



SAMUEL GOMPERS, DIAZ OF AMERICAN LABOR FEDERATION.

THOUGH he has shown no indication of any intention to resign under fire, Samuel Gompers may be called the Diaz of the American Federation of Labor. For twenty-nine years, with an interval of one year's retirement, he has held the presidency of that organization and has been the executive head of organized labor in the United States.

Mexico's Way With Women.

Women's place in Mexican life is the inevitable mingling of the Moorish ideas of the Spanish conquerors and the savage ideas of the natives, the Milwaukee Sentinel says.

Plants Without Roots.

The "flower of the air" is a curious plant found in China and Japan. It is so called because it appears to have no root and is never fixed to the earth.

A Fidgety Age.

Repose of manner was considered at one time essential to the well bred woman, but this is an ideal long consigned to the past.

Generally.

Fligg (sententiously)—To him that hath shall be given, you know Fogg.

LOWE MURDERER APPREHENDED

WOOD BELIEVES HE HAS MEN WHO KILLED RAILROADER.

Washtucna Crime Revived by Capture of Two Suspects.

Special Agent E. B. Wood of the O-W. R. & N. company pulled off another clever stunt last week in a remarkably short time and when he arrived at The Dalles Saturday evening he had in custody two men who, he believes, are the criminals who killed Conductor Lowe at Washtucna on the North Bank road several weeks ago, and who killed a conductor of the Oregon Short Line recently, say the Chronicle.

The prisoners have confessed shooting at Conductor Alexander at the John Day water tank on the O-W. R. & N. line.

Conductor Alexander was in charge of a fast eastern freight which left this city Thursday evening. The train was stopped at John Day for water, when the brakeman put off a couple of hobos who had been stealing a ride. Mr. Alexander left the caboose about that time and started to walk to the front end of the freight.

The two men will be taken to Moro, the Sherman county seat, to face a charge of assault with intent to kill.

IRRIGATION AS PROMOTER

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"With the settlement of practically all of the public lands which will produce crops without irrigation, the necessity arises of utilizing those vast arid regions which can be made productive by this artificial supply of the needed moisture for vegetation, instead of merely improving the land, it transforms it from the most worthless to the most valuable and fruitful land in the world, and areas which were incapable of supporting a single family have been made and can be made capable of supporting the densest agricultural population of any part of the country.

"The desire for lands is insatiable; it is inherent in the great race which has principally settled and given form and character to our nation. Homes upon the land are a social and economic necessity, and by the cruel law of supply and demand the need for land has been intensified, and is being intensified a thousand fold, while the supply has been correspondingly ex-

hausted. "There is no more a great open west where everyone might have opportunity merely by moving to it. The constantly increasing flood of population is barred of further westward movement by the Pacific ocean and is turning back upon itself. Social and political, as well as economic, problems more acute than any we have had to dispose of heretofore, will grow out of this condition. In solving these problems no greater help can be rendered than in conserving and developing the remaining natural resources of the land in order to meet as fully as possible the needs of the coming millions.

"There are yet millions of acres of arid lands so situated that water can be brought to them, and the prosecution of this work, with the maintenance and conservation of the essential elements for its success, rank among the very first in importance of those things with which the future of our nation has to deal in working out its expending destinies.

"If the perpetual power of the streams in the western mountains can be preserved from private monopoly and if all of this can be utilized for the general benefit of the nation, there is scarcely a limit to the opportunities yet to be made by their use and development.

"The National Irrigation congress has taken the lead in creating a sound public opinion in behalf of this great work. It has rendered a great and inestimable service to the nation, and should be encouraged and assisted by all those who are interested in the welfare and greatness of our country."

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