

IRRIGATE THE LAND JULY 10

First Waier Will Be Put On Farms in the Deschutes District On That Date—Five Miles of Ditch Done.

Columbia Southern Irrigation Company Will Open to Settlement and Cultivation 30,000 Acres of Land.

Two-Thirds of This Area Has Already Been "Located" and Much is Now Being Cleared—Plenty of Water.

On July 10 the irrigation of arid land will for the first time be possible in the celebrated Deschutes district, which is tributary to Portland. It will be possible on that date to turn a stream of water thirty feet wide and four feet deep upon the parched acres and give the earth its first artificial drench in that section of Oregon. The benefits accruing can only in a vague way be estimated, but it is expected that 30,000 acres of heretofore useless land will be transformed into a veritable garden spot.

Water for saving the desert soil is taken from the Tumalo river, a tributary of the Deschutes, and must be brought a distance of eight miles before topographical conditions are such that it can be used to advantage. Five miles of this ditch is already completed and the canal will be thirty miles in length when finished. The work is being done by the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, under the Carey act, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$27,000. A large force of men is at work and additional workmen and teams are sought. When completed the ditch will irrigate 30,000 acres of land. The width of the stream and the volume of water it carries will grow steadily smaller the greater the distance covered, and work will progress with constantly increasing rapidity as a result. It is, however, impossible to estimate as yet the date of actual completion. An abundance of water is furnished at all seasons of the year from the Tumalo, which rises at the snow line of the Three Sisters and is, therefore, never likely to go dry even in the hottest seasons. The land under the ditch has been tested and found to be capable of growing general farm products when given the proper amount of water. Alfalfa is expected to be one of the chief crops and grain and stock will also be important results of bringing water into the desert.

Much Land Located. Of the 30,000 acres of land which will be possible of cultivation by the completion of the ditch, two-thirds have already been "located" by homeseekers who enter into the contract to pay the sum of \$10 per acre, the money going to the irrigation company in return for the expense of canal construction.

While there is not as yet any direct railroad connection between the district to be under the ditch and the outside world, promoters of the irrigation project have no fear that steam lines will fail to come in the near future. The Columbia Southern railroad, the nearest line, is across the Deschutes river, but the proposed building of a branch either by the Harpman system or by Mr. Lytle, independently, is contemplated to tap this section. Another railroad line, the Corvallis & Eastern, has been surveyed through the heart of the country so soon to be irrigated, and, while this road at present has its terminus on the summit of the mountains many leagues away, it is known that right-of-way clear through to Ontario has been purchased. This is taken as an indication that that road is to be put through within a reasonable time.

Railroads Will Come. "You simply cannot keep the railroads out of that country," said W. A. Laidlaw, at the head of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, to

NAVAL DEPARTMENT BEING INFLUENCED

Seattle Editor Comes Boldly Out and Charges Darling With Favoring San Francisco in a Scheme to Boost Mare Island Navy Yard.

A CONTRAST—AT VALLEJO.
Three hundred and sixty-five drinking places. One hundred and fifty regular saloons. Disreputable houses crowded nightly with dissolute characters. The town wide open. A salacious police in almost every saloon. Drunkenness and immorality marked features. A Mecca for the roisterer, the crooked gamblers, for thugs and thieves. These are the characteristics of the surroundings of Mare Island Navy Yard. They hem about the men who are drawn thither to work in the Government's employ. They make up the community that has been built up by the Secretary of the Navy as a model for the rest of the world.

AT BREMERTON.
Sixteen saloons and drinking places when at its worst. Four closed before June 1. Bremerton City Council last night. All others ordered closed by Bre

Col. J. Blithen, editor of the Seattle Daily Times, has taken up the gauntlet thrown down by the Navy Department in reference to the City of Bremerton, where the Government alleges that so much vice and immorality exists that no longer will vessels be sent to the navy yard at that place, or not until the people of the town rid it of saloons, to which resorts, it is charged, blue-jackets and marines too frequently visit for the good of the service.

The editor has taken up the question in defense of the Puget Sound navy yard and makes some startling comparisons, which he says should open the eyes of Government officials. Col. Blithen states, after being influenced by San Francisco interests to the benefit of the Mare Island yard, and to the detriment of the one at Bremerton.

Questions Sincerity.
At the opening of the attack on the Secretary of the Navy Department, the Assistant Secretary was fair enough to investigate, he would not have given the order of May 25 which held five war vessels at San Francisco, which were to have been repaired at Bremerton. It is also shown that every vessel, no matter of how gigantic size, can be docked at Bremerton, while the feat is not possible in the shallow stream of the Mare Island Navy Yard at Vallejo, Cal.

