

IRRIGATION AND POLITICS

Both Subjects Afford Material for a Most Interesting Interview.

MEMBER FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT HAS THE FLOOR.

Magnitude and Uncertainty of Irrigation Experimental Work—Cost a Not Understood by the Public—Restrictor a Mile Long May Be Built at Echo.

Congressman J. N. Williamson left the depot this morning awaiting a train to take him to The Dalles. In fact, he has been waiting some time, but the train has failed to put in an appearance, so the congressman came out to attempt to get a freight and get out of the city. He was standing by the ice house across the street, thoughtfully holding a stick, when he was approached by a man who had thought of the problem that brought him to the city.

MOOT WAR IS NOT POPULAR

DAMAGE CLAIMS FILED AGAINST GOVERNMENT.

Truck Patches and Windows Suffer Along the Coast of Maine—Claimed That One Man Has Been Driven Insane.

Portland, Me., Aug. 31.—Claims aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars will be presented against the government as a result of the combined maneuvers on account of damage to truck farms and windows broken by cannonading.

The claims, moreover, will not be confined to those of this character. It is averred that Jonathan Hilligoss, who was recently discharged from the insane asylum as cured, has been driven insane again by the noise and excitement.

Homeward Bound. Montreux, Switzerland, Aug. 31.—Cardinal Gibbons has gone to Paris.

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ALLEGES HEAVY LIBEL DAMAGES

California Brethren Do Not Always Dwell Together in Unity and Love.

SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST SIX METHODIST ELDERS.

Plaintiff is Traveling Elder for the Same Denomination—Alleged Standard Was Contained in Statement Spread Broadcast About Alleged Conduct of Elder Harper

San Francisco, Aug. 31.—Rev. E. J. Harper, traveling elder for the Methodist church, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against President Elder Moore and five traveling elders in the San Francisco conference.

Harper states that the defendants issued and distributed broadcast circulars giving in detail charges made against him as follows:

Corrupting young members of the Y. M. C. A. while in steam baths in that institution at San Francisco. The circular also states that if Harper will resign and leave the city the charges will not be pressed.

Harper states that the conversations he had and visits to the baths were in the interest of morality and that the charges are false.

RECEIVES NEWSPAPER MEN. President Roosevelt Entertains Eminent Journalists.

Oyster Bay, Aug. 31.—President Roosevelt received several newspaper men today; Henry Einstein and Ervin Wardman, proprietor and editor of the New York Press; Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, and Lincoln Steffens. They were guests at luncheon.

Tramps Burned to Death. Cincinnati, Aug. 31.—Fire this morning in the Taft lumber yards, did damage amounting to \$10,000. After the flames were subdued two bodies, supposed to be those of tramps, were found in a burned box car.

Murder and Suicide. Richmond, Ind., Aug. 31.—Frank Bates, Jr., shot and killed his fiancée Rena Gentry, today, and then suicided. Both are prominent.

Failure on Cotton Exchange. New York, Aug. 31.—R. Johnson & Co., members of the New York Cotton Exchange, announced a suspension this morning.

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TIME LIMIT WAS CALLED AGAIN

Early Prospects Were for a Speedy and Exciting Yacht Race Today.

WIND FELL SOON AND RACE BECAME A DRAG.

Reliance Led, Being One Mile Ahead at End of an Hour and a Half—Proven the Better Boat in All Sorts of Wind and Seas.

Highlands, Aug. 31.—At 9:20 a rough wind is blowing 23 knots. The regatta committee announces, barring too heavy weather a race may be expected today.

At 9:50, Navigator, with the committee aboard, is passing the Hook. At 10:10 Shamrock reaches the lights, drops tow and breaks out in headwinds. She stands away on a port tack. The wind has dropped to about 15 knots.

At 10:16 Reliance reaches the lights and stands away to port. Start Postponed.

At 10:39 the start is postponed until later in the day.

Heavy Rains and Seas. Highlands, Aug. 31.—A rattling day for a heavy weather test of the yachts dawned this morning. The weather was so rough it was believed for a time there would be no race.

A heavy sea pitched the lights like cockleshells. Not a few old salts this morning said if the yachts went out "something would happen" before the day was over. The regatta committee, however, decided to race.

Lipton, when he heard this announcement, was delighted, saying the heavy weather would give Shamrock the only chance, as he was convinced that in light weather she is no match for Reliance.

Today's race will be 15 miles to windward and return. All was quiet aboard yachts till the announcement, as the captains did not want to raise sail in a rain which tore down in frequent gusts. Shortly after 9 both yachts took tow and stood away for the starting line. The wind is now eight knots.

Very Inclement Weather. While the yachts were in tow for the starting, they were passed by the cruiser Baltimore and battleship Texas, inward bound. The Jackies cheered. Unlike previous days, there are but few excursion boats today. The inclement weather is making it anything but a favorable day for any but seasoned sailors.

Get Ready, Warning, Start. At 11:30 the course was signaled. At 11:30 the preparatory gun was fired. The wind is steady.

At 11:40 the warning gun sounded, and at 11:45 the starting gun.

Now They Are Off. The unofficial starting time was 11:45:26 for Reliance and 11:45:26 for Shamrock also.

Reliance Leads From Start. At 12:18 both are on the port tack. Reliance is steadily increasing her lead. Wind is six knots. As in previous races, Reliance is footing higher.

