THE ITEMS

SATURDAY MAY 2. 1903.

A Washington correspondent says: "The government has determined upon an irrigation project on the Salt River in Arizona which will cost $2,500,000 and will, according to the estimates, irrigate 200,000 acres of land from a reservoir which will constitute the largest artificial lake in the world." A larger amount of land in Harney Valley might be irrigated from a larger artificial lake than that referred to at a much smaller cost if the government will but take hold of the Silvies River project.

Ih view of the great and steadily increasing importance of the cement industry of the United States, and in response to numerous inquiries relative to possible sources of cement materials, a detailed investigation of the subject will be undertaken this year by the United States Geological survey. During the coming field season all the the areas in which Portland or natural cement are now produced, together with other districts which seem promising, will be visited by Mr. Edwin C. Eckel, with a view to preparing a survey bulletin on the "Portland and Natural Cement Industries in the United States.

General W. T. Haines, of Maine, has been collecting educational statistics with relation to success in life and deduces from them the conclusion that in this country an uneducated boy has but one chance in 150,000 of obtaining distinction, a common school education increases his chances fourfold, a high school training gives twenty-three times as many chances as the common school, and a college education gives nine times as many chances as a high school. Even on that showing, however, the chances are very heavy against any kind of a training, and a level-headed newspaper man says the surest way for a man to get distinction is to advertise.

It has been remarked that your great man shines before the populace in vain—without the newspaper. He spreadeagles the constitution in vain—without the newspaper. His clarion voice wakes up the universe in vain—without the newspaper. His most astonishing financial enterprises serve him in vain—without the newspaper. His scientific researches and achievements are in vain—without the newspapers. His wireless telegraph would be an accomplishment of small merit—without the newspaper. His successes in every walk of life are in vain—without the newspaper. The newspaper is the fame maker of the age. Of course, some of the fame is cheap, but it satisfies the living wearer of the cloak, even though posterity enange it.

The burnished plumage of the peacock owes its brilliancy and splendor to a healthful condition. Let the bird be sickly, and the plumage droops and grows dull. There is no exception in nature to the rule that beauty depends on health.

Women who see their beauty waning rarely associate the external change with failure of the womanly health. They do not understand the close relation of the general physical health to the health of the delicate womanly organism, until after being cured of womanly diseases by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription they find the color returning to the cheek and the flesh to the body.

"Favorite Prescription" establishes regularity, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness.

"Several years ago I was very poorly," writes Mrs. May Kelley, of Sylvia, Kans., "so weak I could hardly walk across the floor, and at times suffered severely. I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and got well and hardy—gained twelve pounds in two months and was the picture of health. Your medicines have cured me. Almost everybody I meet says, 'You look so much better than you have for several years; you look well now.'"

"Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong, sick women well. Accept no substitute for the medicine which works wonders for weak women.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a lady's laxative. Nothing equals them for gentleness and thoroughness.

The Brooklyn Eagle well says that venting of personal spite in a newspaper is primarily an offense, not to the man attacked but to the readers of the paper. Their contract for the paper is for the news in decent intellectual form and for intelligent comment upon it. The thrusting under their noses of personal grievances, in which they have no share, is merely a nuisance to them, but an offense which should resent effectively. Fortunately this matter is better understood than it used to be. Manners of editors are mending. An occasional survial of the habit of personal attack merely serves to emphasize the general improvement in the tone of newspapers, and to make conspicuous the equal blackguardism of those who indulge in it.

Under a new law passed at the recent session of the legislature the $300 exemption on personal property is cut out, so that now the household goods, clothing of the family, food on hand, pictures, books, working tools and everything in and out of the house must be listed and assessed. The new deal will hardly strike the workingman favorably, many of whom find it close cropping to support themselves and families on what they can earn during the year. The new law must have been smuggled through the legislature, and the members were certainly asleep when they voted on it, or there would have been opposition to it. The law does not make it any easier to get at the big property holders than before, so they are not so materially affected as the wage earner and poor renter.

The latest postal laws are that the publisher can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under the law the man who lets his subscription run along for sometime unpaid and then leaves orders for its discontinuance leaves him self liable to arrest and fine the same as theft. It will be seen that many disputed points are disposed of by that decision, which is certainly just. If a subcriber does not want to renew his subscription let him notify the publisher. The second decision given here will be a surprise to some publishers who believe they must stop a delinquent subsbriber if ordered to. The delinquent must pay up if he wishes to discontinue his subscription. Otherwise he is held responsible for it as long as the paper is being sent to him, whether he takes it from the postoffice or not.

Childhood.

If you will watch a child for a whole day you will be astonished at the number and intensity of its troubles. It is trouble, trouble, everywhere trouble. I question if we were to encounter during the day the ups and downs, bumps, stubbed toes, stone bruises, fights, the tears and disappointments of a boy, that we would come out as cheerful and heroically at the close. You say that our troubles and losses are heavier; no, you forget its little world is limited and that it knows the griefs of man without the wisdom of manhood. The child's loss of a toy is just as intense as the father,s loss of a fortune. The child comes into the world, its birth is "in sorrow" and the first thing it does is to cry, and all through its life we must be bruhi gaway tears. A ripple of laughter, a sigh, and a tear—this is childhood.

The dealings of our charity organizations in large cities have brought to light the fact that childhood as a rule is not the happy period of life, and that much of the poetry about happy childhood would in truth, if children could express themselves be more in keeping with Mrs. Browning's "say of the children." More deference should be paid to children; their promises, wishes and ideas should be considered. "Be to their faults a little blind and to their virtues very kind." They are not with us long, they are soon gone from us, and are no longer children.—Exchange.

