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IRRIGATION SURVEYS MUST BE MADE AT ECHO.

Advantages of All the Irrigation Projects Appeal to Engineer Very Favorably, But Data Has Not Been Obtained to Warrant Any Statement of Certainty of Perpetual Supply.

East Oregonian published a report of John T. Whistler, government engineer of the irrigation surveys of the state during the past Monday, January 11.

Associated Press story of the report which appeared in the papers yesterday, was the substance as that published week ago in this paper. Whistler reports that he has surveyed on the irrigation in the state, but that he has hesitated on any of the three rivers, the Silvies river, Harney, far enough to determine the cost of reclaiming the land, or to say definitely the water supply and the securing it will be within reasonable cost.

Naturally Feasible. The propositions are feasible as natural advantages are common. The land lies in such a way that the streams and reservoirs to make its reclamation possible will require many months of investigation yet, he will be known whether the quantity of water needed to irrigate tracts can be secured from the reservoirs and canals.

Surveys will be prosecuted again next year, and all surveys will be closely measured in different seasons, to determine the flow, the times of flood for water on these lands will be ascertained by comparing the land under cultivation with the land adjacent, in order to determine if the natural water supply obtained will be sufficient for crops.

Whistler's report is a thorough setting document, but he has not, in fact, in any place, said definitely what the outcome of the surveys will be. He has been thorough. He is at the bottom of all the facts, and all that can be said is that he is working on the surveys, and it will be many months yet before the actual adoption of the plan is even a probability. The surveys already revealed that the water supply is not sufficient, and investigations will determine how much can be secured.

Government is Cautious. Government is determined to invest millions of dollars in vast irrigation projects, but a partial failure in the past has led to the incompleteness of the surveys and investigations of the water supply.

Engineers in charge do not believe in the feasibility of any irrigation project, they simply send in a report and a board, which has the ground, but which has no actual figures presented by the engineer upon the actual plan. The board of the engineer prove that a tract of land can be irrigated by certain methods, within a certain cost, and that the water supply is sufficient, and the plan is on a sure basis, then the government and the government under the survey will return to Oregon to take up the work of the survey.

Walter, of Barrington, Centennial January 19, aged 14, weighing 200 pounds.

Escapes in Mexico.

Bernardino, Jan. 20.—R. J. Wood, John Wood, Ed. Wood and Fred Howard, who escaped, are located in Mexico. Sheriff Wood is taking their immediate capture and arms.

Dr. C. J. Smith was called to Despain Gulch this afternoon by the illness of Mrs. Harvey, one of the prominent farmers of that section. The cause of the illness is not known, but the age of the patient makes her condition serious.

RETAIL MERCHANTS.

Annual South Dakota State Convention.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 20.—This was another interesting and busy day for the members of the South Dakota retail merchants' association assembled here in annual convention.

The proceedings of the forenoon began with an address by J. D. Barlow, of Plankinton, dealing with the best methods for meeting catalogue competition. Legislation of interest to the retail merchants was discussed by E. F. Gross of Gettysburg, and an address on "Our Mutual Fire Insurance Company" was presented by L. S. Tyler of Sioux Falls. Premium stamps and the necessity for merchants to buy grain were other subjects that received attention. Governor La Follette of Wisconsin is down on the program to address the convention this evening on the subject, "Robbery by the Railroads."

Japanese Silk Cases on Trial.

New York, Jan. 20.—The famous Japanese silk fraud cases, in which several prominent New York importers are charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, came up for trial today before Judge Thomas in the United States circuit court. Vice Consul McLane, of Yokohama and John C. Covert, United States consul at Lyons, have been brought to New York to give evidence on behalf of the prosecution.

Mannlicher Dead.

Vienna, Jan. 20.—Ferdinand Mannlicher, inventor of the Mannlicher rifle, is dead.

STOCKMEN WILL ASK CONCESSIONS

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO BETTER SERVICE.

Slow Trains, More Cars and Anti-Pass Decision Will Be Threshed Out With the Railroads—Monte B. Gwinn, M. B. Saunders and H. A. Jastro on a Very Important Mission for Stock Interests.

Portland, Jan. 20.—The national headquarters of the National Livestock Association, which were opened at the Portland Hotel in November, closed up shop yesterday and will be transferred to Denver today.

President Hagenbarth and Secretary Martin have completed the last detail of business to be transacted from this city and will leave for their homes today. A conference was held at which a decision was reached to appoint M. B. Gwinn, of Idaho; M. B. Saunders, of Utah, and H. A. Jastro, of California, members of the standing committee on transportation.

This assignment is of great importance, as upon the transportation committee devolves all matters relating to the railroads. During the coming year an effort will be made to secure a modification of the anti-pass agreement as it affects stock shippers.

