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STATESMANSHIP

Too Many Politicians and No Statesmen.

Public Irrigation Needed

The Government Should Create a Water Department to Advance Prosperity.

This is an age of politics and few men are in public life today who have the moral courage to support a measure which is not in strict accordance with their political platform, without regard to whether the measure would be for the best interests of the Nation or not.

Obviously we have too many politicians and practically no statesmen, for a man is simply a politician and not a statesman so long as he neglects or refuses to support a measure that his own soul assures him is right. The south and west with their small delegation have hammered at the capitol for the proper recognition of their natural resources for many a weary day. That there is no department or bureau of the national government devoted to the mining interests of the United States is proof sufficient that there have not been many statesmen assembled at the Nation's Capitol at any time, or provision would have been made, giving proper recognition to these immense interests.

The matter of irrigating millions of acres of land, which in their present condition are comparatively worthless is a subject the importance of which the Government has recognized, but to which it has so far given meager attention. It is true that it has established twenty odd Forest Reservations and Congress has passed a law enabling the State to create and control irrigating districts and to supply water to settlers (which Montana has recently made use of) in the hope that the State having arid semi-arid lands would take the matter off the Government's shoulders. These two measures are effective so far as they go, but this generation will pass away before ten per cent of the people know of their existence, much less to feel their influence.

The Government should create a water department, whose sole business it should be to advance the prosperity of the Nation by furnishing water for irrigating purposes. It could be made the most profitable department of the Government, for every one receiving water from it would doubtless willingly pay a small margin over the cost of bringing it to him. The Government cannot possibly lose by the venture. Notwithstanding the enormous crop of the United States which is now being marketed and which has taxed the moving capacity of its transportation facilities to the utmost, there is not an average, of one county to the State, where irrigation is not used, but what would have doubled its yield with only a slight advance in the cost of production, had it been provided with an adequate supply of water for irrigation purposes.

Ex-Secretary Noble of St. Louis Missouri, has brought himself

honors in addition to those earned by a long and useful career, by declaring that he will spend the remainder of his life in assisting to bring about National systems of irrigation. Public Land has placed Mr. Noble's name upon its list of statesmen and is more than pleased to see that one of the Nation's great men, who have been before the public a quarter of a century and who understands as perhaps few other men do, the shortcoming of party measures, has selected that line of labor for his life's work in the advancement of the Nation's good, which we believe to be of the most importance. We need more men like Mr. Noble in public life today.—Public Land.

The Burns Land Office.

A Portland dispatch says: While aspirants for Federal office in Oregon are already numerous there is but one office in the state, as far as can be learned, that is bringing the office seekers out of the bush. This office is that of register of the United States land office at Burns, made vacant by the resignation of G. W. Hayes. Place hunters are buzzing about the other Federal plums in Oregon at long range. This is due to the fact that none of the other political fruit is yet ripe, the term of office of the present incumbents not expiring before some time in 1902.

Among the candidates most active in the race for the Burns billet are J. B. Huntington, a former resident of Baker county, at present residing in Portland; William Farre, of Canyon, City, and James J. Donnegan, I. S. Geer and Win Gowan, of Burns. Huntington has been in the land office before. Geer was a member of the last state legislative assembly and voted for Hon H W Corbett throughout his senatorial contest, and Gowan is a son of ex-State Senator Gowan.

Lava Lore.

From our regular correspondent.

The melancholy days have come the saddest of the year," but our woods are still clothed in their evergreen robes.

So many of our citizens have gone to Prineville that our community seems deserted.

A lad, a gun and a pony came near causing a catastrophe. The pony ran away, the lad was thrown and the gun was broken.

The Oregon Development Co moved its headquarters to Lava this week. Knox Huston, of Prineville, is assistant surveyor.

One of our popular bachelors was seen a few days ago returning from Prineville with a wagon load of suspicious looking household goods wall-paper, chinaware, bandboxes and in fact many nice things not generally supposed to adorn bachelor dens.

Mrs. Wm Hollingshead has been on the sick list for several days.

Miss Mabel Wilhelm is very low and there is no hope of her recovery.

Deputy Sheriff Brown passed through here Friday. Altho we profess to be law abiding citizens, it has a tendency to make us wonder what we have been doing when we see officers of the law coming around.

We have had no snow here this fall so far.

BENJA GRASS.

OUR PRESIDENTS

Details About Them and Their Families.

One Hundred Children

Cleveland is the Only ex-President Living.—Buchanan Was Never Married.

It has recently been noted by some observing person that eighteen out of the twenty five Presidents of the United States, or 72 per cent, have had no middle name although a great majority of male children are christened with two names. The Presidents who had but one Christian name, before Theodore Roosevelt, were: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson. James Madison, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison and William McKinley. There is a modification of this statement in the fact that Mr. Cleveland was christened Stephen Grover, but as he dropped the Stephen early in life, before he became known to the public, he is counted with the others. The seven Presidents who had given names were John Quincy Adams, William Henry Harrison, James Knox Polk, Ulysses Simpson Grant, Rutherford Richard Hayes, James Abram Garfield and Chester Alan Arthur.

