

A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR DAM

A Structure Higher Than the Famous New York Flatiron Building Out in Wyoming.

Uncle Sam does some foolish things sometimes, but he is pretty hard-headed after all when it comes to a business proposition, and he is the promoter in this case, the strange part of it is that this structure will make more money for more people and be of far more benefit to the community as a whole than the Flatiron Building or any other big city building, for it will be the means of building a new livelihood for 20,000 people, and it is not a philanthropic enterprise, either.

It is a simple proposition, too—imagine Uncle Sam, if you will, as one of those giants of ancient mythology who over-strode the world, and see him take in his hands a massive, V-shaped wedge of stone dealing the shape of the Flatiron Building, only larger, and carefully insert it between the towering canyon walls of a turbulent, roaring mountain river, damming the waters and at the same time forever blessing them to mankind's use, with the result as they slowly draw furrows in the earth's surface, away from the base of the wedge and out over as fair a country as the sun shines upon; then see the water gates open and the life-giving waters flowing through these furrows, wing a short distance east of Yellowstone National Park.

The Canyon is that of the Shoshone River, the wedge, the highest masonry dam ever constructed, the furrows made by the giant's fingers, the irrigation canals and ditches which carry the water which are already blossoming in 150,000 acres of arid land to blossom as the rose. This is one of those rare occasions when a business proposition makes a vivid appeal to the imagination, for foolhardy indeed would have been he who, a few years ago, would have predicted the glorious agricultural future of this country then covered with buffalo grass and sagebrush. But the soil is so rich and the conditions, with proper water supply, so favorable, that crops are here produced rivaling those of the Valley of the Nile itself—the ancient granary of the world—and are several times as large as those produced in the humid regions of our own country.

A few years ago given over to the cowboy and the big cattle rancher, it today retains some of the flavor of the wild west, with Cody, named after that famous scout, "Buffalo Bill," as its principal town; here, too, Buffalo Bill still makes his last stand against the encroachments of civilization, for in addition to the town being named after him, he owns the hotel—one of the best in Wyoming—and maintains a hunting lodge in that primeval forest which still exists between Cody and the National Park.

The Government is spending about \$7,000,000 to reclaim these so-called arid lands, and when the dam and other works, including a 3 1/2-mile water tunnel through the solid rock, and numerous canals and laterals, are completed, it will be by the end of 1909, opportunity will have been provided for thousands of people to become independent and gain homes for themselves. Already some of the lands have been irrigated and about 20,000 acres settled upon, and other farms are now open to the first comer and the first bidder.

In addition to the government irrigation enterprise, private capital is building other irrigation systems which, when completed, will mean over a million acres of irrigated land in this famous region, enough land to support on the farms and in the towns which are growing up as a natural result, over a quarter of a million people. The railroads are not backward in realizing the assured future of this country and are spending mil-

lions of dollars in building main lines and branches hither and thither, and one of them—the Burlington route—which at present has a line to Cody—is building what will be a main line through the heart of the district to Thermopolis and thence southeasterly to a connection with its other lines and on to Denver.

There are good towns, including Cody, Basin, Worland, Garland, Powell and Thermopolis, already mentioned. At the latter place are situated the Thermopolis Hot Springs, as notable for their curative properties as the Hot Springs, Arkansas, or the hot springs at Carlsbad, Germany, and bound here long to be as famous as these better known springs.

Perhaps in no other one section is there so much land susceptible of irrigation and such an abundant and certain water supply combined with perfect climatic conditions and inspiring physical surroundings as in the Big Horn Basin. On all sides rise the snow-capped peaks of the Big Horns, Absaroka, Pryor and Owl Ranges, forming an encircling mountain barrier assuring protection from storms from whatever direction and serving as a constant inspiration to those so fortunate as to live in this region of already great development and still greater possibilities, immediately to the west within driving distance lies Yellowstone Park, the people's greatest playground, while on all sides are found the finest hunting and fishing the country affords.

Alfalfa, the great forage crop of the west, small grains, sugar beets, potatoes, all the fruits which grow in the temperate zone, and garden trucks, comprise the principal agricultural products. The crop yields are phenomenal, sometimes so great as to enable the settler to pay for his entire farm from the proceeds of a single crop.

