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**TEST WELL PROVES BIG SUCCESS
FORT ROCK VALLEY TO BE GARDEN
ALL CELEBRATE DEMONSTRATION**

More than 100 square miles in Eastern Oregon will be made a fertile garden spot, it is confidently asserted, as the result of the successful exploration for water in the Fort Rock country in Lake county, near Silver Lake.

Because the country will become tributary to Klamath Falls with the extension eastward of the Strahorn railway, and because a number of Klamath Falls residents have land interests in the region, the development is being followed with interest here.

Ten or twelve years ago there was a homesteader's rush to the Fort Rock country and it became quite thickly settled, but water was lacking and the population since 1910 has dwindled until now not more than 100 people reside in the 100 square miles.

If the test well's showing of an immense water supply at comparatively shallow depth is borne out in other parts of the valley, it will soon become again a thickly settled region.

The Oregonian recently carried a page story on the development, with pictures of the well, showing the abundance of the water flow. With the pump discharging from 600 to 800 gallons a minute the water level was not lowered after the first few minutes pumping, which decreased it a scant 2 1/4 feet, although the pump was operated constantly for six hours.

The demonstration was the occasion of a gala gathering of all the residents of the valley, and persons from Silver Lake, Prineville, Bend and other points. It took place Saturday, October 1, and is described by the Silver Lake Leader as follows:

On last Saturday at the well drilled by the state at the Ernst ranch southeast of Fort Rock, a crowd of 150 or more people gathered to witness the pumping demonstration.

A steam threshing engine was hitched to the 12 inch Layne & Bowler pump and a steady stream of water poured forth from the well throughout the day. The pump was run at variable speeds of from 700 to 1000 gallons per minute without lowering the well more than two and one half feet. At the demonstration given some three weeks ago the water in the well was lowered four and a half feet, but since that time the well has been sunk deeper, being now a depth of 220 feet.

This demonstration, according to

those who are authority on the subject, proves beyond a doubt that there is practically an unlimited supply of water underlying Fort Rock valley. N. C. Janssen, agent for the pump used in making this demonstration, and who has had a wide experience with irrigation from wells, claims that this is live water and will afford a supply for a pump of 4500 gallons per minute capacity, which is equal to over 500 miners inches. The well equipped with the pump used in the test, it is claimed, will irrigate 50 acres of land. The question of power for pumping is now one which confronts the people of the valley. In the opinion of H. M. Parks, under whose direction the work of drilling and testing the well has been in charge, is that a steam plant placed in the timber handy for fuel, is the only immediate solution of the problem. By this means, Mr. Parks says a number of farmers could go together, generate current, which could be run to the valley and used to lift the water. Once this is done, it is pointed out, capital will become interested, and electric power will be forth coming from the Deschutes river, possibly Pringle Falls.

Two remarkable features about the well are the temperature of the water, which is about 82 degrees, and the supply, which Mr. Janssen says is only equalled in one other place in the United States, so far as he has been able to learn.

Undoubtedly the Fort Rock valley, and by this term we include Fremont on the west side of the valley to Cliff on the east side, has one of the greatest futures of any body of land in eastern Oregon. This upland is a volcanic ash soil, covered with a growth of sage brush, capable of producing all kinds of crops, and in fact it will in time rival the famous Yakima valley, so claims those who have watched the development of the Yakima country.

At present very few people live in this part of the country, chiefly due to the fact that they have been bled white by crop failures in the past five years from drouth. Now that the question of water for irrigation is solved, it is reasonable to expect that many settlers who obtained patent to their lands and left, will return, and many who are looking for cheap land, will avail themselves of the opportunity which this valley offers.

Giant Cricket from Eastern Oregon is Twice Others Size

BEND, Oct., 14.—Classified by experts at the Oregon Agricultural college, the insect oddity with an oversized head, a striped body, and long bleached out legs, is identified at the college as a sand cricket, and is declared to be the largest specimen ever received there, being twice the size of a specimen previously rated as the largest, which had come from Arizona. This is the first to have been sent from Central Oregon, and college entomologists are desirous of securing another from this locality for their collection. The finder of the specimen just passed on by the O. A. C. experts is R. N. Buchwalter, Bend merchant, who discovered the sand cricket recently on the road east of Bend.

