

What a mean thing the fly is, anyhow.

Well, the aeroplane season seems to have a lively opening this year.

There seems to be just one reliable get rich quick scheme; run an aeroplane.

Pretty soon the astronomers will be at liberty to get back to the problem of signaling Mars.

It must be convenient to have the Japs to blame when anything goes wrong with drydocks in the Orient.

Exclusiveness can be carried too far. Here's a Cincinnati dude who carries his private street car strap.

That young man who jumped into the river because his girl didn't love him merely carried into effect what thousands have at one time or another threatened to do.

In Mexico City the Mexicans put flowers on the graves of the American soldiers who "licked them to a standstill" at Chapultepec. War develops some queer sentiments.

It is likely that the earthquakes in Costa Rica have an origin like the great earthquake in San Francisco—a settling of the earth's crust. No volcanic outburst sufficient to account for the shakes in Costa Rica has been reported.

The Pennsylvania state department of health is doing a good thing in seeing that dealers in food supplies do not expose eatables to flies. Now that we know the fly for what he is, we are bound to consider him more of an enemy than ever.

French railroads are reported to have forbidden kissing in the stations with a view to accelerating train service. O, that's all right. Let the trains pull out. Most of the osculators are not passengers. It's a habit and the station the best place to indulge in it without attracting undue attention.

The women of a church in New York are to have a church-going hat. The ungallant men complained of the big hats, which prevented them from seeing the preacher, and the women agreed to a reform. The men had threatened to quit the church, but the women countered by leaving them without a plausible excuse.

A Chicago paper says that it is uncertain whether St. Louis, Boston or Baltimore will prove to be the fourth city in the country in population. As St. Louis was about 66,000 ahead of Baltimore and 15,000 ahead of Boston, ten years ago, and growing much faster than either, this is a cruel kick from an old-time rival.

Nine thousand men will be employed in taking the census in Canada next year. The department of agriculture does the work over there, and members of the party not in power declare that the census means that a fat slice will be divided among "the smaller type of partisans." Methods of taking the census on this side of the line have much improved in recent years. Probably Canada will follow suit in time.

And now a Japanese spy has been captured in Ecuador. It appears that Japan is offering to help Peru in case of war with Ecuador. The vigilance of our anti-Japanese talkers has evidently foiled the Mikado, and since he despairs of getting a foothold in this country he is intriguing in South America. Since the trouble has shifted to Ecuador, perhaps Mr. Hobson and his fellows will be quiet for a while.

The United States and Mexico have taken the initial steps toward making international regulations for traffic in the air. Certain provisions of the agreement will permit governments to treat as smugglers or pirates those who fly across the border without due regard for the customs laws. Apparently if we are to have airships for business and pleasure we must also have aerial war vessels and revenue cutters.

The latest cotton report shows conditions distinctly improved as compared with those of last year at the same date. The warmer weather prevailing in the south may be counted on to hasten maturity and possibly will increase the output over even the present estimate. Fears of a shortage have had a somewhat serious effect on the market, but the slump in prices shows that some speculators at least have overreached themselves.

An Ohio cow has for the last three years worn a wooden leg. She probably does not kick over the pail with her one time facility.

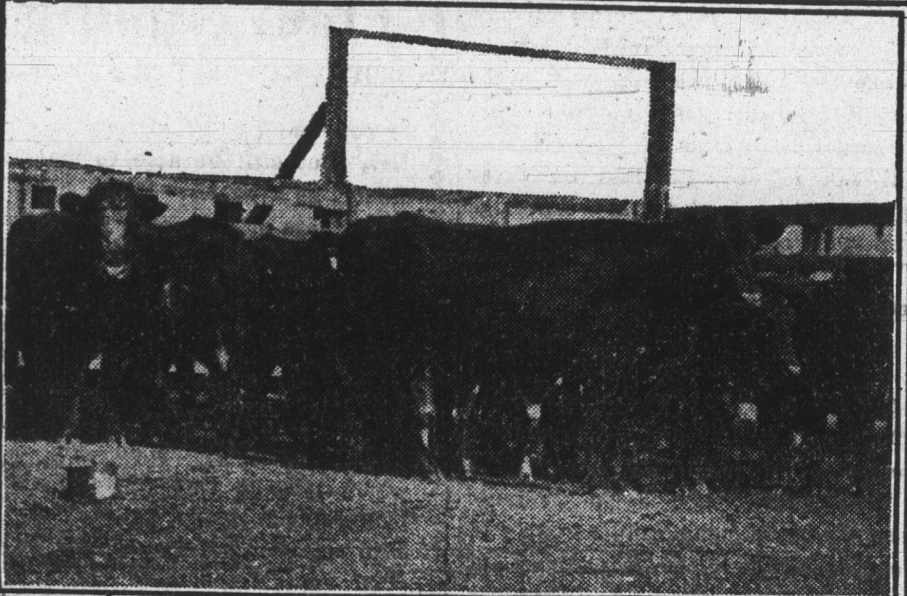
Another peril is threatened by the new era of aviation. A cow choked to death while trying to swallow a small balloon that came down.