One of the finest qualities in abundance, natural gas already lighting and heating two of the principal towns, oil wells for which one refinery has already been built, and sulphur deposits already yielding large results, give some idea of the mineral resources of the basin, the development of which has only commenced. The precious metals, too, are found.

Hon. Frank W. Mondell, Chairman of the Committee on Public Lands of the House of Representatives of the United States, says: "Taken all in all, no region that I know of in the United States has a brighter prospect than the Big Horn Basin, so wide is the range of its products and possibilities, that it might easily be made self-supporting and self-sufficient; fortunate, indeed, are the people who have cast their lot with that region and who continue to pin their faith to its assured future."

This wonderful country is developing rapidly. Churches and schools abound. The population is intelligent, God-fearing and law-abiding, and any man out there who is half a man has the opportunity to quickly make himself independent.

The greatest need of the Big Horn Basin, however, in common with other parts of the west, is settlers to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities which it has to offer, and now that these are becoming better known, settlers are coming in ever-increasing numbers. One of the surprising features is the large number of settlers who come from the cities and towns and who, knowing comparatively little about farming, are making a great success. Irrigated farming is certainly proving a great boon to the "butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker," as well as to the farmer himself, and with the great land hunger which seems to have seized the people generally, it will be but a comparatively short time, now, before the lands of the entire public domain which are susceptible of cultivation will have been settled upon; and then those who might have taken advantage of those opportunities will find that it is too late.

Nowhere will the farmer, the homemaker, the tradesman and the small business man find more or better opportunities for acquiring independence, and for establishing new homes under the most favorable conditions in a new and rapidly developing country, than in the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming.

her friend, Mrs. Louie Mourling, in Colchester.

Joe Cunningham, who is employed by the Mississippi Valley Telephone Company, of Keokuk, has moved his family to that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bolles were Keokuk visitors Thursday.

TAX SALE

List of lots and lands in the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, on which annual water and special taxes for the year 1909 are due and unpaid; and also for delinquent annual water and special taxes for prior years:

Table with columns: OWNERS NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF LOTS, Annual Water Tax, Delinquent Annual Water Tax, Interest and Penalties, TOTAL. Lists various property owners and their details.

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Patriotism The stomach is a larger factor in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" than most people are aware. Patriotism can withstand hunger but not dyspepsia. The confirmed dyspeptic "is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils." The man who goes to the front for his country with a weak stomach will be a weak soldier and a faint finder.

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DELINQUENT ROAD TAXES

List of lots and lands in the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, on which annual road and special taxes are due and unpaid for 1909 and prior years:

Table with columns: OWNERS NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF TOWN LOTS AND LANDS, Annual Road Tax, Special Tax, Interest and Penalties, TOTAL. Lists property owners and tax details.

Street, Sewer, Gutter and Sidewalk Certificates and Coupons Due and Unpaid

Table with columns: OWNERS NAMES AND DESCRIPTION OF LOTS, Annual Amount, Interest and Penalties, TOTAL. Lists property owners and certificate/coupon details.

Notice is hereby given to the owners of lots and parts of lots and lands described in the foregoing lists situated in the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, and parts of lots and lands have been assessed and annual and water and special taxes so levied as above indicated, and designated in the above lists, for the year 1909, and for former years, of the city of Keokuk, Lee county, Iowa, unless payment is made of the delinquent annual, water and special taxes so levied as above indicated, and designated in the above lists, for the 28th day of November, A. D. 1909, the said lots and parts of lots, or so much thereof as shall be necessary to discharge said taxes, costs and interest, will be sold on the day and date aforesaid, at the public sale, to-wit: on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., and commencing at ten (10) o'clock a. m., and said sale will be continued from day to day until completed.

Keokuk, Iowa, November 8, 1909. City Collector of the City of Keokuk, Iowa.

FRATERNAL CARDS

MASONIC. Hall, corner Fourth and Main. Eagle Lodge, No. 12—Holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening, of each month.

Hardin Lodge, No. 29—Holds its regular monthly meetings the second Monday evening of each month.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS. Hall Seventh and Main Streets. Keokuk Lodge, No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A. N. Matheny, N. G., A. G. Hershey, Recording Secretary.

