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WATER READY FOR IRRIGATION

Have Co-operated to a Waterusers' Association at Vale.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR PATENTED LAND.

Incorporated With \$2,000,000. Buy and Acquire All Water Rights to Divide Up Small Tracts and Give Government Full Sway—Tract of 90,000 Acres Now Practically Reclaimed by Government Aid—Actual Cost of Reclamation to Be Repaid in Ten Installments.

Incorporation of the Waterusers' Association has been filed with the secretary. The capital stock of the association is fixed at \$2,700,000, in 90,000 shares of \$30 each.

Operators are the leading Malheur county, and including many of whom are in Umatilla county: W. W. G. Thompson, B. A. Mallet, M. G. Hope, C. E. J. R. Blackaby, F. M. McCall, E. F. Pratt, C. W. G. Blanton, N. G. Halliday, Fred Geller, and others.

Malheur river between Ontario, lies a large tract of 90,000 acres of which is now practically reclaimed by government aid. There are several private companies operating in the tract, their estimated value is \$20,000,000.

After Salt River Plan. This magnificent agricultural and fruit land, the citizens of the plan, by which national secured, and the reclamation cheerfully recommending this water, to be patterned after the Salt River association, in which is now successful.

and his legal adviser, visited Malheur county and have shown the association, in order to aid in reclaiming this land in their midst and the highly satisfactory. The plan has been formed, and it is believed that a majority of the land will be reclaimed.

Now Opened. The campaign of 1904 has begun today. The headquarters are at the Hotel Taggart and from now on, will be held at the Hotel Hoffman House.

the stock will have been subscribed by tomorrow, August 9, at which time Mr. Newell and Mr. Whistler will attend a mass meeting at Vale for the purpose of accepting the proposition to build a government reservoir, to reclaim this entire tract of deeded land, if sufficient stock is subscribed.

Features of the Plan.

The features and requirements of the association are as follows, in brief, as disclosed by the by-laws of the association: Within the boundaries described by the association, it is empowered to acquire, furnish provide for and distribute to the land of the shareholders of this association, an adequate supply of water for irrigation thereof; to divert, store, impound, develop, pump, carry, deliver and distribute for irrigation and all other beneficial uses, deriving the same from all available sources of supply; also, to construct, purchase, condemn or acquire in any manner whatsoever, and to own, use, sell, transfer, convey, control, maintain and operate any irrigation works, structures, telephone systems, electric or other power plants, and transmission lines necessary for the purpose of this association.

Object Is Settlement.

Briefly speaking, the association is to acquire every water right within its boundaries, and turn it over to the government, so the government right will be the only water right in the district, and that is to be made inseparable from the land. After all water rights have been acquired and every claim to water surrendered, then the government will undertake to irrigate the land, furnishing sufficient water to reclaim the entire tract.

Each acre of land is to represent a share in the association, and no one man is allowed to hold more than 160 shares, settlement and not speculation, being the object of the plan, the actual cost of the water is to be paid back to the government, by each individual subscriber, in 10 annual installments. When a majority of the shares are subscribed, the government will begin operations, hoping to see the entire amount of shares subscribed in good time. Any one having land in excess of 160 acres is required to sell it, and if he is unable to do so at the end of two years, the association becomes trustee to sell it for him.

Government Must Be Supreme.

In brief, the people of the district promise and bind themselves to acquire every water right now existing, divide the land into small tracts not to exceed 160 acres each, give the government a clear title and full sweep to all the available water needed and then the government loans the settlers the price of the reservoir, guarantees them a perpetual water supply, and attaches a water right inseparably to the land, the actual cost to be repaid in 10 installments. After the completion of the project, the water right always attaches to the land, no transfer to be made not including a perpetual water right.

The reservoir site in contemplation of the project.

IRRIGATORS MEET IN PENDLETON

STATE COMMISSION TO CONFER WITH ENGINEERS.

Oregon State Irrigation Commission Expected to Be Here Wednesday for the Purpose of Meeting F. H. Newell and Maurice Bien—No Public Meeting to Be Held, But General Work of the Commission Will Be Discussed.

