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FARMER'S ORGANIZATIONS.

The farmers of Klamath county should organize and hold yearly institutes in order the better to fit themselves to raise the best crops possible on their lands.

farming. The scientific farmer today is mrking a success, while his haphazard neighbor is going bankrupt and it has been demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that science plays a most important part in the cultiva-

The farms of our county will soon be cut up in 160 acre tracts and less and it then will be necessary to get the most out of every acre of land that it is possible to raise. It is now possible with irrigation to make good money on farms of 20 to 40 acres, but to do this a man must not only underwill bring in the greatest profits. This knowledge can be easily obtained from the experience of others.

The chemists and professors of our agricultural colleges have brought farming down to a science and at their regular institutes it would be possipertaining to the culture of the products suitable to this locality; to instruct the farmers on the definite rules of culture and harvesting, and to furnish Intelligent data on cost of production and profits of growing the different

DEPENDS ON RAILROAD.

Every land owner in the Kiamath Basin who desires Government irrigation should assist in raising the bonus for the building of the Weed railroad, for only with transportation can irrigation of so large a tract of land

"This whole scheme of irrigation in Eastern and Southeastern Oregon is intimately bound up with the extension and improvement of transportation to and from the irrigated lands. Both public and private irrigation look towards a closely settled population. One hundred and sixty acres is the maximum holding for a family. Most newcomers will be found una- held down to a certain maximum in weight in order to get one half as many tons of pulp as he delivers tons of beets ble to make as large a purchase as that, when prices of the land range from \$10 to \$15 an acre on irrigated lands under the Carey act companies, to \$20 to \$30 under the more costly systems of the Government. Improvements have to be made, houses and barns built, land to be fenced, and the little farms equipped with stock and implements of husbandry. The irrigated nage when growing simply for stock. Sugar beets are a When he delivers beets to the factory and takes home the land is exceedingly productive, it is true, but obviously the railroad must be accessible, and the cost of freight reasonable. In any case the settler's investment will be a heavy one in proportion to the area which he cultivates, and, unless he gets his products to a cheap and accessible market, his enterprise will be poorly rewarded.

It is easily demonstrable that irrigation attracts the settler, and the settler demands and can make remunerative the railroad. The two propositions are mutually dependant. Why Oregon allows the question of completion of the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad through the heart of the Irrigat ed district to lie forever dormant is mysterious indeed.

PUBLIC READING ROOM.

Klamath Falls is to have a free reading room.

tablishment of a public library or reading room, and when it is remembered what our ladies have accomplished in the past, it is evident that their efforts are sure to prove a success.

Not many years ago, a portion of Main street was practically a rock pile. The improvement of this street seemed too great a task for the men to undertake, but some of our enterprising women were not so skeptical, and a movement was put on foot, with what success, there are many of our that the timber belonging to the nation should be properly citizens to testify. This work was started and carried out by the women, cared for and should be sold, as required, at its true value, and with this evidence of their ability, who is there to say that they will make a failure of a reading room?

town like Klamath Falls. This is an age of libraries and the person who of the homestead act and the timber and stone act, and by does not read extensively very seldom climbs far on the ladder of success.

education obtained entirely from text books. A great many children attend school because they have to, but the broader education is only secured through diligent work and reading by their own free will. Many of our greatest men have acquired their knowlege after they have entered upon their life work and it is only through intelligent reading and study, outside of school, that a man prepares himself for the highest demands of his work. "Experience is the best teacher," but intelligent reading creates knowlege where the experience is impossible. For "He who is to win the noblest successes in the world of affairs must continually educate himself for larger grasp of principles and broader grasp of conditions."

From a social standpoint a library or reading room would be a boon to our citizens, both old and young. With the lack of places of amusement and entertainment, there is only two things to do, to waste our leisure in simply killing time, or improve our minds by reading, and thus fit ourselves for the opportunity that comes to man once in a lifetime. The former many of us are proficient in, but proper encouragement and an opportunity to adopt the latter method would be eagerly grasped by many who are now compelled to choose the former pastime.

