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FOR A FULL DINNER PAIL.

That the workman may again have a full dinner pail and that he may again see an occasional beefsteak on his supper table is the belief of George H. Maxwell, executive director of the National Reclamation association of New Orleans. All that is necessary to bring back the golden dawn is the expenditure of \$500,000,000 to control the waters of the Mississippi river and restore thousands of acres of arable land now idle because of the annual floods.

Twenty years ago Mr. Maxwell says the high water mark at Natchez was 54 feet; now it is frequently 74 or 75 feet. This means that some of the finest land in the country is left untillied because no one knows when the floods will come and destroy the planting.

He advocates artificial reservoirs which will take the place of natural ones no longer possible because the swamps of the Northern Mississippi valley states have been drained and reclaimed so that they no longer take up and hold the water and let it flow down the river gradually.

While the cost of construction would be \$500,000,000, it would mean that hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the Mississippi valley could be reclaimed and that a similar system would make the lands of the Dakotas, Wyoming, Colorado, Missouri and Kansas productive.

These developments would certainly give the country an acreage sufficient to grow an abundance of foodstuffs, and there would be room for a much greater population than we can now support.

All three of the political parties have discussed the necessity of stopping the yearly flood menace and it is not improbable that the completion of the Panama canal will set free a working force competent to carry out the scheme suggested by Mr. Maxwell.

FEMALES OF VOTING AGE.

A preliminary statement has just been issued by Director Durand of the bureau of the census, giving the number of women of voting age in the six states in which they have the right to vote in all elections.

In this statement the number of such women is distributed according to color, nativity and parentage for each state as a whole and for each of its cities of over 25,000 inhabitants, as shown by the returns of the 12th decennial census, taken as of April 15, 1910.

The statistics were prepared under the direction of William C. Hubt, chief statistician for population in the census bureau and are subject to revision.

In giving the figures it should be understood that they do not represent the number of actual women voters, but rather the number who at the time the census was taken in April, 1910, were eligible to vote from the standpoint of age alone, aside from any qualifications based upon naturalization, education, length of residence, or considerations of a like nature; and furthermore, that no account is taken of those who have become of age since April, 1910, or of those who may have died since that date.

Distinction is made in the statement

between white females of native and foreign birth, respectively, and also for the native white with respect to parentage. Those having both parents native of the United States are classed as of native parentage; those having either both parents born abroad or one parent native and one parent born abroad are classed as of foreign or mixed parentage.

Taken altogether it is an interesting summary.

The whole number of women in these six states taken together who were of voting age in 1910 was 1,346,925, of whom 654,784, or 48.6 per cent were of native white of native parentage; 323,925, or 24.7 per cent, native whites of foreign or mixed parentage; 327,582 or 24.3 per cent, foreign born whites; 13,488, or 1 per cent, negroes, and 17,046 or 1.3 per cent, "all other"—that is, Indians and Chinese, Japanese and other Asiatics.

They are going to use "teredo," the toughest wood in the world, on the great locks of the Panama canal. This must be the same sort they grind up and sprinkle through some break fast food.

The New York youth who says that money worries him so he would rather go back to work, should remember that it also worries one to work without getting enough money for it.

A Philadelphia bride has received a 300 pound cake for a wedding present. It is estimated that this will last her 25 years. In that case, it ought to be good for a couple of more husbands, too.

The world's shorthand record is 275 words a minute. Even that is nothing compared to the volubility of a wife when her husband stays out until 2 a. m.

The sun is to have a total eclipse Oct. 10. At least two presidential candidates will get theirs November 5.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

September 26.

1750—Admiral Lord Collingwood, famous English naval commander, born. Died in 1810.

1776—Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, Silas Dean and Thos. Jefferson commissioners to the court of France.

1777—The British army under Lord Howe entered Philadelphia.

1789—Edmund Randolph, commissioner of the United States.

ed first attorney general of the United States.

