

## IRRIGATION CONGRESS

### Oregon's Governor Would Restore Lands to People

The Congress also Addressed by C. W. Fairbanks, Vice-President of the United States, and a Telegram Read From President Roosevelt.

The Irrigation Congress was opened at Sacramento on Monday, a large number of prominent men of the United States being present.

In his remarks Governor Chamberlain alluded to the work being done under the Carey act, but said it was his experience that while the government acts more slowly that results obtained are more substantial than those resulting from private enterprises.

Chamberlain lamented the lack of care which had existed in disposing of the public domain. While he did not want to be understood as being in favor of confiscation, and was generally opposed to lawlessness, the revelations of fraud in securing vast areas was, in his opinion, sufficient ground for finding means to take radical steps to restore them to the people. Not should it be forgotten the speaker said, that in addition to grants given them for constructing their road, the railroads have obtained millions of acres of lands which are withheld from sale, sometimes in express violation of the terms of the grants, and always to the retardation of commercial and agricultural development of the states.

Following the Governor was the speech of the Vice-president of the United States, Charles W. Fairbanks. At the conclusion of Fairbank's speech Gifford Pinchott, government forester, read a telegram from President Roosevelt expressing best wishes for the success of the convention.

The president said there is no movement more emphatically for the benefit of the small farmer and ranchman than the irrigation movement. There is no other way to assist the actual settler and homemaker so powerful as through the wise use and preservation of waters and forests. The president also said it was a matter of great satisfaction that congress would devote attention to other things besides irrigation and forestry.

#### Grant's Farm Home Sold.

St. Louis, August 30.—The historic Dant farm of 438 acres outside the city limits was sold today for \$74,000. The log cabin occupied by General Grant is still standing.

The bites and stings of insects, tan, sunburn, cuts, burns and bruises are relieved at once with Pinesolve Carbolic. Acts like a poultice, and draws out inflammation. Try it, 25c. Sold by New Era Drug Store.

#### To Capture Eastern Immigration

At a banquet given by the Eugene real estate brokers last Friday night, it was decided to send a man to Portland to remain there during the months of September and October for the purpose of diverting eastern immigrants, who will be arriving in that city in large numbers during that time, to Eugene and Lane county. Support was pledged from the Merchants Protective Association, and the Commercial club. Two hundred dollars a month has been subscribed for that purpose.

## FOR EQUAL ASSESSMENT.

Resolution Forms the Working Basis of State Grange Tax Commission.

The following resolution was presented by the Linn County Business Council, and adopted by the Oregon State Grange:

"Resolved, That the representatives to the State Grange from Linn county, be instructed to ask the State Grange to appoint a special committee of five members on assessment and taxation, who shall take up the subject of securing equal taxes in our state; and whose findings shall be submitted for discussion and revision to the various Pomona Granges and County Councils, during the year, and whose final report shall be made at the annual meeting of the state grange in 1908.

This committee has held its preliminary session and has divided the work so as to obtain some substantial results at the next meeting.

It will be well for every grange to appoint a committee to investigate tax matters in its own neighborhood and county. If your county assessor is doing really good work, in assessing property, you should find it out and encourage him by your commendation. If he is not succeeding to your satisfaction, then you should help him to do better.

But first find out the exact facts and figures. No one should protest or find fault until he knows the details of the matter. The details of the assessment roll belong by right to every taxpayer. If any class of property is not paying its just proportion of taxes, then some other class is paying too much.

Generally the man who owns his home in town and the farmers, have borne the burdens of taxation. When the farmers in the grange educate themselves upon this subject they will be in a position to demand reforms long needed.

Let your subordinate grange tax committee report monthly to your Pomona committee and to the State Lecturer, who is chairman of the State grange tax committee. Every Patron of Husbandry in Oregon should be informed as to the assessed value of every mile of railroad, electric line, of every public service corporation and private enterprise, every acre of timber land held for speculation, and of all other forms of property likely to escape taxation.

In this state the assessment roll is not published so we must discover for ourselves in other ways just how well the assessor has done his work.

In collecting taxes the sheriffs say, it is not the amount of tax people complain of so much as it is the injustice and inequality of it. One man had 37 acres and had painted and repaired his fences and buildings till the place looked very fine, and he discovered that his next neighbor who had 200 acres of just the same land, but with neglected buildings and tumble down fences, paid the same amount of tax.

At every court house in the state let there be watchful, intelligent people when the board of equalization hears the arguments by corporations why their taxes should be cut down.

This is rightfully the business of the taxpaying farmer and he will not be out of place on that occasion.

