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To get the material upon the ground as so costly as to make the work infeasible. Again were the Government to open to settlement a large area remote from a railroad, there would be no market for the heavy crops which are grown by irrigation and the settlers would surely fail. The Service is charged with very delicate duties. It must safeguard the interests of the Government in the actual work of building the works and it must also consider the settler who is obligated to pay back the cost.

*The Klamath project is to be the first of Oregon's great works. It will reclaim 400,000 acres when completed, or as much land as is now irrigated in the whole state. The work will cost about \$4,500,000. The scheme is unique among irrigation projects in that it involves some entirely new features. Two large lakes covering more than 150,000 acres are to be drained and when dry the beds are to be divided up into farms and irrigated. Water from California will be used to irrigate Oregon lands and reciprocally Oregon will furnish a supply for California. We have a feasible project on

the Umatilla near Echo which can be built very quickly, if the land owners will make the necessary arrangements with the government.

"Irrigation is being extended all over the country. Florida with a rainfall of 70 inches finds it profitable to irrigate, and Missouri, Wisconsin, Connecticut and other eastern states are proving its value. The day will come when the beautiful Grand Ronde valley will be covered with a net work of ditches, and the small, intensively cultivated farm unit will replace the large ranch. Already the tide has set toward the inland empire of the west. It is most timely that citizens of the valley should be considering methods of water conservation, the protection of the watershed of tributary streams and the investigation of reservoir sites."

(By Scripps News Association.)

Escanaba, Mich., Sept. 20.—Following the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of monuments and crosses in Catholic cemeteries in other cities, three men last night did \$10,000 worth of damage in two Catholic cemeteries here. The district attorney at Oconto received a package of religious papers and a note saying, "You'll soon have to defend us for religious liberty. Study up."

By Springs News Association
Chicago, Sept. 20.—The policy holders of the Western Life Indemnity company held a stormy session today and demanded that the officers tell all of the details of the proposed sale of the concern and of the reinsurance in other companies. They were told that they would be told when the time came.

London Sept. 20.—Dr Thomas Barnardo, founder and director of many philanthropic institutions and who has rescued more than 55,000 orphans and waifs by training them and finding homes for them, is dead. He built a home near Brandon, Manitoba and trained many waifs to be agriculturists in northwestern Canada. Many of his proteges are very prosperous.

Scripps News Association.
 Berlin, Sept 20—Six new cases and
 one death from cholera were reported
 today.

By Scripps News Association
Chicago, Sept. 20.—W. H. Nunt,
president of the defunct Pan American
bank, was sentenced to two years im
prisonment this morning and fined
\$298.

Scripps News Association.
New Orleans, Sept. 29—At noon today there were two new cases and four deaths reported.

Scripta News Association.
New York, Sept. 20—Komura is im-
proving rapidly.

New York, Sept. 20.—President Jo'n A. McCall, of the New York Life, testified this morning that his control of the company's money was absolute. He admitted to making advances of \$100,000 once and \$75,000 later to Andrew Hamilton for a real estate transaction. He couldn't explain why Hamilton's balance in the bank was only \$176 although the real estate transaction was not made. He said he did not know what Hamilton did with the money but admitted the other advances. He got excited and said the money was safe if Hamilton could not refund. McCall said that he thanked God that he contributed to the campaign and aided the defeat of free silver.

McCall said that Hamilton's account was never audited since the beginning of the fiscal year 1900, when he joined the company. He said that Hamilton had attended to the legislation of the various state companies, but that he had no vouchers to show what he did with his money. Hughes asked if the money given Hamilton had gone to influence the legislature. McCall hastily answered "not at all," and with all solemnity declared upon his oath that Hamilton never spoke to him about the payments to legislators in his or any other state.

ment in various parts of the country and that he was paid a salary of \$10,000 a year for services as counsel.

McCall said that he is not a millionaire and declared that when he died his estate would consist mainly of life insurance. He has paid \$25,000 annually to the company in premiums

Scripps News Association
 Vallejo, (Cal., Sept. 20.—Charles
 Boskirk, a fireman of the first class,
 was the first witness called in the
 Bennington courtmartial. He testified
 that he had heard that the valves had
 blown off but after a half hour of
 deliberation his testimony was thrown
 out as mere hearsay. John O Leonard,
 commander of the USS Lawton, was
 the next witness. He was the execu-
 tive officer of the Bennington up to
 March 14 last and had charge of the
 hull books but they were accessible
 to Captain Young. He made all
 inspections required by the regulations.
 J J Worthen testified that he was on
 duty in the fire room on the morning
 of the explosion. He saw the steam
 gauge of boiler B register 5 pounds
 and then drop to zero. He didn't
 notice it afterwards as he was sent to
 find the leak in the boiler. Many
 objections were made by the defend-
 ant's counsel but were not allowed.

