OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS
(Western Colorado)

Out where the soils are a little drier,
Out where the pH is a little higher—
    That’s where the West begins.
Out where the sun shines a little brighter,
Where the alkali is a trifle whiter,
And the sodium clays are a wee bit tighter—
    That’s where the West begins.

Out where the farmers feel a trifle “bluer,”
Because fertile fields are becoming fewer—
    That’s where the West begins.
Out where the “‘chico’ spots” are showing,
Where there’re soil colloids in every streamlet flowing,
Where there’s less of reaping and more of sowing—
    That’s where the West begins.

Out where the “solonets” were spoiled in the making,
Where the “solonchaks” are free for the taking—
    That’s where the West begins.
Where the organic matter content needs supplying,
Where there’re sodium ions that cause the sighing,
But could be replaced without half trying—
    That’s where the West begins.

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NEWS ITEMS

Dr. John H. Parker of Kansas State College has been invited to give the Spragg Memorial Lecture at Michigan State College in January, 1933. These lectures are given under the auspices of a memorial to Professor F. A. Spragg who directed the plant breeding work at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station from 1906 until his death in 1924.

Dr. H. H. Love, who is on leave of absence from Cornell University while serving as Agricultural Adviser to the Chinese Government, has recently been in Shantung Province where he was called to advise relative to the agricultural program of the Province. Dr. Love has just completed a national program for the development of the agriculture of China and has presented this to the Minister of Industries.

T. S. Buie of the Superphosphate Institute in Washington, D. C., has issued a summary in mimeographed form of the use made in the United States of rapid methods for the determination of soil phosphorus, arranged by states. A copy of the summary may be obtained upon application to Mr. Buie.

The American Cyanamid Company is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year, as described in the current number of American Hortigraphs and Agronomic Review. The Company is maintaining nine agricultural fellowships in this country and one in Canada, representing a wide range of soil and climatic conditions and a large variety of crops.