

## EXPOSITION WILL BE OPEN ON TIME

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which will be held in San Francisco in 1915 to celebrate the completion of the Panama canal, will be ready on time.

This is the positive assertion of its president, Charles C. Moore. After months spent on the preliminaries, the perfect plan has been adopted by the Board of Directors and orders have been given to go ahead immediately.

For the first time in the history of International Expositions, the gates will swing open on time on a completed spectacle.

The positive order is that all exhibit palaces must be ready for occupancy on June 25, 1914, which is nine months in advance of the date set for the opening, February 20, 1915. All contracts will be let on that basis.

The first great palace to be commenced will be that devoted to machinery. The contract for this will be let on or before November 1. From then on contracts for the other exhibit palaces will be let at the rate of two a month, and all of these great palaces must be in course of construction inside of nine months. It is estimated that ten months is the maximum limit of time necessary to complete the most elaborate of these.

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## IRRIGATION COST VARIES GREATLY

Oregon has a total project acreage of 2,527,208 acres, according to irrigation data compiled from the 13th census report for the arid land states by the reclamation service. Of this acreage 830,526 were ready for irrigation in 1910.

Of this acreage 588 per cent was developed by individual and partnership enterprises, and the other enterprises entering in this development and the percentage of work they accomplished, follows: United States reclamation service, 3.2 per cent; United States land service, 0.1 per cent; Carey act, 3.6 per cent; irrigation districts, 0.2 per cent; co-operative enterprises, 21.9 per cent; commercial enterprises, 11.3 per cent.

The operation and maintenance cost of irrigation work in the state has varied greatly. In 1910 the cost per acre was 75 cents per acre; in 1899 it was 22 cents, and in 1889, 94 cents.

The difference in cost is due to several factors. In the first place, many of the earlier irrigation systems were inexpensive and relative easy of construction.

In the second place most of the old irrigation systems have made a growth from year to year upon which thousands of dollars worth of work has been done without pay, and without record of cost. The estimated cost of the work is invariably far too small, and generally the acreage irrigated is exaggerated. As a result, the computed cost per acre irrigated is exaggerated. As a result, the computed cost per acre irrigated is far too low.

**OLD AGE**  
Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This in almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. One of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of hope and good cheer. For sale by all dealers.

## SLAVES OF THE DESERT.

A Lashing Taken With Gratitude by the Emir's Servants.

Abd-el-Rahman wore a heavy scow that doted in for some one, and his fingers caressed his rawhide koorring as he watched the camels being driven. When all was ready to start he called out four names, and four dejected looking Arabs answered shamefacedly to the summons.

The Emir spoke to them dispassionately, as one might speak to one's dog, and then, tossing his koorring to the nearest of the four culprits, he bade him lay on a dose of the best, while he watched and criticized each stroke with grim earnestness.

It was not a pleasant sight to watch, and I thought it policy to turn aside, but the rest of the caravan thoroughly enjoyed the exhibition and greeted each well laid blow with approval.

When the punishment was completed each of the culprits in turn came forward and kissed the Emir's feet, thanking him for his mercy and calling Allah to witness that they were his dogs to do with as he wished.

From their subsequent conduct I have no reason to believe that they did not mean every word they said, though at the time I was skeptical. It is not every day that one learns such an object lesson in humility and feudal service.—Wide World Magazine.

## INSPIRED AUTHORS.

Ideas Come to Them, It Would Seem, In Spite of Themselves.

Bernard Shaw has stated more than once that he is "inspired." "I am pushed," he says, "by a natural need to set to work to write down conversations that come into my head unaccountably. At first I hardly know the speakers and cannot find names for them. Then they become more and more familiar, and I learn their names. Finally I come to know them very well and discover what it is they are driving at and why it is they have said and done the things I have been moved to set down."

Other writers and painters, too, have described their processes in a similar way. William Blake was positive and emphatic in describing himself as a mere amanuensis, writing down the words that were audibly spoken to him, and he painted in the same way from a model set before his eyes and visible to him alone. Rodin, the French sculptor, gave his assent to the same idea of models visible to the eye of the artist. Dickens said that his characters were actually visible and audible to him, and it will be remembered that "Kubla Khan" was dictated to Coleridge while he slept.—London Spectator.

## The Curious Guanaco.

"Amura" guanaco whispered one, as they crouched low in the boat. "Kili" and he pointed to the rifle beside me in the stern sheath. The good brown of the white breasted deer-like animal stood out, a little note of color, complementing strongly against the verdant green of the dark, wet forest side, but well out of range. I had seen the Indian guanaco skin caps (reboles) sold by the fur dealers of Punta Arenas, but this was my first glimpse of the animal itself, many thousands of which I saw later during my expeditions through Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia. "You are a queer animal, indeed," apostrophized an Argentine lieutenant as he and Captain Musters once viewed a solitary guanaco. "You have the neck of a horse, the foot of a sheep, the neck of a camel, the feet of a deer, and the swiftness of the devil." Yet within a graceful animal and at a distance not unlike red deer, though larger.—Outing.

