



AGRICULTURAL EXPLORER'S CARAVAN IN CHINESE TURKESTAN.

"Our large cart, with its three mules and a strong horse and over 1000 pounds of baggage in it trekking through a piece of sandy and alkaline desert. Sand dunes rise here and there above the intensely monotonous country and are mostly covered with reeds where it is swampy, or with tamarisk bushes where it is drier." From photograph by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, taken near Ure-dalik, Chinese Turkestan, February 13, 1911.

This outfit was used en route from Kashgar to Aksu, along the north border of the Takla-Makan desert. At Aksu the load was shifted to pack-horses for crossing the dangerous Mussart pass. The man in the foreground is the Russo-Turki interpreter, the other two being the driver and general helper.