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IRRIGATION IN OREGON.

The Government Will Commence
Work Next Spring Under the
General Irrigation Law.

The Government is to commence work in Oregon next Spring under the general irrigation law. This determination has been reached after the department had gone over the proceedings of recent irrigation convention in Portland, and been convinced of the earnest desire of the people for Government aid in the reclamation of the semiarid portions of Eastern Oregon. The character of the work and the localities where it will be undertaken will not be decided upon until the committee designated by the convention reports on the several feasible projects in the state, and designates those for which there is the greatest demand from the people. The preference of the majority is to be respected in this work as far as possible.

This present plan, as roughly outlined, is for the Geological Survey to send into Eastern Oregon surveying parties, which will thoroughly examine the most popular site, and probably two or three others, with a view to formulating plans for the construction of storage reservoirs, and accompanying canal systems, and to make estimates of the cost of such works, as well as showing the amount of land each will reclaim.

As long as the people of the state are disposed to allow the Pilot Butte Development Company to proceed under its contract with the state, provided the state's election is approved, the Government has no desire to undertake a reclamation project in the Deschutes Valley, which would materially interfere with the proposed development under the Carey act.

The Government has more detailed information regarding the Deschutes Valley than any other section of Eastern Oregon, but data such as are needed will be gathered elsewhere by the field parties next Spring and Summer.

The Times Herald says it is much pleased to see the county court of Harney County take up the matter of furnishing data and information regarding reservoir sites which is to be sent through the Oregon Irrigation Association to the proper department at Washington. The promptness of employing a competent engineer in the person of J. E. Johnson to make a survey and complete statement of the advisability of Silvie valley, shows the present board alive to the interests and development of Harney county.

The County Court of Lake county should follow this example and not allow any other county of Oregon to secure any irrigation ahead of us. Lake county has as many and as good sites for reservoirs as any county in the state.

A Fine Edition

The Scientific American has issued under date of December 13 a special number devoted to the subject of "Transportation on Land and Sea." Of timely interest in this number are several articles on the growing United States marine. It will be remembered that our shipping, which was preferably wiped out of existence during the Civil War, has only this year reached the tonnage it represented in 1861. In dealing with the revival of our shipping industry, the Scientific American illustrates some of the best types of our ocean and lake vessels, giving details with which every patriotic American should make himself acquainted. The "Transportation" number also contains some interesting articles bearing on the subject of turbines for passenger vessels and yachts.

Under the heading of railroad transportation is an account of a ride to Chicago and back in the locomotive cab of the Twentieth Century Limited, which will be found of especial interest to the lay reader, while the

matter of a more technical nature is presented under the headings "Notes on the History of American Locomotives," "The Block Signal System," and "Compressed Air Locomotives." Of importance under electric traction is the description of a new 10,000 volt locomotive which will be used in the Berlin-Zossen tests.

Vanderpool-Venator

At the home of Mrs. J. Venator, six miles south of Lakeview, was performed the marriage ceremony uniting Mrs. Venator's only daughter, Edna Rose, to I. L. Vanderpool of Prineville. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large assemblage at high noon on Sunday, December 21st. Rev. Smythe did it in his most pleasing manner. Miss Venator was dressed in white and looked very pretty. Little Bernice Massingill acted as ring bearer. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served, and was partaken of heartily. The solemnity of the occasion was only broken after the ceremony was performed when Dick Wilcox shook hands with the bride and overlooked the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderpool will make their future home in Prineville where they will go in a short time.

The Examiner wishes them a happy and prosperous life.

