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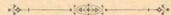
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A general statement of the organization of the Idaho.

Agricultural Experiment Stations, and work

in progress thereon.

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In presenting the first Bulletin of the Government Agricultural Experiment Stations for the State of Idaho to the public. A few words of introduction concerning the organization of the stations and the work done thereon will serve to give the citizens of the state some definite information of the relations existing between the stations and the public.

By the action of the Board of Regents of the University of Idaho taken Feb. 26th. 1892, the stations were organized in accordance with the Act of Congress approved July 2nd 1862, appropriating \$15,000 annually for the support of such experiment stations, in each of the States of the Union.

Suitable tracts of land have been donated for the purpose of establishing and maintaining experiment stations as follows.

One near Grangeville in Idaho county, to be known as Station No. 1, described as follows: The s. ½ of the N. E. ¼ and w. ½ of s. F. ¼ of section 29 TP. 3) N. R. 3 E. of Boise Meradian.

One near Idaho Falls in Bingham county to be known as station No. 5, described as, the N. W. 4 of section 1, TP. 1, N. R. 37, E. of Boise Meridian.

One near Nampa in Ada county to be known as station No. 3, described as follows, the s. E. ‡ of the s. E. ‡ of section 14, the s. w. ‡ of the s. w. ‡ of section 13, the n. E. ‡ of the n. E. ‡ of section 23, the n. w. ‡ of the n. w. ‡ of section 24, all in township 3 n. range 2 w. of Boise Meridian.

As these lands when secured were in a crude or unimproved state, the first steps necessary were to have them cleaned and put in condition to be planted with such crops as it is desided to test thereon. Before anything of importance could be done the season had so far advanced that no extensive experiments were conducted.

On station No 1, 40 acres of land were broke and put in good condition for crops during the ensuing year, and a good dwelling house has been erected, and other work undertaken preparatory to operations during the season of 1893.

At station No 2, the land is under a good were fence constructed of cedar posts well set, on which are three wires well secured, a comfortable house of four rooms, a barn with stable room for four horses, and storage capacity for a considerable amount of feed for same have been erected. About twentyfive acres of the land was broken and planted to a variety of crops such as corn, flax, barley and oats, most of which have given satisfactory results. Some additional minor improvements are under way and things on this station are in good shape for experimental work pext year.

At station No. 3, considerable preliminary work has been done. The entire 160 acres has been cleared of sage brush ready for active operations in planting and testing varieties as soon as the proper season arrives for work. A perpetual water right has been secured to this station and ditches made to supply a part of the tract, which will be extended as circumstances demand. A comfortable house of seven rooms is in process of erection, and the necessary outbuildings are being provided for.

The work of the stations belong exclusively to the farmers of Idaho. In this work the authorities of the station have one end only in view, and that is the rendering of definite, practical assistance to the farmers of the state. To this end we solicit your cooperation and assistance, in the conducting of the same in your own interest.

