

ANCIENT "BASIN SYSTEM" SUPPRESSED BY ASSUAN DAM—HOW THE ARABS ROBBED EGYPT OF 1,000,000 ACRES OF FERTILE LAND.

"Farming in Nileland" is the text on which Mr. Haslin's next discourse. The hard life of the fellahen is described. One is gratified to learn that there is a prospect of alleviation of their lot, which, however hard it may be, had been harder, for thousands of years, before British rule had put the "Courbash" and the "Corvee" out of business.

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Washington, June 11.—In ancient Egypt it was believed that tears shed by Isis over the tomb of Osiris caused the annual flooding of the Nile. The great tears of Isis are stored behind the great dam at Assuan in a lake that contains a billion tons and is 140 miles long. According to a popular superstition, pearls mean tears. In a lake that contains a billion tons and is 140 miles long, according to a popular superstition, pearls mean tears.

Native Irrigation Systems.

The first crops were the result of seed sown upon the mud when the flood had receded. Interlocked with the known and unknown political history of Egypt from the time of the pharaohs to the expansion of systems for increasing the area of land made available by retaining the water in the Nile valley during the season of low Nile.

Basin System Described.

In Upper Egypt the traveler sees today in active operation the basin irrigation which tradition says was first used by King Sennosir. In some sections, centuries before the British occupation of the land of the Pharaohs, it is thought to have been in use. The basin system is a simple one. It consists of a series of basins, each of which is a level area of land, bounded by a low wall of earth. The water is allowed to flow into the basin from a canal or a ditch, and when the water has reached the level of the basin, it is allowed to flow out into the fields.

Life During Flood Time.

The flood is bounded by the brown stones of the desert on the east and west and girdled by a narrow strip of mud. The water is dotted by the mud huts of the fellahen, or peasants, always built on mounds and in clusters or small villages. The fellahen and his cattle lead a somewhat precarious existence during the inundation. If the water reaches the banks, they crumble like mud pies, and the houses are washed away.

Arabs the Cause of the Land.

Basin irrigation reached a high development under the Romans and a stream of great force, the Nile, which had been dammed at Assuan, Alexandria to the ports of the Mediterranean. After the Arab conquest there followed 10 or 11 centuries of neglect which caused an enormous decrease in cultivable area and a proportional decrease in population. While the population of the country when the Arabs conquered it is supposed to have been 12,000,000, at present more than 1,000,000 acres of land which produced crops during the Roman occupation now lie under the so-called "great lakes" of the delta or are uncultivable.

THE MOST POPULAR POLICY IN OREGON LIFE INSURANCE CO.—TWO SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL AND ONE IN PORTLAND ACADEMY ADDED TO LIST OF AWARDS.

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Now that the excitement incident to Portland's Rose Festival is nearly over, candidates who have entered the race for the grand prizes offered by The Oregon Journal in its fourth annual circulation contest should be given the most careful consideration. The prizes offered are of such a nature that they are well worth the effort and expense of entering the contest. The prizes include a Buick automobile, a year's tuition in the International Correspondence School, and a year's tuition in the Portland Academy.

How to Enter the Race. Entries can be made in the Journal's race at any time up to the middle of July, but as the proverbial early bird is the one that catches the worm, an early entry is advised. The entry form is simple and easy to fill out. It requires the name of the candidate, the address, and the name of the person who is to receive the prize.

How to Get Votes. Candidates should at once interest their friends in the contest and by all means possible to vote for them by subscribing to The Oregon Journal six months or in advance. The prizes will be awarded in accordance with the number of votes a candidate has at the close of the race, about eight weeks from this date.

