

DOUGLAS CITIES LINK INTERESTS

Get Together Excursion Is Productive of Much Good; New Clubs Formed.

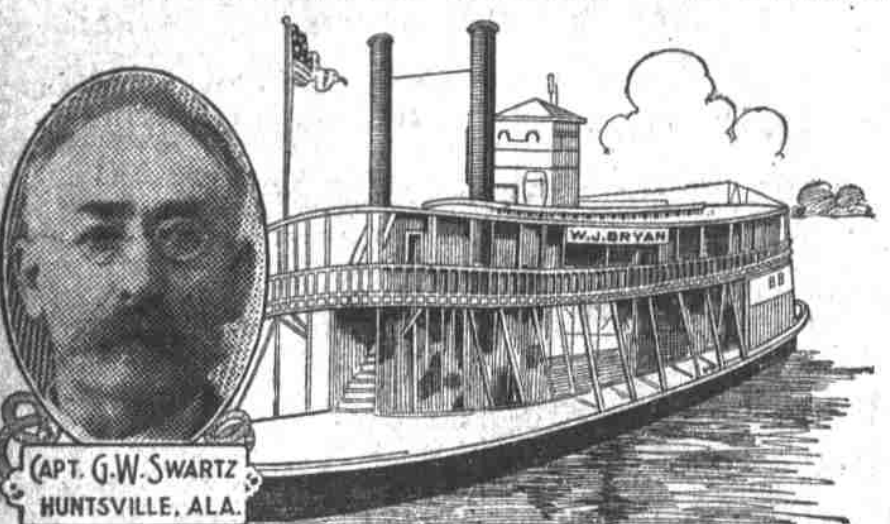
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Roseburg, Or., Feb. 5.—The Douglas county get-together excursion has proved a decided success. The visiting Roseburg business men were given a royal welcome in each town. Great interest was manifested and commercial clubs were formed at Riddle and Myrtle Creek, these being the only towns visited not already having clubs.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Oakland, Or., Feb. 5.—Roseburg's delegation of business men, all members of the Roseburg Commercial club, 25 strong, headed by Darby Richardson, manager of the club, arrived at Oakland in their special car at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were met at the station by the following reception committee: Dr. W. C. Gilmour, D. E. Vernon, Dr. E. J. Page, T. M. Boyd, P. A. Cooper, and E. M. Engle.

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CAPTAIN SWARTZ' CASE HIS LIFE IN DESPAIR PERUNA'S GREAT VICTORY.



Was a Wreck. "Four years ago, I was a total wreck. My friends did not think I ever would pull through. Was weak, dizzy-headed. Everything passed through me as water. After doctoring with the best doctors, I concluded to try Peruna. After taking one bottle I commenced to mend, and after taking three bottles in the last three years I am the best eighty-one-year-old man in America. Am able to attend to as much business as I could forty years ago."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF VALE ELECTS OFFICERS



Officers of Vale chamber of commerce. From left to right: C. H. Oxman, first vice president; Major L. H. French, president; George W. McKnight, second vice president.

WORK ON NEW CHURCH TO START

Trustees of Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist Church Secure Sufficient Money.

Sufficient money having been subscribed to secure the donation of a lot promised by J. B. Kelly, the trustees of Clinton Kelly Memorial Methodist church are preparing to proceed with the erection of a church building at Fortieth and Powell streets. The cost of the building will be \$6000 when completed, \$4000 having already been pledged.

Workers for the new church are much encouraged by the response to their efforts. The Ladies Aid society of the church has worked hard and turned in over \$400 to the building fund. The congregation now consists of about 50 members. The pastor is Rev. W. H. Hampton, who has been in charge since last October.

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ANNUAL RAINFALL IS INCREASING

Records Show That Central Oregon Is Being Favored by Jupiter Pluviosus.

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The change is an especially pleasing one to residents of the interior, who, with the increased precipitation, are assured of sufficient moisture for the maturing of crops. And, if other climatic conditions are not altogether favorable, even a partial failure of crops in the country east of the Cascades will be rare.

VAST LAND GRAB SEEN IN ILLINOIS

Encroachments of \$75,000,000 Charged by Representative Chipfield.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 5.—Charges that lands valued at from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 have been reclaimed without legal warrant from the banks and shores of navigable rivers and lakes in Illinois and from the shore of Lake Michigan, have been made before the house appropriations committee by B. M. Chipfield, chairman of the special committee that has been investigating submerged lands. In asking the house financiers to appropriate \$15,000 additional to continue the work of his committee through the present year, Mr. Chipfield asserted that in nearly every nook and corner of the state touched by navigable waters, encroachments upon meander lines have been found, and lands have been built up, the title to which in most instances apparently still lies in the state.

Include Whole State. "It has been most remarkable. Every time we have visited a navigable lake or stream we have found land grabs somewhere. They extend from Chicago to the Mississippi and from Cairo to Waukegan. There is hardly a county impling upon a navigable lake or stream that does not contain lands, reclaimed without warrant from the state. The committee is prepared to state that there is not an inch of the shore of Lake Michigan from South Chicago to Waukegan that is worth anything that is not being held by unlawful owners. Secretary of the Interior Ballinger refused to give the cooperation of the federal government to our committee in determining what claims the state has to the reclaimed lands." He told this committee that this state of Illinois is in no wise different from a private citizen and that if it wished any maps or plats from the interior department it would have to pay for them just as a private citizen would.

HOME RULE NOW QUITE PROBABLE

Balance of Power in Hands of Irish Nationalists Is Reassuring.

