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There is one scheme to come before the irrigation congress, which meets at Ogden on September 15, that should be defeated, thinks the East Oregonian. This is a scheme to have the government provide an appropriation of several million of dollars to add to the accumulated national irrigation fund, for the purpose of carrying on more extensive irrigation plans in the West. This is a plan to enrich a few contractors and favor a few localities, and it would breed extravagance and misuse of the fund. If the legitimate funds now accumulated are used to reclaim the arid land of the west in a practical manner, it is sufficient for all present purposes. The land that is reclaimed must pay back to the government the cost of reclamation, and the extra burden of an appropriation should not be added to the cost. Just let the west reclaim itself. That is all she asks. This scheme to borrow money and load the burden on the arid districts is not the work of true irrigationists, it would seem, but of speculators, who expect to be benefitted by the construction of government works. As the idle lands are sold let the proceeds be applied to reclamation, thus keeping a perpetual fund on hand. The law as now framed is very good. No immense appropriation is need to hamper the work of irrigation. It will only add to the cost of the irrigated land, and make the settler pay back the money which the contractors received.

The organization of the Northwest Gas & Electric Co. that was effected in Walla Walla yesterday, with a capital stock of \$350,000 takes over the Walla Walla and Pendleton plants. The transfer papers are now being completed and in a few days the organization of the Oregon & Washington Power Co., with a capital stock of \$300,000 will be consummated. This will be the company that is to take over the franchise and power sites of the Athena Light & Power Co., on the Walla Walla river. The negotiations that have been carried on by C. A. Barrett and others of the Athena company have terminated in the formation of these two large companies, and in addition to the improvement and development, the enterprise will contribute to the advancement of the Inland Empire in a general way. The installation of the gigantic power plant on the south fork of the Walla Walla river means an expenditure of \$300,000. It will put Athena on an equal basis with Walla Walla and Pendleton in the matter of cheap power and lighting facilities. At this writing, the organization of the Oregon & Washington Power Company is being completed, and the details and names of officials will be given later.

The Oregon Daily Journal of August 27 contained a special section of 10 pages devoted to the resources of Central and Southern Oregon. The subject matter was prepared by Paul Delaney, while with the famous "Journal Wagon," on its 3000 mile jaunt through the district. The article was highly illustrated with photographs taken en route and the statistical and descriptive matter is entertaining and instructive.

A paper not a hundred miles from here tells about the contracting parties meeting in front of the "alter" where the ceremony was performed. On an occasion of that kind the anguish of the bride would certainly equal the suffering of the groom.

The Heppner executive committee has rendered a report on the financial condition of the relief work in that city. The report is an elaborate affair, and shows the source of every cent of funds received by the committee since the day of the disaster, and also the expense items in detail, including altogether some 400 payments in varying amounts

to different people. The account is complete and has been accepted by the people of Heppner as an official statement.

A few years ago the editor of the Albuquerque (Arizona) Citizen was brought up before the supreme court of Mexico for contempt. The editor has waited to get even, and in a recent issue says: "Two of the judges who sentenced the editor of the Citizen for contempt of court are dead; two are in obscurity in the east, and the remaining one is a nonentity of Santa Fe. We expect to kick clouds on the graves of the whole five."

"Fighting Bob" Evans has been received in the throne room by the emperor and empress of China, but the chances are good that he would rather be traveling around with Prince Henry, or off Sandy Hook keeping the course clear for the racing yachts, not to mention commanding the Iowa in the battle of Santiago.

It is awful the way social duties are falling on people at Newport. Some of them have to get up as early as 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning to keep up with their engagements.

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie thinks of starting a newspaper in Glasgow. This is the first intimation we have had that Andrew also hankered for strenuousness.

Some real distress, nevertheless, has been caused by the slump in stocks. It has cut a lot of promising summer vacations in half.

A Berlin physician makes the claim that arsenic will cure cancer. If taken in large enough doses it will.

The philanthropist is still undiscovered who gives his money back to the people he got it from.

That she may be in still finer fettle to fight for peace, Russia orders another bunch of warships.

Athena will look all right lighted by electricity. Well, she will soon be lighted.

### Bids Wanted.

The Board of Regents of the Eastern Oregon State Normal school will receive bids until September 2, for 120 tons of Rock Springs coal and 50 cords Red Fir and Tamarack wood to be delivered at the school buildings at Weston, Oregon, on or before October 10. The Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids. Address, R. Alexander, Pendleton, Oregon, president executive committee.

### Journal's Great Bargain Day.

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