

POSSIBILITIES OF AGRICULTURE

S. E. Mitchell Speaks of the Wonderful Agricultural Resources of Montana.

IRRIGATION IN TREASURE STATE

The Start of Reclaiming Semi-Arid Lands Has Begun and Will Attract Numerous New Settlers.

"Perhaps travelers through Montana who have also visited other states of the arid region and critically compared them, recognize more fully than even the residents of this state its great agricultural prospects," said Mr. Guy E. Mitchell, who has devoted many years to the irrigation question, in commenting upon the results of observations made here on various trips.

"Comparisons are always invidious and there is no western state or territory for which irrigation does not hold out the brightest prospects; yet one can not but appreciate that Montana has an agricultural future which will place it far in the lead of most western regions. The soil is of the most fertile and the magnificent water supply of the state, covering enormous areas, give it a position of unrivalled prominence. Its great, strong rivers, rushing down from the mountains and the innumerable tributaries and creeks constitute an irrigation supply for the watering of an empire.

"People are centering their attention upon two or three large government projects in Montana—the proposed Sun river irrigation system and the Milk river project. These will be large works and add millions to the state and to the nation's wealth; but the days are approaching when these will be viewed as only a small portion of a great comprehensive scheme of reclamation for the state, the acres of which will be counted not only by the tens or hundreds of thousands, but by the millions.

"The government has entered upon the splendid work of reclaiming the desert, and placing men upon it in their homes. This cannot but work out a success; it cannot but come to be recognized as such by the people of the United States, and when it is seen further that it contains no jobs and steals, the broader plan can be pushed forward as rapidly as dams and canals can be constructed, commensurate with accuracy and stability, and actual homesteaders put upon the lands. The time is not very far distant when federal irrigation construction will be considered as essential and as worthy an object for regular appropriations as is the great river and harbor work.

"The first river and harbor appropriation was a few thousand dollars annual expenditure for the construction of the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, which starts westward from the national capital. The \$50,000,000 appropriations of the present day for rivers and harbors have grown out of this, through a long period of years it is true, but we are moving in a faster age nowadays in these matters, and ten years will at this time accomplish what has heretofore taken fifty.

"The people of Montana must keep before them—the merchants, the business men—the unquestioned fact that the state has stupendous natural resources, and view the question broadly, that every cubic foot of water in the state will eventually be put to a beneficial use in growing crops. They must work for a dense agricultural population—the urban population will come fast enough—for dense rural communities where a man has enough land to support himself and family in comfort and plenty, but not too much. The great areas must be divided up and producers put upon them. This is what will make the state powerful and wealthy.

"It will be many years before the full capacity of Montana's lands is recognized or understood. Every year brings forth new and wonderful discoveries. Lands which it was not thought could be redeemed are being found irrigable; others which it was believed must always remain desert are found to produce profitable crops. "In the mean time, while all these things are being worked out, there should be a not too great haste in disposing of the lands; they should be as far as possible held open for that vast army of workers who are coming, increasing numbers every year, to look for rural homes. They it is who will wring gold from the willing earth; their grain, their meats, their fruits, their sugar, their potatoes—their earth products—will make the name of Montana world famous."

Only Rumors.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 13, 2 a. m.

With the lull in military operations and almost entire suspension of dispatches from the front, St. Petersburg has again fallen back upon rumors.

Countless stories are afloat regarding the Russian defeat at Liao Yang, some of which are absolutely absurd. Of first importance is the revival of the rumor of vicerey Alexieff's resignation, based probably upon differences said to exist between him and General Kuropatkin and others in authority in the far east.

Of next importance is the rumor that General Kuropatkin is to be superseded, Lieutenant General Linevitch being named as the most probable successor. This is supposed to rest upon the emperor's displeasure with Kuropatkin's generalship at Liao Yang and general dissatisfaction with the course of events at the front.

The many rumors are probably the outgrowth of jealousy, bickerings and irresponsible criticism of the defeat at Liao Yang, but none is traceable to an authentic source. Nevertheless in a country where the will of one man is the supreme law, sudden changes of the most grave importance are always possible. Neither Alexieff's nor Kuropatkin's friends, however, seem to attach great importance to the stories involving them.

