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Farmers Will Profit by Establishment of Farm Loan Banks

The Berkeley Federal Land bank, one of twelve in the United States, was organized last week by the officers appointed by the board in Washington, and will be ready for business immediately. The organization of these Federal farm loan banks should be of great interest to farmers of Santa Cruz county, as well as in other parts of the country. Money is to be loaned farmers from these banks at a flat rate of 5 per cent per year. It is believed the one bank at Berkeley will loan out \$10,000,000 within the next year. The Berkeley bank will serve the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah. In order that more funds may be available in the district served by the bank at Berkeley, legislatures of these states will be asked to pass laws making farm loan bonds approved investments for trust funds, insurance companies and savings banks.

To borrow from these Federal land banks, farmers are required to organize themselves into groups containing at least ten farmer-borrowers and each group asking for at least \$20,000 of loans. The Berkeley Federal land bank is now prepared to furnish a blank form of articles of association to make the organization of these groups simple and easy. Other necessary blanks will also be furnished on application. Farmers are permitted to borrow up to 50 per cent of the appraised value of the land, plus 20 per cent of the value of the permanent insured improvements. Loans are to be made at 5 per cent and must be retired on the amortization plan, which means repayment by fixed annual payments throughout the period of the loan. The loans may run from 5 to 40 years at the option of the borrower. The object of these long time loans is to enable the farmer to meet these small annual payments out of the increased earnings of the land, made possible by the investment of the borrowed money.

This new banking system is purely co-operative. It is for the sole use of farmers and prospective farmers. Far-

mers will eventually own all of the stock of the Federal land banks and they will elect the officers of these banks. There is no opportunity for individual profit in the entire system, and everything points to the unqualified success of this new enterprise.

A motion for a new trial in the recent damage suit case against Robert N. Keaton by Mrs. E. C. Nevius, charging defamation of character, in which a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff in the sum of \$2500, has been filed with the clerk of the superior court by Mr. Keaton. A declaration of homestead on his ranch at San Rafael was filed by Keaton. A bill of sale of his auto truck, listed at \$400, was also filed. There are a number of allegations of Keaton in filing the motion for the new trial. It is said that misconduct of the jury, the charge to the jury by the presiding judge being plainly against the defendant, are included in the depositions of Keaton.—Nogales Herald.

May She Always Be Right, but Right or Wrong, My Country

In a proclamation issued this week, Governor Thomas E. Campbell designates Sunday, April 8, as "Loyalty Day" in Arizona and calls upon all the people of the state to pledge their loyalty to the government on that day. The governor's proclamation follows: "Whereas, the President has declared that a state of war exists between the United States and the empire of Germany; and

"Whereas, it is desirable and fitting that citizens of the state of Arizona acknowledge, in public manner, their allegiance and fealty to the union and reconsecrate themselves, their families, their possessions, and, if need be, their lives, at the altar of their country.

"Now, therefore, in pursuance of this, our bounden duty, I, Thomas E. Campbell, governor of Arizona, hereby designate Sunday, April 8, 1917, as Loyalty Sunday, and urgently recommend that on the day thus set apart all citizens of Arizona do assemble at their respective places of worship and solemnly offer unto Almighty God pledges of loyalty to their country, and for the benefit of our common welfare as a nation."

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BY SENATE VOTE OF 82 TO 6, UNITED STATES DECLARES WAR UPON IMPERIAL GERMANY

The war resolution came to a vote at 11 o'clock last night, and was passed by a vote of 82 to 6, Senators Gronna, LaFollette, Lane, Norris, Stone and Vandamm voting against it. By today congress will have formally recognized the existence of a "state of war" between the United States and Germany and the way will be cleared for actual hostilities. Preparations are being made to move aggressively.

NEWS OF THE MINES

Howard Baack, who is developing property in the Salero region, was in town this week for supplies. He reports work going ahead very satisfactory at the claims, and they expect to reach an objective point within about 20 feet. Only one of the claims of this group is on the Baca Float land grant, which is a source of considerable satisfaction to Mr. Baack, as pending the decision of the owners of the Float, mining men who have property on it are all at sea as to the status of mineral land on it.

A deal has been peddling the past several days, involving the World's Fair, one of the richest silver mines in the country, referred to by Patagonians as "Frank Powers' Bank," on account of the exceeding richness of its ores. If the deal is consummated, which now seems probable, the famous property will pass into the hands of men who are financially able to continue its development on a large scale. A considerable sum will change hands, if the deal is made, as it is known a first payment of a substantial sum will be required.

Johanny Costello, who is working his Deep Down claims in the Santa Rita, was in town early this week with specimens of gold dirt taken from his claims. The Deep Down has a very good copper vein, and also lead ore, but the new gold find will put other mineral attractions of the property in the background. Gold in small quantities has been found in this vicinity before, however. The claims now known as the Deep Down were originally called the Patagonia Gold Ridge, and were probably located as a gold property. Costello's friends hope he will find the real gold vein in place.

Mrs. Orton Phelps of the Mowry was down Tuesday to meet her daughter, Mrs. S. P. Boucher, who came over from Douglas for a few days' visit.

