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CROP CONDITIONS FAIR.

Crop conditions throughout the northwest for several weeks have been quite satisfactory. Dry and cool weather have been favorable for late harvesting and thrashing, bringing forward in the shape of quality unaffected by adverse climatic changes.

LAND VALUES DELAYED.

The bureau of the census reports that there is still a delay in receiving the values of farm lands. The reports from Iowa are now nearly complete, with the exception of about two counties. Figures for other states in the west are said to be in about the same condition.

At present the tabulators here are unable to say when the material will be ready to be made public, especially since announcements of delays have been made from time to time.

The returns from the agents who are collecting the statistics of the farm products are reported to be coming in slowly. It is likely that the reports on the value of farm lands will be followed shortly thereafter with the report on the value of a part of the farm products at least, although the value of all the products may not be given at first.

LIVE STOCK IN SPAIN.

The exports of live stock from Spain—practically all to Portugal—are considerable, and it is curious to notice how they have fluctuated during recent years. Thus, while the exports of horses, mules, and donkeys have diminished during the period from 1907 to 1909, those of cattle, sheep and goats have appreciably increased, so that what is lost on the swine is obviously gained on the roundabouts. In 1907 the number of horses exported from Spain was 7,833, and in 1909 it was 4,299; mules, 1907, 3,259, and in 1909 4,648; donkeys, 1907, 28,990, and in 1909, 30,143.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

How Ultimate Consumers Cut Down Cost.
The subject of the milk supply has been one that has been causing a whole lot of trouble with this high cost of living project that has been bothering the ultimate consumer and the country's saver for several years, and it is not solved yet.

MUCH BUILDING AT EL PASO.
El Paso, Tex.—During the first seven months of this year the city building inspector has issued permits for building improvements to cost \$1,250,273, and plans have been finished and are being prepared for other buildings to cost over \$2,000,000.

ARIZONA COPPER STRIKE.
Salt Lake City, Utah.—At the bottom of a 134-foot shaft 16 feet of ore, numerous tests of which show values of \$55 1/2 copper, \$7.50 in gold and \$39 in silver to the ton, with the hanging wall of the vein not yet in sight. Such is the phenomenal showing made in a new property near Vicksburg, Yuma county, Ariz., by Josh Winchester and associates, of Cripple Creek.

BRICK PLANT AT PAWHUSKA.
Pawhuska, Ok.—The Nicholson Brick Plant and Tile Company of Pawhuska has secured title to twenty acres of land east of this city, and will begin the construction of a hundred thousand daily capacity brick plant at once. The plant is now turning out 60,000 brick daily. The first shipment was made this week to Highgate, Ok.

PAWHUSKA GETS COTTON GIN.
Pawhuska, Ok.—Several members of the Chamber of Commerce have formed a company and will erect a three-station cotton gin in Pawhuska at once. It is expected that the gin will be ready in time to take care of this season's crop which is estimated to be over 300 bales in the immediate vicinity of Pawhuska with several hundred more bales within a very short haul of the city.

WYOMING VALUES GROW.
Cheyenne, Wyo.—The total assessable valuation of property in Wyoming this year shows an increase of approximately \$2,000,000 over 1909. The 1910 values is \$188,560,916.20, as against \$186,157,274.15 last year.

The sad consequences of overcropping are plainly to be seen in the mortality statistics of Vienna. In the crowded tenement districts 29 deaths in 19,000 are recorded, against 123 in the better class districts. Turkish is the softest toned of modern languages.



