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The two-day Caledonian picnic and a booming Fourth of July celebration is practically assured for Athena. The men comprising the committee on the matter of getting the proposition under way are hustlers, and with proper support and united action on the part of the citizens both attractions can be made an unqualified success. The initiatory work is moving along with the snap and swing that characterizes Athena in her every undertaking. Let every citizen put his shoulder to the wheel and the result will be that Athena will have two rousing events in the way of entertainment this year that will rival any given in the Inland Empire. Athena is favorably situated for big gatherings as to matter of convenience, and offers unequalled advantages so far as concerns roomy grounds, with plenty of shade—a feature that is always favorably commented upon by out-of-town people who attend picnics and gatherings here.

Tom Johnson standing for municipal ownership of public utilities is again triumphant in the city of Cleveland over Mark Hanna, representing the trusts and monopolies that do business on the theory that the common people exist only to be taxed and fleeced for the benefit of the privileged classes. Johnson's majority for mayor is over 7000. Tom Johnson is the coming man of Ohio and he stands a chance of being president of the United States before many years pass by.

Carter Harrison has equaled the record of his distinguished father by being chosen for a fourth term as mayor of Chicago. Like his father, he had the combined opposition of nearly all the newspapers in the city, but he won in spite of the bitter warfare waged against him by the daily papers with the sole exception of Hearst's American.

The West has 35 per cent. of the nation's farms, 45 per cent. of its railroad mileage, 75 per cent. of its gross area, including Alaska; 27 per cent. of its population, 19 per cent. of its imports and exports, and produces 99 per cent. of its gold, 16 per cent. of its manufactures, and 43 per cent. of its farm products.

His friends are urging for the consideration of the state board for the important office of labor commissioner, the name of Hon. E. H. Flagg, of Marion county. Mr. Flagg is a man who in every way is competent for this official position, and the Press hopes the board will select him.

The Lewis and Clark Centennial will show the industrial progress not only of the Oregon country, but of all that part of the United States west of the Mississippi River, and place it in its true relation to the new trade field in the Orient and the Islands of the Pacific.

Jersey City bartender's are organizing a total abstinence club because "the interests of their employers demand that they shall be at all times steady, sober and industrious." It is unnecessary to point out the powerful temperance sermon in this action.

Does it signify anything that the Oregonian did not contain any editorial comment on Hermann the day following his nomination? Since the Oregonian has never been a very ardent admirer of the ex-land commissioner, possibly it does.

Secretary Shaw isn't worrying half so much about the prospective payment of that \$50,000,000 Panama canal account as you may be about the prospective payment of a \$50 tailor's bill.

When we remember what a fuss men make about their \$50 Panama hats marked down to \$1.98, we can have charity for the women.

COST OF IRRIGATION.

Some of the Washington dispatches have called attention to the expected increase in cost of irrigation of the western lands which the interior department designated the other day for the first construction under the national irrigation law, pointing out that this cost is double certain estimates made during the discussion of the irrigation bill, which were placed at \$5 an acre. Five dollars would undoubtedly be a low average to place on all the reclaimable western lands. But whether the irrigation works which the government is to construct in the west will cost at the rate of \$5 an acre or \$15 or \$20 an acre is a matter which need in nowise interfere with the prosecution of the irrigation constructions under the national irrigation law passed by congress last summer. In every case the cost of putting water upon the land is to be borne by the settler and the farmer who lives on the land and will use the water. The government will be repaid for every dollar expended. The question then is simply whether land with water on it will be taken by settlers at ten dollars or fifteen dollars an acre or any other sum which it may cost to reclaim it. When it is realized that irrigated farms and orchards in the west are worth from four to one hundred times fifteen dollars an acre, and that the crudest irrigation farms produce annually more than \$15 an acre, it is not believed that there will be any dearth of applicants ready and eager to go upon the land which the government reclaims. Under the irrigation act payment can be made on exceedingly easy terms—ten equal annual installments.

The cost of putting water on western land may range all the way from four to fifty dollars an acre. Some of the simple propositions require only the digging of a big ditch in order to secure water for thousands of acres; others necessitate the building of immense masonry dams and the construction of very expensive canals and headworks. It is probable that eventually the waters of some of the great rivers of the northwestern states—the Columbia and the Snake—may be taken out at a very large cost per acre, yet fruit lands in the Yakima valley of Washington today are bringing in an annual revenue of as high as \$200 an acre. Of course it would not pay to spend \$50 an acre in reclaiming lands to be used for grazing or feeding purposes.

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Every corner with perfume.
O, it isn't very often
That a feller gets the best,
But when he does it's like a whiff
A-commiss from the west;
It's like a rush of springtime
Across a growin' field,
A fillin' you with a dream of what
The harvest time'll yield.
I love the smell of roses
Along about in June;
And I'd hang around and listen
To almost any tune;
But the fragrance and the music
That nothing else has got
Are the odor and simmer
Of the old coffee pot.
—John W. Fellow, in Dillon Double-jack.

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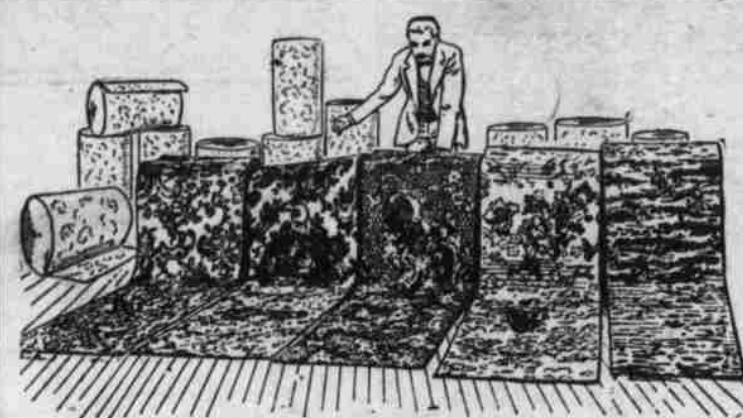
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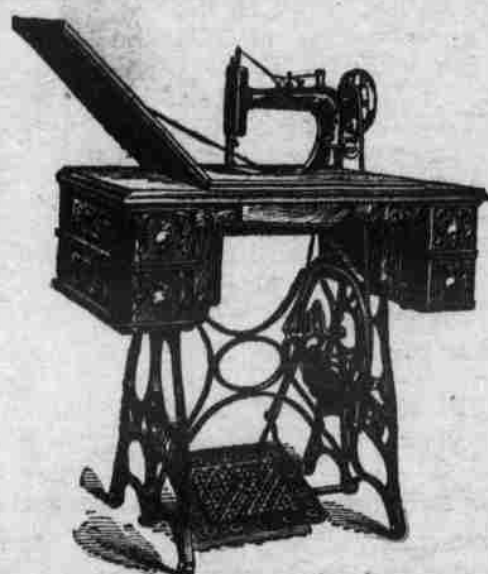


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