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Joy is a duty,—so with golden lore The Hebrew Rabbin taught in days of yore; And happy hearts heard in their speech Almost the highest wisdom man can reach.

HOPE FOR THE EXTENSION.

According to the declaration of Col. Langfitt, made at the banquet at Hermiston last evening, the chief question in connection with the proposed extension of the Umatilla project is one that must be answered by the people of this section.

In extemporaneous talks last evening many local men told the engineers, in effect, that they need have no fear upon this score. The land will be worth reclaiming even should the cost of reclamation run as high as \$150 per acre, which it is safe to say it will not do.

Such are the natural conditions upon the extension that a rather high cost of reclamation may be borne. The land is admirably located as to markets and it has excellent transportation facilities.

Then under the terms of the reclamation act the settlers are allowed ten years in which to make their payments to the government and they do not pay interest. Under this arrangement they have time to get their land to producing long before they are required to have it paid for.

If the situation with reference to the extension is as Col. Langfitt indicated, then surely the hope for the extension is bright indeed. We may reasonably hope to see the Umatilla project extended so as to include the 60,000 acres lying west of the river.

SELFISH SCHEMES.

The Madras Pioneer, of Crook county, regards the various county division schemes now before the people in this wise:

"Rob these county division schemes of the ambition of some little town which wants to be a county seat, and the desire of a few men to increase the value of their property, or to brighten up their political chances, and what is there left? These motives are the source of all this county division turmoil which is disturbing the state from border to border at this time.

"County organization is a part of our government that most directly affects the welfare of the people, and this paper believes that such important interests as this ought to be put where every petty schemer in the state can't monkey with them. The time to put these county division schemes out of the way for all time is now, and the way to do this is to vote against each and every one of them."

Certainly there would be no agitation for the creation of Orchard county were it not for the selfish ambitions of a few business men living

at Milton. The people residing in the greater portion of the district selected for the proposed new county are against division. Most of the towns in the proposed county are fighting division and many of the people living right in the vicinity of Milton do not want the move to carry.

WHAT WILL OREGON DO?

From all over the country comes continued reports of progressive victories. In Wisconsin Senator La Follette, original insurgent, has been renominated for senator by a four to one vote. He has a lead of 100,000 over his opponent. Thus has the "old guard" of Wisconsin downed Little Bob and the principles for which he stands.

In Michigan Senator Burrows, one of the most tried and trusty senators of the Aldrich-Cannon machine, has been turned down by the people. If the Michigan legislature obeys the will of the people as expressed in the primary election Burrows' seat will be filled by a progressive.

Even to conservative old New England has the progressive spirit extended. New Hampshire republicans have named a progressive candidate for governor.

In view of what is going on elsewhere in the union what may we expect of Oregon. This is naturally a progressive state. Oregon was one of the very first states to break away from the old system of machine rule which always means rule in behalf of special interests. Now that Oregon has come out of the damp and stinking hole of political corruption is it to go back? The answer will be given on the 24th day of this month and it is the prediction of the East Oregonian that when the returns are in from the primary election the news will be sad reading for the reactionaries of this state who are just now more specifically designated by the term assemblyites.

A WELCOME OFFER.

That is a generous offer that has been made the Commercial club by the manager of the Pacific light and power company. If the commercial body will construct an illuminated sign bearing a slogan exploiting the city the light company will furnish electricity for the sign free of cost. This action on the part of the electric company is most welcome and the offer should be accepted with pleasure.

Let us have the big booster sign. The cost will not be great and we need it.

Towns are built; they do not grow.

The men who constitute the remnants of the old republican machine in this county do not like C. A. Barrett, candidate for the nomination for joint senator. But the rank and file of the republican voters think well of him. They have elected him twice as representative and the last time he led the legislative ticket despite knifing on the part of the machine men.

By the manner in which they entertained the army engineers and other guests last evening the men of Hermiston and the loyal ladies of that little city upheld the reputation of Hermiston as a hospitable and courteous town.

It is evident that at least five members of the Ballinger investigating committee are not in favor of a "whitewash."

Those Meacham safecrackers used rare judgment in going to a place where many people had passed their vacations.

