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Some idea of the magnitude of the irrigation work which has been undertaken by the national government is gained from recent reports which show that from the passage in 1902 of the law authorizing these irrigation enterprises up to the present there has been expended \$70,000,000, while \$48,000,000 will be available for use during the next four years. As soon as the tracts on which this money is to be expended are put under ditch and the money received will be returned to the fund, to be used in similar manner for the development of other enterprises. Oregon has contributed \$9,419,000 to the government reclamation fund; Oregon has received \$3,650,000 from this fund, and part of this amount was spent in California; Oregon gave 14.16 per cent of the total amount of sales from public lands in arid and semi-arid districts; Oregon received jointly with California 5.12 per cent of these funds. That the act of 1902 providing for the expending of money received from sales of public lands intended that the state in which the sales were made should receive the major benefit and that the intent of this act is in sharp contrast with the apparently shabby treatment received by Oregon, is evidenced to a great extent by the manner in which reclamation of arid lands in the state is retarded.

The suicide of Chris Simpson, a former wealthy ranch owner of this county, who died penniless near La Grande, has brought the following comment from the La Grande Observer: The end of Chris Simpson, which was of a dramatic nature at Island City yesterday, is a lesson to every man. Chris Simpson was a Dane. He came to this country 19 years ago and located in Umatilla county on a farm. He prospered, for he worked hard. Accumulating a handsome fortune, he decided to sell out and move to Portland. This proved to be a mistake, for he met with serious reverses. Later he came to Union county and leased a big ranch, but things did not go well and finally he found himself at Island City completely broke financially. He brooded over his reverses and this brooding caused a course of life that was just the wrong thing, until finally he got to the point where nothing seemed to inspire him to change. Viewing his wrecked condition it is presumed that in a moment of bitterness he said, "What's the use?" and rang down the curtain of

life with his own hand. But there are others deeply interested. A wife and several children have shared the prosperity and the reverses with Chris Simpson and they have been loyal and faithful. To them this community extends sympathy, deep sympathy in their hour of sorrow. No better wife or children ever graced the home of any man. They stand high in the community and tear the respect of all who know them."

An exchange observes that law and order end when interpreters of the law no longer possess the confidence of the people whose servants they are. Why, then should the people be compelled to have their laws interpreted, contracted and expanded by any judge whose competency or integrity they may have learned from his judicial conduct to distrust? What man worthy a place on the judicial bench would wish to stay there if he had lost the confidence of his people? Yet judges talk as if the Recall would destroy the independence of worthy judges. A judge whose independence is so fragile a possession that it can not endure the publicity of a popular vote of confidence is a judge without independence. By nothing else could the independence of any public servant be better tested, raising him to higher levels of public confidence if it stand the test, than by the Recall. To be removed by Recall would indeed be humiliating, and the people might sometimes make sad mistakes in their rulings, even as judges do; but for any judge to give such general satisfaction that a Recall petition cannot be secured is to be honored, and to be retained by a vote of confidence at a Recall election is to be exalted.

THE MAGNETIC NEEDLE.

It is Quite Often Very Far From Being True to the Pole.
"True as the needle to the pole," like many another popular saying, conveys a distinctly erroneous impression. In order to keep itself duly informed as to the unfaithfulness of the needle to the pole, or, technically, the "variation of the compass" from the true north, our government maintains a division of terrestrial magnetism.

Not only does the magnetic needle vary at different places, but the variation changes from year to year and even at different times in the day. On magnetic survey charts those places which at a particular time have the same amount of variation are connected by what is known as an isogonic, or equal variation line. Through these points on the map in which there is no variation of the needle from the true north a line known as the agonic passes.

Iron deposits and mountain ranges modify the action of the unknown causes of the periodical variation and cause these lines to become even more crooked than those which mark equal temperatures, known as isothermal lines.

Isogonic charts may be accurate today and full of small errors in a few years. The famous Mason and Dixon's line between Pennsylvania and Maryland, which was surveyed in the years 1763 to 1767, was run by the stars and not by the needle, a great piece of foresight in that day. If it had been surveyed by the compass in 1800 it would have shown a deviation in some places of two miles, and had the line been run by uncorrected compass a hundred years later, in 1900, the variation would have reached nearly nineteen miles to the south and the rich coal fields of two Maryland counties

would have been thrown into Pennsylvania. The discovery of the magnetic needle's shortcomings is believed to have been made during the voyage of Columbus. The disclosure constitutes a high tribute to the scientific perceptions of that day, even though it spread consternation among the ships' crews.—Harper's.

PAGANINI HELPED HER.

The Great Violinist Didn't Play the Miser on This Occasion.
The following story places Paganini in a better light than this musical miser was accustomed to appear. And really one is led to wonder which is the true Paganini—the miser or the kind artist giving his talent to assist a poor servant girl. One morning the maid who waited on him in Paris came to him, weeping, and told how her lover had been conscripted and sent away to the war, and she, of course, was too poor to buy a substitute for him. Paganini resolved to aid the girl and took a unique way to do it. He procured a wooden shoe and so fashioned it that it could be strung up and played like a fiddle. Then he advertised that he would give a concert and play five pieces on the violin and five on a wooden shoe. Of course this strange announcement drew a good house. The violinist had given the girl tickets to the concert, and after it was over he went to her, and, pouring 50,000 francs into her lap, he told her that she could now purchase a substitute for her sweetheart and with the remainder set up housekeeping. He also gave her the wooden shoe that had brought her such good fortune and told her to sell it. Of course this curious instrument brought her a goodly sum, which she added to the amount which was to bring her domestic happiness.—W. Francis Gates in "Anecdotes of Great Musicians."

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