

Quite a noise is being made over the fact that an Indian has joined the United States navy. After all the United States has done for Indians it is somewhat of a return.

MARK TWAIN.

It will certainly be a work of great good to all for the national government to store its wealth of water now wasted and conduct it upon millions of acres of arid lands and make such spots homes for the people. If reclaimed and brought into production, this great area would support anywhere from 50,000,000 to 100,000,000 of people in great comfort.

This question of national irrigation is attracting considerable attention, and something in that line will be accomplished sooner or later. It is as right that congress should appropriate money for a system of storage reservoirs as for military expansion and foreign invasion.

Irrigation would transform half the continent. It would make the West productive far beyond anything ever attained in the past. National plans executed with economy would do more for the West than any party could do working through purely political means.

There are in this country 75,000,000 acres of arid land which can be reclaimed. This territory is somewhat larger than New England and New York together. Considering the great fertility of irrigated lands, it will readily be seen that this reclaimed territory would support millions of people, and be a vast addition to the national wealth and resources.

Look back to the time when a handful of industrious Mormons went into the desert, and it looked as if living there was impossible. They learned to irrigate the land and they have made it a rich state, a garden spot, and they have set an example which has done good everywhere. When, without money, poor as they were, footsore and hungry as they traveled over the plains, they could stop there and build up such a country as that, it shows what can be accomplished. When you see them in their homes now it makes you glad that the pioneer Mormons did such great work.

Mormons have accomplished great results and built a great state. You see in Utah beautiful fields, rich fruits, and everything produced by irrigation. Follow it up and see how much land remains unutilized, and you see what vast opportunities are spread out to American enterprises.

National irrigation is rapidly becoming a national issue, and it is for the good of the whole people.

LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS.

The vast area stretching away for hundreds of miles south and east from Morrow county is a rugged region of high mountains and deep canyons, and it contains much mineral. Many prospectors will be out there the coming summer, and will find it a fruitful field.

Many men out in such a vast region, are liable to get separated from their companions and to get confused and lost, and it is a very unpleasant experience.

Almost any person may be readily lost in the mountains, and it is never safe to stray from the camp when alone. Should necessity demand it, however, it will prove an excellent rule to take along the rifle and a goodly supply of ammunition and matches. Observation goes to show that the horse and other animals when running on an open ground will gradually turn their course to the left. The same is true of man, when lost on the prairie and cut off from all guiding marks or objects—and it is still more the case when he is lost in the mountains, the irregularities of the route of travel seeming to confuse his ideas of direction and locality.

This turning to the left with the average lost man is so rapid that he will frequently travel in a circle and will, in the course of the day, arrive at the point left in the morning. It should be remembered that, when lost, it is best not to increase the perplexity of the matter by wandering still farther, but set to work to find the way back to known localities. Leave a marked trail for the searching companions to follow, and make a great smoke, if possible. The sense of desolation attending most lost persons is sufficiently overpowering to cause them to lose their presence of mind, to wander wildly about and rapidly exhaust their vital powers.

HELD AND NOT DEAD.

In San Francisco a most remarkable temple is being re-erected, in which a living man has been judicially declared to be dead, and his savings have been distributed among the heirs of another man.

Carlo Solari was struck by a car in July, 1899 and killed. Public Administrator Dyrness applied for letters of administration, and the case moved smoothly through Judge Coffey's court. The sum of \$1,725.50 was standing in the name of Carlo Solari at the Heppner bank.

The public administrator took it, and kindly gave Carlo's one fig-

eral which cost \$498.10. The remainder of the money was divided among the public administrator and the heirs. On February 14, 1901, Carlo Solari presented his bank-book at the Heppner bank to draw two years' accrued interest. He was told that he was dead, and was hidden to go away; that being dead, his money had been paid to his heirs. The live Carlo Solari insists that his money should not have been paid to anybody's heirs, least of all to another man's, until he is really dead. He insists that he is not dead, and that, as Mark Twain says, the statements that he is dead are very greatly exaggerated.

FORTUNES IN MINES.

There are many instances on record where small holdings have made great holdings. Often people say: "What's the use in buying a thousand shares in a million-dollar company? It don't amount to anything."

Taken at a time when a company is selling its first issue of treasury shares it is no trouble at all to look back over the field of active operation and enumerate hundreds of companies that to own 1000 shares of their stock would mean an income of no small amount.

