Forests Burning in Valleys of Rogue River Basin.

COUNTRY IS VERY DRY

Sawmill Man Loses His Home While He Is Fighting the Flames From His Mill

Property.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 12 - (Special .)-Property losses by fire in Southern Oregon have been very heavy the past ten days, due to the excessive dryness of the season. The rainfall for last Winter and this Summer has been less than for several years past, and the least spark at once starts a fire.

In almost every valley of the Rogue River Basin forest fires are raging and much timber is being destroyed. The farmers are losing much fencing and several buildings have been burned.

At John Ranzan's 100-acre hopyard the warehouse was burned with a large quantity of sulphur, burlap, spraying chemicals and a steam power spray pump. Loss about \$1400. W. I. Doll lost his barn, outbuildings

and considerable fencing.
Harry Smith, while with his men,
was saving his sawmill from a forest fire, but lost his house and most of its ents, the house being in flames before it was discovered.

The sawmill of Stevens & Son, near Jacksonville, was burned, together with considerable timber. The Pacific States Telephone Com-

pany lost some 20 poles by fire of its overland line on the Louse Creek sec-With no ruln likely before Septem-ber, the loss by fire in Southern Ore-gon is quite certain to be very heavy. The hills and mountains are full of fires, set out by hunters, prospectors, stockmen, careless campers and hoodlums, and new fires are springing up almost daily. Smoke is filling the air

BARTENDER IS UNDER ARREST

and the mountain peaks can no longer

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Aug. 12,-(Special.)—Henry Smith was arrested for arson as a sequence of the destruction by fire Wednesday night of the brewery, ice works and saloon, owned and operated by August Fetsch. Smith was partender for Fetsch. He was arrested Thursday night as he was boarding the north-bound train to leave the city. Several features connected with the

burning of the establishment, together with Smith's contradictory statements, led to his arrest. Petsch had been in San Francisco for the past week, seeking a partner in his brewery business, and is to arrive home today. Smith's examination will probably be held

The fire that led to this serious af fair took place late Wednesday night, and the buildings of the brewery, ice works and saloon were totally de-This was the second brewery for Grant's Pass, and the third ice plant. The buildings were erected early last Spring and the brewery and fee plant liave been run but little. The saloon was opened, but it met with bitter opposition from the residents of South Grant's Pass, as the establish-ment was located across Rogue River

Fetsch's petition for a license was a large part of Clark County was the original railroad grant, but homesten by a remonstrance, and since the original railroad grant, but homesten by a remonstrance and since the original railroad grant, but homesten by a remonstrance, and since the original railroad grant, but homester the original railroad grant and the original railro then he has been selling liquor without a county license. He was preparing to at the September term of court for a license, but so strong is the op-position to having a roadside saloon outside of the city and police control that the Grant's Pass Municipal League would have been likely to have again defeated the application.

The loss by the fire was about \$10,000, with \$6400 insurance. As to whether Mr. Fetsch will rebuild is not given

Fires Near Mount Jefferson.

Pires in the timber east of Detroit, at the foot of Mount Jefferson, are spreading and doing great damage. A considerable tract of timber is already burned and the flumes are spreading eastward. A large force of men is fighting the fire, but making little headway against it, owing to the high wind usually blowing up the Santian convenience. up the Santiam canyon,

BALLINGER NAMES DELEGATES

All Agree to Be Present at Commer

cial Congress Convention

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)— Mayor Ballinger this morning forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce his list of the official and lay delegates to the co ference of cities to be held in Portland from August 14 to 19, inclusive, and also his list of delegates to the Trans-Missis sippi Commercial Congress, to be held in the same city from August 16 to 19, isclusive. Some of the best-known men of Seattle are named by the Mayor and his selection has proven pleasing to the

officers of the Chamber The names of those selected follow. To the conference of cities: Office E. F. Blaine, Irving T. Cole, H. W. Scott, A. L. Walters and L. B. Youngs. Lay delegates—Ira Bronson, Josiah Collina, J. E. Crichton, Judge A. W. Frater. John P. Hartman, J. B. Loughary, Ellis Morrison, John Powell, George B. Kit-tinger, William Pigott, John W. Roberts, John Riplinger, Joseph Shippen, C. J. Smith and A. S. Kerry.

