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## COUNTY OFFICIAL PAPER

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ENTIRE NATION BENEFITS  
FROM IRRIGATION.

Senator McNary of Oregon and E. F. Blaine of Seattle, who represents the Western States' Reclamation association at Washington, are pressing the Smith-McNary bill with the proper and convincing line of argument—national need and national benefits. If the benefits that flow from reclamation of western arid lands were only regional, western people and western senators and representatives would have no justification for asking for federal aid.

The historic fact is that the nation never has made a bad investment in the west. For more than 100 years, since President Jefferson made the Louisiana purchase and sent the Lewis and Clark military expedition to the Pacific, federal interest in western settlement and development has enriched and strengthened the nation. It is but a simple statement of fact that Mr. Hoover's task of helping to win the war with food would have been tremendously more difficult if irrigation had not reclaimed large areas in the Rocky mountain and Pacific states. All through the war a vast tonnage of food products rolled constantly off the irrigated lands of California, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and other irrigation states.

There is the further national benefit that follows from exchange of the products of irrigation for the merchandise of eastern manufacturing states. These sound arguments are appealing to senators like Underwood, democratic leader of the senate, who has just written to Senator McNary: "Many years ago, while I was a member of the house, I voted for the first reclamation bill for the west. I am sure that you will understand that I am not opposed to your idea of the value of reclamation to the people of the country."

It all turns on that. If reclamation of arid lands is in the national interest, the Smith-McNary bill should be passed. If reclamation is not in the national interest, not a dollar of federal aid should be voted for it.

The truth is that the nation does need the production, the prosperity, the trade that unflinching flow from the reclamation of every meritorious project.

## THE JOY OF KNOWING.

We heard recently of an old lady who spends many evenings with a newspaper, an encyclopedia and an atlas. On inquiry the old lady said she was educating herself in this manner and that she had no other way of finding out what she did not know. When she reads an item in a newspaper concerning a section of the world of which she is ignorant, she consults her atlas and then her encyclopedia.

The old lady has lived long enough to know that the only way to knowledge involves some inconvenience, some effort, and no matter if she is an old lady, she wants to learn something.

A great many persons do not want to be troubled about such matters. In reading a book or newspaper they follow the easy way of passing over names, words and references about which they know nothing. It requires an effort to get up and pull down the dictionary, a map or some reference book, and the matter is allowed to pass.

A vast fund of information, useful knowledge is built up through steady effort of years. The effort may become a habit, a habit as useful as the regular saving of money. Many men have advanced steadily through the practice of such habits, while others have lost just as steadily through the feeling, "Oh, it doesn't amount to much, after all."

Knowledge often has the earning power, but the learned person is recognized as such. Knowing a lot gets one little except the sheer joy that comes from the knowledge that one knows.

Try the old lady's plan.

## WORDS GOOD—PRACTICE BETTER.

"Community spirit and co-operation" are words that sound fine and are overworked in expressing the thoughts of speakers. While the words are overworked, the spirit and true meaning are not. For a proper definition of the words, our readers are referred to that well known volume of a well-known man. For an example, we will refer you to the Yankton neighborhood. Their community meeting Saturday was a community affair in every sense of the word. Friendship, born of community interest and co-operation, was manifest. The marked development which has taken place in the Yankton section during a comparatively short time is apparent, an illustration of the results which can be accomplished more rapidly by a community working together for a certain purpose than by any one person working singly, though his efforts individually, may be more than those of his neighbor who is doing team-work with other neighbors.

## MARBLIES.

Is marbles to develop into an organized national sport, with regular championship contests?

Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn would have opened their mouths at the great match on Pershing Field, Jersey City, the other day, when in the presence of 3,000 juvenile fans and with motion picture cameras recording the historic event, "Buster" Roach, 14 years old, the local champion, defeated Michael Thelano, also 14, the Washington wonder.

Fathers whose marble-shooting days are in the long ago may yet understand the thrill which ran through the crowd when the victor's last shot, sent from his knee, hit his opponent's marble at a distance of fifteen feet.

No Babe Ruth homer ever beat that exhibition of supreme mastery.

## FAITH.

Clarence H. DeMar, who recently won the American marathon race at the age of 34, says his victory was due to prayer.

Before the race he knelt and prayed for a return of strength and endurance that won him his first marathon race in 1911.

In his 1922 long distance race DeMar lost four pounds. The home stretch was agony. But he says he felt himself pushed along by the power of his answered prayer.

Prayer gave DeMar faith. With faith you can overcome any obstacle. Without it, you are doomed to failure.

This is true, whether the faith is in yourself or outside influence.

If the interest manifest at the school election Monday night can be taken as an indication of interest of school patrons in the St. Helens schools, and school affairs, it is certain there will be a hearty co-operation between the patrons and teachers. We surmise, however, that a considerable portion of those who attended the annual meeting will not give much thought to the schools until the next annual election.