SALES OF MONTANA'S WOOL.

Four Million Pounds is the Amount Shipped East This Season.

Territory wool is very firm and active, says the Boston Commercial Bulletin. In addition to the considerable new business put through one pending transaction, involving about 4,000,000 pounds Montana, was closed Thursday, the price and terms private. This cleans up the greater portion of the Montana wool that has come to Boston this season. Other sales of Montana this week in the original bags have been at 21 to 23c, largely at 51 to 22c. Good-sized blocks of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah have been disposed of, parcels graded and in the original packages. The sales of Idaho in bags were at 17 to 18c principally, with occasional lines running well to staple fetching more. Wyoming also sold at 17 to 18c, and Utah at 16 to 20c for fine, fine medium and medium. The scoured basis for clothing wools is placed at 56 to 58c for fine and 53 to 55c for fine medium, but for much of the wool sold the past few weeks the scoured basis of fine will reach, it is said, well up to 60c.

Staple fine is certainly selling at 60c or better. The medium grades are selling freely when offered at 50 to 52c for three-eighths and half-blood, and around 50c for one-quarter. The latter is very scarce and wanted, as is all medium. Scoured territory wools are very firm and in good demand.

KENDALL NEWS.

[The following items were received too late for publication last week.]

Alec Lehman made a business trip to Kendall on the tenth.

S. F. Shannon of Helena spent Tuesday in the gold camp.

Arthur Kelley returned from Lewistown on Wednesday night.

Hal Danzer of White Sulphur Springs was in Kendall Tuesday.

A. S. Pomeroy and Noble Walker were Kendall visitors on Labor Day.

Victor Langdoe and William Evans of Maiden were in the camp on pay day.

Bert Cross left on Sunday for a three week's visit at his home in La Monte, Mo.

Harry Boggs, Tom Stout, Edward Sutter and F. J. Hazen registered at the Shaules Motelday.

Misses Lela Wunderlin and Myrtle Sullivan of Lewistown registered at the Shaules Saturday.

John Montgomery, who has been visiting relatives in Philbrook returned to Kendall on Friday.

J. L. Mears and wife and John Ritch and wife witnessed the Labor Day celebration in Kendall.

Claude R. Cole and wife of Lewistown are registered at the Shaules. They will remain about two weeks.

John Jackson, Jr. went to Denver on business early last week. During his absence he will probably visit the Fair at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Culver, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. DuClos and Mr. and Mrs. Allbright of Lewistown registered at the Shaules on Labor Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beck went to Utica on Wednesday, where they will visit friends. Mr. and Mrs. Beck expect to be absent about ten days.

John Dobson, Arthur Dennis and James Raiston went to Lewistown Sunday. They left Monday for Helena, where they will attend the Democratic convention.

Mortimer Llewellyn of Lewistown came to Kendall Thursday. Mr. Llewellyn will take charge of L. C. Wilson's drug store, during the absence of Bert Cross.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church served ice cream and cake on Labor Day. The ladies cleared about thirty dollars after all expenses were paid.

Miss Nonna Burgess who has been visiting in Kendall for several weeks left for her home in Helena, Wednesday. Miss Burgess will also visit in Lewistown and Stanford.

Mrs. Robert Scott entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church, at her home on Friday afternoon. A business meeting was held after which the ladies met in a social way and a tempting lunch was served.

The Miners' Union dance on Labor Day was a financial as well as a social success. There were about one hundred and fifteen tickets sold. From this dance the Union realized the sum of \$128 which will be used for the Miners' Union Hospital in Kendall.

Mrs. Grant Robinson entertained about twenty ladies at her home on Wednesday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Schreiner of California, who is Mrs. Robinson's guest. The afternoon was pleasantly passed with whist and bridge. Dainty refreshments were served.

Will Reece, who made the lowest score in the drilling contest on Labor Day, showed his friends that he could drill "with the best of them." On Friday evening Mr. Reece's friends persuaded him to drill again, for they were certain that he had not done himself justice on Labor Day. In the same length of time and under like conditions Mr. Reece drilled 11 inches which was over a half an inch better than the deepest hole drilled on Labor Day.

