

### BUY WATER RIGHTS.

#### Government Ready to Pay Reasonable Price.

Washington, April 9.—Hydrographer Newell, of the Geological Survey, has directed his field engineers, who are examining the withdrawn land in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, in the Butter Creek country, to give special attention to all claims of individuals and companies who own or claim to own prior canal rights in that vicinity, and to determine whether or not these rights, if they exist, will interfere with Government reclamation. If the project as a whole proves to be practical, and only these private interests stand in the way, Mr. Newell says the Government will be willing to pay the owners a fair amount for their property, but if exorbitant prices are asked the Government will abandon the project altogether and look elsewhere for a site for a Government irrigation system, as it has nothing to lose save the time spent in investigation. There is a willingness to pay a fair price for any private property that may be absorbed or utilized by the Government in its irrigation works, but there are so many valuable sites and so many meritorious and attractive projects awaiting attention in various states that no work will be undertaken where attempts are made to hold up the Government.

The engineers have discovered, in the short time that they have been on Butter Creek, that the irrigation works attempted in that vicinity years ago by private capital were not practical. Their promoters contemplated taking the water from Umatilla River and distributing it over the lower lands, but no provision was made for storage reservoirs. Inasmuch as the water level in this stream is exceedingly low in the Summer months, when water is necessary for irrigation purposes, their scheme would never have profited anything.

The scheme roughly outlined by the Geological Survey contemplates the construction of storage reservoirs for impounding the flood water of Umatilla River and a number of smaller streams in that locality, and holding it in reserve until the Summer, when it can be distributed as needed. If the investigation and surveys now in progress on Butter Creek are satisfactory, and the project is eventually approved, clear of all obstacles, there is money enough in the reclamation fund, says Mr. Newell, to warrant the prompt letting of contracts.

Mr. Newell says that because of the controversy over the water rights on the Silvers River, in Harney County, the Government engineers will probably pass over that project, for the present at least. Private capital seems to be doing all that can be expected, in view of the diversified claims as to riparian and canal rights.

#### New Challenger Improving.

Weymouth, England, April 9.—Over a thirty-mile course, fifteen miles to leeward and fifteen miles to windward, the Shamrock III today beat Shamrock I by seventeen minutes and twenty-six seconds. Hitherto the challenger had showed a weakness down the wind, but today she proved as good on this point of sailing as on any other, and better on some points than she had heretofore shown herself. Over ten minutes on the run out from the turning point at Lutworth Cove and over seven minutes on the beat home, were the challenger's sensational gains over the old boat.

#### For Sumpter Valley Road.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 10.—The Sumpter Valley Railway has purchased from the Oregon Short Line all the narrow gauge equipment of the latter company and will commence to move the property to the Oregon road at once. The equipment consists of 191 pieces and was secured for something like \$40,000.

An effort to hold the annual encampment of the Washington G. A. R. at Walla Walla during Roosevelt's visit failed.

### The End of the World.

As hardly two men agree just how the world will come to an end, it is, perhaps, not worth worrying about, and, at any rate, all the theorists, except Professor Marienburg, of the University of Chicago, agree that—

When you and I beyond the vale have passed,  
Oh, what a long, long time the world will last!

Professor Marienburg thinks we shall be frozen or burned up in about 20 years by the earth getting out of its orbit.

Professor DeWar thinks we are liable to be struck by a comet; in fact, that the earth has been struck before by one and survived. H. G. Wells also imagines that a comet may whisk us into eternity with a toss of its playful tail, while many geologists are in favor of annihilation by means of an ice cap, which they apply in different ways. Some think the ice cap will come toward the equator from the north and south simultaneously and crush out all human life; others that the earth will develop poles on the line now known as the equator and a new equator be formed which will be run through the present poles.

