ALFALFA IS THE BIG CROP Alfred Patek, Immigration Agent Tells of Some of the Wonders Which Have Been Wrought

by Bevelopment.

"Colorado is netting to be renowned for State Board of Immigration booth of exhibits at the Land Show. Mr. Patek is commissioner of immigration for Colorado. of gold, silver and the baser metals, and produced three times as much, or \$100,-

000,000, of farm, range and orchard crops. The biggest single crop in Colorado is nifalfa. Last year we cut a \$14,448.400 alfalfa hay crop. Alfalfa grows in practically every part of the state. We call it king of crops in Colorado. The average per, Alamosa, Blanca and Moffat. cyleid of this hay is three tons per acrethree cuttings of two tons a cutting-six tons per acre-on an eighty-acre patch. He sold his crop at \$8 a ton in the stack, or \$5,540 gross. I call that a pretty good salary. I know a lot of city men who can't boast a stipend of that size.

Next to sifalfa raising, dairying is the largest individual industry. Last year it put \$9,479,000 into the pockets of Colorado dairymen. And we need more dairymenneed them badly. We import into the state annually \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000 of milk, butter, cheese and so on. Colorado can give 30,000 more dairymen the best home market they can find anywhere.

Dairy Land Cheap. "Good dairy land can be bought for \$10 to \$25 an acre. This land grows some of the most nutritious native grasses that ever made butter fat. Then, too, alfalfa hay makes a great feed for milch cows. Yielding at the rate of three tons per acre this hay makes the cheapest and best feed I know of. Where your farmers feed \$18 a

ton grain, our Colorado dairymen feed \$5 a ton sifalfa that beats bran to a frazzle as a milk producer. 'We have creameries scattered throughout the state. What we want now is farm-

ers to supply more cream. You have probably never considered Colorado much of a wheat growing state, But I want to tell you that wheat is the wheat yields thirty-five, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, and last year a farmer living near a pretty big yield, isn't it? But wait a minute-brace yourself-and listen to this; Frank Reinan, a farmer living near Bayfield. La Plata county, Colorado, produced

eighty-seven bushels of wheat to the acre. I could give you hundreds of examples of farmers who raised crops of three to seven tone of alfalfa per acre; thirty-five to seventy-five bushels of wheat; fifty to to 400 bushels of potatoes per acre; acre, and so on all down the list.

Surprise to All.

"Last December the Board of Immigration, which is the official state publicity and information bureau for Colorado, gathered instances of the crops Colorado farmers had harvested in 1910, and the information we got surprised even those who were thoroughly acquainted with the immense as I have been telling about.

"Oats, too, we grow in Colorado, amounting last year to a value of \$3.633,080. According to government figures, only one state in the union produces as heavy outs as Colorado. Our record is thirty-seven pounds to the bushel. Oats on irrigated land yield seventy, eighty, ninety and 100 bushels per acre. So far as is known the record for pats in Colorado is 164 measured bushels to the acre.

"In what old settlers call the driest year in the state, O. M. Stromberg, near Longmont, in Boulder county, harvested 160 bushels of oats to the acre. You notice, I said 'driest year in Colorado,' and mestioned a crop, that nearly broke a record in the same breath. Here's the point, Out in the irrigated sections of Colorado our farmers don't care how little rain falls. There's no meeting in churches to pray for rain. When their crops need water they simply take a shovel and dig through the foot of dirt that makes the bank of an irrigation ditch. This ditch runs through the farm. Opening the ditch lets the water through onto the crop.

Shows How It Works.

to the Colorado exhibits on the stage at has two in Chicago, the Auditorium.

tain side into rivers and creeks. These in the manager of the American. turn are diverted into reservoirs which store the accumulated water.

