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IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR UNION COUNTY IS NOW AN ASSURED FACT

MAY DROP OUT THE SANDRIDGE

NEW TERRITORY WILL BE OVER 12,000 ACRES.

Irrigation Movement Suddenly Jumps Into Being at a Meeting Last Evening—Expense of Building Sandridge Canal Much Greater Than Subscriptions Would Cover—That Region May Come in Later—No Longer Doubt About Success of the Project.

"Water, water," was the sole topic discussed at the meeting of the board of managers of the Commercial club last evening. This meeting was called expressly for the purpose of talking over the irrigation project which the club is behind. The committee, with J. D. McKennon as its chairman, has been doing some very effective work the past few weeks and it proposes to have it all in hand in time to report to the general meeting to be held on the 15th of next month.

In view of the fact that a large percentage of the acreage subscribed lies on the south side of the river and only 1000 acres on the Sandridge, and that badly scattered, it is quite possible that the proposed canal to the Sandridge may be abandoned until such time as the land owners realize the real bene-

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YALE STROKE DEAD

WORRY OF LOSING LAST RACE CAUSES HIS DEATH.

Dwight Griswold, Known All Over the Rowing World, Dies at Frisco—Broken-Hearted.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—With the body of their son, Dwight, stroke oar of the Yale varsity crew, who fainted in the great race last spring, causing his college to lose to her old rival, Harvard, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Griswold left here today for Erie, Pa.

Dwight died at the German hospital here with a broken heart. He was worrying constantly since his breakdown. Dwight soon faded from a powerful athlete to a weakling.

The death certificate says it was typhoid pneumonia that caused death, but friends say he would not have contracted the disease if he had not been sick at heart.

MINE ACCIDENT BURIES 100 MEN

THREE HUNDRED OUR OF MINE WHEN EXPLOSION OCCURS

Maybury, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Over 100 men are believed to be imprisoned in

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COPPER LEDGE OF GREAT PROSPECT

COVE MEN FIND WHAT MAY BE LOST TREASURE.

Copper Ledge Said to Be Fabulously Wealthy, is Found Three Miles From Cove—Extent of Find Still Unknown—May Be the Missing Mt. Fannie Copper Lode—Cove Excited—Many Go to See the Discovery—In Path of Proposed Tunnel.

Cove, Dec. 30.—What is believed to be the long lost Mt. Fannie copper lode, has been discovered by two young men, Tom Shores and D. G. Griggs, with the result that Cove and its tributary settlements are wildly excited. That a copper ledge of enormous wealth has been discovered is taken to be true, and many parties have gone out to the prospect hole to see for themselves. Those who found it know little more about the discovery than the public, but a careful investigation will be carried on to ascertain if the missing lode of copper historically said to be fabulously wealthy, is the one found.

Northeast of Cove. The prospect hole, already of considerable size, lies three miles northeast of Cove, near the head of Warm creek canyon, at the Twin Butte of Mt. Fannie. Local parties have been out to

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QUEEN FAINTS AT SCENE OF HORROR

ESTIMATE PLACE NUMBER OF DEAD AT 200,000

King and Queen of Italy Risking Lives in Rescue Work—Insane Refugees Are Praying at Feet of Rulers—Review of Devastation Discloses Terrible Condition—General Conditions in Southern Italy and Sicily Extremely Deplorable.

SUMMARY OF HORROR.

The following is a summary of the main events in the 'quake district of Italy, up to tonight: Estimates of the number of dead have been placed as high as 200,000. Ultra-conservatives say 35,000.

At least 20 cities of southern Italy and Sicily are burning.

Another shock was felt today at Palermo, but little damage resulted.

General De Cassato is burning the bodies in the streets at Messina to prevent a plague.

All wagon roads and railroads to the city have been destroyed.

The volcano on the island of Stromboli is shooting up great volumes of smoke.

A hailstorm is at present sweeping the islands and wounding the unprotected on the ground.

The devastated region in Calabria and Sicily is believed to cover 60,000 square miles.

Palermo, Italy, Dec. 30.—Queen Helena swooned when she and the king approached Messina today. After she revived both wept like children. Insane survivors fell at the feet of the royal couple, moaning piteously. Many tried to kiss their hands.

The queen, terror stricken, clung to the king's arms. The victims prayed around them as if they were saints. The horrible suffering is gradually driving those who survived, insane. Days and nights without food, in the absence of health and restoration with no possibility of sleep or rest, has left the living as helpless as the dead.

The king will take charge of rescue work. Trains with supplies and volunteers are arriving.

