WATER SUPPLY IN FAIR SHAPE

ENTERPRISE, Ore. (Special to the Observer) — Although three irrigation units in the valley are short of water, a local newspaper states, the Wallowa county on the whole is far better off than any other district in the state. The units which are short are those drawing from the Sheep creeks, Prairie creek, and Hurricane creek. All irrigated lands had water for grain and for the first crop of alfalfa.

The first crop of hay was light not because of shortage of water, but owing to the extreme cold of several late spring periods. For the second crop there is promise of plentiful water supply in the South Fork and Bear Creek districts, but none of the others will have quite as much as they are accustomed to. The supply will become somewhat restricted soon in the districts served by water from the lake.

Irrigation districts elsewhere in the state are practically dry, and have been so for some time, says Lewis A. Stanley, water master for Wallowa and Union counties. Malheur and Baker counties are very short and there is little irrigating in Union county except for gardens. Bear creek alone carries probably twice as much water as the Grande Ronde river, the largest stream in Union county.

The lake now has about 24 feet of storage water and Mr. Stanley expects this to be used up in a couple of weeks. Then the lake will be down to minimum and no more water will run out than runs in. Some ditches will have to be closed. By judicious distribution there will be some water for all hay fields.

Prairie creek is nearly dry and Hurricane creek supplies water for about 6,000 acres of Alder Slope land, through three ditches, Hurricane creek, Moonshine and Alder, in the order of priority. Alder ditch stands third in the list and supplies 2500 acres, more than half of the Slope. Farmers on this ditch are now rotating and making the water go as far as possible.

There has been no complaint of shortage in either South Fork or Bear creek.

Mr. Stanley has been making measurements of the flow into and out of Wallowa lake. His figures are incomplete but they seem to indicate that the total run off this season is about 60 per cent of normal, and that ratio probably exists at other streams also. The flow of the Wallowa river and other streams feeding the lake has been below normal all season, and so the lake never filled to the top of the dam. At high water mark it was only about 12 feet, or some 12 feet below the dam.

The snow has been gone from the north face of the mountains for weeks and little is left on the craggy peaks farther back in the range. Lakes which in former years have been partly covered with ice on the Fourth of July and have been surrounded by snow banks, were clear early this season and the water is warm.

Eugene Man Self-Slain.

NEWPORT, Ore. — George M. Thompson, well-known citizen of Eugene, Ore., committed suicide here by slashing his throat with the blade of a safety razor.

Mr. Thompson suffered a sunstroke a few years ago and since then, it is said, had been mentally unbalanced at times. His widow and three children in Eugene survive. Mr. Thompson was a man of considerable means owning a ranch in eastern Oregon and property in Eugene. His body will be taken to Eugene for burial.

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Clerical Education Is Scored By Report Given

NEW YORK (AP) — Many theological seminaries in this country can scarcely qualify as educational institutions and many of their students are mediocre men of comparatively little training, according to a report on seminaries in the United States and Canada issued by the Institute of Social and Religious Research.

The widespread popular belief that America faces a serious shortage of Protestant ministers is dispelled by the report, according to which the shortage is not in the quantity but in the quality of candidates for the ministry.

A tendency toward "denominational and institutional inbreeding," the fostering of divisiveness

A tendency toward "denominational inbreeding," the fostering of divisiveness rather than of unity, the exclusion of the scientific spirit, and inefficiency in financial accounting are among other shortcomings of the seminaries stated to have been revealed by the study.

The report is based upon an exhaustive survey of 161 theological seminaries made for the institute by Robert L. Kelly, LL.D., and published in a volume of 450 pages under the title "Theological Education in America."

"The facts which are available," the report says, "do not justify the widely spread popular opinion that there is a falling off in the proportion of men studying for the ministry of Protestant white churches." According to the report there are approximately 3000 theological students in the United States, or one for every 2500 church members. On the other hand, "the main problem is not one of adequate numbers but of high quality." Less than half of the 7500 seminary students whose records were analyzed by the institute had college degrees. Some seminaries, it found, do not even list high school graduation as an entrance requirement.

Regarding the future of seminaries "to set and enforce high or even approximately uniform entrance requirements," the report says:

"Relatively few seminaries scrutinize carefully the academic preparation of incoming students in terms of standards usually prevailing elsewhere. Many of the men not only do not have the previous training usually demanded; they do not have the native ability to carry on successfully so important a task as that of the ministry. They are often mediocre men, in many cases they are men who have failed at other kinds of work."

Surveyors for the Institute of Social and Religious Research reported that in seminaries visited in the course of the study libraries "were sometimes found locked and unlocked, with little to indicate workshop conditions." The lectures were "often rhetorical, rambling, hortatory sermons." The "poverty" of some of the seminaries is described as "a specialized kind, not always recognized the man in the street; a goodness achieved by the literal acceptance of precepts often made for other times and people."

"Some of the seminaries," the report finds, "are virtually untouched by the progress and method of science. They are conducted on the assumption that science and religion occupy mutually exclusive fields, if they are not indeed in actual conflict. In others a scientific view of the world is taken for granted, but little effort is made to enlarge the conceptions of theology so as to include the remarkable advance in scientific knowledge and to arrive at a unified world." The conclusion is that many of the seminaries "could scarcely qualify as educational institutions, since they neither speak the language nor use the methods of modern education."

Pointing out that "denominations, Occidental in origin, partly through the influence of seminaries, are being perpetuated even in Oriental countries," the report finds that as a group the seminaries "certainly are not contributing to unity, however much individual seminaries may hold to that ideal. * * * The influence of some of the seminaries goes deeper than this and tends toward divisiveness."

On the question of financial accounting, the report charges that the seminaries, as a group, "apparently do not know how their money is spent. If they know they do not tell. The books of a large number of seminaries need overhauling and modern methods of accounting to be introduced. Many financial reports are well nigh worthless because of flagrant inaccuracies."

The officers of the Institute of Social and Religious Research are: Dr. John R. Mott, chairman; Dr. Ernest D. Burton, secretary; Dr. James L. Barton, Dr. W. H. P. Faunce and Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield. The executive secretary is Galen M. Fisher.

The study was made under the supervision of a special advisory committee of churchmen and educators which included officials of a large number of theological educational institutions.

Pendleton Saves City Water.

PENDLETON, Ore.,—A saving in the use of city water has been effected in Pendleton by the rotation scheme promulgated by the city water commission recently, according to D. D. Phelps, superintendent of the system. No irrigation is permitted during the morning hours, and residents of the east and west ends alternate in using water in the afternoons.

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LA FOLLETTE WORK STARTED

PORTLAND Ore. (Special to the Observer) — Organization of the LaFollette campaign in Oregon is proceeding with a rapidity never before equalled in political movements, according to A. M. Arnold, chairman of the temporary LaFollette committee, which consists of members from farmer, labor and other progressive groups.

Announcement of the organization of the temporary committee was followed immediately by a response from scores of persons who tendered their services in the coming campaign, says Mr. Arnold. He says interest is by no means confined to farmers and industrial labor, but is evident in as great a degree in professional and business circles.

Arnold says that the old party organizations are cognizant of the LaFollette sentiment; he points out that each of the old parties is directing its attack, this early in the campaign, toward the LaFollette candidacy.

Speaking dates and other educational endeavors will not be arranged until the campaign committee is thoroughly organized and is in touch with LaFollette supporters throughout the state. Present activities are confirmed to enlisting support from every section of the state. Portland and nearby vicinities are already in the movement, and the committee wants to hear from persons in every voting precinct who are willing to work or who have suggestions to offer as to the best means of arousing and solidifying sentiment for the Wisconsin senator.

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