To the 16th annual session of the Tran Mississippi Commercial Congress: Offi-cial-A. S. Kerry, Ira Bronson, William Pigott, J. D. Farrell and Judge Thomas

Goldsmith, N. H. Latimer, J. W. Clise, E. F. Blaine, John P. Hartman, Josiah Collins, John Powell, John W. Roberts, Moritz Thomsen, Joseph Shippen, F. W. Paker, C. J. Switch, London, P. W. Paker, C. J. Switch, London, P. W.

only after a consultation with each one of the delegates, and all those he has chosen to represent Seattle have agreed to be in attendance at the various ses-

PROMOTE VANCOUVER OFFICER

Rifle Team Named to Represent

Washington at Seagirt. MPIA, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)— r issued by the Adjutant-General

E. Detrick to be First Lieutenant of the company is also announced, same order gives the make-up of the rifle team which will compete at the National rifle match at Seagirt, N. J., this month. Several changes in the team have been made since the selection was first made. The team is composed as

Brigadler-General James A. Drain, team captain; Major C. T. Dulin, team coach, North Takima; Captain Matt H. Gormley, team spotter, Seattle; Captain J. Howard Darlington, Seattle; Captain Frank M. Beechert Tacoma; Captain John M. Curry, Second Lieutenant O. D. Hüktables, Regimental Color Sergeant George Van Buskirk, First Sergeant W. R. Bowe, Company E; Sergeant A. C. Pierce, Company E; Sergeant P. R. Richardson, Company E; Sergeant C. J. Iver-con, Company E; Sergeant C. J. Iver-con, Company E; Sergeant C. J. Iver-con, Company E; Sergeant C. J. Iverson, Company E; Corporal M. S. Humphres Company E; Private W. A. Berg, Compan E. North Takima; Sergeant J. B. Potter Company M. Bellingham; Corporal E. L. Colburn, Company K. Everett; Corporal E. M. Hatton, Company D. Seattle; Musician Fred Penton, Company B. Seattle.

FIRE WARDEN IS WIDE AWAKE

Arrests Farmers for Burning Slash-

ing Without a License. OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 12 .- (Spe. cial.)-F. Hendricks, deputy fire warden. last night discovered J. R. Hunt, A. M. Luli and D. O. Legvens, of Willamette, burning slashing for which a permit had not been procured of the County Clerk. The men appeared before Acting Deputy District Attorney URen this morning and pleaded ignorance of the amended law with the provisions of which the people of this county are not acquainted. Agree ing to immediately obtain the required

permit, the men were not prosecuted.

Mr. Hendricks is patroling the entire county and posting notices warning settiers against the miscellaneous starting of fires. In order to get around the objectionable feature of the law which requires a permit to be obtained ten days prior to the time the fire is to be started. the same to be burned only three days, a great many farmers are renewing their applications for permits every three days thus giving them practically indefinite time in which to wait for favorable weather. Otherwise, the weather during the three days covered in the original application on which the permit is granted being unfavorable, the settler must experience a further delay of at least the required ten days that intervene between the issunnes of the nerest and the starting of the fire authorized

MONTANA JURY DECIDES AFTER THREE HOURS DELIBERATION.

Sequel to Destruction of Brewery at Nine Other Charges Against Man Cleared of Subornation of Per-Jury in Land Cases,

> HELENA, Mont., Aug. 12.-After deliberating about three hours, the jury in the case of the United States against R. M. Cobban, charged with subornation of perjury in the United States Court, this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty and Judge Hunt discharged the case

> There are still nine against Cobban, and Special United States Attorney Maynard told the court he ready at once to begin the trial. J ready at once to begin the trial. Judge Hunt will consider the matter Monday or

> TAXES ARE NOT COLLECTIBLE

Attorney-General Decides on Railroad Lands in Clark.

OLYMPIA. Wash., Aug. II.-(Special.)-The Attorney-General will hold that the turn to him. taxes assessed by Clark County against railroad lands, on which the Government has accepted homestead entries and given the railroads lieu lands, are not c

the passage of the act, taxes were assessed by the county against the railroad and the latter allowed them to go delinquent Now that the settlers are rapidly acqui county desired to hold the land available for the delinquent taxes.