#### "Everybody Should Know"

says C. G. Hays, a prominent business man of Bluff, Mo., that Bucklen's Arnica salve is the quickest and surest healing salve ever applied to a sore, burn or wound, or to a case of piles. I've used it and know what I'm talking about. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy. 25c.

## NOTABLE CASE AT AN END

One of the most notable cases in legal history has just come to an end by the withdrawal of the suit for the appointment of a guardian of the person and estate of Mrs. Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science. The suit, brought in the New Hampshire courts, attracted attention because it was against a woman 87 years old; of great wealth, possessing an influence incomparably greater than that of any annotated and crowned ruler in the world today; who was said to be dead, who had been reported mentally incompetent and physically unfit to control her property or perform the simplest offices for herself, of whom it had been written that she was the creature of a clique that used her as a machine for getting money for them; who was said never to have had an existence, and who has done more good than any living man or woman.

For nine months Mrs. Eddy has been the object of an extraordinary series of attacks that began with an article in a yellow journal of New York. It was stated quite seriously that she was dead—that she had been dead for some time, and that her place had been taken by a woman made up to represent her; then a correction was made that, while breathing the breath of life into the nostrils of Mrs. Eddy, left her a poor, weak-minded woman, bereft of power, and a prisoner in her own house. Other newspapers sent representatives to interview Mrs. Eddy; some said she was bent and fee-

ble, and that her mind had weakened with her body, others asserted that she was strong, alert and vigorous physically and mentally, and that the burden of her 87 years was a light one. Under pressure, her son, George W. Glover, acting as "first friend," brought the suit that has just been withdrawn; he was represented by able talent, which included United States Senator William E. Chandler. The case was conducted by three masters, Dr. Jelli, the celebrated alienist, and two judges. Mrs. Eddy's testimony was probably the most remarkable ever heard by a court. It traversed a wide range; took up the happenings of years ago; gave details on subjects that the present generation has forgot, and on one and all things discussed this woman of 87 years of age was lucid and explicit and accurate.

It is not clear why Mrs. Eddy should have been made the victim of journalistic attack and court persecution. She is very old; there is nothing in her writings that has courted a blow; she has not assailed anybody; the disagreement that one might have had with her doctrine was a matter for calm discussion, it did not call for writs and summonses and court appearances. If those opposed to the beliefs of this 87-year-old woman thought they were injuring her or her cause, it is likely they have discovered their error. Out of the persecution of the last nine months the Christian Science Church has reaped a harvest of converts.—Spectator.

## NEW DELINQUENT TAX LAW

The State Association of Sheriffs met in Portland last Friday. On the same day the sheriffs of the State of Washington met in Vancouver, and a joint session was held in Portland on Saturday. The next session will be held in Astoria.

The purpose of the organization is primarily for the members to get acquainted and discuss such matters as affect conduct of the office to the best interest of the people. At Friday's meeting the question of sale of property for delinquent tax claims was discussed, the new law differing in important particulars from the old law.

Under the old law, delinquent taxes had to be advertised before

becoming a lien on property, and at delinquent sale anyone was allowed to pay the taxes and receive a provisional title, redeemable by the prior owner within three years. The new law abolishes the advertising feature, but provides that when taxes become delinquent any one may pay the amount due, with 15 per cent penalty added, and receive a certificate which entitles him to possession in case the prior owner fails to redeem the certificate with interest before the expiration of three years. It was voted as the sense of the association that the certificate plan does not apply to the 1907 levy.

## BLOWN UP BY DYNAMITE

At about 1 o'clock Friday morning a charge of dynamite was exploded under the saloon of John Daly of Detroit. The building was blown to atoms, and there is no trace of Daly the proprietor. It is feared that he perished in the destruction of the building. The explosion shook every building in Detroit, and many windows were broken by the force of the concussion. Residents five miles distant from the scene of the explosion heard the noise. As yet there is no evidence as to the persons responsible for the crime, though an investigation is said to be under way.

It is said that a few days ago,

#### Verdict of Guilty.

San Francisco, August 30.—The jury in the case of Louis Glass, of the Pacific States Telephone Co., charged with bribing Supervisor Louergan, reached a verdict of guilty on the first ballot tonight.

#### "Regular as the Sun"

is an expression as old as the race. No doubt the rising and setting of the sun is the most regular performance in the universe, unless it is the action of the liver and bowels when regulated with Dr. King's New Life Pills. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy. 25c.

For legal blanks—Nugget office

## FAVOR PARCELS POST.

Proposed Reform is Very Moderate, but in the Right Direction.

