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A NEW INDUSTRY.

The legislature of Virginia recently granted a charter for the incorporation of a company to be known as the "Virginia Angora Co." The capital of the association is placed at \$2,000,000, of which amount \$1,300,000 is said to have already been subscribed. According to its charter the company is permitted to hold in fee 200,000 acres of land, and to issue bonds, but not without the consent of nine-tenths of all the stockholders. A contract has been made with California parties to transfer their stock of thoroughbred Angoras to Virginia, and to furnish also 20,000 ewes of original Maltese stock, to be purchased in and brought from Mexico. Although the industry has been successful in California, yet the conditions for success are so far superior in the mountains of Virginia as to warrant the transfer of the herds and an expenditure of about \$200,000 in making the transfer and in improvements. The Angora goat is a peculiar animal, found only in a very limited area in Asia Minor, at an average elevation of 4,000 feet above tide, in latitude about 40 North, a winter climate as low as zero of Fahrenheit, and a moderately hot climate in summer, conditions all of which, as well as the kind and quality of herbage, are all fulfilled in the location secured in Virginia. By permitting no breeding except from pure thoroughbred bucks, the fourth cross gives a wool as fine, long and silky as the pure stock, and scarcely distinguishable by experienced experts. The production of mohair will be the principal business of the company, but other important industries will be carried on in connection with it, such as hides for Morocco; tallow for the highest grades of fancy soaps; furs, robes, mats and trimmings; Swiss cheese from the milk. The wethers will all be slaughtered at a proper age. They become very large and fat, and the flesh is much superior to mutton and scarcely distinguishable from the best venison, for which the saddles are usually sold. Large numbers of hogs will be fattened on the refuse, and glue and fertilizers manufactured from the scraps and bones. The horns command high rates for certain manufactures.

Commissioner Williamsen, of the Gen. Land Office, has received a number of letters from homestead settlers on lands in Kansas in the sections which have been afflicted by the drought, in which they state the deplorable condition they have been thrown in by this visitation and asking whether relief could not be afforded. The Commissioner, in conversation with members and Senators, said that he hoped that the bill introduced by Representative Ryan for the relief of settlers in these regions would be passed speedily, as there was no question of the justness of such an act, that a measure of the same character was passed for the relief of the homestead settlers in the region visited by the grasshopper plague several years ago, and was found of great benefit to those people. In speaking of the occupation of the public lands, he said that there was a general increase in settlements of this character throughout the Territories and the new States; that more public lands had been occupied during the present fiscal year than in any other single year in the history of the Land Office; that he had received a letter from the Surveyor General at the new Land Office at Grand Forks, Dak., announcing that 105,000 acres of public lands were taken up in that office the first day it was opened.

The railroad to Kingman will soon be in process of construction, so we learn from the Citizen.

RAINS AND CROPS.

The people of Kansas have been rejoicing recently in very copious rains, and we have the reports from all quarters that "the crops are safe." It is the same old story repeated almost every year. Somehow people seem incapable of getting clear of that nightmare of the early territorial days—"drouthy Kansas." It never affected Western Missouri, and why it should Eastern Kansas any more, we never could understand. People do not discriminate, and it has come to be common to apply meteorological phenomena by civil rules. It is all Kansas, from near 95 to 102 degrees of longitude, but it is not climatically so. Perhaps, in time, the one great lesson needed will be learned—that corn belongs to the eastern section of the state, and that beyond Salina the small grain must be depended on. Then there is another thing that seems to be inherited from early times—the tendency to make more out of a Kansas grievance than anywhere else under the sun. It may come from climatic causes, the nervousness induced by the stimulating air of the prairies, but the failure of a field of wheat creates a louder and wider clamor than is made over a country short of crops elsewhere. Minnesota has suffered tenfold more from grasshoppers than Kansas, yet the fact is rarely referred to or known outside her borders. And since we have been noting crops in this part of the West, we have known more disastrous failures in extent and number both, in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, than in Kansas, and yet the world is hardly the wiser for it. But this, perhaps, will cure itself as the country becomes older, and people on the new frontier are able to provide for a season ahead. But it is now so over one-third of the state, and this thing of panic sensation should be stopped. The truth is that so far as the settled portions of Kansas are concerned, it is a more reliable state as to crops than either of the central states. Iowa has hardly had one good crop in four years, yet you have to go among the people to find it out. The rains of Kansas are abundant, but they are more periodical than east of the Mississippi and for that very reason more certain. This is common sense and it is time to recognize the fact.—K. C. Journal.

REMEMBER that rice corn and millet can be raised in paying crops in this county if a general drouth should exist, and as these two products will supply both man and beast with healthy, nutritious food, farmers should put every acre they have to spare in one of these cereals. If we have a drouth we will not have very much hay, therefore as good prices can be obtained for feed next year as has been obtained this. Millet is now selling at seven dollars per ton, while good prairie hay is worth five dollars. Farmers can live well here and pay all their debts by raising seasonable crops adapted to their soil and climate. We have a beautiful and healthy climate, and we can prosper here with very little rain.—Larned Optic.

We have no idea of exaggerating in relation to the wheat prospect. In nearly every instance the crop is an absolute failure, yet we know of fields that without rain will give ten bushels of wheat to the acre, and with rain shortly, fifteen. These fields are just beginning to head, and the wheat is eighteen inches high. This may seem strange, but if any one doubts it come to this office and bring a team, if the doubter does not find it as here stated, we will pay all expenses of horse hire. These fields are not small either.—Larned Chronoscope.

THE inhabitants of Essex county, on the historic Va. peninsula, are excited over the appearance of vast quantities of a liquid resembling honey in taste, in the forests. The pine forests are laden with it, and it is falling almost in showers from the boughs. It is found only on and in the immediate vicinity of pines, and hence is supposed to exude from the leaves of the pine, on which it may be seen hanging in crystal drops.

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Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and secure final entry thereon, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Larned, Kansas, on Monday, May 24th, 1880, viz:—
DAVID H. STOUGH, declaratory statement No. 488, SW qr. NW qr, NW qr, SW qr Sec. 28, NE qr, SE qr, SE qr, NE qr, Sec. 29, Tp 26, R 22 W.
And he names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said tract, and the testimony of witnesses to be taken before H. M. Clark, a Notary Public at Spearville, Ford county, Kansas, on May 22nd, 1880, viz:—Smith L. Pine, John B. Gray, Charles F. Bogart and Thomas Hadley, all of Spearville, P. O., Ford county, Kansas.
5049-5W C. A. MORRIS, Register.

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