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IRRIGATION IN THE SOUTHWEST.

The beneficial results which may be expected from a system of irrigation are beginning to attract attention in what may be described as the "new Southwest." This vast region embraces portions of Western Texas, Western Oklahoma, Southwestern Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Eastern New Mexico, and is filling up rapidly with settlers.

The Review of Reviews has been investigating the subject and finds that these changes have been effected not only by the facilities for irrigation, but by the construction of railroads into the country and the opening up of Indian lands.

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According to a more or less widely accepted theory of trusts, the big steel corporation should have put these increased profits into the pockets of its stockholders.

This jibes somewhat with the theory that corporations have no souls. To the normal mind it will suggest nothing less than an honest desire on the part of a big corporation earning good profits to share these profits with the laboring men who help make them.

The Billings Times reports the presence in that town of a dozen wool buyers, but no growers. The fact is significant as showing how the agents of Eastern houses are hunting for Montana wool at the present satisfactory prices and the indifference of sellers.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago is of the opinion that the democrats are hurting their chances by quarreling. It requires no philosopher to tell us this. But as the democrats have no chances to speak of, a little quarreling, more or less, will not affect general results.

The energies of the state militia of Oregon appear now to be directed toward saving Tracey, the outlaw, from being lynched in the event of his capture.

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ONE DEMOCRAT IN RETIREMENT.

The very Honorable John R. McLean, own cousin to our Mary MacLane, who has been a boodle candidate for about every office in the gift of the people from president to dogpelter, and has never succeeded in getting anything but the back of the hand, has written a letter to the Ohio democrats assembled at a clam bake, expressing his great regret at being unable to participate in the feed and festivities.

DANGEROUS PROPOSITION.

Congress has adjourned, but the free trade newspapers are still in session. There are a few of them that continue to agitate the absurd proposition of destroying the beef combine by removing the tariff on cattle.

Canada, Mexico and South America are waiting for a reduction in the tariff on cattle to fill our markets with their product. This would in no sense affect the combine's price of beef to the retail dealer, and consequently would not affect the retail dealer's price to the consumer.

There is one decided effect it would have, and that would be to increase the profits of the big packing houses. American cattlegrowers would be compelled to compete with cheap foreign labor and cheap foreign cattle, while the great American public would pay just as much for their meat.

Any meddling with the tariff on cattle would be legislation against American cattlegrowers and in favor of foreign cattlegrowers, especially those of Canada, Mexico and South America.

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Butte, as America's greatest mining city, with a population close to 70,000, is glad to note the growth of other cities in the West. The Seattle Times supplies us with these figures concerning Seattle's population which may be taken as an indication of the progress of Western communities.

Things seem to be working when Bourke Cockran makes the principal address at Tammany's Fourth of July celebration. And it is not in the direction of democratic harmony, either.

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PEOPLE WE MEET.

"No one is happier than the Butte merchant this morning," said William Symons, president of the Symons Dry Goods company. "The farmer whose crops depend upon sunshine cannot be rejoicing to a greater degree than is the man whose business depends upon shopping, for shoppers do not come out unless the weather be fair, that is, to any extent. The past week or so has been dull for the merchants, notwithstanding the Fourth of July and its usual rush of business."



W. G. SYMONS.

shower any hour in the day, people are going to stay pretty close within doors, and the ladies, our best customers, do not venture out at all.

"My brother Harry is now in New York, purchasing summer stock, and we are hoping for a little summer weather to harmonize with our business. I am sure all the merchants in town feel in a much pleasanter mood this bright morning, than they have for nearly two weeks. It is a dull and dispiriting prospect when there is a continual drizzle, and it began to look as if we had made a mistake in preparing for the summer season at all."

"Yes, I am happy today—just as happy as the farmer whose crops will now begin to look more promising. Aside from the pleasantness of the sunny weather itself, there is a satisfactory outlook from a business standpoint."

UNITED STATES gunboats will join in pursuit of the escaped convict Tracy now," said W. G. Symons who is at the Butte, "and the desperate race between a crime Tracy is to turn in and half a hundred deputy sheriffs, aided by the state militia, promises to make one of the most interesting chapters of criminal history."

