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STILL 25 PER CENT EFFICIENT

THE temporary defeat of the irrigation district plan is to be regretted, as it involves unnecessary delay in placing water upon the land. Meanwhile, the valley will continue 25 per cent efficient in production, instead of a possible 100 per cent.

It is now up to the large land owners, who spent their money and energy fighting the creation of a district, yet who assert that they favor irrigation, to make good and submit a substitute plan whereby water can be placed upon the land at a reasonable cost.

The man with 1000 acres who cultivates fifty, the man with 500 who cannot make it pay and engages in other enterprises to make a living, the man with 160 acres who scratches out a meager existence on a portion of it—fought the district plan. They would take water, they say—on about two acres apiece.

Irrigation calls for intelligent farming—of which there is very little in the valley. Irrigation calls for silos, for crop rotation, for diversified production, for sugar beet factories, for canneries and similar industries.

District irrigation would mean that all the land owners share in the cost of the benefits without impairing their title or right to mortgage their property, a right lost under private contract for water.

The fight for irrigation is not ended. It has only begun. Unless a suitable plan for irrigation is at once forthcoming from district opponents, the effort for the creation of a district should be renewed with a vim and vigor that will spell victory.

JACKSON COUNTY CORN PROJECT FOR SCHOLARS

The Oregon Agricultural college offers each summer to boys and girls a two weeks' course in subjects pertaining to the farm and the home.

In June, 1916, Jackson county was represented by six boys and girls. Three of these were there as a result of having won prizes in project work at the state fair.

The plan is (1) to have each boy grow at least one acre of corn; (2) to have some person or bank loan to each boy an amount not in excess of \$20, to be used in defraying the cost of the trip and course.

Expected of Each Boy 1. To acre to grow at least one acre of corn. 2. To secure the land for that purpose, by renting or otherwise.

From State and County Leaders. 1. To examine the land and approve or reject the plot selected by the boy, considering soil, water, drainage, etc.

GERMANY CLAIMS STEAMER DELLO TROOP TRANSPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The reply of the German government to another of the American inquiries in regard to the steamships sunk by submarines, in this instance relating to the destruction of the Norwegian steamer Dello, with Americans in the crew, declares that the steamer was chartered for transport purposes to a belligerent government, and hence its destruction was legitimate.

This reply, which has been delivered to the American embassy, says that so far as was possible the safety of the crew was provided for. The men were given half an hour in which to enter the boats.

The settlement of the Marina case, which hinges on the question whether the steamer was a government transport, is being delayed pending receipt of further advice from Washington.

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EM-TEES

AFTER CHRISTMAS Christmas time has come and gone. The poor feel much elated, because of things they've looked upon. And goods they've nuzzled.

WAHOO!! Mexican Athletic Club Dear Sirs—Next to reading Baseball chatter in the winter.

RAILROADS WANT TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF CAR SHORTAGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Representatives of railroads throughout the country today appeared before the inter-state commerce commission to show cause why the commission should not take into its own hands the car shortage situation heretofore dealt with by the roads themselves.

The order which the commission apparently is prepared to issue unless the roads show cause why it should not, would require the roads to return to converting lines all foreign cars on their tracks after unloading.

One of the phases of today's hearing was the claim advanced by certain railroad interests that the commission apparently was without authority to issue such an order as called in such a manner.

CARRANZA GARRISON REVOLTS, JOINS VILLA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Lower stretches of the up railway tracks near the Carranza troops working in Jalisco Territory. Confirmation of reports that the Carranza garrison at Magdalena, Durango, had revolted and joined Villa came today.

DUTCH CABLING GOOD WISHES FOR PEACE EFFORTS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 28.—A flood of telegrams is being sent to President Wilson by trade unions, social welfare societies, religious bodies of all denominations and other organizations, wishing him success in what they regard as his efforts to bring about peace.

The Dutch socialist party supports in the strongest way your initiative in favor of peace and appeals to the belligerent powers to accept your proposals.

DEADLOCKED JURY WILD HORSE CASE

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 28.—At noon today the jury in the "wild horse" case in the federal court here had returned no verdict.

The case is on in which the United States Livestock Company and the Omaha Land and Investment company are charged by the government with alleged sales of bellows "wild horses" in Colorado county, Arizona.

WILSON'S PLURALITY OVER HUGHES 568,822

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Complete official returns on the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 5,118,285 votes and Mr. Hughes 4,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson, democrat, received 6,297,059; Taft, republican, 3,846,249; Roosevelt progressive, 4,124,959.

AUSTRIAN COUNCELLOR DUSTED BY CHARLES

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—A Vienna dispatch says that Prince Countess Radolf Zichthof, governor of the Austrian land, recently has resigned at the request of Emperor Charles. He is succeeded by Ritter Von Leith.



HELP WANTED "Keep far from the flame of the candle if you don't want your wings singed" is a proverb as old as the hills. So old we have almost forgotten to apply it to ourselves. In every community men and women are imitating the moth. How many times have we been singed by the fascination of that long distance "bargain"? And how many times have we come back, and back again, to the flame? How much money is just each year to this community by this same singing process? The flame of the candle mounts higher. The moth crawls closer and closer to the flame. It is our business to put that flame out. Wanted: A few men and women in our community to apply the anti-flame.