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DRY FARMING IN QUAY

Examinations at Government Experiment Station Show Good Yields in Kaffir and Milo Especially

Examination of the results from dry farming during the year 1912 at the government experiment farm east of town show the following yield per acre: Milo maize, 491½ bushels grain; 1100 lbs fodder; kaffir corn, 35 bushels; 6100 lbs fodder; broom corn, 690 brush, 3050 lbs fodder; seed cotton, 750 lbs; Mexican beans, 980 lbs; Indian corn, 26 bushels, 4100 lbs fodder; cow peas hay, 1230 lbs; millet hay, 3850 lbs; sorghum 21 bu. grain, 4400 pounds fodder. This is evidence of what can be done if we only use our time and energies in the right direction. A farmer in the corn belt cannot raise a crop unless he works it, and so it is here. Ask a farmer how the crops in his neighborhood were, and you will hear the answer that all who worked their crops were successful, but those who planted the fields and then went away expecting to return and find their fields glowing with an abundant crop were sadly disappointed. The old saying "Work and Win" usually means good in any business.

The following will show what some of our sister states have found out after an enormous expenditure of money and labor. Perhaps we can be benefited through the experiences of others:

VIRTUE AND VALUE OF KAFFIR CORN INDUSTRY

El Reno, Okla. Nov. 30.—A special train, instructing the farmers of Oklahoma all about kaffir corn, is being run over the Rock Island lines, covering the period from November 20 to December 20. Oklahoma had a total acreage of kaffir corn in 1912, of 1,500,000 acres, or a greater average than was planted to this crop in the entire United States in 1909. A genuine optimistic surprise is furnished by the forecast of the Santa Fe Railway Company of 50,000,000 bu. of kaffir corn as the Oklahoma yield this year, a crop of 100 per cent in excess of any previous year. This estimate places Oklahoma second in kaffir corn growing, being outranked by Kansas only.

Not only is kaffir corn an excellent stock food, but it has value as a cereal food, and kaffir corn biscuits and breakfast foods are becoming quite popular in the states where this crop is grown. A mill is being installed in Guthrie at the present time to manufacture a kaffir corn breakfast food, while other minor mills in the state are making a kaffir flour for biscuits and pancakes, similar to buckwheat.

The speakers on the special kaffir corn train include William D. Bentley, state agent of the Federal Government's farm demonstration work; John Fields, former manager of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Stillwater; F. A. Mitchell, the government farm demonstrator at Chandler; H. M. Cottrell, the Rock Island's agricultural agent, and George L. Bishop's head of the farm demonstration work at Cordell.

Special cars are carried in which lecturer are given of special interest to men, women and children, and a text book on diversified farming is being distributed free to the farmers. While the planting of kaffir corn is the main feature of emphasis, the speakers in addition are urging the adoption of uniformly safe systems of farming in this state.

At every stop the train has been visited by crowds, the farmers evidently are becoming greatly interested in these heart to heart talks. The state organizations of the grain dealers and millers have also taken an interest in the campaign, and have representatives on the train, as has also the State Bankers' Association.

"This is probably the most carefully worked out effort ever put forth in Oklahoma," says Charles R. Caldwell, secretary of the Oklahoma Development Commission. "In the interest of the most vital question concerning progress and prosperity in this state, namely, regular and profitable agricultural production. It is an effort to make effective a standard system of farming, adapted to the peculiar climatic and soil conditions of the state."

"The plan is," continues Secretary Caldwell, "to put into the hands of the farmer a text book based on experience and experiment, not in Iowa or Illinois, but in Oklahoma. It is the practical due time of diversification and rotation of crops, revolving around the indigenous and drought-resistant kaffir corn as the never-failing money crop, the equally sure feed producer for the horse-power with which to farm, and likewise the certain and basic principle of live stock production.