For the first time in years the United States has a Postmaster General who seems to appreciate the opportunities of his office. The postoffice department might, under intelligent management such as prevails in other countries, become one of the principal means of enlightenment and comfort to the nation, but almost the sole concern of those who have conducted it in recent years has been to avoid infringement upon the privileges of private greed.

Mr. Meyer wishes to establish a genuine parcels post. He would raise the mailing limit to eight or ten pounds. At present it is four pounds. The proposed reform is very moderate, but it is in the right direction, and, if it overcomes the opposition of the parasitic express companies, it will relieve the American people from numerous vexations. Our primitive postal facilities are a scandal in a country which boasts of its wealth and progressiveness. Even in Great Britain where railroad influence is strong, the mailing limit is eleven pounds. In France it is 22 and in Germany 110 cents. The United States charges 16 cents a pound for postage on parcels. In Great Britain it is 1½ cents for a pound parcel and 25 cents for 11 pounds anywhere within the islands. The rate to Hongkong by way of Suez, which is much farther than New York to the Philippines, is 12 cents a pound. Everywhere on the continent of Europe small parcels are sent by mail at cheap rates, where we must submit to the extortion of the express companies. Families are served with groceries by mail. The laundry comes and goes through the mail. The tourists mail his small baggage. In France, Germany, Switzerland it is thought better to serve the welfare of the people than to heap up big dividends for trust magnates.

Of course the express companies will continue to oppose the parcels post. Their graft is too lucrative to be given up without a struggle. Mr. Meyer says the parcels post will not compete with these overgrown parasites, but competition cannot be avoided. His reform would save enormous sums to the people but it would cut off the same amount from the revenues of Senator Platt's trust. Hitherto the trust has been strong and wily enough to block every move to establish a parcels post; but there is reason to hope that it may not control the next Congress. Mr. Meyer, speaking for the American people, will perhaps receive more attention than Mr. Platt speaking for his monopoly.—Oregonian.

#### Substantial Aid for Strikers.

The striking telegraphers of San Francisco, have received substantial evidence of the sympathy that the railroad telegraphers feel for their cause when the Commercial union was notified that it could expect about \$250,000 a month from the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

L. Quick, grand secretary of the Railroad Telegraphers, ordered an assessment upon each member of \$1 a week. There are nearly 50,000 railroad keymen in the United States who will respond to the appeal, many of whom, it is expected, when able to do so will increase voluntarily the amount of the official assessment.

If you suffer from bloating, belching, sour stomach, indigestion or dyspepsia, take a Ring's Dyspepsia Tablet after each meal, and overcome the disagreeable trouble. It will improve the appetite and aid digestion. Sold by New Era Drug Store.

## EVERYONE WILL BOOST

### Thousand of Leaflets Distributed About Oregon.

Campaign of Publicity to Get Homeseekers to Come to Oregon Started by the Commercial Club of Portland Meets Hearty Co-operation.

Widespread interest is being awakened over the state in the campaign started by the Portland Commercial Club to secure distribution throughout the east of the leaflets announcing the colonist rates and urging homeseekers to visit Oregon during the month of September. The club has printed 50,000 copies, and rush orders are being received from a score of commercial organizations and many individuals over the state, asking for bunches of the leaflets. They will be inserted in correspondence that is sent east.

Pre-eminent in the consideration of a Pacific Coast trip by Eastern people at this time is the fact that the colonist rates during the month of September, will be the last rates of this kind granted by transcontinental railroads. Never again will they, it is said, voluntarily give the people opportunity to travel from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast for the sum of \$26. The Eastern homeseeker who has any intention of visiting this coast because of the cheap rates must come now. Later on he will have to pay the full fare.

The colonist rate allows passengers all the privileges of a first-class train excepting a berth in a standard Pullman sleeper. Instead of this he is carried on a first-class tourist sleeping car, which contains every useful convenience of travel.

The all-important thing to remember in purchasing a colonist ticket is to have it designate the town in Oregon to which the traveler wishes to locate. The price is the same for any destination in the state, but the ticket must be purchased to final destination.

#### The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged, carelessness being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by Benson's Pharmacy. 50c.

#### Justice for Settlers.

Washington, D. C., August 28.—The Interior Department is revoking the order of Secretary Hitchcock suspending thousands of public land entries in the West, and as soon as possible all entries where proof is complete, and against which no charges are pending will be passed to patent.

Hundreds of thousands of acres were tied up by Mr. Hitchcock's order of suspension, and there is not a single word of evidence in the files of the department to justify his action in a great majority of cases.

The present administration is as determined as Mr. Hitchcock to punish land thieves, but does not propose to punish the innocent along with the guilty.