

TREASURE STATE FARM AND LIVESTOCK

BOOK WILL TELL ALL ABOUT STATE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AT HELENA GATHERING MATERIAL FROM COUNTIES

Commissioner Davis Will Change Style of Annual Year Book Put Out Next Spring About Resources and Possibilities of Treasure State; Will Aid Development.

Through the division of publicity, Commissioner of Agriculture Chester C. Davis is gathering material for a publication to be devoted to the resources and opportunities of Montana. This publication will be on lines somewhat different from those followed in previous ones, according to Charles D. Greenfield, chief of the division of publicity. He said the emphasis will not be placed as in the past, upon the resources and opportunities of the state in general, but upon those of each individual county. It is felt that this shift of emphasis will better enable accomplishment of the purpose for which the book has been authorized by the state—to settle successfully the unoccupied agricultural areas and to develop the state's numerous resources.

New Problem Appears

A new conception of the land settlement problem has arisen in the past few years, and the states that are getting the settlers and the increased business derived from them, are those that have accepted as the first principle the absolute necessity of placing new families only upon those lands that will be capable of giving them a living, not in exceptional years only, but over a period of years. Under the old system, the individual land owner who made the sale profited and in many instances the community suffered; under the new system, the individual land owner sometimes loses a sale but the community profits.

It is the desire of the state department of agriculture to represent conditions in the state as they are. There is not a county in the state, Mr. Greenfield said, but has resources of sufficient magnitude to compel attention without the accompaniment of rainbow pictures.

Paragraphs on industries, mineral resources and highways, is some of the material that is being sought for this publication. Statistical matter is being obtained from official federal and state sources.

What Book Will Contain

The publication will include total land area, acres in farms, improved acres in farms, acres irrigated, non-irrigated improved acreage, acres irrigable land available for settlement, acres public land, acres forest reserve and other reservations, patented grazing land, number of farms, average value all property per farm, number livestock, number grain elevators and creameries, graded and high schools and enrollment; total assessed valuation, total outstanding indebtedness, total levy for county and for school purposes, total bank deposits, number of manufacturers, number general stores, groceries and meats, etc., total number merchants, rank of county according to population, number of farms, coal and mineral production, assessed valuation.

HARNESS RACING IS NOT DEAD IN MONTANA, SAY OLD GUARD

Is harness racing a dead sport in Butte? No, is the answer of an old guard of reinsmen and trainers in the mining city, who, unknown to the greater part of the public are today and have been since the track game faded, racing high-class trotters and pacers, and, furthermore, getting their share of purses on eastern state tracks.

"Running races can't survive without betting; the harness game can, but the mutual system would have helped to bring it back on the old basis in Butte," is the way one well-known Butte horseman puts it.

"Today Butte and Montana owners are forced to leave their state in order to race. The demand is great in North Dakota, Minnesota and other bordering states for entries at the numerous county fairs. In fact, the sport has such popularity that Butte men, the old-timers at the harness end of racing, have taken thousands of dollars in purses from these places in the years since the game declined in their own parts," he said. Once the home of two of the highest-class breeding farms in the nation, the blood of Montana sires and dams is contributing winners on other tracks of the nation today, as attested by the yearly campaigns of Charlie McGarvey, Pete Grogan, Jack Anlow and F. C. Davis, all Butte men, who stand today at the head of the old guard of drivers and trainers.

From Tallyho to Turf

All of these men are but recently home from successful seasons in North Dakota and Minnesota. They have nags, with blood and speed, and guided over the eastern turf against the best of that section, they have kept up the mining city's track traditions.

Twelve years ago a little brown colt was foaled on the famous Laramie breeding station near Ruby. He was by Spokane, 2:15½, one of the famous harness animals of the country 20 years ago, and his blood led the owner to send him to California for a whirl at the game. "He didn't go just right and, after three years, was shipped back to Montana to run on the grassy ranges," Charlie McGarvey, one-time owner of the famous Earnford, and probably dean of Butte reinsmen, who owns Blue Finch, a 2:11 speedster, says in giving his prize gelding's history.

A little later the animal found its way to the livery stable. He was then a big, brown horse and worked well on a tallyho driven by J. H. Cooney. He was also in demand at funerals, and, in fact, the owners had no trouble in hiring the animal each day.

Then three years ago, McGarvey, a student of horsemanship since he was able to climb into a sulky, bought Blue Finch from Morris Egan. He put the gelding through the training paces and here is the record for three years of the one-time range horse, tallyho leader and all-around livery animal:

In 1920—Ten wins and four times in the money. 1921—Seven wins and never out of the money. 1922—Nine wins and always in the money.

Recall Great Earnford

These wins were put over by Blue Finch with his grizzled owner, McGarvey, in the seat, and figured in

the defeat of some of the classiest trotters of the Middle West. To get home for victories, McGarvey put Blue Finch's nose first under the wire in the 2:18 trots at Helena and Billings recently.