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TRAFFIC MEN AT THE A. T. D. Oregon, Washington and British Columbia Represented—Hold Election.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, June 12.—Seattle and the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition today are in the hands of the "Knights of the Grip." Thousands of traveling men, members of the United Commercial Travelers organization from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, are here today, part in traveling men's day at the exposition. The greater part of yesterday was devoted to the election of officers for the year ending June 30. The election was held at the grand council meeting, which concluded its work last evening. Tom W. Miles of Seattle was elected grand councillor of the northwest division, succeeding R. O. McClinton of Spokane. Other officers elected were: Junior councillor, T. E. Carley, Tacoma; grand secretary, A. Wisnook, Seattle; grand treasurer, C. A. Whitmore, Portland; grand conductor, H. L. Somers, Spokane; grand page, J. W. McMillan, Vancouver; grand reporter, W. W. Gordon, Portland; grand delegate to the supreme council at Columbia, Idaho, July 25 to 26, W. F. Lewis, Tacoma; J. H. Combs, Portland, O. C. Thornton, Portland.

General Counsel for National Model License League Says Control of Liquor Traffic Not to Be Gained by Prohibition but by Education. "Virtue is its own reward," the saying goes. Let us establish the adage by giving to virtue the reward of vice and so doing accomplish reform from within which outsiders have failed to accomplish during 3000 years of effort.

Tersely Captain D. M. Smith of Louisville, Ky., general counsel for the National Model License League, said in a speech at the grand council meeting last evening he defined this mission, saying that the league is to take the saloon business out of politics and the lawbreaker out of the saloon business. He said that the league is to take the saloon business out of politics and the lawbreaker out of the saloon business.

Parade in Business District. The drummers began the day's festivities at 10 o'clock this morning with a parade that started from Pioneer place and included the principal streets of the business district. Tom W. Miles of Seattle acted as grand marshal and more than 2000 traveling men were in line.

Entertained by Oregon. At the head of the parade was Wagner's Exposition band and following it were the bands of Seattle, Oregon, Douglas of Vancouver and George of Duran, chairman of the general committee. In an automobile several other automobiles containing friends of the parade followed.

Prohibition Does Not Prohibit. "Let me say right now that the model license league has no quarrel with prohibitionists or anti-saloon leaguers. We know simply that the experience of the ages has shown that prohibition does not prohibit. I have figures in my possession now to show that more liquor is sold in the United States than ever before and that the prohibitionists are the cause of it.

Boy Identified in Mystery Case. (United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, June 12.—The body found floating in the ocean off Fort Point by a fisherman late Thursday has been identified as that of Mrs. Caroline Steinman, wife of Edward Steinman, an employee of the United Railroads. The mystery which surrounds her death and the discovery of her body in the bay, 19, between 1900 and 2000 ft. deep, has been solved.

Murderer Paroled to Settle Estate. (United Press Leased Wire.) Berkeley, Cal., June 12.—Francis R. Street, a senior at the University of California, is suffering from serious injuries sustained when he dived off the sleeping porch of his home here while dreaming that he was in the surf at Santa Cruz. Street's head and neck are badly lacerated and he will be confined to his bed for several weeks. He had just returned from a brief outing at Santa Cruz. He was never known to walk in his sleep before.

Magnetic Survey Yacht. New York, June 12.—The magnetic survey yacht Carnegie, which is being built for the Carnegie Institution of Washington, was launched at the yards of her builders in Brooklyn today. The boat was christened by Miss Dorothy Louise Bauer, daughter of Dr. L. A. Bauer, a prominent physicist and astronomer. The construction of the Carnegie has attracted much attention from the fact that all materials used in its construction have been magnetized. It is expected that the vessel will be completed in time to start in July on a magnetic survey of the north Atlantic, including Hudson bay.

Jubilee of Brith Abraham. New York, June 12.—From all parts of the country hundreds of the Brith Abraham and Benevolent orders, have gathered in this city for a five days celebration of the jubilee of the birth of Abraham. The order was founded in this city in 1859. In fifty years it has spread from Maine to California and now numbers 60,000 lodges with an aggregate membership of 62,000. In the 50 years of its existence the order has distributed in relief of the poor, and death benefits and in relieving other causes of distress.

Goes to Teach in Alaska. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) (North Powder, Or., June 12.) Miss Olive Chenault, daughter of W. Chenault of Cove, has left for Klondike, Alaska, to teach in a school. She was accompanied by Miss Moorehouse, niece of Leo Moorehouse.