Is It Wind, or Water?

Vale Gazette: Twe water locations were filed with the county clerk this week, locating proposed canals to be taken out of the Malheur river above Vale. The records show that these ditches are to be of the same size, each being 15 feet deep, 70 feet wide on the bottom and 100 feet wide on the top, and appropriating 1,000,000 inches of water. Each of the location notices provides that in connection with the immense canal, 100 reservoirs shall be built, varying in size from 20 acres to 50 acres. The location notices provides that ditch No. 1, shall run in a northeasterly direction a distance of about 40 miles to a point near Huntington.

The course of the canal for the other ditch runs in a northwesterly direction, and we presume the intention is to take water out of the Malheur. river to irrigate the high lands in Harney county. Of course in order to run water from the Malheur river to the Harney prairies, a little difference in elevation of about 2000 feet would have to be overcome but that would be a small matter for such a large concern as the one now filing the location notices.

STRANGE ACCIDENTS TO BIRDS.

A poor little chaffin was found dead near Epsom with its lower mandible so firmly imbedded in the shell of a beechnut that it had been unable to extricate it and had died of starvation.

A hen pheasant was observed by a sportsman to be flying around and around in a wild manner. On being shot it was discovered to have a large oak leaf impaled upon its beak in such a way as to totally obscure its vision.

Herons sometimes choke themselves by attempting to swallow large trout. An eider-duck has been killed by attempting to swallow a toad. A kingfisher was once found which could not fly on account of having a young pike stuck in its throat. Some hunters removed the fish and the bird flew away unhurt.

An Irish naturalist once observed a dumlin acting in a very curious manner on the seashore. The bird would alight, then fly a short distance and then alight again, violently shaking its head. A round lump appeared fastened to its beak. It turned out that the bird had innocently attempted to investigate a cockle which it had found open. The shell had closed on its bill.

Birds that employ hair in the building of their nests come to grief in strange ways. A gentleman who possessed several colts one day noticed a small bird entangled in the tail of one of his colts. It had evidently been on a search for hair and had become ensnared. Cases of birds getting their feet entangled in wool or string are well known, and death usually ensues if human help is not forthcoming.

A WOMAN IN EACH.

The medical school of Johns Hopkins university is open to women as well as men. This is because the women of Baltimore provided over $420,000 toward endowing the medical department on condition that women should be admitted.

Miss Alice Balfour, sister of the new lord of the treasury and chief secretary for Ireland in the new British cabinet, is, in her way, as clever as her brothers. She has in process of publication a book called "Twelve Hundred Miles in an Ox Wagon."

Mrs. Grant is said to be happier in her Washington home with Mrs. Sartoris and her children about her than she has been since the death of Gen. Grant. She is kept busy with household duties and with the preparation of a book of reminiscences.

Last year Queen Victoria had to append her signature to some 50,000 documents. When at Buckingham or Windsor she pratically never has a holiday. She rises at 7:30; at eight she has prayers and half an hour later breakfast, after which she works with her secretary until two o'clock.

Poor relatives, even of royalty, have much to put up with. Countess Fedora Gleichen, one of the German descendants of the mother of Queen Victoria, dabbles in sculpture and has been commissioned by her majesty to make a bust of the late F. Clark, John Brown's nephew and successor as highland attendant.

Complicated Anger.

Jenks—You say your wife is in a bad humor?

Pennobunker—Yes, she is.

Jenks—What is she cross about?

Pennobunker—In the first place she got cross at the servant girl, then she got cross at me because I didn't get cross at the servant girl, and now she is cross at herself because she got cross at the servant girl. Do you understand?—Collier's Weekly.

Steering Clear of Sin.

Milkman—Johnny, did you put water in the milk this morning?

New Assistant—Yes, sir.

"Don't you know that it is wicked, Johnny?"

"But you told me to mix water with the milk."

"Yes, but I told you to put the water in first and pour the milk into it. Then, you see, we can tell the people we never put water in our milk."—Texas Sifter.

Not That He Loves Man Less.

The law to love my fellow man,
In spirit and in letter,
I try to keep, but find I love
The women vastly better.
—Chicago Journal.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean is the only weekly newspaper published in Chicago in connection with the great daily papers. It contains a judiciously selected summary of the news of the nation and world, the best stories, home, farm, woman's, and other special departments, and fair, patriotic, able editorials, written from a Republican viewpoint. It is by far the best general newspaper of the Western States. The regular price for the Weekly Inter Ocean is $1.00 and for the Harney Valley Items $1.50, but subscriptions will be received at this office for the two papers in combination for one year for only $1.50.

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ESTRAY.

Lost one two-year old cow with calf. Brand, on ribs OO, and 7 on one hip and 72 on the other. I will pay $5 reward for her recovery.

Fred Mosier.

Izee, Oregon.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, April 27, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that **Antone Egli**, of Riley, Harney county, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 241, for the SW¼NE¼, SE¼NW¼ W½SE¼, N½SW¼, Sec 21, Tp 25, S R 24 E before Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of June, 1903.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Robert D. Baker, Fred Randall, Jerry M. Merritt, and Sophia Egli, all of Riley, Oregon.

WM. FARRE, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, April 27, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that **Sophia Egli** of Riley Harney county, Oregon, has filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 251, for the E½NE¼, Sec. 28, Tp. 25, S R 24, E, W. M., before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Wednesday the 10th day of June, 1903

She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Robert D. Baker, Fred Randall, Jerry M. Merritt, and Antone Egli, all of Riley, Oregon.

WM. FARRE Register.

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