Some particulars about the President's families' may be interesting says the Evening Telegram. President Roosevelt's six children; do not constitute the largest family of any President. Tyler had fourteen children; William Henry Harrison had ten, six sons and four daughters; Hayes had eight; Jefferson had six all girls; John Adams, Andrew Johnson and Garfield each had five children; J. Q. Adams, Van Buren, Taylor, Lincoln and Grant had four each; Pierce and Benjamin Harrison three each; Monroe Fillmore, Arthur and McKinley two each and Washington, Madison and Polk none. Mr. Cleveland was a bachelor when elected, was married while President, and now has four children, the eldest of whom is Ruth, was born in the White House. Nine others have been born there. Mr. McKinley's two children died in infancy. One of Lincoln's his favorite, "Tad," died while his father was President. Buchanan was the only President who never married. Of the 100 children of the Presidents, 60 have been boys and 40 girls. The Presidents who have married a second time, before Roosevelt, were Tyler, Fillmore and Benjamin Harrison. The wives of Tyler and Harrison died in the White House.

Washington, Madison, Monroe W. H. Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, Fillmore, Pierce and Arthur were Episcopalians; Grant, Hays and McKinley were Methodists; Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Cleveland and B. Harrison were Presbyterians. Both the Adamses were Congregationalists; and Garfield belonged to the Disciples of Christ.

Jefferson was an agnostic, Johnson was not a church member, and Lincoln, while in a sense deeply religious, was not a believer in any kind of orthodoxy.

Only one ex-President, Cleveland, is living. Their average age at death was between 71 and 72 years. John Quincy Adams served many terms in the House of Congress after his term as President expired, and died while a Representative. Andrew Johnson died while serving as a Senator from Tennessee, and John Tyler while a member of the Confederate Congress during the Civil War.

Wimer-Cooper.

At the home of the brides parents Hon and Mrs. Plinn Cooper near Roseburg, Sunday noon Sept 22 1901; Mr. Ira E. Wimer of Crook county, and Miss Addie Cooper. Rev. W. G. Miller officiating.

Mr. Wimer is a worthy young man, well to do and of good character, yet we can't help regretting the loss of the fair young girl from among us and our fondest wishes are that they will ere long return to their native home, for this loss is a great one to our society.

The bride was beautifully dressed in a white organdie, trimmed in valenciennes lace.

The presents were many and beautiful. Their many friends join in wishing them a long and happy life.—Roseburg Review.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimer arrived at home on Newsum creek on the 15 of Oct. They had rather a hard trip over the mountain. Mr. Wimer is a steady sober hard-working young man. He has chosen for a companion in life a very estimable young lady, highly educated, saving and industrious, hence we may bespeak for them a pleasant and prosperous future. We welcome them among us and extend congratulatory

NEIGHBOR.

One of the most pleasurable events in the history of the Degree of Honor lodge of Wasco, was enjoyed Monday night. It was the occasion of the visit of the Grand Chief, of the D. of H. of Oregon, Mrs. Dr. Belknap of Prineville. After going through the regular routine of ritualistic work, an open session of the lodge was ordered. In a short time tables were laden with a nice luncheon. The regular members, and a number of invited guests then showed their appreciation of the excellence of the spread, by no uncertain evidence. Each did amply justice to those who prepared the feast, even though their efforts were not in strict accordance with the principles of "temperance in all things." Then followed a beautiful and impressive address by Mrs. Belknap that did not fail to exalt in the esteem of all present the noble principles and worthy deeds of Fraternity. We regret our inability to recall the tender words and loving statements of the gifted lady, but let it suffice to say she did the grand subject of Fraternity, no injustice. After the cheering words of the Grand Chief of Honor followed a season of social enjoyment, during which friendly conversations, pleasant jokes, and lively games were in order. When the hour for separation came, all felt that it had been an evening well spent.—Wasco News.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges

Li Hung Chang died in Peking November 7, after a long illness.

The actual amount taken in the S. P hold-up in the four sacks of registered mail was \$5500 in one package, \$87 in other packages and \$14.20 in postage stamps. In addition to this several foreign letters of foreign origin were taken.

The Salem Automobile Company was incorporated by T L Davidson, F N Derby and Amos Strong. The capital stock is \$3000. They propose to operate automobiles on the streets of Salem.

Chas B Thompson, of Port Huron, Mich., supreme finance keeper of the supreme tent, Knights of the Maccabees, is a self-confessed defaulter in the sum of \$57,000. The order, however, is protected from loss by Thompson's surety bond.

The battleship Oregon is now on the government dry dock at the Puget Sound navy yard to undergo repairs to her keel, which was severely strained when she ran on the rocks in Chinese waters some months ago. Later she will be given a general overhauling.

Oregon has received medals at Buffalo so far as follows: Agricultural department, four gold medals, two silver medals, and one honorable mention. Food products, not fruits, three silver medals and two bronze medals. Forestry department, two gold medals, four silver medals, five bronze medals and six honorable mentions. Mines and metallurgy, two silver medals, four bronze medals and three honorable mentions.

The shipment of grain from Portland last week amounted to 4,840,000 bushels, an increase of 385,000 bushels over the previous week, and 551,000 bushels more than was shipped during the corresponding week in 1900. The shipments of flour were 112,524 barrels, an increase of 20,541 barrels over the same week last year.

United States Judge Bellinger in the federal court in Portland sentenced Edna Dungan of Gold Hill, Jackson county, to one day's imprisonment in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$1 for using the United States mail, to defraud wife-eking "suckers" out of their money on a promise of marriage. He stated that although the laws were made to protect society, he had but little sympathy for a man who sent money to a strange woman on a promise of marriage. The Dungan woman's plan was to get into correspondence with her victims and ask them to send her money to defray expenses on wedding dress, etc. A Sagendorph of Aberdeen, Wash., and Knutson of New Whatcomb each paroled with \$20. The woman failed to show up in both cases.