POWDER EXPLODES IN FACE

Idaho Man Loses Eye and May

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 11.—(Special.)— Percy White, of Silver, has been terribly and perhaps fatally, injured by an ex-plosion of dynamite at the ranch of Louis Bermsconi, in Owyhee County. The dynamite was in the icchouse. The structu took fire from sparks from the

White rushed to the door, and as he pened it the powder exploded. His face was terribly cut and one eye destroyed, while he was injured about the body

Fined for Illegal Liquor-Selling.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 12.—(Spe-ial.)—Mr. and Mrs. A. Corrigan and Mr. Clair)—Mr. and Mrs. A. Corrigan and Mr. Cunningham, proprieture of a saloon at Estacada, were found guilty yesterday of selling liquor without a municipal license and were fined 130 each. Cunningham paid his fine, but Corrigan and wife will appeal. The defendants contended that product the provisions of a license obunder the provisions of a license ob-tained from the County Court last April tained from the County Court at they were regularly licensed to sell liquors, but the Estacada City charter provides that the state law shall not approvides that the state law shall not approve the state of the ply in the licensing of saloons and the traffic in liquor. This provision of the traffic in liquor. This provision of the charter became operative January 31, and the city's attorneys held that the license granted by Clackamas County was vold.

Invited Her to Warmer Region.

OREGON CITY, Or. Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Because her husband invited her to visit regious more tropical than Oregon, slandered her and assaulted her with a knife, besides otherwise maltreating her. Nettle C. Rich today filed suit against Clark A. Rich, to whom she was married in Multinomah County in October.

1900. The wife asks to resume her
maiden name. Nettle Chapman. T. N.
McKnight is plaintiff in another proceeding against Issebelle McKnight, whom he married in Ohio in 1879, and charges with

Idaho Delegates Appointed.

-President Morris announced as his ap-pointees to the Trans-Mississippi Com-mercial Congress, John P. Volimer and R. Schleicher, who will be in attendance on that date. He also announced as appointees to the National Irrigation Congress, James E. Babb and J. Howard Howe, who will be in attendance.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The Board of Commissioners of Wahkiakum ounces the promotion of First Board of Commissioners of Wahkiakum County, Washington, at its recent meeting awarded a contract to Ferguson & Houston of this city for the construction of a bridge across Gray's River, near the Bergman place. The edst of the structure will be about \$200.

Strike Made on the Route of the Alaska Central.

LEDGE IS TWO FEET WIDE

Assays of Samples Found Thirty Miles From Seward Run Between \$2000 and \$5000

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 12-(Special.)teamer Santa Ana. of the Northwestern Steamship Company, brings news from Seward of a very rich strike of quartz along the line of the Alaska Central Railroad, 20 miles north of Seward, on Trail Lake. The ledge is two feet wide. A sample knocked off from the surface and assayed at Seward showed between \$2000

and \$3000 per ton. It is not expected that the whole ledge will prove so rich, but large quant of the ore brought into Seward the day the Santa Ana sailed were as fine look-ing samples as have ever been produced in Alaska, so the officers of the Santa

The ralls on the Alaska Central Rail-way are now extended to the Trail Creek Lakes, and the grading is almost rendy for the ralls as far as Moose Point, & miles from Seward. Three daily trains are in operation on the Alaska Central principally engaged in hauling rails, ties and other equipment to the front.

The Valencia has arrived from San Francisco with 4% men and a cargo of material for the Alaska Central, and there were then 1600 men employed by

The Alaska Central headquarters bulld ing, costing \$90.000, was completed to the top of the first story. The foundation is of concrete, the middle part is of briesh three stories high, and the wings, each of two stories, are of wood and concrets.

Clearing had begun for the new Bank of Seward building, at the corner of Fourth avenue and Adams street. It is to be a concrete building, 30x50, two stories high.

A Chamber of Commerce has been or-ganized by the citizens of Seward, with F. G. Hale as president and Frank L-The Seward School Board has decided

to employ two teachers this Winter and provide facilities for 100 pupils. STORMY LIFE OF THE BURKES

Husband From Hospital and Wife

From Jail Are at the Fair. SEATTLE, Aug. 12-(Special.)-Michael and Minnie Burke are in Portland visiting the Lewis and Clark Fair. Later they will go to an Oregon ranch owned by

This is the end of a series of sensations, beginning with Burke's being carried to the Emergency Hospital, suffering from strychnine poisoning, his cry that his wife had attempted to murder him and the woman's arrest on the charge. But when Burke recovered from the effect of the poison he refused to prosecute his wife and when the police were unable to hold her he met the woman at the door of the County Jail and begged her to re-She did so

