

IRRIGATION PROJECTS ARE NO GAMBLE SAYS ROISE

Spending money to develop irrigation projects is no longer a speculation or a gamble, but a business proposition which pays (usually) in terms, according to Whitney L. Roise, in a talk the other day on "Irrigation and What It Means in Oregon."

He told of the various irrigation projects in Oregon and said that when they are fully developed they will bring in an annual return of more than \$200,000,000 in products. He also states that in the Northwest there are 19,000,000 acres which can be placed under irrigation, and if this land is as productive as that of the Yakima valley it will mean billions of dollars in increased wealth to the nation, the home of thousands of American farmers.

He said that while congress has been willing to lend millions to foreign nations in time of the great war, it should be willing to lend the farmers of the West a half billion to develop irrigation, all of which will be repaid with good interest in addition to developing the wealth of the nation.

He urged the members of the chamber to urge large appropriations from congress. In addition to development of farms, he said, "The use of water power may be utilized so that factories will rise to make into finished products the raw products of the soil."

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GETS THE BEST SEED CORN

Only in the field can the best seed corn be selected, says W. S. Carpenter, extension specialist in farm crops at O. A. C. Taken from the bin, a good ear may be ruined simply because it had more than its share of rain, plant food, moisture, and sunlight, instead of more than normal production ability. If the best ear is taken from a hill of three stalks whose neighboring hills are also normal, then it is the best ear because of native ability, and may be counted on to produce well the next season.

CAPTAIN BEST WANTS PRIVATE WURST MARINE

Washington, Sept. 30.—When Captain Newton Best, commanding a company of Marines at the Pearl Harbor naval station in Honolulu, read that Private C. R. Wurst had been declared by Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler as the smartest seafighter at Quantico, Va., he immediately filled out a requisition blank for Wurst. The form followed, although not strictly according to General Hoyle, read: "It is requested that Wurst be put in Best's company." Now it is to Wurst whether he wants to serve a few thousand miles from his home in Elizabeth, N. J. Out in Honolulu the skeletons are tuning up to the refrain, "The Wurst is yet to come."

"AS A MAN THINKETH"

If you think you are beaten, you are; If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win but you think you can't, It's almost a cinch you won't. If you think you'll lose, you're lost; For out of the world we find Success begins with a fellow's will. It's all in the state of mind. Life's battles don't always go 'To the stronger or the faster man; But soon or late the man who wins Is the one who thinks he can. —Selected.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The first regular meeting of Heppner Council, A. O. U. E., since vacation was taken last March, will be held in I. O. O. F. Hall, Sunday afternoon, October 17, 1920, at which all members are expected to be present. Very important business will come before this meeting for attention. Don't fail to be there. JOSEPH KENNY, President 22-24

Snakes.

Snakes are classed as oviparous, or those which lay eggs; and ooviviparous, or those which bear living young from an egg which is hatched before or at the time it is laid. The egg-laying species of serpents generally belong to the constricting group, which kill their prey by squeezing it; while most all ooviviparous serpents are species which take their prey with their mouths, and do not kill by constricting. For instance, the blacksnake belongs to the egg-laying group, while the copperhead snake produces living young instead of eggs.

CHURCH NOTICES

The First Christian Church. The usual services of the Church will be held on Sunday, consisting of the Bible School at ten o'clock, followed by Communion Service and Preaching at eleven o'clock. The evening services will consist of the Christian Endeavor Service at seven o'clock and song Service and Preaching at eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. W. O. Livingstone, Minister.

Christian Science

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in I. O. O. F. hall. Testimony meetings are held every Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Eugene Sloum. All interested are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

WATCHES GIVEN SEVERE TEST

Bureau of Standards at Washington Will Give Certificate of Accuracy to Any Timepiece.

Comparatively few people know that any person can send his watch to the Bureau of Standards at Washington for testing to ascertain if it qualifies as a timepiece of the highest grade—designated as "Class A."

The privilege is used chiefly by watch manufacturers, the Illustrated World tells us who accompany each tested timepiece with a government certificate.

To ascertain the accuracy of a timepiece it is placed in a large glass-front refrigerator, equipped with automatic devices that keep the temperature at a fixed point, in which the watch "runs" for stated periods at various degrees of heat and cold. When the regulator has been set, the flow of cold air from the ice chest above the watch chamber is controlled by a thermostat device, and, when necessary, warm air is introduced from the outside. The three temperatures at which all watches undergoing the test are kept are 45, 70 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

To qualify in "Class A," a watch must not vary more than four or five seconds from correct time, and, in addition, it must be able to report its performance in a variety of positions and under varying conditions. In all there are eleven specifications in the test, some of them involving technical calculations.

Any variance made by the watches under test from correct time is recorded by means of a chronograph.