Another important work entrusted to the committee is the passage of legislation to increase the speed of trains carrying livestock and requiring the railroads to supply sufficient cars to transport stock shipments to market without delay occasioned by blockades and car famines in past years.

Never in the history of the organization have such important duties been placed upon a committee and the gentlemen named were selected because of their peculiar knowledge of the problems which confront the shippers.

DIRECT PRIMARY PETITIONS.

County Clerk Receives Notice That Blanks Will Be Sent at Once.

County Clerk W. D. Chamberlain is in receipt of a letter from W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, the secretary of the Direct Primary Nomination League, in which he states that he will send to the clerk of this county a number of petitions issued by the league, which he would like to be circulated in the county in order to bring the subject before the people at the coming election.

NEW LAW FIRM.

J. B. Perry and H. J. Bean of This City Compose it.

J. B. Perry and Henry J. Bean have formed a law partnership, and will occupy the offices formerly used by the firm of Reeder & Perry, on Main street, Mr. Bean having removed from his office in the postoffice building.

Mrs. Harvey, Sr., is ill. Dr. C. J. Smith was called to Despain Gulch this afternoon by the illness of Mrs. Harvey, one of the prominent farmers of that section. The cause of the illness is not known, but the age of the patient makes her condition serious.

STRENUOUS ON WHEAT CHANGE

Predicted That Wheat Will Go to a Dollar in Chicago's Great Gambling Mart.

ARMOURS' PROFITS WERE \$340,000 IN HALF A DAY.

Alderman Convicted of Bribery Released Under a Technicality—Grand Jury Returns Four Indictments—Grand Palace Hotel Burned—More Dodging of Responsibility for Iroquois Fire—Mayor and Sheriff Are Accused.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—With wheat at from 90 1/2 to 92 1/2, this has been one of the most strenuous days in the wheat pit in recent years. Excitement at the close was terrific.

Armour, long on from nine to fifteen million bushels, did not appear in the market until the advance was already sharp. The advance netted him nearly \$340,000 profit on today's trading.

Traders now predict dollar wheat. The advance today is due to frantic efforts of the shorts to cover.

Out on Habeas Corpus.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Alderman Brennan, recently sentenced to a year in the bridewell for vote buying, was today released on habeas corpus, on the contention that the court had no authority to sentence to the city prison on a misdemeanor. The charge, when the case is really one of conspiracy, is subject to a penitentiary sentence.

Four Were Indicted.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—The grand jury today returned an indictment against Coachman Tilbury, charged with carrying concealed weapons and attempting to blackmail Mrs. Thurston for \$12,500 for the suppression of alleged compromising letters and also indicted the three confessed ghouls who robbed the body of Mrs. Trask, at the Iroquois fire.

Impugn Mayor and Sheriff.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Mayor Harrison and Sheriff Barrett are attacked for failure to enforce the law in the recent labor troubles, and officials of labor unions are charged with unlawful conspiracy in a report presented to the grand jury this morning by James Nye, foreman of the December grand jury which returned indictments against several labor leaders.

All Doage Responsibility.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—More than 100 witnesses remain to be examined before the Iroquois inquest, and will require at least another week. If the coroner decides to call only important witnesses it may close this week.

Edwin Price, manager of the "Bluebeard" company, was on the stand this morning. His testimony showed the work of the Chicago building inspector was poor and light compared with that of inspectors in other cities. He laid all the blame on the theater management, and tried to exonerate Klaw & Erlanger.

Actors in a Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Two hundred members of theatrical troupes, who have been thrown out of engagements as a result of the Iroquois fire, were driven into the streets this morning by fire at the Grand Palace hotel on North Clark street. Several rescues were accomplished with difficulty. There were few guests, a majority of whom were women. The fire was extinguished without casualties. This is the second fire in the same hotel within two weeks.

TAXES IN BAKER CITY.

Levy for the City, County and School District Amounts to a Total of 66 1/2 Mills This Year.

The total tax levy in Baker City this year amounts to 66 1/2 mills, or 32 1/2 mills more than in the city of Pendleton, where the total levy is but 34 1/2 mills.

The Baker City levy is divided as follows: County expenses, 20 mills; county schools, 8 mills; state taxes, 7 mills; county roads, 4 mills, and the Baker City school district, 17 1/2 mills.

The total valuation of property in Baker county was fixed at \$4,038,865 and in Baker City at \$1,230,040.

Auctioneers to Organize.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 20.—Auctioneers from various parts of Michigan met here today and discussed plans to form a state association. The chief object of the movement is to bring those engaged in the calling into closer relationship for the better protection of their mutual interests, particularly as regards matters of legislation.

EASTERN AND FAR EASTERN

English Official Who Believes Russia Will Withdraw from Manchuria.

BALKAN PROBLEMS WILL NOT STAY COMPROMISED.

