

### LACK OF WATER COST THE VALLEY FIFTY MILLIONS

Barney Way, who came to the Rogue River valley yesterday to investigate the character of land represented as good alfalfa soil in a large area, will remain several days, devoting his time here to familiarizing himself with valley conditions. He has two large tracts in view for alfalfa, which is a specialty of his. Should he succeed in making a deal on the first tract in view, he will have water for irrigation purposes from the Rogue River Canal company. The second tract under consideration, however, will have to depend for irrigation on the proposed general scheme now under preliminary survey by state and federal engineers. Until that plan shall have been successfully completed, that tract, with other extensive areas, will be without water, unless it be supplied by wells, of which latter accomplishment there is little likelihood.

#### No Land Without Water

Mr. Way will not buy land in this valley that is not under irrigation. He comes from the Coquille region, where there is abundant precipitation, but even there the most successful gardens and truck fields are irrigated. "Diversified farming absolutely requires irrigation for best results," said Mr. Way. In this valley, Mr. Way avers, diversified farming is impossible without it.

"I regard the Rogue River valley as one of the choicest spots in the state," said Mr. Way. "Indeed, taking into consideration its delightful climatic conditions at all times of the year, I know of no part of the north-west that equals it. The one thing needful in your county is irrigation—and I am surprised that this discovery made years ago has not brought the result it should have borne at the time the railroad reached you."

#### Fifty Millions Lost

"General irrigation should have been applied at least for a quarter of a century in this beautiful valley. If you had done so you would have saved at least fifty million dollars."

"You people ought to know that you have an exceptional valley. I don't blame you for saying that there's nothing like it on earth, outside of Jackson county. I can't believe that your farmers will voluntarily be a party to delaying irrigation here one minute. It is an impossible feat; they have too much at stake."

### LARNED BUYS IN MEDFORD CANNERY

A transaction which means much to the Rogue river valley was closed today, by which the Larned Brothers of Chicago, will be associated with Mr. Hoke in the Rogue River Cannery.

This means more than doubling the resources of the canning company, and gives this community the benefit of Larned Bros.' facilities for marketing the product as well as Mr. Hoke's recognized superiority as a processor.

W. C. Larned will be the local representative. He and his brother, who has returned to Chicago, express themselves as highly pleased both with Mr. Hoke's output and the future prospects of the industry.

The Larneds are nephews of Scribner, the publisher.

### NEW FILM SERVICE AT STAR THEATRE

The Star theater, where the best pictures are shown will add another great film service for the approval of the Medford public. The Mutual Master pictures as they are known, will be the new Friday program at the Star beginning today. Manager Sharitz is very proud to offer his patrons the best that money can buy. His motto is to give you better pictures for less money.

Why not patronize the Star and be among the crowds daily.—Adv.

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### LARGE AUDIENCE HEARS LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The lecture of Clarence C. Eaton on the subject of Christian Science at the Page theater last evening was attended by 600 people, who came from all parts of the valley. The lecturer is a member of the board of lectureship maintained by the mother church at Boston, Mass. He is a newspaper man and was formerly a vocal soloist in one of the prominent churches of St. Paul, Minn.

The lecture held the profound interest of the audience for two hours and was a most unique presentation of the subject of material man and spiritual man compared probably ever heard in this city. After an analysis of the component parts of the human body, as made by physical scientists, and finding thereby that 85 per cent of the material part of the normal man is water, aggregating eleven and a half gallons, the speaker asked why it is that people are afraid to take this water out into the rain and get it wet, lest it make them ill?

Smiles, comparisons, analyses and tests were carried on in a rapid conversational way which appeared to delight the audience, the speaker being occasionally greeted with delicate applause. Not a word of harsh criticism was uttered against anybody, any creed or any dogma.

The speaker was introduced in an eloquent address by Judge W. S. Crowell.

### DENTAL SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Southern Oregon Dental society met yesterday afternoon at the Medford hotel. In addition to the discussion of several topics of special interest, reports from the Panama-Pacific dental congress were given.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the society at Ashland in the latter part of next May, the exact date to be fixed later. A complete program will be prepared for that occasion.