Burke alleged after the p he and she had been running wild in Tahim a glass of water containing the pol-son. Mrs. Burke telephoned for a doctor-and Burke ordered the police. Both re-eponded and the husband was carried to the hospital while the wife went to jail. Then as suddenly as it begun the storm blew over and the couple returned to

JUMPS INTO REFUSE BURNER

Seattle Woman Commits Horrible

ANACORTES, Wash., Aug. 12.—Anna Hood, aged 20, unmarried, a resident of Seattle, who had been visiting Mrs. W. J. Leadbetter since early in July, committed suicide at a late hour last night by leaping into the refuse-burner of the Baty Shingle Company's mill. The nightwatchman noticed that the hole at the elevator dump was darkened for a mo-ment, and soon afterwards heard the cream of someone in the burner. A masty examination revealed the dead body of a woman being slowly cremated in the red-hot furnace.

The burner was cooled by turning on water, and the charred body was removed and identified by Mr. Leadbetter. Mins Hood had been missing from the house since 8:30." She had been ill for several weeks. No cause is known for the act. To reach the elevator hole to the burner the woman either climbed a 20-foot ladder or passed out through the mill over the

MACHINERY FOR ST. HELENS

European Capital Secured to Exploit Promising Property.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 12-(Spe cial.)—R. C. Lange, who recently re-turned from Europe, where he disposed of a large block of stock for the St. Helens Mining Company, went to Den-ver Wednesday to purchase mining ma-chinery for the St. Helens mines. The machinery will be thoroughly m as soon as it arrives.

The holdings of the company are con-sidered valuable, and workings on a much larger scale than heretofore will be begun at once. Two shifts will be maintained, and water power in plenty can be obtained close to the mines. Surface work has shown a strong vein which yields high copper values in all the adits and shallow shafts sunk. Some of these copper samples run fr

The vein has been established as a permanent fissure and will no doubt be found with high-grade ore at greater depth. Tunneling will begin at once to get at the ore at great depth.

HARVESTING FLAX IN LEWIS

Fiber Company's New Plant Is Buying the Product.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)
—Many loads of flax are coming into the
American Flax Fiber Company's new
plant recently erected here, and there is
considerable of the product yet to be received. Flax is a new crop for this section, this being the first crop raised
here, and the farmers have worked under
considerable difficulty in the handling of
the crop, but the yield in general is
fairly heavy and of good quality. Farmers
have had some trouble in cutting the
crop, owing to the fact that an ordinary

binder will not cut the finx without changing the knives, when the yield is

Many of the growers are adopting the plan of pulling the flax and it is worth it more per ton when it is pulled, as the fiber is then longer. It is impossible to tell what the product is worth per ton before it is threshed, but the farmer receives \$11 per ton when he sells the fiber and seed together.

Clark County Bridge Contracts. VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 12 - (Spe-

cial.)—Bids were opened yesterday by the County Commissioners and contracts for bridges awarded as follows: Gerow bridge, near La Center, to H. L. Parcel for \$385

Brozes bridge, near La Center, to A. F. Davis for \$473. Helsen bridge, across Lewis River, was let in two contracts, one to L. G. Allen to put in the piers and stonework at \$7.50 per yard for the stone, and \$8.75 per yard for the concrete. The bridge proper was given to T. D. Owens. Schumacker bridge, on the Boutelle road,

Schumacker bridge, on the Boutele road, to R. H. Helaen for \$125. Saimon Creek bridge, to two parties, the stonework for \$7.30 per yard to A. T. Van Camp and the bridge proper to T. D. Owene But one bid was offered to construct the

Dole bridge across the Lewis River and as t was considered the estimate was too high, t was rejected.

Chehalis Gives Telephone Franchise. CHEHALIS, Wash., Aug. 12 -(Special.)

-At the regular meeting of the City Council last Monday evening a communi-cation was read from the Sunset Telephone & Telegraph Company submitting the proposal following: provide for main line service at

\$2.50 per month, business party service at \$1.50 per month, residence party line service at \$1.50 per month, two main lines free for the use of the city, and to install an all-night service if so requested. This is the outcome of the ultimatum issued to the company by the City Council some time ago to the effect that they must reduce the cost of telephone serv-ice in the city or remove their poles from the streets. The proposal submitted is in the nature of a compromise. The terms were accepted by the city and a franchise will be granted.