Preparations Making for Renewal of War in Bulgaria—Austria-Russian Committee to Look After Interests of Treaty of Berlin, Will Renew Efforts to Influence Turkish Government.

London, Jan. 20.—The press here today, with the exception of the Times, is optimistic in tone regarding the far eastern question. The Manchester Guardian quotes a British official just returned, who says Russia is preparing to withdraw from Manchuria.

For Balkan Reform.

Vienna, Jan. 20.—Die Zeitung asserts that the Austro-Russian committee at Constantinople, wearied of continually delayed audiences with the sultan regarding reform in the Balkans, will leave today for Salonica in an attempt to carry out their plans. The paper adds the Turkish minister at Sofia has forwarded to the porte important documentary proof of feverish war preparations in Bulgaria.

Russia Decides for Peace.

London, Jan. 20.—The Berlin correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette wires that he is assured from absolutely trustworthy authority that Russia has positively decided for peace and will answer Japan's latest note by complying with all of Japan's important demands. Russia is now hesitating whether she should notify Japan exclusively, or send a general notification to the powers.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

George Hartman, Jr., Elected Assistant Cashier First National Bank.

The stockholders of the First National Bank met in the office of the bank last night, at which time the board of directors were elected for the year. It will consist of Levi Ankeny, of Walla Walla, W. F. Matlock, J. S. McCloud, W. S. Byers and George Hartman, Jr., which is the same as the old board with the exception of the retirement of H. F. Johnson and the substitution of G. A. Hartman, Jr.

Levi Ankeny was elected president of the board, W. F. Matlock vice-president and the appointment of G. M. Rice as cashier, was confirmed for the year. Mr. Hartman was elected assistant cashier to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Johnson. Outside of the promotion of Mr. Hartman there was no change in the personnel of the bank, all of the other officials having been re-elected.

The change in the assistant cashiership will be more in name than in duty, as Mr. Hartman will fill the teller's window as in the past, and will assist Mr. Rice when needed, the old office being a fifth wheel proposition now absolutely needed in the management of the institution.

SELECTED A PRINCIPAL.

Miss Grace I. Dewey Tendered the Vacant Principalship.

The school board of this district has been ever since the resignation of Miss Jessie Shepherd, endeavoring to locate a good teacher to take the place left vacant by her as principal of the high school, and at a meeting last night Professor E. B. Conklin was authorized to telegraph to Miss Grace I. Dewey, of Benton Harbor, Mich., offering her the place. Her response has not yet been received, though it is expected that she will accept, as she made an application for the place and wishes to change from the East to the West for the sake of the change in climate. Miss Dewey is recommended as a teacher of high merit and much experience, and is said to be very successful.

Cold Springs Farm Sold.

Mary C. Cooley and A. B. Cooley, her husband, who are pioneers, have sold to Walter M. Pierce for \$6,400, a tract of 640 acres of land in sections 13 and 18, in township 4 north of ranges 31 and 32 east, being in the vicinity of Cold Springs.

New Baptist Pastor.

Rev. G. L. Hall, of Clyde, N. Y., has accepted the call of the First Baptist church of this city, and will arrive here in time to take charge of the church by the first of the coming April.

CHARLES LADD RELEASED.

La Grande Man Suspected of Robbing Saloon at The Dalles.

The Dalles, Jan. 20.—Charles Ladd who was arrested in Portland last week, accused of the robbery of Falt's saloon, and placed in jail here, had a preliminary hearing in Recorder Filloon's court this morning, and in the absence of sufficient evidence District Attorney Menefee moved for a dismissal of the case, which was granted.

Charles Ladd was raised in Grande Ronde Valley, his mother, sister and former wife residing now at La Grande. He spent a \$20,000 fortune left him by his father, John Ladd, a pioneer farmer, in about three years, by gambling, and has just served a term in the penitentiary for robbery, from Wallowa county.

G. O. P. IN FLORIDA.

Keep up an Active Organization and Will Be Aggressive.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 20.—Republicans of the third congressional district, together with a scattering of party leaders from other parts of Florida, are rounding up in St. Augustine for an important conference.

Some of the leaders believe the time is ripe for the party to assume an aggressive attitude in the state and it is possible that the party will put up a candidate in several congressional districts at the next election. The delegates to be sent to the national convention at Chicago will be pledged to vote for Roosevelt's renomination.

BAKER CITY WON THE BASKET BALL

PENDLETON GIRLS DID BEST TOWARD THE CLOSE.

A Very Neat and Skillful Game Terminated Without the Slightest Degree of Ill-feeling—Baker City Has the Heaviest, and Perhaps the More Skillful Team.

Owing to the fact that the two basket ball teams did not weigh in, like the members of a college football squad, before the game last night, it will never be known just how much heavier the Baker City girls were than the girls of the Pendleton team, and it cannot therefore be judged with certainty just how much the home girls were ahead of the game when time was called. But it was a pretty game, and one that the large audience enjoyed immensely.

