

IRRIGATION
WILL BE TRIED
NEAR EUGENE

Expert Slover Returns to Portland
After Having Practically Completed Preliminary Arrangements.
Eight Farmers Have Consented to Assist Government

Albert L. Stover, the government irrigation expert, who has been in Eugene and vicinity for several days, returned to Portland today. Before leaving a practical irrigation experiment was virtually decided upon, which will test the merits of artificial watering of crops in this valley thoroughly.

It is proposed to try the experiment on eight different farms, those of Messrs. King, Knapp, Beard, Story, Olsen, Howard, Rosman and one other, using two or three acres on each. A difference crop will also be grown on each farm so as to make the test more thorough. The water will be taken out at the Rosman rapids and lifted into the ditch by means of water wheels. If present plans are carried out. The farmers interested will bear half the expense and the government the other half. Should the experiment prove successful, and there is every reason to believe that it will, a dam may easily be constructed at the site selected and thousands of acres watered at comparatively small expense.

Mr. Stover will return to Eugene in a week or ten days, when he expects to fully complete the plans. During his stay here Hon. S. H. Friendly, Y. D. Hensill and others have given him much assistance in his work, believing that it is the beginning of a movement that will be of incalculable benefit to the entire Willamette valley.

POSTOFFICE
SITE INSPECTOR
HERE TOMORROW

Postmaster J. L. Page this afternoon received the following telegram: "Seattle, Oct. 11, 1906. 'Postmaster, Eugene, Oregon—' 'I expect to reach Eugene tomorrow to examine public building sites. 'A. F. STRATON.'"

Mr. Stratton is a special agent of the postoffice department. He will decide which of the several sites offered is the best and submit his decision to the department. After the usual red tape is gone through with bids for the construction of the building will be asked for and the contract let.

FIREMAN'S MASCOT
A HOWLING SUCCESS

"The Fireman's Mascot," with its emblazoned-shirted aggregation of wind-jammers, has come and gone, leaving a big bunch of Eugene theatre goers in mourning(?) today.

It was melodrama all right. The serious, heroic and comic situations were all there. Ugh! didn't it make the cold chills run all over your frame when that war be-painted, double-dyed villain stabbed the poor little outcast widow in the back with his long black butcher knife? I had never experienced such sensations since I was a small boy in the back woods of the Mohawk, and ran afoul of a big white stump one dark, rainy night. It was his only daughter, too—think of that. Then there was the inevitable red-headed, monkey-faced Irishman. Wasn't he a corker, though? He would put the most up-to-date comedian to shame and then have cards and spades left. And say, did you witness the daring rescue of the little mascot from the old crazy man by Jack London? I was always under the impression that Jack was a writer of up-to-date fiction, but he is not. He is the foreman of Engine Company No. 7 of the Squedunk fire department and the way he choked that old lunatic when he attempted to kidnap the little mascot, the idol of his heart, brought vociferous cheers from the assembled throng in the gallery (?).

Then there were those raucous stunts. I thought Eugene had got rid of them when the Bijou went defunct, but I suppose they are like fleas, always a necessary evil.

Just here I had to leave, and so did others who thought they had been sufficiently rewarded for the trouble of coming.

It's enough to make a fellow shed tears of mortal agony to witness one of these shows, and at the same time remember the highly successful theatrical season in Eugene last year. But some one said a long time ago that "A bad beginning makes a good ending," so let us live and hope.

C. W. E.

FLOYD BENTON
BOUND OVER TO
CIRCUIT COURT

Young Man Charged With Enticing
Mabel Conrad, Aged Fourteen
Years, Away to Enter House of
Prostitution, Will Have to Stand
Trial Before Judge Harris

Floyd Benton, charged with taking 14-year-old Mabel Conrad away from her home at Marcola for the purpose of placing her in a house of prostitution, was given a preliminary examination before Justice of the Peace Bryson this afternoon and bound over in the sum of \$700 to appear for trial at the November term of circuit court. Not being able to furnish bail he was remanded to the county jail.

L. Bilyeu appeared as attorney for Benton, and Deputy District Attorney J. M. Williams for the state. The state offered evidence from the following persons:

Mrs. Mildred Kelly, the Conrad girl's mother; Homer Kelly, husband of Mrs. Kelly; Fay DuBoise, half-sister of Benton; Deputy Sheriff Wood, who arrested the couple at The Dalles, and Mabel Conrad. The evidence tended to show that Benton and his half-brother, Irving DuBoise, enticed the Conrad girl away from home and in company with one Minta Savage she went to Falls City, Polk county, where she met Benton and DuBoise. There, it appears, they tried to persuade her to enter a house of ill fame to become one of its inmates, but she refused, and she and Benton then went to The Dalles, where they were taken into custody.