Wanted to Save the Ring.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 11.-(Special.)-Mrs. Orrin D. Morse is particular about the use of her jewelry and to enforce her claims to a personal use of the gems she appealed to the Superior Court for a restraining order, preventing her hus band from pawning more of them. cording to Mrs. Morse' version, the hu band has an unquenchable thirst th financially embarrassed his parents when they tried to quench it and resulted in the loss of most of the wife's jewelry. Mrs. Morse was willing to stand fo retty nearly everything until he nother's wedding ring was pawned. Ther she appealed for a restraining order and a divorce. She got the injunction.

Sult to Cancel Deed.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.-(Special.)-W. H. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12—(Special.)—W. H. Patton, of Portland, has brought suit against T. B. Kay and Receiver Claud Gatch, of the Gilbert Brox. Bank, to secure cancellation of a deed from Gatch to Kay. It is alleged that the land belonged to C. A. Whale, but the record title stood in the name of A. T. Gilbert and Gatch sold it as Gilbert's property. Fatton holds a deed from Whale and wants the land or \$2000.

Accuses Partner of Fraud.

LOS ANGELES, Cal, Aug. 12.-George Zobelein, president and treasurer of the Maier & Zobelein Brewing Company, the largest concern of the kind in Southern California, has applied to the courts for a receiver, and in connection with the action charges Charles Joseph Maler, his inte partner, with fraud. He asks that ounting be obtained, the copart nership dissolved and the property sold.

Indians Get Fighting Drunk

BERDEEN Wash, Aug 12. nor from some source contrary to law A few days ago a number of the tribe be-came gloriously drunk and fought each other desperately. Several were severely injured before white men could put an end to the trouble. The affair is to be reported to the proper authorities.

Lake County Saved Money. LAKEVIEW, Or. Aug. 12.—(Special.) Sews of the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of the constitutionality of the migratory tax law, passed at the last Legislature, was received in Lake County with much approval. Lake County, through disregard of the new law, created no expense on account of it and collecting the tax as provided for.

Will Employ a Big Force.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 12.—(Special.)— The big plant of the Panel Box Folding Company, closed for two weeks on account of a serious break in the machin-ery, will be started Monday. The plant has been greatly added to and improve the outlay being about \$50,000. When fully ready, 500 hands are to be employed.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. II.-(Special.)-Ollie Weber, the 18-year-old son of Frank Weber, was drowned today near Bellevue He was subject to epileptic fits and was selzed with one while fishing. The boy fell into water about one foot deep and

House at Svensen Burned.

Word was received today that the resi-dence of Mrs. A. B. Hill, near Svensen, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. The loss is about \$2000 with \$300 insurance. The fire is supposed to have originated

Insane Soldier Sent to Asylum. VANCOUVER, Wash, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Private Myer Landerman, of Company C, Third Infantry, has been sent to

NORTHWEST DEAD.

at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Maria Louise Vonderahe. cial) - Maria Louise, aged 79 years, wife of Christopher Frederick Vonderahe, died from the effects of a stroke of paralysis at the family home near Carus, last night. She was born in Germany, Oc-tober 16, 1831, and came to Oregon in er 16, 1831, and came to Oregon in 5. She is survived by six children. four sons and two daughters, as follows: C. W. Voniderahe and E. Henry Von-derahe, of Oregon City; C. L. Vonderahe, Oak Grove, and F. C. Vonderahe, Carus; Mrs. William Mueller, Highland, and Mrs. Mary McCarthy, Carus

LEBANON, Or., Aug. 12.—(Special.)—George Harter Blahd, who crossed the plains in 1851 with his parents, died here August 7, aged 66 years. His surviving children are: Mrs. John Miller, of The Dalles; Mrs. M. Needham and

Christopher Houser.

PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 12—(Special.)— Christophe Houser is dead at his home in Pilot Rock, aged 85. He was a native of Hilmons, and came to Oregon in 1884. He

SALUTATION!

Standing upon the threshold of a new season, we extend a greeting to our friends for the many kind words of appreciation spoken of us, and for the liberal patronage accorded us, we are truly grateful. We trust that each succeeding season will find this store more deeply rooted in the estimation of the people. We now take great pleasure in announcing the arrival of our

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Buy at your convenience, but allow us to drop the hint that early choosers always have an advantage.

SAM'L ROSENBLATT & CO.

CORNER THIRD AND MORRISON STREETS

Why the Reclamation Project Does Not Go Ahead.

