

TRANSPLANTING ALFALFA.

Agricultural Expert Suggests Novel Method in Farming.

Prof. N. E. Hansen of Brookings, S. D., who has brought in so many hardy plants from Siberia for the United States department of agriculture, sends to Secretary Wilson an interesting letter with regard to his new idea of transplanting alfalfa by machinery instead of sowing the seed.

"I took a three weeks' tour this spring with two assistants and transplanted a number of acres by this new method, using the machines at Redfield, Lemmon, McIntosh, Eureka and Big Stone.

"I believe this will be a way of doing away with dodder and injury from dinking. I see no need of injuring plants that should last several centuries by mutilating them with a disk and harrow, and 20 pounds per acre means 100 plants per square foot.

"Over 1,000 farmers are now co-operating with me in testing these new plants and I am getting many fine reports, showing remarkable resistance to the extreme drought of last year, when no crops were raised, and the plants are coming in fine shape this spring.

Recent Land Decisions.

An American citizen who enters public lands in Canada and takes the oath prescribed to perform that act, does not thereby necessarily expatriate himself from citizenship in the United States.

Cultivation of the land by the widow or heirs of a deceased entryman under the provisions of section 2290 revised statutes, must begin at the first cropping season after entryman's death.

An entryman under the enlarged homestead act is a homestead entryman as is one under section 2290. Where the required amount of money has been paid in connection with a homestead entry to meet the proper charges for the entry if amended, and if there be no substantial administrative objections to allowance of amendment, the character of the entry may be changed so as to stand subject to those other provisions of the homestead laws applicable to the land to be embraced in the amended entry.

The law governing a cash entry does not fix any time within which final proof must be submitted. This law is not strictly a homestead law, but the right given thereby is in the nature of a right of purchase with condition as to residence attached. Said law does not, like the homestead law, require that such residence shall commence on making entry or at any specified time subsequently.

An assignment of a desert land entry is not an abandonment of an entry. The entry still exists and may be perfected, and title be acquired. If an entry is abandoned, the land falls back into the public domain, and the government has parted with no land.

From Cowboy To Senator

Helena Independent The story of George Wingfield, who was yesterday appointed a senator of the United States from the state of Nevada, is a story which reads stranger than any fiction. It is another of those true biographies which reflect up and down of American life.

Less than ten years ago George Wingfield was a young man without friends or fortune. He was an itinerant cowpuncher, a man without a home, such a man as might be regarded as one of the least future prospects. He rode into Tonopah one day in 1905 with \$12 in his pockets, and from that hour fortune smiled on him.

George Nixon was a salaried bank clerk, and Nixon "grubstaked" Wingfield to \$200. Wingfield won. He became one of the big mining men of the famous modern Nevada days. He "made" George Nixon, first made him a millionaire, and then made him a senator.

The partnership which was formed with the "stake" of Wingfield to that \$200 lasted six years. It made both men rich. Nixon preferred commercial

pursuits, while Wingfield stuck to mining. Wingfield's wealth rolled up beyond the wildest dreams of avarice. To be twenty times a millionaire and a United States senator at 36 years of age is of itself an unusual situation, but to rise from the position of a money-less cowboy to that of the richest man in the state is a story which could have its setting only in America.

Tricky Land Locators.

Harlem News New settlers coming into the country cannot be too careful as to the kind of a locator to whom they trust to locate them.

There are always a number of fakes and swindlers who follow up from the side of immigration and prey off from the stranger seeking a home in the new country. They frequently swindle the settler by pretending to sell him a relinquishment for a good round sum, when, as a matter of fact, the land was never filed upon at all. Another swindle is to get the newcomer to contest some settler, upon the word of the locator that the settler has not complied with the homestead law, when, as a matter of fact, the locator knows, perhaps, as little about the merits of the case as the newcomer himself.

Another graft they have worked in this country is to take out a newcomer, show him a tract of fine land, and then give him a description that belongs to another piece of land, perhaps in the next township.

Oratory Secured Nominations

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Will anything which is to be said in either of this year's conventions be remembered as long as Ingersoll's "plumed knight" characterization of Blaine in 1876, or Conkling's tribute to Grant in the convention of 1880?

Anything of this sort would be a surprise, indeed. None of this eloquence, however, carried the nomination with it. Two speeches in national conventions gave the candidacy to the speakers. Garfield's eloquent talk for Sherman in 1880 nominated Garfield instead of Sherman. Bryan's "cross of gold" outburst in the convention of 1896 made his name, until then unheard of except by a comparatively few persons, known to 70,000,000 of people within the next twenty-four hours, and won for him the candidacy over a man who, otherwise, was certain to obtain it on the first or second ballot.

These men, however—Ingersoll, Conkling, Garfield and Bryan—were born with the gift of eloquence, which could not be repressed even if the possessor tried to repress it. Even in this country, where there are more talkers per capita than in any other land on the globe, men endowed like these are rare.

The Heart of a Birdman.

An old negro who had seen Curtiss fly approached him at New Orleans and asked timidly if he could feel his arm.

"Surely," said the puzzled aviator as he stretched forth an arm. The old darky ran his hand up and down the biceps carefully, and then said disappointedly:

"'Tain't true. You ain't got no mo' wing-sprouts than I is."

"No," said Curtiss seriously, "but I always make it a point to eat a pint of birdseed before I take a flight."—Saturday Evening Post.

Getting Back at Papa. The Rev. Dr. Fourthly, mildly reproving his youngest daughter:

"Florence, do you think it is appropriate to wear that gaudy hat to church? It looks as if you went there merely to be seen."

Miss Florence Fourthly, aged twelve, demurely responding:

"Well, papa, all you go to church for is to be heard, isn't it?"—Chicago Tribune.

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Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of Chouteau county will receive sealed bids up to the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on July 8th, 1912, for supplying the county with one carload of galvanized corrugated nestible culvert pipe. Said carload of pipe to consist of the following dimensions: 600 feet 12-inch, 1,000 feet 18-inch, 600 feet 24-inch, and 200 feet of 36-inch pipe. Bids to be filed with the county clerk and to be accompanied with a certified check of at least one hundred dollars. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the board. J. LEE SEDGWICK, County Clerk. June 8, 1912.

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