The ferocious looking and otherwise interesting entomological specimen referred to in your letter of October 4 came in today," writes C. J. McIntosh of the department of industrial journalism at the college in a letter received at the Bulletin office this morning.

"It was identified as a sand cricket, one of the large headed burrowing type of the genus *stenopimatus*," he continues. "It is erroneously often thought venomous, and aside

from its wholly inexcusable homicidal expression it is fairly harmless.

"This specimen had evidently been started on his trip alive, since crackers for food had apparently been enclosed. He arrived 'deceased.' He is also the victim of mayhem, being minus one full leg, which he must have been enclosed without or else eaten up, skin and bone. Also he had broken down most of his antennae, and his hard skull was slightly cracked. Otherwise he is in good condition for the taxidermist.

"This part of the immemorial history is to be performed here, Prof. Fulton says the specimen is too big to be enthroned on his stick pin with viscera intact. So Fulton will do the residue up in arsenic and varnish, and later forward the product to you at Bend."

McIntosh mentions that Prof. Fulton would greatly appreciate having another male specimen. "This is the first specimen from Central Oregon, and—as it ought to be of course—is remarkable for its size and general worth," he says.

The college will be glad to repay costs of packing and sending a live specimen. If shipped alive, the insect should be placed in a small tin box with a few moist leaves to prevent its being bumped about and injured in shipment. Pin holes should be punched in the box to admit air. If it is not possible to send a live

insect, McIntosh suggests that a dead one be sent, packed to prevent breakage.

Prohibition Causes Injury to Bathers

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 14.—Cuts sustained by bathers are the latest woes to be blamed on prohibition. In an official statement by the city park commission upon the work of its life-savers at Boston beaches this season is this paragraph:

"Ever since prohibition came in the most frequent calls for first aid assistance have come from the numerous bathers who are cut by broken bottles. Alcoholic addicts are prone to go to the shore for clandestine indulgence. They hurl their empty bottles on the beach and seem to take delight in smashing them.

"The beneficial milk bottle is a lesser but still serious source of trouble. Many women who picnic along the shore are apt to abandon their empties with such vehemence as to leave them shattered."

The statement adds that not a life has been lost this season at any of the beaches in charge of the park department.

Miss Margaret Darch and Miss Ina Meyers have reached Kansas on a "health hike" from their home in Indianapolis to the Pacific Coast.

Humanitarianism of Two Organizations is Applauded by Editor

The Los Angeles evening Express, July 15, 1921, says: When the local Salvation Army hall the visiting Elks as the

"Army's greatest ally in humanitarian work" it pays a tribute of an extremely high order a compliment which the public in general will do well to consider.

The Book of Books teaches that of that admirable trinity of divinely bestowed attributes or spiritual possessions—faith, hope and charity—the greatest and most priceless of all is charity. Again it is written that possession all of the leading virtues besides, but having not charity we are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

Charity in its breadth and depth of import is the noblest of qualities. Charity is but another term for love for one's fellow man, sympathy with his yearnings, patience with his weaknesses, tolerance for his shortcomings, liberality and benevolence in judging his acts.

The Salvation Army knows and practices these qualities. Better than almost any other does it understand the secret of appealing to the good in a man, to best he knows or can feel "away down in his heart." And that is good Elk doctrine, every line of it, every word of it.

The ear and heart of the Salvation Army are in true with the heart throbs of men. Their charity is not puffed up. They take the one in need of charity as they find him, relieve his distress and plant in him a love for the best he can know and feel. That, too, is good Elk doctrine. When the Salvation Army wants friends for their fellow man its members know the way to the heart of an Elk.

What wonder then that the Salvation Army welcomes the Elks as its greatest ally in humanitarian work? Every building in the United States that houses a lodge of Elks has an ambition to make of

itself the civic welfare center of its home community, so the newly elected grand exalted ruler of the Elk hosts stated in Los Angeles a day or two ago in accepting the highest office in the gift of the order.

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