

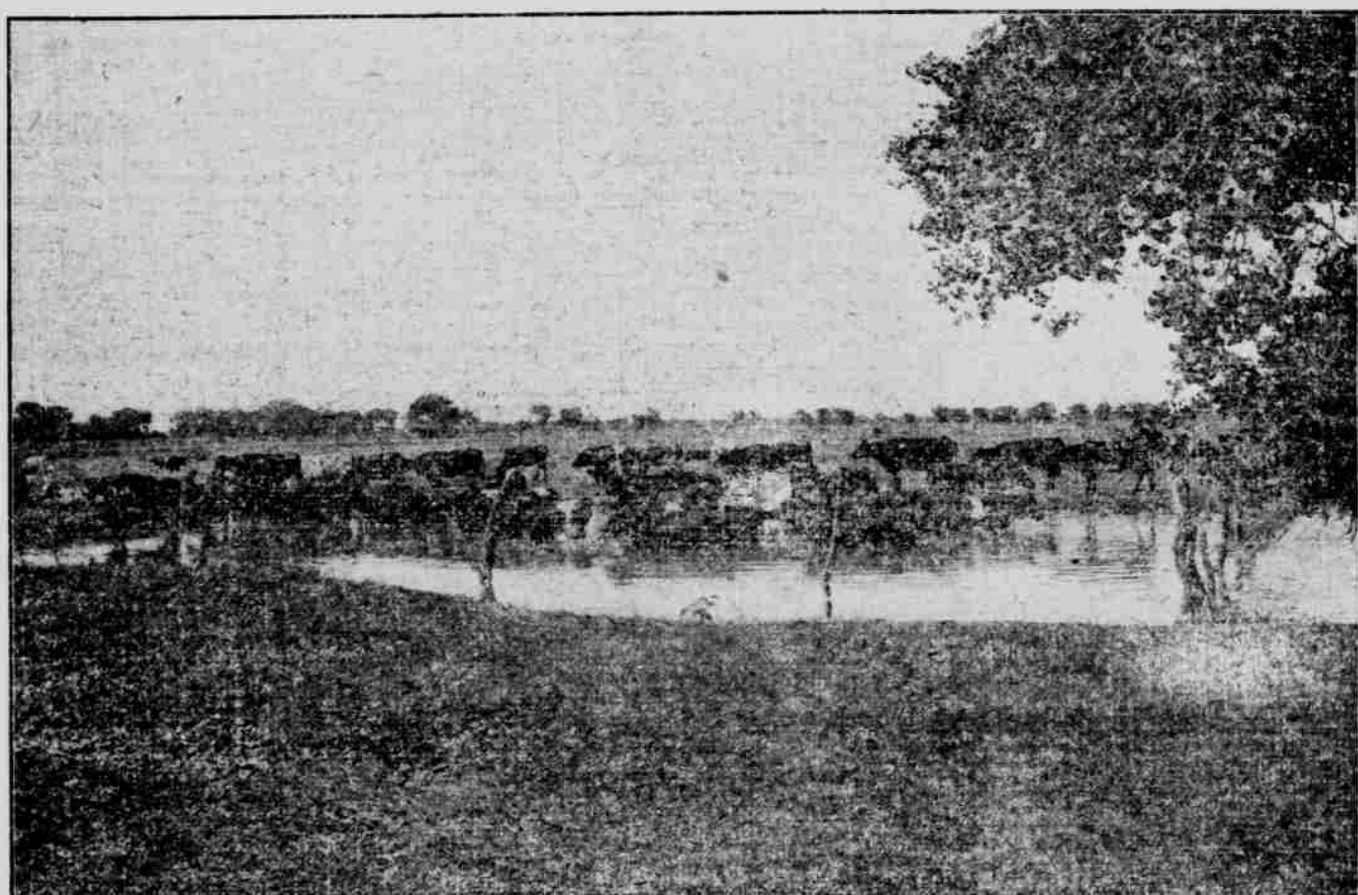
# Irrigated Lands Assure Success In Very Many Different Lines

## Poultry Lifted This Family From Poverty To Prosperity

(BY C. W. ALEXANDER.)  
 Tempe, Ariz.  
 Thirteen years ago last fall I came to the Salt River Valley on account of lung trouble, but was unable to perform any manual labor before the next spring, and about that time I had used up nearly all my resources. Not being strong enough to attempt working for any one else I bought a cow and four dozen hens to see what I could do with them. After they were paid for along with my tent that I lived in, which was located on a rented lot, I had but \$28.99 left between myself and starvation, with a wife and three small children to support. So you see it was a forced case with me to succeed or go to the poor house. For several years I kept a daily egg record, also the average price per egg brought for each month, also the cost of feed. So I was able at the end of the year to know exactly what the hens cleared me each month in the year. I learned in this way which months of the year were the more profitable, and consequently which months to cul-