ROAD COMPANY TO BLAME

But This Correspondent Also Criticises the Government-The Cost,

and How the Land-Own-

ers Must Pay It.

BURNS, Or., Aug. 11 .- (To the Editor.) -In recent issues of the Oregonian there appeared communications and editorials concerning the attitude of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Wagon Road Company owards the proposed reclamation project emanated from Washington, while the position of the road company has been ably, if adroitly, presented by C. E. S.

matter to the people of Oregon, I deem it proper to throw what light I can upon in order that the general public may form a correct conception of the whole business and be enabled intelligently to pass judgment upon the issues involved. The Government's position in the mat-ter is easily explained: After a most thorough examination by the reclamation engineers of every phase of the project in question, it was found practicable to impound the waters of the Malheur Rivby gravity canals leading therefrom, to water upon about 100,000 acres of The cost of this work was estimated to be about \$40 per acre by the engineers appointed for that purpose, after full and complete data had been the people of Malheur County and a severe blow to the people of the entire obtained. It is true that at the inception of the undertaking the engineers who went over the ground and figured on the probable cost concluded that about \$30 acre would be sufficient to cove everything except the purchase of exist ing vested rights. The people generally relied upon the correctness of this esti-mate; and the Malheur Water Users' Association was organized and incorporated upon that basis, more than a year ago, with the consent and approval of the Reclamation Service. So when the board of engineers, appointed last Spring to pass upon the total expenditure necessary for the project, raised the estimate some \$10 per acre, it came as a very unpleasant surprise to those owning lands under the

project, and widespread dissatisfaction prevailed among all concerned. To say the least, it was a very unfortunate af-fair, and well-nigh had the effect of causing a complete abandonment of the undertaking by the withdrawal of all those who had heretofpre agreed to ac-cept the Government's terms. The engi-neers partially explained the additional cost as arising from the insertion of a drainage feature in the proposed reclamation, which had not theretofore been included in the estimates, and which It is generally conceded that the engineers of the Reciamation Service are able men, well qualified for the work assigned them. We must, therefore, accept their findings with unquestioning faith, as we know that they are in dead earnest and more than anxious to have active operations begin on that project as soon as possible. When they tell us that the minimum cost for which the work can be accomplished is \$40 per acre, we should acquiesce. Of course, to most people this seems high, but when we consider that the Maiheur project possesses all the conditions favorable to such an enterprise, it is reasonable to conclude that it is not excessive, and that the lands included liminaries. back active work on the Maiheur irri-gation project: The selfshness of the road company and the red-tape meth-ods of the Reclamation Service. Let not excessive, and that the lands included therein can easily bear that burden; especially as the Government agrees to give free maintenance for ten years. Now, it must be remembered that the estimated cost of construction was based upon the assumption that the whole of the 100,000 acres to be reclaimed would be signed up. Were anything less to be given in, the cost would have to be in-

given in the cost would have to be in-creased proportionately, so that if any considerable area were withheld, the charge would be prohibitive, and the en-terprise would have to be abandoned. From this it will be seen that the re-quirement of the Reclamation Service that practically all the land that can be

to the rest. The contention of the road ompany that it shall be granted this privilege-if it means anything-means that it takes this course for the purpose of blocking the project. No other infer-ence can be drawn therefrom. The road company, according to Mr.

Wood, is willing to sign up about 20,000 acres, withholding something like 5000 acres. But if that company were permitted to withhold one-fifth of its holdings, a like concession would have to be made to other proprietors. And to be made to other proprietors. And then what? Nothing: Everyone knows that this company would be the greatest beneficiary under the project, as the greater part of its land cannot otherwise be irrigated, and would be of little value. Why it should be so stiff-necked is a mystery. The average price its lands would bring would indeed be handsome. To be sure, some ndeed be handsome. To be sure, some of its lands are of an inferior quality, but reciamation projects are not inaugurated where all the lands are

It would be useless to deny that the feelings of the people in general liv-ing along and in the vicinity of the road grant are anything but friendly to the company. No other factor has been so potent in retarding the devel-opment of Southeastern Oregon as has the existence of several road grants passing through its choicest valleys and whose owners seem to have no other purpose in refusing to dispose of the same save the acquisi-tion of the unearned increment. The other fellow must improve and develop while the road land proprietors reap the benefit of his labors by the grad-

ual enhancement of values Should the W. V. & C. M. R. Co. stand in the way of this trrigation project and cause its abandonment, the feeling against it will become intensified, and it will be said that "the sum of its iniquity is complete." The present owners, however, are not responsible for the vicious legislation that gave birth to this grant; but ought they not which this land was taken from the people, without valid consideration, and to atone for the sins of the past by taking some little interest in the welfare of the people who have hereto-fore been the sufferers from its exist-ence? It certainly does not look as if it would be at all comfortable to be an owner in an institution which the people generally consider a blighting curse upon the land. Let us hope that those who control the destinies of that institution may experience a change of heart and be induced to recede from the stand taken in this matter, and thereby avert a veritable disaster from

