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It is announced by one of Senator Hanna's closest friends that the Senator will retire from active politics at the close of his present term as Senator. Under no condition will he allow the use of his name in connection with the Presidency.

President Roosevelt is down in Mississippi on a bear hunt. If the bears are as coy as Virginia turkeys their safety is assured. The first bear caught was tied and held for the President, but he refused to shoot it, as to do so would be unsportsmanlike.

The supreme court has ordered the disbarment of Henry St. Raynor, a prominent attorney of Portland. The charge against St. Raynor is the wilful withdrawal of two pages of testimony from the records in the case against Frank McDaniel, afterwards convicted of the killing of Adelaide Olaire Fitch, and the substitution of two other sheets reading differently, in lieu thereof. The evidence was so convincing of the guilt of St. Raynor that the supreme court was forced to its unpleasant conclusion.

There is a movement on foot for direct nomination of candidates by the people. It is a known fact that the ring rule and machine features of our politics, which so often defeat the voter's wishes, find their opportunity mainly in the conventions where delegates nominate candidates. Direct primary nominations would bring the affairs of government at least one step rearer the people. The tendency of the time is toward a more direct government by the people, with less politics and politicians between the people and the management of the nations affairs.—Grants Pass Courier.

Oregon farmers have now decided to hold an institute in Portland on January 20th next for the discussion of various topics and for educational purposes generally. There are many granges in the state and these are organizing and pushing along the scheme of holding an annual Farmers Institute at which farmers and others interested, from both Oregon and Washington, can congregate and listen to practical lectures from their more experienced brethren on the hundred and one things that are incidental to life on the farm. The scheme is to be commended and many county's will doubt send their delegates to help this most worthy labor.—Ione Post.

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In married life is generally made on an equal footing of health in man and wife. But how soon, in many cases, the wife loses the start and fades in face and fails in flesh, while her husband grows even more rugged and robust.

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WATER RIGHTS IN OREGON.

A. King Wilson in a letter appearing in the Oregonian of recent date, says:

"As the laws of our state, in relation to the use of water for irrigation, have been mentioned in the press and on the platform, it may be of general interest to present a brief statement of them.

"The doctrine of riparian rights is defined as follows:

"'Every proprietor of land on the banks of a natural stream has a right to have the water of the stream continue to flow in its natural course, as it was wont to run, without diminuation in quantity or deterioration in quality.'

"If this is the law of Oregon, it is a property right and cannot be taken away by an act of the Legislature, nor by a constitutional amendment. Property cannot be confiscated in that manner.

"If one invests his money in digging a ditch and using the water to irrigate land, can a party who owns a falls and the bank of the stream further down the river compel the irrigator to run the water back again into the river?

"Can an irrigator's right to water be shut off by some one further up the stream turning the water from the natural channel?

"The doctrine of appropriation is perhaps the most original contribution of our western civilization to the science of jurisprudence. According to this doctrine, a right to the use of the water of natural streams, not already appropriated by others, may be acquired by simple appropriation, irrespective of the ownership of the lands through which the stream may flow or any other considerations.

"'The supreme court of Oregon has adopted this doctrine of appropriation and used the folllowing language:

"'The law regards the appropriation which is first in time to be prior in right, and that such appropriation constitutes a vested right, which the courts will protect and inforce. When the water of a stream has been appropriated for a beneficial use, it is an appropriation of all the tributaries thereof above the point of original diversion. Prior appropriation, under the doctrine of the Pacific Coast States, is a paramount right.'

"In other words, if at the time the water is diverted from the stream for irrigation, no one is actually using it, the diversion cannot be disturbed later on. If at the time of diversion, others on the stream, above and below have sufficient water for their beneficial use, they cannot complain at a later date.

"There is no occasion for constitutional amendment or a legislative act, and both of the questions asked at the beginning of this letter are answered in the negative.

"Capital that comes to our state and is invested in irrigation will be protected, and is secure. These laws should be known by people inviting capital to our state.

One-dollar gold pieces are again to be plentiful. The director of the mint is considering designs for a new series to be issued for circulation during the St. Louis exposition in 1904. The coin is to be in the nature of a souvenir, bearing the inscription "Louisiana Purchase Exposition, St. Louis." Several designs have been submitted, any one of which may be chosen. One bears on its face a miniature bust of President McKinley, the exposition having been authorized by act of congress passed during his administration. Another appropriate design bears the bust of Thomas Jefferson, through whose wisdom and foresight the vast Louisiana Purchase was acquired. The selection of the design for the new coin is expected to be made very shortly.

Rodand B. Molineux was acquited by a jury, Nov. 11, after spending nearly four years in prison and being once condemned to death and twice placed on trial for his life for the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. But 13 minutes sufficed for the jury to reach a verdict of acquittal.

SEARS IS CAUSTIC.

He Roasts Williamson For His Position On The Irrigation Question.

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Mr. Williamson has been foisted on the Republican party to help his business in sheep and cattle raising and so to prevent the resort to any practical system of irrigation. I am not surprised at the trick, when I reflect how cunningly he has played it on the people of this state by taxing its citizens to protect his flocks against coyotes. That is a nice little trick for rich men to put on a community which has no earthly interest in his stock except to buy at a good price, what he has to sell. But let me refer to his interview in The Journal:

"'There are many people,' said Mr. Williamson, 'who have not realized the magnitude of this subject, and there are moreover, many powerful interests which are more or less openly arrayed against it. To convey my meaning more clearly: Many private irrigation companies have applied to the Interior Department to take up arid land under the Carey law. These companies obtain the land at a nominal price, and propose, after bringing water on it, to sell it to settlers at a figure which may be cheap for the land, but which will return an enormous profit nevertheless. These corporations are naturally opposed to the government undertaking the work of reclaiming the arid lands for the benefit of the Nation, toward which end the irrigation Association will bend all its energies.'