The biggest nature fakers of all are the "profs" who tell the seniors about this time what an easy conquest of the world they are going to have.

GRAZING ON NATIONAL FORESTS



STEERS ON COLORADO FOREST RANGE



BEEF CATTLE RAISED ON PIKE NATIONAL FOREST

THE amount of stock which will be authorized to graze on the national forests during the season of 1910, determined by the secretary of agriculture, shows an increase in the total number which will be allowed as compared with the number last year, of approximately 200,000 cattle and horses and 500,000 sheep and goats. The total allowance for the coming grazing season is 1,957,000 cattle and horses and 8,323,000 sheep and goats.

The most important increases are in the states of Nevada, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Washington, and, except in Nevada, where over a million acres have been added to the national forest area of the state, through the creation of the Nevada forest, are the result of improved range conditions due to regulated grazing. In the other states any local reductions which have been necessary to safeguard the forest range have been offset by increases on other portions of the range, so that in no state has the total number of stock to be grazed been materially reduced.

It can be stated that the secretary of agriculture is very solicitous to secure the fullest possible utilization of the range resources of the national forests, in order that the forests may contribute, just as far as is consistent with proper protection of the range itself and of the forest growth, to the market supply of beef and mutton. Range-fed stock contribute very materially to the food supply of the country, and, under the grazing methods which have been brought about by the government control of the forest range, a marked improvement in the weight and quality of the stock produced as well as an increase in the number of head is being brought about. Contrary to a widespread belief, the United States department of agriculture does not consider the burning over of national forest lands as an effective means of dealing with the cattle tick and the dreaded fever which it spreads. This is set forth by Secretary Wilson in the following passages of a recent letter to Representative Floyd of the Third Arkansas district:

"I have just received a communication from Dr. Cooper Curtice, veterinary inspector of the bureau of animal industry of this department, setting forth certain opinions respecting the burning of forests and ranges to destroy ticks which infest cattle and transmit disease, in which the department fully concurs. Doctor Curtice has had many years' experience with the department, is one of the original investigators of the fever tick, and has probably had more experience in this line of work than any other scientist. He has recently made a tour through northern Arkansas and investigated the conditions which exist in that locality, and his observations are therefore quite pertinent to the question of conflict in the policies of the bureau of animal industry and the forest service. The observations of Doctor Curtice are, in effect, as follows:

"It is true that at certain times of the year burning the grass on an inclosed field may remove the ticks wherever the fire travels, but even then many places remain unburned and the owner depends on the fire for eradication and consequently fails. At meetings of cattle men and others I have been speaking against the practice of burning over the forest ground and have held that no work would be saved in the process of eradication because the cattle should necessarily

be treated according to some one of the methods specified in Farmers' Bulletin No. 378 (Methods of Exterminating the Texas-Fever Tick), in order to secure perfect results. It is necessary to remember in this connection that there are many unburned places, especially around the dwellings, barns and other places where cattle lie.

"Whenever the grass is repeatedly burned, the roots become eventually destroyed, the sweeter grasses give way to the more resistant and finally the latter perish. Not only does fire destroy the scanty sod but in removing the leaves as a protective covering the hot sun of summer is permitted to dry the soil to a crust and continues the devastation. The best grass I saw was in a place where the young growth was at least three years old. In so far as tick eradication is concerned, it seems to me an injustice that the necessities of the work should be quoted as being opposed to the needs of the forest service. Firing the leaves has not eradicated ticks, although followed for years. Instead of being beneficial in the forest, it has killed out the grasses, and even the new growth of trees, which so often furnish in spring the only source of nourishment—the buds upon which the cattle may browse while the scanty herbage grows.

