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The practice of irrigation is gradually invading eastern regions. Large tracts of market garden lands near some of the large cities of the East are regularly watered by artificial means, and the practice is growing. A trial is now being made in Wisconsin along this line, which has the support of the experiment station which has already demonstrated that money can be made by irrigating even in humid climates. If the test is successful, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, there is no reason why it should not be extended almost indefinitely. The Wisconsin river alone would furnish water enough to irrigate a large extent of country. Owners of unproductive land will be quick to see the benefit of the plan.

The benefits of irrigation in arid regions are well known. It is also certain that in seasons of plentiful rain the sandy lands in Wisconsin produce excellent crops while in dry seasons they fail to make returns to the farmer.

If the internal history of the American Republic is studied carefully, however, the conclusion will be reached that national irrigation, properly wrought out, is likely to shortly come to the front as one of the most important national questions of the day. It embodies, in its truest sense, the question of home building, and the American people have been, up to the present time, essentially a nation of home-builders. In no country in the world is the desire for home-building so strong. The wish to own and have and live in homes has led thousands of Americans to endure trials and hardships, and brave dangers almost beyond conception. This controlling wish of the American people has conquered a continent. The hardy pioneer, with his family and his earthly belongings stowed in his wagon looking for a home, has accomplished this. The locomotive has only followed the pioneer's path.—Ontario Argus.

A new, and at times profitable, industry has been developed of late years—the bank robbing business. Every few days the telegraph gives news of safe-cracking work in some part of the country. The inventive genius of safe manufacturers has not kept up with the talent developed by men who seek wealth without toil and sweat of the brow. The machinist supplies tools that perforate the hardest steel while modern chemistry is responsible for explosives with almost unlimited rending capabilities. Plenty of light, a watchman and a dog are, as of your, the best safeguards against the burglar.—Ex.

True as Gospel.

Memory is the tax-gatherer of the past. Egotism is an alphabet of only one letter. Time well arranged indicates a well ordered mind. The greatest liar is he who talks most of himself. Life is too short to be wasted in hatred and petty worries. A chance opportunity often makes a man known to himself. The royal road to wealth is paved with industry and frugality. Love does for nothing what many a man wouldn't do if paid for it. A wise man occasionally makes mistakes, but he doesn't repeat them. The worst evil we have to contend with in this world is insincerity. A fool knows other people's business better than a wise man knows his own. A man should not be blamed

for his ignorance if he doesn't know enough to find it out.

Beauty is only skin deep, but it answers the purpose just as well as if it were deeper.

A hopeless man is deserted by himself, and he who deserts himself is soon deserted by friends.—Grit.

Great Copper Camp.

P. E. McNish returned to Sumpter a few days since from Steins mountain, in the southern part of Harney county, near the Nevada line, bringing with him some wonderfully rich copper rock. This is the section of which considerable has been said and written recently, being designated as the Pueblo district. Mr. Canfield and other mining men from this camp have been prospecting in that vicinity for several months past, and are reported to have made some very promising finds.

Mr. McNish says that the snow had all disappeared when he started north ten days since, except on the higher peaks, and that the trees are all in bud. The nearest railroad point is Winnemucca, Nevada 100 miles south, from which point all freight and provisions come. The road is kept in good condition in all seasons by the Borax company, the works of which are only five miles from his claims. This company keeps a train of wagons on the road constantly, hauling borax to Winnemucca, which is shipped from there to San Francisco over the Central Pacific.

There is no extensively developed mine in the district, but a man named O'Connor is working an arastra on free tailing gold ore from a 24-foot ledge, with apparent good results. He claims that the ore only goes five or six dollars, but pan tests indicate very much higher values. James Ashdown is putting in a six-stamp mill at the mouth of Denio creek, to treat another similar body of free gold ore.

Although there are a few ledges carrying gold already discovered, it is strictly a copper camp. Mr. McNish says that there is a big section of country down there full of it, and comparatively few locations have been made as yet. One vein has been traced forty miles the ledges vary in width from two to ten feet, carrying phenomenally rich ore, in many places as much as 18 inches wide. Many assays of \$75 in copper and from \$5 to \$10 in gold and silver have been obtained. The general opinion is that if the veins go down, this will be the greatest copper camp on earth.—Sumpter Miner.

NATIONAL TAX QUESTION.

The governors of the various states are beginning to announce their appointment of delegates to attend the conference on taxation, called to meet at Buffalo, May 23 and 24 by the National Civic Federation. At the headquarters, notice of the appointment of delegates has been received from the governors of Missouri, Maine and Montana. The call for the conference is signed by leading economists, tax experts and public men representing all portions of country and all interests. The letter of invitation says:

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