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Wagon Road Company and the Reclamation Service. The reclamation engineers estimate the cost of the project at \$12 an acre.

WESTON NORMAL-AND OTHERS. It is announced that the Normal School at Weston, Or., is to be discontinued for lack of funds.

FLAX PLANT AGAIN BURNED. Systematic effort began some half-dozen or more years ago to work up the flax industry in Oregon.

At some expense and after much effort and many discouragements, a flax fiber and linen factory expert was brought out from Belgium.

PERSEVERANCE, HOWEVER, ACCOMPLISHED. The Legislature has passed a bill which will give the flax industry a new lease on life.

REVENUE BLAME FIXED. All that has been said in criticism of the Bennington disaster has been verified by the report of the court of inquiry.

THE HEALTH GUARDS AT PANAMA. The attitude of the Government toward the canal is worthy of a considerable praise in an enlightened age.

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ing clover, or alfalfa, and the crop is marvellously increased, because they manufacture food for it directly from the air.

Even if a green clover crop is not turned under, still the nitrogenous roots are in the ground to enrich it by decay, and they have brought up large quantities of plant food from the soil.

The second season the clover is cut for hay, and the land is plowed before such weeds as plantain and thistles ripen their seeds.

This gives a crop every season, and the land becomes richer year by year, instead of poorer. A reasonable sprinkling of commercial fertilizers to help supply mineral food will make conditions still better.

The quick and furious blaze on the East Side yesterday morning destroyed many an old landmark of the days when East Portland was a separate municipality.

Only one thing was needed to make the "race suicide" discussion utterly ridiculous, and that was the championing of the question by some leader of a fake "religion."

There are signs that an attempt will be made at the next session of Congress to play revival of a canal at Nicaragua against the one undertaken at Panama.

Very short sighted are those owners of large holdings of land who block the Government irrigation projects by refusing to sell to settlers in small lots.

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MUST BE CAREFULLY SUPERVISED AND THE simple rules that govern bodily health in our directions must be enforced.

The Japanese government recognized this fact very early in the war with Russia, and with the acumen and persistence for which it is noted.

The demonstration that gives in the economy, wisdom and humanity of requiring men in the public service, camped in large bodies, to observe the simple rules of sanitation and to provide means whereby they can do this.

A Horse Chestnut. "That's a big horse pistol you have there," said Fagg to his friend Waggs.

At the Fair. I went on a lark With Lewis and Clark, And Sacajawea broke loose From her pedestal stool.

An Unthrifty Family. "Those Mosses were always an unthrifty family," said the dentist to his confidential friend, the doctor.

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OREGON OZONE.

Excavations are being made at the base of the Tower of Babel, by college professors, probably in the hope of digging up some more dead languages.

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ECHOES OF IRRIGATION TALK.

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FAILURE OF WESTON NORMAL.

Weston Leader. It should be distinctly understood by the state at large that the failure of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School to proceed is not the fault of the community of Weston.

It is a state school-not a local school. Yet this locality came to the aid of the institution. We could not succeed in meeting the views of the regents, who demanded that \$10,000 cash should be in the bank ready for its use.

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