"In this educational campaign kaffir corn is made a sort of a 'leader' much as the local grocer sometimes sells 20 pounds of sugar for a dollar to get the public to appreciate what a complete stock and what a satisfactory store service he possesses. Kaffir corn to farming in Oklahoma is as staple as sugar to the household; hence the system of farming presented is as complete and satisfactory solution of farming successfully as has ever been offered to the farmers of the state."

The Oklahoma Development Commission is backing the kaffir corn train and the campaign for diversification and rotation. "Had this system of farming been followed in this state during the past three years," says Secretary Caldwell, "Oklahoma would not have lost $83,000,000 simply betting that corn (Indian corn) would grow on any kind of land."

It is figured by John Fields, former manager of the experiment station, that it costs $12 an acre to grow corn in Oklahoma. He adds:

"In 1909 the average acre of Oklahoma Indian corn was worth $8.75. There was a loss of $3.25 per acre on 5,911,000 acres, or $19,220,724.

"In 1910 the average acre of Oklahoma corn produced $8.16, a loss of $3.84 per acre on 5,735,000 acres, or $22,022,400.

"In 1911 the average acre of corn in Oklahoma turned off $4.55, a loss of $7.45 an acre on 5,675,000 acres, or $42,378,750.

"The total cost of playing the corn game for three years was $83,621,874."

This Mr. Fields says, is the loss on but one item, one kind of crop, and in measuring the probable total loss on all crops in farming Oklahoma on the "wrong system" as against the "right system," there is not taken into account the money "we failed to get out of the crop that never came, but we are estimating simply the dead loss of the cost of this tremendously wasteful experience."

To plant kaffir corn and its brother crop, milo maize, is urged upon the farmers, and as a result of the present campaign it is expected that this year's total acreage will be doubled in 1913, or a total of 3,000,000 acres planted to kaffir next spring.

THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND

Our merchants often give sales at a given price for one or more days. At the close of that day, the price goes back to the original or former price. The News gave a special price for many months, which stated till November 1st, 1912, for all arrearages paid up, and one dollar in advance, we would send the News to January 1, 1914, and some seem to think they can get any old time at that price. Two different parties have sent in this week for the News at that price. We have credited them for the time it pays for at the present prices, and if this is agreeable let it so remain. If not, state the fact at once, and the money sent will be returned. In the future, all should remember this. The News is now $1.50. Be pleased to have all take it, if you think it worth the money. We are not getting rich on it at that price. The News.

YES, IT SNOWED

On Thursday night of this week Chas. Kohn and Albert Calisch, of Montoya, came up and such a snow as they claim to bring with them. It snowed that night, and kept it up next day, and was some five or six inches deep before we could find them and get it stopped. It will assist in another of those bumper crops for New Mexico, it will make business better next season, so let it snow.

MEISTERSINGERS COME NEXT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Another Big Musical Attraction in the Library Entertainment Course

At the Evans Opera House on next Thursday evening the Meistersingers Male Quartette will entertain all lovers of fine music, both vocal and instrumental. These boys have been before Tucumcari audiences before, and it is not a vain prediction to say that every seat in the house will be taken when they open the second number of the Library Entertainment Course in this city, next Thursday.

Each member of this quartette is a master in his part, as a vocalist, and is also a soloist of more than average ability. Their program consists of both solo and quartette work, and is of a variety that must please everybody.

But the vocal element is not the only attraction in this program. The Meistersingers own the most perfect set of organ chimes in the world, and are noted for their skill in playing them. One can hear no sweeter music anywhere than these chimes, and this fact in itself will insure an evening's entertainment of more than usual merit.

Reserved seats for this attraction will go on sale at the Ellis Drug Store on Monday evening, December 9th. All holders of season tickets for the Library Course will please take their tickets to the Drug Store, and have the seats reserved. Those who do not have season tickets can purchase them at the Ellis Drug Store, or from the Secretary, Jos. S. Hofer, at the High School.

Single admission, adult, 50c

Single admission, child (under fourteen) 35c

Without Reserved Seat Privileges

Single admission, adult, 35c

Single admission, child, 25c

Season tickets for this and the four remaining numbers of the course, can be had for $1.50 for adults, and $1.00 for children. All season tickets have reserved seat privileges.

