

POWDER RIVER AND THE BIG HORN MOUNTAINS

Shady Advance of Irrigation Interests in Various Sections.

DITCHES IN NEBRASKA AND WYOMING

Appropriating Spring Heralded by Notes of Preparation for an Active Campaign

C. GERRON, Neb. Feb. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee.

I will try to tell you readers of a country that is very seldom spoken of and very little known by the people living in the eastern portion of Nebraska.

The first settlement of the North Platte valley was in the year 1850. In the year 1856-6 the valley became very well settled with a class of go ahead, hardy farmers who took up and began to cultivate the same everything up in the ground grew well and prospered for a large harvest.

But the next year the wind came and the dry winds made the growing crops look as though they had been baked in an oven.

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A vast Area Ditched, but Little of it Cultivated. The first biennial report of Mr. Elwood Mead, state engineer of Wyoming, details the progress of irrigation in the state and furnishes instructive data on this important branch of industrial development.

According to the report, there are now in Wyoming over 2,000,000 acres of land under ditches and susceptible of being irrigated from them.

Engineer Mead contends that the first steps toward the reclamation of the state were taken by farmers but by stockmen.

Some Disadvantages. We are under some disadvantages yet on account of not having a railway network that fits the land.

Reached the Limit. We have been building cheap ditches rather than reclaiming the best land or utilizing the best water.

Transforming a Desert. The Great American Desert, which occupied a large slice of the transmissourian country in old geographies, disappeared like a mirage before the rush of settlers.

Provoked a Tragedy. There are periods in the lives of some husbands when forbearance ceases to be a virtue and toleration becomes a crime.

Letters of Inquiry. The mails arriving here are daily flooded with letters of inquiry from all parts of the United States.

Let them come. There is room and opportunity here and they are waiting the touch of plow and water to "blossom as the rose" and bring forth an abundant remuneration for the laborer.

There are many lines of business and many branches of agriculture and pastoral pursuits that are being profitably engaged in by men and women of average experience and intelligence.

White Bird Writes a Letter. Dr. V. T. McGilley of Rapid City received the following letter from an Indian explanatory of the late fracas:

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The Mill Shut Down. The latest expansion of the stoppage of work in the Harmon Park tin mill is furnished by Superintendent Childs of the company.

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The large irrigation ditch to be constructed in Owyhee county, Idaho, will be 180 miles long and will irrigate 300,000 acres of desert lands.

The Fremont Land and Irrigation company is negotiating a contract for a fifty-mile ditch which will irrigate 150,000 acres of land in Fremont and Sweetwater counties.

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Rev. W. Dillenbach has been duly installed as pastor of the First Lutheran church of Wilton.

Rev. Dr. Cross of Minneapolis has been called to occupy the pulpit of the York Congregational church.

A horse became frightened by the cars at Oriskany and ran directly into a locomotive, injuring itself so badly that it had to be shot.

H. M. Graham of West Chester county, tried to pull a revolver out of his pocket to shoot a rabbit and put a ball through his foot instead.

F. F. Henford of Weeping Water has been refused to ship a lot of his sorghum for exportation at the world's fair and he will comply with the request.

Carl Meyer, a farm hand working for August Kline of Steinauer, was kicked in the head by a vicious horse and died in a few minutes afterwards.

LA Superior paper by mistake advertised that the Presbyterians would hold a "dime dinner" at the country club in Lincoln.

Major Wright of Rosebud Indian agency and twenty-one mounted Indian police carried away \$40,000 from a train collector, the latter being loaded in a lumber wagon and drawn by a large bull team.

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OSSIFICATION is one of the perils of rheumatism. There are multitudes of cases of it of which these three are examples:

JOSEPH B. BASS, born Sept. 25, 1830, in Cambria, near Lockport, N. Y., was attacked, at the age of nine years, with inflammatory rheumatism, was relieved in about six weeks and had to move to it till he was seventeen, when it returned and developed into a gradual but finally complete ossification of all his joints. It held him thus, stiff as iron, till Sept. 25, 1898, when he died in Lewiston, N. Y. The cut is drawn by an artist who knew Mr. Bass personally, from a photograph taken from life.

EDWARD EMMETT died at Fort Jefferson, N. Y., March 10, 1902, from the same cause. He had rheumatism in the legs and arms when twenty-two years old and at sea. He suffered intensely on his return voyage and was taken home. He never left the house again, but lay for sixteen years. His joints gradually became ossified. He suffered terribly for several years. His body was rigid, except one arm, of which he had use. His jaws were set. He was fed through a hole in the mouth where a tooth had been broken out.

CHRIS BUCKLE, the Racing King, ossified March 10, 1898, at the age of 37. He was born in Wicklow, N. Y., fifty-three years ago. Until April 20, 1870, Buckle was a perfectly healthy man. That night he was taken sick. Physicians said it was inflammatory rheumatism, but it developed into ossification. The feet, toes, ankles, legs, knee joints, hands, arms, and even the hips became perfectly ossified. There was not a joint in his body that was not solid as bone. He had not been able to help himself or move for over twelve years, and was handled like a piece of board. He weighed less than eighty-five pounds.

Nothing will cure ossification. But Athlo-phos-ro will certainly cure rheumatism, which often precedes ossification. Sold by all druggists at 25c per bottle; 6 for \$1.50. Treatise on Rheumatism, etc., to any address for 5c. In stamps. The Athlo-phos-ro Co., New Haven, Conn.

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New York Divorce Bill. New York, Feb. 19.—Harry Allen, a grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt and a son of Mrs. Danah Allen, who was a sister of William K. Vanderbilt, is charged by his wife, Annie Odell Allen, with infidelity. On this charge she has applied for a divorce.

Dedicated the Barnum Building. Barnum, Conn., Feb. 19.—The P. T. Barnum building of science and history was dedicated last night with elaborate exercises.

Important. Salvation Oil, the greatest cure on earth for pain