

DUTCH METHODS IN CALIFORNIA.

Salt Lake Boy Reclaims Lake
Bed and Grows the Finest
Grain in The State.

HAS RANCH OF 18,000 ACRES.

Gratifying Success Attending the Efforts of Hiram Z. Clawson and Associates.

Hiram Z. Clawson, nephew of Hiram B. Clawson, the well known Utah pioneer, is here from California after an absence of 20 years. Mr. Clawson was born in this city in 1855, but at the age of 15 became possessed of a desire to "see the world" and drifted west to California. Ten years later he returned "to see the folks," and now he is here again for the same purpose. Since going to California Mr. Clawson has become one of the agricultural pillars of the golden state, being part owner of a ranch of over 18,000 acres in Kings county, on the old bed of the Tulare lake. A great part of the ranch is devoted to the growing of grain, from which the owners derive an abundant harvest each year.

Mr. Clawson is a son of the late John R. Clawson and Mrs. Lucinda Dodge and for two weeks past has been visiting with his mother in this city. While he still has great love for the old home, he notes many changes since first he left it and returns now practically a stranger among many old-time friends. However, he has enjoyed his visit and promises to come again as often as business conditions will permit.

GREAT GRAIN COUNTRY.

Of central California, where he and companions have made a comfortable competence in agricultural pursuits, Mr. Clawson speaks in the highest terms. The country is admirably adapted to the growing of grain, and last year the Barbour & Clawson ranch produced more grain than any other ranch in the state. The property is located about 20 miles south of Hanford, in Kings county, and only a few years ago was entirely covered by water. In 1899 and 1900, Messrs. Barbour & Clawson, with several others, went to this lake and reclaimed in the neighborhood of 10,000 acres, since which time many other districts have been formed, until now about 60,000 acres of this land are reclaimed.

The past year Barbour & Clawson farmed something in excess of 13,000 acres, which, up to the time rust struck the grain, bore the promise of a crop that would have probably been the record breaker of the state, as it promised 20 to 30 sacks per acre; but in this locality, as in nearly all sections of the state, rust cut down this yield to about one-quarter.

In harvesting this grain the past season the largest harvesting plant in the world was used, consisting of six of the Daniel Best Manufacturing Co.'s steam combined harvesters, and two of Holt Bros'. These machines, which take and sack from 500 to 1,000 sacks per day each, each sack containing about two and one-third bushels.

The crop the past season, owing to rust, which was prevalent throughout the western coast, as just stated, was quite disappointing. Nevertheless, Barbour & Clawson harvested something in excess of 70,000 sacks, which is said to have been the most grain harvested on any one ranch in the state of California the past year.

LAKE BED RECLAIMED.

Tulare lake 30 to 40 years ago was the largest body of fresh water west of the Mississippi river, at which time it was 70 miles long and 40 miles wide, but has gradually been filling up with sediment, which is carried into it by its outlet—Kings river. In the past 30 years there have been numerous ditches taken from this river, and since that time the lake has been gradually growing smaller, until at the present time it barely covers to exceed two townships during the wet season, and this water is only from a few inches to two feet deep. The soil, being a sedimentary deposit, is without doubt as rich as any to be found in the world, and, being very level and varying not to exceed from 6 to 20 inches per mile, it is ideal for large-scale agricultural operations.

The levees around the ranch are six feet high and 30 feet wide, and are considered ample to prevent the water from encroaching upon this land. Barbour & Clawson and Mr. Blakeley several years ago also took out ditches, and at the present time own the controlling interests in these ditches, which are used to irrigate the lands.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS USED.

As an illustration of the plant that is necessary to carry on such extensive farming, it would give one not acquainted with the machinery an idea to state that these harvesters cost \$3,500 each, besides which the water tanks, the oil tanks, the cook houses, plows, harrows, drills, etc., cost a great deal, and it is hardly necessary to say that a large capital is necessary, and that this season Barbour & Clawson had from 50 to 200 head of horses and mules constantly employed, with a force of from 25 to 100 men; that work never stops throughout the year; that as soon as the harvesting is over and the grain drawn to the warehouses ditch building, levee building and sowing for the next season begin.