Daddy's Bedtime Story — The Little Boy's Pass

ONE evening, when daddy and the children were all ready for their bedtime story, Jack said:
"Oh, daddy, Evelyn was badly scared today."
"By what, Evelyn?" asked daddy.
"By a mouse," answered Evelyn. "I'm awfully afraid of mice."
"Well," said daddy, "many persons are afraid of mice. I've told you a story about a little boy who was afraid of mice and how he overcame his fright. This little boy, who was about five years old and was named Will, was the son of an army officer. He was a bright, brave little fellow, and few things could scare him, not even when the soldiers fired off the great big guns. But he was terribly afraid of mice. In the daytime if he chanced to see one of the little animals he was not so much afraid, but at night if he saw one or heard one scampering about he would run to his mother and cry and hide his face in her lap. Nothing that his mother or his father said to him seemed to make any difference. He simply did not seem to be able to overcome his fear of mice.

"The way to little Will's bedroom lay through a lumber room where there were some rats and mice. He would never go to bed without his mother, and when they passed through the lumber room he would cling closely to her side and clasp her hand very tightly. "I'm afraid of the mice, mother; I'm afraid!" he would say to her.

"One day, however, his mother was ill and could not put him to bed. When bedtime came his daddy said to Will:
"Now, youngster, it is time for you to be off to bed. Forward, march!"
"But, daddy, I'm afraid," said Will.
"What a soldier's son afraid!" said his father. "What is it that you are afraid of?"

"Of the rats and mice in the lumber room, daddy," said Will.
"O, is that all?" said his daddy. "We'll soon fix that."
And he went to his desk and wrote out the following pass:
"To all the mice and rats in this fort: You are hereby ordered to let my little boy Will pass through all the rooms without annoying him or running up to him. Any rat or mouse caught disobeying this order will be put in prison."
"Here, I guess that will fix them," said Will's daddy.

"And it did. For with his pass little Will was as bold as a lion and not afraid to go through the lumber room at any time. When he became a man and had children of his own he used to show them the pass and tell them how their grandfather had cured him of his fear of rats and mice."

the money he has invested if he would farm 100 acres scientifically instead of 10,000 acres indifferently. And he would thus leave many other farms of 100 acres each for others to tend. This doctrine may not sound good to the big farmer but it is true nevertheless.

ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.
Removing Spots from Furniture.—When white spots are made on polished furniture by the spilling of hot or cold water, apply camphor at once and it will bring back the natural color. This has been tested and found good.

Sick Room Notes.—Sponges should be washed in warm water in which a small quantity of tartaric acid has been dissolved. This will keep them soft and of good color. Take care not to use too much tartaric acid, or it will spoil the sponge.

To Avoid Fruit Stains.—Stains on the fruit and on the hands, too, when the fruit is peeled is caused by contact with the open air. Peel all fruit and vegetables under water and remove them to a covered dish. Your fruit will not be discolored and your hands will be free from stains.

If Collar Stays Scratch.—A little white retarding wax, melted and applied to the ends of stays that have broken through casings, will quickly relieve the trouble.

Children's School Stockings.—When the hole in knee of stockings is too big to darn set in patch from another similar stocking. Next cut off stocking just at ankle, turn upper around so that the patch will come back of knee when on. Sew together again, open and tack seams and the result is one that will satisfy the most particular mother. Be sure to stretch material when sewing ankle seam.

To Freshen a Hat.—Now is the time when your cherished summer hat is becoming frayed and shabby. If so, rip all trimmings off and brush the hat thoroughly. If it is burned by the sun place in a pall of weak dye and boil about ten minutes. (This will not injure any straw.) Trim with a tailored bow of Persian ribbon and a large buckle covered with ribbon and fashioned of cardboard. If a dressier effect is desired, trim with large loops of wired lace or maline across the back.

EGGS.
Eggs and Gratin.—Cut hard boiled eggs into rings, place in a buttered pudding dish, and pour over it a white sauce. Season with grated cheese, chopped parsley, and curry. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake until brown.

Eggs a la Benedictine.—On a hot plate place a slice of crisp toast cut rather thick on the toast a very thin slice of boiled ham; on the ham a poached egg. Pour over it all a cup of Hollandaise sauce and crown it with a half teaspoonful of finely cut truffles. Add a tablespoonful of tomato catsup to make a narrow border around the Hollandaise sauce.

