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There are a good many people who imagine themselves American who are much more European or even Asiatic in their ideas and ideals. The true American is the man who believes in the sovereignty of the people, in the rule of all men as opposed to the tyranny of any few, however intelligent or moral the few may seem to be. And if a man have this faith in democracy so that it cannot be overthrown either by the rapidly that hurls within himself, or by the corruptibility of others, he is an American, though he were born in the Fiji Islands or through he knows no other language than some jargon of the Chinese. Americanism is not an accident or an inheritance; for an ideal—Robert Whitaker.

ON TO OGDEN.

Next Wednesday, or the fourteenth time the National Irrigation Association will meet in annual session, at Ogden, Utah.

Sixteen states and territories will congregate there to do honor to the national issue, now being discussed in congressional halls, on home-steads, in log cabins, in railway offices and among all classes of men who see with prophetic eye the coming transformation of the western deserts.

It is the creed of the West this story of irrigation.

No epic in human language can compare to the recital of that page of American history, which records the rescue of the desert from lifelessness. No dream outshines the prospect before the working legislator, who takes up the worthless land of the plain, touches it with the alchemy of water and turns it into fruitful fields and blossoming orchards.

You who remember the Butte creek country, as it was, and now look upon it, as it is, can feel something of the wonderment which underlies the enthusiasm of the irrigationist. You can feel something of the spirit which makes men so enthusiastic, which causes them to shout and talk, and write irrigation, from year's end to year's end.

It is the love of man for progress, for betterment, for the art of improving nature, and for the very creed of civilization, which makes irrigationists enthusiastic.

It is the same thrill which inspires the sculptor, who takes the rough granite from the hand of nature and who joys to see it taking form day by day, under his masterful eye and hand. It is the same intoxication which overcomes the painter, who finds new forms, new expressions, coming into the mingling colors on his canvas. It is the joy of art, the satisfaction of completing the unfinished work of nature, which fills the irrigationist with joy, as he witnesses the slow, but perfect transformation of the wilderness into homes, cottages and vineyards.

It does not require the eye of the optimist to picture Oregon as she would be under irrigation. No desert left to mar the beauty of the landscape. No barren lands, sapping the strength from the fertile fields. No sandy wastes to encourage the growth of weeds, vermin or pests. No imperfection of outline in the landscape, but the rounded, symmetrical community, filled with industry,

hope, cheerfulness and good citizenship.

To bring about this condition it requires work—earnest, hard, tedious, difficult work. It requires effort of hand and brain. Perfection does not come without toil. Tiresome details, costly and slow processes of organization, of systematization, and great industry, must precede the finished task. For this very purpose Oregon, Idaho, California and all the arid states are sending the leading spirits of the West to Ogden to formulate plans of action and urge the slow processes of the government.

For this very work every energetic force in the West is bending all its strength. Counties, states, commercial bodies, railroads and all the moving factories in the industrial making-up of the country are striving to bring perfection out of the natural chaos of the wilderness.

No citizen should be idle in this day of activity. No citizen should shirk his duty in this crusade against the deserts. No state should falter in the campaign against the arid domain which stands as a menace to the settlement of the West.

You have seen what irrigation can do and you must appreciate what more irrigation means for the West. You have seen the quest for homes going on constantly for the last decade, and you know what more homes means to the sparsely settled districts. You have felt the need of more industry in the life deserts and you must know that the only way to get it is to shout "on to Ogden, on to the perfect irrigation age!"

The Spokane-Review has shown the citizens of Spokane, by actual figures, that the city pays out monthly freight each year on ten staple canned fruits and vegetables, to build a summer in that city. Each of the varieties of fruits and vegetables are grown in profusion in the vicinity of Spokane and many many tons of the local crops are wasted each year, for want of proper means of caring for them at the proper time. The same condition prevails in almost every city in the inland Empire. Besides furnishing a supply for the local markets, canneries would stimulate the growing of more fruits and vegetables, and would furnish employment to many more labor thereby adding to the volume of trade of the cities, and building up permanent industries in the country.

The Umatilla county corn crop is becoming a prominent factor in the county. Next year the acreage should be doubled. It is not only a rest for the land but the product is one of the best fat producing feeds that can be grown. More corn means more beef and pork, and this is what brings outside money into the county. Umatilla county corn meal should become as popular as Umatilla county blankets, flour, ice, cigars, fruit and wheat.

Every stockman in Eastern Oregon should attend the meeting of the woolgrowers, at Baker City, next week, to hear the talk of Charles M. Martin, secretary of the National Livestock Association, on the organization of the stockmen's independent packing plant. This cooperative plant in which actual stockmen are to hold the controlling stock, is the first step toward relief from the oppression of the beef trust.

It was the O. R. & N. company that brought home the prairie for Oregon grains and grasses from the Paris exposition, who also introduced the pure-bred stock sales in Oregon and Washington, and it is this enterprising company that is now after the silver cups offered for irrigation products at the Ogden congress.

Miss Ruth Bryan is no more engaged to Hobson than her father is to Hobson's imperialistic ideas.

Female Textile Workers.

Since 1870 there has been an increase of 150 per cent in the number of women workers in Massachusetts. Employed in various trades in 1870 were 329,023 females over 10 years of age. A report of the Massachusetts bureau of statistics of labor tells all about these women, and gives other information regarding the early appearance of women in manufacturing employment. As early as 1831 some 10,078 out of the 13,343 persons in the cotton mills of the state belonged to the gentler sex.

"Mammy," said Pichaniny Jim. "I's jes' discovered why a chicken alius cackles so when it lays an egg." "You g'way I'm here!" "Deed I has. She's beggin' you to take de egg instid of her foh dinner."—Washington Star.

BREAKS A RECORD.

"Two hours late," the conductor said. "The train is heavy, the night like pitch; How quick can you go to The Dalles?" he asked. "Two hours flat, or land in the ditch."

Said Smoky McCune, the engineer. With hand on the throttle of eighty-four. As out of Umatilla he pulled. And he called for steam two hundred or more.

Down the river sped Smoky McCune. Raced Smoky McCune the engineer.

The hand on the throttle of eighty-four. Belonged to a man whose brain was clear.

Into the night peered Smoky McCune. Opened the throttle to full extent; And a flash on the rail was all his saw. As onward like the wind he went.

The speed was soon like lightning's dash. Then one more hood in old eighty-four.

"Give us more steam," said Smoky McCune.

"I'll hev with coal in the furnace door!"

Down the river like a flashing star—Passengers grouped together in four—Plunging along like something possessed.

Went eighty-four and, her engineer.

"Just one more turn and then straight away!"

And into The Dalles he pulled all smiles.

"There's a record," said Smoky McCune.

"Ninety minutes for a hundred miles!"

And Smoky McCune the engineer. At Umatilla heard a shout.

The conductor calling "all aboard"—And our boss engineer's pipe was out.

"Was but a dream of Smoky McCune. He smashed the record while in a trance. But all who know him will agree. That he could do it if given a chance."—T. H. Hubbard.

ACCIDENTAL?

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death on the man who fell from the window ledge on which he had fallen asleep. But the death was really due to carelessness which made the accident possible.



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