F. H. Newell, chief engineer of the reclamation service, accompanied by a number of his assistants and Maurice Bien, legal adviser, will be in Pendleton Wednesday for the purpose of conferring with the members of the state irrigation commission. The meeting will be held to discuss laws necessary for the best interests of the reclamation of Oregon arid lands.

The meeting will not be public, and just where it will be held has not been decided upon. Mr. Newell and party will be in Walla Walla Thursday for the purpose of holding a meeting similar to the one that is to take place in Pendleton.

Hon. Henry E. Ankeny of Eugene, a member of the state commission, arrived in Pendleton this morning. C. W. Mallet, president of the commission is expected from Ontario this evening. Attorney Zera Snow of Portland, one of the legal advisers of the board, will also arrive this evening. Thomas G. Halley of this city, is secretary of the commission. H. V. Gates of Hillsboro, the engineer of the board, is absent in California and will not be present at the conference. "There are a number of things of a general nature relative to the arid land laws of the state," said Mr. Halley this morning, "that are to be discussed. Mr. Newell will not make any address of a public nature, for what the government intends doing has been gone over often of late."

ONE HUNDRED KILLED IN WRECK OF WORLD'S FAIR FLYER

Pride of the Rio Grande System Plunged Into a Washout While Going Sixty Miles an Hour.

Cloudburst Seven Miles From Pueblo Washed Out a Bridge and Water and Debris Was Running 25 Feet Deep—First Chair car, Containing 100 People, Who Were Dashed Into the Seething Flood—Engineer Went Down With His Engine—Presence of Mind of a Negro Porter Who Pulled the Air Cord and Saved the Three Rear Cars—Ghouls Rob the Dead.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 8.—The "World's Fair Flyer," the pride of the Rio Grande system, ran into a washout at Dry Creek, seven miles west of here last night, while going at a speed of 60 miles an hour, and fully 100 people were instantly killed or were drowned in the torrent. A cloudburst had occurred on the mountains and washed out the bridge over a dry gulch, the train dashing into 25 feet of water and debris.

Details of the Horror. Pueblo, Col., Aug. 8.—The accident is the worst in the history of the Rio Grande railway. Dry creek, where the train went through the bridge, is not far from Butte, where washouts occurred two years ago, crippling the line. Two trains had preceded the "World's Fair Flyer" and had passed over the bridge safely. This train was proceeding at a high rate of speed and dashed right into the disaster.

The water in the creek was 25 feet deep and running like a mill race. When the baggage, smoker and chair car left the track and plunged into the stream, they were swept down four miles before they ran ashore. In the first coach passengers were standing up in the aisle for lack of seats. It is estimated there were 100 in this car alone, mostly from Denver and Colorado Springs for Pueblo.

Revised List of Missing. Pueblo, Aug. 8.—Following is a revised list of the identified and known dead: A. E. Hoes, Pueblo; Mrs. Stevens, Northampton, Mass.; Major Frank H. Whitman; Henry Pingman, engineer, Denver; Miss Seward, Miss Irene Wright, Pueblo; James H. Smith, conductor, Denver; Miss Minnie Davis, Pueblo; Miss Elsie Roland, Lindsay, Kan.; Mrs. W. F. Munn, Pueblo; Mrs. John Moller, Pueblo; Genevieve Moller and aged 4 years; Mary Moller, aged 2 years; Miss Ida Leonard, Pueblo; Mrs. Mary Walsh, Chicago; Miss Mary Price, Lasalle, Ill. Twenty-four others known to have been on the train are missing.

Ghouls Rob the Dead. Pueblo, Aug. 8.—To add to the horror of the situation, ghouls robbed the bodies of the recovered dead. The Wells-Fargo safe was found in the wreckage, empty and open. Twelve bodies were taken from the Arkansas river at noon, nine miles below Pueblo. Mrs. George West, wife of the former mayor of Pueblo, being among them. About 40 bodies had been recovered at noon. For 20 miles along Fountain creek and the Arkansas river thousands of people are lined along the rivers searching for bodies.