## EDITORIAL SQUIBBLES.

Life often goes hard with the fellow who takes things easy.

The latest definition of a pessimist is: "A banker who has backed an optimist."

Men may have as much courage as ever, but few of them wear whiskers these days.

Apparently the coal strike isn't as serious a matter as its press agents said it would be.

You don't always see the prettiest things in stockings in the show windows these days.

A man was shot for winking at a woman in Chicago. It is always best to speak right out.

Let us hope that Germany doesn't find out that we have reduced our army to 70,000 men.

Still, the theory of evolution is about the only way of explaining the origin of some people.

Cheer up. An inventor has promised the country a radio-controlled lawn mower by next summer.

Money isn't everything, of course, but if you have it you don't worry so much about other things.

You may say what you like, but the girls are going to wear short skirts just as long as they please.

One good thing about taking advice is that you have somebody to blame when things turn out badly.

Maybe there would be better order over there if Ireland hadn't sent so many policemen to this country.

Maybe Secretary Denby decided to take a trip to Japan before congress got another chance at the navy.

Now that we have prohibition the presumption is that when they go fishing they do nothing but fish.

There has been a water shortage in London, but they still have very satisfactory substitutes over there.

There is still some talk of world peace but most of the big powder companies have started running full time again.

There was a fire in the United States treasury the other day but there will be no bargain sale of damaged money.

Here is a rule that doesn't always work both ways: When a fellow boasts of his kin folks they seldom boast of him.

A woman got a verdict for one dollar in a breach of promise suit, which is just about what a man who jilts a woman is worth.

TRENHOLM CHEESE  
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It is now possible to obtain a first class quality of cheese made nearby St. Helens. Peter Serafin of Trenholm has an up-to-date and sanitary plant, and the cheese production averages from 20 to 24 pounds per day. The quality of the cheese is excellent and compares favorably with the well known product of Tillamook county. The entire product is sold locally and under the brand of "Trenholm Cheese Factory" and Mr. Serafin states that he could easily dispose of twice the amount he now makes. In the near future he intends to get additional equipment so that the cheese output will be doubled. Local merchants have been co-operating with Mr. Serafin in disposing of the home product which is equal, if not superior to any of the cheese shipped in from other sections of the county.

VISITOR RECALLS  
PIONEER DAYS

The editor of The Mist was in Vernonia Friday morning and expecting to come to St. Helens via the St. Helens-Pittsburg road mentioned to Mr. Mills, the accommodating proprietor of the Vernonia garage, that if he knew of any one who wished to come to St. Helens, there was plenty of room in the car and we would be glad to have the company, so Mills made inquiry and found a party who had missed the bus for Timber and told him how he could get over this way, so that is how we came to meet H. L. Palmer, who lives in Knabb, Washington.

Finding we were bound for St. Helens, Mr. Palmer said he once lived in St. Helens, from 1893 to 1898. He was here during the memorable "high water" of 1894. His grandmother was a pioneer of this country and came across the plains from Tennessee in 1852 and was in the same wagon train as was the late Sam Miles. His grandfather, George Redding, died when the caravan reached the Snake River country and was buried on the plains, his grandmother coming on to Oregon and settling in St. Helens in 1855 or 1854. Several years later she married a man by the name of Bordwell and they conducted a hotel in St. Helens which was near the "old Muckle mill site," as Mr. Palmer expressed it. He was under the impression that it was the first hotel in St. Helens. His grandmother's name was Henrietta Bordwell, long since passed on to join the hosts who blazed the long trail westward.

Mr. Palmer noted the difference of the St. Helens of today and the St. Helens of 25 years ago and inquired of us as to many of the old timers. He has a sister, Mrs. Van Cleave of Scappoose, and expects to come to Columbia county in the near future for a visit.

## Suppressed Detail Comes Up.

The Grandsire—Did I ever tell you about me fightin' the battle of Bull Run?

The Grandson—I've listened to all of your bull, but you never told me about your run.—Judge.

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What office will the angels perform at the judgment day?—Matthew 13, 41-49.

Unto whom did God say, "I will be thy shield"?—Genesis 15, 1.

What prophet was commanded to put bonds and yokes on his neck?—Jeremiah 27, 2.

How many instances are given of laying hold on the horns of the altar for refuge?—1 Kings 1, 30; 2, 28.

What woman wandered seven years in a land of strangers during a famine in her own country?—1 Kings 8, 1-2.

What were the first words spoken to man?—Genesis 1, 28.

Who was the first convert to Christianity recorded in the Bible?—Acts 2, 27, 38.

When was the Sabbath instituted and by whom observed?—Genesis 2, 2-3.

Where are the wicked first spoken of as sinners?—Genesis 13, 13.

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