The election of officers at yesterday's meeting was as follows:

President, Dr. W. E. Blake, Ashland; vice-president, Dr. W. M. Van Seoyoc, Medford; secretary-treasurer, Dr. W. W. Walker, Grants Pass. Committee on arrangements for the next meeting—Drs. Johnson, Tilton and Blake, Ashland.

Members present: Drs. Walker, Macy, Flannigan, Elliott, Hamilton and Dinnick, Grants Pass; Drs. Riddell, Van Seoyoc & Van Seoyoc, Medford; Drs. Johnson, Tilton, Blake, Hall, Ashland.

After the business session the doctors present enjoyed a sumptuous banquet at the Hotel Medford.

### JUNIOR GIRLS AND SENIOR BOYS WINNERS

The Junior girls and the senior boys proved to be the champions of the high school basket ball contestants in the series of games which was closed last night, the contest having begun on Monday evening. It was an interesting contest in all its phases in all of the games of the series. The "excellent" spirit was manifest throughout in an unusual measure. The score in each evening's play is as follows:

Monday—Boys: Senior, 32; faculty, 8. Girls: Senior, 10; freshman, 3.

Tuesday—Boys: Junior, 14; sophomore, 8. Girls: Junior, 10; sophomore, 5.

Wednesday—Boys: Senior, 28; freshman, 6.

Thursday, finals—Boys: Senior, 29; junior, 6. Girls: Senior, 3; junior, 5.

### Bargains in ROSES

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NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—In your neck-muffling furs are cheaply dyed and cured there's danger of your getting anthrax, mysterious disease that recently caused several deaths in New York and New England cities.

So says Dr. Lester Roos of the state department of labor, who investigated the death of an anthrax patient in Bellevue hospital.

"There is little danger of the

### BRITISH SUPPRESS SUFFRAGETTE ORGAN

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The police last night seized all the type and copy for the current issue of Britanna, formerly the Suffragette, the official organ of the Women's Social and Political union.

"The authorities took exception to our comment on Sir Edward Grey and a certain British general in the Balkans," said Miss Annie Kenney of the suffragette organization.

"They cannot suppress us. When there is an intrigue we shall expose it, whatever happens."

### ITALY AIDS SERBIA

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is recalled that the late King Menelik concluded a treaty of alliance with France in 1907.

#### To Defend Egypt

M. Alype pointed out that the French railroad connecting the French port of Jubail with Adlis Abba, in Abyssinia, would make possible the rapid transportation of troops to the coast, where within four days they could reach Suez, or in five days Bassora, in Mesopotamia.

The Abyssinian troops, he also noted, are already well armed, having from 800,000 to 1,000,000 modern rifles, all manufactured since 1911, partly in Germany, but for the most part by Belgium.

The co-operation of the Japanese fleet is suggested for the transportation of Abyssinian troops to Egypt or Mesopotamia.

### REVENUE BILL UNDER DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate finance committee today authorized Chairman Simmons to report the house resolution extending the emergency war tax until December 31, 1916. Republican committeemen sought to have it extended only until January 30, 1916, but were outvoted. They will try to amend it in the senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Under an agreement limiting debate to two hours and a half, the house today took up the proposed extension of the emergency revenue bill for one year to December 31, 1916. Representative Hull of Tennessee, democrat, started the debate in favor of the extension.

### GERMANS APPOINTED IN TURKISH CABINET

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Telegraphing from Athens under date of December 15, the correspondent of the Havas News agency says:

"A diplomatic authority here gives out the news that the Ottoman government has consented to the appointment of two Germans as under-secretaries of state in the finance and police departments of the Turkish administration."

### BULGARIA CALLS OUT ARMY OF 150,000 MEN

PARIS, Dec. 17.—An Athens dispatch to the Havas Agency dated Wednesday says the Hestia learns from Sofia that the Bulgarian government is preparing a new army by calling up all exempted men and all Bulgarians able to bear arms living in the regions occupied in Serbia. The Bulgarian staff is said to count upon thus raising an army of 150,000 men. They will be armed with Austrian rifles.

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