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No Longer a Desert.

The greatest irrigation project in the world, excepting the gigantic engineering enterprise of the English government, by which the Valley of the Nile is to be redeemed, is to see the beginning of its fruition this week, when the great Snake river, in Southern Idaho, is to be stayed in its course and its waters diverted toward the reclamation of 271,000 acres of land now as arid and desolate as the great wastes of the Desert of Sahara.

The full attainment of the object of the enterprise will mean the conversion of a vast tract of rolling prairie into an area of rich productive soil, which will furnish enough fruit, grain and vegetables to supply the entire Northwest country, besides a considerable quantity of foodstuffs for China and Japan.

Simultaneously with the staying of the waters of the Snake river will begin one of the most spectacular struggles ever seen among men for sudden wealth. Thousands of fortune seekers already are waiting along the brink of the canyon for the river bed to be exposed for more than 30 miles of its length. For years it has been the accepted belief that gold in inexhaustible quantities lies in the bottom of the river, yet the most daring miners have been unable to cope with the physical obstacles to an exploration of this supposed treasure ground. Scores of men have met death while striving to descend the steep walls of the canyon, rising as high as 600 feet above the river, a rising, roaring torrent.

Not more than three days will be at the disposal of the fortune-hunters, for in that time it is estimated by the engineers that the great reservoir will have filled and the water will again be pouring down the canyon in diminished volume, but still too great in quantity for placer mining or any other form of gold-seeking.

Thus far the Twin Falls Land & Water Company has invested \$1,600,000 without any returns. The members of the company are of the belief, however, that they will have recovered their investment within the coming two years, and within five years they expect to clear up several million dollars. Money already is pouring in from settlers, and the promoters say they have disposed of nearly every homestead lot in their domain of 271,000 acres. Hundreds of buildings are in course of erection all over the proposed irrigation area, which the company proposes to increase by adding 150,000 acres of land in a short time.—Telegram.

Prof. H. W. Conn, who is recognized as the ablest authority and investigator on the subject of dairy bacteriology, has concluded after exhaustive investigations that the number of bacteria found in market milk is not very closely related to the degree to which it is contaminated in handling, but depends almost solely upon the temperature. This might account for the efforts being made to secure low bacterial content standards for milk in cities of California, that is, the ice trust might be interested. With such standards as the sole guide the dirty dairymen with plenty of ice would be "in it" while the clean, small dairymen who can't afford ice would suffer in the interest of big concerns equipped with expensive refrigeration facilities.—Dairy and Produce Review.

Representative Sereno Payne says the Statehood bill is dead. If it is it is in the company of some of the best bills that have been presented this session.

Strikes Hidden Rocks.

When your ship of health strikes the hidden rocks of Consumption, Pneumonia, etc., you are lost, if you don't get help from Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, J. W. McKinnon, of Talladega Springs, Ala., writes: "I had been very ill with Pneumonia, under the care of two doctors, but was getting no better when I began to take King's New Discovery. The first dose gave relief, and one bottle cured me." Sure cure for sore throat, bronchitis, coughs and colds. Guaranteed at R. S. Knowlton's drug store, price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Special Session May be Called.

Salem, March 9.—A special session of the legislature is being advocated by some of its members. Governor Chamberlain will not look with disfavor upon a proposal that special session be called, provided that the conditions are satisfactory. He will not say what he will do or will not do if the matter is presented for consideration, but he manifests a desire to relieve the asylum, penitentiary, reform school, mute school and blind school of the inconvenience of having their appropriations held up along with the others to which people take exceptions.

Chamberlain tonight said: "It takes two-thirds of the members of the legislature to constitute a quorum to transact business. If two-thirds of the members of each house agree to attend a special session without cost to the state, to repeat the present appropriation bills for the several institutions so that the people can demand the referendum upon them without holding up all, and further agree to take up other subjects of legislature, I would not look with disfavor upon the request that a special session be called. I cannot say positively, however, what I would do until the question comes up to me."