Pucketchuck Lodge, No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. W. E. Rokeby, N. G., Geo. W. Immert, Per Sec.

Herman Lodge, No. 116 (German), meets regularly every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. C. Loettler, N. G., Albert Kiefer, Rec. Sec.

Pucketchuck Encampment, No. 7, meets first and third Tuesday evening of each month. Otto Anschutz, scribe.

A. O. U. W. Keokuk lodge, No. 256—Meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at hall over Keokuk Savings bank, corner Fifth and Main streets. Visiting brethren cordially invited. C. W. Trott, M. W.; Ed. W. Moore, H. C. order.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 5—Meets Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. Building Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. W. E. Strimback, Chancellor; J. A. Burgess, K. of R. and S. Visiting Knights fraternally invited.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SEQUOIA, KEOKUK COUNCIL, NO. 1029. Meets the first and third Monday of each month, at A. O. U. W. hall 8 o'clock. E. E. Hawkes, president; E. Whitmarsh, financier; Mayme C. Schenk, secretary.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA, Gibbons Hall. Keokuk camp, No. 622—Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. J. P. Johnson, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, Clerk.

B. P. O. ELKS. Keokuk Lodge, No. 106—Meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks hall Gibbons opera house block, Sixth and Main streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brethren cordially invited. L. J. Wolf, E. R.; William Reinbold, Secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES. Keokuk Aerie, No. 683—Meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Horn hall, corner Eighth and Main. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Leo Anschutz, W. President; J. Noaks, Secretary.

ORDER OF OWLS. Regular meeting of the Order of Owls the first and third Tuesday of each month at their hall in the Schlitz building corner Third and Johnson streets, third floor. Visiting Owls are cordially invited. Chas. Off, worthy president; Paul T. Pechstein, secretary.

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fore" the minstrel without a doubt, will surpass anything of its kind ever attempted in this city.

In the circle are to be seen all of the old time favorites of Keokuk. Those having participated in many minstrels and have caused laughter, yea tears to roll down the cheeks of the convulsed audience, and the intention of the young men is to make the minstrel on Wednesday evening, the crowning success of them all.

In full dress rehearsal on Sunday afternoon, with empty seats and several well known critics present, the parts of the soloists, the end men and the men in the circle were presented to perfection. There is to be one or two more evenings of practice before the final presentation of what has been called "The laughing minstrel" and will be no misnomer if rehearsal counts for aught.

Following are the black faced comedians who will take part as soloists on Wednesday evening: Messrs. Guerdon Colvin, Thomas Rogerson, John Nodler, John Welsh, Fred Dressel.

The end men are: Walter Nodler, John Brassill, John Engler, Kenneth Whetstone, Ray Trump and Joseph Hallett. A chorus of male voices will help out, piano grande, the end men and soloists who will amuse the Wednesday evening audience. Miller's full opera house orchestra will accompany the soloists and choristers in a very pleasing manner.

Under the very capable and careful management of Carl H. Hemmy, the minstrel show is looking brightly toward a successful presentation on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's hall.

A Religious Author's Statement. Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, Salisbury, N. C., who is the author of several books, writes: "For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy." Wilkenson & Co.

Really Poor Penman. There is a certain Philadelphia physician of considerable prominence who is renowned among his friends as the worst penman in the Quaker city. He used to write them letters and then feel hurt when they could not read them. When he wrote to persons who were not familiar with his scrawl they frequently would not know whom the letters were from. Some time ago he introduced a typewriter into his office, and this rendered the body of the letter intelligible, but did not clear up the difficulty over the signature. Now, however, says the Record, he has had made a rubber stamp bearing his name and address in printing. He signs his name in the usual scrawl, but alongside he impresses the stamp. It is a little humiliating, he says, but he no longer has any trouble about persons to whom he writes not knowing from whom the letters are.

The Secret of Happiness. The secret of happiness in every life is to be doing what you feel you can do best, and to have your own ingenuity. To do what you can do best includes the entire gamut, from housekeeper to social queen, though I should like to turn the gamut upside down by putting the homemaker at the top instead of the bottom of the scale. Your own ingenuity you must have, married or single, if you would take into your life all the happiness it offers, and give out of your life all the happiness it owes the community.—Fall Mall Magazine.

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