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DIVIDE VALLEY INTO 3 DISTRICTS

GENERAL COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION HOLDS MEETING.

Meeting Last Night of General Committee of Nine to Propagate Irrigation Scheme, Results in the Division of County into Three Fields—One Committee for Each Field—General Prospects Bright—Systematic Action to Follow.

Steps looking toward the formulation of systematic methods to pursue in the struggle for subscribers to the irrigation project, were taken last evening at a meeting of the special committee of nine appointed some time ago to work the matter to a finish.

While matters of considerable importance were discussed in an informal way, the principal action taken of a definite nature was the apportionment of the valley to a sub-committee of the general committee. Three sections of the valley will be canvassed by as many committees. In the first section, including a district south of Cove lane, will be in the field of Messrs. F. S. Bramwell, J. D. McKennon and Fred Holmes of Island City.

The second district lies between the Cove lane and the Booth lane. This section of the valley will be canvassed by George Stoddard, J. L. Caviness and Ed Reynolds.

The third section constitutes everything north of the Booth lane and will be looked after by Walter M. Pierce, C. D. Huffman and Mr. Jasper.

That this step will be the beginning of the end for subscriptions is assured as with a good percentage already subscribed by unsolicited land owners, the committee will have but little trouble in securing a large bulk of subscriptions. The final wind-up will naturally be the hardest, as the last 5000 acres are expected to require as much solicitation as the first 15,000.

TWENTY DIVORCE SUITS ON DOCKET

STARTLING NUMBER OF DIVORCES ASKED FOR LOCALLY

There is an unusual number of divorce cases on the circuit court docket, 20 by actual count. When it is taken into consideration that where there is no contest divorces are granted between terms of court, it makes this record look out of proportion to the ordinary run of such cases. Last year the clerk's office made a careful investigation of the records for the past 20 years and the number of divorces granted during that period was 590, an average of 25 per annum. But with three terms of court each year and cases disposed of between terms, the present docket shows quite an increase.

Idaho Independence Party Foiled.
Boise, Sept. 29.—There will be no Independence party ticket on the ballot in November in Idaho this year. Yesterday was the last day for filing the ticket. Hearst representatives failed last spring to organize a party here.

Fish During Litigation.
Portland, Sept. 29.—All along the banks of the Columbia river there is activity today among fishermen, owing to the order of United States Judge Wolverton to the effect that fishing is open to all licensed fishermen, pending the decision of the United States supreme court in the Christ. Neilson case.

BRYAN BOWS TO TAFT.

All Bryan Pictures Torn Down While Taft is in Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 29.—Charles Bryan today received a telegram from his brother, the great Commoner, saying:

"Ask all democrats in Lincoln to take down my picture while Taft is in town. Have them show him every possible courtesy."

A big Taft demonstration is planned for tomorrow night.

COIN JINGLERS MEET IN DENVER

FIRST DAY OF BANKERS' CONVENTION SEES MANY PRESENT

Denver, Col., Sept. 29.—Leading bankers from all over the land assembled in the Brown Palace hotel this morning, where the 13th annual meeting of the American Bankers' association was called to order by President Philip S. Babcock of New York. The Rev. Henry A. Buchtel, D. D., governor of Colorado, delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city and state. Reports of the secretary, James R. Branch of New York, and the executive committee and committee on protective laws occupied the opening hours of the convention. The speakers on today's program of the trust company section included Breckinridge Jones of St. Louis, F. R. Fries of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Lawrence L. Gillespie of New York, and President Joseph N. Babcock of New York. Vice-president of the various states will report on any new banking and a trust company laws recently enacted in their respective states. There will also be a discussion of the topic, "What lessons for the trust companies were revealed in the 1907 panic?"

STEVENSON WINS BY COURT'S ACT

STATED THAT STATE WILL APPEAL TO HIGHER COURT

Judge Knowles today filed his opinion in the writ of review case of Dr. J. E. Stevenson, who was convicted in the justice court for practicing his profession without a license. The writ was sustained and the court held the indictment did not state sufficient facts to constitute a crime and ordered the case dismissed. District Attorney Ivanhoe immediately gave notice of his intention to appeal to the supreme court.

There is still another case pending an appeal and if the indictments read alike as it is understood they do, it will probably be decided as the above. Cochran & Cochran were attorneys for the defendant.

PREPARING FOR COURT.

Local Attorneys Appeared on Motion Day—Several Cases Set.

This was motion day among the local attorneys before Judge Knowles. The entire law and equity dockets were gone over and several cases were set for the October term of the circuit court, which convenes next Monday. The case of the State vs. P. A. McDonald, administrator of the estate of John Morrison, will be the first case heard under the present arrangement. However, some petty criminal case might be considered first.