Recovering the Bodies. Pueblo, Col., Aug. 8.—Only 11 bodies have been recovered and taken to the various undertaking establishments in this city up to 9 o'clock this morning, and of those only two are identified. Many bodies it is now known have been swept down the Arkansas river

NAVAL GUNS OPEN ON PORT ARTHUR

Rome, Aug. 8.—A Tien Tsin dispatch says the Japanese, after a prolonged cannonade, have commenced with their naval batteries at Port Arthur and the speedy fall of the fort is inevitable.

No Japanese Losses. St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—General Sakharoff reports that up to noon Sunday there was no change in the positions of the Manchurian armies. The report is significant, as it acts as a denial of vague reports current for several days of heavy engagements about Liao Yang and Hai Cheng in which the Japanese were reported to have been defeated with heavy losses.

Russians Suffer Heavy Loss. Berlin, Aug. 8.—The Tageblatt has received a dispatch from Lia Yung, dated the 7th, which states that a heavy attack was made on the western wing of the Russian forces north of Hai Cheng.

Gunboat to San Domingo. Washington, Aug. 8.—On account of the prevalence of anti-foreign feeling in San Domingo, and the consequent danger to American interests in that country, a United States gunboat has been ordered there from San Juan.

Germany Loses to United States. Washington, Aug. 8.—Germany has dropped to second place in beer production the United States having captured the leading position, according to statistics published today by the department of commerce.

Ropatkin were in Liao Yang on Sunday. It is rumored that Mukden is now threatened by the Japanese.

A RICH FIND. State Land Agent Discovers Unused Base Land Worth \$9400.

Salem, Aug. 8.—Some time ago State Land Agent Oswald West began to straighten out the records in his office and to open up the books on a new plan.

A force has been at work for the past two weeks, copying the records, and yesterday the first comparison was made, and during the day a total of 1889 acres of base land was discovered, which is available for lieu land selections. This land is located in the Klamata Indian reservation, the Warm Springs reservation and the Cascade forest reserve. In the utter lack of order which has heretofore prevailed in the records of the office, this base has been entirely overlooked, and is now available.

As base is now worth to the state \$5 per acre, this discovery means a saving, or a gain to the state of \$9,400, and it represents the first day's comparison alone. There is on file with the board, applications for 3500 acres of base for lieu land selection, and Mr. West expects to discover enough unused base to fill all these applications.

ON THE MINTO TRAIL.

Marion County Takes Steps to Open Up New Road to Eastern Oregon. Salem, Aug. 8.—The county court yesterday considered the proposition of building the proposed road from the Breitenbush over the mountains on the Minto trail to the headwaters of the Des Chutes river in Eastern Oregon.

The petition presented by John Minto and numerous signed, was considered, and the members of the court are heartily in favor of building the road if this is possible. They decided to investigate further, and will next week send a representative over the route, in company with Mr. Minto and a member of the Linn county court, to view the trail and estimate the cost.

KENDRICK IS DESTROYED.

Over 60 Buildings Burn, the Loss Amounting to Half a Million. Lewiston, Aug. 8.—The town of Kendrick, 20 miles from this city, was almost entirely wiped out by fire Saturday. Over 60 buildings burned, the loss aggregating about \$480,000.

Model Road at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Aug. 8.—The county commissioners will place the scheme of building a sample stretch of road before the council and the Walla Walla Commercial Club. The experiment will be quite expensive and they wish to get the opinion of the taxpayers before they take any definite action.

Printers' Union Convention.

St. Louis, Aug. 8.—The International Typographical Union convention met this morning at the fair grounds with probably the largest attendance in its history. The entire week will be taken up with the business of the convention.

MORE RICH LAND FOR SETTLERS

REGISTRATION FOR CLAIMS BEGINS TODAY. Tract of 88,000 Acres of Indian Lands to Be Disposed of—Six Thousand Acres Reserved for 61 Indians—Sully's Reserve of 960 Acres is to Be Reclaimed as a Government Park.

Grand Forks, N. D., Aug. 8.—Registration for claims on the Devils Lake Indian reservation began today, and as a result this vicinity is witnessing a land rush similar to that which recently took place on the opening of the Rosebud reservation. The registration will continue until August 24.