I have no wish to in any way reflect upon the attitude of Mr. Wood in this matter. He has always been considered a broadminded man and one who loves his fellow-men. In this affair he is simply doing the best he knows how for his clients, and, presumably, lowing their instructions. But believe that he has failed to grasp the true scope and import of irrigation af-fairs in Malheur County. He has not had sufficient time or opportunity to make himself thoroughly conversant with all the details of the proposed Government project, and then what he has learned has largely come through prejudiced sources—from parties covertly hostile or extremely visionary.
In conclusion, I will say that the methods of the Reciamation Service are by no means free from censure. It

has a splendid corps of men attending to its affairs in Oregon; but, as else-where, they are greatly handicapped by the curse of red-tapelsm. Every matter, however trivial, has to pass through a dozen channels, and as a rule months clapse before final action is taken by the high priest who presides over the Interior Department, who has never seen an irrigation project in his life. The President, a short time since, issued a sensible and forcible edict against the red-tape evil. Had he turned his searchlight upon the above-named department, he have discovered such a network of that commodity as would cause the eyes of a Russian bureaucrat to turn green with envy. This dilatory machine has brought reproach upon the Reclama-tion Service. Men point to the fact that a private irrigation enterprise is completed in the time it takes a Government project to arrange the pre-

us hope that a change for the better

Quarantine in Idaho

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 12.—Governor Good-ing has issued a quarantine proclama-tion against horses, cattle and sheep from the states of Utah, Nevada, Montans, Wyoming and Oregon. The Governor says in his proclamation that the state veter inary surgeon has informed him of the existence of mange and scabbles among watered by the system must be signed up, unconditionally, is not unreasonable: this account animals being driven or and that if one were allowed the priving into the state in any manner lege of withdrawing, it would be unfair be subject to an inspection by the livestock of those states, and that or

erner allows of a limit of two miles in side the state boundary for all livestock, except when they have been subjected to the dipping process, which excludes them from the quarantine order. Horses and cattle under harness or yoke are also excepted.

Boy's Curiosity Saves Lives.

REDLANDS, Cal., Aug. 12.-A Mexican boy's curiosity saved 20 or 30 persons from being poisoned by Manuel Mendez last night. Mendez secured a dozen watermeions and some cans of poisoned wheat. He poured the wheat into the meions and allowed the poison to be fully absorbed. Then he removed the wheat and invited numerous friends to a watermelon feast. The boy had seen Mendez buy the potsoned wheat and thought the telons were to be used for killing gophers. When the dance was ended and Mender distributed slices to his guests, he gave warning. The guests examined the fruit, and after heating their host, ledged him in jail on a charge of attempt of mur-

Roadworkers' Delegates Named. SALEM, Or., Aug. 12.-(Special.)-Governor Chamberlain has appointed the following delegates to the annual con-cention of the National Association of

Road Workers, to be held in Port Huron, Mich., August 29-31: County Judges C. H. Stewart, of Linn; John H. Scott, of Marion; T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas; George W. Dunn, of Jackson, and Henry J. Bean, of Umatilla.

South Dakota's Huge Wheat Crop. CHICAGO, Aug. 12.-F. A. Miller road, has received dispatches from co harvested will be the largest in the his-tory of the state. The acreage of wheat was increased by about 15 per cent and the average yield is fully 50 per cent mo than last year, and probably 15 per ce greater than the average of the past

Officer Rogers Loses His Star. from the police department yesterday by orders of Chief of Police Gritz-macher, and when he reported for duty to Captain Bailey last night his star and tools were taken from him, Rogers has been patrolling the district in Goose Hollow. He is charged with neg-

San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Arrived.—Steamer Sewburg, from Gray's Harbor; steamer St. 'aul, from Dyrtland; schooner Lizzis Vance-from Gray's Harbor; U. S. S. Solace, from



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