The first half opened strong in Baker City's favor, and for a time it looked as though the visiting team was going to carry off the laurels with quite a margin to spare; but when time was called at the end of the first part of the game, the score was but 2 to 0 in their favor. Towards the end of the half the Pendleton girls began to get into the game and from that time on they made it most interesting for their visitors.

In the second half the Pendleton girls threw a basket, tying the score and the game had to be played on until one or the other side made an additional score. This feat was accomplished at last by the visitors, who were declared to be the winners by a score of 6 to 4.

Miss Ada Allen, of Baker City, and Miss Rita Howland, of Pendleton, were the ones who did the field goaling for their teams.

It is hard to pick out individual players, for all of the girls did well and played the best game possible. The visitors were much heavier than Pendleton, though some of the handicap was overcome by the more nimble playing of the home girls.

AT ASSEMBLY HALL.

An Excellent and Varied Program For Next Friday Evening.

The regular Friday night program of the High School Literary Society will be presented Friday night by the pupils of the school at the assembly hall. It has been worked up with a great deal of care by the pupils and teachers, and will be of increased interest. The numbers that will be presented are:

- Music—High School Orchestra.
- Oration—Fred Vincent.
- Essay—Florence Mousseu.
- Recitation—Herbert Thompson.
- Recitation—Willie Milne.
- Essay—Neva Hodder.
- Vocal Solo—Grace Hawks.
- Oration—William Wyrick.
- Autobiography—Fern Edwards.
- Vocal Solo—Fred Hartman.
- Essay—Albert Kearney.
- Recitation—Myrtle Knight.
- Essay—May Taylor.
- Oration—Fred Milne.
- Essay—Edgar Smith.
- Essay—Arlin Knight.

Eastern Oregon Weather

Tonight and Thursday, snow.

GOVERNMENTAL AND OTHER NEWS

Senate Faverable to Congressional Investigation of the Postal Fraud Charges.

GREAT GRAFT IN GROFF. FASTENERS FURNISHED.

Arguments Begun in the Trial of Machen for Postal Frauds—Minister Beaupre Returned From Colombia and Does Not Think War is Probable—Solicitor for State Department Candidate for Governor.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Resolution for congressional investigation of the postoffice department, which has been before the senate several weeks, was referred to the committee on postoffices without objection.

Graft in Fasteners. Washington, Jan. 20.—The Machen trial today was devoted largely to evidence as to the reasonable cost of Groff fasteners. The government is trying to show that Groff could have sold them at 75 cents a each, at a handsome profit.

W. Laughlin testified that his factory made the fasteners and sold them to the Groff Co. at 25 cents each for a complete fastener. The next witness, Keebler, and officer of the Bethlehem Iron works, testified that his company made the fasteners for a time and sold them to Groff for 20 cents each.

Arguments Begun. The government attorneys this morning in the Machen conspiracy trial launched into an exposition of an immense mass of circumstantial evidence, and made great exhibits of ledgers, deposit slips, drafts and stub books.

No Danger of War. Minister Beaupre, just arrived from Colombia was interviewed here today. He says there is no danger of war with Colombia, and amicable arrangements are almost certain.

Candidate for Governor. William Penfield, solicitor for the state department, this afternoon announced his candidacy for the governorship of Indiana.

THEATERS CONDEMNED.

Agitation Started by the Star Ends in Good for the City.

Seattle, Jan. 20.—The special committee of investigation appointed by President Parry of the city council, last Monday evening to investigate all the public buildings of the city, including the cheap theaters, as to their fire equipment, started on its work late this afternoon.

The Crystal and Central theaters were the first visited and in the case of the former it was the general opinion of the members of the committee that it could not be any more dangerous than it is. The Star, which began the fight against these death-traps, was sustained in every charge it has made to the dangerous condition and lack of fire protection of these theaters. The large stairways were objected to and the conditions in these playhouses were condemned as being generally bad.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Parties Both Widely and Favorably Known, Being Old Settlers.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Mrs. Nancy E. Ehrhart, of Wild Horse, and Thomas J. Kirk, of the well known farmer of Athens. Mrs. Ehrhart has been a resident of the county for many years, being at the present time about 60 years of age. She owns some valuable property, and has married children.

Mr. Kirk is well known over the county as a wheat raiser, being one of the most extensive farmers of the Athens district. He is one of the pioneers in the corn raising experiments of that part of the county, which have proved such a success in the past few years.

The shinglemill war on the Puget Sound is drawing to a close with the prospect that the mills will combine and the price of shingles advance.

German Goods in America. Birmingham, Jan. 20.—The Post hears from a Berlin syndicate that German iron and steel merchants are arranging for an agency in America to advance the sale of German goods, to counteract the dumping of American goods in Germany.