TWO MARSHALS ARE FIRED

Washington, D. C. Nov. 30.—President Taft, through the department of justice today removed from office Eugene Nolte, United States marshal for the western district of Texas, and D. E. Lyon, marshal for the eastern district of that state.

Both were removed "for the good of the service" and were charged with "pernicious political activity" in behalf of Col. Cecil Lyon, former Republican national committeeman from Texas who was leading the support of Col. Roosevelt in that state.

Bert J. McDowell, of Del Rio, was appointed to succeed Nolte and Phil E. Baer, of Paris, to succeed Lyon. These removals were the first president Taft has made for "pernicious political activity" since the election.

Nolte and Lyon are going the same way that "Bob" Dowe, customs collector of Eagle Pass, went before the election. Practically all the Texas federal officers worked with Mr. Lyon for Col. Roosevelt and other heads are expected to fall. It is quite likely, however, that the present appointees of Mr. Taft will only hold office for a short time, as the senate may not confirm them. In that event, as soon as Mr. Wilson comes in, they will be ousted by Democrats. If they are confirmed, it will be only for the unexpired four year terms of their predecessors and not for a full four years.

SNEED ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Fort Worth, Tex, Dec. 3.—J. Beal Sneed was today found not guilty of the murder of Captain A. G. Boyce, Sr.

The demonstration by Sneed and his attorneys over the verdict was spectacular. Walter Scott and W. P. McLean, Jr. defense lawyers, were fined for throwing their hats over the chandeliers in the court room.

Sneed emptied a cowboy yell but the court refused to assess a fine him.

It was learned tonight that the verdict of acquittal returned by the jury which heard the trial of John Beal Sneed, accused of the murder in connection with the killing of A. G. Boyce Sr. was reached on the second ballot. On the first ballot, it is said that eleven jurors voted for acquittal and one for conviction.

MUST COLLECT UP

The Tucumcari Printing Co. insists on its collecting the amounts due them. Many of them more than a year old, and so if you happen to be one of them dear reader, please get busy and call and settle, or else we shall be compelled to place it in the hands of an attorney. This means all, positively all. No one excepted. News

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LIFE TERMER ESCAPES FROM STATE PENITENTIARY

Andrew Cullen, a life-termer from Grant county in the State penitentiary at Santa Fe, created considerable excitement last week when he and another prisoner escaped. The other convict whose name is Ben Wyant, has not yet been captured, but Cullen was not so lucky. He was apprehended on a street car in Denver last Friday. When caught he was dressed as a woman and it is said made a very striking appearance as a dashing brunette, being dressed in the height of feminine fashion. The Mexican immigration officials of the bridge however, were not so easily deceived and they nabbed their man before he knew what was happening. He is now being held in Denver pending extradition papers from Mexico. This formality, however, it is expected, will take six months, judging from past matters of that nature in which the Mexican [illegible] have delayed the proceedings many months. Governor McDonald, in order to get quick action has taken up the matter with Secretary of State Knox, who in turn, is in communication with the governor of Chihuahua.

Cullen was some desperado for had been even before he was convicted of the crime which he is expiating in the State penitentiary. The crime was one of the most brutal ever committed in Grant county, being the murder of John McMillan an aged and wealthy cattleman at his home on the Gila river, robbery being the motive. Two other men were indicted at the same time with Cullen, but the latter was the only one convicted. He was sentenced May 21, 1901 by Judge Parker, to life terms in the penitentiary.

Cullen had been day coal in the penitentiary and Monday night of last week he and the night cook made their escape while changing shifts at three o'clock in the morning. The escape had been long and carefully planned and was quite successful. The two had spent months probably, in saving two files out of their cell windows. They did their work in the daytime by filling the sawed places with blacked soap obtained in prison fashion. In this way they continued their work undetected until the bars were sawed by two then obtaining a ladder from the prison grounds, they scaled the walls and fled. Wyant, the other cook has not been apprehended.—Silver City Enterprise.

