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Theodore P. Shonts says that "he will soon make dirt fly." We presume the yellow press will soon commence to throw mud.

Some very unjust criticisms have been made of the regatta committee. It requires but a review of past regattas to realize that the present regime has done more in the interests of the city than any of their predecessors. President Wise, Vice-President Surprenant, Treasurer Dunbar and Secretary Johnson and all of the gentlemen who have given their valuable time to this enterprise are deserving of the thanks of every Astorian. We hope, that in the event of a future regatta, its management will be given to the same capable hands.

Let every Astorian wear an "A. A. R." pennant today and howl at the top of his voice, "One for all, and all for Astoria." Don't adhere strictly to formality. Grab the stranger, give him the glad hand, take him around the city, show him the postoffice, the new city hall, the canneries and lumber mills; tell him that 303,000 cases of salmon were packed here this year. Show him how hospitable Astorians can be. Hospitality appeals to the homeseeker, and everyone should endeavor to induce at least one person to become a resident of the "City by the Sea."

The Sunday Oregonian published an interesting story on the Imperial valley of California, a gigantic reclamation, a region where the desert, so they say, has been converted into a garden, and alfalfa and various agricultural products are grown to marvelous size, hundreds of feet below the level of the sea, by means of irrigation. The Oregonian has either been victimized by an unscrupulous correspondent or by the enterprising press agent of a scheme, as much of a swindle as the famous Maywood colony. The population of California today is approximately 1,900,000. Were it not for schemes like the Maywood colony, the Imperial project and the enterprise known as the Modesto-Turlock system, the population of California would be nearer 2,500,000. In the Maywood colony, unwary Easterners made purchases, by mail, of divers acres of hardpan and hog-wallow for the cultivation of fruit, of a saucy individual, one Woodson. The Modesto-Turlock system is in reality a marvelous irrigatory undertaking, but the district is peculiarly located and subjected to periodical simoons that pull alfalfa out by the roots and for playing havoc generally easily take precedence to the windstorms of the Great Sahara. The soil is sandy loam, a varying coating over a strata of hardpan. This geological condition carries to the Mexican line. Water, when applied, percolates only to the hardpan and then accumulates. It ultimately results in either the souring or the rotting of the soil. Tiles offer the only remedy, but to tile through the hardpan strata, which varies in depth from six, to 20 feet, would bankrupt every small farmer. In the Imperial valley, conditions are infinitely worse. Primarily, climatic conditions are such that the valley is only fit habitation for the Mexican cholo. Even in the Coachella valley, 100 miles north of Imperial, the district where the best watermelons in the country are grown, white men find it difficult to live. The tracts in the Imperial valley were laid out hurriedly. When the government surveys were made it was discovered that the main canals and laterals cut through the farms of private individuals and many irrigators learned they were farming on the land of their neighbors. We admit that the ten-foot alfalfa shown in the Oregonian's cut was really grown, but during the pre-settlement period. Such a thing as intense agriculture is utterly impossible in the Imperial valley. The same hardpan strata prevails and the farmer in that region faces conditions similar to those of his brother under the Modesto-Turlock system. In the distribution of water, each must await his turn, and while one farmer waits for the other fellow to get his

water, a tender crop invariably succumbs to the oppressive heat. Irrigation can be used successfully in some districts, but not in Imperial.

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