Buford-Trenton Irrigation Project.

A new irrigation project which promises much for the Northwest is the Buford-Trenton Reclamation project. The United States government has set aside $550,000 for this work and the active operations will begin inside of sixty days. When this work is completed some 18.000 acres of now arid land will be reclaimed and the western part of North Dakota will be as attractive as the great valley of the Red River and the productive lands of the Mouse River Loup. It is asserted that the proposed dam and reservoir will hold between 20,000 and 25.000 acre feet of water and the proposed canals will run north and south of the line of the Great Northern Railway to a point about three miles east of Trenton, North Dakota, from near Buford, North Dakota, on the extreme western border of North Dakota. This is but the beginning of the extensive irrigation projects which have been planned by the government and individuals in Western Dakota and Northeastern Montana, which, together with the Milk River Irrigation project, will reclaim thousands of acres for settlement for agricultural purposes which have lain barren for years, an offer and opportunity for the homeless of the East to secure homes of their own. The fact that good agricultural government land is becoming scarcer and scarcer makes these irrigation projects of great interest to the homeseeker and investor.

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Irrigation in the Milk Valley.

Montana is coming in for a big share of the general prosperity of the country, and it will only be a few short years when she will rank with any of the Northwestern states in agricultural greatness. The recent act of the Interior Department of the United States in setting aside $1,000,000 toward reclaiming three or four hundred thousand acres in the Milk River Valley is but a beginning of a much vaster development of this section as the needs grow apace. Already the agricultural worth of this to be famous valley has been adequately demonstrated in the results which have followed the irrigation works already established. It has successfully proven that all kinds of agricultural products grow in great abundance wherever irrigation is used. The soil is naturally rich and needs only moisture to make it yield prolifically. The Great Northern Railway furnishes adequate transportation facilities, its main line practically cutting the valley in two. The fact that the government has decided to begin immediate operations will prove a great incentive to the people of that section who have always believed in the future of their country and will open to settlement a vast area of rich land to the homeseeker and investor.

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The Huron, S. D., Times says: "The largest fat hog ever delivered in Virgil, and probably the largest ever marketed in Beadle county was delivered on Wednesday by A. B. Hutchinson of Oak Burr township. It tipped the scales at 642 pounds. Five others were brought in the same day by Mr. Hutchinson which averaged 500 pounds each.

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FOR BETTERMENT.

Southern Pacific Will Spend Immense Sums on Its Lines in Oregon.

Oregonian, April 27.

It is announced that the general manager of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon has approved plans for the betterment of the Oregon roads which will cost $1,452,760.50. This is in addition to any work now being carried on, or any that has been up to this time completed. It includes a long list of improvements extending along the main branch lines from Ashland to Portland, and and embracing in extent the construction of bridges, buildings, new tracks and the blasting of old, roundhouses, stockyards and general work. Of the total sum mentioned it is estimated that perhaps $871,856.80 will be expended for labor.

During the early spring E. E. Calvin, at that time general manager of this territory, announced that a partial calculation of the betterments provided for the Oregon lines already placed amounted to $3,000,000. At that time it was stated that more was to come later and the announcement yesterday is a further complement to the total.

The new plans provide for the expenditure of $38,000 at Roseburg where a new roundhouse, coal trestle, cold storage facilities, new yard tracks, new girder cinder pits, new water column, new sand house and stockyards will be built.

At Oregon City more than $25,000 will be spent in improving and modernizing the crossings.

Fifteen miles of track between Riddle and Merlin, in Southern California, will be blasted, as will 32 miles from Roseburg to Glenbrook. All of the old track between Ashland and Divide will be taken up and the light rails replaced with new 80-pound steel, giving a total of 200 miles out of the 341 between Portland and Ashland which will be renewed with modern steel this year, while it is the announced intention of the management to continue the work until the entire distance is in strictly first class shape and ready for the heavier and more modern trains that will then be placed on the Portland-San Francisco overland service.

Other items which are enumerated in the announcement include many new bridges of steel, it being the policy of the company to replace all of the old wooden structures through the mountains with the most modern structures. The work embraces one through pin-truss bridge on stone across Crow Creek in Southern Oregon, two through steel spans over the South Santiam river on the Woodburn-Springfield branch, two 200-feet through-pin, and one 150-foot through riveted spans, and one 150-foot through-truss span on six cylinder piers across the Willamette river near Harrisburg; one through riveted truss across the West Fork of Cow creek crossing; two deck-plate steel girders across Evans creek crossing; one through riveted truss on concrete piers across Rogue river and the filling of about a dozen wooden trestles.