More startling is the assertion that is made, which proves that at Vallejo, Cal., the navy yard town, there are 365 places where intoxicating drinks can be procured, while in Bremerton there are but twelve. Gambling is run openly in Vallejo, while it is impossible to find percentage games at Bremerton.

Disreputable houses at Vallejo number 13, while but one is in operation at Bremerton.

The Journal today, "for as soon as they see we mean business they will fall over one another to get out."

There are many others who share Mr. Laidlaw's views, for work has already begun looking toward the construction of another ditch to irrigate 84,000 acres of arid land on the other side of the Deschutes, where A. M. Drake has the development in charge. As an additional attraction for a railroad company there is a splendid belt of untouched pine timber just beyond the land to be affected by the ditch. It is claimed this timber belt covers 3,000,000 acres and that it is as fine as can be found anywhere in the United States. The traffic in lumber would be extensive and it is claimed would be sufficient to alone compensate for the construction of a line of railroad.

A Splendid Section.
"We believe we are being instrumental in opening the most valuable section of Oregon that remains undeveloped today," said Mr. Laidlaw, "and the way in which the land has been taken up proves that there are others of the same opinion with ourselves."

"There are a good many settlers already on the farms that are to be tributary to the ditch, but the work now being done is for the most part in the nature of clearing and getting in readiness for the water that is so soon to come. We will be in position to open the flood-gates into the first laterals on July 10, barring accidents, and the beginning of the end of the desert will then be on."

GOV. TAFT REPLIES TO GEN. MILES

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Governor Taft, at the head of American affairs in the Philippine Islands, has replied to the report made by Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles, commander-in-chief of the army, denying that there is a state of famine existing in the islands today, and claiming that the free distribution of food has not exceeded \$2,000. Other charges made by Miles are also repudiated.

TACOMA SCARED TO DEATH

Steamship Hyades Comes Into Stream and is Held From Entrance Into Port Because of Bubonic Plague.

Rumor Strongly Denied by Officials, the Vessel Having Passed Health Station at Port Townsend, Wash.

Some Say That Report Started From Steward's Widow Whose Husband Died Aboard From an Accident.

(Journal Special Service.)
TACOMA, Wash., June 9.—The American steamship Hyades is being held in the stream at this port awaiting orders from Washington, D. C., allowing her to come in to dock. The report is circulated that there was a case of bubonic plague on the steamer before she left the Orient for Tacoma.

Steward Goodwin died on board the vessel and is reported to have been a victim of the dread disease.

The report is vigorously denied and is alleged by some to have arisen through a desire of the Goodwin's widow, the real cause of his death having been an accident received as a result of intoxication.

The vessel was passed at the Port Townsend health station, but Washington is desirous that instructions later. Orders are momentarily expected. The steamer belongs to the Boston Steamship Company, plying between Tacoma and London.

RETURNS TO FIND HIS WIFE HAS GONE

SANTA ROSA, Cal., June 9.—William Haller returned here from a business trip in the Arden, which resembles one of the immortal Tennyson's poems, only changing in one particular—instead of leaving without making known his identity, he concluded to tell who he was prior to his departure. Three years ago Haller left his wife and young daughter in this city and went to Glenn County. For over two years he was not heard from, and his relatives believed him dead. His wife married again and moved to Napa.

SHIP CANAL AROUND THE DALLES RAPIDS

THE DALLES, June 9.—Private advice received here from Washington, D. C., state that government engineers are looking with favor upon the establishment of a ship canal as a means of getting around the obstructions in the Columbia River at this point. The estimated cost is \$10,000,000, and the project cannot be carried to completion inside of a year. The latest plan of a submerged dam, it is understood, is not looked upon as advisable.

SERIOUS FIRE IS BLAZING IN PEKIN

PEKIN, June 9.—The revenue buildings adjoining the foreign office are on fire, and fire-fighters, acting as firemen, are straining every effort to extinguish the blaze and prevent it from spreading to the foreign buildings.

PRESIDENT STARTS FOR THE WEDDING

WASHINGTON, June 9.—President Roosevelt, accompanied by Miss Alice Roosevelt, his brother-in-law, Cowles Secretary Loeb and two secret service men, started for Cleveland at 3 o'clock this afternoon to attend the Hanna-McCormick wedding. The special train was composed of two cars.

