

Now that Congressman Moody has escorted Hydrographer Newell and Forester Pinchot through Eastern Oregon, and the latter have secured data relating to irrigable lands and possible sources of supply for irrigation ditches, the need of persistency will be understood. Too often public servants conceive commendable ideas for the advancement of the section they represented, but, after the first flush of enthusiasm passes away, lapse into neglect, so that no tangible results come from their efforts. Almost any man of average intelligence can think of a dozen plans that would further the people's interests. Only one in a thousand has the requisite persistency to accomplish with unbroken continuity the preliminary steps that should be taken before the end is reached.

In the present instance all fair minded people will accredit Congressman Moody with sincere intentions. Prejudiced persons will attribute it to proximity to an election next June.

If Congressman Moody really takes up the question of the reclamation of Eastern Oregon arid lands and the opening of the Columbia river, utilize all the influence his office commands, make these issues his prime desideratum and batter away at those Washington houses until they do what in all good conscience they should do, he will offer the best possible excuse for his renomination and return to the capital as the representative of this half of the state. Citizens who regard substantial results as of greater importance than mere party advantage will concede that they would prefer Mr. Moody accomplishing something to Mr. Someone else doing nothing. It is results the thinking citizen wants, and the man who brings them will have the support of all really patriotic people.—East Oregonian.

A dispatch from Phoenix, Arizona, under date of August 24th, states that a project is on foot for the reclamation of 140,000 acres of government land in the northern part of Yuma county in Arizona, near the California line. The project is one of the most ambitious irrigation schemes that has yet come to light in this country and is being financed by southern Arizona and California capitalists. Intending settlers will cooperate with the canal company, thus greatly lessening the burden of expense in the enormous enterprise. The company has filed upon nearly 150,000 acres of government domain and in addition to that it is negotiating for the purchase of 50,000 acres from what is known as the Blythe estate. Most of this land is a barren desert, which, however can be made to bloom and become highly fertile and productive when liberally watered. The cost of the canal system included a dam across the Colorado river, will not be less than \$1,000,000, and it is said that the amount involved in the purchase of the Blythe estate approximates \$250,000.

Professor Ludwig Morienburger declares that the world is coming to an end again. His explanation of the phenomenon is that it has jumped its orbit and is careering around in space. He says that owing to this fact the summers will become hotter and the winters colder till the human race cannot endure the transition. There seems to be something mysterious about this theory, but the average person will not attempt to unravel it. He will simply put his trust in the coal man and the ice man and the established ways of Providence.—Ex.

General Fred Gray is the authority for the statement that the

Filipino is full of fun and knows how to take a joke, says the Chicago Chronicle. The exquisite humor of what is called civil government in Manila will not be lost on him, then.

The increase of our military force at Manila by adding four companies of infantry will still further assure the Filipinos that we think they are good people when properly watched, says the Boston Herald.

Sheep-Killers are Known.

From Austin Craig, Postmaster at Whitney, some additional facts have been learned in regards to the sheep slaughtering near Whitney Wednesday night, says the Baker City Democrat. The sheep belonged to Ed Dougherty, of Heppner, and there were about 2500 in the bunch. Max Curren, the herder, was preparing his supper when suddenly the attacking party opened fire. The bullets fell thick and fast all about him, but when one knocked the lamb chop out of his frying pan into the fire he concluded it was time to move. He had come to this conclusion before, but this reminder made him hurry. He got down behind some rocks in the bushes and hugged the ground as closely as possible. The firing party fired from 75 to 100 shots and apparently kept on firing into the band of sheep until they exhausted their ammunition. Down in Whitney they heard the shooting and were greatly alarmed. They knew what the trouble was, and from the number of shots thought it was a pitch battle between sheep and cattlemen. The officers gathered a posse and went out as soon as possible, expecting to find a lot of dead men. They found plenty of sheep, but no men. The herder, when he heard the officers coming, thought it was the party of cattle men coming back to finish the job, and made himself scarce until the officers called to him and he found out that the newcomers were friends, and not enemies. About 75 sheep were killed and wounded, the greater part being wounded. The wounded sheep were taken to Whitney yesterday and slaughtered. Mutton is cheap there now. Officers know who did the shooting, and can get them when they want them.

It is an outbreak of the old feuds between the sheep and cattle-men. The sheep crossed the dead line, and there was trouble.

Sparks of Humor.

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Said an Irishman: "If a Yankee was cast away on a desolate island he'd get up early the next morning and sell every inhabitant a map of the place."

Little 4-year old Mabel, coming into the room one day and finding the baby with one end of a doorknob in his mouth, exclaimed: "Baby, take that key right out of your mouth, or the first thing you know you'll have the lockjaw!"—Chicago News.

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