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METHODS OF OBTAINING THIS KNOWLEDGE.

Examiner Suggests That Government Officials Try a New Plan on Their Contemplated Visit.

Secretary of the Interior Jas. R. ... expressed his desire to make a trip through the public lands the coming summer for the purpose of familiarizing himself with conditions in the west ... He said the senators themselves invariably stood in the way of amending the constitution to elect senators by direct vote, but he believed the direct primary would help wonderfully to remedy this, as all legislature candidates could then be pledged. Then the man who receives the highest number of votes should be elected by the legislature.

CROPS WITHOUT IRRIGATION

DRY FARMING METHOD OF SAVING THE MOISTURE.

H. W. Campbell Gives Some Very Interesting Points on the Subject—Husband The Moisture Properly.

Any man can grow a crop without irrigation in an ordinary season, says H. W. Campbell in the Mountainhome Maverick, if he will only husband the moisture as he should do. The first step to accomplish this all important result is to get over the surface of the field with disk, some or common harrow at the earliest possible time and thoroughly loosen it, thus forming a soil mulch for three reasons or purposes: to stop the evaporation of moisture, to prevent the forming of a crust and admit the air into the soil below. A few people are beginning to realize to some degree the importance of this work, not that they know just what the effect is or just why the yield is so materially increased but they have seen the result through practical demonstration.

WILL CHANGE THE SYSTEM

NO MORE TIPS TO BE GIVEN OUT ON PUBLIC LAND.

Garfield and Ballinger Require Public Notice When Land is Restored to Entry—Alleged Abuse of the Law.

A recent Washington dispatch says: An order was issued today by secretary Garfield, and another by Commissioner Ballinger, of the General Land Office, each intended to put a stop to practices which are regarded as evasions of the general laws. The order of Mr. Garfield provides that hereafter whenever land is reopened for settlement after having been temporarily withdrawn for proposed forest reserves or other purposes no entries shall be permitted until after the fact of the restoration of the land to the public domain has been printed for 60 days in a newspaper of widest circulation nearest the land in question.

DEATH OF MRS. P. C. PETERSON.

Died at her home in this city last Monday morning, April 22.

Mrs. P. C. Peterson, aged 41 years. While her death was not unexpected, it was never the less a severe shock to her relatives and many friends. Mrs. Peterson had been a patient sufferer for many years, yet she had always been cheerful and pleasant to her friends and immediate family. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. J. Irwin conducting the service, and interment was made in the Burns cemetery. A large number of friends attended the funeral and practically every business house in the city was closed out of respect.

SCHOOL GARDENS

"The backbone of a nation's prosperity is the man who makes something grow. In our country the science of Nature study is only in its infancy. The school garden that is once pooh-hoohed as a foolish fad is now accepted by the United States Commissioner of Education and by the leading universities of the land as vital to our public-school system as manual training of any sort," writes Herbert D. Ward in the May Woman's Home Companion.

The Cooperative Christian federation will next week begin the work of surveying for extensions of the irrigation system it has purchased along Willow creek, in the north part of Malheur county. A portion of the ditches are already made, and it is now intended to establish two large reservoirs in which may be accumulated the waters of the freshest season for use during the dry months.

CHAMBERLAIN NOT A CANDIDATE.

What might be termed the touching of the Chamberlain senatorial boom took place in Spokane Monday evening when Governor Chamberlain said in an interview that while he is not a candidate for senator from Oregon, yet he had not said that he would not accept the nomination.

In the office of Cattanauch & Wood, of this city, can be seen the model of a new hay stacker invented by Fred D. Shank, who resides in the Upper John Day valley, the patent for which is pending in the patent office at Washington, D. C. The Dain and Fleming are the only stackers of the large number that have been patented, that have met with any great degree of success on the market. The stacker that is invented by Mr. Shank has many improvements over either of these, which enables the farmer to harvest his crop with about half the usual expense.

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Attorneys Cattanauch & Wood, who have charge of the securing of a patent for Mr. Shank, have received assurance from the patent office that the model sent to Washington was being favorably considered.

The purpose is to discuss the relation of the Western states to the public lands and if possible to agree upon a general policy in regard to these lands to be urged upon the General Government looking toward a more rapid development of resources and active settlement by citizens under the homestead act.

In polite English Eugene V. Debs has called Mr. Roosevelt a son-of-a-gun. Now its Teddy's turn, and if he does not grit his teeth and call Debs a dirty liar the American people will lose confidence in their strenuous hero.

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