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PROGRESS OF IRRIGATION.

In his message the President gives but a few words to irrigation but they are to the point. He refers to it as a subject of great importance and says "a good beginning has been made." The President adds that "so far as they are available for agriculture, and to whatever extent they may be reclaimed under the national irrigation law, the remaining public lands should be held rigidly for the homebuilder, the settler who lives on his land, and for no one else." That policy will be cordially approved by the people. It is fortunate that President Roosevelt has resided in the far West and knows from observation that the time has come for nationally-aided irrigation, for proper measures of forestry, preservation of game and protection of the public domain from illegal schemes. It is certainly time to look to these matters and to the opening of Alaska to settlers, when tens of thousands of Americans, for the first time in history, are flocking to Canada to open farms.

A few days ago a large irrigation convention was held in Oregon. There are 3,000,000 acres of land in the eastern part of that state which are useless now, but, if irrigated, would be highly profitable. A sure supply of water would insure in Oregon's arid lands an annual grain crop of 100,000,000 bushels, in addition to horticultural and dairy products. The convention resolved to ask the Government, through the interior department, to begin work at once on reclamation projects in the state, Oregon already having a share of \$900,000 in the irrigation fund accumulated from the sale of public lands. The co-operation of all commercial bodies in the state was asked and the Oregon irrigation congress was organized, with annual dues of \$1 from each member. A government engineer who spoke at the convention said that in order to obtain benefit from the new act a state must settle all disputes about water and land titles, because the government will not undertake to do this. "The government," he declared, "will enter where it meets the least resistance. The greatest good to the greatest number is the intent of the law and the intent of the interior department," a statement that was received with applause. Organization for irrigation work is going on in all the states and territories interested.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

PROTEST AGAINST FOREST RESERVES.

California, as well as Oregon, is now agitated over the creation of forest reserves by the General Government. The people in the immediate vicinity of where the reserves are proposed, are almost unanimous in opposition to such order by the Government. The San Francisco Chronicle in speaking of one proposed in California, says:

"The northern counties affected by the proposed withdrawal of 6,000,000 acres there of the public lands, for the creation of a forest reserve, are organizing a formidable protest against the proceeding. These counties have important timber and mineral resources, but, for well known reasons, they are thus far the most sparsely settled

and least developed sections in the State. Settlement has been delayed because the country has not been opened by railroads and other means of communication. The proposed conversion of this vast area into a forest reserve is announced, however, just at a time when plans for the construction of railroads throughout the region are about to be matured. No wonder that the people residing in the counties affected, who have been waiting for years for these improvements to help them to develop their resources, are vigorously protesting against a measure which will arrest all development, throw a wet blanket over every scheme of settlement and convert the best part of their section of the State into an unproductive solitude.

This proposition of forest reserving the land is entirely at variance with the national policy regarding the public domain. The purpose of the Government hitherto has been to encourage the bona fide occupation of all of the public domain. The public land laws have been framed for the encouragement of settlement. If anybody has abused the privileges which they grant to pre-emptors, that is no reason why the door should be closed tight against honest pre-emption, by the withdrawal of all the public lands in that district from occupation by bona fide settlers, and their conversion into an unproductive forest reserve from which no benefit will be derived by any one. If frauds have been committed in the pre-emption of public lands in the northern counties, the proper thing for the Government to do is to punish the offenders and make a conspicuous example of them as deterrent to others from imitating them. Closing the public lands for settlement or any other purpose arbitrarily is a case of punishing the innocent for the faults of the guilty. The policy of creating forest reserves should follow settlement, not bar it. Forest reserves may very properly be made of such lands as are unsuited for settlement and are unavailable for commerce, but they should follow in the wake of the occupation and settlement of the country, instead of preceding and stopping those processes."

The GAZETTE is pleased to note that already considerable interest is being taken by Morrow county citizens in the irrigation movement. Why not hold the next meeting in Heppner?

The many complaints registered against the present unsatisfactory method of collecting taxes will be productive of results. A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature to extend the time of payment until Fall instead of having the first half become due in April. A great many people desire the law changed and their wishes will probably be respected at the next meeting of the Oregon law makers.

In order to remedy a growing curvature of the spine, Seth Williams, of Brooklyn, recently submitted to a rare and dangerous operation at the Polyclinic Hospital, in Manhattan. The vertebrae were fractured and forced together by a system of weights. When they had been properly straightened, the young man was placed in a four-inch plaster cast. This was taken off and a thinner one substituted. Mr. Williams is now recovering.

The Southern Pacific has ordered 1600 box cars of 80,000 pounds capacity and 500 stock cars of 60,000 pounds capacity from the Western Steel Car and Foundry Company. The cars are to have

pressed steel under frames. The company has also ordered 60 locomotives of various classes from the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

A Valuable Publication.

There is a publication that is always very much looked for, on account of the instructive reading matter that it contains. We refer to Hostetter's Almanac for 1903, published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburg, Pa., proprietors of their famous Stomach Bitters. This medical treatise is published in the English, German, French, Norwegian, Swedish, Bohemian and Spanish languages, and contains interesting reading in regard to your health, many testimonials as to the efficacy of the Bitters, many amusing anecdotes and other items that will interest you throughout the year. Don't fail to obtain a copy from your druggist, also give the Bitters a trial if you are a sufferer from dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation or nervousness. It will cure you.

Owing to the opposition of Japan to John Barrett, the President will send some other man to that point and Barrett will be given the first vacancy.

Secretary Hay has cabled the United States minister at Liberia to send him a truthful account of his alleged shooting of Thomas Fuller at Monrovia.

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The American capitalists who are interested in the Philippines are endeavoring to get congress to allow a large immigration of Chinese into the islands as skilled labor.

General Sawyer, United States consul at Antigua, British West Indies, has been appointed to succeed the late Thomas Nest as consul-general at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stock holders of the Arbuckle Coal & Transportation company will be held at the office of the company, in Heppner, Oregon, on Monday, January 5, 1903, at 7:30 p. m., to transact any business that may come before the meeting.

Attest: T. A. RHEA, President.
LEWIS KINNEY, Secretary. 15 18

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