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To grasp the magnitude of the work undertaken by the government for the reclamation of arid lands of the west and southwest, a full comprehension is not attained unless one is in direct contact with some of the great reclamation projects, or has attended an irrigation congress. The congress held at Boise City last week, aside from the features of entertainment, extended by the people of that beautiful inland city, was in reality a school of instruction to him who sought information regarding that which in the near future is destined to become the weapon of the greatest development in the history of the west—irrigation. No better location could have been selected for holding the congress. Boise City, situated in the center of the great zone of irrigation in the Snake river valley, afforded the basis for practical information and instruction as to what can be accomplished with water when conveyed through canal and lateral for distribution over the parched surface of arid lands. There the work of irrigation may be seen in all stages. The entire length and breadth of the Snake river valley—which in itself is an empire—from Weiser, across the parched sage brush desert, to the mammoth Minidoka project, nearly every foot of land lies under some irrigation enterprise either in private or government control. Much has been done to convert the valley of the Snake into fertile fields and orchards, but it is only the beginning when that which is yet to be accomplished is taken into consideration. The empire is there and the officials of the reclamation service tell us that there is abundance of water in the streams and on the miles of water-shed, if properly saved and judiciously distributed, to reclaim the entire valley.

Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, has probably recovered from the nervous shock he received at the National Irrigation Congress at Boise when he was roundly bawled for his attack on the reclamation service in defense of his opposition to the administration's policy in the creation of forest reserves. Heyburn deserved all he got. There is many a man just as able and as prominent in official life as the Idaho statesman who indulges in public splurges for effect at times, but it is possible that they never make the mistake of touching off their powder without first knowing that they have with them at least some portion of the audience. Heyburn says he has nothing personal against

Roosevelt or his administration, but that he is determined to educate the president and his land officials in forest reserve matters. The Idaho senator was knocked out by his pupils in the first lesson he attempted to give them, when he made the claim that a certain Idaho forest reserve was the holdings of actual settlers, when in reality it was shown the "settlers" were timber claim squatters. The jolt he received at Boise from the reclamation people would indicate that he is making poor headway as an instructor.

The work of ex-Governor Geer on the editorial page of the Pendleton Tribune is recognized as being superlative to any that has been done on that paper since John P. McManus laid aside the quill to engage in the restful and lucrative occupation of conducting a country weekly and setting up land notices. Mr. Geer is an easy, graceful writer and his editorials have merit in them—but there is another editorial writer in Pendleton. He is the editor of the East Oregonian, and he stands shoulder to shoulder with the best journalists and literary men in the west. There is room in Pendleton for two able editors, and the people there may well feel proud that they possess them.

A NEW PEST

(With Apologies to Wood.)

During the session of the 14th National Irrigation congress at Boise last week, no one thing of more interest to the delegates and audience came up than the classified and statistical report on insects destructive to root and plant life. From this report the delegates were for the first time apprised of the existence of a new pest, which for pernicious blight to soil and all underground crops, including every vegetable of the root family, and potatoes in particular, overshadows the destructive ravages of the codling moth in its damage to fruit and shrub life. The new pest is termed by the scientists, clarkwood. In the report read before the congress, it was stated that the insect was first discovered some three years ago on a Franklin county homestead. The soil on the Franklin county homestead was of ordinary quality, but after a short visitation of the clarkwood pest, so destructive and withering was the blight the scourge left in its wake, that even fence posts would not stand alone without the soil being fertilized. For the eradication of clarkwood the horticultural department tried different solutions in the way of spraying the soil. The department went so far as to send a specimen to Salt Lake, where it was given a bath in the hope that the salt properties of the water would exterminate it. But no. It came out of the bath crystalized with brilliant particles of salt, alive and well, and Joe Hinkle of Pendleton took it to St. Louis, and exhibited it as one of the world's fair wonders.

Like the locust and the grasshopper, clarkwood is migratory in its habits and once stepped on in field or highway, leaves a blotched stain in the foot print. Its latest appearance is at Gardena, where it is proving particularly disastrous to the potato crop. One potato raiser there is said to have lost his entire crop of spuds before it could be harvested because of the blighting effects of clarkwood. The farmer lost his crop before a refrigerator car could be secured for transportation, so rapidly did the pest destroy the tubers. At Gardena the experiment of spraying the pest with a solution of lime, strychnine and denatured alcohol is under way, and the report that clarkwood is being boosted out of that section is confirmed.

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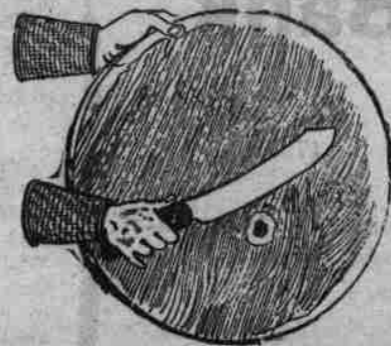
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