"With bloodhounds on their trail for two weeks, escaped convicts Tracy and Merrill have eluded their pursuers. They escaped at the little city of Salem, Ore. Although the Willamette valley is densely populated, the fugitives made their way to the wilderness of Cowlitz county, Washington, and now news comes that Tracy has seized the biggest launch on Puget sound. Unless he is captured within the next 48 hours he will doubtless become the leader of some one of the desperate gangs of smugglers that infest that locality."

"Pirates in these days?" interrupted the interviewer.

"Plenty of them," answered the Seattle man. "Puget sound, you know, is a body of water 200 miles long and from four to eight miles in width. It abounds in little inlets and hidden harbors. Persons unfamiliar with the conditions may fancy it will take the government gunboats only a short time to overhaul Tracy and his big launch, but they overlook the fact that all the government boats in the sound are slow old hulks with no speed. The revenue cutter Wolcott could never make more than eight knots an hour, and she is not that fast now. Her little launch, named the Black Pup, sank some time ago while tied up at the wharf. The government is having built two fast boats for Puget sound and they are needed to drive out the pirate smugglers."

"If Tracy gets into British waters he will be practically safe, for the chief business of Victoria is smuggling. There is money in the traffic and it is the policy of the Victoria people to protect smugglers as much as possible. Tracy has demonstrated he has physical courage and now that he is the possessor of a big launch he will find plenty of persons to back him in a smuggling venture."

"Chinamen pay from \$100 to \$250 a head to be brought across. Then there is a profit of more than \$4 a pound on the opium smuggled into this country. The Chinamen are invariably put in irons just as soon as they are taken on board the boat. The smugglers tell the agents that in a storm that it is wiser to handcuff them. The facts are that Chinamen are easier dived overboard if a government boat gives chase. If one Chinaman is found on board the boat is confiscated and the people arrested, but if the Chinamen are at the bottom of the sound there is no proof. They are always brought across at night, and many times treasury department agents in pursuit of a smuggler have heard yell after yell as the yellow men were thrown overboard, but when they overhauled the smuggler there was not a Chinaman on board. Judges invariably declare a man cannot be convicted of either smuggling or murder on the mere evidence of a cry being heard."

"The pirates lie in wait for Indians and others going to Seattle for supplies. Many a camp has been descended upon at night and everyone murdered. It simply means that a few more bodies are found in the sound."

CRUMBS FROM KANSAS.

[Atchison Globe.] Between the wolf at his door and the stork on his roof, the average man has all the menageries he can manage.

It is almost as serious to disturb an old girl reading a love story as to interrupt a younger one when entertaining a lover.

If we retain our present natures when we get to heaven, our enjoyment will not begin till we have found out who are not there.

There is an old story of a rabbit that drank a poor quality of whisky and became so fierce that it spat in a bulldog's face and dared him to fight. Lots of such whisky.

OUR FREE PARLIAMENT.

Letters From the People on Topics of General Interest.

Evil Influence of Melo-Drama.

To the Editor of the Inter Mountain: I have waited anxiously for news in the columns of the Inter Mountain of the case of a certain small boy, whose name I have forgotten, but who was arrested some time last week for carrying a pistol. If I remember correctly, the youth was described as laying "in ambush, upon an alley, with a cannon in his fist." I think I can understand in just what state of mind the boy was and can trace no evil influences inducing such mental unrest back to their sources.

While I do not wish to cry down the stage, or to say aught to discredit the melo drama as a whole, I should like to express it as my private opinion that if the kind of plays of which "Jesse James," produced early last week at a Butte theater and later in Anaconda, may be taken as a type, their influences upon the minds of the young are more pernicious than even the so-called "burlesque" productions. I attended a performance of "Jesse James" in Butte. The house was filled with boys and girls, most of them of tender age. Never before had I so fully realized the heartfelt spirit in which children at that period "take in" the details of a play of this sort. Had a half a dozen of the boys present been taken up for murder on the following day I should not have been surprised.

A boy of perhaps 11 years sat directly in front of me. He was so excited during the entire performance as to be scarcely able to contain himself. He twisted and turned in his seat, pulled at his hair and clothes, and, at the more thrilling junctures, leaped to his feet and shrieked out: "Kill 'em; shoot 'em down! Kill the— of—'s!" and other similar expressions. I longed to lay him on my knee and administer suitable reproof. But the boy's eyes were blazing with wrath; his hair stood on end; for the moment, he was transformed by excitement into a fiend; and I have no doubt that had I, or an usher, remonstrated with him for his vile language and unbecoming behavior, he would have turned upon us like a tiger.