We agree with the ladies that Klamath Falls should have a reading room. It need not be on an extensive scale at first, for the main thing is to get it once started. This accomplished it will be an easier matter for it to enlarge

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KLAMATH REPUBLICAN SUGAR BEETS AND BEET PULP FOR STOCK CATTLE

Farmers Should Plant Sugar Beets For Feeding Purposes in Anticipation of the Establishment of a Beet Sugar Factory. Less Work and Expense Raising Stock Beets than For Factory.

(Extract From Report of U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

cessity for a man to thoroughly understand every detail of his business as in farming. The scientific farmer today is making a specess while his bun. The experiment stations throughout the United States have given considerable attention to the growing of this erop strictly for stock food. The Iowa State Experiment Station, located at Ames, found that from 25 to 28 tons of stand the nature of the soil and what it will produce best, but the crops that sugar beets per acre could be grown, and even more in some instances. The beets were also found to be a very to the germination, cultivation, and harvesting of the crop. desirable stock food. It does not require nearly so much In such case the factory is not required to begin, as is usu ble for our farmers to secure all the talent necessary to disseminate facts labor and expense to grow an acre of beets for stock as it al, with everybody in ignorance of the requirements. does to grow an acre of beets intended for the sugar factory. In order to grow beets for factory purposes certain beets for stock food under any circumstances, but of results must be obtained in the constituent elements of course there is less necessity for growing sugar beets for the beets. In the first place, they must be high in sugar stock in a locality where a sugar factory is in operation. and low in certain salts, known as impurities. Everything Sugar beets and sugar-beet pulp have about the same value depends upon the quality and purity of the beets so far as ton for ton, for feeding purposes. The farmer who takes

> larger or stock beets. It is found that sugar beets must be was in the beets he delivered; and, while he obtains only the quality and purity. This is not true of the stock beets; to the factory, it only costs him about one-fifth to one-third hence, the farmer can produce considerably higher ton- of what it would cost to grow the beets producing the pulp. profitable crop to raise for feeding along with grains and pulp, he has left most of the sugar and considerable of the other stronger foods. By experience any farmer realizes water and salts which the beets contained at the factory, at once the value, quality, and cheapness of sugar beets the bulk of the original elements making up the feeding grown for stock. I have constantly urged this point qualities of the beets being still in the pulp.

Sugar beets are extensively grown in all European throughout my reports on progress of the beet-sugar inraising a crop of beets, but he also becomes more familiar with the habits of the plant and the general nature of the erop itself. I have urged that a general production of sugar beets for stock purposes would be beneficial to any community, and where a factory is liable to be established such production tends to educate the community in regard

I wish to insist on the desirability of raising sugar be made a success. The Oregonian in speaking of the Klamath project says: their usefulness to the sugar manufacturer is concerned. a ton of beets to the factory and brings back a ton of pulp These qualities are not required in the case of the has really brought back about as much feeding value as

PRESERVE THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

Believing that nothing of greater value to the nation Nineteen of the leading women of our city are interested in the es- can engage the attention of our law makers than the preser- ever extent they may be reclaimed under the national irrivation of the public domain for the people who will make gation law, the remaining public lands should be held rigidly homes upon it, I contend that our remaining nonmineral for the home builder, the settler who lives on his land, and lands and timber lands the soil of which is suitable for agriculture, should be held exclusively for actual settlers, and

The need of a reading room is indisputable, especially in an interior repeal of the desert-land act, and the commutation clause a refusal on the part of the Government to further issue A man's education does not end with his school days.; neither is his land scrip for any purpose whatever.—Hon. Paris Gibson of homestead and timber culture acts have been made by peo-

So far as they are available for agriculture, and to whattimber and stone law, and the commutation clause of the Fort K'amath, --- Oregon homestead law have been so perverted from the intention with which they were enacted as to permit the acquisition This reform can only be accomplished by an absolute of large areas of the public domain for other than actual settlers and the consequent prevention of settlement.-President Roosevelt.

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