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### THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The eleventh National Irrigation Congress was held at Ogden last week, and was attended by delegates from nearly every state of the Union, many of the states of the Atlantic seaboard being represented, showing a realization of the fact that while, practically, irrigation is a local question, in a broader sense it is of national import, says the Argonaut. The congress had even a wider aspect, for representatives of the Mexican and French governments were also present. A number of interesting addresses were delivered. Secretary Wilson told of the work being done by the Department of Agriculture. He said that it was generally admitted that, when all available sources of water supply have been used, only a small fraction of the arid land can be reclaimed. The problem is how to increase the area that can be reclaimed, and there are two courses that can be followed. One is to increase the available supply, the other is to increase the utility of what we have. Measurements show the loss from main canals and laterals of more than half the water diverted from streams. By more economic use by the farmers the duty of the water can be made double what it is under present methods. In both of these directions the utility of the water can be increased. The irrigation laws of the various states are also being studied from the standpoint of the farmer and not of the lawyer, to see if they tend to promote the best use of the water. Congressman Newlands spoke on co-operation between the state and national governments. In many cases there is now friction instead of co-operation. The Nevada laws place the entire streams in the hands of the national government while the work of construction is going on. The state administration works in harmony, so that when the national government turns the control over to the state, the state bureau will be thoroughly organized, and possessed of all the data, information, and plans necessary to go on with the work of administration, and even of construction, if it is necessary. The committee on resolutions presented a report favoring the conservation of the flood waters of the Columbia, Sacramento, Colorado, Rio Grande, Arkansas and Missouri rivers and their tributaries, and the subsequent extension of the irrigation projects, and the supplementing by the government of the present policy of levee construction by a reservoir system. It also recommended the appointment of a commission by the President to investigate and report such extension or amendment of the land laws as may promote actual settlement and development of the public domain. Over the land laws there was acrimonious discussion. The majority report favored the repeal of the desert land act, the commutation clause of the homestead act, the timber and stone act, the lieu land provision of the forest reserve act, and the purchase or condemnation of private lands within forest reservations. The minority report struck out all reference to the desert land act, the timber and stone act, and the commutation provision of the homestead act. After heated discussion, a substitute was adopted, simply recommending congress to modify the land laws.

### THE LOCAL MERCHANT.

In last week's issue the Enterprise called attention to the practical habit of patronizing the local merchant. This is essential to the up-building of the community. If local institutions are not patronized and given material encouragement, it is not to be expected that they will continue to exist. But there is a distinction as between local merchants. The dealer who conducts his business fair and above board is entitled to consideration in preference to the dealer who resorts to other methods, unfair to both the purchaser and his honorable competitor, in disposing of his wares. The merchant who advertises his stock and publicly quotes prices is to be relied upon much more than the dealer who refrains from advertising and regulates his charges by the fixed price that is given by a reputable dealer. It will pay the prospective customer to note the advertisements that appear in the Enterprise and patronize those merchants who follow a legitimate course in advertising and selling their goods. We would call attention to the advertisements of Adams Bros., Frank Busch, the reliable house-furnisher; E. C. Hamilton, The Charman Drug Co., and the numerous other business houses that regularly employ the columns of the Enterprise to reach the people of Clackamas county. No mistake will be made in dealing with these merchants.

### CRISIS IN ENGLISH CABINET.

The perils of acting as buffer between diametrically opposed opinions are exhibited in the English cabinet crisis. Premier Balfour has, heretofore, professed to be neutral in the matter of Chamberlain's preferential tariff scheme. But lately he has kept leaning more and more Chamberlain's way. The free trade members of his cabinet have viewed their chief's tariff-tinged utterances with increasing alarm, and three of them, finding the gulf between his ideas and theirs impassable, have now resigned. These are C. T. Ritchie, chancellor of the exchequer; Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, secretary for Scotland; and A. R. D. Elliot, financial secretary to the treasury. So far so good. But that Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, and Lord George Hamilton, secretary for India, who hold ideas exactly antipodal to those of the three officers mentioned, should also seize this time to quit the cabinet seems, as Balfour himself says, "paradoxical indeed." The alleged reason impelling Chamberlain and Hamilton to this move is a desire for "a perfectly independent position" from which to promote the ideas of national co-operation. Their action and that of their political opponents, leave the ministry tottering. It is, however, idle, in the face of so complex a situation, to predict the outcome. The immediate interest lies in the reconstruction of the cabinet. It seems probable that Austen Chamberlain will be chancellor of the exchequer; Arnold Forster, secretary of war; W. St. John Broderick, secretary for India; Lord Selborne, secretary for the colonies. Two pregnant sentences from Balfour's late utterance on the tariff issue are bound to be often quoted before the matter is settled, and are of especial interest to Americans. "The most momentous, perhaps the most permanent, victory for free trade," he said, "was won when rather on national than on economic grounds interstate tariffs were forbidden in the United States." "Free trade," he remarks elsewhere, "was designed for a free-trade country in a world of free traders, and not for a free-trade country in a world of protectionists."