1000 shares of Quincy or Tamarack would insure an income of nearly \$6000 per annum. The same number of shares in the Calumet or Hecla would return about \$3,000 annually.

The stock of the Portland Mining Co. has paid dividends of \$3,307,080, being \$307,000 more than the entire capitalization of the company.

The Alaska-Treadwell, with very poor rock, pays \$1500 annually on each 1000 shares while the great Homestake of South Dakota pays \$6000.

As a rule a company sells its first issue of treasury shares very cheap, 10 to 50 cents per share; so if one estimates from a basis of first cost he is receiving all the way from 200 to 500 per cent on his actual cash investment. For example the Le Roi stock was sold for about 25 cents per share when the mine first started. This stock is now quoted in London at \$25. Isabella, of Cripple Creek, which sold as low as 10 cents originally, is now worth \$1.28; that is to say, one could have bought 1000 shares for \$100; they are now worth \$1280, and the mine has paid \$450,000 in dividends.

The buying of treasury shares, when they are being sold at a discount by a good reliable company owning a promising property, is both profitable and legitimate.

The Heppner Mining Co. has the very best of prospects, and the quartz from its ledges shows good values. The company's property is surrounded by mines worth millions, and is situated in a well-known mineral belt.

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GREAT IS WHITEWASH.

Every man who has served at an army post and had the fade and fancies of the post commander rubbed against him, will realize the following:

A certain post commander who had accumulated more than his share of frankness, was recently in command of a garrison in Cuba. He had two fads: he believed in whitewash, and plenty of it, asserting it to be the most effective preventive of tropical diseases ever discovered, and he was equally attached to a pet flamingo, who resented being kept in captivity and showed his resentment by nipping at every soldier who passed his way. On the part of the soldier there was nothing to do but swear under his breath and wait for revenge. On a certain Monday morning an order was issued from headquarters that all articles pertaining to camp, which were not sheltered from the weather, should be whitewashed. The post commander's wrath can be imagined when he next gazed on his pet flamingo, which had suddenly become as white as the driven snow. To the sorrow of the soldier, the bird survived the operation.

SOCIAL HOP.

A very pleasant dance was given in Garrison's hall on Saturday evening. A goodly number of Terpaicorean devotees were present and greatly enjoyed the evening. Prof. Letro's orchestra furnished the music.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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AMERICAN PLAN ONLY.

The Palace Hotel, of Heppner, is one of the home institutions that Eastern Oregon may well be proud of. It fills the Gold as a first-class house, and it employs only competent white help. It is conducted strictly on the American plan, and its commodious well-furnished rooms and beautiful tables give satisfaction to all its patrons.

Morrow county has room for workers, but none for drones. It can support double its present population. If you are in the middle west, sell your cyclone collar and come here.

RESTFUL TO THE EYE.

Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction. Fields trampled with battle, saturated with blood, torn with the ruts of cannon, grow green again with grass and carnage is forgotten. Streets abandoned by traffic become grass grown like rural lanes and are obliterated. Forests decay, harvests perish, flowers vanish, but grass is immortal. Beleguered by the sunless hosts of winter, it withdraws into the impregnable fortress of its subterranean vitality and emerges upon the first solicitation of spring. Sown by the winds, by wandering birds, propagated by the subtle horticulture of the elements which are its ministers and servants, it softens the outline of the world. Its tenacious fibers hold the earth in place, and prevent its soluble components from washing into the wasting sea. It invades the solitude of deserts, climbs the inaccessible slopes and forbidding pinnacles of mountains, modifies climates, and determines the history, character and destiny of nations. Unobtrusive and patient, it has immortal vigor and aggression. Banished from the thoroughfare and the field, it bides its time to return, and when the vigilance is relaxed, or the dynasty has perished, it silently resumes the throne which it never abdicates. It bears no blazonry of bloom to charm the senses with fragrance or splendor, but its homely hue is more enhancing than the lily or the rose. It yields no fruit in earth or air, and yet, should its harvest fail for a single year, famine would depopulate the world.

WOOL.

In Boston there has been 5,500,000 pounds of wool sold during the past week, with a firm feeling prevailing. An active business at going prices is expected from now on. The tendency to unload at any price has passed, and clean territory is firmly held at 40 cents. The concessions of a few weeks ago cannot now be had.