Referendum petition are being rapidly signed at Salem, in spite of protests from employees of the state institutions, who would have to discount their warrants. One petition was being signed on Commercial street about as fast as it could be pressed around.

In Yamhill county nearly every one is said to favor tying up the general appropriation bill, regardless of the effect, as the only means of bringing a club down on the heads of the legislature for general extravagance.

Jas. K. Sears, of Polk county, says that nearly every one has signed petitions over there, and several have already come to the county seat, filled out. It is thought a thousand would sign in that county.

In Linn county, the movement is not so rapid, but there will be large petitions, especially from the country precincts.

In Marion county there is a strong sentiment for the referendum, and may be thousands of petitioners. Socialists leaders are prominent and the democrats are very active. The Salem lists contain the names of prominent business and professional men.

Mormon Meeting House.

St. Lake, March 8.—An explosion of acetylene gas at the Mormon meeting house at Granger, seven miles south of here, last night wrecked the building, killing Nellie McKay, and injuring Ida Smith, Viva Wallace, Hazel Murphy, Eunice McRae and 19 others. The walls were blown out, the floor torn up and people pinned under benches and wreckage. Miss McKay was killed by the organ falling on her as she singing a solo. Those injured by the Granger explosion were 26. The stove was blown through a ceiling in addition to the horror of fire.

Col. Cody, better known as Buffalo Bill, must have returned to the Wild West show for rest and recreation from the strenuous times he claims to have had at home.

Japanese Farming.

The Japanese have surprised the world as fighters, but, according to Harold Boice, they are almost the most remarkable agricultural nation in the world. They have only 10,000 square miles of arable land. An automobile going fifty miles an hour could skirt this area in twenty hours. Yet it supports an imperial nation; the rising power of the Far East. Experts admit that the scientific skill of the Japanese agriculturists is unapproached. "Patient diligence, with knowledge of the chemistry of the soil and the physiology of plants, have yielded results that have astounded the most advanced agriculturists in western nations.

Coos County Selects Site.

Portland, March 11.—Coos county, Oregon, which announced some time ago that it would erect a separate pavilion at the Lewis and Clark exposition, has made good its announcement by selecting a site for the structure. The pavilion will stand a short distance from the Colonnade entrance, a little west of the Administration building.

Coos county's building will be 50x60 feet in size, and will be constructed entirely of Coos county materials. Coos county workmen will perform the labor, and a Coos county man will oversee the job.

Coos county timber resources will be exploited in a most practical way in the construction of the building, which will be finished in natural woods inside and out. For the interior the decorations will be in panel work, the different valuable woods being used to advantage in this way. Among the woods so used will be the myrtle, maple, alder, white and yellow fir, white cedar, Port Orford cedar, red cedar, and oak. The myrtle of Coos county, the county's most famous wood, is worth \$500 per thousand feet, board measure.

Construction work on the building will be begun in a few days and the building will be completed and fitted with exhibits several weeks before the opening day. The building will cost about \$10,000.

Wild Redmen for the Fair.

Chemawa, Oregon, March 9.—Information has been received at the Chemawa Indian School from the Lapwai (Idaho) Indian agency that arrangements are being made by certain Lewiston people to take a band of long-haired, wild Indians to the Lewis and Clark Fair and to have them dance and to display the old-time heathenism of the tribe. The prospect is demoralizing many of the Nez Perces, who are looking forward to the visit to the Fair with eagerness.

As long-haired Indians in that vicinity are at a premium at present those who have been asked to take the trip are letting their locks grow, and when asked to cut them reply: "Oh, no; I cannot cut my hair now; I am keeping it to wear at the Fair." The demoralizing effect of this will be far-reaching. Old-time dances and customs, now nearly discarded, will be revived for the delectation of the white man, and thereby given a new lease of life. Those who have the welfare of these Indians at heart do not desire this feature to be paraded, but rather that the advancement of the Indians be shown.