"I have steadily advised that pastures, meadows and growing crops be provided, upon which the cattle could be held and fed the year around, and thus the need for using the range be obviated, and the farmer, by securing control of the feeding and breeding factors, be able to raise better cattle for the markets. Under present conditions the mountain farmers are saving no manure, are making small crops and are raising a very poor quality of cattle and hogs. By attending to better cultivation, diversified crops, and feeding stock on the farm, and abandoning the prejudicial burning of the woods and range, they can raise a very high quality of live stock and acquire a better money crop than they have heretofore held.

"From my observation and conversations with the farmers of the Ozark forest, on my recent trip, I am led to believe that they will take up tick eradication as soon as they can raise the necessary money. The legislature meets in 1911 and they will then ask for a new five-cent district in addition to state funds."

Experimental Unions Not New.

Marriage contracts written on ostraca or potsherds have been unearthed at Luxor, Egypt, which convict the experimental union man of unoriginality. They are two thousand years old. Thus, one of them: "I take thee, Taminis, daughter of Pa-monthis, into my house to be my lawful wife for the term of five months. Accordingly I deposit for you in the Temple of Hathor the sum of four silver stater, which will be forfeited to you if I dismiss you before the conclusion of the five months, and besides this my banker shall do something for you; but if you leave me on your own account before the end of the five months the above sum which I have deposited shall be refunded to me."

Consistent.

"Are you afraid of the lightning?" asked one woman.
"No," replied the other; "but as a member of the Anti-Noise society I protest against the thunder."

CORN PLANTING IS OVER

THAT CANADIAN TRIP SHOULD NOW BE TAKEN.

If you had intended going to Canada for the purpose of purchasing land on which to establish a home and accompanying some land company, whose holdings you proposed to look over or to go on your own account to select one hundred and sixty acres of land free, you should delay no longer. Corn-planting is over, your wheat crop is well ahead, and you have a few weeks' time before you are required in the fields again. Now make your intended trip. Reports at hand show that the crop prospects in Canada were never better than they are today. The cool weather has not affected the crop, but if anything, it has been a benefit. There has been plenty of moisture and those who have had their land properly prepared look upon this year as likely to be one of the best they have had. A great many are going up this season who expect to pay two or three dollars an acre more than they were asked to pay last year. Others who wish to homestead are prepared to go farther from the line of railway than would have been necessary last year. Still it is worth it. So it will be with you. Next year lands will be higher-priced and homesteads less accessible. There is a wonderful tide of immigration to Central Canada now. It is expected that one hundred and fifty thousand new settlers from the United States will be numbered by the end of the present year, an increase of fifty per cent over last year. In addition to this there will be upwards of one hundred thousand from the old country, which does not include those who may come from the northern countries of the Continent. These all intend to settle upon the land. The reader does not require an answer to the questions, "Why do they do it?" "Why are they going there in such large numbers?" Western Canada is no longer an experiment. The fact that one hundred and fifty million bushels of wheat were raised there last year against ninety-five millions the year previous, shows that the tiller of the soil in Central Canada is making money and it is safe to say that he is making more money than can be made anywhere else on the Continent in the growing of grains. He gets good prices, he has a sure and a heavy crop, he enjoys splendid railway privileges, and he has also the advantages of schools and churches and such other social life as may be found anywhere. It is difficult to say what district is the best. Some are preferred to others because there are friends already established. The Grand Trunk Pacific, on its way across the Continent, is opening up a splendid tract of land, which is being taken up rapidly. The other railways—the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern are extending branch lines into parts inaccessible a couple of years ago. With a perfect network of railways covering a large area of the agricultural lands it is not difficult to secure a location. Any agent of the Canadian Government will be pleased to render you assistance by advice and suggestion, and a good plan is to write or call upon him. The Government has located these agents at convenient points throughout the States, and their offices are well equipped with a full supply of maps and literature.

JUNGLE AMENITIES.



Elephant—Say, Hippo, close that submarine opening of yours or the water will rush in and sink you.
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ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO, LAND BOOM PREDICTED.

Keen observers predict a big boom in property in Wantland, Colorado, the new town which is being built in the center of the Little Snake River Valley in Routt County, Colorado. A big irrigation system is being built to irrigate 60,000 acres of very fine land surrounding Wantland. The land is being sold by the State of Colorado for 50 cents per acre, under the Carey Act, and water rights cost \$35.00 an acre, in ten year payments. Sugar factories, flour mills, canneries, etc., are among the possible industries to be located at Wantland. Full information can be obtained from the Routt County Colonization Company, 1734 Welton St., Denver, Colo.

Inference.

Ethel (confidentially)—Do you know, Clara, that I had two offers of marriage last week?
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