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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 quad-

rupled 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 Levenritt 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 infaring with their employmeni. By the

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.

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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 benefitted 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 as of his decision Justice Leventritt from petty partisanism or mere pighead-

## AN ERA OF IRRIGATION. Advantages of a Comprehensive Sys-

tem for Every State in the Union. The following paper, written in Au-

gust, 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 th 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 ers

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 agriultural development that in the end it is to be in general use over at least onehalf of the national domain and will continue for all time. At present, however, public discussion of the irrigation the 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 unfailing 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 incultably 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 pro luces the highest type of citizenship, and as a matter of course, promotes the security, prowess and perpetuity of the The wisest statesmanship will nation. 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 bene-

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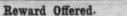
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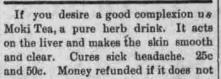


Iron-gray mare, bell, brand on right shoulder with diamond Q; bay mare sucking colt; brown mare mule brand

on right shoulder diamond Q. Five dollars reward for information.

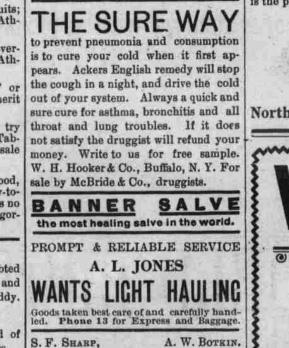
Ed Lafave, Athena.

Public Notice. Public Notice. Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Mayor and common council of the city of Athena, Oregon, at a meeting thereof to be held on the 27th day of Feb., 1901, for a license to sell spiritucus, mait and vinous liquors in less quantities than one quart, said liquors to be sold only in a building situated on the west one-half of lot No. 8, in block 5, of said city. P. H. Tizdeman, Dated Jan 15, 1901. aid city. Dated Jan. 15, 1904.

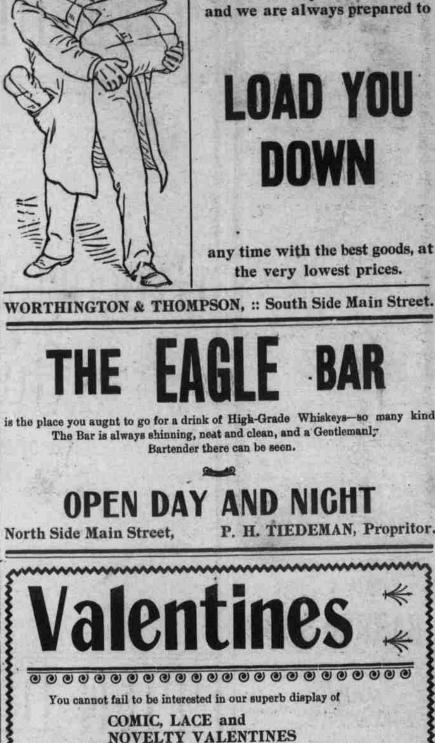


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in the right of the courts to interre with the adminstrative or legislative s of labor organizations, even when hey injure individual members, unless the standards of the union's procedure or by the laws of the state.

edness. Everybody claims to want the canal. Then why not go ahead with the digging without wasting words in useless palaver?

One of the best cartoons we have seen lately represented a bull and bear fight-

Another United States senator has

There would be a popular upheaval ing furiously in one corner. Below if the people of the United States knew them a farmer leaned back in his chair how much they lose by the non-existence and as he read the news, complacently of a parcels post like that of other civremarked, "We pay no attention to ilised countries. The parcels post of these fellows out west." This recalls Great Britan will send a package from Secretary Wilson's saying that as long London to Oregon, across the Atlantic as the farmer is prosperous the country and the American continent for less is bound to get along all right, in spite than half what it costs to send it from of the ups and downs of the speculative New York to Philadelphia. John Wanmarket.

amaker, 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 Kansas furnishes the subject. Senator adds that "there are four insuperable | Burton has been charged and convicted obstacles to carrying parcels in the United States mail-four express com- his influence to have a shady concern panies." Congress will listen to re- granted use of the mails, receiving monstrances 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 ing amusement for him. It is all very well for Germany's young "war lord" to exhibit the soldiers to admiring forautomaton obedient to the slightest pull elevating. 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.

speculating upon the capital of other facts and principles as should be underpeople. It seems to have mattered but stood by every one living in an agrilittle how ridiculous a proposition one cultural country. 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 to open up for business in Roumania creditors have thrown the settlement of Neither Russia nor Turkey may expect his estate into the bankrupt court, the hereafter to get possession of that result of which means financial embarnesment for many residents of Umatilla county. People are inclined to be too

been indicted. This time sensational before the federal grand jury of using 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 subjects are becoming weary of furnish- 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 eigners as his playthings, but there are times that many of them were earnest more desirable vocations than that of in their desire to see politics elevated, wearing a uniform and becoming an provided some one else would do th

> J. H. Ackerman, state superintendent of public instruction, urges that the elements of scientific farming be taught in public schools. He does not con

template thorough agricultural training, The Wade failure is the sequel to but rather that pupils be taught such

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Wanted-Trustworthy lady or gentle Tenient under auch circumstances. If reports of Mr. Wade's fransactions are trine 2 madopted if an adopted in adopted in adopted in a state of the s

