

MAKING BIG LAND SALES

Purchases the Last Twelve Months Were the Largest Ever Known.

MILLION AND A HALF ACRES DISPOSED OF

Stockmen Increasing Their Holdings and Sellers Pouring into the West—Blooming Proof of Prosperous Conditions.

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1900, representing the fiscal year just completed, the Union Pacific land department sold 1,422,698 acres of land in the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Kansas. The approximate money valuation of this vast acreage is \$2,221,882.25.

One thousand one hundred and four different purchasers were numbered among the patrons of the Union Pacific land department and the states represented by them were Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, Utah and Wyoming.

Eloquent Showing of Prosperity. "The enormous sale of lands in the five states west of the Missouri river, in which the Union Pacific has land grants obtained from the government at the time of the construction of the line, is certainly an eloquent showing of the prosperous conditions present throughout this entire region."

Ownership of Ranges Necessary. "Many of our purchasers have in years gone by depended upon the range for their cattle and sheep. Recently, however, the taking up of the best land by settlers and the growing complications between the cattle and sheep men have forced the ownership of range. In this way the overcrowding of ranges when used in common is avoided and the individual owner gets better satisfaction and better returns from his bunch of cattle or flock of sheep."

SERVANT GIRLS GO ABROAD

Over Two Hundred of Omaha's Domestic Servants Leaving for Europe.

"Two hundred and seventy citizens of Omaha are at this time in Europe," remarked T. K. Sudborough of the census supervisor's office yesterday. "This fact has been developed by the enumerators who have reported the cases to the office for investigation by the special enumerators whose work it has been to secure facts in regard to those temporarily absent from the city."

The number of persons who are generally known to be in Europe from Omaha at this time is more than fifty; the other 225 are for the most part household servants, who have no trouble in saving for transportation and leave them a considerable amount of money in the estimation of those who assist them in the home folk in providing for their necessities.

Swedish girls outnumber all others in the visiting Europe for summer outings, and while their employers are probably paying three prices for questionable luxuries at some foreign "American" hotel they are in the northern peninsula enjoying a vacation in the home of their childhood, experiencing pleasure which no tourist can ever hope to enjoy.

Italy is the great traveler across the ocean, but he generally goes in the winter. In the summer the banana stand and the barrel organ seduce him into coming to the United States, but with the chilly winds of coming winter hundreds of the dark-hued sons of Italy leave for their early home.

W. J. Lindsay of Ogden, Utah, 2,966.97 acres in Weber county, Utah; William Daly of Rawlins, Wyo., 8,804.86 acres in Sweetwater county, Wyo.; George F. and E. W. Roberts of Livermore, Colo., 2,296.96 acres in Larimer county, Wyo.; R. S. VanSandt of Cheyenne, Wyo., 7,763.78 acres in Laramie county, Wyo.; C. W. Hirsch of Cheyenne, Wyo., 7,708.29 acres in Laramie county, Wyo.; L. E. Vivar of Rawlins, Wyo., 34,442.03 acres in Carbon county, Wyo.; Jay Benham of Byers, Colo., 2,196 acres in Arapahoe county, Colo.; Peter A. Henning of Zumbrota, Minn., 3,188.96 acres in Lincoln county, Colo.

YOUNG AMERICA'S BUSY DAY

Boys Begin the Racket Early and Keep It Up Until Late.

COUNTRY'S NATAL DAY FITTINGLY KEPT

Great Exodus to the Parks, Where Picnics and Athletic Contests Held Sway-Firecrackers as Popular as Ever.

In the early dawn of Independence day the citizen of Omaha, a long-suffering individual, awoke and drew a coverlet about his shoulder, for there was a chill in the morning air. With a bitter word for him who first digged splinter from the earth the citizen turned again to his repose. But there was no further rest for him of nature's sweet restorer. The Omaha boy, irrepresible being, had spent the night in the barn. For the first time in twelve months he needed no exhortation to arise. At a wholly improper hour he set in motion gladsome waves, long and short and intermedial, which beat upon the eardrums of the citizen in a veritable surf. The Fourth dawned even as others which have gone before.

July, which had wrought itself into a feverish fit in the first three days, promised itself that men could walk in comfort through the streets. The sun, innocuous, burned itself out behind a fleecy cloud veil and a refreshing breeze greeted those seasonable ones who went abroad before breakfast. Later the south wind, traveling over prairie and cornfields, brought a sparkling quality and became a lifeless thing.

Each one, from high to low, however, felt again that it was good to be an American and went in his own way about the task of celebrating the glory of his nativity. The formal exercises—oration and reading of Jefferson's immortal avowal—have not survived the century and their place has been taken by informal but none the less heartfelt proceedings. Family clans gathered in the manner of Thanksgiving and spent the day in the shady retreats about the city.

Woodmen Picnic at Riverview. The most pretentious picnic of the day was that of the Woodmen of the World at Riverview park, where the badge of the order admitted all comers to dainty viands and cooling draughts. Hundreds of Woodmen with their wives and children passed the day with fraternal spirit on the happy avenue.

GOLF IN THE BLACK HILLS

Tourists Attracted There by Burlington's Low Rates.

TICKETS, 1502 FARNAM STREET

The golf links at Hot Springs are among the finest in the west. They are located on the tableland south of town, a high plain where it is always cool. The surroundings are romantic. Right ahead in the rugged mass of Battle Mountain, white to the left is Echo Canon, one of the most beautiful canons in the Black Hills.

Leaving Hot Springs at 9 a. m., you arrive at the cave in time for lunch. Immediately afterward you enter the cave, where for four hours you live and move in an underground world, beautiful beyond description.

The Burlington will have nine more cheap excursions to Hot Springs in July. Round trip tickets, \$18.40. Good to return until October 31.

WIND CAVE, SOUTH DAKOTA. Few people realize that Wind Cave, near Hot Springs, S. D., is the largest and most beautiful cave in the United States.

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