SAYS MERGER IS NOT A RAILROAD

ST. PAUL, June 9.—Judge Younits this morning closed his two-days' speech in defense of the Northern Pacific. The judge's arguments he denied that the Securities Company is in effect a railroad, just because it holds railroad stocks.

DEWEY HAD MONEY

NEW YORK, June 9.—E. Parks, the walking delegate of the House-Smiths' Union, who was arrested yesterday charged with extortion, was bailed out today by former Chief of Police Dewey. The latter ostentatiously entered the courtroom with a huge roll of bills and deposited \$5,000, and then walked away arm in arm with Parks.

STRUCK BY STRAY BULLET

While Fred Wieland was plowing on his farm about six miles north of Rexburg, he heard a distant report of a rifle. The distance was not far, and at the same time he felt a peculiar sensation about his person. He continued plowing on down the furrow, when he saw that blood was running down his hand onto the plow handle. He examined his arm and found that a bullet had entered the fleshy part of it just below the elbow and came out at the wrist. The bullet then passed on and struck one of the horses at the hind foot. As the blood continued to flow, after wrapping up his arm with his coat, he hitched up his team to the wagon and drove home. Wieland was so weak from the loss of blood that when he entered the house he fainted and fell to the floor.

Jim Dumps received a note one day From one who loves a joke to play. It read: "I send by freight a ton Of concentrated life and fun!" One box of "Force" was sent by him. "That fills the bill," laughed "Sunny Jim."

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COMPLETING PLANS OF UNION LAUNDRY

While the proposed Laundry Workers' plant did not open for business yesterday, as planned, steps were taken which insure its inauguration within a very few days at the latest. The committee, consisting of delegates from the various local unions, have held a meeting and it is known that a temporary organization was outlined which will be completed at another meeting to be held this evening. The session was actually a meeting of the stockholders, for the various unions are to furnish the funds to run the establishment.

It was decided to open the co-operative plant and start it with a capital of \$5,000. This will be sufficient to complete with a hand laundry. Afterwards machinery will be installed and the plant enlarged as business warrants. Besides partially relieving the present laundry famine the union establishment will afford work for many of the striking members who are becoming restless from being out of employment.

DID NOT HEAR HOUSE DEBATE

Crowds Assembled Expecting Chamberlain's Zollverein Scheme to Come Up For Discussion, but it Did Not.

(Journal Special Service.)
LONDON, June 9.—There is a large attendance at the House of Commons today, brought about in anticipation of the debate on the financial bill and the possibility of Chamberlain's Zollverein policy being discussed. The Speaker announced that Chamberlain's financial policy would not be relevant in the discussion of the finance bill. The debate was warm, the principal attack being on Hicks-Beach's action while Chancellor of the Exchequer. Chamberlain, the leader of the protectionists, said any opposition to Chamberlain would be found to be short-lived.

Chancellor Hicks-Beach this afternoon announced he would not be able to support Chamberlain's Zollverein scheme.

ACTION IS PART OF PLAN, SAYS GOMPERS

WASHINGTON, June 9.—President Gompers today reviewed the building situation in an interview and says all the reports have been exaggerated. There is nothing serious in the labor questions and nothing serious will result. A large number of men are out, but all are being called back to work. He says the fact is that employers' associations are being organized to antagonize and crush the unions and as a result every defensive labor movement is heralded in extravagant terms. It is part of the regular campaign against organized labor.

LOSS OF LIFE AND SUFFERING AWFUL

COLUMBIA, June 9.—The dead recovered from the banks of the Pacolet River now numbers 69. There is still great difficulty experienced by the relief corps on account of lack of organization. The railroad blockade is now complete and the damage in Middle and Lower South Carolina is very great, owing to the overflowing rivers.

The entire property loss will be close to \$10,000,000. Another mill at Cowpens is reported to have been destroyed by the flood.

BREMERTON NOW A CLOSED TOWN

SEATTLE, June 9.—Every saloon at Bremerton was closed at midnight last night by an order of the Mayor and the Town Council after the passage of the ordinance revoking all licenses. On account of the overwhelming sentiment in favor of closing the saloons men probably not make a fight but will submit quietly to the will of the community. The Navy Department was informed by wire today of the condition of things at Bremerton.

GILLESPIE COMMENCEMENT

School of Expression Graduates Tomorrow Night at the Marquam Grand Theatre.