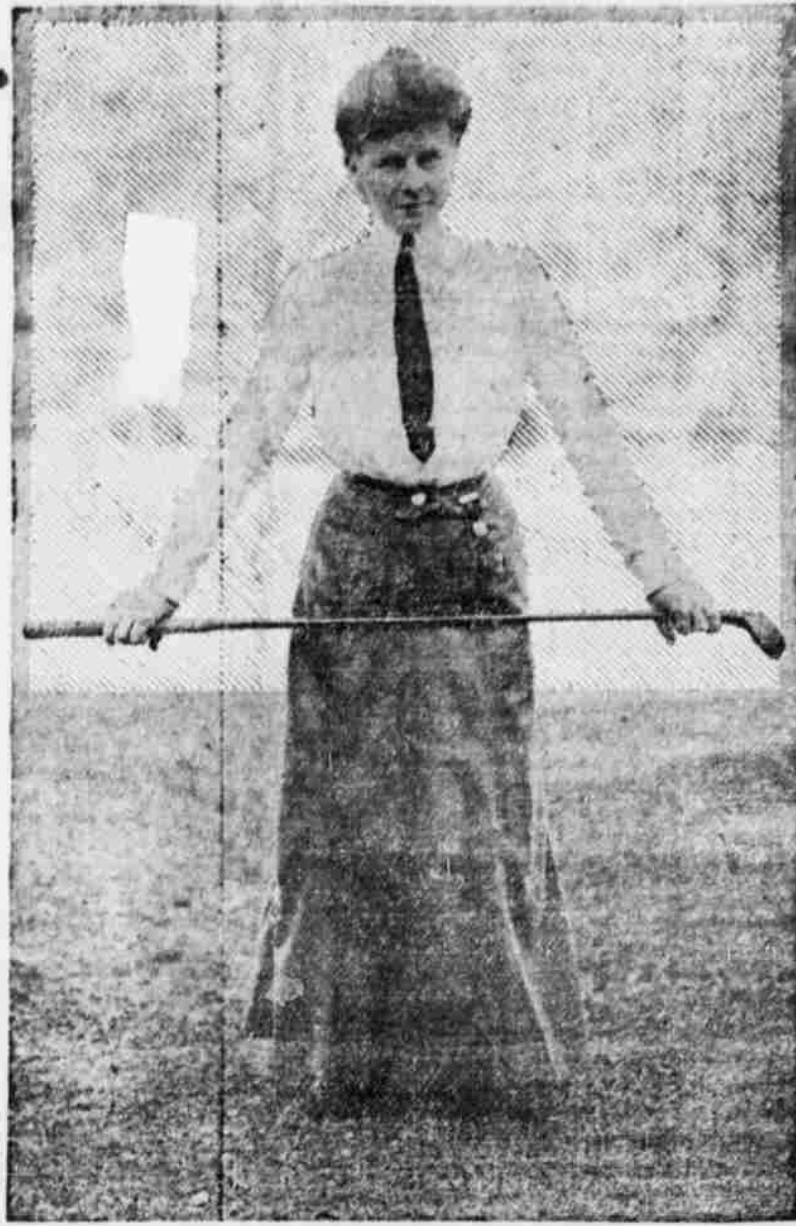
Following is a list of presents: J. D. Venator, silver hollow tray and brush; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Wilcox, silver knives and forks; Miss Maxwell, silver sugar spoon and butter knife; Mrs. T. B. Vernon, glass cake dish; Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart, silver cake dish; Mrs. J. Venator, silver knives and forks; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Bobt McKee, table cloth (linen); Mrs. Coghorn, towels; L. E. Henderson, glass decanter; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Vernon, butter dish; George Barrow, silver pitcher; Miss Minnie Vernon, glass pitcher dish; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Massingill, combination glass and silver cake tray; T. B. Vernon, silver card tray; J. D. and Mrs. Venator, China tea set; Mrs. Venator, Japanese, enameled glass pitcher, glass bowl and spoon holder; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sherlock, China table lamp.

A Good Rule.