Blue Finch has a worthy stable mate in Kitty Denton, who was picked up in 1920 and changed over-night from a driving horse in a livery stable to a fast one of the turf. In that year Kitty won seven races.

While Charley McGarvey has been in the harness racing game in Montana for years, his greatest horse was Earnford, the remarkable 2:10 pacer, who beat everything in the heyday of racing in these parts. The great gelding was foaled on the Daly ranch at Hamilton, and as a three-year-old was at the peak of his career. King Amos was sire of Earnford and New Lode, out of Rapidan, who Mr. Daly purchased for \$10,000, was the dam.

Jack Anlow and F. C. Davis of the Harrison Avenue hotel are owners of probably the best pacer under Montana colors. He is Walter H., son of the great Dan Patch, and besides being a racer of merit and one who holds a mark of 2:04½, made at the Sedalia, Mo., track several years ago, is a sire that has sons and daughters making their mark in the harness world.

Peculiarly the great stallion was recently saved from death when he was the only one of 14 horses taken from a stable fire at Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he has been quartered since this year's racing season. Walter was purchased by the Butte horsemen from a Minneapolis man named Stockings. The horse has a mark of 58 seconds for half a mile on ice, and made Butte Highwood, a famous eastern pacer, stick up a mark of 2:04½ in two heats, in his first hard race. That was at Sedalia.

Butte-bred Mares Come

Others on the Anlow-Davis string are Nine Mile Belle, a three-year-old foaled in the environs of Butte, and Mountain Maid, another Butte bred animal. The Belle, now quartered with Walter H., at Fort Dodge, has made fast time in workouts and great things are predicted for the seal-brown mare when she starts on eastern circuits next season. Mountain Maid, a daughter of Walter H., is a four-year-old and will start her racing career next summer, under the Anlow colors. She has been in training around Butte for weeks past and is receiving the careful tutoring of the veteran horsemen who own her.

While Walter H. and his two coming daughters are aces in the Butte men's stable, their best bet on the home tracks is Bessie D. The fast mare was seen in action here several weeks ago and made a great impression on the turfites who watched the special events arranged by the old guard of horse trainers.

Ed Madden, formerly with the Daly people at Hamilton, has been in the seat in all of Walter H.'s races and will also pilot the two coming mares who break into the game next season.

Both Anlow and Davis have been familiar figures on Butte tracks in the past. They owned such a speed merchant as Nigra, 2:16½, and now have Cantlela, a trotter, by Latrado, who is now in winter stable at Kearney, Neb., and has been a money-getter for the Butte men.

Grogan Was in East

With Pete Grogan, owner of the Speedway stables, South Main street, Butte people are familiar. All know him as a horseman, but only his friends know that for the last several years he has intruded on eastern tracks with Montana bred horses to cop some of the best purses of the fair meets. Queen Bird, a seven-year-old pacer, with a mark of 2:19½ and at present stabled in Butte, is Grogan's best bet and was brought back from Minnesota and

WILD WEST SHOW CONTINUOUS HERE

BIG HOLE VALLEY, WHERE OLD RANGE CONDITIONS OBTAIN, COWBOYS' PARADISE

High-Heeled Boots, High-Crowned Stetsons and Furry Chaps Are the Conventional Garb of This Old-Time Cow Country. Where the Plow Has Not Yet Turned the Soil.

Rodeos may be well devised to present pictures of the wild west that is passing, but up in the big corner of Beaverhead county adjoining Deer Lodge county and extending its area into the latter, is a basin where the sensational exploits of the arena are every-day matters for the husky specimens riding the range.

This is the famous Big Hole valley, where the cattle industry is still carried on just as it has been since the pioneer days of the Treasure state. Its superb beef-producing qualities are known in every livestock market, where the grass-fed animals compete with the best corn-fed output of the central states.

High-heeled boots, higher crowned Stetsons, and furry chaparajos are still conventional garb in the basin, and not merely accessories of dress parade exhibitions. Utility is what counts there, and these articles have proved their value in the wardrobe of the cowboy who has his work to do. They serve not only on the range, but for the drives to market and still form familiar sights on the streets of Dillon, Anaconda and Butte, which serve as shipping points for the fattened herds.

The cattle are ranged over the vast acreage of the valley during the summer, and in winter are fattened in the feed yards to supply which great hayfields are cultivated. Some unique factors in the climate are given credit for the food qualities of the grass that make it the equal of corn for the stockmen.

The basin has been the scene of operations in past years for many of Montana's pioneer cattlemen, and many of them still have their big holdings, and still make Wisdom, the little city that is the center of business activity for the district, marked by all that was best and is most treasured in the characteristics of the real western community.

The largest operations of the present are those of the Huntley interests, under the management of Carl Huntley, who came to Montana from Spokane to represent the company which has large holdings also in other northwestern states and in Canada.

