

**Big Irrigation Scheme.**

The announcement is made that Eastern Oregon is to be the scene of the development of one of the greatest irrigation schemes ever proposed in the Northwest. If the project succeeds homes for thousands of people will be made in the southern part of this state, Harney, Malheur and Lake counties. It means the irrigation of thousands of acres of land that is now utilized only as a vast range, but when reclaimed can produce all the products of the soil for which Oregon is famed. The scheme is fostered by two Portland men and a prominent stock-man and rancher of Burns, says the Telegram. A short time ago an organization was effected at Burns and a company incorporated under the name of The Harney Valley Improvement Company with a capitalization of \$100,000. Mr. Hanley of Burns was chosen president of the company; Judge L. R. Webster of Portland vice president, and D. C. O'Reilly, until recently general manager of the Columbia Southern Railway, and previously assistant general freight agent of the O. R. & N. Co. was made secretary. At this time no others are interested. The object of the organization is to irrigate, by water taken from the Silvies river, flowing through Harney county, large tract of semi-arid land known throughout Eastern Oregon as the Harney Valley country. The immense area approximates 175,000 acres.

The land is divided into three classes, that owned by the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Military Wagon Road, obtained from the original land grant; land owned by the state and land already owned by the individuals. The former comprises about 30,000 acres.

There is adequate water in Silvies river for the purposes of extending irrigation, and a considerable fall which, with the stream's favorable location above the land to be reclaimed, permits of the simple and practical gravitation. The company has made applications for use in the neighborhood of 300,000 inches of water at the present time, which rights are perpetual while use of the water for the purpose maintained is continued.

The main canal will be 75 feet wide at the bottom and 47 miles in length. Three main laterals of practically the same size are to be constructed, and from these large ditches water will be carried over a broad extent of territory. The land to be affected by this big system of irrigation drain it to Malheur and Harney Lakes, large inland seas of Southern Oregon.

**Vast Land Holdings.**

The firm of Miller & Lux, cattle Kings of California and Oregon, own 14,530,000 acres of land, nearly all of it unimproved and used for grazing, says the Lake County Examiner. The vast area held by this firm is not conceivable to one who has not traveled through the State.

It is equal to the area of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island and Connecticut together. It is half the size of New York and three times the size of New Jersey. It is about the size of West Virginia and eight the area of California.

It is as large as Greece, four times the size of Alsace and Lorraine and but little smaller than Ireland and one third the size of England and Wales together. There is only one thing that Henry Miller, the surviving member of the firm of Miller & Lux become nervous over, and that is the discussion of the size of his holdings.

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**Thousands of Butterflies**

What does it signify? Ashland is full of butterflies, packed full and running over. There are thousands upon thousands insects in every part of the town, on the streets, and in the front yard, back yard and every other place, and they are all the same little brown butterflies. It may be a reunion of the tribe, and they may be here from a distance of a thousand miles to spend a few days in the glorious climate of Ashland, to enjoy the fruit and gaze on our prosperous town. But all we know is they are here. We are not posted on the general doings of this branch of the butterfly family.

Some of Ashland's old settlers are worried, though, several saying it is an ill omen. Other superstitious ones are praying and offering a better conduct in the future if the pestilence is withheld. And again, many say it's the sign for a bad winter, a terrible winter—that stomps harder than white man has ever seen will rage for weeks. Each man is positive—these superstitious men—the last of the series because they have been told by Indians.—Town Talk.

**Make You A Shirt Waist**

Take an old shirt, the louder the stripe the more attractive, grasp it firmly with the left hand just above the connection of the tail, or narrative, as it is styled in more fashionable society, and with one full swoop of the sword, cutlass or other edged instrument of war, detail it. Or you can saw it off, or lay it on the ground and with an ax or hatchet cut it off, or if you can run it through a barb wire fence and tear it off, or let it run with the cows and the calves will chew it off, but get it off.

Then trade your suspenders for safety pins or buttonholes, anchor

the waist firmly to your pants, step out on the street and you will be surprised how much people don't pay any attention to you. If not too much torn, mutilated, marred, or otherwise defaced you had better save the tail, as it won't be more than a week or ten days until you will be hunting some one to sew it on again.—Huntington Herald.

A party of nine gentlemen in the employ of the Oregon Development Co; arrived in Shaniko Saturday evening, on their way to the Deschutes above Prineville, for the purpose of encouraging active work in surveying and constructing irrigation ditches for that company. In conversation with the company's president, he informed us that they had all the necessary capital to push the work forward to completion. Major Sears, an engineer of 20 years experience in connection with irrigation proposition in Peru has charge of the work. It is the intention of the company to push the work forward so that in two years they will have the work so far done that water can be placed on at least 1000 farms. The officers of the company are: J. E. Morson, president; W. D. McIntosh, vice-president; Gustave Anderson, sec'y; directors; C. M. Idleman, A. C. McCloud, J. E. Morson, W. D. McIntosh and Gustave Anderson.—Leader.

Grandma Maupin and Mrs. Perkins, are in Antelope this week where they will meet a representative of the government to adjust the claim held by Grandma Maupin against the government from the depredations of Indians in an early day. Grandma is certainly entitled to the payment of this claim and we earnestly hope she will be successful in getting what she is entitled to.—Ashwood Prospector.

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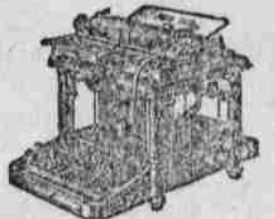
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