Irving DuBoise was taken before Judge Bryson about 4 o'clock this afternoon. He waived examination and was bound over in the sum of \$700.

LARGE DEAL IN
DOUGLAS COUNTY
TIMBER LANDS

Far exceeding in magnitude any of the timber land transactions ever heretofore made in this county is the sale of two tracts, just consummated, whereby the Roach-Musser Lumber Co., of Muscatine, Iowa, acquires 30,000 acres of fine timber lying several miles east of Oakland, Oregon, and the Wm. Musser Lumber Co., of Spokane, Wash., procures about 12,000 acres on Rock creek, a well-known tributary of the North Umpqua river, about 25 miles east of this city, says the Roseburg Review. The tract east of Oakland is embraced in townships 23, 24 and 25 south, ranges 2 and 3 west, and the consideration paid therefor amounts to over \$500,000. The other tract of about 12,000 acres is all tributary to Rock creek and the purchase price is \$12.50 per acre, aggregating \$150,000, or a total of over \$650,000 for the two tracts. Of this total the sum of \$300,000 has already been paid.

As may be inferred from the above, the two companies mentioned are allied institutions while operating separate plants at the places mentioned. The Mussers are also allied with the Wegerhauser Timber Co., and work in conjunction with them. They were represented here by R. M. Fox, vice president of the Roach-Musser Lumber Co., who for the past year has made his Pacific coast headquarters at Spokane.

The Calapooia tract of 30,000 acres as sold by Bradford & Finley, of Portland, and G. K. Wentworth, of Chicago, Mr. Wentworth holding a half interest, and the two first named gentlemen the other half. The Rock Creek tract was sold by the individual holders of the claims, the negotiations being conducted and brought to a successful termination by F. E. Alley, of this city. These two tracts, we understand, comprise practically all the desirable timber in their respective localities, and the purchasers are making no effort to add to their holdings.

The new owners expect to begin operations in manufacturing the timber on their holdings thus acquired, just as soon as practicable, and will take up the Rock creek interests first. They do not expect to attempt to float logs down the North Umpqua river, but will lay railroad tracks from the Southern Pacific lines to their holdings.

Eugene's dancers are looking forward with pleasure to the next Theatre Orchestra dance, to be held next Saturday evening. o13

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Humor and Philosophy
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SO VERY SLY.

Though very enterprising.
The pleasant bunko man
Cuts out all advertising.
In pushing through a plan.
When going after plunder
He doesn't wear a sign
To make the natives wonder
What's doing in his line.

With manner unassuming.
He meets you with a smile.
Though at the moment grooming
A scheme to get your pile;
While innocence is lurking
It seems in every look
His busy brain is working
To get your pocketbook.

With mirth his spirits bubble
Suspicion to confound.
You'd never think that trouble
Was anywhere around.
He spies you at a distance,
And in a merry whim,
In spite of all resistance,
He makes you smoke with him.

The busy bunko steerer
In furthering his end
Seems for a moment dearer
Than any other friend.
When closed is the adventure
And he has gone afar,
Your faith in man, I venture,
Has got a well earned jar.

One Lone Specimen.
"Where can I find Diogenes?"
"He's dead long ago."
"Too bad. I wanted to show him
an honest man."
"Yourself?"
"No, a fellow who likes cigars best,
but admits he smokes a pipe to save money."

Needs It Later.

None but the brave deserve the fair—
It says so in a book—
And after they are wed none but
The brave can fire the cook.

Taming the Trusts.
It doesn't seem possible that the trusts which but a few months ago were running over the common people and then having them arrested for obstructing the public highway could be the same mild and gentle octopi who are now coming down to business by a back alley lest some one should rasp their sensitive souls by intimating that they were proud.

It makes a heap of difference which party the sheriff is after with a subpoena. If it is the common people who

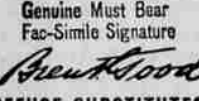
are to be arrested for making faces at their betters, the trusts swell with righteous indignation and agree to take a day from their business to testify, but if it is the trusts that are getting razzle dazzled they fly to their old friend the constitution with a heart rending tale of woe. Of course they do not expect the common people to lose sleep over their troubles, but to have congress go back on them is the last straw.

Kept Her Word.
"Married? Why, she told me once that she wouldn't marry the best man on the face of the earth."
"Well, she didn't."

Loyal.
"Have you a good memory?"
"Most excellent. It retains nothing prejudicial to my interests."

More Social.
"I love to loaf and invite my soul."
"That's all right, but I would rather smile and invite a friend."

PERT PARAGRAPHS.
The safe side of a lawyer is the side that is a thousand miles away.
Being important keeps lots of people busy.
The date of the next Theatre Orchestra Dance is Oct. 13th next Saturday evening. o13

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