Omelet for Breakfast.—Three eggs, three dessertspoons of flour, three dessertspoons of milk, one-half teaspoon baking powder. Beat yolk of eggs light, add milk, then flour, to which has been added the baking powder; stir all briskly. Beat the whites of eggs to a stiff froth and fold in gently. Heat a cast iron frying pan, then butter it well. Put in omelet and watch carefully until well browned; then, with a pancake turner, turn and brown on other side. I sometimes place in a hot oven instead of turning.

FISH.
Fried Brook Trout.—Clean and wash the fish, dip them in milk, then in flour, and fry in butter for about fifteen minutes. Serve with slices of lemon and the butter in which they were fried as a sauce. Use sprigs of parsley for a garnish.

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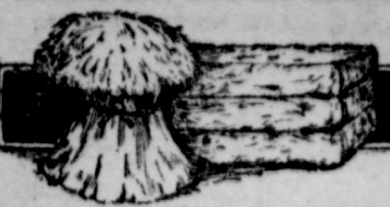
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"But he isn't coming, papa," said Mrs. Baldwin with an air of satisfaction. "Lucy's not going to have anything to do with him any more."

"What!" exclaimed Mr. Baldwin; "aren't you going to have young Day here any more? Well, if that isn't just like you!"

Lucinda's eyes were fixed on a pack of cards she was shuffling, and so absorbed was she that she allowed her father to make his third effort to leave the room undisturbed.

CHOCK FULL OF INFORMATION

Intelligent Tourist Sheds Some Knowledge About Historic Events and Places.

There are some people who "know it all" and others who think they do, and the latter are apt to make the greatest show of knowledge.

"Well, sir, they are. It was on that spot that the English commander was called from his bed to surrender in the name of the Continental congress.

The first motor boats on the canals were those ordered by wealthy Venetians and foreigners, desirous of greater speed and comfort than was attainable by the gondolas.

There are those who contend that the historic gondola is doomed before the advance of the less beautiful, but more practical motor boats.

A Maine Man's Pet. Joseph Pinkham, a fisherman of Bath, Me., has taken under his protection a baby seal with which he got acquainted while fishing in Hockmooke bay.

Too Much for Him. "Millard Fillmore once slept in the bed you were in last night," said the hotel clerk.

Needed Speed. Marie—But if you love Tom why do you go about with Jack? Madge—Well, you see, Tom is rather slow, and I'm using Jack as a pace-maker for him.

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TO FIGHT GREAT FIRES.

Government Giving Much Study to Subject at Present Time.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 7.—Officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are of the opinion that 1910 will hold the record among many years for the severity of the losses from forest fires. The summer fires followed a spring season believed to have been the worst, certainly in the lake states, known for a long time. Nor is it wise to assume that the danger is over when the fierce conflagrations which have called forth in the Mountain States the efforts of three Federal Departments have been conquered. The forests will not be safe until the fall rains and snows have once more made a wet blanket of the dry forest floor. That the total losses of the year will run up to many millions of dollars is considered certain.

How such losses may be prevented is a matter of general public concern. To the National Forest timber burned must be added great amounts on state and private holdings, besides the immense damage done to towns, farms and other property, as well as from direct losses. A bulletin by Forester Henry S. Graves discusses forest fires and the proper methods of preventing and fighting them, as follows:

"In some sections of the country forest fires have always been of such occurrence that there is a popular notion that they can not be prevented. The risk from fires can never be entirely eliminated, for in the forest there is always inflammable material which is very easily ignited. They may, however, be largely prevented, and under efficient organization their damage may be kept down to a very small amount. The problem is like that in cities, where fires can never be entirely eliminated, but where the risk of loss to property may be reduced almost to insignificance."

