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The Patterson, New Jersey, ribbon company has suspended business because of the "general business depression." The "agent of prosperity" should be notified at once and proceed to put a stop to the spread of this kind of thing.

The state historical society proposes an industrial fair for Portland in 1905, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition into the Oregon country. This idea is an excellent one and deserves the support of every citizen and newspaper of state and nation.

In an article in the North American Review Dr. Seaman, who it is said studied the subject under treatment, asserts that each of our soldiers in the Philippines costs the taxpayers \$1000 a year, and wealth and those with large incomes are not carrying their share of the burden, as federal revenues are drawn almost entirely from those who consume, and only in proportion that each man, or those dependent upon him consumes does he contribute.

The day that Senator Mark Hanna made a speech in the United States senate on the necessity of giving our merchant marine some "protection" as though every foreign-made article used in our shipyards was not already admitted free of duty and no foreign-built ship admitted to American registry—ex-President Harrison came out in a statement repudiating his alleged approval of Hanna's subsidy bill. Subsidy is not "protection," but something worse in the form of robbery of the many for the benefit of the few.

In their speeches in the house of commons a few days ago Sir Robert T. Reid and Mr. James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," pointed out with conclusive force the injustice as well as the unwisdom of attempting to govern the South African republics as conquered and rebellious provinces. "The government has no right," Mr. Bryce declared, "to treat the Boers as rebels." He suggested a general amnesty to the Boers now in arms, recognizing them as legitimate combatants. And the Boers have proven themselves legitimate combatants.

It is said by Washington correspondents that President McKinley and leading republican members of congress have arrived at a mutual agreement to make two amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, declaring the Clayton-Bulwer convention abrogated and striking out the clause in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty requiring the consent of the foreign powers to the construction of the Nicaragua canal. This unexpected concession on the part of the administration brings the isthmian canal project nearer realization than ever before in the history of the agitation. What is of greater significance to the country at large is the emphatic assurance of the administration to reject all foreign alliances and construct a canal which will be American in every sense of the word. The president takes the advanced ground that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty will be completely superseded by amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote document, which will vitiate every section of the former compact. But in spite of all that is being done for the canal project in congress there is a lurking fear that the canal bill is not to pass and the intention is to so slyly deceive the people in this matter as to arouse their suspicion. The opposition to the canal bill is very strong and it is doing mighty effective work on the quiet and in the dark. The canal waters are being darkened before they

even exist, to admit of the defeat of the measure without placing the responsibility on the shoulders of any one in particular. A two-faced game is being deftly played by congress in trying to favor the transcontinental railroads without alarming the people in connection with proposed canal legislation.

The effort now being made in behalf of the Young Men's Christian Association in Pendleton is a worthy one. If carried forward successfully, and doubtless it will be, the results to Pendleton and the Pendleton youth will be many. The Pendleton youth, young and young man will be provided thereby with a place of recreation and an opportunity to improve themselves. It will afford the vicious less excuse for their behavior and give every facility to the deserving young man to put his leisure time to good use. There is a need for such an institution in Pendleton, and it will accomplish a world of good if its management falls in good hands. It will help Pendleton to be a better place to live in, and that of itself is worth striving for. The healthier Pendleton is the more prosperous it will become. A town's health, morally and physically, is something that must be taken into consideration at all times, if the aim is to have a live, progressive place.

THE IRRIGATION QUESTION.

There is great need that everyone interested in seeing the government take hold of the question of the reclamation of its arid lands should stand together at this session of congress, and be ready to do whatever possible to secure concerted action.

The great prominence given to the meetings in the National Irrigation Congress at Chicago, and other influences, have shown to thoughtful members of both houses of congress that this irrigation question is something that has to be settled with, and that there is no use in trying to think it can be indefinitely put off. The question with them is how to do it. Eastern statesmen are asking this question now.

It is probable that some definite plan of action will be put forward this winter to secure reservoir construction. If so, every man in the West should awake to the opportunity. The favorable action of congress on the question of building some particular reservoir would be the beginning of a general policy of reclamation of the desert. It would be an entering wedge. It is a matter of the most tremendous interest to the West and to every interest in the West. This point should not be overlooked; that whatever reservoir site it is proposed to concentrate the attention of congress upon, and in whatever state or locality, every other state and territory should lend every effort to secure the construction of this first reservoir. This would start the movement.

In the meantime every newspaper in the arid belt should take up the fight from now on and urge upon the people of the West the great opportunity which is now before them. Congress is now ready apparently to listen to some fair proposition which does not resemble a raid; but the West should back up the demands of its representatives in Washington by a united and persistent demand that the time has come for some governmental action. There are enough Western senators and congressmen to carry the federal irrigation proposition to a triumphant issue, if they will stand together, and every man of the West should sit down and write a personal letter to his member of congress and to his senator at Washington, and tell them why they should work to get a bill passed providing for the construction of reservoirs by the government to store the floods.

No man, no locality, is uninterested in this plan. Every industry of the West would be stimulated and developed wonderfully through the carrying out of a policy which would reclaim 75,000,000 acres of arid land. If the people of the great West were interested in anything, they are interested now in seeing that this question of national irrigation is pushed forward and pushed forward strongly within the next two months. GUY H. MITCHELL.

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The lamp which Dr. Freudenthal used in this treatment consists of an Edison incandescent high-power lamp, in front of which is a disk of colored gelatine or glass, through which the light penetrates, giving only a blue light. This concentrates the rays by acting as a bi-convex lens, and also protects the exterior of the neck from too intense heat. The lamp is applied to the throat, and as the Adams' people in those parts is so large that many of the rays of light are lost in trying to penetrate it the front of the apparatus is hollowed out so that it adapts itself to the external contour of the neck. The lamp is applied to one or both sides of the larynx or in front, its application is kept up from 30 to 60 minutes.

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