"From the reservoirs," he went on tracing along a pointer in explanation. "the water is let out into wooden flumes these box-like things running along the moun- Officers' Reports Show a Prosperous tain side. This water then flows down into a canal. It is carried into the valley at the foot of the mountain and tapped here and there by smaller canals, called 'laterais. The laterals run through the farms, the German-American lafe insurance comof these laterals and conducts the water elected to succeed themselves as members onto his crops by means of ditches, which of the board of directors. are made by plowing furrows down the After the adjournment of the annual

dope of a field. mountains. There's no doubt of it. Icriga- ensuing year; G. L. E. Klingbeil, president; tion has taken it away from the Great W. B. Howard, vice president; W. W. American desert' and made it the leading Young, treasurer and general attorney; H. Rocky mountain hay, grain and fruit state. T. Holden, secretary and assistant medical It deserves the title given it: 'Colorado- director'; D. D. Hall, assistant secretary the state of double crops."

Sheriff is Seeking

Seven Mules and a Horse Stolen from Camp West of Benson Wednesday Night.

Sheriff E. F. Brailey assigned his deputies Thursday morning to search the country two miles west of Benson for herse thieves. The Turner & Kracht Grading company reported to the sheriff's of less that seven nules and a horse had been stolen Wednesday night from the grading scaling winter quarters. The animals are said to be worth \$1,200. ing company reported to the sheriff's of less said to be worth \$3,500.

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Shows Resources at the Land Show

Men in Charge of the Exhibit Tell of This Wonderful Garden

The exhibit of the San Luis valley, one of Colorado's most fertile garden spots. while not one of the largest, is one of the most attractive at the land show. There men's association were in the city reprecomething herides its mines." said Aiffed is apparent purpose in its design—to show morning to take charge of the Colorado resources upon which it relies for its the Hotel Rome Thursday morning.

growing prosperity. counts for as much for the future of the dent, and the announcement of Bird Critch-Our state last year mined \$35,000,000 worth San Luis valley as does the splendid field's resignation as secretary. Mr. Critchtowns of Del Norte, Monte Vista, Center, part of the present term. Antonito Romeo, Manassa, Le Jara, Hos-

W. N. Martin of Alamosa is in charge visitors from out of town, and the registrature and the value of their standing This is not the limit, however. A farmer of the exhibit, with W. G. Brandenberg tration. Many exhibits have been estabin the Arkansas valley of Colorado raised as the lecturer. Very naturally both gen-lished in the Hotel Rome lobby, and southemen have the story of their wonderful venirs of every description are being dis- price, owing to their scarcity. High grade garden spot at tongues' end and are mill- tributed among the members and guests. tant enthusiants in the telling of it.

> Lois valley," said Mr. Martin, "has been arriving on the return to the Hotel Rome thick white pine. which was abundant solved by intensified farming. We have just barely in time to open the afternoon forty years ago, he must pay what might very definitely demonstrated that on our session according to schedule. President be considered fancy prices for it; but finlands can be cheaply grown an ideal bal- Krotter opened the session and made an ishing lumber in western white pine is anced ration for fitting beef, pork and mut- address covering the outline of work for selling at a moderate price, while common ton for the block, and the greater portion the coming year and the business of the boards are quoted by the Forest Service of the crops grown by our farmers is meeting in Omaha. being put into products that goes to mar- It was explained that Secretary E. E. ket on the hoof, rather than in raw bushel Hall, just appointed to succeed Bird Critchin concentrated form, but is enabled to ment maintain a high degree of soil fertility Mr. Critchfield explained that his resigwithout the expense of fertilizers.

"Our valley produces as wide a range of which required the greater part of his products as does probably any similar ex- time, but to an ailment which the physipotato crop is a highly profitable one and jected himself to overwork. the product is in widespread demand. Chisholm Bros. of Del Norte raised on one LUMBER IS CHEAPER TODAY measured acre 8471/2 bushels, the world's as high as forty bushels to the acre; poultrying and dairying constitute materially

for the home market only.

percentage of saccharine matter of higher tests of purity than any other in the state. One trial acre produced the enormous yield of forty-eight tons. Details have been arranged for the erection of a sugar plant 100 bushels of oats per acre; thirty to in the valley and contracts have been eighty five bushels of barley an acre; 100 made up to August 1, 1910, with the farmers for 6,500 acres for the year 1911, and fruit yielding \$100 to \$1.500 net profit per the factory will be in readiness to handle the crop. The factory will be located where, with shipping arrangements with the railroad, it will meet the convenience of the entire valley.