Fine Eastern Oregon wool is quoted in Boston on the clean basis of 43c. For a good Valley wool, grading to low quarter, 21c is reported to have been refused. This is equivalent to 35c, clean. The holder wants 22c in the grease, equivalent to a clean cost of about 37c. During the last week the market has steadily steered to an extent that raises fairly lively hopes in the minds of the trade.

At the London sales superior grades have been bought freely, and American representatives bought a quantity at 5 1/2 per cent advance over the first series. Merinos were generally 10 per cent higher. A small selection of new clip met with a ready sale.

KILL THE DANDRUFF GERM.

Or Your Hair Will Fall Out Till You Become Bald.

Modern science has discovered that dandruff is caused by a germ that digs up the scalp in scales, as it borrows down to the roots of the hair, where it destroys the hair's vitality, causing falling hair, and, ultimately, baldness. After Prof. Unna, of Hamburg, Germany, discovered the dandruff germ, his efforts to find a remedy failed until the great laboratory discovery was made which resulted in Nabro's Herpetide. It alone of all other hair preparations kills the dandruff germ. Without dandruff, hair grows luxuriantly. "Destroy the cause, you remove the effect."

GAP CLOSED.

The operation of through trains between San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Surf and Santa Barbara, will begin on March 31, 1901, on the new coast line. Two through trains daily. The coast line limited leaving each terminal in the morning, equipped with elegant cafe and parlor cars, will make day-light trips through the most picturesque, varied and entertaining scenes on the continent. Inquire of agents of the Southern Pacific.

REMARKABLE CURES OF RHEUMATISM.

From the Vindicator, Rutherfordton, N. C.

The editor of the Vindicator has had occasion to test the efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice with the most remarkable results in each case. First, with rheumatism in the shoulder from which he suffered excruciating pain for ten days, which was relieved with two applications of Pain Balm, rubbing the parts affected and realizing instant benefit and entire relief in a very short time. Second, in rheumatism in thigh joint, almost prostrating him with severe pain, which was relieved with two applications, rubbing with the ointment on rubbing at night, and getting up free from pain. For sale by Conser & Warren, druggists.

DON'T THINK IT.

Somebody told a faraway reader of the Harney County News that the lands of this valley are no good without irrigation and not worth much with it. That kind of story is no good here without a notarial seal, and not worth much with it. Our lands are of good soil, and produce good cereals, vegetables and fruits. True it is that irrigation is a great aid to agriculture, but men who know the country well say that much of our soil has enough natural moisture to produce good crops. Agriculture, away from running streams, is in the experimental stage but will prove itself all right. Time was when Harney county produced nothing but hay and spotted steers that could outrun a handcar. Now it feeds the nation on Shorthorn Durham beef and raises apples, prunes, plums, berries and wheat that are good enough for anybody.—Harney News.

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SHEEP.

Morrow county sheep have come through the winter in good shape, and lambing throughout the Heppner Hills will become general after April 1. Present prospects are good for a 100-per cent increase.

Sheepbuyers are inclined to think that mixed yearlings will sell at \$2 in Heppner this spring, but at present growers seem to be firm holders at \$2.25 after shearing.

In Marion and Linn counties a great many sheep have died recently from swallowing leeches on the grass they ate on lowlands. S. Philippi lost 1000 head at Seio, G. W. Hunsaker 250 head at Turner. But later reports say that these figures are exaggerated.

In Montana a sheepmen's association is paying \$20 bounty on wolves and \$5 on wolf pups, but puts no bounty on coyotes.

APPLES IN OREGON.

Henry Dosch, secretary of the state board of horticulture, gives the total acreage in apple orchards in Oregon at 16,500 acres.

This seems to the Moro Observer a small area. There are 60 millions of acres in Oregon and it is surprising that there are no more in apples. The fruit interests, with apples as king, has been far more talked about and written about than any other Oregon industry. For 50 years men have planted orchards in Oregon; the state has been famous for its "big red apples" for half a century, and yet so small a portion of land adapted to apples is devoted to their growth.

Yet 16,500 acres is a large orchard. Reckoning that the trees stand 25 feet apart, seventy trees can be placed on an acre. This would make the number of apple trees now in Oregon 1,155,000.

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