1820—Daniel Boone, famous Kentucky pioneer, died. Born Feb. 11, 1735.

1831—National anti-masonic convention met in Baltimore and nominated William Wirt for president of the United States.

1823—Charles Bradlaugh, noted English social and political reformer, born. Died Jan. 30, 1891.

1841—Stephen B. Elkins United States senator from West Virginia, born in Perry county, O. Died in Washington, D. C., Jan. 4, 1911.

1904—Earl Grey was appointed governor general of Canada.

"THIS IS MY 42ND BIRTHDAY."

King of Denmark.

King Christian X who succeeded his father on the Danish throne last year was born in Copenhagen, September 26, 1870. He received both a military and scholastic education. In his youth he served as a private in the Danish army and some years ago attained a major's rank and later the grade of general through merited promotion, as was often attested by the character of papers he read before the Society of War Science. The future king took his university degree when he was 18 years old, and shortly before he came to the throne he added an honorary D. Sc., his thesis for it being a discussion of political science.

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News of the "movies"—

Gossip of the pictures—

Newest photodramas and—

Comedies of the screen.

Where to Go in La Grande.

High Class Attraction.

The Irwin Comedy company opened a three days' engagement at the Elite last night and they were an instantaneous hit. Both acts are full of bright comedy hits and are "put over with a vim and go that instantly appealed to a large and appreciative audience. The same program will be shown tonight and owing to small capacity of house, the first performance starts promptly at 7 p. m.

King Christian was married in 1898 to Princess Alexandrine of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. The royal couple have two sons, the eldest of whom, Crown Prince Frederick, is now in his 14th year.

OREGON INDUSTRIAL NEWS.

The Hillsboro laundry employs sixteen persons.

A new two-story hotel 36x132 will be erected at Dufur.

A new theatre, the Princess, has been opened at Arleta.

Fish hatchery to be built on Rock creek, Klamath county.

L. E. Gulker has established a concrete brick plant at Rainier.

Terrabonne Co-operative Creamery association is erecting a plant at that place.

The Nolan department store has been putting on a great Made-in-Oregon display.

The Southern Pacific is distributing material for electrifying its West side system.

The Eugene and Coos Bay railroad is to be extended from Marshfield to Eureka.

The Oregon Electric and the Portland, Eugene and Eastern are making Corvallis lively.

A \$25,000 corporation has been organized at Medford to operate a 6000-hen plant for producing eggs.

The Oregon Cement Pipe and Tile Co. of Grants Pass has put in a plant with a Dunn machine to manufacture drain tile.

Mt. Vernon springs, Grant county, have been sold to F. McGarvin & Son of Los Angeles, who will make great improvements.

The Western condensed milk plant at Newberg, destroyed by fire March 20, 1911, is being rebuilt and will be ready for business this month.

Dallas has a new industry—the manufacture of an adjustable electric socket. If it is a practical article it should go into general use as an Oregon-made product.

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Chinese Is Bull Mooser.

Boston, Sept. 26.—Charles Shue, a Chinese nominated on the Progressive platform Republican as a candidate for the lower house of the legislature announced today he favored Roosevelt. Shue inserted a plank in the platform which reads: "I pledge myself to do all that is possible to admit Chinese women into this country without restriction." Shue was born in Seattle.

Wisconsin Women Confident.

Pleasant Center, Wis., Sept. 26.—That Wisconsin will have woman suffrage after the November election asserted Mrs. Robert M. La Follette, wife of the Wisconsin senator in an address at the county fair here. Mrs. La Follette said that "women were affected by legislation as well as men. All economic industrial social questions are a joint problem of men and women."

Orange Men in Arms Again.

Belfast, Sept. 26.—A big demonstration of Orangemen broke out in Ballymoney, county Antrim. Thousands of Ulstermen paraded there hurling taunts at the Nationalists. The troops are kept handy at the depot. Lord mayor of Belfast is angry because the troops were sent here after he said they were not needed. Despite his protests more were sent during the day.

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