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A SAWMILL FOR ROY TIMELY AND GOOD ADVICE TEACHERS SELECTED

Persistent rumors are afloat to the effect that a sawmill is to be established at Roy. Inquiry of the parties supposed to be interested does not fully confirm the report, but there are several parties thinking seriously of the matter.

To those who have only seen our large fertile but treeless prairies, a sawmill looks like a joke, but if they will take a few days to drive along the small canyons leading to Red River and La Cinto Canyon, they will find out much they do not know. There are an unbelievable number of good trees that are within a radius of 25 miles of Roy. There are enough to keep a small sawmill going for years, and we guess the right parties are after them, and as soon as they know just where the settlers stand with reference to getting their own lumber from government land, the hum of the saw and the screech of the planer will add to the evidences of civilization to be heard on every hand at Roy. The world do move, and if you who have been here for three to five years will take time to really think you will see that the advancement here has already been almost phenomenal. The "tenderfoot" and "sucker" from the East have done more for this mesa in five years than has been done for it in (5000) years by the old residents.

But, getting back to the lumber interests, if you want to see something fine as an illustration, just drive out nine miles south west to the old man West's in Burro Canyon (an auto road all the way) and see for yourself how much high grade lumber can grow on a quarter section. It is a fair sample of hundreds of canyons full of trees that the ruthless sawyer will get and transform into modern homes on this great mesa, and that soon, too.

A Soaking.

But speaking of rain, did any of you happen to see a finer one than the three days' soaking given this part of the "footstool" recently? For the benefit of absent friends we will say that beginning Friday, the 12th, it rained almost continuously for three days and nights and followed that with a downpour Monday night, which precipitated two to three inches of water and in a manner which soaked nearly all of it into the thirsty soil.

It did stop farming operations for a time, but these "dry farmers" are a saucy lot since the rain and are busy now putting in and caring for the biggest crop ever raised in this territory. You'll all have to look up to the Roy farmers this fall.

Dr. F. J. Alway, professor of agriculture and soil chemistry at the Nebraska State University, writes one of our makeshift farmers the following in reply to a frantic appeal for a method of getting away from summer-fallow. It is bitter medicine for some of us, but "the doctor says, 'take it.'"

You state that you will try raising a crop of Mexican beans this summer on the land which you intend to plant to wheat next fall. You said that you do not think that that affects the moisture in the soil as other crops do. I have tried them out very carefully and find that if they are planted moderately thick they dry the soil practically to the same extent as do milo and wheat. I recognize the importance of one's having a cash crop such as beans instead of putting everything into fallow. I would strongly urge you, however, to keep two or three acres of your earliest broken land to fallow for wheat. Keep the weeds down—it is the weeds that remove the moisture and not the crust that forms on the surface of the ground after a rain—and give the fallow a fair test. Your fallow will be in shape to plant when autumn comes—the bean ground may or may not be. If you try the experiment on two acres, you

will have a chance to satisfy yourself of its value without having gone to much expense. Instead of planting the whole of your fallow to wheat, it would be well to save part for potatoes and garden the following year. I know of no plant which will produce a crop without drying out the ground. Potatoes, perhaps, will not dry the ground out as much as the other promising crops but, on the other hand, they are very liable to fail to form tubers when the moisture begins to get low.

Every progressive farmer on the mesa, who is anxious to see the district advance, should try at least a small piece—two or three acres—of summer fallow. I have noticed that quite a number of the settlers on the mesa have written to the dry farming bulletin, some of them stating how much they believe in dry farming. One of these, especially, I remember we have tried two different years to induce to summer-fallow a small piece. Both years he started out but in the course of a few weeks the fallow was so grown up to weeds that there was no moisture left.

Unless the progressive settlers show what the Roy district can do, land values are bound to be low there when the homesteaders prove up. Hence, it is important. (Continued on page 3.)

Died.

At the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bushkevitz, near Roy, Friday, May 12th, Joseph Halley, youngest son of the parents, after an heroic fight for his life covering most of the period since his birth, aged fourteen months.

It is one of the tragedies of life to give up a child in infancy for whom the mother has "gone down into the valley of the shadow" to bring into the home, and who has won a place in the hearts of the parents that commands from them any sacrifice, and all who have human sympathy to bestow must be lavish with it in this instance.

The funeral was held at the Catholic church Saturday, conducted by Rev. Father Antonio Cellier; interment in the Catholic section of the Roy cemetery. The sympathy of all the community is freely offered the bereaved family.

B. A. Bellmore of the Bellmore Lumber Company of Tucumcari, and C. H. Chenault, county treasurer of Quay county, were transacting business in Roy Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Bellmore is thinking of putting in a lumber yard here.

Roy-Esquibel.

At the Catholic church in Roy, on Saturday, May 13th, was solemnized the marriage ceremony which united Wm. C. Roy and Miss Matilda Esquibel in the sacred marital bonds, which, their friends hope and believe, will make "life, death and the vast forever" for them "one grand, sweet song." Rev. Father Ant. Cellier of Springer, officiating, and a large concourse of friends of the bride and groom being present to witness the ceremony.

Of the groom, this paper does not feel competent to even offer compliments, and as all who read

At a meeting of the school board Monday evening, the following teachers were elected for the Roy schools for the coming term:

Wm. G. Johnson, Principal.
Grace M. Collins, Intermediate.
Mrs. Anna Scott, Intermediate.
D. Ella Romine, Primary.

The teacher for the Pleasant View school will be elected in June.

It was also decided at the meeting to employ four teachers in the schools at this place instead of three, as last year. The extra teacher will be used in the intermediate grades, as they were considered too crowded for one teacher, and the second and third grades will be given to one teacher and the fourth and fifth grades to the other intermediate teacher.

This is a good move of the school board and in the right direction, for at least one more teacher could have been used during the term just closed, and it is an assured fact that the enrollment will pass the 200 mark during the coming term.

The extra room to be added will also assist in relieving the crowded conditions of the primary and advanced rooms, and will relieve the immense amount of work which has been crowded upon the three teachers heretofore.

Our school is growing rapidly, and it will only be a matter of a short time till more teachers will have to be added and a complete high school is one of the new features which will be added to our schools within a year or so.

The re-election of Mr. Johnson as principal is evidence that his work here has been highly satisfactory.

this know him for the substantial and kind-hearted businessman that he is, we let it go at that.

His bride is essentially a Roy girl, a member of one of our best families, a young lady of the sterling qualities to attract a man who knows much of the world; beautiful, accomplished in the arts which constitute a home-making, a devout Christian, and withal, modest and unassuming. All who know her can but congratulate Mr. Roy on his choice of a life partner, and hasten to offer congratulations and best wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Roy are at home to their friends in Roy.