Man's Unreasonableness
Is often as great as woman's. That Thos. S. Austin, Mgr. of the "Republican," of Leavenworth, Ind., was not unreasonable, when he refused to allow the doctors to operate on his wife, for female trouble, "Instead," he says, "we concluded to try Electric Bitters. My wife was then so sick, she could hardly leave her bed, and five (5) physicians had failed to relieve her. After taking Electric Bitters, she was perfectly cured, and can now perform all her household duties." Guaranteed by Z. C. M. I. Drug Dept. Price 50c.

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I see a city full of flickering streets;
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What seest thou?
I see a desert plain,
Large, vague, and void.
What seest thou in yonder human face,
Pale, frail, and small?
I see a soul by tragedy worn thin;
I read a page of poetry and of sin.
What seest thou?
I see a human face,
Pale, frail, and small.
What seest thou at yonder dim cross-roads,
Beside that shattered inn?
I travel Possibility.
The inn of splendid Mystery.
What seest thou?
I see the dim cross-roads
Beside a shattered inn.
—Florence Wilkinson in McClure's.



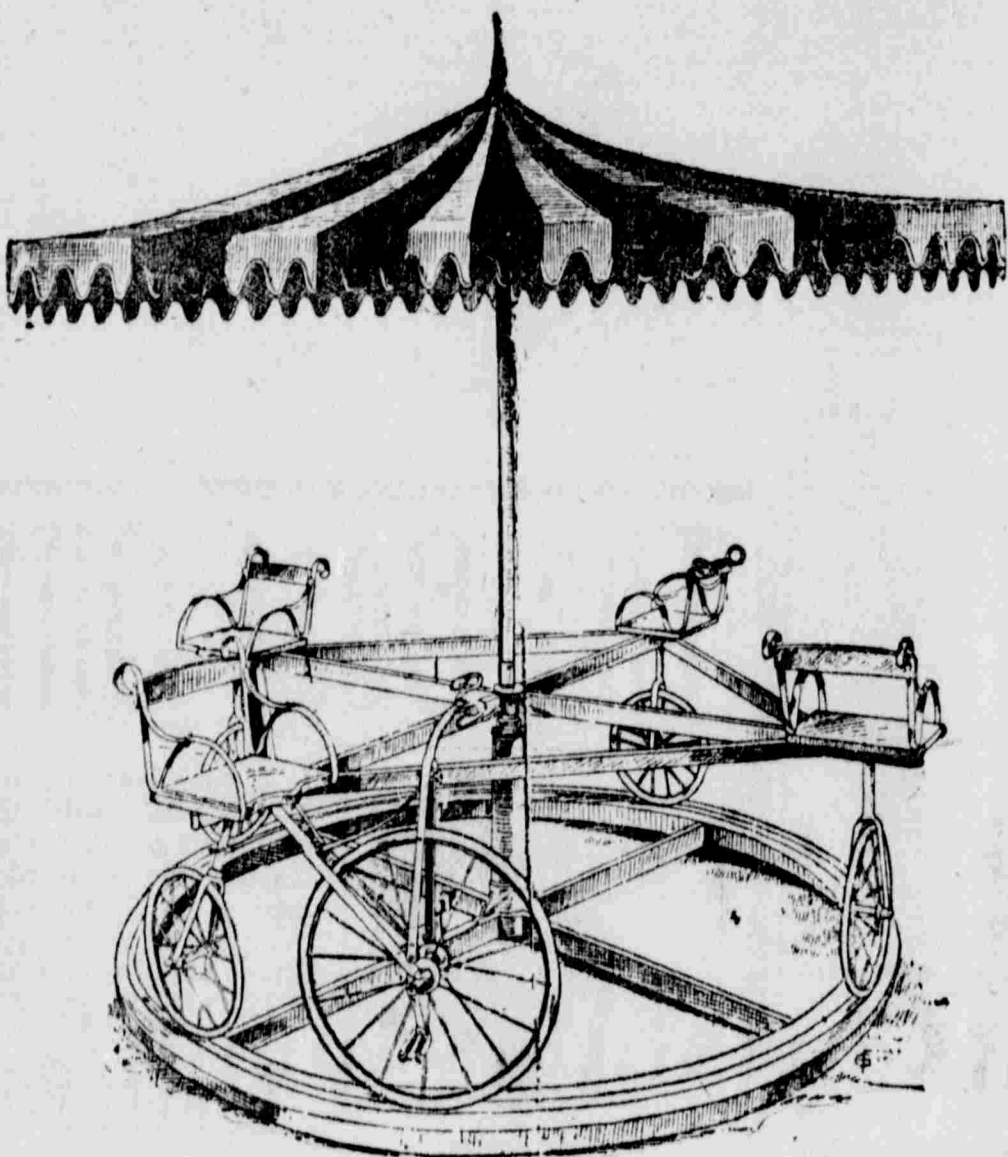
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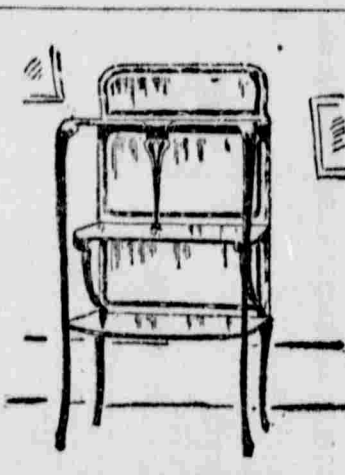
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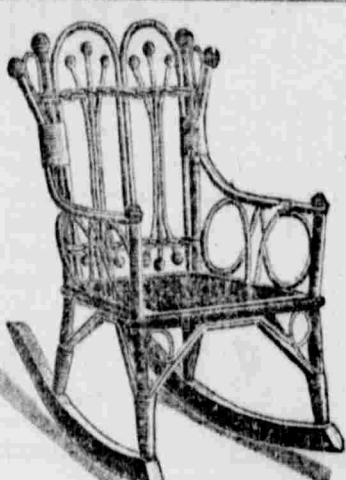
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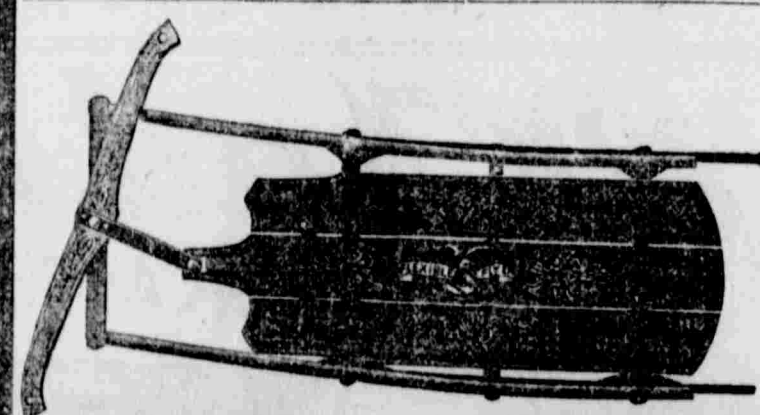
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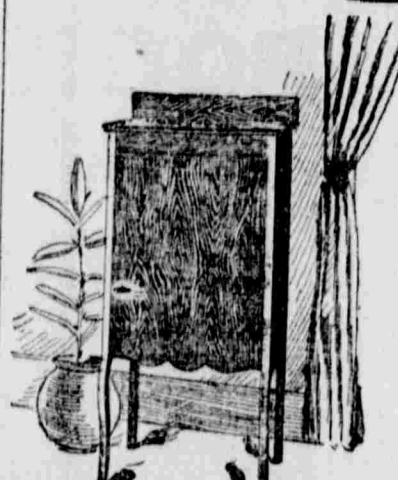
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