SERVE OUT THEIR TERMS

Since the president's election was decided there have been rumors of a half dozen aspirants for the local post office. However, the Denver News of November 29 contains an article that holds out little hope for said aspirants for it says that President elect Wilson has taken the stand that postmasters will be allowed to serve out their full terms if they have attended to business and have not violated the provisions of the civil service law. Most New Mexico postmasters were appointed last July for a term of four years, their offices having been declared vacant by President Taft when the territory came in as a state.

PASTOR GIVEN 21 YEAR PENITENTIARY SENTENCE

Van Buren, Ark. Nov. 30.—J. W. Powell, a former Baptist minister, 70 years old, was sentenced to 21 years in the state penitentiary today for attacking Nellie Wheeler, 13 years old, of Mulberry, Ark.

Powell's son, Dent, 28 years old, had been convicted of the same charge and given a sentence of 17 years.

The older Powell spends most of his time in full reading the Bible. He declares he is innocent of the charge preferred against him, and that he is the victim of a conspiracy.

We will issue an illustrated cover edition. Not so elaborate, nor will it have any special write-ups, but will be a neat News edition and we will be pleased to have the merchants take a reasonable space, such as they think they can well afford, and just so we can make a little profit on it, we are satisfied. We prefer smaller ads, and more of them, so as to give all a chance to get in on it. We will have a representative out the first of the week. If you think it a good thing, join in. If not, no hard feelings. The merchants here have stood by us well, and we are not going to censure them for not entering into it if they feel unable. We support each other, and do not often put in an extra, but its the time of year when we should all rejoice, and in doing so, we want to give our readers something they will be pleased with.

Clean the snow off the side walks.

GREECE IS STILL AT WAR

Tiny Kingdom Still Holds Back from Signing the Proctocol for an Armistice---More War Talk.

London, Dec. 4.—No news has yet been received that Greece has signed the armistice, although she is expected to do so as the protocol provides that the besieged garrisons are not to be persecuted, Greece has strongly objected to their being revictualed.

The fact that Turkey has agreed to this clause is held to indicate that there is good likelihood of the immediate surrender of the fortresses.

It is possible that the two conferences may be held simultaneously at London next week. The proposal for ambassadorial conference reached the Austrian foreign cabinet office today and it is said to have been sympathetically by the Austrian cabinet. Count Von Berchtold, however it is said he is delaying his reply until he has consulted with the other members of the triple alliance. As Germany is known to favor the conference it is believed that Austria will embrace the proposal and the ambassadors are likely to meet at the same time as the peace delegates.

With respect to the dispute between the allies, it appears that the Greek government last Saturday addressed a dignified and touching appeal to the governments of the allies beseeching them to take no action calculated to weaken and endanger the league.

RUSSIA IS NOT AFRAID OF GERMANY—WAR TALK

London, England, Dec. 4.—Servia has issued a decree calling up for service all the men in the country capable of bearing arms, according to a dispatch from Sofia, which states that the information was obtained from an authoritative source.

London, England, Dec. 4.—Russia has resented the "rattling of the German sword in the Balkan war tangles."

She has declared she will not admit a repetition of the methods used when Austria occupied Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Such intimidation will frighten nobody" exclaims the Novoe-Vremya, commenting on the German chancellor's giving prominence to the idea of war.

The war parties both in Russia and Austria-Hungary seem to hold the public platform to the moment against the peaceably disposed ministers of those countries. Any untoward incident or provocative act on the part of Servia would, in the opinion of diplomats, in a moment set Austra-Hungary in motion and this probably would loosen forces in Russia which the government of the Russian empire would find itself unable to resist.

The Novoe-Vremya continues:

"History is repeating itself, but it is not easy now to force Russian diplomacy into a faint hearted retreat."