"We want more people," said Mr. Martin, with some emphasis, "and we have not only a livelihood but independence to offer to the right sort. Men with a moderate amount of capital in cash and an ambition to make good, will always find the latch possibilities and resources of the state. Not string of welcome out for them in the San only scores, but hundreds of Colorado Luis valley. We face the future with high farmers had grown 'top notcher' crops such hopes and in confident expectation, and whose eyes are turned westward: 'Come; be with us, and of us.""

American Theater Again Changes Hands

Saxe Amusement Enterprises of Milwaukee Takes the Lease-Edward Raymond Manager.

The management of the American theater has changed hands again, the Saxe Amusement enterprises of Milwaukee having taken over the lease yesterday. The transfer will mean no change in the policy of the house nor carry with it any interruption in the performances. The prices will be 10-20-30, the same as before, and the present bill will remain until the end of the week. The only difference, according to the management, will lie in the fact that

better and greater shows will be offered. The Saxe Amusement enterprises has its booking with the Theater Booking corpora-"Come over here and see how it works." tion, which has its headquarters in Chi-Mr. Patek said, leading the way to the cago. The company controls theaters in 1:0-foot miniature mountain range and irri- Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Detroit, Grand gation system that forms the background Rapids, Peoria, Kansas City, St. Paul and

Edward Raymond, who is at present the "flere's the whole thing liustrated. The manager of the Crystal theater in Milwausnows on these mountain tops melt during kee, which is one of the Saxe theaters, spring and summer and drain the moun- will come to Omaha within a few days as

GERMAN-AMERICAN LIFE COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

Year of Business in Nebranka.

At the annual meeting of the members of one lateral sometimes furnishes water for pany of Omahs, held at the home office of ten or twelve farms. Thus, whenever a the company in The Bee building, Dr. crop needs rain the farmer simply taps one George J. Haglam and D. D. Hall were

meeting, the board of directors convened "We have a great state out there by the and elected the following officers for the and cashier, George J. Haslam, M. D., B

Sc., medical director. The year just closed has been a most satisfactory one. During the last year the Some Horse Thieves company has placed in force in Nebraski alone almost \$2,000,000 of insurance and it company has placed in force in Nebraska now has in force in this state nearly \$6,000.

Culled Over the Wire

Anti-prohibition members of the Texas legislature in caucus decided to attempt a filibuster against the pending prohibition

The largest seizure of opium ever made in San Francisco was effected Wednesday, when customs officials took possession of \$20,600 worth of the contraband drug. The seizure included 420 tins.

The Key to the Situation-Bee Want Ada

LUMBERMEN HERE IN FORCE

Six Hundred Are Already on Hand for the Convention.

HALL IS THE NEW SECRETARY Morning is Taken Up with Registration of Visitors and the Annual . Address of William Krotter, President.

Six hundred members of the Lumber senting every part of the central west The first business of the morning was

character of the products shown, for the field announced that various business afshowing is a community demonstration. fairs made necessary his withdrawal from The exhibit is made by the San Luis Valley | the official work of the association. He then.

The lumbermen made a pligrimage to all "The problem of best results in the San the banks of the city shortly after noon,

state. The average farmer in the San Luis field, who is resigning, was virtually fattens cattle, sheep and hogs on his own elected permanent chairman, as the board acres. He thus not only sells his stuff of directors had sanctioned the appoint-

tent of country on the continent. The class have told him was serious if he sub- five or forty years ago was probably trans-

record. Spring wheat yields are frequently Has Not as Vet Followed Other Advances in the Cost of Living.