Grant Allen's theory is that the crust of the earth will subside like the crust of a huckleberry pie newly baked, and the molten lava well up and cover the surface as the juice of the pie wells up and forms a pool on top of the pie crust when the pie is cooling. Others declare that the final cataclysm will be that the earth will fall into the sun and be burned up with all on board. Still other "scientists" assert that our planet is rapidly cooling off, and that it is only a question of time when it will be in the same condition as the moon is now.

For such as do not fancy so slow and prosaic an ending there is the more strenuous theory of a grand explosion which shall shatter the terrestrial globe into 10,000 fragments and send them hurling through space. This explosion will be caused by the waters of the ocean getting into the interior of the earth and generating gases and steam which will rend the world. A respectable number of learned men provide for the extinction of human life on the earth by the loss of the light and heat of the sun, which they assure us, is gradually cooling off and will eventually fail us altogether, when the whole solar system will wander darkly through space.

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#### Oregon Beef Fattened on Corn.

La Grande, Or., April 1.—Six cars of beef steers from Ontario passed through Sunday for the Portland market. These cattle have been fattened principally on corn, the supply of alfalfa hay in Southern Idaho being exhausted. Stockmen here get corn laid down in car lots at \$1.10 or \$1.25 per 100 pounds. Barley, oats and even wheat have been shipped in for feed, but Eastern corn is the cheapest.

Peter P. Morgan, a pioneer of The Dalles, died at that city Friday, aged 80 years. He came to Oregon in 1852.

August Colmel, the Woodburn saloon man who was arrested last week for selling liquor on Sunday, has been acquitted.

Walla Walla county commissioners have instituted a chain gang, on which county and city prisoners will be worked.

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#### Daly Will Take Office.

Washington, April 9.—The bond of John D. Daly, recently appointed surveyor general for Oregon, was received at the general land office today and approved by the acting commissioner. It did not reach Secretary Hitchcock, however, hence Mr. Meldrum's tenure of office is prolonged one day. Mr. Daly's bond is for \$30,000, furnished by the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore. When the bond is finally approved by Secretary Hitchcock, Daly will be advised by wire to relieve Meldrum of the cares of office.

#### Explosion on the Iowa.

Penascola, Fla., April 9.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the battleship Iowa today while the vessel was at target practice in the Gulf. The forward port 12-inch gun burst from a premature explosion of a shell, 12 feet of the piece outside of the turret being demolished. Three men were killed and five injured, two seriously.

John Fleming, of Fort Benton, Montana, a well known stock buyer, is in Pendleton. He wants to buy 50,000 young mutton sheep and stockers.

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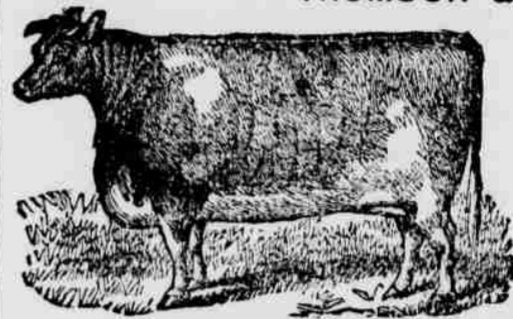
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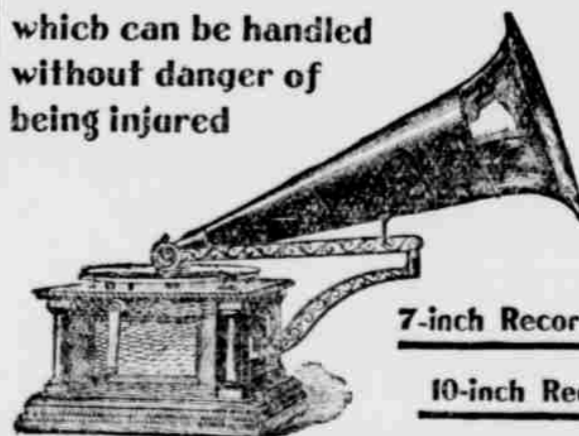
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