Charles Fasel, Walter Rice, Ceylon Dutcher and Claude Swan were a jolly crowd which left for St. Louis on Saturday. Mr. Fasel will also visit relatives in Sumner, Ia. Mr. Dutcher will visit relatives in Iowa and Michigan and Mr. Swan will return to his old home in Illinois. Mr. Rice, who was injured in an explosion in the Barnes-King mine last April, will spend several weeks at the Hot Springs in Arkansas to recuperate before returning to his home in Asheville, N. C.

The public schools of Kendall opened on Tuesday, Sept. 6, with an enrollment of about twenty-two pupils. Walter Midecap of Winston has accepted the position of principal for the coming year, while Miss Belle Shorey of White Sulphur Springs will again have charge of the primary department. Miss Shorey has enrolled about forty-two pupils of the first, second and third grades. Mr. Midecap has about thirty boys and girls ranging from the fourth to the eighth grades. It is impossible for two teachers to teach eight grades with so large a number of pupils, and do them justice. It is therefore expected that a third teacher will be employed at once.

AN ELECTION TRICK.

One Sample of the Dodges to Which They Resort in England.

Canon J. George Tetley tells the following story of the late Justice Denman, who in 1805 ran for election at Tiverton, in England. He was advertised to address the electors on a certain morning. In order to fulfill his engagement it was necessary for him to leave by the 9:15 express. He had taken the precaution of ordering a cab overnight and was quietly eating an early breakfast when attention was called to two or three men who seemed to be hanging about in the neighborhood of his house. He thought little, however, of the matter, but presently sent his servant to put his luggage on the cab, which was due to arrive. The cab approached the door, but before the portmanteau could be located one of the mysterious strangers jumped in and was driven rapidly away.

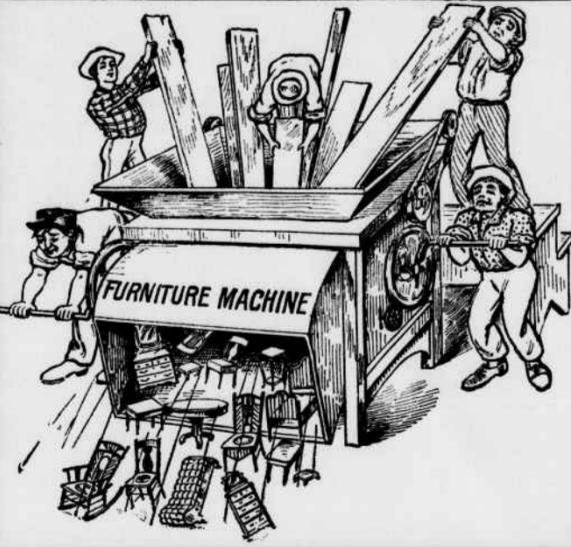
And when this happened a second time it became evident that something very definite was intended. So Mr. Denman consulted his watch, and, directing his luggage to be sent after him, he buttoned his coat and, calling to his aid all his old Cambridge training, took a bee line for the station. He met not one empty cab till too near the terminus to be of any service to him. He dashed through the "booking office" on to the platform, seized the handle of a carriage door as the train was actually starting and dung himself into a compartment.

On arriving at Tiverton he found his committee in a state of extreme anxiety which gave place to astonishment and relief on his appearance, for the walls of the town were covered with placards warning the Liberal electors that their candidate would not keep his engagement to address them.

Virtues of the Swiss.

I did not meet a tramp, encounter a beggar or a person the least intoxicated during my stay in Switzerland. Of how few countries in Europe or America can this be truthfully said. There may be a small percentage of drunkenness, but if it exists it is kept out of sight. A thrifter, cleaner, more wholesome body of people, who carefully observe sanitary laws in their homes, I have never met in my various travels. They are as tidy and neat as the housewives of Holland or the Pennsylvania Quakers. No wonder Switzerland is a prosperous country. It owes much of its good fortune to the practical intelligence of its law abiding citizens.—London Caterer.

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