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OREGON LEARNED VALUABLE LESSONS AT OGDEN.

Irrigation Congress Brought All Classes Together—Conditions in Oregon Far Better Than Those in Other Arid States—Future Representation at Congresses.

Ogden, Sept. 20.—The hospitality of the Mormon has ever been one of his distinguishing characteristics. Ogden had prepared for two irrigationists and there came two. Yet her accommodations were not unduly taxed on her ready adaptation to streamliners put to the test. She graciously met the emergency, and the increased and surprising number of her guests only served to stimulate her reserve activity and bring into action more of that genuine Western spirit of hospitable open-heartedness which makes every stranger feel at home, no matter the slight overtake him in the stiff states.

When the committee on resolutions submitted two reports—a minority and a majority report to the convention, Senator Reed Smoot, sitting on the platform near the reporters' desks, remarked: "At last the time has come" (referring to the two reports).

Colonel John P. Irish, sitting at the senator's elbow, replied: "There's the true Mormon spirit cropping out; you're always thinking of yours."

"Reed Smoot replied: 'It is not the creed of the irrigationists to make less blades grow viceroy no longer.'"

This refers to the fact that the senators of the Mormon not alone in Utah, but wherever he casts his lot, he begins to study to double the productivity of nature, wherever he becomes a citizen.

No more fitting and inspiring platform than this could have been chosen for the study of practical irrigation methods and the exemplification of the theories surrounding the art.

Here the Oregon delegation saw the methods and conversed with the men that have made the art a promising glory for the state. If the Oregonians did not carry home some good, some valuable information it is because close observation and diligent study for six days could suggest nor discover no improvements over Oregon methods. If the irrigationists and practical men in all the walks of life, who represented the state at that congress, are not enabled to bring new ideas into execution in Oregon methods, it is because Utah can teach Oregon nothing new, for these men studied irrigation and its attendant subjects industriously.

In all the arid states, conditions are largely identical. Delegates from Colorado, New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Oregon, in conversing and exchanging experiences on the all-absorbing question, were surprised to find local obstacles and local conditions annoying and confronting their fellow-irrigationists from each and every state.

If any difference in conditions exists it is in favor of Oregon. Here the sandy loam will produce three crops with one early soaking and one midsummer irrigating. In the heavy loam and gravel soil of Colorado, constant irrigation during the growing season is necessary.

The same vexing question of natural water supply harrasses all the West. The great issue everywhere is to store the waste waters, reach out into the water sheds and save the spring freshets until needed by growing crops. Everywhere is met the question of canal and reservoir construction and the problem of how to prevent loss of water in carrying it from the source of supply to the crop. How to build dams that will stand and reservoirs that will bear the weight of floods and prevent loss through seepage.

One vital point, however, in which Oregon is deficient is the matter of water right laws. At the other arid states have enacted laws on this subject which make practically perfect the system of irrigation. This one obstacle will retard government work in Oregon, more than any other thing. The Idaho law is suggested as a model and is worthy of consideration by the legislators of Oregon, as the conditions in the two states are practically the same.

Idaho is divided in three irrigation

REMINDER OF THE FLOOD.

Heppner Schools Opened With Less Attendance Than Last Year.

The Heppner public schools opened Monday under very favorable conditions. While the attendance was not as large on opening day as last year, it was larger than was expected, owing to the large number of pupils who attended last year being drowned in the flood.

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GENERAL NEWS.

A man bet \$40 on a 2-year-old in a recent Paris horse race and won \$1,000 on the book.

A Niagara Falls coachman suicided Sunday by jumping off the suspension bridge into the rapids.

The government finds it necessary to exact every effort to find sufficient recruits to fill the vacancies by death, desertions and expiration of terms in the tropic service.

Mrs. Mary Louise May, a Brooklyn woman who was a recluse, but was a miser, was found dead in an upper room of an apartment house at Brooklyn. It is believed she had been dead a month, and that she had taken poison. She left \$7,500 in cash.

Halfon, the low head of the British cabinet, is being severely censured for trafficking in his official opinions. He is accused of clearing \$17,000 on the sale of a pamphlet in which his opinions on present and recent crises in English politics are given.

NORTHWEST NEWS.

The Spokane women's club have passed resolutions asking the United States senate to investigate the charges of polygamy against Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah.

George F. Trevelin, a prominent attorney of Ashland, is under arrest for procuring a false instrument and making the same on file in the recorder's office at Josephine county.

Thomas H. Hardy, traveling man from St. Louis left his baggage at his home in Boise City, Sunday, after paying his bill, and disappeared. No trace of him has yet been found.

James M. Cole, a pioneer of Willow Creek, in Malheur county, died at his home Saturday evening after a brief illness. He was one of the first settlers in Eastern Oregon, to begin irrigation of sage brush land.

Anderson Givard, an escaped lunatic from the Ukiah, California asylum, shot and killed A. J. McKinnon, of Kerville, and after being wounded himself by a deputy sheriff, made his escape in the darkness Saturday evening.

The body of W. H. Ragan, the Steptoe farmer who disappeared from his home Friday, was found late Saturday evening, two miles from his home. It is evident that he suddenly became insane and ran until he dropped dead from exhaustion.

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