"Now this is an utterly false statement of the operation of the Carey law. Mr. Williamson has either willfully misstated the law or he is ignorant of its effect as well as its words. That law gives to the state of Oregon, one million of its three million arid acres on condition that the state irrigate the land, by the construction of suitable works.

"The state of Oregon has no money with which to undertake such a gigantic work. But it cannot secure possession of one single acre until it has irrigated that acre. It has therefore passed such an act of Legislature for the purpose of getting this land, that capital may be induced to take up the matter on the state's guaranty that such capital shall have fair profit for its investment and be protected in its collection. No one man can do the work, since it requires enormous outlay. Men have therefore organized under the laws of Oregon in corporations, who have made surveys and plans, which have been submitted to the State Land Board by them examined and so modified as to meet a very exacting contract. When these plans shall have been approved by the Department of Interior, as they doubtless will be after due inspection, the work will be constructed. The contractors will receive nothing from the state until the lands are sold to bonafide settlers, in lots not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres. The state gets the land and not the contractor, who simply has a lien on the territory for what the state has agreed to pay him for his work, to be collected in small annual installments.

The whole business means the irrigation of one million acres, while the national government has two more millions to work in addition to what the state is doing on its own account.

"One word about the DesChutes Valley. It is precisely there that the Hon. Mr. Williamson is herding his sheep and cattle. That valley must not be irrigated, because it will drive off the poachers on the public domain, of which the Congressman is the agent."

What the Coal Strike Has Done

Landon Knight, well known as a magazine contributor, has an illustrated article in Conkey's Home Journal for November on "What the Coal Strike Has Done," that brings to light some very interesting details concerning the inner workings of both the operators and the miners. Mr. Knight spent considerable time in the anthracite coal regions as special representative of Conkey's Home Journal and gives a fair and impartial report of his investigations. He says the condition of the miners and their families has been grossly misrepresented to the public and that they are not at all the down-trodden, poverty-stricken class they have been represented by many writers. He claims for them that they are among the best paid workingmen in the world; that they have good homes and educated families. On the other hand, Mr. Knight does not spare the operator. He brands as false the statement of the operator that he cannot pay a higher price for labor without working his mine at a loss "The fact of the matter is" says Mr. Knight, "that the combined profits of the anthracite operator for the past year represented sixteen percent on the stock of the companies, while private mine-owners, who work at greater disadvantage in the matter of freight-rates, in no case that I have been able to discover, made less than fifteen per cent on the investment"

"But," continued Mr. Knight, "from a socialogical standpoint, the worst feature of this colossal conflict has been the general dissatisfaction and destruction of confidence that it created. It is perceptible in the miner's home. It is seen in the faces of himself and his family. Thrift, economy, the education of the children, the payment on the homes, all seem to be forgotton, swallowed up in the memory of his grievances. As one walks the streets of Shenandoah, a general air of sulled depression prevades the place. Neighbors of years refuse to speak as they pass; unkept children loiter in the alleys when they should be in school, and even the house of God is not free from the curse that has fallen over the land."

The Christmas number of the New Idea Womans Magazine will offer many features that will prove of practical and timely value during the coming holiday season. The second installment of "The Journal of a London woman;" "Christmas Presents for Men;" "How to Entertain a Christmas House Party;" Inexpensive Gifts for a Christmas Tree;" "A Childrens Party for Christmas," will each and all add their quota to the general interest of the book The contents will be brilliantly illustrated, both in color plates and in black and white, and the regular utilitarian portions will far exceed tih same presented by any other magazine of the price.

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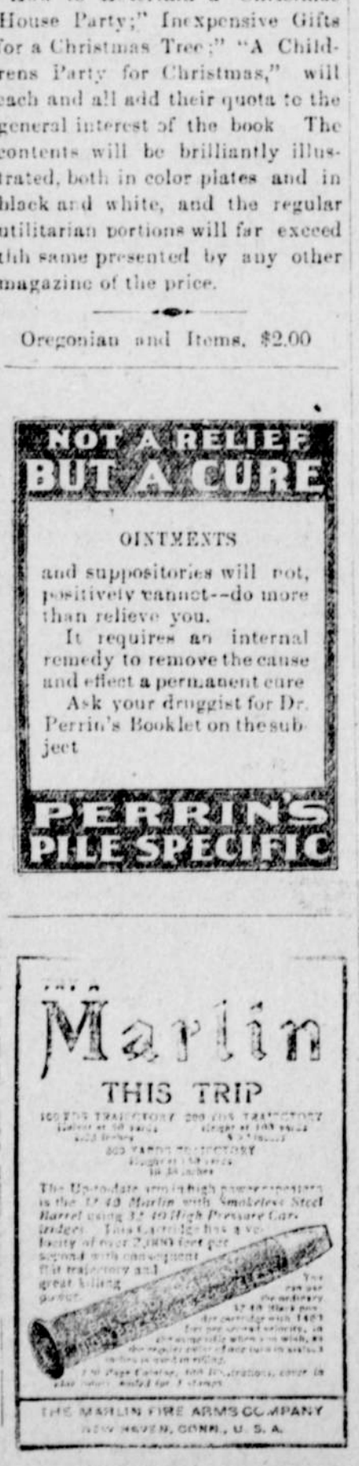

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