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Irrigation as Aid to Farmers of Bulkley

By the Editor

Many people scoff at the idea of irrigation as applied to the lands of the interior, but it is a fact that in the neighborhood of Houston that stands out prominently as an example of a successful irrigated farm, owned by Charles Barrett, who is known to his friends as Charley Barrett.

Mr. E. Williams, Dick Pullen and I visited this ranch and saw the irrigation system work. We remained all night and were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, getting up at six in the morning for a real breakfast and leaving soon after seven, bound eastward for Bulkley Lake.

Large Farm.

Mr. Barrett has 2,500 acres and with about 1,200 acres of land and 200 acres of this is irrigated. As a result Mr. Barrett instead of growing from 100 to 150 tons of wheat and a half to two tons of alfalfa, he gets more than four tons of alfalfa and the wheat is very small. While irrigation is not necessary, it is highly desirable, especially in a dry season.

Mr. Barrett has between two and three hundred head of cattle and breeds horses. He has a fine stallion that he bred to any in the country. The difficulty that has been with him in the farming operation has been the prevalence of sheep and horses. After being the subject for years, Mr. Barrett has discovered that the disease is caused by the use of lime and by using a remedy of lime it is entirely cured.

Pioneer Ranch.

Another farm we visited was that of Archie McInnis of North Bulkley. The land there is very good so that it is difficult to get the immense crops of hay. He has 260 acres, of which 110 is cleared, and he wintered the head of short-horns which he put this spring in good condition. Here again we were entertained most hospitably and got some idea of the capabilities of the country. Mr. McInnis is an optimist and believes the country is second to none from a farmer's point of view.

Not beyond the Pioneer ranch, we saw Mr. McInnis' place, and water over the road and irrigation with our Ford was very difficult. Half way

through we got a little off the road and there we stuck until hauled out by a horse. This was only the second haul out of the trip and we did not get another. The passengers had to get out and push on several occasions but we did not have to appeal for outside help.

LACE AND HOSIERY BUSINESS IS BEING HIT BY COAL STRIKE

NOTTINGHAM, June 10.—(By Canadian Press).—The coal strike is having a serious effect on the two leading industries of Nottingham: lace and hosiery. Several factories have already closed down and unless there is a settlement of the strike in the near future other factories will be forced to close down for lack of fuel. In the month of March there was a general feeling of improvement in these industries and the coal strike came just at the time when the lace and hosiery trade were making preparations for extending their operations and thus furnishing work for many who are now out of employment.

LADIES' EYELASHES ARE NOW ON SALE

NEW YORK, June 10.—Ladies' eyelashes have become salable articles. The dressing table in millinery's boudoir may now be adorned in addition to the numerous other things mere man is supposed to suppose are natural, with artificial lashes that paste on right over the regular ones.

This innovation in feminine attractiveness was on display here, recently at the American Ladies' Hair Dressing Association Exhibition. Other nature savers included a half bobbed wig to cover the old-fashioned long hair, thus relieving the necessity of cutting it. A parable in moving picture form was shown, demonstrating how a wife, who had lost her husband's affection, regained it by rejuvenating her rose petal cheeks.

MAJORITY OF PRUSSIAN WOMEN CONSERVATIVE

BERLIN, June 10.—The majority of Prussian women voters are conservative in their political sympathies, a compilation of the vote cast at recent elections has disclosed. As high as 59 per cent of the vote cast by the conservative parties was by women electors; the extreme radical organization polled a woman vote of 37 percent.

GREAT COST OF FINDING OIL

Col. J. K. Cornwall Says \$1,000,000 Has Already Been Spent.

WINNIPEG, June 10.—Different companies and individuals interested in the oil fields of the north have expended close to \$1,000,000 on development work, according to Col. J. K. Cornwall, who has been mentioned as a possible administrator of the Fort Norman oil district. Col. Cornwall was a recent visitor here on his way to Edmonton from New York and Montreal, where he had gone in connection with oil development work.

The people of the north do not find the attitude of other parts of Canada very encouraging in view of their great faith in the possibilities of their northern oil fields, he said. On his visit east he found very little interest was shown in the development of the latest resources of the great Canadian north.

"The initial cost of finding oil is considerable," Col. Cornwall stated. "Once it is discovered and transportation is arranged the cost of production is the lowest of any known resource with the exception of water power. Transportation in the north is not difficult. From the present end of steel at Peace River to Pine Point on Slave Lake, the southern edge of the oil field is a very fertile country. The character of the soil warrants railway construction in itself and the possible productiveness of the area would support a railway. Settlement is pushing out in that direction."

