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Imperial Valley Excited Over Mysterious Balloon Basket With Propeller Attached.

LOS ANGELES, June 8.—A special dispatch from El Centro says:

All Imperial Valley is excited over reports of a mysterious airship which is taking nightly flights over Salton sea.

At first the ship appeared to be stationary at a point directly over Salton sea near the intake of the Alamo and New Rivers. Then it began a rapid flight, swerving from a southern course to one directly northwest and apparently passing directly across Salton sea to its widest point and disappearing in the shadows of the San Jacinto mountains.

At Brawley a party of twenty men witnessed the flight across the sky. Seizing field glasses they closely watched the machine. Its appearance was that of a basket fastened between two wide wings and when the turn was made it is said that the propeller could be plainly seen. The observers were unable to distinguish any persons in the basket. Observers were again able to witness the flight of the machine last night.

Rumors have been current for several months that men had gone into the San Jacinto mountains to conduct experiments with a flying machine, but their movements were kept secret. It is believed that the appearances of the past two nights are results of their successful invention.

WOMAN M. D. OBJECTS TO BEING CALLED DOCTRESS

QUINCY, Ill., June 8.—If a doctor be a doctor though she be a doctress, Can a doctressin doctor in a—goodness, what a mess! Here's a doctor says she's doctor, though she is a doctressin. 'Tis a doctressin needin' doct'rin'—as the reader may have seen.

For ten years Miss Dr. Ethel H. Richardson has been battling for her right to be called the doctor instead of a female lady doctressin, which title she declares some horrid men have conferred upon her. Miss Dr. Richardson told the other banqueters at the Elk's club in East St. Louis that if every woman who practiced medicine would box the ears of every male who practiced jokes at her expense the prejudice against the woman M. D. would disappear.

With the exception of the toastmaster, Captain Robert E. Lee, of St. Louis, who is an editor, all the banqueters were doctors or doctresses. The doctresses were the wives of the 125 Missouri and Illinois doctors who dined.

Miss Dr. Richardson stoutly denied that she was a doctressin. She said she won the degree of M. D. ten years ago, but had to wait a year for her license, because she was only 20 when she was graduated.

"Look out, Doc, or you'll tell your age," cried the toastmaster.

"A woman M. D.," continued Miss Dr. Richardson, "is simply a doctor—a plain doctor."

"Not all of them are plain," interrupted a gallant male M. D., whose wife, a doctressin, doctressin, or doctressin, sat beside him and looked innocent and demure at the object of his gallantry.

BARS CIRCUS STUNTS BY MARINE CORPS

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Major Gen. Elliot, commanding, has issued an order cutting out the circus exercise of the marine corps. He wants officers to discontinue the habit of riding ninety miles a day or walking fifty miles a day in the horse that their record for physical development will be thereby materially considered. As long as the officers can make the ride in three days or the walk in three days it is sufficient, the general thinks, to demonstrate their ability sufficient to sustain them during protracted military maneuvers.

TO EXPEDITE WORK ON KLAMATH PROJECT

Supervising Engineer Makes Recommendations Designed to Hasten Construction.

KLAMATH FALLS, June 8.—E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer of the Pacific district of the United States Reclamation Service, has spent several days going over the Klamath project. As a result of his investigation he has recommended a number of important matters to the directors of the Water Users' Association for their immediate consideration. In a letter to the directors he states that it is the intention of the Reclamation Service to expedite the construction of the Klamath project and that the matters he has recommended are necessary to the early completion of the irrigation system.

He sets forth that there are a number of complications of a legal and a business nature which must be straightened out before work on the project can be carried on more extensively.

His recommendations include the increase of the capital stock of the Water Users' association, so that it will be better proportioned to the developed acreage under the project to increase the par value of the stock so that it will represent the actual cost of construction, to increase the area of lands subscribed in certain localities to secure rights of way for all canals, transmission lines and pumping stations, and to secure the agreement of the marsh landowners to a special contract for the drainage of the marshes and the irrigation of the same.

If the recommendations made by the supervising engineer are favorably received by the association directors and if action is taken it will not only expedite the construction of the project, but it will also add a considerable acreage to the lands included in it. Some action will be taken by the board of directors at a regular meeting which occurs on next Saturday.

KLAMATH WATER USERS ASSIST IN RECLAMATION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 8.—The board of directors of the Klamath Water Users' association has organized, with J. G. Stevenson as president and A. E. Elder as secretary. Richard Shore Smith was again employed as attorney, and the salary of that office increased from \$500 to \$900 a year. At the adjourned session yesterday a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote pledging the fullest co-operation and support to the reclamation service.

Individual members of the board give assurance that every effort will be made to promote the advancement of the project and complete harmony with the department at Washington.

WASHINGTON LUMBER MILLS STAY CLOSED

ABERDEEN, Wash., June 8.—Because of the indifference of the mill owners, the mills of Gray Harbor may be kept closed until after the Fourth of July. To start now would mean a run of three weeks only, before there would be a closing for several days, during the celebration of the Fourth, and it is hinted the men will be in no hurry now to consider terms from the strikers.

The strikers decided to present, through Mayor Benn, a proposition to accept \$2 for the \$1.75 men and \$2.25 for the \$2 men. Most of the mill owners are out of town on business and Mayor Benn was not able to bring them together.



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