

PLAN TO RECLAIM ARID LAND

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AUTHORITIES CONFER IN THIS CITY

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Experiments are to be made jointly by the United States government and the Union Pacific and Burlington railroad companies to reclaim hundreds of thousands of acres of arid lands of the west without the aid of expensive systems of irrigation. It is believed these lands can be made productive and experimental stations are to be established with a view of bringing about the best results.

Dr. Elwood Mead, an irrigation expert and one of the heads of the Agricultural department at Washington; Henry B. Henderson and Clarence Johnston of Cheyenne and O. V. P. Stout of Lincoln were in the city late in the afternoon held conferences with the head officials of the railroad. The visitors arrived in the morning and registered at the Paxton, where they were in session much of the day. In the afternoon they called upon A. Le Mohler, general manager of the Union Pacific, and George W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington.

The present plan of Dr. Mead is to establish an experimental station of two parts in Wyoming where it is proposed to grow grass seeds with a view to producing grasses on these arid plains that will grow with little or no water. Such experiments are being successfully conducted in dry parts of Oregon, with the result that the grasses now being produced will grow with little moisture as that necessary to support sage brush and similar vegetation.

In southern Russia is found a blue grass similar to the famous blue grass of Kentucky and even more nutritious. This grass needs little or no moisture, and besides making an excellent sod, grows luxuriantly in the hottest summer weather and does not dry up like other grasses. It is believed that the introduction of this grass into the arid lands of the west will be a great step toward reclaiming them. Mr. Mohler said that the matter will be taken up with other Union Pacific officials for consideration. It is believed that the railroad companies are in favor of the plan and expect that they will co-operate with the government in every possible way to carry out these experiments.

Time Changes on Rock Island.

Several important changes in the arrangement of the passenger trains on the Rock Island are to become effective Sunday East-bound train No. 24, now leaving Omaha at 12:01 noon, will leave at 11:15 a. m. A new day train will leave Chicago at 8:40 a. m., arriving in Omaha at 9:25 p. m. This will take the place of the train now arriving in Omaha at 9:30 from Des Moines. No. 27, now leaving Omaha at 8:25 p. m., will be known as No. 47 and will leave at 4:15 p. m., connecting at Des Moines with the new California express which goes via the El Paso route, leaving Kansas City at 10:20 a. m. and arriving at Los Angeles at 6:30 a. m. on the third morning out. Train No. 24, now arriving in Omaha from the west at 11:50 a. m., will be known as No. 48 and will arrive at 11:40 p. m.

The Golden State Limited also will be reorganized for the winter travel and will leave Chicago at 8 p. m. and Kansas City at 10:40 a. m., arriving at Los Angeles at 2:40 p. m. on the third day. East-bound train will leave Los Angeles at 12 o'clock noon, arriving at Kansas City at 9 p. m. on the second day and at Chicago at 12 o'clock noon on the third day. This train carries only Pullman equipment and dining car. The new California express via El Paso will leave Chicago at 8:40 a. m. and arrive at Kansas City at 9:25 p. m. on the third day. This train will carry Standard and tourist sleepers, day coaches and dining car.

Railway Notes and Personal.

Robert McNeil, superintendent of terminal for the Union Pacific at Denver, will spend Christmas in Omaha. E. Dickinson, general manager and vice president of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad, is in the city to spend the holidays. C. J. Wilson, superintendent of the Rock Island at Fairbury, will be visiting friends in the city and will spend the holidays at Minneapolis, his former home. R. R. Sutherland, superintendent of the Rock Island at Dairhart, Tex., and formerly assistant superintendent of the Union Pacific, is spending the holidays in the city with his wife.

THE VALUE OF CHARCOAL

Sturdy, Healthy and Useful it is in Preserving Health and Beauty. Nearly everybody knows that charcoal is the safest and most efficient disinfectant and purifier in nature, but few realize its value when taken into the human system for the same healthful purposes.

Charcoal is a remedy that the more you take of it the better; it is not a drug at all, but simply absorbs the gases and impurities that always are present in the stomach and intestines and carries them out of the system.

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It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disinfects the mouth and throat from the poison or rather in the form of large, pleasant, of catarrh. All druggists sell charcoal in one form or another, but probably the best charcoal and the most for the money is in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges; they are composed of the finest powdered Willow charcoal, and other harmless antiseptics in tablet form, tasting lozenges, the charcoal being mixed with honey.

The daily use of these lozenges will soon tell in a much improved condition of the general health, better complexion, sweeter breath and purer blood, and the beauty of it is, that no possible harm can result from their continued use, but, on the contrary, great benefit. A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to all patients suffering from gas in stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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LESSEES OF AMES BUILDING

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The lessees for the rebuilt Ames state warehouse on Jones street are announced. They are Wright & Wilhelm, the T. G. Northwall company and the Rock Island Plow company. The only present occupant of the building is the Kingman Implement company.

The two central warehouses of this block which extend from Ninth to Tenth and Jones street were burned out Thanksgiving day of last year and the two end sections also were injured, four firemen being killed by the falling of the walls. The gap has now been built in and the east and west buildings remodeled. The work is not yet completed, but it is expected that weather conditions only about a month will be needed. The Kingman company has been in the building for a considerable time and Wright & Wilhelm are old tenants. They occupied the west part of the building at the time of the fire and had to move out. They have closed a new lease by which they will go back to their old storage quarters the last of January.

This leased building is merely to accommodate the stock which will not go in the jobber's own building. The Northwall company now has its office in the Wright & Wilhelm building, but has its stock and has been doing business in the Racine-Sattley building. Mr. Northwall does not expect to begin moving for about six weeks. The Rock Island Plow company formerly has had no office in the Ames block, but is moving across from Council Bluffs.

GOATS ADD TO WOES OF MAYOR

Members of Buttrick's Fraternity Chew Up Wrong Flannels and Woman Wants Damages.

Mayor Moore had left his office Thursday evening and was sitting down with a book when his attention was attracted by a knock on the door. He responded promptly and found that a woman living in the south part of the city was at the other end of the line. She was troubled about a pair of goats, but in just what way the mayor at first was unable to ascertain.

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