented a report on party conditions to the county committee here. As head of a special committee of seven which has been considering the situation, he said in part:

"Party conditions are peculiar throughout the country. In the west is a question whether the party in many states is with the state idol, quite regardless of his politics. A condition of personal leadership has developed regardless of party lines. 'There are no great issues dividing the parties. With a big issue, like slavery, tariff or sound money, men will stand together on party lines, but with no burning issue these lines are down and we must face new conditions.

"The great issue today is the cost of living, but that cannot be made a party issue. We have simply descended to personal politics and have opened the field for personal prejudices and favoritism. The parties are almost blended on issues."

New Cases Filed.

State of Oregon ex rel. Alzira M. Clay vs. W. S. Clay—Suit to compliance with order of court.

Albert Hall vs. Goran High—Suit to quiet title. T. W. Miles for plaintiff.

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Petty Thief Arrested. HANFORD, Cal., Feb. 5.—J. T. Sheldon, suspected of having headed a gang of thieves that has been looting warehouses and stores throughout the country, together with three other men, believed to be members of the gang, are under arrest here today. Sheriff Baekner, who arrested

Sheldon, discovered two wagon loads of loot on a ranch near West Linton, in Fresno county.

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