This case was merely one of many. All over the house, girls as well as boys, were yelling to Jesse James to show no mercy. A fine hero to hold up to the immature imagination of our youth! Jesse James was an arrant a scoundrel as ever lived and got far less than he deserved.

The evil influences of such plays as these can be only too clearly traced by our police courts. The impressions made upon the mind of the youth are oftener than not carried with him through life. While "Jesse James," with his confre, "Deadwood Dick," the hero of the cheap magazine, are daily before the eyes of our children. Allow me to say that the other great nations of the world are wiser and that plays and books of the description noted are never allowed in the hands of children, and, in some countries, in the hands of anyone.

P. E. SULZER.

An Opinion.

To the Editor of the Inter Mountain: The United States bought Alaska and got a good bargain. Possibly we might sell the Philippines and do as well. If Japan has really offered \$150,000,000 for the islands, she will probably raise the bid to a figure that will come a little nearer meeting our views. Uncle Sam doesn't need the money, but there is a possibility that he doesn't need the Philippines either. France has undoubtedly done well to get rid of her Panama canal.

HOLOCAUST IS AVERTED BY NARROWEST CHANCE

Tank Containing Gallons of Coal Oil Stood in Midst of Flames at Park Street Fire.

Prompt work by the fire department averted what might have been a serious blaze at Nos. 59 and 63 East Park street, at 6:15 this morning. At that hour smoke was discovered issuing from No. 63 by George Smith, a miner, who was passing the place. The building is occupied by the Lisa Cash Grocery company.

Smith immediately turned in an alarm from box 61 and the fire department responded promptly. In the meantime Simon Lisa, the proprietor of the place who lived overhead, had been awakened. He unlocked the front door and attempted to enter the store, but was driven back by the dense volume of smoke.

When the fire department arrived there was no blaze to be seen, but the smoke was issuing from the doors and windows. It was necessary for the firemen to enter the building on their hands and knees in order to escape suffocation. Chief Sanger himself went into the building with a chemical extinguisher.

Before the fire was put out a quantity of groceries were destroyed and damaged and the flames had eaten their way through the wall and ignited several barrels of whisky in the Crystal saloon at No. 59, kept by George Pasco. The fire there was quickly extinguished with but little damage.

It was not until after the fire had been put out that Chief Sanger discovered what a holocaust had been averted and by what a narrow margin.

In the midst of the hottest part of the fire stood the large frame tank containing many gallons of coal oil and the outside of the tank was badly scorched. Had the flames ever eaten through the frame work there would have been little chance to have saved the building. The firemen worked right next to the tank, little knowing the contents.

The loss to the Lisa stock will be about \$600, fully covered by insurance. The loss to the Crystal saloon was light, as was the damage to the building.

IS TO APPEAR TOMORROW

Irvin Allen, Held on Assault Charge, Will Make Plea.

County Attorney Peter Green filed in Judge McClerman's court today an information charging Irvin Allen, colored, with assault in the first degree on Samuel Horn, also colored, on June 12. Allen used a gun instead of a razor on Horn and made a bullet hole in him.

The defendant has employed Attorney John N. Kirk to defend him. Mr. Kirk was not in court today, but will be there tomorrow, at which time Allen will enter his plea.

The News From All Over Montana State

To Incorporate Glendive. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Glendive, July 7.—Attorney C. E. Hurley has circulated a petition to the board of county commissioners praying that the necessary steps for the incorporation of the city be taken. In a remarkably short time 115 names were obtained.

Confirmation at Great Falls. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Great Falls, July 7.—At St. Ann's Catholic church yesterday Right Rev. J. B. Brondel, bishop of the diocese of Montana, administered the rite of confirmation. There were 54 boys and girls in the class, who for the first time enjoyed the sacrament of communion.

Northern Pacific Washout Heavy. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Missoula, July 7.—Parties who are here from the scene of the washout near Hope, of the Rocky Mountain division of the Northern Pacific, say that it was the worst that the company or even the people of that section have experienced in years. The trouble is not due to a cloudburst, but to a warm chinook wind melting the snows in the mountains above.