Captures Ship and Girls.

St. Louis, March 7.—Advices have just been received from Manila telling of the exploits of Judge Adolph Wislizenus, formerly a Police Court Judge of St. Louis, and now a justice on the island of Cebu, who in January last personally pursued and captured an American commercial vessel that was leaving with three Filipino girls forcibly detained on board, rescued the girls and fined the captain 2,500 pesos.

The ship was the United States barkentine Chehalis, owned and P. M. Simpson of Oregon. When the ship cleared from Cebu the cry was raised that three Filipino girls had been carried away. A cutter overhauled the ship, but the girls could not be found aboard.

Then Judge Wislizenus, learning the report, suddenly adjourned court, buckled on a revolver, summoned armed native officials and pursued the barkentine in a launch and overhauled her, and finding the three girls in a locker. Captain Simpson was brought to land, charged with abduction by Judge Wislizenus, who immediately reconvened his court, and fined him 2,500 pesos.

Seven married jurors decided that Daniel Brady of New York was entitled to a divorce and five bachelors decided against him. This looks as though the question was settled on party lines.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Rockefeller is the victim of chronic indigestion that all of his \$500,000,000 cannot cure. A famous doctor once said that the most stubborn case of indigestion could be cured by the life led by convicts. Investigation of the Standard Oil Company and possible indictment ought not to have any terrors for Mr. Rockefeller.

New Jersey is ready to tackle the mosquito as a state problem and expects to spend \$1,000,000 fighting the pest. The mosquito will be prepared to fight New Jersey and her guests from July to frost this season without any addition to their usual resources. There are thirty varieties in the state and every one of them can bite.

In dealing with the negro problem we should make some headway if our Africans could be taught to not only work with their hands but to avoid as a pestilence the sharks who prey upon them in the name of benefit insurance societies. The average negro pays from 10 to 20 per cent of his wages to societies that promise to bury him after he is dead.

Representative De Armond declared that "the taking of more money for expenses than was expended was nothing less than larceny." Judge Swayne doubtless considered it nothing more than economy, and Senators, not wishing to condemn their own practice, acquitted Judge Swayne.

Sir Wilfred Laurier says he would not be a citizen of the United States even to be President. We guess not, when the Governor-General of Canada gets a salary just twice as great as that of our President.

After more than three weeks spent in the consideration of the case of Judge Swayne the Senate decided he was not guilty. Judge Swayne, it is said, has not been nervous about the result from the beginning and he doubtless feels now that the Senate is indebted to him for having acted as the boulder on the track to prevent legislation on other and more embarrassing legislation.

The House of Representatives has passed without a dissenting vote the bill requiring all street railways in the Capital to equip their cars with vestibules for the protection of the motormen. Only the members of the companies, most of whom ride in closed carriages, objected to the bill.

All Swedish marriages made in this country must have the seal of approval of the Swedish legation in Washington. Minister Grip rather resents the idea of the legation becoming a matrimonial agency but the government does not approve our free and easy way of marrying and decrees that its subject shall be held by the hard and fast laws of the mother country.

A New York man sent his son to Europe to prevent him from marrying an actress. He succeeded but fell in love with the actress himself, and the combined efforts of his seven children could not prevent him from marrying her. It looks as if the children were losing the perfect control of parents that we have witnessed heretofore.

A Chicago Alderman Owes His Election to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I can heartily and conscientiously recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for affections of the throat and lungs," says Hon. John Shenick, 220 So. Peoria St., Chicago. "Two years ago during a political campaign, I caught cold after being overheated, which irritated my throat and I was finally compelled to stop, as I could not speak aloud. In my extremity a friend advised me to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I took two doses that afternoon and could not believe my senses when I found the next morning the inflammation had largely subsided. I took several doses that day, kept right on talking through the campaign, and I thank this medicine that I won my seat in the Council." This remedy is for sale by R. S. Knowlton.

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