When the preliminary gun sounded, neither skipper was disposed to work into close quarters, and as soon as over the line put about to starboard.

At noon Reliance is gaining rapidly on the challenger.

At 12:40 both yachts have been port tacked and are heading out to sea. Reliance, which is half a mile in the lead, is increasing her gain every minute.

The yachts are almost obscured by mist, but it is plain the American is steadily increasing her lead.

Reliance Increasing Her Lead. At 12:45 the yachts are again sighted, the Reliance leading by three-quarters of a mile.

At 1:25 the yachts have been lost in a mist since 1. An aregram says Reliance leads by a mile.

Prospects for a Fluke. At 1:40 the wind is off shore and very light. The yachts may not finish within the limit.

(International wireless from Highlands)—At 2:15 the wind is now showing signs of dropping. It is blowing about five miles an hour and

MAGELSEN NOT ASSASSINATED

Big Fluke Made by the Agent of the Associated Press at Constantinople.

CHAOS REIGNS IN THE SULTAN'S DOMINIONS.

Reported That Well-Armed Servians Have Joined the Macedonian Insurgents—West Coast of Black Sea, Not Far From Constantinople, is in a State of War.

Belgrade, Aug. 31.—Two hundred well-armed Servian volunteers left for Macedonia yesterday to join the revolutionists.

Magelssen Not Dead. New York, Aug. 31.—It transpires that Magelssen, the American consul at Beirut, is not killed, nor even wounded. He was several times shot at by a would-be assassin, but escaped unhurt. The report that he had been killed was an error made by the Associated Press correspondent at Constantinople.

Fleet Was Not Recalled. Washington, Aug. 31.—It is authoritatively stated at the state department that there is absolutely no truth in the alleged cable from Constantinople that Lelshman has asked for a recall of the squadron, as was sent out by the press association this morning. The department has no intention of asking the fleet to change its program.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE. Secretary Hay and the Turkish Minister Talk it Over.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Cheikh Bey, the new Turkish minister, despite the fact that his credentials have not been received by the state department, had a long conference with Secretary Hay this morning. Both declined to discuss the conference. Immediately after his departure Mr. Hay went to the navy department, where he was closeted with Mr. Darling.

NEW WAREHOUSE. Interior Company Begin Tomorrow on a Large Building at Thorn Hollow.

Workmen will start in to rebuild the warehouse of the Interior Warehouse Company at Thorn Hollow, in the morning. This is the building that was destroyed by fire not long ago. The new house will be 50x50 feet, and will be larger than the old one. It will be well constructed and a better receptacle for the grain of that community than the company had there before the fire. The building will be ready for the reception of grain as soon as the grain is ready to be hauled from the fields to the warehouse.

DIED NEAR PILOT ROCK. After the Funeral the Remains Will Be Taken to Illinois.

Mrs. Charles B. Jones died at the home of her son, C. B. Jones, about six miles south of Pilot Rock, last night, of heart disease superinduced by dropsy. The deceased was 77 years of age and was from Glenn, Ill., to which place the daughter will accompany the remains in the morning.

A short funeral service will be held this evening at Rader's undertaking parlors, conducted by Rev. Jonathan Edwards.

GOING TO OMAHA. Mrs. Ida Hambien, Supreme Marshal of Royal Neighbors.

Mrs. Ida Hambien will leave this evening for Omaha, where she will attend a school of instruction for the supervising deputies of the Royal Neighbors. Mrs. Hambien is the supreme marshal of that order, having recently been promoted to that office. She will be about a week or 10 days in attendance on the school, and while in the East will visit with friends and relatives.

The Medal of Honor Legion will hold its annual reunion at Gettysburg, October 12 and 13.

WIRELESS IN EVERY-DAY USE

NEW SYSTEM IS BEING RAPIDLY PERFECTED.

For the First Time it is Used Every Day During the Progress of a Trans-Atlantic Voyage—Reliable and Speedy.

New York, Aug. 31.—The steamer New Zealand arrived this morning from Antwerp. She was in daily communication by the wireless from the time she left the English channel until she reached Sandy Hook.

This is the most distinctive triumph of the wireless system up to this date, several problems being apparently solved and obstacles overcome. The most decided progress indicated was in the indifference shown by the operations of the system to the varying changes of weather. The Antwerp encountered the most variable weather, from perfectly cloudless, clear and warm to heavy fogs and, off the Newfoundland banks, a flurry of snow, followed by heavy rains. At no time was the communication interrupted and every dispatch has been verified by cable.

The system used is the one believed to afford absolute secrecy, or apparent impossibility of "picking off." It is done by pitching the receiving and transmitting apparatus upon exactly the same key, with mathematical precision. As the number of pitches increases in a mathematical ratio, the possibility of attempts to intercept messages being successful is practically the same as trying to work a Yale time lock having a combination unknown to the operator.

The cost of transmitting was much less than that of any preceding experiments by any system that has been put into practice. Experts in this city are greatly encouraged and declare that the system has made a great stride toward being a commercial success.

New Laundry for Walla Walla. The new machinery for the Troy Steam Laundry in Palouse street, has arrived and will be installed as quickly as possible. A force of men will start the work Monday morning and it is expected nearly everything will be in place by Saturday. The building has hitherto been delayed because of the non-arrival of the machinery—Walla Walla Union.