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An Irrigation Campaign.

Reports from Washington state that a number of western senators and members of the house have agreed to combine for action in favor of government appropriations for irrigating purposes in their respective states and to defeat the river and harbor bill unless an appropriation for irrigation is made a part of that measure. Senator Dubois of Idaho is named as authority for the statement that the senators and representatives of California, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada have joined in the movement. According to the Idaho senator, as reported, the proposition will be to devote the receipts from the various land offices, in excess of expenses, to the construction of reservoirs and canals by the government and then to use all the money obtained from selling reclaimed lands to extend the system of irrigating 100,000,000 acres in the west.

Whether or not there is such an understanding between western congressmen as reported, there is no doubt that the west was never more earnest than it is at this time in the purpose to secure national aid for the promotion of irrigation, so that it can confidently be said that western representatives will make a most determined effort to accomplish the Western sentiment is practically unanimous so that the time has come when the government should take hold of this most important matter and inaugurate a policy that will assure the steady reclamation of the arid lands, the necessity for which is growing more urgent from year to year. The fact is fully recognized that it is a large undertaking, that it involves a great expenditure of money, but it is impossible to doubt that the results will many times repay the cost. Let it be assumed that the reclamation of 100,000,000 acres of arid lands would cost \$200,000,000 or even a larger sum, every acre of land reclaimed would be worth at least \$50, so that we should have an increase in the wealth of the country in land alone, without improvements, of \$5,000,000,000 by the expenditure upon the part of the government of \$200,000,000 and we would have a country opened up for the surplus population of the east and the middle western states. It is a great practical question, in which the welfare not of the west alone but of the whole country is involved.

Near the close of the last session of congress a bill was introduced by Representative Newlands of Nevada to provide for the disposal of the arid public lands and to authorize the construction of reservoirs for the storage of water and other necessary irrigation works for arid-land reclamation. This measure, which will doubtless come before the Fifty-seventh congress, met with very general approval from the advocates of irrigation and will probably have their support if again introduced. As we have heretofore said in regard to this question, it is certain that only the general government can provide the means and exercise the authority needed for the successful establishment and maintenance of the general system that will be necessary for the conservation of the water needed to carry on the irrigation of the vast area now lying idle, and if it be admitted that it is the right and duty of the government to do this there is no sound or sufficient reason why this most important work should not be begun as soon as possible.

A person wants to know when hard times for the farmer are likely to come again, assuming that the present prosperous condition of agriculture cannot continue. While lower prices for farm products are almost sure to come in the natural order of supply and demand, we still think that the greatly expanded markets for the products of the American farm and factory and common sense business principles in the policies of the gov-

ernment will absolutely prevent a recurrence of what may be termed "hard times" for the American farmer for many years to come. The whole world is becoming dependent to a greater or lesser degree upon America. The actual foreign demand for foodstuffs, coupled with home demand from nonproducers engaged in manufacturing commodities for foreign countries, is sure to make an active demand at good prices for all that the farmer has to sell. It is this fact which does much to explain the marked advance in the price of good farm land all over the country.

There is no disputing the fact that out of the three names mentioned for United States senator—Simon, Fulton and Scott—there is a strong sentiment in favor of Mr. H. W. Scott. As we remarked a few weeks since this is an honor the people of Oregon should take pride in conferring upon that gentleman if merit and ability is to be taken into consideration. No man is more conversant with the entire state and knows its needs as well as Mr. Scott, for he has been identified with its growth and industries for many years, and it is well-known that he has labored zealously for the interests of Oregon. We believe the state owes Mr. Scott a debt of gratitude, and a fitting honor to bestow upon him would be to send him to the United States senate, for his name will always be associated with the distinguished men who helped to make Oregon what it is today. And we believe this will be the verdict of the people after considering the matter fairly and impartially, but whether Mr. Scott will allow this honor to be conferred upon him we do not know.

Some people are worried because the United States has no official national flower. While England has the rose, Scotland the thistle, Ireland the Shamrock, France the lily and Holland the tulip, there seems to be no unity of opinion as to what flower should constitute America's floral insignia. One of our western congressmen once undertook to get the pansy so named, but he only succeeded in getting "pansy" hitched on to his name instead of the country. The flour which has made America more famous than any other is made at Minneapolis mostly.

The last steamer to return from Cape Nome brought \$500,000 in gold. It also brought over 100 men who had no money to buy fare and had stowed themselves away on the ship when it sailed, leaving hundreds of others who were just as destitute and not so fortunate in securing passage. The search for gold is as alluring as gambling and the chances of success hardly more numerous.