The Albany Herald has been sold by Messrs. Train and Whitney to C. B. Winn and G. A. Westgate who took charge of the property on the 1st inst. Mr. Winn served as census supervisor in this district in taking the last census and Mr. Westgate is a prominent capitalist of the Linn county metropolis.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL CRAWFORD has rendered an opinion in which he holds that county clerks are entitled to retain fees collected by them for service rendered in taking testimony in Federal land proceedings. He holds that the law requiring them to pay into the county treasury fees collected by them referred only to fees for services under state laws.

We have failed to note any stir yet among the members of the Oregon City Board of Trade. It has been remarked that now is the time to get busy, and if Clackamas county is to get her share of the new settlers coming to the Pacific coast, it is incumbent on the commercial organizations of this locality to give proper advertisement of this section and its resources.

Of great value to the various interests of Western Oregon was the recent Harvest Home edition issued by the Salem Statesman. It was a comprehensive publication, finely illustrated and representative of the resources of the western section of the state. Its extensive circulation in the eastern states, as planned, will result in bringing many new people to this coast. The Statesman is a progressive paper and its enterprise was perhaps never better evidenced than in the publication and circulation of this creditable edition.

OREGON is confronted with a first class scandal. Judge William R. Willis, of Roseburg, has filed charges with the state bar association accusing Attorney-General Crawford of perjury, and seeks to have him disbarred. Judge Willis claims that Mr. Crawford committed perjury in testifying in a case in which he was defendant, that was tried at Roseburg in 1897, wherein Crawford testified that a written contract which he (Willis) had in his possession did not exist and had never been entered into.

SOMEBODY has been deluding a good many innocent people by the tale that silver dollars coined in 1894 are at a high premium, and will, if sent to the proper officials, be exchanged for railway tickets to St. Louis and admission to the World's Fair. Letters concerning these coins come to the Globe-Democrat from all over the country. The story, of course, is a hoax. There is no premium on the silver dollar of 1894. Neither the World's Fair people nor anybody else is offering tickets to St. Louis in exchange for a silver dollar of 1894 or of any other year, unless the person is within the dollar-fare limit of distance from the city, and even then he would be compelled to pay his way into the fair grounds extra if he wanted to get in. —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

UNITED STATES SENATOR C. W. FULTON has resigned as state senator from Clatsop county. In event the supreme court holds that the new assessment law is invalid and Governor Chamberlain decides to convene the state legislature in special session, there will be a number of vacancies to fill in the two branches of the legislature. There will be senators to elect to succeed Daly, of Benton and Fulton, of Clatsop. It has been reported that a senator will also have to be named to succeed Senator Mulkey, of Polk, but it is believed that gentleman claims Monmouth as his home. The same rumor said that the electors of Marion county would be called upon to name a successor to Representative Frank Davey but in removing to Portland recently, Mr. Davey says that he provided against such a contingency and still retains his residence in Salem.

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A prominent member of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania Medical school has made a study of the heart action of athletes. He has examined a large number of men in athletics, especially rowing men, and he has come to the conclusion that no man in perfect health who has been properly trained is injured by rowing, but that, on the contrary, his heart is so strengthened that, with a moderate amount of exercise after he has finished his rowing career, there is no reason, so far as the heart and lungs are concerned, that he should not live to a very old age.

"The heart," said he, "is both a very delicate and a very strong organ—that is, if it is well developed it will stand an enormous amount of strain without any permanent injury, but if it is not well developed it is very easily weakened. Violent exercise, like rowing, places a great deal of strain on the heart because when the body is being exerted it requires so much more pressure to force the blood through the body. Like any other muscle that is worked, the heart under the added labor becomes larger, and most athletes have extra large hearts, just as they also have larger muscles throughout the body.

"If the strain is put upon the heart suddenly it dilates—it becomes larger, but not more muscular—and that is the danger in athletics. If a man exercises gradually then his heart also increases in size gradually because the muscles become larger, and this is a perfectly normal condition. It simply means that the athlete has a stronger heart than the average and can cope with the extra strain that is put upon it. A man needs a larger heart to row a race, and if gradual exercise has so provided him with one then he can safely undergo the most severe tests.

"It is the same way with the lungs, and they must be developed gradually until they can undertake the extra work. A man with his heart and lungs well developed is in no danger, no matter how hard the race. He may completely keel over at the end of the race, but it will likely be from sheer exhaustion, and his heart is so strong that the effect is not at all injurious. He will be as good as ever in a few moments." —Philadelphia Record.

### An Experiment.

"You see," said Cornfossel, "a physiologist once told us that our boy Josh had a remarkable head."

"So you sent him to college?"

"Yes. Now we're waiting to see whether his head is going to turn out to be a congenital residence for brains or just a garden for football hair." —Washington Star.

### A Mad Man.

The cynic: "Mad was standing 'long the window at the cheap man's window down the street. 'How cheaply know anything?' asked his companion."

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Grubb Mrs J C Sears Mrs care H Sears  
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Hyde Miss Rose Pkg Mrs Ann Eames

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