The drawing to determine in what order claimants may file on the reservation lands, which will be conducted by the commissioner of the general land office, will begin at Devils Lake on September 6.

The reservation thrown open embraces 88,000 acres. The tract includes the old Fort Totten military reservation as well as the lands occupied by the Sisseton, Wahpeton and Cut Head bands of the Sioux Indians. The entire strip is thrown open to settlement to 61 Indians, and Sully's Hill, embracing 960 acres, which is reserved by the government for a public park.

The land is more expensive than the Rosebud lands, the government requiring that \$4.50 per acre be paid by homesteaders who are fortunate enough to draw a quarter. Of this sum \$1.50 per acre must be paid when the person makes his entry and 50 cents a year per acre thereafter until paid.

A mistake may be a misfortune, but it were cruel to call it a crime.

JOINTS RAIDED, SMOKERS FINED

City Marshal Carney Swoops Down on the Alta Street Opium Dens.

OWNER AND THREE WHITE BOYS ARRESTED.

Hai Lee, Dispenser of the Drug, Fined \$20 and the Three Boys Serving Five Days Each in Jail—Other Joint Raided Where Hot Pipes Were Found, But the Devotees Had Fled—Owner of the Joint Claimed That He Was Forced by the White Men to Give Them Opium—Gratz Says He is Not Guilty.

A raid of Alta street China houses last night by Chief of Police M. J. Carney, resulted in the arrest of Hai Lee, keeper of an opium joint, and three white smokers, Charles Watson, Mike Gratz, Jr., and Joe Farnsworth, and the capture of two "hop" pipes and a quantity of opium.

In police court this morning the Chinaman was fined \$20 and the three smokers went to jail for five days in default of payment of a fine of \$10 each. Watson and Farnsworth both showed the evidences of hop smoking when brought into court and neither hesitated in pleading guilty. Gratz declared that he was not smoking and had gone to the joint to look for a friend.

Hai Lee protested his innocence in all the pigeon English at his command. "Me been America for 16 years," he declared. "I no breakee law and give white boy hop. He come to my place, I 51 year old. Me no can fight. He choke me and say he kill me if I not let him smoke."

But Hai Lee's words were in vain and the court imposed a fine of \$20. The raid last night is the second one made this year. Marshal Carney had a number of special policemen with him and had the suspected places well surrounded, but it is thought a number of smokers escaped.

"In some of the places we entered," he said, "the rooms were filled with the odor of hop and the pipes lying on the benches were warm. But there wasn't a soul about."

TURKEY IS ALARMED.

She Inquires as to the Gathering of the American Squadron at Smyrna. Washington, Aug. 8.—Cheikh Bay, Turkish minister, called at the state department this morning to inquire whether the published statement that the European squadron of the United States navy had been ordered to Smyrna as a menace to Turkey, were correct.

He was informed that the visit of the American ships to Turkish waters was in accordance with a pre-arranged schedule and should not be considered as a menace to the Ottoman government. In addition, however, he was told that the United States would insist strenuously upon her rights, and upon compliance with her request with reference to the trading claims and proper protection to American interests. It is understood that no further instructions will be sent to Minister Leischman until after the arrival of the squadron at Smyrna.

BATTLE WITH THIEVES.

Sheriff's Posse Met a Gang of Bad Men Near Waterman. The Dalles, Aug. 8.—A sheriff's posse from Fossil, met a gang of horse thieves near Waterman, Wheeler county, Saturday evening, and in the fight which ensued Deputy Sheriff Hugh Shields was shot in the mouth and seriously wounded, and one of the bandits received a bullet in his stomach, but made his escape on Shields' horse.

A reward of \$400 is offered by Wasco and Wheeler counties for the capture of the thieves, who have been harassing those counties all summer.

The Bomb-Straw Path.

San Sebastian, Aug. 8.—The journey of King Alfonso, to open an exhibition at Vittoria has been delayed owing to the discovery of three dynamite cartridges in the royal train. Since the assassination of Von Piehve a closer watch has been instituted around all the European monarchs, and the bombs intended for Alfonso were discovered almost by chance.