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Governor Chamberlain is starting off for a record for the use of the veto power. Already he has vetoed 14 bills passed by the legislature.

D. B. Hill at the head of the sound money democrats will commence a campaign in the south and west for the purpose of destroying Bryan's power. They will even invade the "enemy's territory" in Nebraska. This is about the biggest job that Mr. Hill ever undertook.

The first government irrigation work in Oregon, which will be conducted on Butter creek, about 30 miles from Heppner, during the present year will be looked to with interest. The site selected by the government is a good place to test the merits of irrigation in this county. Two hundred thousand acres of lands which have been withdrawn, are now almost worthless. With the application of water, these lands will be made productive and will support a great many people. It will be a great help in the development of this portion of Eastern Oregon.

Now that a portage railroad is to be built, the people of Milton, in Northwestern Umatilla County, are figuring on building a road from that place to Wallula, on the Columbia, so as to ship their produce by boat. If this is done it will very rapidly increase the population and products of that part of the Walla Walla Valley, and no doubt in a short time the road would be on a paying basis, not counting the reduction in freight rates. Eventually, if not just yet, such a road will be built there, and other short roads, too, through other localities, to serve as feeders to the steamers that ply the upper river.—Telegram.

IRRIGATION IN EARNEST.

Umatilla and Morrow counties are shaking hands with each other over the good fortune that is theirs. That the United States government should select its first site for an irrigation scheme in Oregon in the very heart of the arid district of these two counties, is of itself a token of triumph.

The labors of the earnest and energetic irrigationists of this and Morrow county, are rewarded ten fold. The work so long deferred by the government, is at last taken up.

The slow process of crystalizing sentiment on the reclamation of the desert has at last culminated in a fixed plan, and the wheels of that plan are now beginning to revolve in Umatilla county.

Two hundred thousand acres of arid land in the heart of the arid belt of the Columbia River basin in Oregon, set aside for homesteaders, and designated as the first site for national irrigation work in the state, invests Eastern Oregon, and especially Umatilla and Morrow counties with unusual dignity.

Low lying hills and rolling prairie advantageously situated for perfect systems of irrigation, bordered on the south with a range of buttes that offer excellent sites for reservoirs, in a climate unsurpassed in the West, touching shoulders with land that now produces five tons of alfalfa each year,

the Echo government irrigation reservation promises the greatest returns to Oregon of any resource of like magnitude in the history of the state, if it is properly utilized.

There is cause for a just pride on the part of the people of Eastern Oregon in the selection of this choice tract of arid land. The irrigation project necessary to reclaim this body of desert land will demonstrate the worth of government irrigation. This is perhaps a more thoroughly representative tract of arid land than could be found at any other point in Eastern Oregon.

The plan of reclamation which succeeds in bringing fertility and productiveness to this, may be successfully applied to any other section in the state.—East Oregonian.

CITY COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting With Small Amount of Business.

The regular meeting of the city council was held at the council chamber, Monday evening with Mayor Gilliam in the chair.

Councilmen Noble, Rhea, and Cohn answered to roll call.

Petitions of McAtee and Swaggart and J. C. Borchers for renewals of licenses to sell liquors, granted.

The following bills were allowed:

W P Scrivener.....	\$ 3 35
Light and Water Co.....	97 50
J W Matlock.....	60 00
P C Creswell.....	68 00
Frank Natter.....	20 00
J P Williams.....	16 65
L W Briggs.....	108 33
A M Slocum.....	677 60

Fulton in the Senate.

Washington, March 8.—Senator elect Fulton arrived in Washington at noon today and registered at the Cochran hotel, where Senator Mitchell is stopping. Later in the day Senator Mitchell escorted his future colleague to the senate chamber, where he introduced him to a number of the prominent members of that body. When the senate went into executive session Senator Fulton was taken by Representative Moody to the house and was by him made acquainted with the Republican leaders and a number of Western Congressmen. Senator Fulton will take the oath of office on March 5.

A bill providing for the arbitration of disputes between capital and labor has passed both branches of the Washington legislature.

Requisition papers have been issued for the return of J. E. Friend, wanted in Sherman county for securing property under false pretenses.

One of the largest timber deals ever consummated in Oregon is now under way at Cottage Grove. It will transfer 35,000 acres of excellent timber in Tillamook county.

Cavalry Horses Wanted.

We, the undersigned will be in your neighborhood in a short time for the purpose of purchasing three hundred (300) more or less, head of horses for the United States Cavalry, therefore, would request owners in this vicinity, to get their horses in proper shape to conform with the following requirements: Geldings, roans, light and dark sorrel and other hardy colors. They must be sound, gentle under the saddle, with free and prompt action at the walk, trot and gallop; without defect or blemish; of kind disposition; to weigh not less than 950 pounds, nor more than 1150 pounds, from 15 hands 1 inch to 16 hands high; from four (4) to eight (8) years of age, suitable for the United States Cavalry.

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