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The Oregonian's Washington, D. C. correspondent says that there is no hope of securing the passage of any general irrigation bill during the present Congress, and very little hope of securing an appropriation for even an experimental system. Eastern members of Congress have examined the compromise bill recently agreed upon by the irrigation advocates, and are already taking radical exception to its provisions. A general bill in order to pass, must provide that the right to water shall remain in the land and the price at which irrigated lands may be obtained, under the homestead law, shall be equal to the amount expended by the General Government in their reclamation.

A cable from London says: "Miss Portia Knight's action for breach of promise against the Duke of Manchester, which is due for trial in the courts here this week, is, after all, not likely to be fought to a finish. The Duke of Manchester, with the assistance of his father-in-law, Zimmerman, has offered the plaintiff a lump sum, said to be \$20,000, in full settlement of her claim. The lady's lawyers advise her to accept. She will probably take their advice. The Duke considers that he has displayed great magnanimity throughout, and the knowledge that he thinks so has been one of the chief reasons why Portia has refused hitherto to compromise."

Every man thinks that if he could live his life over again, how differently he would spend it. It is dreadful at last to look along the valley that was once spread before us so glad and sunny, teeming with corn and wine and oil and, to see how barren we have left it. Count your good actions on your fingers, as the wayfarer counts the miles he has passed or the trader his gains, or the sportsman his successes—can you reckon one a day? a week? a month? a year? And yet you will want a large stock to balance those in the other scale. Man is a reasoning being and a free agent; he makes a strange use of both privileges.

German bankers have a claim of \$10,000,000 upon the Government of Venezuela, the payment of which has been systematically avoided, and there is \$2,000,000 due German citizens for damages sustained in a revolution that is also avoided. The German Government is taking steps to secure satisfaction of these claims, and is making preparations to take charge of the custom houses of Venezuela for that purpose. Sentences were in the United States by Germany before any action was taken that the portion of this action was but to collect the claims due and not to hold promissory the post seized.

At a meeting of the directors of the Houston & Texas Central Railroad Company on December 28th, C. H. Markham was elected vice president and executive head of the lines of the system. Mr. Markham is now assistant general freight and traffic manager of the Pacific Division, San Bern Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco. He was formerly general passenger and freight agent for the Southern Pacific Lines in Oregon, with headquarters at Portland.

Miss Stone and Queen Wilhelmina are the two most prominent women in the world today. Both gained notoriety by making fools of themselves. The former by trying to give a people a religion they would not readily accept and the latter by marrying a good for nothing, profligate prince who had nothing but a title to recommend him. Miss Stone was old enough to have known better, but on account of Wilhelmina's tender years she is to be pitied.—Ex.

It appears to the public mind that General Miles is either a fool, is insane, or he is courtting more notoriety. He could just as well have kept aloof from the Schley-Sampson-Dewey controversy, as to have made himself ridiculous by his puffing of hot air. Some people never know when they are well off, or how to keep their mouths closed in matters that don't concern them.

Now that the holidays are over it is to be hoped that the people of Lake county will turn their attention to the one important matter to the people of the West—and in which local interest should not wane—and send petitions from every precinct in the county to Congressman Tongue in opposition to the proposed leasing of the public lands. There is no time to lose.

The Superintendent of public schools of Indianapolis has ordered the use of President Roosevelt's message as a reading exercise in the eighth grade classes, and as an exercise in civics and current history in the high school. He refers to the message as "an example by the President of the United States of the use pure and forcible English".

The Shanghai correspondent to the Daily Express cables that a missionary and a number of Christian converts have been massacred at Nin Sha Fu, in Kan Su province. It is asserted that the troops of General Tung Fuh Siang are responsible for the massacre.

The fall of snow in Scotland is heavier than at any time in fifty years. Several gamekeepers and shepherds are missing and the destruction of sheep in the snow drifts, which range from ten to twenty deep, is unprecedented.

Well, we wonder what these women will ask for next? A woman in California was granted a divorce because her husband gave her only 30 cents in seven months. They must think we men are made of money.

The Boers under the leadership of Dewett won another victory over the English at Zeefontein on December 24th. Many of the King's soldiers were killed, and the wounded and prisoners numbered 150.

Registration Notice.

Registration for the coming election will open at the County Clerk's office on Monday, the 9th day of January, 1902. Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public of out-of-county precincts desiring books and blanks for registration purposes may procure same upon application to the clerk.

WM. GUNTHER
County Clerk.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"What is the excitement on the plaza, Cholley?" "Fellah just arrived without any golf clubs."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

"Colors are so changeable on the beach." "Eh?" "One is either blue from cold or red from sunburn."—Indianapolis News.

A Stage Paradox—"Funny about critics, isn't it?" "What is?" "Why, it's when they treat us coldly that we consider ourselves roasted."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

A Private Flirtation.—Capt. Lovelace—"But you certainly were flirting with one of the men in the ranks." Miss Coquette—"Ah, yes. But that was a private affair."—Town and Country.

"Money is like blood," said the spendthrift nephew; "it isn't any good unless it keeps in circulation." "Yes," answered the wise uncle, "but you shouldn't let either of them get away from you."—Baltimore American.

Her Father—"Young man, do you intend to marry my daughter?" Young Man—"Funny! That was the question your daughter asked me the first evening I came." "You're a curious lot your father and I." "I know when I make a mistake."—London Transcript.

Rosalie—"I don't know any of your brides." "Yes, I thought you did." "No, not exactly; but I thought you were to wear yellow, and how they will give you a complexion."—Fun.

All's Well That mother (entering with whip)—"My boy tells your cane across his back." Schoolmaster (turning)—"I may have struck him, but I intended, but—" Step.—"I thought I'd make you a present of a whip. You'll find it'll last longer than the cane." "Do him more good!"—Punch.

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The Last Battle.
Growells and his wife were sitting at the breakfast table the other morning—he trying to read the paper, while she was lecturing him on his dissipated hours. Suddenly, looking up, he said:
"Now here is a perfectly correct sentiment. A writer in this paper says the best capital to begin with is a capital wife."
"That's very true, dear," replied Mrs. Growells, smiling at the thought that her remark would elicit a compliment, "but where can a man always get such a wife?"
"Why, in a deaf and dumb asylum, of course," answered the heartless wretch.
As the sympathetic novelist is wont to remark: "We will not further invade the sanctity of the domestic quietude."—Chicago Daily News.

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TIMBER LAND NOTICE
United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, December 9, 1901.
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, William F. Rounds of Lakeview, county of Lake, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 225, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, 24th Township No. 38 S., Range No. 39 E., and will offer proof to show that the land is more valuable for its timber or stone for agricultural purposes, and to establish claim to said land before the Register and Surveyor of this office at Lakeview, Oregon, on or before the 10th day of Feb., 1902. He names as witnesses: Jasper Huff, William Ewing, Moore, Roy Paxton, all of Lakeview. Any and all persons claiming adverse interest in the above described lands are requested to state in this office on or before said date, February, 1902. E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

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