

# IRRIGATION WILL PROVE GREAT BOON TO VALLEY SAYS VISITING ENGINEER

After Going Over Valley, Prominent Engineer of Wyoming Is Much Impressed—Says "Desert" Has Been Misnamed in the Past.

C. T. Vorbeck, civil engineer, who for the past 18 years has been engaged in ditch work in the arid regions of Wyoming, Colorado, Montana and Utah, and among other things has been a personal friend of Geo. Meade of Wyoming, is in the city. Mr. Vorbeck has been in the valley for two months, but having been privately engaged to unravel an irrigation tangle near Grants Pass, has not been afforded the pleasure of visiting Medford and vicinity before. Last Tuesday he went as far as Eagle Point, crossed and examined the so-called desert and returning Wednesday, spent Thursday driving about the country, with which he is very much delighted. In speaking of the Rogue River valley, Mr. Vorbeck said: "You have here a wonderfully fertile stretch of land, but you are not utilizing one-half of it. From Grants Pass to Talent, from your county seat to the town of Eagle Point are valuable acres which are lying dormant, and all because the water, passing your doors are not properly utilized. You have here some splendid irrigation projects; there are none better, but the extent is not great enough, not far-reaching enough, as I can see thousands of fertile acres not reached by any present project, going to waste, year by year, when in truth, properly irrigated, any two acres of it would support a family. Irrigated lands are positively the best in this section because they are positively the surest; there is no chance for failure, while on the unirrigated lands, though near the stream, failure may occur at any time. I am particularly impressed with that stretch of land known as the desert and examined it very closely. This, I understand, is to be sufficiently covered by ditch during the coming year, and I venture the prophecy that in two years that desert will smile in a manner that will even surprise the present owners. There are some rocks—so much the better. The soil is as fertile as that of the Nile or the Mississippi, and positively the only need is water and cultivation, and that desert will be transformed into a garden, the same as occurred on Laramie Plains, in Wyoming, and the same which is occurring today in Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Montana and Nevada. Conserve the water which falls for future use, utilize the streams which are flowing uselessly by your doors, water the hillsides as well as the valley and the Rogue River country, at least all I have seen of it, and especially that misnamed desert, will have no cause to complain. I should like to remain longer, but I leave this morning for Carson City, Nev., but leave most favorably impressed with this beautiful valley."

## COUNT GETS WARRANT FOR DADDY-IN-LAW

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 2.—Count De Beaufort, whose troubles with his millionaire father-in-law, Michael Kilgallen, have been filling the papers for the past month, swore to a warrant today for Kilgallen's arrest.

De Beaufort charged that Kilgallen inveigled him into his office on October 24, offered him money as an inducement to leave Chicago, and when he refused because he did not wish to leave his sick wife, Kilgallen "smashed his face."

De Beaufort said he wanted to see his wife and did not demand money from his father-in-law.

## ROOSEVELT, N. J. WOULD SHAKE ITS NAME

ROOSEVELT, N. J., Dec. 2.—The name of this town might look good to Oyster Bay, but the majority of the residents here declare that it should be changed, according to leading democrats today, who, after carrying "Roosevelt" at the last election on an anti-Roosevelt issue, are solemnly campaigning to change the name of the town.

As a coincidence, the name cannot legally be changed until 1912, and the democratic majority, pledged to abolish the town's strenuous cognomen, fear that issues might become mixed at that time, and the man

## TELLS STORY OF THAW'S LIFE NOW

Routine Existence of Slayer of Stanford White Is Aired in Report Made by Attorney-General in Opposition to Plea of Mother.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 2.—The daily routine of Harry K. Thaw at the Matteawan state hospital is set forth in affidavits filed in the court of appeals by Attorney-General O'Malley in opposition to the appeal of Mrs. Mary C. Thaw for the transfer of her son to some other asylum within the state.

Among the affidavits prepared by Deputy Attorney General Franklin Kennedy, who has charge of the case, is one by Dr. Amos T. Baker, the first assistant physician at Matteawan.

In answer to the charge of Mrs. Thaw that the confinement of her son at Matteawan is impairing his health, Dr. Baker says Thaw's surroundings are more congenial than they would be in a civil institution.

Dr. Baker alleges that since Thaw was committed to Matteawan he has gained 37 pounds in weight.

One of Mrs. Thaw's contentions is that her son is compelled to associate with patients who use vile language in his presence and who often assault him. Dr. Baker says these assertions are wholly unfounded. On the contrary, he says, the record of Thaw's past life, as brought out in the courts, would indicate that some of the patients might have good reason to object to associating with him. The physician alleges that if any one uses vile language in the ward it is most likely to be Thaw, and that he has heard Thaw use bad language in the presence of the immediate members of his own family.

According to Dr. Baker, Thaw's daily routine is as follows:

He is compelled to arise at 5:45 in the morning and is served breakfast in a dining room adjacent to the ward at 6:15. Thaw is permitted to arise earlier if he so desires. He has the privilege of a daily bath, in connection with which there is a shower and a spray, which have always seemed peculiarly agreeable to Thaw. There are two barbers attached to the ward who are not patients, and therefore Thaw can enjoy a shave daily at any time except during meal hours. Thaw's breakfast consists of a cereal, bread and butter, coffee of the same quality as that served at the table of the physicians, and there is no restriction in the amount of bread. The articles served at breakfast may be changed to suit the health, wishes and tastes of the patient.

After breakfast Thaw usually spends from 7 to 11 o'clock in the patients' library discharging his duty as custodian of the books. For three-quarters of an hour he is at liberty to read such newspapers and books as he chooses and attend to his correspondence.

From 11 a. m. until 12 Thaw exercises in the courtyard when the weather permits. At 12:15 he goes to dinner, which usually consists of soup and fish on Fridays and of meat and vegetables in season, dessert and coffee. After dinner Thaw spends an hour in the library where he reads or writes and attends to his duty as librarian. From 2 until 5 he is occupied in receiving visitors, including his mother, his counsel or anyone wishing to see him. He receives his visitors in a private room set aside for the purpose. From 5 until 5:45 he can either pass his time in the library or exercising alone in a large, airy corridor.

At 5:45 p. m. Thaw's supper is served in the dining room, and usually consists of soup, occasionally meat, fruit and vegetables in season, and tea. From 6 until 9 o'clock in the evening Thaw spends his time in the ward. He is permitted to smoke the best of cigars, which he furnishes himself, to suit his taste. During these hours he usually engages in a game of cards known as "500," a game played by four persons. He goes to bed at 9 o'clock. Near his room there is an experienced attendant constantly on duty during the night and available whenever Thaw wants him.

Mistaken for the town, Mayor-elect Joseph A. Herman, democratic, however, has announced that whatever happens throughout the country, Roosevelt will not be Roosevelt in 1912, if the democrats can help it.

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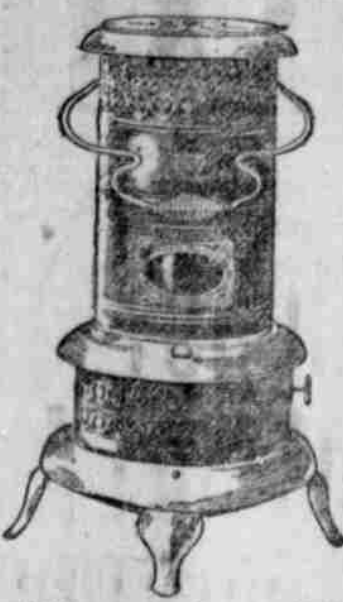
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