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WEEKLY LETTER FROM LYFORD

Newsy Items of People and Progress.

California All Right, but South Texas "All Righter," Says One Just from Former State—Outlook at Lyford Very Pleasing

TO THE HERALD.
 Lyford, Texas, Jan. 29.—A large excursion this week. About sixty people came to see our land and try our climate.

Fred Rohrer returned from California Thursday night and now has a small house built on his five-acre tract on Palm Heights and is keeping house "all by his lonesome." He thinks California is all right but Southern Texas "all righter."

Mr. Fiandt is on the sick list.
 Mr. H. Barrington has struck a fine vein of water at 130 feet on his farm three miles south of town.

The new organ for the Sunday school arrived last week and is now in use. A fine addition to the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Drawyer have returned to their home in Bradford, Ill. They are well pleased with Lyford and expect to locate here in the near future.

Mr. Wygal is having his seven-acre tract cleared this week, and will plant it to peanuts.

Potato planting is the order of the day.

Mr. A. D. Struthers of Des Moines, Iowa, is here looking after his interests in the development of the town site. He is pleased with the outlook and has great faith in Lyford.

Mr. Stevenson has a car-load of brick and one of gravel here for the foundation of his boiler and engine house.

A crowd of young people took a trip to Raymondville Tuesday night.

H. Barrington has gone to Kansas to get his family and move here permanently.

Sigfried Johnson has returned to Minnesota for the present, but has left orders for the clearing of his farm south of town.

INVEST IN TRUCK LAND.

Home-seekers Who Have Bought Land and Will Try their Fortune at Truck Growing.

W. H. Bloomer of St. Louis and Jesse Coppon of Milwaukee, Wis., who have been here for the past few days, have bought 212 acres in the La Gloria tract from C. E. Hammond. The purchasers have already begun clearing and will put the land in cultivation at once.

Among others who have bought on the La Gloria canal and who will proceed at once to place the land in cultivation are C. L. Denny, of St. Louis, O. C. Denny of Rockford, Ill., E. J. Hoss and Henry Ratz, also of St. Louis.

H. C. Tandy yesterday bought 54 acres of truck land near Hidalgo.

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A NATIONAL MONUMENT

President Sets Apart Grand Canyon in Arizona.

Will Preserve Magnificent Natural Feature for the Nation—Also Adds Large Forest Area to Tonto National Forest Reserve.

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Roosevelt has just signed a proclamation making a National Monument of the Grand Canyon of Arizona, and another creating an addition of 1,288,320 acres of land to the Tonto National Forest which is also located in Arizona.

The world-famed Grand Canyon has been a part of the Grand Canyon National Forest, and its establishment as a National Monument is made by virtue of the Act of June 8, 1906, which provides that objects of scientific interest may be declared National Monuments if such action is deemed necessary for their preservation and protection.

The President, speaking of the importance of protecting the Grand Canyon as a National Monument, says in his proclamation: "It is an object of unusual scientific interest, being the greatest eroded canyon within the United States, and it appears that the public interests would be promoted by reserving it as a National Monument, with such other land as is necessary for its proper protection."

It has long been realized that it was highly desirable to have this wonderful gorge made by the Colorado River, set apart as a National Monument. This assures the area of exclusion from all kinds of entry, and means that the Government will have power to prevent the marring of the scenic beauty by unsightly exploitation of any kind. The area put in the National Monument constitutes approximately 825,230 acres. In determining the boundary of the National Monument an effort was made to draw the line approximately one mile back from the rim of the canyon.

Souvenir Craze Costly.

The souvenir fad has become so epidemic here that hotel managers are seriously thinking of forming themselves into a protective association. They say the craze costs them many thousands annually. They propose to place detectives in the dining-rooms to watch the silverware on the tables, for it is here where hotels suffer the greatest loss. The articles purloined run all the way from demi-tasse spoons to silver sugar bowls and cream pitchers, with the former greatly in demand.

Milady—for it is among the gentler sex that the habit has become most chronic—admires the pretty and attractive spoons or salt and pepper service. "Let's take it home as a souvenir," they will say to each other. Either one will then deftly hide it, and no one is the wiser.—New York Letter.

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