A law recently put into effect in Norway compels the young woman before she marries to present a certificate to the authorities showing that she can cook, sew, and embroider. This ought to insure the getting of a good housekeeper when a fellow marries in that country, but it is an unfair agreement in that nothing is required in the man.

If every city in the United States would follow the example of New York with the intention of getting rid of the political bosses what a blessing it would be. But we pause to wonder if this was not a move for one political boss to get rid of another political boss?

In spite of the stories of drought and prospective destitution which were circulated last summer the only famine noted up to date is a car famine on the railroads.

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SOLDIERS WERE AMBUSHED.

Fate of Three Oregon Volunteers Who Were Lost in Philippines.

The fate of James Lawrence, Ralph McCoy and Clarence Mills, the three members of Company M, Second Oregon Volunteers who were reported missing on the morning of April 11, 1899, while in the service at Maricao, P. I., seems at last to have been solved. Beyond doubt the men were ambushed, killed and their bodies hidden in one of the many fish ponds near the place where the men were last seen. Attempts are now being made to ferret out the murderers, and several Filipinos have been placed under arrest on suspicion.

Urged on by sorrowing mothers, J. M. Poorman, of Woodburn, late Captain of Company M, has been keeping up an incessant correspondence with Army officials for the purpose of revealing the mystery, and from late letters from several officers it is evident that the volunteers were done away with as above mentioned.

The letter of one officer reads as follows:

I am informed by an officer in the brigade of Pilar that when they were stationed in Balingin, in April 1899, rumor reached them to the effect that three Americans had been killed by Ladrons under one Captain Luis, west of Maricao. I am told that Mariano Jacinto, a native confined in Bacolor prison, probably knows the circumstances.

C. C. Dwyer, Captain commanding at Polo, made the following indorsements:

From several sources it is learned that the three men were killed near the barrio of Obijan, while they were shooting fish or getting out of a boat.

It is said that Domasa Reparo, now a workman in the Custom House at Manila, and his uncle, Juan Reparo, since killed by insurgents, and Roman Venicle, now in the guardhouse of Santa Marie, accused of murder, and probably John Pagale, insurgent Lieutenant and thief, who has not yet surrendered, were four of the men who killed the men in question.

The remains were thrown into one of the many fish ponds, and we are trying to find them. No one seems to know where they are. It might be well to arrest Domasa Reparo and have him turn state's evidence, if treachery was used, as seems to be established.

Lieutenant Walker reported as follows:

Domasa Reparo went to Manila, and his whereabouts are unknown. I have made repeated efforts to capture him Roman Venicle, a prisoner here, denies all knowledge of the affair, and says that he was in the mountains at the time.

General Funston writes:

The fate of the three men of the Second Oregon in question would seem to be pretty well settled by the report from Captain Dwyer, though it is quite improbable at this late date that their remains can be found or their murderers brought to justice.

In summing the matter up, Major-General Lloyd Wheaton made the final indorsement, as follows:

It is not possible now to obtain definite information as to the fate of the missing men. It is probable that they have been murdered. Many soldiers have disappeared in this department, and have been murdered. Every effort has been made to bring their murderers to justice, and many natives have been tried, sentenced and executed for these crimes. Others are now under sentence of death for the assassination of American soldiers. Efforts will continue to be made to obtain further information in the case of these men of Second Oregon Volunteers.

The Tillamook Timber Contests.

Nolan of Tillamook county, has filed contests in the Land Office against 75 claims in Tillamook county. The contests are the same as in the Hays cases, which are now being heard in the Land Office. Nolan alleges that the entries when made were not made in good faith for the exclusive use and benefit of the entrymen, who conspired with one Claude Thayer, Morris Leach, and Clark Hadley and others to fraudulently obtain title to said land and to divide the proceeds of the sale of the same and that said entry was made in pursuance of a conspiracy. The affidavit further alleges that Charles E. Hays has filed of said conspiracy. The affidavit further alleges that Charles E. Hays is collusive and speculative and it is alleged by this contestant upon information and belief that said contests are made in the interest of said entryman and his co-conspirators. That said entries are fraudulent and void and together with the pre-

tended contests of Charles E. Hays, operates to deprive this contestant of his right to make entry of said tracts and this the said contestant is ready to prove at such time and place as may be named by the Register and Receiver for a hearing in said case; and that the pretended contests filed by said Charles E. Hays be not heard nor passed upon until these contests are settled; and he therefore asks to be allowed to prove said allegations to the end that said timber entry may be declared cancelled and forfeited to the United States, he the said contestant paying the expense of said hearing.

The land office refused to accept the contest on account of it not being filed in good faith.

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