

Cattle Men

Must Vacate

New Opportunities For Home-builders in West.

West of the Missouri river lies a vast region extending to the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, and from the Panhandle of Texas northward into Canada. It is known as the Great Plains. For many years the vast region has been utilized as a public common. Countless cattle and sheep have had free access to it and have over grazed it. Its administration is still one of the most vexing problems before congress. The pioneer of the Great Plains was the cattleman. He farmed but little, and from the nature of his business and the methods of operation, as a rule wanted no neighbors.

The real homebuilders, who undertook to subdue the plains to agriculture, encountered many difficulties. In sections there was no timber and he was forced to build his house of sod or adobe. He found the streams were not dependable; they were dry in summer when water was most needed. Nature, however, provided an inexhaustible supply of underground water, which the farmer pumped into small reservoirs and then led to his garden and orchard and supplied his live stock. He harnessed the wind which blows almost constantly on the prairies, and made it a cheap and useful servant for his work.

Within the past fifteen years there has been an awakening to the opportunity which lies in the plains area, and settlements have moved westward with such remarkable rapidity that the day of the broad, free range, with the old, careless, and often inhuman methods of stock raising, is about over. The day of smaller flocks and herds, winter fed and fattened on home-grown forage, is at hand. Dry farming has come into vogue, and has greatly increased the crop producing area of the Great Plains.

In the Great Plains area the Reclamation Service has in progress of construction eleven projects involving an expenditure of \$18,740,000 and the reclamation of 500,000 acres. Several of these projects are unique, and in their engineering features are deserving of extended description. All have reached a stage of construction, where water will be available this season, and the hundreds of new homes which dot the prairies show that the settlers are preparing to put it to use. Full particulars concerning the lands available to settlers, the terms of water right, etc., may be obtained by addressing the Statistician, U. S. Reclamation Service, Washington, D. C.

Two of these projects are located in North Dakota, in the valley of the Missouri river, and in the vicinity of Williston. A heavy influx of settlers is anticipated this spring to take up the lands to be irrigated. Diversified and intensive farming by irrigation will bring about a great change in the agricultural methods now in vogue in this section. The cultivation of alfalfa, sugar beets, vegetables, and such fruits as apples, cherries, grapes, melons, and berries of all kinds, for which this region is adapted will doubtless create

a prosperous community here in a few years.

Not far from here, in the Lower Yellowstone valley, and embracing 66,000 acres of land in Montana and North Dakota, is the Lower Yellowstone Project. The settlement of this large area has been progressing rapidly, but there are still opportunities for homeseekers to secure good lands.

Up the Yellowstone about 200 miles is the Huntley project, located 12 miles east of Billings, Montana, and embracing 30,000 acres of land, having a general elevation of 3,000 feet above sea level. The irrigable area has been divided into 589 farms of 40 acres each, and about half of these have already been filed upon. The project offers unusual advantages for the practical farmer of small means to obtain a good home, whereon by his own industry he can secure a comfortable living. The climate here is delightful and the soil of exceptional fertility, producing bountiful crops when watered. Cereals and alfalfa are the principal crops, although apples, small fruits and garden vegetables do well. On account of the fine range country surrounding the project, alfalfa will always be a staple product. It produces about five tons per acre at present, and is worth \$5 per ton in the stack. A sugar beet factory is now in operation at Billings and the farmers are increasing their acreage in this crop, as it is very profitable. Unusual facilities for transporting crops to the large markets are afforded by two lines of transcontinental railroads, the Northern Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, which traverse this tract. No farm is more than three miles from a shipping point. There are eight new towns on this project at intervals of about five miles along the two lines of railroad, and town lots are now offered for sale by the government at reasonable prices.

Not far from the thriving city of Great Falls, Montana, the first unit of the Sun river project comprising 16,000 acres, is now open to settlement. This project when completed will be one of the largest undertaken by the government, irrigating nearly 256,000 acres, or considerably more than the cultivated acreage of Rhode Island. An interesting feature in connection with this project is the proposition of the engineers to augment the water supply by taking water from the streams now flowing into the Pacific Ocean through a gap on the continental divide to a water-shed which drains into the Atlantic Ocean. The Sun River Valley proper is about 70 miles long and from 1 to 5 miles wide. The unit now open to entry is the abandoned Fort Shaw Military Reservation, which contains about 200 80 acre farms.

On this project the rural settlement plan is being carried out. There will be a village about every six miles. The soil is a warm, sandy loam covered with buffalo grass, gramma and wheat grass. All the crops which can be grown in the northern countries can be raised in this section. The principal crops will be largely alfalfa, sugar beets and potatoes.

On the northern border of Wyoming the government is building the highest masonry dam in the world. This structure, which will rise 328.4 feet above its foundation, blocks a very narrow gorge. It will be 108 feet thick on the bottom and only 175 feet long on top.

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Twelve miles below the Shoshone dam a diversion dam has been built in the river which turns the stream into a tunnel 3 1/4 miles long, connected at the other end with a large canal which carries the water out upon 100,000 acres of fine land. The first unit of 17,000 acres was opened to settlement last year, and so rapidly was it taken up that another unit of about 15,000 acres will be thrown open this spring.