The importance of systematic provision for the early discovery of fires and for getting a properly equipped force of fire fighters quickly to the scene of an outbreak is insisted upon by Governor Graves. "A careful supervision or patrol during the dry season," he says, "is one of the most important measures in organized forest protection. One of the fundamental principles in fire protection is to detect and attack fires in their incipency." After pointing out the value of lookouts, telephone or signal communication and various methods of patrol, the forester tells how to fight fires, as follows:

"The principles of fighting forest fires are essentially the same as those recognized in fighting fires in cities. The following are of first importance: (1) Quick arrival at the fire; (2) an adequate force; (3) proper equipment; (4) a thorough organization of the fighting crew and (5) skill in attacking and fighting fires. Quick access to fires is accomplished through the work of supervision and patrol in discovering fires before they have gained much headway, and by a well-developed system of communication through the forest by roads and trails.

"A small fire may be put out by one man, but in extensive forests several hours may pass before the fire can be reached. It is important to secure an adequate force of men and get them to the fire quickly. In a well-organized system of patrol the guard who discovers a fire communicates quickly to other guards and to headquarters by telephone, signal or other means, and indicates the number of men he needs.

"The efficiency of the fire-fighting crew depends very largely on their skill and experience, and particularly on the skill and experience of the man directing the work. It is not only a question of knowledge of how to assign each man where his work will be most effective, but there must be judgment exercised in determining the general method of attack. The character of the fire, the character of the forest, the condition of the atmosphere, the strength and direction of the wind, the rapidity with which the fire is running, and many other points have to be taken into consideration."

After describing how surface fires may be put out by beating, by throwing sand or loose earth and by other methods, the account goes on:

"Sometimes the front of the fire is so fierce that it is impossible to meet it directly. One method under such circumstances is to direct the course of the fire. The attack is made on the side near the front, separating the forward portion of the fire from the main wings. A part of the crew attacks the forward part and others run down and extinguish the wings. The front of the fire attacked from the sides, is forced gradually and constantly into a narrower path. Usually the front can be directed toward some cleared space, road, pond, stream, swamp, or fire line, when it will be checked to admit of a direct front attack. Sometimes by this plan the front may be rapidly narrowed by working from the sides until it is at last entirely extinguished. The plan of giving direction to the course of the fire has often been successfully carried out when the fighting crew is too small for a direct attack.

"When fires gain such headway that it is impossible to stop them by direct attack, no matter how numerous and efficient the crew or complete the equipment for fighting, back fires become the only means of stopping the fire. It should, however, be used only when it is absolutely necessary. One of the commonest mistakes in fighting fires is to overestimate the rapidity of the fire and the difficulty of putting it out. A forest fire is always a frightening spectacle, particularly if it is in the direction of one's own property. Men often become excited and start back fires when it is entirely unnecessary. Back firing necessarily involves deliberately burning over property. When this belongs to another person and one's own forest seems in danger, there is a great temptation to sacrifice it.

"If it is found that a back fire is necessary a favorable point is selected directly in front of the fire, from which to set the new fire. This must be a point where it is safe to start a back fire, such as a road, fire line, stream, or swamp. The leaves are ignited at points five feet to a rod apart for a distance not greater than the estimated width of the head of the fire. These small fires gradually meet and form a continuous line, eating against the wind. A part of the crew is stationed across the road or other break from which the back fire is started and put out at once the small fires which may result from the sparks blown over from the back fire.

"The meeting of the two fires stops at once the head wings with the ordinary methods of fighting. It is necessary to attack the wings at once, particularly if there is a strong wind; for otherwise each wing of the old fire would soon form an independent fire with a well developed head. It is necessary, also, that a number of men be stationed where the original fire and the back fire meet in order to extinguish smoldering fires in tops, logs, and other debris."

"A fire is never out," the bulletin concludes, "until the last spark is extinguished. Often a log or snag will smolder unnoticed after the flames have apparently been conquered, only to break out afresh with a rising wind. After the fire-fighting crew has left the ground it is always well to assign at least one man to patrol the edge of the burned area until it is certain that the fire is entirely out. This may not be for several days."

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