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### Irrigation.

The following is taken from the Wichita Eagle:

The problem of the reclamation and statement of the arid region of the United States assumed a prominence in the deliberations of the sessions of the Trans-Mississippi Congress just closed which showed its importance and magnitude. One of the most intensely interesting events of the session was the stubbornly contested controversy which was fought out between those who advocated the absolute session of all the arid lands to the states and territories on the one hand, and those who stood for the policy of the National Irrigation Congress as outlined in its resolution, on the other hand.

Governor Murphy of Arizona strenuously favored the policy of absolute cession without restriction, while the members of the Irrigation Congress who were present as delegates to the Trans-Mississippi Congress, among whom were I. D. O'Donnell, chairman of the executive committee of Irrigation Congress; George H. Maxwell of California and Colonel H. B. Maxson of Nevada, members of the congressional committee of the Irrigation Congress; L. W. Shurthill of Ogden, Utah, executive committee man from Utah, and other members of the Irrigation Congress stood firmly in opposition to the cession scheme and in favor of the policy of the Irrigation Congress. That policy, in brief, is that the states and territories should be allowed to lease the public grazing lands and devote the revenues to the construction of irrigation works, but that the title to the land should remain in the hands of the national government, with only to actual settlers and home-builders, and that the government should build storage reservoirs as a part of its established policy of internal improvements, as recommended in the official Chittenden report, giving to the west for this purpose its fair share of the total appropriation under each river and harbor bill; and that no lands should be ceded to the states except upon conditions so strict as to absolutely insure the actual settlement of the land in small tracts and prevent its monopoly in large bodies under private ownership. The Carey act grants a million acres to each state, under such conditions as these, and it is understood that the Irrigation Congress favors any amendments to the Carey act necessary to facilitate reclamation and settlement and protect investments made under it, and that it be made applicable to the territories. It is however, maintained that no state should have any further grants for purposes of reclamation until it shall have reclaimed the million acres granted under this act.

The carrying out of this policy, it is claimed, will open up a vast domain to small holders, increasing the population of the western states and reflectly benefiting manufacturers and others the country over, as markets will be immediately made for manufactured products. The state cession idea, however, if carried out would prevent this settlement by small holders and greatly retard development.

### Eastern Oregon Weather.

The following is the report of the weather for Eastern Oregon for the past week, as sent out by B. S. Pague, section director:

The mean temperature, 54 degree, is 2 degrees lower than for the preceding week and 1 degree higher than for the corresponding week last year. The maximum temperatures ranged from 58 degree to 76 degree and the minimum from 44 degrees to 52 degrees except over the Plateau region, where the range was from 34 degrees to 48 degrees. Showers occurred on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the total rainfall amounting to from .20 to .42 of an inch. There was an absence of the normal amount of sunshine.

The grain prospects are excellent. Fruit prospects are better than in western Oregon. The soil is thoroughly soaked and the question of moisture is practically eliminated so far as the growth of crops this year is concerned. In sections of Union county wireworms are doing some damage. Seeding has been actively pushed over the Plateau region. Throughout the Columbia River valley the reports indicate that everything is favorable for a large grain crop; the total acreage of grain is less than usual and much less than last year; the acreage of spring grain is above the average. Working summer fallow continues. The growth of weeds is greater than ordinarily occurs at this season of the year. Corn is making slow growth. Grass is making excellent growth and the hay crop promises to be much better than for years. Snow continues in the mountains, so that stock has not yet been taken to summer ranges.

The fruit prospects continue as formerly reported. Ripe cherries were picked in Wasco county on June 1st. The cherry crop will be a good one. Strawberries are ripening slowly; up to June 1st only 363 crates had been shipped from Hood River, while up to the same date in 1898 there had been shipped 11,303 crates. Peaches have ceased dropping and a fair crop is now promised. Peaches will be a full crop. Apples promise well. Sugar beets are making good growth in the Grande Ronde valley. The reports from this portion in the State are much better than of former years, so that eastern Oregon crops will evidently be good.

### Will Tame Animals.

The notion that ordinary domestic animals, such as horses, cats, dogs, etc., may multiply so numerous as to become seriously pests—may, that in certain parts of the world they have already done so—is sufficiently striking to lend exceptional interest to a bulletin in the forthcoming Year Book of the department of agriculture.

It appears that in some of the western states wild horses have become a positive nuisance, and in 1897 Nevada passed a law permitted them to be shot. Recent reports from Washington, likewise, are to the effect that "cayuses" in that region are considered of so little value that they are killed and used as bait for poisoning wolves and coyotes. In this connection it is worth mentioning that in some portions of Australia wild horses have multiplied to such an extent as to consume the grass needed for sheep and other animals, and hunters have been employed to shoot them.

Horse cats quite commonly run wild in the neighborhood of cities and towns, and under such circumstances become pests

### Will Forsake Wheat.

"How to Be Pretty Though Plain" is the title of an interesting and instructive article in a current number of a ladies' weekly. One of the rules given is "never lose your temper"—a recipe which quite a number of husbands will doubtless take quite a disinterested pleasure in calling to their wives' attention.

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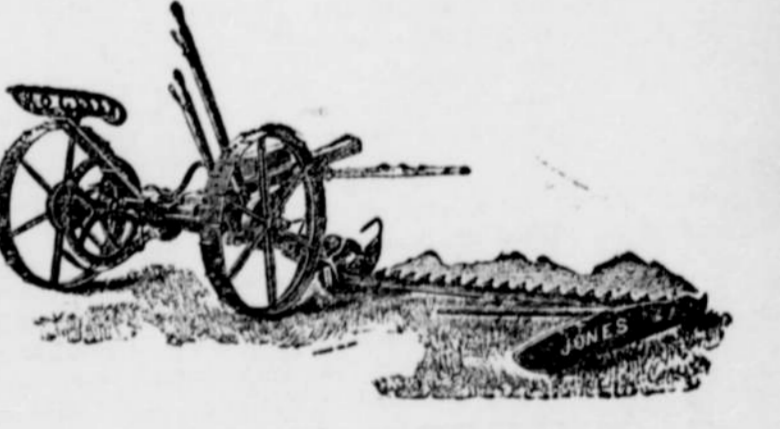
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