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to lords, corporations, companies, and inherited in vast estates in early days, until now the people are virtual serfs and the land is owned by non-residents. In order to furnish homes and enable the people of Ireland to become and remain self-supporting, the British parliament now seeks to purchase from these landholders the priceless areas, belonging by right to the people, in order that the government may sell it to the residents of Ireland on much the same plan that the United States government sells the reclaimed lands to the people, through the national irrigation act. If the absorption of the public domain in this country is not checked, the same condition that now prevails in Ireland, will threaten this country in less than fifty years. Fearing that these laws will be repealed, in the near future, the great railroad and colonization companies are now sending hundreds of men into the great timber belts of Northern Idaho and Montana to locate as much as possible of the remaining public domain before the repeal comes. The ten land base should be abolished, and the holders of lands within reservations paid a reasonable price for their claims and the remaining public land held for the people.

The Daily East Oregonian goes into 90 per cent of the homes of Pendleton. It tells the news as it happens, without color or exaggeration. It uses a telegraphic service of 1,800 words daily, uses no stale plate matter to detract from the value of the advertisements in its columns, and has an excellent correspondent at each of the towns in the county which really makes the paper equal to a daily paper from each of those towns. It belongs to no faction, party or machine, tells the truth fearlessly, defends the people against the impositions of fakirs whenever it can locate such, and is not afraid to express a opinion on any subject and does not consult any politician or ring before expressing that opinion. A special carrier service will be established in the town outside of Pendleton, in Umatilla county, as soon as arrangements can be made, and the value of the paper to both advertisers and readers will be materially enhanced. It invites honest criticism, for by this means only can the deficiencies in this department be made known to the office. The profits from the business will be spent in enlarging the paper, in securing more news, and in adding new features which will make the paper of more and more value to the patrons. The daily market report and the local news from the county make it of special interest to readers outside the city and as fast as patronage will permit, the paper will increase in size, efficiency and service.

The Baker City Democrat truthfully says in regard to the irrigation spirit in Umatilla county: "There is a substantial push behind irrigation in Umatilla county and there is great interest being shown in the coming convention to be held in Pendleton. The Democrat admires the energy displayed and is only sorry that Baker county people are sleeping on their opportunities in an ir-

The O. R. & N. is gathering data for another edition of "Oregon, Washington and Idaho," under the able supervision of A. L. Craig, general passenger agent, and Rinaldo M. Hall, advertising manager. This hand book of Oregon resources has done more to bring a permanent class of home-seekers into the state than all other books, pamphlets and circulars on that subject, combined, and every citizen should make a special effort to furnish all the information possible on any subject relating to the output of Oregon, in any of her varied industries. The citizens of Umatilla county are especially requested to favor the editors of this book with all the farm, livestock and fruit figures and facts at hand. The story means more homes and more wealth.

The city of Pendleton should consider the proposition of installing a paid fireman, add new equipment to the fire apparatus, and make preparations to meet the growth of the city with adequate protection. Money would be saved to the taxpayer in lower insurance rates if the efficiency of the fire company were increased. It is idle talk to say that Pendleton, a city of 7,000 people, to which was added this season a half million dollars in improvements, cannot keep one paid fireman in service, a team and chemical engine. Does she expect to protect 10,000 people with the same expense that was required in a burg of 2,000? What is progress, anyway? This same argument has been used to defeat the enlargement of the public school facilities and it will be heard on every occasion which demands an advance step. It cannot meet with the approval of the taxpayer who expects to see taxes decreased by increased fire protection, and by the addition of wealth, invited to the city by the excellent conditions found here.

One of the most emphatic arguments in favor of the repeal of the timber and stone act and the desert land act, is seen in the action of Great Britain in now buying back the priceless domain of Ireland for the impoverished people, through the Wyndam land bill. The land was sold

rigation way. No community can hope to be favored unless proper spirit is shown in presenting its advantages and right to be recognized. Umatilla county people are a unit, and if we mistake not will accomplish substantial results."

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