STEWART PLACED ON TEST TRIAL

MUCH-WANTED BOARD EXAMINATION IS GRANTED.

So-Called Modern Dreyfus, Colonel Stewart, Before Retiring Board for Examination Today—Roosevelt's Recent Letter of Explanation Throws Light on Subject Not Before Entertained—Brother of Colonel Claims to Have Aiding Facts.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Colonel Stewart, the so-called American Dreyfus, appears before the army retiring board today. If given a chance he will show if his heart is weak. Disqualification in other ways is due to his enforced exile at Fort Grant, Ariz.

Charles Stewart, a brother and an attorney, of San Francisco, is here in behalf of the colonel. He declared he could prove positively that the colonel's health was excellent when he was sent to the fort. He says the colonel was examined at that time and will produce records of the examination. Orders were issued today summoning the retiring board to Washington barracks to witness the examination to be conducted by Col. William H. Arthur, Major Guy Leddie, who are the medical members of the board.

This is a fulfillment of the wish held out by Stewart for a long time. Since Roosevelt's letter of explanation was published, dealing with the temperamental incapacities of Stewart, public opinion has been less adverse to the administration. Stewart's chief grounds for complaint was that he had not been placed before an examining board.

Harriman in a Hospital.

Boston, Sept. 29.—E. H. Harriman is being treated at a Boston hospital for spinal trouble, the exact nature not being made public. His affliction is not thought to be serious.

FAST WORK DONE BY ASSESSORS

PRESENT TAX ROLL COMPLETED IN AN EVEN 20 DAYS

Within just 23 days from the first time the pen was dipped into the ink bottle until the blotter dried the last line on the 1908 tax roll, is the record just completed under Assessor R. A. Hug. This, we believe we are warranted in saying, is a new record. As compared with last year, the present roll contains 74 additional pages and when you are made to realize that each of these 74 additional pages is 16 by 16 inches in size, it meant several days additional work.

This work has not only been accomplished within this time, but it has not cost the county one cent for additional clerk hire. This is another record that has few precedents.

Girls Are Released.

Except for the fact that the two Tiffany girls are out on bonds, there have been no new developments in the drunk and disorderly case brought into court last Sunday night. Oldenberg has not been arrested yet, though the officers have searched for him.

The Tiffany girls have met their bonds and were given their liberty this morning, pending good behavior. The Mahady girl is still in the city jail, serving out her sentence imposed yesterday.

Late this afternoon the Mahady girl was released on \$300 bonds, met by her father.

IRRIGATION MEN IN ALBUQUERQUE

DISRUPTION THREATENS TO MAR PURPOSE OF CONGRESS.

Pacific Coast Delegates to National Irrigation Congress Are Bitter in Attack on Pinchot and His Methods—Roosevelt Friends Try to Squelch the Trouble—Administration Faction Accuses Enemies of Being Cattle Barons.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 29.—In a new \$30,000 convention hall, delegates from all over the United States and some from foreign countries assembled today at the opening of the 16th National Irrigation congress. An exposition of irrigated farm and forest products, covering over 100,000 square feet, is being held in connection with the congress and forms a remarkable object lesson of what has already been accomplished in the reclamation of arid and semi-arid portions of the country.

During the sessions, which will continue through the week, many prominent men and reclamation authorities will address the congress on topics connected with the development of practical methods of conserving the great natural resources of the country, extending the habitable area, increasing the products of the land and developing the internal trade and commerce.

A notable feature of the congress will be the discussion of the report of a committee appointed at last year's meeting in Sacramento, relative to the desirability of organizing an international congress having a broader and more comprehensive scope and covering all matters touching the conservation and use of natural resources of all the countries of the globe.

Delegates in attendance at the congress will be afforded opportunities for visiting the gigantic irrigation projects under construction by the government, notably the great Roosevelt dam in the Salt River Valley in Arizona, the Elephant Butte dam and the Leasburg diversion unit of the Rio Grande project and the Hondo and Carlisbad project in the Pecos valley of New Mexico.

Disruption is Probable.

A bitter attack on the national forest service policy of Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot in California and the Pacific coast, threatens to disrupt the congress. Pacific coast delegates are here prepared to make an assault upon what they term the "unwarranted czarism" of Pinchot.

Friends of the administration accuse them of representing the "cattle barons." Judge D. C. Dean of Denver, general counsel for the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, has threatened to come here to deliver a denunciation of Pinchot on the floor of the congress. Pinchot's enemies say he charges such a big price for the privilege of allowing cattle to feed on the ranges that it is impossible for small owners to use the national ranges. Roosevelt's friends are trying to squelch the matter.

Spokane Wants Congress.

Spokane, Wash., will make a hard fight for the next congress.