Union

From the Ledger

Ray Brambitt and Earl Upton were home from Lincoln to make a Sunday visit.

Mrs. F. L. McLeod departed for Lincoln last Friday to visit several days with her mother.

T. J. O'Day and wife were down from Nehawka on Sunday to spend the day with their friends.

Nelson Applegate drove up to Plattsmouth on Wednesday to attend to matters of business.

Jesse McKean and wife of Omaha made a visit with their Union relatives and returned home Monday evening.

Sheriff Quinton was down from Plattsmouth on Tuesday, causing trouble of course, by giving Reese Delaney official notice that he has been sued for \$5,000 damages by Fred Thrall, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick True's little son, Haven, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is reported as slowly improving and it is thought he has now passed the dangerous stage of his illness.

L. G. True, one of the pioneer citizens residing north of town, has been seriously ill with an attack of bowel trouble, but we are pleased to be able to report improvement in his condition. He was seventy-six years old last Sunday, but he didn't feel like taking part in a celebration of the event this time.

Claus Speck, who has for some time been in the employ of Ed. Egenberger, and who has given the best of satisfaction to his employer at all times, has been offered a more lucrative position with J. E. McDaniel, and has accepted. It goes without saying that Claus will make good in his new location.

Nehawka

From the Register

Mrs. Raymond Pollard has been sick for the past week, but is some better.

Fred L. Nutzman was transacting business in Nebraska City on Wednesday.

William Stockham was a business visitor at Nebraska City on Wednesday.

Miss Rounceville of Denver visited her niece, Mrs. Scott Norris Wednesday.

James Vantine of Arapahoe came in Sunday morning to visit with relatives.

Miss Carrie Allison of Murray came in Monday for a visit with Mrs. D. C. West.

Mrs. Elmer Shallenberger and sister were Nebraska City visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Philly Opp went to Nebraska City Tuesday for a visit with friends. She expects to be absent about a week.

James Stuck from Huntington, W. Va., arrived here on Friday morning and will spend the summer near here.

Mrs. Norman Deles Dernies and two children returned from Elmwood on Saturday, where they had been visiting for a week.

Robert Willis, who returned from the hospital in Omaha last Friday is reported as not feeling as well as he did the first of the week.

Eagle

From the Beacon

Mike Lee moved Tuesday onto the old Ranford farm which he had recently rented.

H. A. Blume and wife were Lincoln shoppers Monday returning on the afternoon train.

Percy and Mamie McAllister attended the home talent play in Elmwood, Thursday evening and report it as being very good.

R. E. Ward was down from near Lincoln where he recently moved Monday, looking after business matters and shaking hands with friends.

Wesley Walch, Neal Gardner and Art Trumble went to Springfield, Nebr., Monday morning for a two days hunt. Charlie says, "Art is going to kill two birds with one stone."

O. P. and A. V. Brown of Kansas City, former residents of Eagle passed

through this burg last Wednesday on their way to Lincoln to attend the funeral of a brother-in-law.

Miss Electa J ones of Oskaloosa Kansas, arrived in the city Tuesday morning and will spend a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Myers before returning to her position in Omaha.

Fred Spahnle and Bert Hudson left Wednesday morning for Ericson on a few days hunting excursion. We hope they will be successful and expect to see them come home loaded down with game.

If Women

Only Knew

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Would bring Plattsmouth
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Victory For Matt Gering

Mrs. Atta Banner Acquitted at
South Omaha.

At 6:10 Saturday evening the five days' hearing was ended and the case submitted to the jury to determine whether the defendant was able to tell right from wrong when on the night of July 20, in South Omaha, she shot her brother-in-law, Fred Banner, after learning that he had inflicted upon her 17-year-old daughter, Majorie King, the most cruel wrongs.

After being out only about three hours the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," and Mrs. Atta Banner became a free woman. In speaking of the arguments of council the Omaha World Herald says:

"Matthew Gering for the defense, delivered a masterly piece of court room oratory. Neglecting none of the vital points of the evidence showing Mrs. Banner momentarily insane he yet boldly pleaded the unwritten law. Mrs. Banner's deed, he urged, was not murder, but retribution. There is a law of the heart strings, stronger than any written statute.

"His argument of Fred Banner's conduct toward Marjorie King, branded by him as more hideous than any tale Smollett, Boccaccio or Fielding dared to tell, was highly effective. When he pictured Mrs. Banner's life-long devotion and sacrificing services to Marjorie, culminating in the scene in the dining room of their little room where the broken-hearted girl sobbingly confessed all, was moving pathetic."

"In his peroration, a tribute to motherhood, Mr. Gering delivered what is credited with being the finest piece of oratory heard in this court room in many a term. With artistic touch he led this up to the closing plea that the jury write its verdict a tribute to motherhood."

In speaking of Mr. Gering's argument the Omaha Bee says:

"Gering arose to deliver what the county attorney later declared was 'one of the most remarkable specimens of forensic oratory ever delivered in any court room. Certainly there has been none like it in this court, here in the trial of the criminal case.'"

The NEWS-HERALD will say that Matthew Gering takes rank as the greatest criminal lawyer in Nebraska.

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