The third annual commencement of the Gillespie School of Expression will take place tomorrow evening at the Marquam Grand Theatre. The graduating class consists of Miss Christine Marie Nilsson and Florence Estelle Walton. The program arranged promises to be of very entertaining nature. The exercises will begin at 8:15 o'clock. The program follows:

Invocation, Rev. W. H. Sells, "Cornet Solo (with violin obbligato)," "The Lost Chord," (Sullivan), Miss Beate Detsman, Cornet; Miss Beate Brown, Violin; "The Elfin of Youth," monologue in five scenes, Scene I—(Louise Stange), Miss Walton; "The Shadow of the Guillotine (Walter Roubenoff), Miss Nilsson; "The Elfin of Youth," Scene II—Miss Walton. Vocal solo, "L'Arcadie," madrigal waltz (Luigi Arditi), Miss Beate Brown; "The Elfin of Youth," Scene III—Miss Walton. "A Royal Princess" (Christina Rossetti), Miss Walton. An Oak in a Storm (Abraham Dreifus), Miss Nilsson, with Mr. J. T. Creacy, in pantomime. "The Elfin of Youth," Scene IV—Miss Walton. Vocal solo, "The Swallows," Gally Singing (Delibes), Misses Marie and Grace Shaw. "The Elfin of Youth," Scene V—Miss Walton. "The Brides of Enderby," or "The High Tide" (Jean Ingelow). "The Brides of Enderby" was a tune chimed as a danger signal. This tide occurred in 1517 on the coast of Lincolnshire. Illustrative poses by Misses Nilsson and

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Bankrupt Stock of Pianos at Gilbert Bros. Melting Away Before Buyers Like Ice in This Tropical Sunshine.

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Here are a few of the bargains: J. & C. Wheeler upright, worth \$225, for \$125.00. Schaeffers, large size, that have been formerly held for as much as \$450—\$155 and \$150. Many others at corresponding reductions.

Organs, Too

All at practically half-price. See this list: Schults brand new, formerly valued at from \$85 to \$95, marked down to \$42.50 and \$48. Needham organs, valued at from \$90 to \$110, going at from \$45 to \$55. Beautiful new pipe organ, formerly \$150 was formerly asked, all white they last at \$45 and \$46.

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Largest size walnut case Nugent upright, \$184. Fine genuine mahogany case Lehigh upright, has been out on rental \$167. Another one, \$142. Beautiful nearly new fancy walnut-cased Decker & Son, original price \$200, now \$245. Fancy English oak Colonial Jacob Doll upright, the \$250 style, \$225. Fancy cabinet grand Decker Bros' upright, genuine rosewood case, the \$450 style, \$395.

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Another beautiful mahogany Decker Bros' upright, the \$600 style, now \$350. Very fine, genuine rosewood case Hallett & Davis upright, the regular \$300 style, \$260.

A slightly used mahogany-cased Kimball Cottage upright, the \$385 style, \$245.

Fancy large size ebony case Ivers & Pond upright, \$195. Very elaborate, largest size Mathushek upright, the \$500 style, for \$185. Largest size Colonial Jacob Doll upright, the \$425 style, \$218.

Largest size mahogany case Ludwig upright, the \$250 style, \$162. Largest size, fancy mahogany, carved case, Fargue upright, the \$275 style, for \$167.

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SHOT THE BERRYS FROM STONE WALL

ATWOOD, Kan., June 9.—No news has yet been received from the military company escorting Chauncey Dewey and the other cowboys to St. Francis for the alleged murder of two members of the Berry family. It is believed if battle had taken place the news would have reached here. Roy Berry is still alive at Bird City. It is now stated that the Berrys were shot down from behind stone walls.

FOR A SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Preparations for the election of a school director on June 15 were made by the School Clerk Allen, who is instructed to prepare a list of the voting places and the necessary officers of the election. The new director will succeed Richard Williams, who is at present chairman of the board.

Thursday evening next the principals of the various public schools of the city will appear before the Board of Education and make report of the character and efficiency of the teachers. The testimony will be given in secret. Many complaints from parents of pupils, against both teachers and principals, will also be heard at this meeting. The City Federation of Women's Clubs sent a communication to the Board last week asking that boxes be placed on the school grounds to be used as receptacles for waste paper and other refuse. The matter was referred to Mrs. L. W. Sisson of the supplies committee, who favored the project.

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MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

O. F. Thompson, a prominent Eureka Flat, Walla, Walla county, Wash., rancher, has been arrested charged with embezzlement of road funds. He is being held in a road supervisor's office, as alleged that Thompson held out \$500 of county funds, the amount consisting of railroads and toll tax funds that had been collected. The shortage was called to the attention of the commissioners, who ordered the alleged shortage and called Thompson before them at the last session. He agreed to refund the money, but failing to do this was arrested.