C. R. Seitz in Limelight.

The following item from the Lakeview Examiner will be of interest to the many friends of Mr. Seitz, a former Union county young man:

Forest Supervisor C. R. Seitz, of the Cascade National forest, with headquarters at Eugene, has constructed and successfully operated a system of wireless stations. This ingenious son of Oregon has erected three stations, covering 36 miles, and has transmitted messages perfectly. The system is his own invention and will be thoroughly tried out before he recommends it for general adoption. Mr. Seitz has also perfected a machine which will record messages received at his station in his absence and which operates on the principle of a stock "ticker."

VICE-PRESIDENTS MEET.

Kern and Sherman Meet in Hotel Lobby Where They Shake Hands.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—Sherman and Kern, the vice-presidential candidates, met today in the lobby of the Auditorium hotel. They shook hands cordially and exchanged felicitations. Sherman invited Kern to visit him in Utica, N. Y., and asked him to bring his wife. Former Congressman Curtis said: "I want to shake hands with the next vice-president." To make sure, he shook the hands of both men.

CITY WEALTHIER TODAY THAN EVER

TOTAL VALUATION OF CITY PROPERTY IS \$1,360,000

The city of La Grande is over \$150,000 wealthier today than at the last assessment, according to the assessor's tax roll for 1908, which shows that the valuation of the property within the city limits of La Grande is \$1,360,000. The following table of valuations and the tax levy for the past three years will not only show the increase in valuation but will show that with the tax levy the same as last year, the increase in revenue will be equal to \$1500.

Year.	Valuation.	Levy.	Receipts
1905	\$ 224,590	9	\$ 8,221
1906	1,059,544	12	12,714
1907	1,298,332	10	12,052
1908	1,360,000	*	*

*Levy not made yet.

A FREAK GROUSE.

Just How Bird Became Domesticated is a Mystery.

On the farm of O. P. Kingley, who resides on Dutch Flat, can be seen daily in his poultry yard a young grouse nearly grown. Just how it came to be there will never be exactly known. The first thing they knew it was there, and evidently had been there some time as it is domesticated, and considers itself a fixture. Mr. Kingley raises Plymouth chickens and he is of the opinion that a grouse egg came to get in some nest and was hatched and grew up with the litter of Plymouth Rocks, which, when young, look very much like grouse, and it is quite probable that its true character was not recognized until a few weeks ago. It still shows its wild instinct. It seems quite shy when it notices any one looking at it and walks away. It is a female bird and is quite a curiosity, to say the least.

Expect End of Strike.

Winnipeg, Sept. 29.—It is expected that the Canadian Pacific strike will end before midnight.

ANCIENT CRIME UNCOVERED TODAY

FRENCHMAN RELATES HOW NAPOLEON WAS ATTACKED.

After Fifty Years of Silence One of the Conspirators and Perpetrators in the Famous Assault on Emperor and Empress of France, Tells Details—Relates Details of Partially Successful Plot Against French Royalty in 1858.

Los Angeles, Sept. 29.—Conte Camillo de Rudlo, living in this city, bares the details of the famous attempt to assassinate Emperor Louis Napoleon and the empress, in 1858, when 19 were killed and 150 wounded by bombs.

Rudlo talked today after a silence of 50 years. He says he threw the bomb which destroyed the royal carriage. A hundred bombs were made but only three were used. He was arrested and condemned to death, but was reprieved through an English woman whom he married. They went to Devil's Island but escaped, and came to America. He fought under Generals Grant and Sherman in the civil war.

Ettore Patrizi, editor of an Italian newspaper at San Francisco, was sent here to get the story.

The plot was arranged in England by Orsini, one of the Italian leaders. The conspirators went to Paris, where it was learned that Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie were to attend the theater the night of January 14. When the imperial carriage drove up three bombs were thrown. One exploded among the cordon of police, another demolished the carriage, killing the attendants and horses. The emperor and empress were not harmed.

Five Men Injured.

Monterey, Cal., Sept. 29.—Five men sleeping in the new launch Sagamore narrowly escaped being burned to death when a gasoline tank exploded early today. The boat was transformed into a floating furnace. The occupants succeeded in climbing out of the skiff and reaching shore, but were slightly burned.

Attempted Wholesale Murder.

Stanford University, Sept. 29.—One hundred and fifty students are looking for a Chinese cook who poisoned all the students at Stanford Inn last night. Several of them are seriously ill. The Chink was discharged several days ago, but returned yesterday and placed poison in the flour. Within half an hour after dinner complaints began to pour in. The students were seized with violent pains and some were taken to the hospital. All will recover.

PURE DRUGS

The Exact Kind That the Doctor Ordered

Our Prescription department organized along modern lines and our reputation is sufficient guarantee as to care and quality



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