

## AUTHENTIC LAND Information

### RECLAIMING CALIFORNIA LAND

Total of 750,000 Acres Will Soon Be Saved for Agriculture.

### RAISING WATER WITH PUMPS

Utilization of Supply of Underflow Develops Possibilities Long Hidden—at Work in the North.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports that construction work is now under way which will, when completed, result in the irrigation of 75,000 acres of land in California. The estimate does not include land already under irrigation, nor does it include projects which are still in the promotion stage, but only works which are actually under construction at the present time.

Of this area, about two-thirds lies north of Tehachapi and the remainder in southern California. This data is contained in a report on the second year of co-operative work between the department and the office of experiment stations in the state of California.

From the report the following extracts are taken:

#### Southern California.

Of the area now being brought under way in southern California the principal acreage is under the various mutual water company systems of Imperial valley, the Yuma project of the United States reclamation service, the new municipal aqueduct being built to supply water for use within the city of Los Angeles, but which will irrigate a large area outside of the city, pending the increased needs of the city, and the southern coastal regions where development has already reached a high state.

In the latter sections it is the increase in pumping plants, notably around Corona, Chico, Pomona, Whittier, Covina, Anaheim, Fullerton, Riverside and San Jacinto valley that is increasing irrigation. At Redlands the most notable addition will come by the construction of a large multiple-arch dam in the San Bernardino mountains to supply water to the various mutual water companies that two years

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### Land Man Testifies to Powerful Aid of Omaha Exhibits

Frank E. Burdick Writes of Results Obtained in Wyoming Through Displays Here.

Settlement of lands in Wyoming is bearing testimony to the power of the first Omaha Land show as a factor in the movement for the development of the west.

A letter from Frank E. Burdick, immigration agent, a dealer in real estate and live stock at Upton, Wyo., says: "Knowing that you are interested in results of the Land show recently held in Omaha under the management of The Bee and The Twentieth Century Farmer, I am pleased to inform you that several thousand acres of government land in this immediate vicinity has been filed upon during the last few weeks by homesteaders who visited the show and became interested in our Western county exhibit."

"Judging from the hundreds of letters that are coming to me from landseekers throughout the middle and eastern states, it is very evident that the Omaha Land show has been the greatest instrumentality in the work of empire building that the west has ever known."

### WYOMING STOCK GROWERS TO MEET AT SHERIDAN

For First Time in History of Organization Session Will Be Held Outside of Cheyenne.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 7.—(Special.)—For the first time in the history of the organization the Wyoming Stock Growers' association will hold an annual convention outside of Cheyenne. The organization at a recent meeting voted to hold its next annual meeting at Sheridan. It was also arranged to meet in Cheyenne every third year. A large number of new members were admitted at the meeting and the association now has a membership of 75.

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### FACTS and facts only are presented here.

It is the purpose of The Omaha Bee to publish only those statements concerning land projects which can be substantiated on the land.

Every advertisement accepted for publication in this section is backed by a declaration of verity signed by a responsible officer of the concern represented. On this condition only was the space sold.

While The Bee can make no guaranty, every possible precaution has been taken to prevent error or exaggeration in any statement made by advertisers.

Records of the Department of Agriculture will testify to the truth of the declarations of the land agents as set forth in these pages.

The same care has been taken in the preparation of this number as that which characterizes all publications of The Omaha Bee and The Twentieth Century Farmer.

The interests of these publications demand the best development of the territory which they serve. These interests can prosper only through the honest, ultimate success of the projects represented in these columns.

### Railroad Teaching Culture of Alfalfa

Northwestern's Exhibit Demonstrates Value of Crop to Thousands of Farmers.

Thousands of farmers living along the lines of the Northwestern have been enlightened on the subject of alfalfa culture through the agency of the exhibit made at the Omaha Land show by that road.

Immediately following the close of the Land show, the display was taken along the road on a special car. William James of Dorchester and Prof. Hunt of Syracuse, who were in charge of the display, at the Land show, accompanied the display to lecture to the farmers.

"In many cases," said Mr. James yesterday, "we went out in machines to look over the country and tell the farmers where alfalfa could best be grown. As a result hundreds of acres of alfalfa will be planted."

"There is a great demand for seed. The high, dryer lands of Nebraska produce the most desirable seed in the world. Alfalfa for planting should come from a section where the plant develops resistance. Seed from an irrigated crop is uniformly poor."

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### PRODUCTS SHOW IN OCTOBER

Display from Western Fields Opens at Coliseum in October.

### AMPLE SPACE IS PROVIDED

Temporary Structure for Machinery Exhibits and Lecture Halls—Special Programs for States.

The second Omaha Land show, a land products exhibit of and for the west, will open at the Coliseum in Omaha October 16. The show will continue for ten days.

Each state of that vast territory in the west and northwest represented in the show will be represented on the programs to be given from day to day. In extent and comprehensiveness the second land show will excel the first, which measured in terms of results has proven to have been an unqualified success.

The Coliseum, where for years the Knights of Al-Sar-Ben have held their institutions and revels, is now undergoing a transformation which will leave it a great structure of concrete, with a floor arena

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### Landseeker Specials Through Omaha Gate

For Four Days Stream of Travel Toward Beckoning Acres Will Pass Gateway.