This work will be completed as fast as possible and it is hoped that all of it will be completed by the time the hard weather of winter makes such work difficult. It will leave the Southern Pacific lines throughout the state in vastly better shape than at present, and will make it possible for the entire Oregon division to be brought up to the highest standard by the end of next year.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task, to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease, as that of C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach. Guaranteed by all druggist; price 50c.

New Criminal Laws.

Twenty-five criminal laws passed by the last legislature, will become effective May 18. Some of these are merely modifications of the existing laws, while others define new crimes and provide for their punsshment.

The wife beating law provides that any person who shall be convicted of assault upon his wife, shall in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to be whipped not exceeding 20 lashes the punishment to be inflicted by the sheriff, constable or marshall.

The law forbidding the keeping of houses of ill-fame makes it a crime also to permit a house of ill-fame to be kept in any place which the person accused may own or hold under a lease.

Heretofore robbing of railway trains has been punished under the general laws regarding robbery, but the legislature of 1905 passed an act which applies particularly to railway trains and fixes the penalty at imprisonment from two to forty years.

The new forest fire law establishes a closed season from June 1st to October 1st, during which time it is made unlawful to set fire to slashing or fallen timber, or on timber land, or in the vicinity of grain fields, without first securing a permit from the county clerk. Violation of the law is punishable by a fine of $100 to $1000, or imprisonment from one month to one year, and half of the fine goes to the informant.

The hunters license law makes unlawful for any person to hunt on grounds not his own unless he has secured and paid a fee of $1. Violation of the law is punishable by a fine of $25 to $100, or imprisonment from five to thirty days.

"Jumping board bills" will be punishable by a fine of $20 to $100, or imprisoment from 10 to 50 days.

A fine of not to exceed $1000 is provided as punishment for parents, guardians or other persons who are responsible for the delinquency of children.

The law relating to arson was amended so that the husband or wife may be guilty of burning the property of the either.

A term of one year to five years in the penitentiary or fine of $1000 to $5000 is provided as punishment for any male person who shall live with a prostitute, or live in whole or part off her earnings, or who shall solicit for a house of ill fame.

Says He Is Not Guilty.

Sunday Oregonian:

"I have known Senator Mitchell personally for more than 25 years and have the utmost confidence and integrity," said ex-Senator John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, at the Hotel Portland, yesterday afternoon. Ex-Senator Thurston is in Portland to assist in the defense of Senator Mitchell in the land-fraud trials. "I do not believe that Senator Mitchell is guilty of a single wrong deed, and feel assured that he will be cleared of all the charges that have been preferred against him.

"Senator Mitchell has always been a man that took great pride in enjoying the confidence of his constituents, and I have reasons to believe that he never violated any of the great and responsible trusts placed upon him. His private and public life have been such as to evoke admiration and commendation. The present charges against Senator Mitchell came as a great surprise to me, as never before had I even heard it intimated that his record and honor were not irreproachable.

The universal opinion among his colleagues in the United States Senate is that Senator Mitchell is not guilty. He is a very popular man with the senators, who are satisfied that he is a victim of unfortunate circumstances. They firmly believe that he will be acquitted. I was in Washington at the time Senator Mitchell made his defense in the Senate. The sincerity of his statements made a great impression upon all those who heard him stand up in the senate chamber and defend his honor. I do not think Senator Mitchell has any enemies in the senate.

"I could not make any statements upon the facts of the case, as I have not had the opportunity of probing into them. I come to Portland at this early date so as to become intimately acquainted with all the features and developments that will have any bearing on the trials. You can state, however, that I know that Senator Mitchell is especially desirous of pushing the trials to an early completion. He is confident of his acquittal and wants to bring all the facts to the light.

"We have not determined what form of procedure we shall adopt in the defense of Senator Mitchell, as he left that in our hands. We shall go right ahead, and I do not think District Attorney Francis J. Heney will have the prosecution delayed because of us. I do not believe we shall have any difficulty in keeping right up with him.

Steam Treated Lumber.

The steam treated lumber furnished by the Nelson-Wilcox lumber company is receiving a good many high recommendations, and is certainly the very thing to put into houses where it is wished to avoid shrinkage. The contractor and builder of the new Congregational church, just dedicated at Forest Grove, says of the steam treated lumber manufactured by Nelson-Wilcox Company: "It is the best lumber I have ever used in all my experience as a carpenter. In fact, I have never used lumber to equal it." The process of steam treating lumber by this company is to put the boards into the kiln, where live steam is turned on just as it comes from the boiler. By doing this the wood is softened and every particle of pitch is forced to the surface. It is then taken to the planer and this gum removed, when it is ready for the buyer. The surface being as smooth as glass and will never shrink.

