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No body will kick about a little for it.

For our war of three months with Spain, 60,000 pension claims have already been filed. It is a good thing that the war was short.

Conditions among the cattlemen in central California are now said endeavor in some sections have to be very bad. In Tulare county added largely to the aggregate cattle are so poor that losses will wealth of the state in recent years. be great. Whole herds have been offered at \$4 per head. Ore- the arid land survey is well known. gon cattlemen are in clover compared with conditions in California.

Score another for municipal ownership. The little town of Wasco has voted bonds to build an electric light plant for the people. Wasco will have cheap lights and good service and if there is any profit left it will go into the city treasury to help pay other expenses .- Ex. Yes, but will there be any profit, there's the rub.

very warm time at the next Demo- ful investigation and its expericratic national convention. At a ments look to definite ends. It formal welcome to W. J. Bryan makes haste slowly, but its methon his return from Europe, at ods lead to permanent results. Lincoln, Nebraska, in a speech Lands undulating in character, ac- who are on the streets after dark. Mr. Bryan said that "the Kansas cessible to market and still largely City platform is sound in every belonging to the public domain lie for Centralia, Wash., last Thursplank, and the first act of the next within what is called the "Umaconvention should be to reaffirm tilla project," of which reservoir that part of Washington. We it in its entirety." Bryan is still sites and irrigating canals were are sorry to lose them from our a power in the Democratic party surveyed in 1903. The possibili- community.

that he will edit during the convention in St. Louis and with the Hearst forces, there will be something doing.

ARID LAND SURVEY IN OREGON.

The report of John T. Whistler, engineer in charge of irrigation surveys and examinations in Ore-

brush of winter now. It is time gon, contains much that is of interest, not only to the residents of the semi-arid districts of the state, but to all loyal Oregonians. A

> one-sided development of the state is not to be desired. The sgricultural resources of Eastern and Southeastern Oregon are relatively

untouched though returns from The object of what is known as As a proposition which seeks to store and distribute the waters of certain sections so that instead of

running to waste they will insure bountiful crops to the farmer over wide areas that are now unproductive, irrigation is attracting the careful attention of broadminded men. It has, moreover, enlisted the attention of the government as a scientific proposition, and one that can be worked out satisfactorily only by engineering skill and systematic methods.

The government does nothing in Indications are favorable for a a haphazard way. It follows care-

and with the aid of a daily paper ties of agricultural wealth that are opened up by this survey and which the completed project will ing season is better than a few turn to realities are vast indeed.

> sands of settlers, schools, churches, demand for stock of all kinds, but social opportunities, community it is possible the prevailing prices interests and a material source of will not equal those that have wealth that is at present beyond been paid growers during a few computation. The same may be years previous to 1903. This is said, in some degree, of other certainly encouraging to growers projects detailed in Mr. Whistler's since it is far better to have a report, though the relative "near- large demand for cattle at fair ness to market" makes the Uma- prices than to experience many tilla project more speedily pro- years like the past year when ductive. The entire scheme com- there was no opportunity to dis mends itself to all progressive citi- pose of anything unless it was in zens, as it does to their represent- prime condition for beef. atives in Congress, for its breadth, utility and great promise of de- during past seasons are already in velopment.-Oregonian.

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Lexington, Jan. 20, 1904. J. M. White is making some improvements on his property.

Marshal Zink is making considerable improvement in the streets.

Mr. Jackson, of Heppner, has many of whom were in the room opened a barber shop in D. P. at the time, are greatly humiliated. Doherty's building.

We are informed that all those who have been sick with the fever have recovered and are now able to be around.

The Congregational church has rious parts of the country. been repainted and repaired. Last Sunday the Sunday school re-

sumed work, having had a vacation since the flood. Our new light plant was in-

stalled last Saturday night. It is not very extensive, but it is quite a convenience to the people

John Boothby and his sons left day. They expect to locate in

The Cattle Outlook.

The cattle outlook for the commonths ago, and from present They include homes for thou- indications there will be a great

> Those who have handled cattle building. receipt of inquiries from eastern buyers regarding the cattle outlook, which is interpreted by some to indicate a greater demand and better prices for all kinds during the coming year.-Ex.

A juror in the Stockton, Cal. police court, was robbed of a \$200 diamond pin. The police force,

A fund is being raised to provide temporarily for chorus girls stranded in Chicago by the closing of the theaters. Many of them will return to their homes in va-

One hundred tons of human hair valued at \$30,000 per ton, were imported, mostly from Europe, into the United States during 1903.

The Pennsylvania coke industry is reviving. Four thousand nine hundred and sixty-three new ovens have been opened lately.

Robert F. Hall, of Portland, has fallen heir to a \$50,000 estate through the death of an aunt in Connecticut.

The white people of Normal City, Ind., have ordered the 35|

negro families of that city to leave at once. The latter declare they will not and are arming. Serious trouble is expected.

The internal revenue department has seized a large number of sets of valuable furs, recently arrived in New York City from Canada, upon which duty had been evaded.

The three-story car-barn and 50 cars of the Brooklyn Street Railway Company, were burned the night of January 14.

The managers of the Marquam theater, Portland, have decided to provide an additional exit to that

The Spokane Opera Company is the latest theatrical organization in the Northwest.