cut my hens for market purposes and which months to increase the number to the limit of my capital. I rented a few milk cows for the first two years and obtained pasture those to town, peddled the milk, out which helped me to pull through for the time being, till I could buy enough hens to make a living. I also kept a strict cash account on the cows each month of the year. Another party furnished me a horse and a small pig, bought me a few small hogs, to run on the share, and I gathered up all the refuse from the restaurants and hotels to feed them, and with the three things I managed to get a few dollars ahead. At the end of three years I made up my mind that with the limited capital at my disposal I could clear more from the chickens than from either of the others. So far the hens had cleared me over and above their feed from \$1 to \$1.50 per hen each year, depending on the age of the hens, the cost of feed, and the price obtained for the eggs. At this time there was a tract of 40 acres adjoining

the townsite being subdivided into five acre tracts. The price was \$625 for each tract and I could not raise but \$125. So I mortgaged everything I had in the world and the five acres also for the other \$500, and purchased one of the tracts. Within the next six months I had made enough to clear, to fence and cross fence it with post and rail. Then I moved my tent, chickens, cows and hogs, onto the new place. I sold off my cows except one for home use and put the money in hens, and every time I got \$25 to \$50 ahead I bought more hens until I had about 2000 layers on hand. That many taking more ground, I rented five acres adjoining me (which I later bought on time) and as soon as I had these two tracts paid for, I bought another five acres adjoining me. I bought this whole on time also. I used brush sheds for shade until the fruit trees that I had planted, some in each yard, were large enough for shade. These fruit trees now bring me a revenue of \$200 to \$300 annually besides serving as shade for the chickens. I was making enough from my hens by this time so that I was able to pay out the last five acres within the next six months and then I bought a 29 acre tract further (Continued on Page Eight)



CONVERTING ALFALFA INTO BEEF

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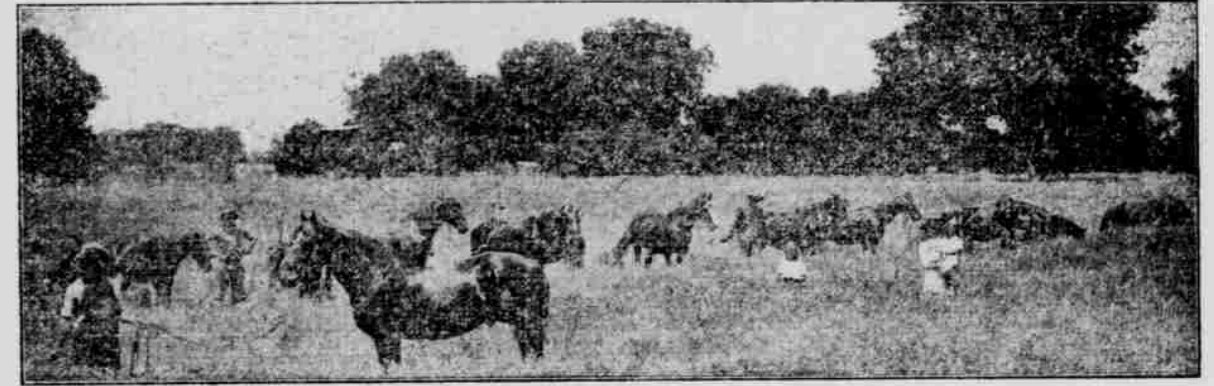
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## Climate Adapted For Successfully Raising Mules

(By JOSEPH LOVELL.)  
 This climate and our alfalfa are especially adapted for raising mules, and I find that they mature two years sooner than the eastern mules; that is, in size. If the parent stock is selected as stated above, mule colts raised in the Salt River Valley will measure from sixteen to sixteen and a half hands high and weigh from 1200 to 1400 pounds at the age of three years. If, at this age, they were any way to develop their teeth and make them show two years older, which would be in accordance with their size, they would be ready for eastern market, while the eastern mule would not attain the proper size until it is five years old. On account of our mild climate and green feed all the year round our mules grow and develop much faster than in any other climate. Of course, the mare and colt must have some care at foaling time and until the colt is two weeks

old. Keep the mare in a separate stall, where the colt will be protected from the chilly nights in the winter, or the hot rays of the sun in the summer. Colts can be raised in every month of the year with good success. Some people claim that a July or August colt invariably lives, but my experience has been that they thrive as well as at any other time. Keep the colt in the shade and give it a tablespoonful of raw linseed oil every other day for a week to regulate the bowels. The first two weeks of a mule colt's life is more dangerous than that of a horse colt, but after he passes that age it is hard to kill him. The question often arises as to whether there is any profit in raising mules in the Salt River Valley on account of the high value of land. I say there is, as a mule colt raised here is ready for work at from 2 1/2 to 3 years of age and is worth from \$200 to \$250, if from good stock and has had reasonable care. My experience in mule raising covers fifteen years in Kansas, Missouri and Indiana prior to my coming to this valley.



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