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Some people boost, other people
boom.

Is your \$300 land growing a \$15
crop, or is the crop worth only \$7?

Cheat-grass is Mother Nature's
method of demanding a square deal.

A man who boasts with his mouth
and lets cheat-grass run out his al-
falfa is a knocker.

Do you subscribe for an Eastern
agricultural publication or do you
take a good farm paper.

Sunflowers, cockle, knockers, cheat-
grass and calamity howlers are all
evidences of decay. Plow them un-
der.

The number of "Bills" seeking
presidential honors this fall together
with our own "Bill" Spry, who has
his hooks out for gubernatorial hon-
ors, makes the political rosters look
like a Francis G. Luke advertisement.

It is too bad that just when our
country is safely getting over a late
spring that it should be attacked by
a presidential election.

Pear-blight and the axle-grease
treatment for barb-wire cuts are
largely similar. The only way to
overcome their effects is to cut off
the limb.

You can't get blood out of a turnip,
but getting blood from this source
would be a snap compared to getting
milch cows out of some the bulls we
see trailing Utah dairy herds.

Anyway, when the sixteen-year-old
hopeless drives to the next town and
fills up on bad whiskey, he might be
doing worse. He might be spending
his money for cigarettes or perfume
or condition powders.

Don't forget the "Booster" Excur-
sion to the Agricultural College on
Sept. 7, Monday next. A day in the
beautiful Cache Valley and a visit to
Utah's big industrial school will be
a pleasant memory in life's experi-
ences.

A constant reader of the Deseret
Farmer desires to secure Volumes
II and III of this paper. Any reader
who has these papers and who de-
sires to dispose of them may receive
a liberal offer by corresponding with
this office.

Don't sit on the porch after dinner,
read the "Appeal to Reason" and
worry about what the rich man is
trying to do to you. There isn't go-
ing to be any more "panic," there
isn't going to be any revolution, but
there is likely to be a rainstorm. Get
your hay up.

The "Alaska wheat," exploited in
some papers as yielding 200 bushels
to the acre, is under investigation at
the Colorado Experiment Station. It
turns out to be identical with the
"Egyptian," "Seven Headed," or
"Mummy" wheat, a soft spring wheat
undesirable for millers. It is also
reported to be unfit for any coun-
try where there is wind. This wheat has
been offered at \$5 per pound or \$20
per bushel. It is hoped that none of
the Kansas Farmer family will dis-
regard this warning at the expense of
his bank account.—Kansas Farmer.

ALASKA WHEAT.

Prof. W. H. Olin, agronomist of
the Colorado Experiment Station,
writes:

"I am pained to know that some
unscrupulous persons are seeking to
deceive our industrious farmers, de-
siring better milling wheat, by foist-
ing upon them the so-called 'Alaska
Wheat' as a superior milling wheat,
of high yielding quality.

"Through the courtesy of Mr. Hal-
sey C. Rhoades of Denver, Prof.
Knorr and myself have been privi-
leged to make a study of this wheat
in the field. We seeded it by the side
of known Egyptian, or Seven Headed
wheat, and have studied both wheats
from germination to maturity. The
two wheats are absolutely identical.
After harvest we will make the mill-
ing test of both wheats and publish a
bulletin on the full results.

"Suffice to say now, Egyptian,
Seven Headed, Mummy, or Alaska
wheat (the various names by which it
is known) is a soft spring wheat, not
desirable to Colorado millers, and
where grown to any appreciable ex-
tent in this state, will be discounted
or docked in price by Colorado mil-
lers. Instead of being a very desir-
able wheat for milling purposes, it is
quite the reverse, since it has high
starch content and low gluten con-
tent of poor quality. Farmers are
warned to avoid this wheat as they
would a pestilence.

Within the past few weeks this of-
fice has received two or three cir-
culars from some unknown source
setting forth in very glowing terms
the properties of the so-called "Alas-
ka Wheat," claimed to have been or-
iginated by a Mr. Adams of Juliaetta,
Idaho. The proposition looked faky
to us and the gratuitous copy found
its way promptly to our waste basket
instead of into our columns. The
statement in our last issue from Prof.
H. T. French, Director of University
of Idaho, and the statement recently
made by the Department of Agricul-
ture branding the story as a fake
proves the correctness of our sur-
mise. The department denies that
this is a new or even valuable variety
of wheat, and asserts that it is noth-
ing more nor less than "mummy
wheat" which caught many suckers
years ago. The fact that the wheat
is selling at \$20 and \$25 per bushel

leads the department to brand the
stories as a clever advertising scheme.
The so-called Alaska wheat has been
known to the department for years,
and schemes similar to the present
have been practiced at intervals for
many years. As long as there is
gold we may expect to hear of gold
bricks.—Rural Spirit.

GOOD ROADS ACROSTIC.

Votes for Good Roads will endure,
Over-rule the knockers, sure.
That's the only way to grow,
Excellent good judgment show.

Fight to have the bonds go through!
Offer all the help that you
Reasonably can pause to do.

Get your neighbor to the polls;
Omit no one on the rolls.
Only weak-kneed voters stay
Didding 'round at home today.

Rush the bonds; we want 'em quick!
Only knockers pause to kick.
Active, earnest workers will
Do their best, nor pause until
Sure success the day doth fill.

Dr. Wm. F. Strother, the well
known eye specialist, in company with
Dr. J. A. McNiece, is making a trip
into the country, partly for an outing
and recreation and partly for the pur-
pose of practice. The doctors will
attend any cases which may attract
their attention while out, and those
suffering from ailments in their line
will be most fortunate if these doc-
tors come their way. The doctors
will be accompanied by Prof. G. A.
Gullihur, a photographic and portrait
specialist who hopes to do some in-
teresting work for rural residents.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH.

Registration of students, September
11th and 12th; entrance examinations,
September 9th and 10th; instruction
begins September 14th.

The University includes the School
of Arts and Sciences, the State Nor-
mal School, the State School of
Mines, the Uta. School of Medicine,
a department of Law, and a Prepara-
tory School.

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various courses offered, requirements
of admission, etc., is sent free by the

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