HAPPENINGS AT HOME

Miss Ruby Shields has been visiting former school mates in Nogales this week.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Kane were visitors at the Hand home in Patagonia a few days this week.

O. F. Ashburn has purchased a new Hudson Super Six. Looks like a war ship when lighted up at night.

A fine big American flag adorns the new Federal building in Patagonia, and many private residences are also displaying Old Glory.

N. B. Mercer, a popular Nogales automobile dealer, was in town Tuesday, exhibiting the merits of a new car to prospective buyers.

Albert Davidson has quit his job at the Washington Trading company and is now driving an automobile stage between Patagonia and Nogales.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Burch of Nogales was through town Monday, en route to the State Industrial school at Fort Grant with a youthful offender.

The program for Sunday's moving picture show will be: "The Scorpion's Sting," a three-reel drama; "Sammy Johnson, Magician," and "The Gambler's Gambol," a good comedy.

Mrs. C. A. Pierce, wife of the well known mining engineer, now in the employ of the Ruby company, went to Benson Tuesday morning to meet her mother, who is coming out from Kansas City to pay a visit to the Patagonia country.

Mrs. Geo. Hand was in Nogales several days the early part of the week, having dental work done.

Mrs. Hayden Pendergrass and daughter, Miss Francisca Guerra, went to

Nogales Saturday evening, remaining several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mitchell and Mrs. George Wilson formed a party to Nogales Monday morning, going down in Mr. Miller's new car.

Mrs. Woody Gatlin came over last week from Greenlee county, where she and her husband are now living, Mr. Gatlin having cattle interests there, for a visit with her parents, Postmaster and Mrs. Geo. H. Francis, in Patagonia.

Gus Yarek has returned to Patagonia from Yuma, where he went a few weeks ago in the hope that the climate of the lower altitude would be beneficial to his health. It was a mistaken belief. Our glorious climate has the Yuma variety beaten to a standstill, according to Gus, and he's mighty glad to get back to Patagonia.

Old Mexican's Death Brings Out Almost Forgotten Murder

Marto Portello, an aged Mexican who died last Sunday in Patagonia, was the murderer of an American named Belknap at Greaterville about 35 years ago, according to information which seems authentic. In the long ago, when Greaterville was quite a busy camp, a store was run by Messrs. Downer and Elliott. The Mexican Portello had a grudge against Elliott and laid in ambush for him. Instead of Elliott, Mr. Belknap walked into the trap and was killed. Portello then made his escape to Sonora and remained away from this side of the line for a number of years, or until the murder had been almost forgotten, reappearing again at Tombstone a few years ago, unknown to the American authorities of course, and afterwards came to Patagonia, where a widowed daughter resides. His son-in-law was accidentally killed in one of the mines near Patagonia a few years ago. Before his death Portello is said to have admitted killing Belknap, mistaking him for Elliott.

The ice cream and soda water parlor, which is to occupy an apartment being erected adjoining the postoffice by C. B. Wilson, will be ready for business some time about the last of this month, according to Ralph McIntyre, who is to conduct it.

It is thought that in certain districts in southern Arizona drying plants could be installed which could take advantage of the cheap meat supply to produce tannage and meat meal for commercial purposes. The supply of burros in this district will be sufficient to warrant entering the business on a commercial scale. As the burros are very fat in the fall, a fat extraction plant could be installed.

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Says Best Use for Burros Is to Chop 'Em Up for Chicks

R. H. Williams, animal husbandman of the University of Arizona, says the best use of burros is to chop them up for chicken feed. In a recent article he says:

The number of burros is increasing in the Southwest. Something should be done to make use of them or else limit the numbers, for they are consuming good range which should be used for better purposes. As yet no suitable commercial use has been found for the burro. They are too small in size and lack ambition, so they are of little use for draft purposes. It is wonderful, however, what hardships these little beasts will endure. They are especially suitable to thrive on dry, arid ranges in the Southwest. At the present time it would seem that the cheapest economical use of these animals would be to cross the jennets with large stallions. It is doubtful whether this cross would be of greater value than that of horses. On this account the burro, though cheap and hardy, would not make as good return per range as horses, cattle or sheep. They are also a nuisance on the range, for jacks often become mean and kill calves. Burros are also troublesome around salt stations, for they delight to remain there and drive the cattle away.

The best known use for burros is to use them for chicken feed. They may be purchased for at \$2 apiece and one can secure 50 cents for the hide. They will furnish fully 150 pounds of lean meat, and this is the cheapest to be found anywhere. A burro should be used every day in flocks of poultry of upwards of 1000 hens. The meat from these animals will increase the vigor and laying qualities of the hens and go a long way to insure success in the poultry business. Even if no use is made of the burro, it is certain that they should be exterminated, and the range left for cattle, sheep and goats. The same may be said regarding most of the small inferior horses that are found on the range. These animals will consume as much as a cow and their economical returns are not half as great as one should receive from an average cow.

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Jas. L. Gatlin and B. Lewis, two well known Santa Cruz county cattlemen, have recently purchased tank and water in Maricopa county, out from Gila Bend, from Jesse Gatlin, and are figuring on running some cattle in that country.

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