Four long special trains, carrying homeseekers to the west in search of farm land, will leave Omaha April 8, 9, 10, and 11, via the Union Pacific. Each of the trains will carry ten or more cars, loaded with men and women going west to secure homes.

Passengers for these special tourist trains have been recruited from the great middle west country, and hundreds of those making the trip will stay right on the land they have bought and have their household effects shipped out.

The trip will carry many of the tourists clear to the Pacific coast, while others will stop enroute, in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada, and others of the western states.

Looking for the causes of these colonists started on this trip of inspection and settlement, the Omaha Land show stands

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### Wyoming Population is Increasing Along Burlington's Lines

Number of Inhabitants Grows Sixty Per Cent in Sections Adjacent to Road.

Sixty per cent of the increase in the population of Wyoming was gained in territory traversed by the Burlington lines, according to figures compiled by L. W. Wakeley, general passenger agent.

"There was an increase of 50,000 in the population of Wyoming in ten years," said Mr. Wakeley. "Of this increase of 50,000, about 25,000 settled in counties strictly adjacent to the Burlington lines."

"The total increase in the population of Nebraska in the last ten years was approximately 125,000, of which 25,000 was in Douglas county."

"One hundred thousand of the increased population falls in counties to the west. Seventy-five thousand of this increase of 100,000 outside of Douglas county and Omaha was in territory traversed by Burlington lines. In the frontier counties the increase was the greatest. In some counties the increase amounted to 250 per cent."

### Mendocino County's Values Are Growing

Tracts Suitable for Orcharding Go Up Two Hundred Per Cent in Two Years.

"Mendocino county, California, on account of its climate, rainfall, and splendid soil has been proven one of the best apple districts in the country," said Earle A. Keake.

"In no other place in the state have values risen so rapidly as in this section. Within a year it will be impossible to buy land there, except at fancy prices."

In the past two years land adapted to orchards have advanced from 100 to 200

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### LAND NEAR OMAHA CHEAPEST

Value Considered, Best Investment is Right Here, Says Merrill.

### SOME QUICK PROFITS TURNED

Agent Cites Instance Where One Property Was Sold Three Times in Sixteen Days at Advancing Prices.

Land about Omaha is the cheapest in Nebraska when value is considered, declares Orin S. Merrill, manager of the company bearing his name.

"Every farm, every real farm, within a radius of twenty-five miles of Omaha will be worth not less than \$200 an acre within ten years," declared Mr. Merrill, standing at the window of his office high up on the twelfth floor of the City National bank building, looking out on the territory of which he spoke.

"I may be too optimistic about it," he added, "but in the face of the facts it seems certain. These farms are below this figure today, far below it. I have sold some land, almost in view of Omaha, at so low a figure that I hesitate to mention it."

"Omaha's growth and prosperity is bringing up the value of that land from day to day. Illinois prices and the rise in values which took place there with the growth of commercial prosperity and population are certain to be repeated in Iowa and Nebraska. In fact about all of the western population centers."

The Merrill company had an unusually successful year in trading of farm lands. In several cases the same property has been sold and resold several times, with a profit on each deal.

"In one instance," remarked Mr. Merrill, "I sold one property three times in sixteen days, making each of the three successive clients a nice profit considering the size of the deal, a small one. I could have sold the land a fourth time in that period if the last purchaser had been willing to let go."

"I first went for \$2,000, within twenty-four hours time I sold it for the new owner for \$4,000 and within another two

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# California

## THE LAND TO BE ON

### A California Farm is the Short Cut to Fortune

J. F. Dudley, of New Castle, California, bought 65 acres of unimproved land for \$6,500. The season of 1908 returned him the purchase price. His net profits were \$6,500; for 1909 over \$5,000. Now his land is valued at \$350 per acre.

The man who devotes the same time and energy to scientific farming that would be required by any profitable city business man, not only reaps splendid profits at an occupation which builds rugged health—he insures his own and his family's future.

California is the land for every man. Upon it God has smiled; giving it the best climate in the world; part of the richest soil, and really producing here a garden spot that draws praise from everyone who looks upon its wonderful graces. It's a land of health-giving climate and wealth-producing soil.

In the beautiful, expansive Sacramento Valley nature has clustered its most wonderful resources. Rich, fertile soil that yields bounteous crops year after year, draws settlers from everywhere. So great are the attractions of this land, that once seen they are almost irresistible, and the middle westerner who visits California is challenged to return. The population of this great state has been doubled within the last decade.

American trade relations with Japan, China and the Philippines are increasing by leaps and bounds. The California farmer has a local market, an eastern market, and the market of an awakening Orient for his produce.

The Panama Canal will be completed in 1915, and California will benefit by it more than any other state. In that same year San Francisco will hold the greatest exposition the world has ever seen. Hundreds and thousands of people will go there, and thousands of them will remain there.

In California there is health and wealth. If you seek either, go to this state and buy land. It is cheap now, but it will not be cheap in a few years.

It Is the Land of Today and the Fortune of Tomorrow

Write or call for authentic information about the Sacramento Valley and other California lands

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