Lincoln Sept 20—Bryan dominates the state convention this afternoon despite the opposition. A string of newspapers are said to have inspired Cleveland, Paul Morton and others to fight Bryan.

If the patrons of the Observer will place a mail box on their gate posts where the carrier boys can leave the paper they will always be sure of prompt delivery. The windy weather is apt to blow them off the porches and the rains soak them until they are unreadable. Be sure to put out a box and get your paper unchewed by the pup.

Mrs Mary Gingery, of Santa Rosa, California, arrived in the city this morning and will remain a few days visiting her daughter Mrs. E B Hays, and then go on to Chicago.

(By Scripps News Association)

Reno Nev. Sept 20.—As a result of a double wreck on the Southern Pacific at Harney Nevada at 8:30 last night one passenger is dead and five injured several of whom are in a serious condition. Thomas Mason of Tauleburg N J died at Reno where he was taken following the wreck. The first wreck was the result of two freights meeting head on, full speed. The flagman stopped the second section of the west bound passenger in time to avoid the wreck but had no time to stop the third section of the passenger which crashed full speed into the coaches of the section completely demolishing four cars and the engine. Eugene Koss and fireman Linville of third section are badly injured.

Surgeons were sent for from Reno and San Francisco many of the injured were taken to the hospitals at Reno. Among the injured are: Geo Ashman, Dubois, Penn; J H Arnolds, Bellefontain; Mrs Fannie Broyner, Marley, Iowa; Edward Moore, Wellington, Kan; Mrs Isabella Phillips, Stony Point, Tex; Mrs Anna Riggs, St Louis, Mo; Mrs Ellen A Smith, Crown Point, Ind; L L Eberhart, Irvington; Henry Howard, Berryville, Ark; Frank Nelson, Indianapolis; Mrs J. J. Nelson, Taberville, Ill; Agnes Duffy New York; Jas M Eckles, Indianapolis, Iowa; E M Granger, Escalab, Mo; Mrs W C Harley, Eagle Grove, Iowa; W M Knox, Chicago, Mrs T Macken, Tauleburg, N J; Mrs T Mulhill, Bath, Maine; H C Brown, Chicago; L A Griffin, Los Angeles; E L Hider, Taomacal, Mrs I J Holder, Bakersfield, Cal, Myrt'a, Atlanti, Cal, Silver Hyrns, Haywards, Cal, Mrs Wm Berry, Los Angeles; Harry Hellen, Round Mountain, Cal; J E Bang, Oakland; A Mattson, Kern City Cal; W A Price, San Francisco; Mrs F G Ritton Vallejo; H Kountree, Oakland; J Saunders, San Francisco; Mrs F A Townsend, Los Angeles; Harry Warren, Tramp, Seattle; Mrs Peter Jones, Goldfield, Nev; Fred A Krus, San Francisco; Mrs Nellie Lyly, Fresno; Ed Loastier, Oakland; W E Moore, Ogden.

Philadelphia, Sept. 20.—The exhibition of the California women's drill corps, the conferring of the grand decoration of chivalry and the competitive team work were the features of the 21st annual convention of the sovereign grand lodge, I. O. O. F. The California drill corps won the first prize of \$200 for the best appearance in parade.

Cambridge, Sept. 30.—The secretaries of Harvard college announce that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the President's eldest son, passed the examinations. He will matriculate this fall and will occupy room 15, Claverhall.

Scripps News Association.
Goshu, Pas., Sept. 20—Seven
months, passed out of the Russian line
near Salunchad, were ambushed by
the Japanese and killed Rear Ad-
miral Jenson left Vladivostok to meet
Vice Admiral Kamimura to arrange
naval armistice

By Scripps News Association)
St. Louis, Sept. 20—The Mississippi this morning registered 29.4 inches short of the danger line and is slowly rising.

By Scripps News Association
Chicago, Sept. 30.—George Meller, president of the Carriage Worker's union, who with other labor officials, pleaded not guilty Monday for conspiring the death of O J Carlstrom during the teamster's strike, this morning pleaded guilty and upset the defence, and surprised the prosecution. It is said that Meller testified for the state.

Scripta News Association
Portland Sept 20—Marion R. Biggs and Van Gessner, co-defendants in the Williamson trial, testified in the land fraud trial this morning denying alleged conspiracy. U. M. Baldwin testified to the good character of the defendants.

Washington: Sept. 19—A special meeting of the reclamation engineers D W Ross, D C Henry and A J Wiley, has been called at Boise, October 18, to consider and pass upon the surveys and examinations made on the Boise Payette project during the summer.

By Scripps News Association.
Chicago, Sept 20—Detectives raided two bucketshops today and arrested 16 patrons, including a woman known as the "queen of plungers"

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