Queen Near Collapse. The queen is constantly near collapse. With 50,000 dead, and the city in ruins and burning, it is almost impossible to organize for relief work. It is feared many are still being under the ruins. Practically 1000 men, women and children are encamped on the hillsides outside the city.

The Horror at Reggio. Cantanzaro, Dec. 30.—Reggio, with a population of 35,000, was entirely submerged by the tidal wave. Less than 1000 escaped, according to a statement of a captain of a company of carabinieri, arriving here today. He said:

"The sea rolled in like a mighty wall, sweeping over the entire city. Not a building remains standing. The lower part of the city is settling. It is feared it will drop into the sea."

The earthquake relief committee today received \$10,000 by cable from J. Pierpont Morgan.

New Year's celebrations throughout Italy have been abandoned. All theaters and other public places of amusement are closed. Railroads and telegraph lines are under the government's control.

Frisco Surplus Fund Given. Washington, Dec. 30.—The executive committee of the National Red Cross at a meeting today, decided to send the Italian Red Cross \$50,000, which is the surplus on hand from

FORAKER IS BLUE

CHARLES TAFT SEEMS A CERTAIN WINNER.

Senatorial Contest in Ohio Livened Up by Approach of Party Caucus on Next Saturday.

Columbus, O., Dec. 30.—Republican chieftains of Ohio are gathering today to discuss the senatorial situation, in advance of the party caucus on Saturday, which will definitely decide the issue. Unless all signs count for naught, Charles P. Taft, the Cincinnati newspaper owner, capitalist and brother of the president-elect, will succeed Joseph Benton Foraker. Friends of Foraker have not yet given up hope of his re-election, but it is generally admitted that the tide has turned strongly against him. The rank and file of the party favors Taft.

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STUDENT KILLED IN MOCK DUEL

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF PLAYING WITH DANGEROUS WEAPONS

Santa Cruz, Cal., Dec. 30.—Thomas Richte, a student in the University here, was shot in the heart and instantly killed last night by W. Cockroft of Oakland, a fellow student, in a mock duel, according to work received. Both men were handling revolvers before they retired at the summer home of Dr. H. P. Carleton of Oakland, where they were guests. The two men thought the revolvers were empty.

the contributions to the fund for the relief of the San Francisco 'quake victims.

Consulate Buildings Rained. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The American and German consulate buildings at Messina, were destroyed by the 'quake and tidal wave, according to a telegram received by the government, via Rome.

American Consul Dead. Washington, Dec. 30.—The state department today received the following dispatch from Consul William Gale at Malta: "Consul Arthur S. Cheney and wife both dead at Messina. Bodies not recovered."

New York, Dec. 30.—"Little Italy," the home of the thousands of Italians and Sicilians, today subscribed \$25,000 for their compatriots. Tammamny contributed \$2000.

Queen Risks Her Life. Catania, Sicily, Dec. 30.—The king

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MASS MEETING JANUARY 16

ADOPT CORPORATION BY-LAWS AND ORGANIZE BODY.

Every Subscriber and Any One Interested in the Assured Irrigation Project, Called Together January 16—A Committee of Five Will Report All Details of Organization at That Time—Meeting Has No Equal in City's History.

Subscribers to water in the irrigation project that is now an assured fact, will be called together in this city January 16, according to announcement of the Commercial club board of managers, which met last evening. That will be the day and hour when irrigation for a vast area in this county will be made possible through the formation of a corporation of all subscribers. The matter is now in the hands of a committee.

The Banner Event.

Never yet has there been a meeting called that had greater or broader effects on the development of the country than this same meeting on January 16. It will be open to those who have already subscribed, and to those who are interested in the greatest public enterprise ever attempted in eastern Oregon.

What Will Be Done.

Last evening a committee of five, namely, William Miller, George Stoddard, F. L. Meyers, Walter M. Pierce and Fred G. Taylor, was appointed to draft the corporation. These men will have direct supervision of the meeting in question. It is their purpose to have a complete set of corporation by-laws and perfected plan for procedure, to present at the meeting. Between now and then, these responsible parties will go into all the details, arrange them in their logical sequence, and when the meeting is called, the men present will be given a chance to vote on the adoption of the report.

Of Great Importance.

This meeting will mark two epochs—one, that of the passing of the tentative irrigation period; the other, the opening of the actual irrigation era.

Any man up to date on the value of water will readily agree that to not attend, will be a wrong both to himself and the public.

Meeting Place Undecided.

While the day is January 16 and the hour 2 o'clock, there has been no selection of the meeting place. The Observer will announce in ample time the particulars concerning the miniature congress.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SALE

It is unnecessary for us to go into detail as to our ability at January price cutting. Everything in our store has to go under our magic prices.

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