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It is communicated to us that the right honorable, the mayor of Weston, "Sim" Barnes, has named Geo. W. Proebstel and Wood as delegates to the Irrigation Congress at Boise. It is easily conjectured why Mr. Proebstel received the appointment, for he is known as a man of decency, and has long been identified with the progress and enterprise of his home town, and has been honored in the past by representing the people of this county in the legislature, as Senator; but how Weston's mayor came to be dazzled by the Quixotic glare and tinsel of a cheap, shoddy adventurer for notoriety of Wood's small and despicable calibre, is a conundrum which the residents of the Normal school town are unable to solve. It is said the matter has been the chief topic of conversation over there since the appointment was announced, and outspoken ones are loud in their denunciations of the Mayor's action and do not hesitate to predict that Barnes' political career has been cut off at the pockets. Serves him right. The Press appreciates the position in which Weston's foremost citizen finds himself, and in common with others, deplorable the regrettable and insurmountable circumstance in which the Mayor, either through ignorance or the liquidation of a servile election obligation which that official doubtless owed the Leader, thrust upon him. As a solution, this paper would suggest that Mr. Proebstel may find some amelioration for his enviable predicament by cutting out further association with Barnes. In addition, it would advise him to see that Wood is shipped to Boise in a stock car. He should see to it, too, that the car is left at the stock yards, before entering the city.

That "mysterious man" who is responsible for all kinds of mysterious rumors at the tollgate, where the hunt for a child is being carried on, should be caught and chained up. If this were done there would be less need for telephone operators working overtime and more attention would be given to the reliability of events transpiring at the mountain resort.

The machine men of Eureka flat district, north of Walla Walla, have settled on the following prices for labor in the harvest fields: Forker, per day \$3; header punchers \$3.50;

hoedowns \$2.50; separator men \$5; engineers \$5; spike pitchers \$2.50; loaders \$2.50. The prices for threshing in that district will be 7 cents per bushel for clean grain and 8 for foul. There is a scarcity of good men for the harvest fields.

A wonderfully rich gold field is reported to have been discovered on the Oregon-Nevada line, near Denio, by a former Sumpter resident. The reported find is about 200 miles southeast of this city and is reached over a very good wagon road. Parties are now outfitting for the gold fields from a number of points in eastern Oregon and it is quite likely that a few Umatilla county people will trek for the promised land.

An amendment to the National Irrigation law has been passed by congress, which reduces from 40 to 10 acres the minimum entry that may be allowed on public land irrigated by the government. In some localities, under favorable conditions, ten acres is not too small a subdivision. In many irrigated sections ten acres, under intensive cultivation, is ample for the support of a family.

For a number of years prospectors in the Stein's mountain country have been discovering great ledges of low grade ore, but could do nothing with their properties on account of lack of transportation. If the recent rich find reported to have been made in that section turns out well, a railroad will be built into the country and many properties will then be quickly developed that are now unstaked.

An exchange says one of the most unfortunate situations that must be confronted and overcome in this movement is the fact that so many of the workers who are giving their lives to the service of humanity in the social settlements of the cities do not themselves see far enough into the problem to discern the remedy.

Senator Eakins says that the world will yet banish poverty. This will be nice for us, but we shall be sorry for the inhabitants of the planet to which the poverty is banished, remarks a Union editor.

The Umatilla county fruit inspector says Walla Walla apples are too cheap. He should have spent the winter in the Garden city, says the Bulletin.

What a beautiful and impressive sight it is to see the packers worrying over the danger of the impression law reducing the stockraisers' profits.

RECLAMATION WORK.

Portland Oregonian.
If Secretary Hitchcock has a spite against Oregon, he doesn't show it by withholding money for the Klamath irrigation project, \$2,000,000 having now been made available for that work, and \$2,400,000 more being set apart for use there when needed.
Money is also available for the Umatilla project, though it seems there will be further delay on account of the rejection of reservoir bids, which were considered too high.

The reclamation service has now on hand 24 irrigation enterprises work being in progress on 23 of them, involving an expenditure at present of about \$1,000,000 per week. One plant in Nevada, is already in operation, the cost amounting to \$2.00 per acre will be due next fall, marking

the beginning of the return flow of the money expended into the national treasury. In a few years millions will be coming back in this way, to be used on other reclamation projects, and so the good work can go on until all reclaimable land is irrigated. The total irrigation fund collected from the sale of public lands now aggregate about \$41,000,000, which will allow of the continuous and vigorous prosecution of the work.