There is at least one night in the year when most people enjoy themselves, and that night has passed for the year. Nearly everyone enjoys a good long night's sleep, and since last Sunday was the shortest day of the year it naturally follows that Sunday night was the longest night and everybody surely had a long rest. This reminds us of a conversation heard on the street the other day. One of the gentlemen was telling the other that on account of his being a little hard of hearing his sense of seeing was much better, as he could see better and farther than the ordinary man. "Yes," said the other, whose eyesight was not so good, "that rule holds good in my case. My eyes are somewhat weak, but I can notice that my sense of touch is very acute, and I can hear the slightest sound. I also know that other people who have some defect in their anatomy are affected in the same manner. I know a man that had one short leg, and the other leg was much longer." (Laughter.)

Patronize Home Dealers.

It's a pretty fair sort of a thing to do this patronizing of home dealers when their prices are reasonable and they do the square thing. The catalogue house is an entirely different proposition. Doing business with the latter is a spot cash deal. It sets the price, it selects the article and you pay the price on something your eyes have never beheld. It is quite a chunk of trust to throw to strangers. And then there is another point: when that purse of yours is absolutely guileless of coin of the realm, when you are dead broke, and must have flour and sugar and coffee and meat and butter and shoes and clothing, do you take a catalogue blank and make a fat order for some firm in a big city to satisfy your needs. Do you? Or do you go down to the store on the corner or the one not on the corner, and ask to be "carried" for a few days. Yes, indeed, some are carried in this way year after year, to the door of eternity, who pride themselves on their superior acumen in smelling better things afar.—Oregon City Enterprise.



MISS GENEVIEVE HECKER AFTER WINNING THE WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Miss Genevieve Hecker, who retains the title of woman golf champion for another year, is the daughter of the late millionaire flour manufacturer, Mr. George Jenkins, under whose instruction she learned the game of golf.

Mat Wells Gets Off Easy.

Mat Wells who took a shot at "Rastus" Dorsey last week as reported in The Examiner, appeared before Justice Bayley last Thursday for preliminary examination. The Court had two alternatives, one to bind him over to await the action of the Circuit Court next May, or fine him for assault. The latter appearing to be the most expedient, considering that it would cost the county \$200 or \$300 to keep him and try him, so it was decided to give him the maximum fine of the Justice Court—\$50. A proviso was added that he should leave town within twenty-four hours, and he left next morning.

The sporting fraternity are very glad of his departure, for the reason that he was a lucky gambler, and won a great deal of the spare change.

As a result of the recent expose of gambling in Portland and the charge that five policemen were receiving "graft," Municipal Judge Hogue and B. B. Beckman, who accompanied the Judge on his rounds of the gambling houses, were summoned before District Attorney George E. Chamberlain, who is governor-elect of Oregon, and forced to tell under oath whom they saw playing on the night of their celebrated tour. The district attorney has filed information with the grand jury charging a large number of prominent citizens with gambling and will insist that their indictments be returned. Owing to the prominence of the persons involved the developments have caused a profound sensation.

The House has passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philippines coming into the United States from 75 per cent of the Dingley rates (the present duties) to 25 per cent of those rates. The discussion of the bill was accompanied by considerable maneuvering by the Democratic side to secure test votes on various amendments designed to lower the tariff barrier still further, and a record vote was forced on a motion to recommit, with instructions to report a bill providing for absolute free trade with the islands. The division on this proposition was on party lines, with the exception of McCall (Rep. Mass.), who voted with the Democrats.

Silver Lake Water Case Reversed.

Last week the Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower Court in the Silver Lake water suit. Cynthia I. McCall and W. H. McCall, plaintiffs and respondents vs James C. Porter and Josie Porter defendants and appellants. The case was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The appeal in this suit was made last year but the briefs were only filed last July.

This was a suit to restrain the defendants from interfering with the flow of water through the eastern or McCall branch of Buck Creek in Lake County. The lower court returned a decree for the plaintiffs. After reviewing the case and the testimony presented, the Appellate court reverses the decree of the lower court and finds that the defendants are entitled by prior appropriation to all the water that will flow within the banks of Buck Creek at the alleged point of division, when the banks are maintained at a uniform height.