The immediate withdrawal of the vast Russian deposits in the German banks is advocated by many of the Russian journals.

Should Greece persist in her refusal to adhere to the armistice signed by the Balkans and Turkey it would necessarily throw Bulgaria more closely into the embrace of Servia and give fresh encouragement to the Servians resistance to the European powers, who are practically unanimous in condemning the Servian demands.

If Austria-Hungary should attempt, as has been suggested, to employ Roumania to keep Bulgaria quiet in the event of an Austrian-Servian war, it is thought that such action would only enlarge the area of conflict and precipitate a general catastrophe.

Any intervention by Roumania, it is urged, would inevitably compel Russia to take drastic action on behalf of the Slavs in the Balkans.

THERESA B. WHITE RETIRES

Santa Fe, N. M. Nov. 30.—Mrs. Theresa B. White, state superintendent of industrial education, left for her home in Silver City this morning, having given up the work to which she was appointed some five months ago. Mrs. White says she has decided not to be a candidate for reappointment, but will quit the work well satisfied with her connection with it. She was in Santa Fe constantly during the last session of the legislature, and the fact will not be disputed that she more than any one else was responsible for the passage of the bill making industrial education possible in New Mexico. After the bill became a law, state Superintendent of Education Alvin N. White appointed Mrs. White as the first director of the work which her efforts had been so instrumental in bringing about.

She has been very active since taking up the work, and the new department is now well established so Mrs. White announces her retirement. At the state superintendent's office this morning, it was announced that as yet no successor had been selected for Mrs. White.

HODGES AT LAST VICTOR

Topeka, Kan. Nov. 30.—The Kansas supreme court this afternoon denied a rehearing of the Wabaunsee county election case and dissolved the order restraining the state canvassing board from issuing a certificate of election to George H. Hodges, Democratic candidate for governor. Following the action of the court, the certificate was issued and Hodges declared elected over Arthur Capper, Republican candidate, by twenty-nine votes.

When asked tonight whether or not he would bring a contest, Mr. Capper said:

"I have not decided that matter. In fact, I have given it very little thought. I do not doubt for a moment that I was elected by a majority of at least 3,000. I thought the supreme court would order the rejected legal ballots counted. It seems to me that it was no more than right and just to the voters of Kansas, as well as to me. I think Mr. Hodges and his attorneys should have consented to this."

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SUCCESSOR TO MRS. WHITE

Santa Fe, N. M, Dec. 2.—It was announced today at the office of the department of education that Miss Manette Myers, of Albuquerque, domestic science teacher in the public schools of that city, had been appointed superintendent of industrial education, succeeding Mrs. Theresa B. White, whose resignation was made public last Saturday.

Miss Myers formerly was a resident of Raton. She is well equipped for the position and is expected to make the industrial branch of the educational work one of the most important of the state school system. She will enter upon her duties forthwith.

CRIME AT ROCKY FORD

Rocky Ford, Colo, Dec. 3.—While the muzzle of a gun rested against his forehead, John Burns, an employe of the Gazette-Topic, a local newspaper, was forced to give up his money shortly before 9 o'clock tonight. He was robbed of $2.10. Burns was on his way home and just passed an alley between Eighth and Ninth on Chestnut, in the heart of town, a man wearing a mask over his face jumped out and pressing a revolver to Burns head forced him to give over what money he had. It is useless to say that Burns complied with the demand.

JURORS FAIL TO AGREE

Pecos, Texas, Dec. 4.—Failing to arrive at a verdict, the jury which heard the evidence in the third trial of Mrs Agnes Orner, charged with the murder of her daughter, Lily, was dismissed at 11:45 this morning.

Foreman S. M. Prewitt announced the opinion that an agreement was impossible. He answered the court's question stating that the jury stood eight to four for acquittal and there had been but one change.

The defendant unemotionally announced her willingness to sign for the discharge of the jury.

H. L. Boon is having an addition built to his residence on South Second street. He is liable to making other additions to the property (?) but why should a person be so suspicious?