Ill-Gotten Gains.

From the Astoria Herald.

John D. Rockefeller has contributed from his ill-gotten gains, filched from the people by the most dishonorable methods, $100,000 for the benefit of the board of foreign missions connected with the Congregational church. The fact was telegraphed all over the country and a large number of ministers of the Congregational church were opposed to accepting the gift, as there was no doubt of its having been filched from the public. But the grafting wing of the Congregational church, who were in the majority, decided to accept the gift. It made no difference to them if widows and orphans had been robbed; that laboring men had been ground down to poverty and destination; that John D. Rockefeller, a superintendent in a Sunday school, has made every dollar of it dishonestly, as long as they got the money. It was used to keep a gang of grafting itinerant blacksmith cowboys who had been admitted to the ministry, living in luxury in the interest of religion and as the agent of Jesus Christ in foreign countries.

But the fact that it was to be used in foreign missions cut no figure in the matter of principle connected with the gift. The question to be determined was whether money dishonestly obtained, by corrupting men, officers and legislatures, should be received in the name of Christ and used for spreading the gospel in the foreign countries. The ministers who have been in the business for many years, and who, if they have any conscience, it has corroded, decided to accept the money. Men of more refined nature, who had honest convictions and conscientious scruples in taking money tainted with fraud, wrested from the poor, filched from the public, and obtained by bribery of officials, were opposed to accepting the gift, and in this they will have the support and indorsements of nine-tenths of the public.

John D. Rockefeller, who is trying to buy a seat in heaven by pandering to the maudling sentiment of dishonest ministers, engaged in a nefarious work, has since that time contributed $200,000 to the Baptist church engaged in foreign missionary work. Mr. Rockefeller did not make the contribution voluntarily, so the dispatches announce, but at the special solicitation of the Baptist Union, who needed the money, and did not care how it was made, or who was robbed, as long as they got the money.

John D. Rockefeller may be able to buy a seat in heaven by contributing to foreign missions. He may curry favor with the Blessed Master by sending money to fat and sleek foreign missionaries who are endeavoring to send the scan and scurf of India, Chiha and Turkey to glory, while thousands of school children in the city of New York, right under the eye of Rev. John D. Rockefeller, are going to school every morning without their breakfast, but to a layman, perched on the limb of a tree, it looks as though hell would be full of such christians as John D. Rockefeller.

The Congregational and Baptist churches have $300,000 to send out of the country for alleged missionary work, while during the month of March thousands of poor children died in New York of cerebre-spinal mengetis, simply because they did not have the money to procure medical assistance. There has been since the first of January, over 50,000 deaths in the city of New York, nine-tenths of which were among the poor who were unable to procure medical attendance, while sleek ministers are sent $300,000 to christianize the heathen in foreign lands.

Is such contemptible work christianity? If it is then we prefer to live in hell throughout all eternity than be disgraced by associating with such contemptible whelps in the pearly gates of New Jerusalem. No wonder the churches of the country are so poorly attended. No wonder revival meetings in Astoria and elsewhere are productive of no good, and that the only thing that was ever accomplished is whitewashing the already alleged christians. Complaint is made that people will not attend divine worship and ministers wonder at it. People, that is nine-tenths of the intelligent people, do not believe in the policy of trying to save heathen souls, while our own people are dying for the want of food and medical attendance. Any man, church or denomination that believes it is right to save the souls of Chinamen, Turks, Indians and Basha Bazooks in foreign countries, while there are 10,000 school children in the city of New York going to school every morning, without their breakfast, are unworthy of belief and politically and morally rotten to the core.

When we think of three thousand children in the city of Chicago without rags to shield their nakedness from the keen north wind; of the ten thousand innocents such as Christ blessed, who suffer in New York every year from lack of food, and twenty thousand children going to school every morning without their breakfast; of the millions in this country whose cry goes up night and day to God's great throne—not for salvation but for soup; not for robes of righteousness, but for a pair of pants, and then contemplate that thousands of dollars are sent away every year to christianize the heathen, we cannot understand why there are so many foreign missionary cranks and grafters in this country.

Sued For Damages.

Suit for $15,000 damages was filed with the Wasco county clerk Saturday last against the City of The Dalles by Mrs. M. McWelty, who alleges that some months since she was seriously injured by falling through a break in the sidewalk while walking on the city street. Mrs. McWelty is an elderly woman and alleges that in consequence of her injuries she has been incapacitated and made a sufferer probably for life.

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