"The eastern portion of Great Slave Lake, which is practically an inland sea, is very rich in mineral prospects," Col. Cornwall said. "Gold mining machinery is going in this year. Vast copper areas lie between Great Bear Lake and Bathurst Inlet. Iron deposits were discovered last season on both sides of the Mackenzie river about latitude 63 north. There is sufficient timber for all requirements of the country. Vegetables and all hardy cereals are easily grown as far as the Arctic circle. It is a healthy country and a very beautiful country. The people are happy and contented and are looking forward to seeing their country developed."

"Ninety-eight percent of the oil used in Canada at present is imported. The north looks forward to being able to stop this importation and to put Canada on the map as one of the great oil exporting countries of the world," the Colonel concluded.

VALUE OF ENGLISH PENNY MAY BE RISED

MANCHESTER, June 9.—The Manchester Chamber of Commerce has discussed a proposal to raise the value of the English penny so that 10 pennies would equal 1 shilling. The suggestion, it is pointed out, would obviate the necessity for any new coinage and the decimal association has expressed itself as in favor of the idea.

Many people read newspapers as much for their advertising columns as they do for news.

Country Patriarch And His Goats

By the Editor

It is not often that one meets with a patriarch in the wilds of western Canada. The other day when we were driving through the country from Telkwa to Burns Lake, it seemed as if one of the old Bible characters had stepped out into real life in the person of Morgan F. Buck, who with his worthy helpmeet was leading a flock of goats.

Mr. Buck is well on in years. He wears a patriarchal beard and makes a living from keeping goats. They are high bred animals and fine milkers, some giving as much as five and a half quarts a day each. There are thirty of them in addition to a number of kids. Whenever Mr. and Mrs. Buck went the goats followed.

Mr. Buck says that four years ago he had tuberculosis but by living an outdoor life and drinking goat's milk he is well again, and he recommends the cure to everyone so afflicted. In spite of his advanced years he likes the sing songs of his own composing mostly in praise of his favorite animals. He is taking up a pre-emption near Forestdale in a place where he and his wife have to ride in on horseback.

We enjoyed our visit of a few minutes with Mr. and Mrs. Buck and hope they will have a great success with their fine flock.

HAS DISCOVERED THE PROCESS TO MAKE GOLD

New York Scientist Demonstrates Possibly Making Elements.

NEW YORK, June 11.—(By Canadian Press).—Dr. Charles Benson Davis, of this city, in a paper which he has just submitted to Engineering Foundation, claims to have solved the problem of manufacturing gold. He declares he has already successfully demonstrated the possibility of making gold and other chemical elements, such as silver, platinum and copper, by transmutation of a common element. He has shown samples of the metals he claims to have made to members of the Engineering Foundation and has requested that body to investigate his claims and his methods. Dr. Davis is a well-known chemist and has a high standing in his profession. He is a member of the Chemical Society of Industry, a Fellow of the British Chemical Society, and an honorary member of the Societe Academique d'Histoire Internationale. He is the author of several papers which have been published in chemical journals.

HARRY SMART WILL BE MARRIED SOON

The announcement is made in Vancouver of the engagement of Miss Mildred Anna McAfee, daughter of Mrs. M. F. McAfee, Vancouver, to Harry Smart, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Smart, Victoria, the marriage to take place next Wednesday. Mr. Smart is well known here having been employed in the office of Albert & McCaffery.

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CHINAMEN Suing IN EDMONTON FOR SLANDER

Unusual Action Commences in Supreme Court With \$2,000 Damages Asked.

EDMONTON, June 10.—Sui-mun do Chinamen get in to the civil courts here. A claim filed in the supreme court by Mah Jim Lee against Mah Woe Lai for malicious slander is perhaps the first of its kind in the history of the court.

The plaintiff claims that the defendant caused to be spread abroad the false and malicious statement that he had stolen \$2,000 and had left the country for China.

The claim was filed by Griesbach and O'Connor solicitors for the plaintiff.



SCENE FROM "THE OFF-SHORE PIRATE" STARRING VIOLA DANA Starring at the Empress Theatre Tonight

INTRODUCING LAW TO PREVENT POLYGAMY

WASHINGTON, June 7.—An amendment to the Federal constitution which would prohibit polygamy in the United States is proposed in a resolution now before the house. The amendment, it is said, would remedy the situation existing in some states where state laws do not prevent plural marriages.

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