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THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

Central Oregon has always sent a big delegation to the Oregon Irrigation Congress and this year should be no exception. Other sections of the state know the importance of irrigation and are prominent in the work of the congress, but no other, we believe, has so great irrigation possibilities as are to be found in the Deschutes valley.

In other years the Central Oregon delegates have gone to the congress with half a dozen matters for which they wanted indorsement. Matters of district law have been under consideration or the problems of individual districts or segregations have been up for discussion and though each year has seen some real accomplishment the questions of particular interest to this section have usually been left in the back ground.

This year there is one big thing to be done in an irrigation way. That is to secure the beginning of work on the Deschutes project. All the preliminaries have been covered. There remains only to get the Reclamation service in here.

If the Central Oregon delegates to the congress go with the one idea of getting action on Federal aid on the Deschutes project they can make that the big accomplishment of the 1920 session.

The people who favor using the road bed of one of the rail lines up the Deschutes canyon as a highway might be getting ready to answer the question suggested by the present experience of the railroads in dealing with land slides.

A vote of thanks is due the musicians who played the Christmas hymns in the open air yesterday morning. The more music there is on Christmas the better the day. They gave it a good start.

It was a Merry Christmas.

TIMES "SURE HAD CHANGED"

Doughboys in France Hailed as Friend Man Whom They Had, When "Kids" Feared Greatly.

The story of how two doughboys found their old enemy in France is told by Mike Nolan, former police lieutenant of New York city, who served as a K. of C. secretary assigned to the Sixteenth Infantry, First division. Nolan is fifty-two years old and put in 23 years on the New York police force. When he changed the blue uniform for khaki, he was in charge of the twenty-third precinct, the old Tenderloin.

On his breast is a victory ribbon with two bronze major offensive stars and three silver citation stars. He has been recommended for the D. S. C. by the commanding officer of the Sixteenth Infantry.

He had wandered up to a "little bunch" of doughboys who were "shooting craps," and gave each of the boys a pack of K. of C. cigarettes. The game was an exciting one, and a soldier who was about "to roll the ivory-ies" looked up at him and asked him to "kiss 'em for a five." Nolan did so, and the dice turned up a two and a three.

One of the unlucky boys who had lost on the toss of the dice looked up at Nolan and recognized him as an old enemy.

"Holy cat! Look, it's Tenderloin Bull Nolan!" he said to his pal. "Don't you remember, he's de cop who used to chase us from doorways for shooting craps when we was kids?"

"Shure," said the lucky soldier, "and he pulled us once for smoking butts. And here he is shelling out packs of real cigarettes and kissin' de bones for us. Damin'd if it ain't right dat de war changes de whole world!"

INSIGNIA OF ANCIENT ORDER

That Now Worn by United States Army Medical Officers Goes Back Four Thousand Years.

The caduceus, which was introduced in 1902 by Col. John Van R. Dyer, M.



Road Experience.

The wind, from arctic coasts afar, was blowing shrewdly, fierce and keen, and I was out in my closed car, consuming costly gasoline. I gloried in the wintry storm, I watched the snow drift with a smile; for I was cozy, snug and warm, and limousines are all the style. "Blow, blow," I said, "thou wintry wind, and shriek a firecer, louder note, for I have winter badly skinned when I ride forth in my closed boat." And then a beastly tire went flat, and I stepped out to view the wreck; the tempest blew away my hat, and wound my whiskers round my neck. I toiled away with wrench and jack and shed a lot of frozen tears, and sprained my hocks and broke my back, and froze my eyebrows and my ears. So I removed the busted tire, and put another in its stead, and gathered wrench and jack and lyre, and started toward, seeing red. I had not traveled half a verst, I had not gone a parasang, before another casing burst, with raucous and resounding bang. And harder then the fierce wind blew, as I'd requested them to blow; and Father Winter sprained a thigh to show what spasms he could throw. I still have auto rides enough, and still I burn the gasoline; but winter hears from me no bluff; I'm of a humble, chastened mien.

C. U. S. A., editor of the Military Surgeon, as part of the medical officers' insignia, dates back 4,000 years, according to F. H. Garrison, M. D., U. S. A., writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. For a number of reasons the serpent was always the symbol of medicine in antiquity. The Babylonians' caduceus, which as the insignia shows today—two snakes entwined with wings at the top of the staff—occurs in Hittite remains. It stands for an actual serpent god, Ningishzida, who as the special messenger of Ishtar, was the awakener of life in the springtime, and the Mesopotamian prototype of the Greek Hermes. The Romans had a special functionary, the caduceator, who was a sort of peace commissioner. The caduceus was used on the title pages of books published by the famous medical printer, Frobenius, in 1400 to 1527. The "wand of Mercury," as it is sometimes called, was also carried by merchant traders in ancient times, on excursions where peaceful negotiations were desired and they wanted to be known as neutrals.

PETS BELOVED BY SAINTS

Dr. Douglas Hyde, in Series of Lectures, Deals Interestingly With Medieval Irish Lore.

Dr. Douglas Hyde recently delivered a series of lectures—the Margaret Stokes lectures—in the Alexandra college, Dublin, dealing with medieval Irish lore. He told anecdotes about the Irish saints and their love of birds and beasts. He traced the love of animals by people in different periods and in different countries. Even the Irish pagans had their pet animals, says Our Dumb Animals.

He took the three Irish saints, St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Columella, and spoke of their affection for their pet animals. St. Patrick's kindness to the fawn was well authenticated, and the fawn returned the love to his master. St. Brigid had her pet dog, a most faithful animal. She also loved birds,

and the birds, especially domestic fowls, loved her in a remarkable manner.

The crane was St. Columella's pet, although his love for dumb animals surpassed that of the other saints. It was recorded in the life of the saint that dumb animals, too, were in love with him, especially birds, and that some of the latter followed him from Ireland to the island of Iona. There was, in proof of the love of animals for the saint, the story of how the horse wept on the bosom of the saint the night before he died.

Dr. Hyde mentioned a large number of other saints, Irish and Latin, about whom he told stories, showing their love for animals, making special reference to St. Kevin, St. Congall, St. Molna, St. Mollig, who had made friends of wolves, foxes, partridges and herons.

FELL TO ROOSEVELT'S SPEAR

Big Devilfish a Victim of the Colonel's Love of Sport, Either on Sea or Land.

The fame of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt as a big-game hunter is well known, but he was equally as adept at killing big fish of the sea, according to Russell J. Coles, noted big-fish killer. Attracted by one of Coles' articles about killing the devilfish, the colonel appended to him for instruction in the art. After taking several land lessons, using a spear with which he saw an African kill a lion, he finally became expert, and Mr. Coles formed a party to hunt the devilfish off the coast of Florida, in Punta Gorda, March 25, 1917. There the colonel killed his first devilfish, hitting the huge creature, which weighed many tons, just two inches from the spot indicated on a drawing by Coles, and driving the spear two feet four inches through the heaviest and boniest structure of the fish. The colonel was standing on the cab of a small boat traveling nine miles an hour, and the fish was coming toward the boat at the rate of 15 or 18



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miles an hour, swimming about four or six feet under water. Had the colonel missed his aim the fish would have been able, with one of its side fins, to upset the boat and drown the fishermen. An hour after his first catch the colonel killed a second devilfish, which was the second largest devilfish ever killed. Mr. Coles is a scientist who has hunted devilfish for more than 20 years.

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