Sweda Runs Amuck. [SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Columbus, July 7.—Ype Jansen imbibed rather too freely Saturday with rather disastrous results. He began to exhibit a strong desire to perforate everything in sight with his six-shooter, refusing to give up his gun to any of his friends. At last P. H. Hawkins and his wife drove along the street just as Jansen began to fire one of his volleys and a bullet passed in front of them. He was arrested and is now in jail.

Wild West Man Badly Hurt.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Missoula, July 7.—Rogers, the man who took part in the Wild West show and was accidentally shot in the arms by an Indian, is reported seriously ill. An operation was performed by Drs. Parsons and McCullough at the hospital for the removal of the gun wadding which was fired into his arm at the time of the accident. His arm has swollen to enormous size and the surgeons removed the wadding with difficulty.

Wool Sales at Glendive.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Glendive, July 7.—The attendance of wool buyers at the warehouse has been augmented by the arrival of Mr. Dupece. He purchased J. Seers' clip of 22,000 pounds and J. H. Davidson's clip of 23,000 pounds for 14 cents, and John Martin's clip of 25,000 pounds, the price of which was not made public, but it is understood that it was better than 1 1/2 cents. Mr. Dupece left for the west, and his place was taken by George Beasley, a well-known buyer and former resident of Glendive.

Executed Louis Reil.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Great Falls, July 7.—John Henderson, who carried out the sentence of death upon Louis Reil, originator of the Reil rebellion in Canada, is dead at his ranch near Glasgow. Recently an old wound in his leg, received by Henderson years ago while a government scout, had been causing him much suffering, and the physician had to amputate the limb. The operation took place on Friday. Henderson never recovered from the shock and passed away yesterday morning.

Log Roller Prize Winners.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Helena, July 7.—The three days' celebration of the Fourth of July and the Woodmen's log-rolling came to an end today with the partial completion of the program of sports at Central park. The log-rolling in the park lake did not take place, owing to the disagreeable weather, but a few of the other contests were carried out, with the following results: Log-sawing, 12-inch log—First prize, \$10, won by Thomas Sullivan and T. H. Collision of Helena; time, 34.45 seconds. Second prize, \$5, H. P. Weigand and J. M. Benson, Great Falls, 38.25 seconds. Five teams competed.

Brakeman Joyce Killed.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Missoula, July 7.—J. P. Joyce, a brakeman working for the Northern Pacific, met with instant death this morning at 3 o'clock by falling under a moving train. He was cut to pieces by the cars. Joyce was the head brakeman of an outgoing freight, eastbound, and had just thrown the switch at the east end of the yards, when he attempted to mount a car. No one knows how he happened to fall. He was not missed until the men riding in the caboose passed the switch and noticed a lighted lantern standing by it. It is not known at present whether or not he was a married man.

Shepherd Drowned.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Lewistown, July 7.—A shepherd named Burnett, who was working for the Fergus outfit, was drowned while attempting to cross Ford's creek near the Ashmeyer place, 20 miles below Gilt Edge, on Friday morning. He and his partner had camped on the edge of the stream, and Burnett had taken a gun and ridden the creek in search of game. His partner made a search for him when he did not return and found the horse, its blanket wet as if it had rolled over in the water. He at once notified the authorities at Gilt Edge and a deputy sheriff went to the scene to engage in the search for the body. This afternoon it was found. The recent rains made the creek dangerous in places.

Escaped Convicts Jailed.

[SPECIAL TO INTER MOUNTAIN.] Boulder, July 7.—The escaped prisoners, Keyes and Parze, were brought in Friday afternoon and placed in jail and are now confined in steel cells. The direction they took was to the southwest, and the posse searched for them through the Little Boulder country and Big Foot mining district on Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday. Jaller Badford and Under Sheriff Sherlock went up the Little Boulder as far as McDermott's mining camp and were coming back from there, walking and leading their horses, when they met Keyes in the road. He surrendered without resistance. Deputy Ralph Sweet stopped at McDermott's cabin with the chance that the prisoners might come that way and soon after 2 o'clock the Frenchman, Parze, walked in and was placed under arrest.

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