Horse Thief

Klamath County horsemen are anxious for the apprehension of one Emile Marchell, who it is claimed has been carrying on a wholesale horse stealing business in that county during the past summer. \$200 reward is being offered by the Klamath county sheriff for his arrest. Owen McKendree of Royston a deputy sheriff of Klamath was here last week looking for his man, and proceeded on up into Crook county.

Marchell has been a resident of Lake county for a long time and a number of years ago while working for S. B. Chandler he became insane and was taken to the asylum. He was released after a short time, evidently becoming tired of the confinement. It has since been learned that he should have been sent to the penitentiary instead of the asylum. During last Summer Marchell herded sheep for Maloy and Tucker, and when he left their employ he carried off all the camp equipage and grub he could conveniently carry.

Saturday was a good day for Christmas shoppers, and the stores were crowded all day.

"BOB" ROMERO ON THE WING

The Citizens of Fort Jones, California Were Buncoed by Two
Traveling Crooks Recently

Most of Lakeview's citizens will remember one "Bob" Romero, a gambler and sport who was in Lakeview during the races last July. According to a circular from Fort Jones, Cal., he is a faker of the first water. The circular says that "On Thanksgiving Eve the people of Fort Jones were the victims of three wily schemers. About a year ago Frank Ely came to Scott Valley announced that he was a prizefighter, in fact the "Champion of Northern California." He gave a few fake boxing contests and was what could be called a "hangeron" in Scott Valley up to Thanksgiving Eve.

Sometime in August a gent who answered to the title of "Bob" Romero, wended his way across the Yreka Mountain, with a dilapidated team and spring wagon, and dropped into the usually quiet and peaceful town of Fort Jones. He immediately intrenched himself into the confidence of a few of the influential men about town. He claimed to be an old-time gambler, and always on the "square". Subsequent events proved him to be worse than a "faker."

The next gentleman (?) Curley Smith, alias "Montana Kid" came along in about the same style as Romero, but he was engaged in giving a picture show, using a Magic lantern.

He immediately made himself known as a fighter, and in a round-about way was introduced to Romero—possibly his friend. A fight was immediately promoted between comparative ease, as he was clearly the master of Ely at the boxing game.

"Ely went to his home at Callahan after the fight, and in a few days telephoned that he would fight Smith for a side bet of \$250, which deft was accepted by the backers of Smith—Fort Jones people. The match was made and Romero was selected as referee and stake holder.

"Immediately after the fight, which was clearly a rank fake, Romero and Smith skipped the country with the money, Romero being stake holder. Anyone having anything to do with these parties are sure to get the worst of it.

"DESCRIPTION OF "BOB" ROMERO.—Height about 5 feet 10 inches, light complexioned, light brown hair, hatchet faced, face deeply seamed with wrinkles, sharp hooked nose, smooth shaven, thin, weight about 150 pounds; light grey or blue eyes, generally accompanied by his wife and a hairless Mexican dog. He was a gambler by occupation.

"DESCRIPTION OF CURLEY SMITH, alias Montana Kid, alias a few other names, is about 5 feet 9 inches in height, smooth shaven, light complexioned, weight 156 pounds, brown hair, heavy built about the shoulders. Has a white bull dog answering to the name of Sharkey, and is generally accompanied by his wife. We refer anybody interested to any business man of Fort Jones, Siskiyou County Cal., as to the truth of these statements."

The Ashland city election last week resulted in the defeat of the anti-saloon ticket except in one ward where their candidate for Councilman was elected. Those successful on the labor union-citizen ticket, which stood for saloon license, are: Mayor, D. B. Provost; Councilmen, D. A. Applegate and William McGrath; Recorder, Milton Berry; Treasurer, L. L. Mult. The new Council will stand three to three on the saloon question with the Mayor favorable to license, who has the deciding vote in case of a tie. Licensed saloons may therefore be expected to resume business in Ashland as soon as practicable.