

BEGINNING OF OSTRICH FARMS

Domestication of the Great Birds Was First Undertaken by Cape Colony Farmers.

Fifty years ago, the domestication of the ostrich was an idea scouted by most of the zoologists who had given time and thought to the subject. The young, it was believed, could not be raised in a state of captivity. The great demand for ostrich feathers was then met by hunting and killing wild birds, and there were indications that the species would soon become extinct. But in the early sixties, a French scientist named Gosse issued a pamphlet in which he argued that the domestication of the ostrich was feasible and practicable, and not long afterwards a brood of ostriches was reared in the city of Algiers, says Success. Gosse's pamphlet and news of the experiment in Algiers became familiar to two farmers in Cape Colony, who determined to undertake the domestication of ostriches in South Africa. Beginning with two birds, which they caught and placed in an inclosure, in a twelvemonth they had a brood of 80, which marked the birth of a new industry which has played a potential part in the development and commerce of a vast region. Large tracts of land in South Africa, which could not be profitably used for any other purpose, are now devoted to this business, and feathers to the value of \$6,000,000, from nearly 400,000 domesticated birds, are now annually sent abroad from Cape Colony.

Pneumatic Tubes.

Pneumatic tubes are used for carrying mail between Paris and Berlin. A letter dropped in a box in Paris can be delivered in Berlin in an hour, sometimes in 30 minutes.

School Examination

The next quarterly teachers' examination for first, second and third grade certificates will be held in Silver City and in Riddle, Idaho, Feb. 26, 27 and 28, 1903. Questions in school law will be taken from chapter XXXI and the state constitution, article XVIII. MYRTLE M. HASTINGS, County Superintendent.

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

SILVER CITY, Idaho, Jan. 23, 1903.
To Robert Henderson or his assigns:
You are hereby notified that I have expended the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.) in labor and improvements upon the Golden West mining claim, situated in Carson mining district, County of Owyhee, state of Idaho, as will appear by affidavits filed with the county recorder, in order to hold said claim for the years 1901 and 1902. And if within ninety days from the service of this notice (or within ninety days after this notice by publication) you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure as co-owner, your interest in said claims shall become the property of the subscriber, under said section 2324. DENNIS SULLIVAN.
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NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To John M. Brunzell, Sr., or assigns:
You are hereby notified that I have expended the sum one hundred (\$100.00) dollars in labor and improvements upon the Stonewall mining claim, situated in Carson mining district, county of Owyhee, state of Idaho, as will appear by affidavits filed with the county recorder, in order to hold the said claim, under the provisions of section 2324, revised statutes of the United States, being the amount required to hold said claim for the year 1902. And if within ninety days of the service of this notice (or within ninety days after this notice by publication) you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of such expenditure as co-owner to wit: the sum of \$25.00, your interest in said claims shall become the property of the subscriber, under said section 2324. JOHN McNALLY.
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CHURCH NOTICES.

METHOLIST EPISCOPAL—Services at Silver City the first and third Sundays in each month at 11 A. M.; at Dewey, Friday evening before. All most cordially invited to attend. G. W. KENNEDY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—at Silver City, at St. James church, every first and third Sundays of the month, both morning and evening. At DeLamar every second and fourth Sundays in the month both morning and evening.

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