Contracting Firms Fail. (United Press Leased Wire.) New York, June 12.—John Pierce & Co. and William Bradley & Sons, two of the foremost contracting firms in the country, have gone into the hands of their creditors. Both companies are practically the same management. Officers of the companies say that inability to collect accounts was the cause of the failures.

All Who Would Enjoy good health, with its blessings, must understand, quite clearly, that it involves the question of right living with all the term implies. With proper knowledge of what is best, each hour of recreation, of enjoyment, of contemplation and of effort may be made to contribute to living aright. Then the use of medicines may be dispensed with to advantage, but under ordinary conditions in many instances a simple, wholesome remedy may be invaluable if taken at the proper time and the California Fig Syrup Co. holds that it is alike important to present the subject truthfully and to supply the one perfect laxative to those desiring it.

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- No. 1—Buick Automobile ..... \$1500. A completely equipped, model F, five passenger car, purchased from H. L. Keats Auto Co., 7th and Burnside sts.
No. 2—Chickering Baby Grand Piano ..... \$750. Handsome dull finish mahogany case. On exhibition at Eilers Piano House, Washington and Park streets.
No. 3—Waverleigh Heights Lot ..... \$750. One of the choicest lots in the tract. Located on Tibbetts avenue between 35th and 36th sts.
No. 4—Auto Piano, Mahogany Case ..... \$600. Style "8," one of the finest instruments manufactured. See it at Eilers Piano House, Washington and Park streets.
No. 5—Gearhart Park Lot ..... \$400. Beautifully located on the shores of the Gearhart. Chapin & Herlow, Agents, Chamber of Commerce Bldg.
No. 6—Eilers Upright Piano ..... \$350. Oregon's finest and best piano, manufactured by the Eilers Piano House, Washington and Park sts.
No. 7—Racine Speed Launch ..... \$330. 18-foot launch, guaranteed 12 miles per hour. At J. M. Arthur & Co.'s, East Water and Taylor streets.
No. 8—Oregon Conservatory of Music ..... \$175. Scholarship good for 12 months' course in this celebrated conservatory.
No. 9—Portland Academy Scholarship ..... \$120. Good for a full 36 weeks' term.
No. 10—International Correspondence School ..... \$113. Choice of 208 courses in this famous school.
No. 11—International Correspondence School ..... \$113. This scholarship reserved for country contestant.
No. 12—Holmes Business College ..... \$100. Scholarship good for complete combined course, including commercial, shorthand and typewriting.
No. 13—White Sewing Machine ..... \$80. A No. 35 White, latest model. See it at the White Agency, H. D. Jones, Agent, 429 Washington street.
No. 14—Holmes Business College ..... \$60. Scholarship in the Shorthand Department.
No. 15—Holmes Business College ..... \$60. Scholarship in the Commercial Department.
No. 16—Racine Eighteen Foot Canoe ..... \$50. One of the lightest and best made, purchased from and exhibited by J. M. Arthur & Co., East Water and Taylor.
No. 17—Jewel Gas Range, \$52.00, less 10 per cent cash discount ..... \$46.80. The latest model. See it in the windows, Portland Gas Appliance Co., 143 Seventh st.

OTHER PRIZES WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST THE OREGON JOURNAL WILL POSITIVELY GIVE THESE AWAY FOR A FEW WEEKS OF YOUR TIME IN SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS DURING THE CONTEST. CONTEST OPENS JUNE 14, CLOSES ABOUT AUGUST 1.

For complete information write, call or phone to the CONTEST MANAGER, THE OREGON JOURNAL, Portland.

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Proof of Merit

"I could not walk without suffering, or stand on my feet to do my work," writes Miss Love Preston, of Harrodsburg, Ky. "I think I had lifted something, that caused my trouble.

"I suffered like this for two (2) years, before I began to take Cardui, and I hadn't used it but a little over a month, till, I must say, I never had such relief in my life.

"I am now so well, I feel like a new woman."

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