

**A Thrust At Irrigation**

Ed. JOURNAL.—Mr. E. B. Dunn, formerly an official in the United States Weather Bureau, in a recent article in the Washington Star, advances the rather startling theory that the severe hot spell which occurred in the Middle West last July was due to the increased area now under irrigation along the east slope of the Rocky Mountains. Mr. Dunn puts the blame for the burning up of the corn crop on the shoulders of the irrigation companies and the small farmers who are trying to make the desert bring forth substance for man and beast, and he argues that the farmer who raises small crops by the means of irrigation must be suppressed that the farmer who raises large crops without irrigation may prosper.

He says that low pressure, trough shaped, areas occupy this semi-arid region and that the moisture evaporated from the soil is commensurate for their existence but insufficient to propel them onward, and warm air is thus drawn from the south which for days at a time flows over the corn belts and withers the crops.

This theory is illogical and is condemned by the entire scientific staff of the Weather Bureau. It is, in fact unworthy of serious consideration and its publication is calculated to injure the cause of irrigation not only in eastern Oregon but in all of the rapid growing states in the sub-arid west.

The weather of the United States is controlled by the passage of low and high pressure areas and these disturbances are carried eastward by the general movement of the upper atmosphere. The general movement of the upper atmosphere is controlled by the difference in temperature between the Poles of the Equator. When these differences, as to the winter time, are great, the upper currents move rapidly but when they are slight, as is the case during the midsummer season, they move slowly and some times become stagnant. Last July the upper air currents were sluggish and the high and low pressure areas drifted very slowly, and their inactions was not in any way caused by the moisture element they contained. Several droughts and heat waves have occurred in the past long before irrigation was practiced and they may be expected in the future as long as the difference between the temperatures at the Poles and the Equator decreases, in the summer time, as it does now, and no efforts on the part of man can change this order of events.

Portland, Sept. 24.

EDWARD A. BEALS,  
Forecast Official, U. S. Bureau.

A late dispatch from Paris says: The great prominence given to the military and navy features of the Czar's visit is explained by the fact that five years ago Nicholas II came here as a friend, while to day he is here as the ally, and in his later capacity he is following out his own strong personal desire to become familiar with the French army and navy. Indeed during the morning's outing in the field the manoeuvres the Czar galloped about among his troops regardless of prescribed arrangement of protocol, and made close examinations of squadrons, companies and batteries at his own free will, and this personal inspection of the French soldiers in their campaigning kit evidently gave Emperor Nicholas great satisfaction. Meanwhile all foreign officers who have followed the present manoeuvres do not hesitate to declare that never has the French army been in more efficient condition than at present,

when needless show of fuss and feathers is eschewed and business like simplicity and practical methods are apparent in each branch of the service; and, above all, class favoritism is suppressed. On the whole, the French nation appears to be stirred with the same pride and with feelings as intense as during the former visit of Nicholas II, and there is, so far, not the slightest evidence that the Franco-Russian alliance has lost one whit of its attraction for Frenchmen of all shades and convictions in Paris and through the country.

Where in an action to determine the ownership of a mining claim, the claimant on a forfeiture of non-performance of work on the claim by another, and shows that no work was done within the limits of the claim for two successive years, he establishes a prima facie case of forfeiture, casting on the party claiming the performance of work outside the claim for the benefit of same, the burden of showing the benefit and performance of such labor, and hence the labor may show that it had not such beneficial tendency. In such an action, the fact that the original locator for a patent failed to prove citizenship cannot entitle the adverse to judgment since the absence of proof of citizenship would authorize the refusal of a judgment for the original claimant, but would not authorize a judgment for the adverse claimant.—Wyoming Supreme court.

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**SUMMONS.**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE State of Oregon for Crook County. The State of Oregon, Plaintiff,

vs.

W. A. Booth, Administrator of the Estate of Elias Davis, deceased, and all heirs of said deceased, if any there be and all persons interested in said estate, Defendants.

Now at this time is presented the information in the above entitled cause of Frank Menzies, District Attorney for the Seventh Judicial District of the State of Oregon, for which it appears to the court:

That Elias Davis died in Crook county, Oregon, on the 17th day of August, 1900, intestate and without heirs, leaving property therein described as follows:

N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec. 17, and S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 18, T. 16 S. R. 18 E. W. M. E. of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 13 T. 16 S. R. 17 E. of W. M., all in Crook county, Oregon, containing 490 acres of land of the value of \$1750.00 and cash now in the hands of W. A. Booth, administrator of the estate amounting to the sum of \$224.32, and all of said property being of the value of and amounting to the sum of \$1974.32.

That W. A. Booth is the duly appointed qualified and acting administrator of the estate of said deceased and as such has the possession of all of said property; that the state of Oregon has right by law to all of the property of said deceased.

Now therefore, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You the said defendant, W. A. Booth, administrator of said estate and all heirs of said Elias Davis, deceased, if there be any, and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to be and appear in the Circuit Court room in the county court house in Prineville, Crook county, Oregon, on or before Friday the 23rd day of October, 1901, then and there to show cause if any there be, why the title to all of the property belonging to the estate of said Elias Davis, deceased, and the hereinbefore described property, should not vest in the state of Oregon.

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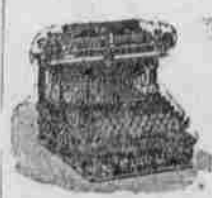
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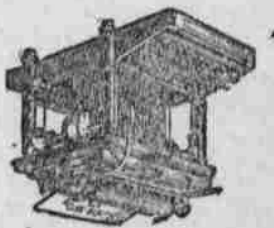
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