## Jarred Her.

A Chicago woman was traveling to the Orient. On a trip through a desert she was carried by four stairway blocks in a chair suspended by poles. The natives started out with great cheer, but as the journey progressed and the sun beat down upon them they began to chant a prayer to Allah. It was melodious, though a bit mournful. Its constant repetition was soothing, and the lady dozed. On awakening, the prayer, grown more mournful, almost despairing, was still being intoned. Turning to her interpreter she asked the meaning of the mysterious words. The interpreter pretended not to hear, but being pressed for an answer finally bowed low and said: "Madinah, since you insist, they pray that the great Allah may make you less fat."—Chicago Tribune.

## Sacrifice!

There was only one piece of pudding for dinner, and Mrs. Jones divided it between her children, Ned and Grace. Ned looked first at his piece and then at his mother's empty plate. "Mother," he said, "I don't think I can eat my pudding while you haven't any." "Why, Ned," said the mother, much pleased, "how unselfish you are, dear! But, you see, my boy, there is no more pudding." "I know that, mother. You take Grace's!"—London Mail.

## One Exception.

"Where there's a winner there's always a loser."  
"Not always."  
"Well, name an instance to the contrary."  
"When you're playing cards with your girl for kisses."

## Unfeeling.

Mrs. Benham: "I'm afraid the doctor's bill is too high."  
Benham: "But he saved my life."  
Mrs. Benham: "That's what I'm figuring on!"—New York Times.

There is no truce so insupportable but a man may be true.—Shakespeare.

## OREGON EASTERN WILL RUSH WORK

Potential evidence has been accumulating during the last few days that the O.W.R. & N. will now get down to business in extending the Oregon Eastern line westward across the state, says the Portland Journal. It is only a short time since the property of the Oregon Eastern, which has been surveyed from Vale westward to Dog Mountain, was appraised and formally taken over by the O.W.R. & N. It has always been held as an Oregon Short Line subsidiary, and all work heretofore has been done by that company through the Salt Lake office.

With the engineering and construction work now under the supervision of George W. Bosche, chief engineer of O. W. R. & N., plans have been worked out for pushing the line across the state as rapidly as possible. To that end, all kinds of surveying and engineering equipment and outfit have been dispatched from here to Vale this week, and it is understood that a big crew of men from Bosche's office will be sent into the field to prosecute the preliminary work for much additional building the coming season.

It is believed important changes in the route to be followed by the line have been made as a result of the dissolution of the Harriman merger. It has been expected that the ultimate goal of the Oregon Eastern was to some point on the new Natron-Klamath Falls cutoff of the Southern Pacific main line, but with the segregation of the Harriman Pacifics it is now almost certain that the Oregon Eastern will become affiliated with the O. W. R. & N. exclusively and will be extended to Bend and reach Portland by way of the Deschutes Railroad.

One of the possibilities of the future, it is said, is the construction of a joint line by the O. W. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific to form a connection from Bend of the Deschutes line to Odell, or some point near there on the Southern Pacific.

It is believed that a considerable portion of the money which the Union Pacific will secure from the sale of its \$126,600,000 stock in the Southern Pacific will be allotted to development work in Oregon and the Northwest.

Besides the Oregon Eastern, the other improvement construction work projected by the O.W.R. & N. is the cut off from Spokane to the Lewis river. This line will shorten the distance between Portland and Spokane about 57 miles.

## Hits Productive Country

Cut loose from the Southern Pacific Railroad, the Union Pacific Railroad now consists of two main lines from the East with termini at Omaha and Kansas City, branching out into three main lines to the Pacific Coast, which termini at Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Of the three Western forks, that to Portland is shortest and most direct. West of the Rocky Mountains it traverses the most productive and most rapidly developing territory. Its merits from a traffic producing standpoint will force a fair share of attention, to its needs.

No interest has made a harder fight at the tariff hearings against an evident disposition to cut the rate of duty than the wool men, both growers and manufacturers. The mohair producers of Texas and Oregon want the duty of 40 per cent retained but the committee indicated that it would not agree to recommend any such rate of duty. The manufacturers also held out the prospect of a reduction of the wage schedule if the tariff should be cut. However, it is understood to be the intention of Congress to make reductions on both cotton and wool. Enough has been shown by the hearings before the Ways and Means Committee to indicate that there will be a bitter fight all along the line when the tariff schedules come before congress at the extra session.

## Reason For Haycocks.

Farmers try to get their hay "made" as soon as possible, so that it shall escape the rain, for rain washes the goodness out of hay, leaving it very poor food for animals.

That is why, instead of being left spread about the ground to dry, hay is made up into heaps called haycocks.

Half an inch of rain means fifty tons of water on an acre of land. If the hay is spread about over the ground all those fifty tons of water wash the goodness out of the hay.

But if the crop is made into haycocks these take up only one-tenth of the space. Therefore they are washed by only one-tenth of the rain water. In other words, as you can at once see, the hay is then washed by only five instead of fifty tons of water falling upon it.

This is the reason why hay is made into haycocks.

A New Jersey man who has lived to be 100 years old advises those who desire long life "to be optimists, not pessimists, not to worry, to take plenty of exercise, drink lots of buttermilk and get plenty of fresh air." The recipe seems to be a good one.


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