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Enough is known of the plans of the Sumpter Valley railway to state that this season work will be continued on the extension of the line from the summit west of Whitney to Canyon City, with the ultimate object of reaching Burns. The great lumbering, agricultural, stock raising and mining enterprises of the vast John Day territory are well known to most people in Oregon. With the advent of a railroad there these interests will soon be quadrupled in magnitude and the population of the district more than doubled. Towns will spring up and manufacturing institutions will be established. The Sumpter Valley road has always been in the lead in developing the resources of the territory contiguous to its line, and the people of eastern Oregon cannot fail to appreciate the new plans of the company and the work it proposes to accomplish.

Recognizing the right of labor unions to govern themselves and their members by rules which they have fixed, provided these rules do not come into direct conflict with the laws of the state. Justice Leventritt recently dissolved a temporary injunction which had been obtained by two former members of New York Stereotypers' union, No. 1, against that organization restraining it from interfering with their employment. By the terms of his decision Justice Leventritt gave the right of the courts to interfere with the administrative or legislative acts of labor organizations, even when they injure individual members, unless the standards of the union's procedure or by the laws of the state.

There would be a popular upheaval if the people of the United States knew how much they lose by the non-existence of a parcel post like that of other civilized countries. The parcels post of Great Britain will send a package from London to Oregon, across the Atlantic and the American continent for less than half what it costs to send it from New York to Philadelphia. John Wamsalker, a man who knows, says the rate charged by our postoffice for merchandise is six thousand per cent greater than that charged by Germany. He adds that "there are four insuperable obstacles to carrying parcels in the United States mail—four express companies." Congress will listen to remonstrances by and by.

Ten thousand young men eligible for military service in the German army have not reported for the enlistment this year. This is double the number of previous years. Evidently the Kaiser's subjects are becoming weary of furnishing amusement for him. It is all very well for Germany's young "war lord" to exhibit the soldiers to admiring foreigners as his playthings, but there are more desirable vocations than that of wearing a uniform and becoming an automaton obedient to the slightest pull on the imperial string, and since one must not act of his own volition in the Fatherland the young Germans with tendencies to independence are leaving the Kaiser's dominions.

The Wade failure is the sequel to speculating upon the capital of other people. It seems to have mattered but little how ridiculous a proposition one had in view. Mr. Wade was "Johnnie on the spot" with the cash, and had unlimited capital to assist in its promotion. So complicated were his affairs that his creditors have thrown the settlement of his estate into the bankrupt court, the result of which means financial embarrassment for many residents of Umatilla county. People are inclined to be too lenient under such circumstances. If reports of Mr. Wade's transactions are true, as they are explained if adopted, it is a pity that he was not adopted.

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It has been conceded for some time that free rural delivery has not only come to stay, but it has come to grow. At its inception there was some fear expressed among country publishers that the rural delivery would work sadly against the local weekly newspaper, because under the new conditions the farmer would be able to have a city daily delivered at his door each day. The fear of this invasion into the local weekly's field occasionally finds an echo now, but there is no ground whatever for it, providing the weekly is worthy of the place it attempts to fill. A live, up to date local weekly which covers its field in a thorough manner has no fight with the city daily. The two publications are distinct.

The following valedictory appeared in an Indian Territory paper: "With this issue the Herald-Banner folds its lily white hands upon its bosom and turns its pink toes to the daisies, and Milburn, I. T., U. S. A., is without a paper, having witnessed the death of two. It has cost the present firm \$253 to advertise the town, the beautiful blue and fertile soils, and we now throw up the sponge and vacate to make room for another sucker. Ta ta, au revoir, good bye. We are going to do something for you that the devil will never do—that is, leave you."

The statement is heard around the capitol and the hotel lobbies of Washington that there is no possible chance of land law repeal this session of congress, says a special from Washington, D. C. The opponents of legislation which will repeal certain of the land laws and check land stealing, admit that some amendments or modifications of the existing laws may be made, but that the repeal absolutely of any of these laws and particularly the desert land law is a thing impossible and out of the question.

As the south would be especially benefited by the Isthmian canal, it is not surprising that her wisest leaders and ablest newspapers are outspoken in favor of putting through the great enterprise as speedily as possible, and frown upon the selfish demagogues who would delay this mighty undertaking from petty partisanship or mere pigheadedness. Everybody claims to want the canal. Then why not go ahead with the digging without wasting words in useless palaver?

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Another United States senator has been indicted. This time sensational Kansas furnishes the subject. Senator Burton has been charged and convicted before the federal grand jury of using his influence to have a shady concern granted use of the mails, receiving therefor a snug sum of money. The senatorial biography will have to be altered sufficiently to include this frequent phase of official life.

Much is made of the fact that so many of the candidates voted for at the late election in New York were college graduates. The more educated men who are willing to enter political life, the better. It has been too true at times that many of them were earnest in their desire to see politics elevated, provided some one else would do the elevating.

J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, urges that the elements of scientific farming be taught in public schools. He does not contemplate thorough agricultural training, but rather that pupils be taught such facts and principles as should be understood by every one living in an agricultural country.

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AN ERA OF IRRIGATION.

Advantages of a Comprehensive System for Every State in the Union.

The following paper, written in August, by request, for the Rural Californian, is submitted at this time in view of the special interest in the subject awakened by the recent meeting of the national irrigation congress at Ogden, as a contribution towards a complete understanding of its importance to the whole country.

"The full significance of the new era of irrigation on which the nation is now entering is but vaguely understood by the public at large, and is by no means realized even by those who are to receive its most direct and special benefits. It means the inauguration of intensive scientific agriculture on a national scale, and there is need of a comprehensive outline of it, with such details of its operation as will serve to impress the public mind with its utility and permanence for it is well understood by the promoters and friends of this vast system of agricultural development that in the end it is to be in general use over at least one-half of the national domain and will continue for all time. At present, however, the public discussion of the irrigation system is practically limited to the reclamation of arid lands, whereas a yet larger area of semi-arid regions, embracing large sections of the country in the so-called humid states having an uncertain rainfall, will ultimately share in the beneficence of this unflinching system of agriculture. Indeed, within the past year, experiments in irrigation have been made in such states as Wisconsin, Missouri, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Georgia, and the irrigated crops yielded more than double the value of like crops, which depended alone on the rainfall. Intensive cultivation inevitably follows irrigation; this leads to small, individual holdings, and these provide work and homes for families. Such homes are the nurseries of patriotism, and honest toil on the farm, with a due reward for the work done, always tends to the growth of the essential virtues; in a word, such a system of agriculture places the highest type of citizenship, and as a matter of course, promotes the security, prowess and perpetuity of the nation. The wisest statesmanship will therefore warmly approve of a complete development of this profitable, certain and scientific tilling of the soil, and not only in the arid regions where irrigation is necessary in order to render them habitable, and moreover results in making them the most productive portions of our country, but also in every state of the union where it can be made available for largely increasing the value of crops in ordinary seasons, and in times of drought, which occur too frequently, will insure abundant crops in place of failure and inevitable distress, and this will no doubt be done just as soon as farmers in such states learn to appreciate its benefits, for the general welfare will demand it and the government will provide the means for its development."

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