Settlers seize with avidity upon these lands as soon as it is known that they are to be reclaimed and are willing to wait a year or so for the water and pay the assessed cost, for even though it should be \$40 or \$50 an acre, the land can in a few years be made worth several times that amount.

The Klamath reclamation work involves the drainage of large swamps as well as irrigation—taking water off land as well as putting water on land—and this is a proper use of the fund where swamps are public property and are surrounded by or contiguous to arid land; but the bill passed by the senate to divert a portion of the reclamation fund to the drainage of swamps, some of them in eastern and southern states, that contribute nothing to the fund, the swamp lands being private property, ought to be resisted and beaten in the next session, though it is likely to go through.

Perhaps no law passed since the enactment of the homestead law will have been more beneficial to the country or helpful to a great number of people than the reclamation law, and its provisions should be jealously guarded and faithfully executed, as, barring some inevitable red tape, seems to have been done so far.

ANSWERED.

"Big Tim" Sullivan of Tammany fame tells of an Irishman who, shortly after his entrance into the business life of the east side as a contractor, began to dispose of his superfluous wealth by the purchase of diamonds, of which he became a heavy buyer, says Lippincott's.

One evening a friend, meeting him in the lobby of the theatre, observed that the Irishman was affording the public more than usual liberal display of the gems. "Look here, Pat," said the friend, "you oughtn't to wear so many diamonds at once. It's considered vulgar."

"Vulgar, eh!" indignantly, repeated the contractor. "I don't know about that; but one thing I've noticed, me friend, and that is—them that has'em wears'em!"

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12:30 p. m.	Mixed, Walla Walla to Pendleton.	
4:55 p. m.	Fast Mail for Pendleton, LaGrande, Baker City, and all points east via Hunington, Gra. Also for Umatilla, Heppner, The Dalles, Portland, Astoria, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Seattle, all Sound Points.	4:55 p. m.
	Mixed, Pendleton to Walla Walla.	7:05 p. m.

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Habit-forming Medicines.

Whatever may be the fact as to many of the so-called patent medicines containing injurious ingredients as broadly published in some journals of more or less inducement, this publicity has certainly been of great benefit in arousing needed attention to this subject. It has, in a considerable measure, resulted in the most intelligent people avoiding such foods and medicines as may be fairly suspected of containing the injurious ingredients complained of. Recognizing this fact some time ago, Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., "took time by the forelock," as it were, and published broadcast all the ingredients which his popular medicines are composed. Thus he has completely forestalled all harping critics and all opposition that might otherwise be urged against his medicines, because they are now of known composition. Furthermore, from the formula printed on every bottle wrapper, it will be seen that these medicines contain no alcohol or other habit-forming drugs. Neither do they contain any narcotics or injurious agents, their ingredients being purely vegetable, extracted from the roots of medicinal plants found growing in the depths of our American forests and of well recognized curative virtues.

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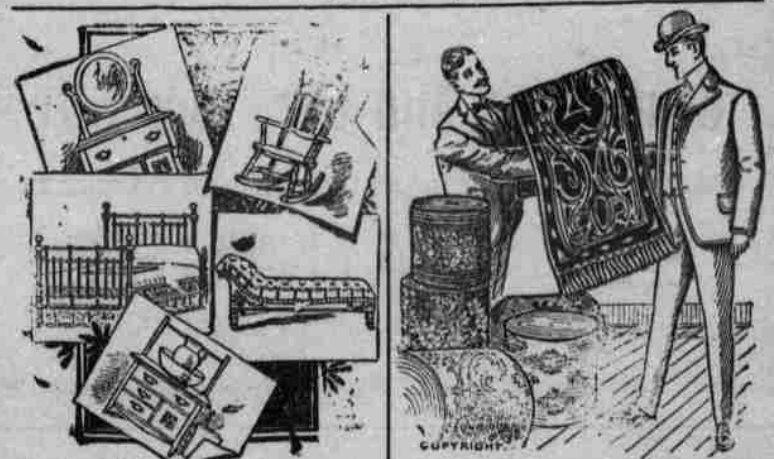
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