By Thomas Emmett. (Publisher's Press-leased Wire.) Dublin, Feb. 5.—Had the Irish Nationalists the ordering of the general elections they could not have requested better to suit their plans. Practically, if not indeed absolutely, the Irish members hold the balance of power and no government can be carried on without the aid of Irish Nationalist votes. This means that even if there should be a disposition on the part of the Liberals to rue back on its promise of local self government for Ireland, and be it said there is no evidence of such intention, it could not do so without committing suicide.

More than this the closeness between the two great parties means that when the home rule bill comes to be shaped up the Irish Nationalists will have a much greater say in it than they probably would have had if the ministry could get along and enact laws without their aid.

Naturally Ireland feels jubilant, and regards home rule as now assured. Why the Decline in Flax. The appointment by the department of agriculture of a committee to inquire into the present state of the flax growing industry in Ireland is to be welcomed, and it may be hoped that the committee as the result of its inquiries may be able to recommend some measures which will arrest the steady decline of this once flourishing Irish industry. The decrease first became noticeable after 1881, when the area under flax was 147,148 acres, of which 143,873 were in Ulster. In 1891 it had dropped to 74,565 acres for all Ireland and the decrease continued steadily down to last year, when the total area under flax was only 45,916 acres, of which Ulster contributed all but 240 acres. There must be some special ex-

planation for this extraordinary decline in the quantity of flax grown in Ireland, especially in view of the fact that flax to the value of \$1,381,479 was last year imported into Ireland. At present the industry, such as it is, appears almost entirely confined to Ulster, but there seems no reason why flax growing should have practically died out in the other provinces, and some suggestions have been made to revive the industry in the south. Use Garden Hose to Save Miners. (United Press-leased Wire.) San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 5.—A garden hose which had been used in a-

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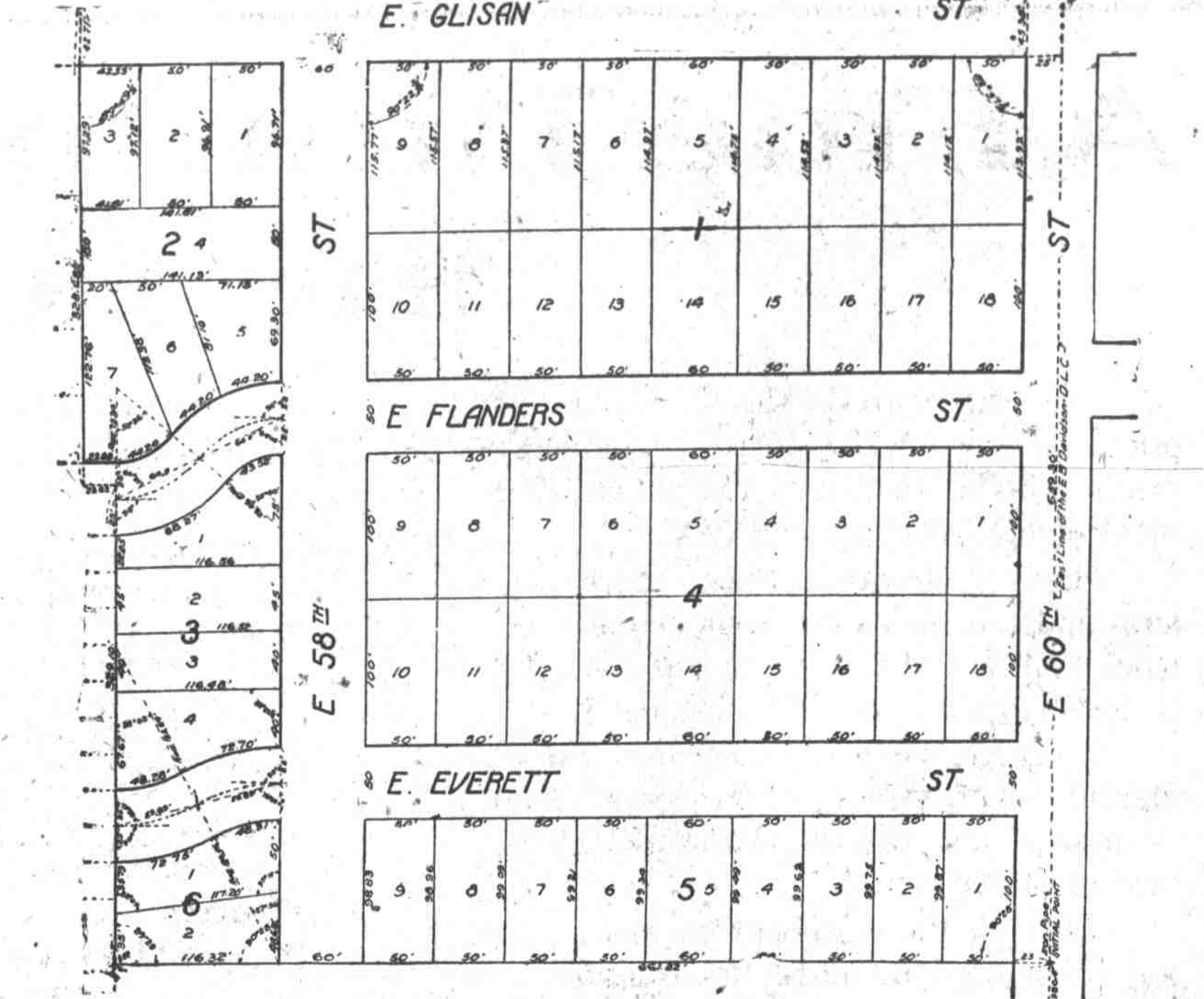
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