This county wants the army engineers to order a further attack upon the west end desert.

FISH TRICKS.

Fish have many times been taught to perform tricks and it would appear as if they had much more intelligence than is attributed to them. J. A. Bailey of circus fame, once had two brook trout in a small aquarium in his private residence that would jump out of the water and take

Utterly Wretched

Nervous Prostration Long Endured Before Remedy was Found. Miss Minerva Reminger, Upper Bern, Pa., writes: "For several years I had nervous prostration, and was utterly wretched. I lived on bread and beef tea because my stomach would not retain anything else. I took many remedies, but obtained no relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla, when I began to gain at once. Am now cured."

flies held between the forefinger and thumb, and would also ring a little bell when they required food. They would also leap over little bars of wood placed about two inches above the surface of the water.

It was a very simple matter to teach the fish these tricks. At first a little tower containing a tiny, sweet-tinted silver bell was fastened to the iron work of the aquarium with a piece of string attached to the tongue of the bell extending into the water where the trout were. On the loose end of the string an insect or other tempting morsel was placed, which the fish would at once seize and, pulling the cord, the bell in the tower would naturally tinkle.

After this had been repeated several days, the fish were left without food for some little time until they found they could obtain it by pulling the string to which the delicacies had been attached.

This they never failed to do ever afterward when they were hungry, and as that was nearly all the time, the little bell was constantly tinkling, as the fish were continually pulling the cord and it was quite a pretty and novel sight.

ANIMALS THAT WEEP.

While the act of laughing may be peculiar to man, the same is not true of weeping, which, if we are to accept the testimony of a French naturalist, is a manifestation of emotion that is met in divers animals.

It is said that the creatures that weep most easily are the ruminants, with whom the act is so well known that it has given rise to the trivial but accurate expression, "to weep like a calf." All hunters know that the stag weeps, and we are also told that the bear sheds tears when it comes to a consciousness of its last hour. The giraffe is not less sensitive, and regards with tearful eyes the hunter who has wounded it. This animal also weeps through downright nostalgia. Dogs also are held to be lachrymose, and the same holds in the case of certain monkeys. Sparman states the elephant sheds tears when wounded or when it perceives that it can not escape.

Aquatic animals, too, it appears, are able to weep. Thus, many authorities agree, dolphins at the moment of death draw deep sighs and shed tears abundantly. A young female seal was observed to weep when teased by a sailor. St. Hilaire and Cuvier recount on the authority of the Malays, that when a young dungong is captured the mother is sure to be taken also. The little ones then cry out and shed tears. These tears are collected with great care by the Malays and are preserved as a charm that is certain to render a lover's affection lasting.

SCIENCE NOTES.

Windsor, Ontario, has decided to purchase electric power from Niagara. The 110,000-volt line to London, Ontario, will be extended the 108 miles separating Windsor from London. Windsor will sell much of the power it receives to Detroit across the river. Thus the electricity used in Detroit will have been conducted over a distance of 220 miles.

Four and one-half miles of the channel at the Pacific entrance to the Panama canal have been completed, throughout this distance the dredging has been carried down to a depth of 45 feet.

Chile has contracted with a London firm for a war vessel of 32,000 tons to be armed with the heaviest gun in existence. The cost will be, according to dispatches, \$15,000,000.

Five year old Betty hates an apron worse than anything else on earth. The other day, as she was being buttoned into one of the despised garments her anger burst forth. "What's an apron for, anyway—to save a clean dress or hide a dirty one?"

Day by Day

The maiden priced a diamond ring. It sparkled like the SUN. She liked the diamond very much. But didn't have the MON. The maiden had no time to lose, and folded up her ones and I've got a scheme she coyly said, I'll go and find a man and she bundled up in clothes and furs and lisped I'll sharm the noble THURS. She didn't have so long to try, For she found him at an oyster FRI. And on her dimple finger fat, He slipped the diamond while they SAT.

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A Counter Attraction. It was at a ball game between Chicago and Pittsburg. The score was tied, two men were out, a runner was on third, and Hans Wagner was at bat! The crowd was too excited to be noisy.

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