The ranches in the Big Hole valley acquired and operated by this company have approximately 40,000 acres, on which 6,000 head of stock will be fed during the winter, in preparation for spring shipment. Carl Huntley recently brought 2,000 head of straight range cattle from Canada to be fattened in the beef pens, and the number now in his charge is the largest in the history of the ranch.

The Huntley interests also extend to the Wisdom State bank, and the management is taking an active part in the development of the dairy industry to supplement the beef raising activities of the basin. A result of this has been the establishment of the creamery at Wisdom, from which a supply of butter goes regularly to the Butte market.

All indications are that the cattle industry of this prosperous section is permanent. Natural factors all work toward this, and the trend of organization has been toward placing it on a scientific basis with efficiency in management to eliminate the hazards that once attended the undertaking of the cattlemen.

But in doing this there is no probability that the picturesqueness of the ranch will be lost. The traditions that elsewhere are becoming high lights in the show game were not adopted as a pose in the old days, but became established customs because they were serviceable and best adapted to conditions encountered any day or every day of the year. So in this basin there is every prospect that typical western life will endure as long as directions are marked on the compass.

To Plant 225,000 Fish

Requisitions for 225,000 fish fry to be planted in the various creeks and lakes in the Helena forest were sent out last week by A. H. Abbott, supervisor of the forest.

Places where the fish will be planted follow: Lake Edith, Dry creek, Spring creek, Greyson creek, Avalanche creek, Boulder lakes, Rock creek, Cama lake, Birch creek, Benton gulch, Dry Beaver creek, Trout creek, Beaver creek near Nelson, McClellan creek, Warm Springs creek, Tizer lake, Beaver creek near Winston, Crow creek, Leslie lake, Lump gulch, Quartz gulch, and the Little Blackfoot river and its tributaries.

North Dakota six weeks ago, after having started 12 times and being in the money every time but once.

Altar Boy, a green six-year-old trotter, is being put through the training paces by Grogan at present and great things are expected of the horse, which is by King Red.

It is these kind of men, Messrs. McGarvey, Anlow, Davis and Grogan, who have worked untiringly to keep the harness racing game from the stigma that sometimes has entered into the running turf, and it is this band who have been called the "old guard," who have revived the game of late in Butte and are keeping up Montana's sulky race traditions by victories over the best on the eastern turf.

MONTANA CORN BIG WINNER AT CHICAGO

FIRST FIVE PLACES TAKEN BY BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS OF TREASURE STATE

Montana Also Gets Second Place for Hard Red Winter Wheat; the First Place for Durum Wheat Goes to This State; Canadian Entries Exceptionally Fine.

Montana boys' and girls' clubs won a big victory at the international hay and grain show at Chicago, winning the first five places in the open American contest for 10 ears of any dent corn, according to wire received at the state college. First place went to Donald Saltz of Park City, second to Herbert Zwisler of Park City, the third to Charles Stewart of Ismay, fourth to Arthur Madison of Mizpah, and fifth to Paul Spears of Hillcrest.

Montana failed to take the first prize with hard red winter wheat this year, although William Murrane of Columbus won second place, Pelton Brothers of Columbus fourth, Jim Dolan of Columbus fifth, L. C. Haney of Columbus sixth, D. F. Mains of Manhattan eighth, Pat Ronane of Columbus tenth, Walter Storer of Columbus eleventh, Wilbur Spring, Belgrade, twelfth; John Murrane, Columbus, fifteenth; and Henry Weppler of Columbus, seventeenth.

In durum wheat first place went to J. Cleave of Great Falls, and fourth place to H. H. Ebersole of Glasgow.

In oats, fourth place went to E. L. Peterson of Victor, third place to James Sanders of Conrad, fifth to C. Volgardsen of Bozeman, sixteenth to F. W. Fenske of Intake, seventeenth to W. V. Talbott of Arming-ton, nineteenth to W. J. Hartman of Manhattan, and twenty-second to W. L. Irvine of Pipestone Springs.

In white spring wheat, seventh place went to John Cosens of Waterloo, eighth to Tom Stephens of Waterloo, and ninth to L. E. Peterson of Victor.

In hard red spring wheat, fourth place went to O. C. Biering of Bozeman, seventh place to Ole Eggen of Absarokee, ninth to Elmer Davis of Columbus, fourteenth to J. Cleave of Great Falls, twenty-third to George Metier of Belgrade.

The wire from Chicago to the college states that the Canadian entries were exceptionally fine, the Canadian government having offered big cash prizes in addition to the show prizes to their growers who could take the first places.

Raise the Type of Hogs the Market Demands

The hog market for the past two years has proven conclusively that the packers and the consuming public both want a hog of the meat type. The day of the fat bellies and salt pork is past and the demand is now and will continue to be for a hog which dresses out a superior quality of fine textured meat.

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