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FRANCE AT OGDEN

EXPERT STUDIES AMERICAN METHODS OF IRRIGATION

French Government Would Reclaim Large District of Arid Land and Seeks Information on the Subject—Lands are Fertile Now Sterile.

One of the most interesting and studious visitors at the Ogdén Irrigation Congress was Monsieur Coppel De Forrest, special representative of the French government at the meeting. He is a high official of the department of agriculture in his native country, and as there is a large section of arid country in the southwest of France, which in its present condition will not even afford good pasturage on account of the drying up of all the mountain streams in the district.

Monsieur Forrest says this region was formerly settled by a pastoral people, who raised but little grain, fruit or vegetable crops, but who drove their herds of goats and flocks of sheep from place to place, as the springs afforded water during the summer season.

Gradually the sources of the streams supplying this district, were destroyed by the removal of the timber, and the trampling process of the herds. The agricultural lands below suffered greatly by this abuse, and year by year the settlers living on the diminishing streams were forced to leave and flock to the cities or swell the already congested settlement in the rich agricultural districts.

Now the ancient huts of the former inhabitants of the region are the only landmarks of civilization.

The French government is now studying modern methods of reclamation, with a view to building a system of storage reservoir, for the restoration of the idle land to usefulness. The soil is a sandy loam, from the description given to the representative of the East Oregonian, resembling that of the Echo district, before its reclamation.

The climate is magnificent and the tropic products very profuse under proper conditions. Olives, grapes, dates, figs, lemons of a fair grade, melons, citrons, all kinds of vegetables and grasses grow in abundance where the moisture is sufficient.

The land belongs to the government of France, having been a part of immense estates in former centuries, but which reverted to the government during the commune. The irrigation projects proposed are great systems of reservoirs, fed by canals of great length, leading from the higher slopes of the Pyrenees to the valleys below. In search of information on the best methods of reclamation and scientific irrigation, the French government sent its most trusted agricultural expert to listen

to the proceedings of the Irrigation Congress.

Monsieur Forrest is a genial, educated gentleman, understanding thoroughly, but speaking slowly, the English language. He attended every session of the congress and freely associated with the delegates, anxiously inquiring as to customs and practices in the arid region of the United States. He will take home a complete report of the congress, which will form part of his report of his official visit to the United States, on behalf of France. He constantly expressed his surprise at the democratic institutions of America and took notes of all important points and places.

"WHERE IS COBB?"

Question Answered at the Frazer, September 25th.

"Where is Cobb?" the offering at the Frazer, September 25, was first produced three years ago in the East, but this is the first time it has been played here. There are three acts, enlivened with specialties, and among these is the violin playing of Miss Marion George. She takes the part of Dolly Dexter in the farce. The singer of the company is Agnes George, who is only 14 years of age.



Katherine George, with "Where is Cobb?" Company.

but possesses a fine soprano voice. She sings a jaking ballad, "There's Nobody Just Like You." Katherine George, the contortionist, is a pretty, dark-haired girl and can twist herself into various knots.

There is a well-connected plot to the farce, the story of which is centered around a misunderstanding. The story deals with the tribulations of Phillip Cobb, a millionaire who has married an actress. There are merry and strange experiences until the mystery of the Cobb family is solved.

Who Are the Leaders?

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REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

Stalwarts of Pennsylvania are Met at Wilkesbarre.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 22.—Young republicans from every county in the state are taking part today in the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State League of Republican Clubs. The morning session, which was presided over by President Frederick W. Fleitz, of Scranton, was devoted to routine business and interest centers mainly in the big demonstration to be held in the Ninth Regiment Armory tonight, which will mark the formal opening of the state campaign. The speakers are to include Governor Pennypacker and the candidates on the state ticket, besides several well-known orators of the party.

ILLINOIS LIQUOR DEALERS.

Protective and Benevolent Association in Session.

Quincy, Ill., Sept. 22.—The state convention of the Saloonkeepers' Protective and Benevolent Association, is in session here with members in attendance from various parts of the state. Routine business occupied the opening session, which was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by President Denis Galvin, of Chicago. A big parade was held this afternoon. Legislative and other matters affecting the liquor interests are to be discussed during the several days the convention will be in session.

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A Painter's Troubles.

The desire of the Bank of England officials to discover forgers has sometimes led to curious mistakes. On one occasion the painter George Morland, in his eagerness to avoid his dues, retired to an obscure hiding place in Hackney, where his anxious looks and secluded manner of life induced some of his neighbors to believe him a forger of notes then in existence.

The directors, on being informed, dispatched some dexterous detectives to the residence, but Morland's suspicions were aroused by their movements in front of the house and, thinking them bulliffs, escaped from the back to London.

Mrs. Morland informed the visitors of her husband's name and showed them some unfinished pictures. The facts were reported to the directors, who presented Morland with two twenty pound notes by way of compensation for the alarm.

Unique Tablecloth.

When a southeast wind is blowing, the visitor to Cape Town is treated to a peculiar and interesting natural phenomenon, for under such conditions Table Mountain, in the language of the natives, "puts on a tablecloth." In other words, the thin line of fleecy cloud forming above it descends until it rests flat upon the mountain top, with its edges drooping gracefully over its sides.

It is really not unlike the article of household use which gives it its name.

Tennyson and Barnum.

Tennyson was extremely eager at one time to visit America, and touching this point a story is related to the effect that Barnum offered him an enormous sum to make the trip, though probably not as one of the attractions of the "greatest show on earth." "All you have to do," said Barnum, "is to stand on a platform and have your hands well shaken." The poet, however, declined the tempting offer.

Courtship Too Expensive.

Tess—You don't mean to say they have broken off their engagement?
Jess—Yes.
Tess—Why, I thought they were perfectly devoted to each other.
Jess—So they are. You see, they have broken off the engagement, so that he may save enough money to enable them to get married.—Philadelphia Press.

Taking It Coolly.

The ship of an admiral who was the Duke of Wellington's near connection was wrecked. He was placed in command of a second ship, which was also lost, and he himself was drowned. Lord Charles communicated the disaster to his father, who merely exclaimed, with Spartan coldness and brevity, "That's the second ship he has lost."

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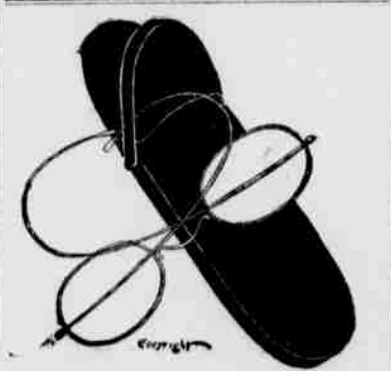
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