HUGE PYTHON "RAN" SHIP

Little Doubt That Reptile Was in Supreme Command, at Least for a Few Hours.

How a huge python took possession of the British steamship Bolton Castle for a brief period during her recent trip from Singapore to Victoria, B. C., was related by officers and passengers of the vessel on her arrival at the Canadian port.

Three of these monster serpents were being shipped to the Bronx zoo in New York, and in some unaccountable manner one of them managed to make its escape. The whereabouts of the snake was a matter of anxious conjecture among the crew for a couple of days, until in the early hours of the third day out the quartermaster was precipitately driven from his post at the wheel by the appearance of the monster in the pilot house doorway.

The vessel was allowed to drift for a couple of hours, until, armed with every available weapon, some members of the crew undertook a steady raid, arriving just in time to see the snake leave the pilot house and glide into the sea. The creature was said to measure 20 feet in length.

Flowers for Heroes.

In this country the long-lasting little flowers called "immortelles" are comparatively little known. In France, however, they are grown in enormous quantities for the decoration of graves.

Nearly all of the immortelles produced in France are grown in the neighborhood of the village of Ollonnes, which is in the South, not far from Toulon. The harvest begins in May and lasts ten days, a period called the "decade of the immortelles."

They have to be picked very early in the morning, when half-open, lest they wither. Usually they are sold by weight. The war has brought prosperity to the village of Ollonnes, because of the increased demand for immortelles for the graves of soldiers.

Where Silver is Plentiful.

The standard of value in Potosi, Bolivia, for everything from sweethearts to cities is the Silver Hill of the Thunderer. Willis Knapp Jones in Travel gives a picturesque history of the wonderful Bolivian silver mine and the town which spent \$10,000,000 celebrating the coronation of King Philip II of Spain. As the legend goes, when the early Indians started digging there for silver the mountain shook and thundered: "This hill is not for you. It belongs to a race which will come later." In this strange town silver was more plentiful than bread.

Are Women the Stronger?

That American women have the true sporting spirit and are learning to ask no favors in the game of life is shown by the comments made by several of them in regard to the recent demand of the women of Paris for separate cars in the subways. One woman, and this a dancer by profession, says that she has never had a seat in a subway in New York city, where she lives, and that she really enjoys standing up, as it gives her a feeling of superiority and of being able to stand on her own feet and fight her own battles in the world.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Not Safe Any More.

Harry came home about five o'clock, and his hands and face were very clean, and his hair stood on end. His mother took one look and exclaimed: "Harry, I told you not to go swimming with Bob Ross."

"How do you know that I have been swimming?" asked Harry.

"Never mind who told me, but I know that you have been swimming," replied his mother.

After a while Harry said: "I'll just bet you anything that Mrs. Ross was over here this afternoon and you and Mrs. Ross had that outfit board out."

ON GOING IT ALONE

"Portland newspapers are friendly toward the big Columbia basin project in Washington; perhaps in time we can see them up behind something for Oregon—the John Day project," says the Portland Mail Oregonian.

It is not so much that the newspapers of Portland should view with a friendly eye development of the great Columbia basin. It is not possible that the Portland paper would expect this to oppose a reclamation plan which means population, wealth and growth for a territory directly tributary to this city. The only question is as to the feasibility of the Columbia basin enterprise. It is undoubtedly practicable, but it will cost a large sum of money. But mere size should be no bar, provided the results are sure to be commensurate with the investment.

The experience of Oregon with the reclamation service of the government has not been altogether satisfactory or fortunate. The sense of neglect and disfavor voiced by the Portland paper is strong. Millions realized from the sale of Oregon lands have been expended elsewhere, here are projects, like the John Day, which deserve consideration, and they have not had it. But they have had support from Portland.

What is to be done? Shall each state or community make its own fight for reclamation? Or shall they join with others in the same general territory and make the interests of one the common interest of all? The state has been going it alone for years, and has got nowhere—at least not anywhere commensurate with its deserts. Possibly a pooling of influence, of method, of propaganda, of effort will have better results.

If Oregon goes it alone, and Washington goes it alone, and the other areas of the Pacific northwest go it alone, there is no prospect that reclamation as a national enterprise, now in the doldrums, will soon get under headway again.—Oregonian.

Robins.

Robins seem almost always to run along when they want to get anywhere. But now and then they take pretty strong hops that cover the ground much faster. When they run they lift their heads high as though they were very proud indeed to go at such a pace.

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES on Ladies' Misses' and Children's HATS Beginning Friday, October 1st, and continuing while they last I am offering a choice lot of bargains in Hats. FORMERLY PRICED AT \$9.00 to \$16.00 DURING THIS SALE THEY GO AT \$5.00 to \$7.00 Come in early and make your selection. Mrs. L. G. Herren

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