United States forest service reports the which are not likely to be duplicated in the average price of No. 2 yellow pine flooring future." in Texas at \$8.18 a thousand feet; in Arkansas, 29.62; in Louisiana, 38.83; in Mississippi, \$8.07; in Alabama, \$5.50. Thusprices were for July, August and September, 1910, which months the last report The average price at southern mills for No. I common boards is today about \$6.35, as shown by reports to the Yellow Pine association. No. 2 hemiock dimension is selling at the Wisconsin mills at about \$16 a thousand feet and No. 1 at various prices from \$10 to \$16.

The Pacific coast is selling ordinary diding lumber very low, owing to its Patek of Denver, who arrived Thursday in compact and understandable form the region at the opening of the convention at distance from the markets. Low grade boards, scantling, etc., have sold within the last few weeks as low as \$6.50 a thou-The spirit back of the exhibit, however, an address by William Krotter, the presi- sand feet, which is far below the cost of production. The Forest Service reported the mill price of common dimension in Washington during last summer as lov

Commercial association, a central organiza- is to be succeeded by Elmer E. Hall of "So, in every variety of woods the ordition made up of representatives from the Syracuse, Neb., for at least the remaining nary qualities and kinds, which enter into building to the greatest extent, are sold Most of the activity of the convention at such low prices at the mills that the Thursday morning was the assembling of producer can not get back cost of manu-

"Some kinds of good lumber are high in white pine lumber cannot be secured sufficient quantities to supply the demand. and so if a buyer requests clear, wide at \$15.94.

"To these prices secured by the manu facturers at the mills must be added the cost of transportation, which may range according to distance, anywhere from \$2.30 to \$18 a thousand feet; also the cost of handling the lumber at destination out of cars and into lumber piles, delivery to buyers and profit to the dealer. These nation was due not only to business affairs facts are seldom taken into account by the ordinary lumber consumer, who does not ported an average of 300 miles, now it must be transported an average of not less than 600 miles.

"Now is the time to buy lumber for ordinary building purposes. Building lumber will never be cheaper than it is today and "It is a remarkable fact that while prac- already there are signs that prices will adto farm profits; tree fruits and bush fruits tically every commodity has advanced in vance. This is inevitable, because the do well, though these are usually grown price during the last few years lumber laws of supply and demand insure in the prices are now lower than they have been long run goods being sold for more than "A large portion of the San Luis valley at any time, with two or three brief ex- the cost of making them, and when for a shouldn't it be? On our irrigated land is supplied with a flow of artesian water ceptions, for thirteen years," says Leon- time they have been sold below or at cost and each farmer has his premises watered and Brown, manager of the National Lum- the failure of producers and, therefore, the from one or more artesian wells, which bermen's association. "Lumber advanced curtailment of product by the shutting seventy, and last year a farmer living near range in depth from 50 to 300 feet. The in price for a few years before the panic down of bankrupt plants, will bring prices Longmont, in Bounder county, raised eighty water is of a perfect temperature for stock of 1907, but at that time took a heavy back to a reasonable basis. Therefore, and domestic purposes, averaging 45 to 50 drop from which it has not yet recovered." | the home-builder in any part of the coun-

"This relates to price secured by pro- try is able, so far as the saw mill men are liave carried the contagion throughout a ducers at their mills. For example. The concerned to secure lumber today at prices radius of seventy miles from the railway

> SPREADS | many bundreds. BUBONIC PLAGUE Epidemic in Manchuria Threatens to

Become an International

Danger.

HARBIN, Manchuria, Jan. 19.-The epidemic of bubonic plague threatens to become an international danger unless foreign control is introduced, because of the ignorance of the Chinese authorities. In the suburb of Fudziadian, the Chinese and European physicians have been beaten by the soldlers. Refugees from Fudziadian

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