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## NEW IRRIGATION METHODS.

Instructive Demonstration Will Be Given At Spokane.

SPOKANE, July 13.—Fourteen approved methods of irrigating, adapted to practically every kind of land and the various tree, root and vine crops, will be demonstrated on a 15-acre tract in the Spokane valley within a stone's throw of the city limits, in connection with the seventeenth session of the national irrigation congress in Spokane, Aug. 9 to 14. The purpose is to afford the delegates to the congress and visitors an opportunity to study the best known means of supplying moisture by artificial means to orchards, berry and sugar beet fields, vineyards and hay and grain lands. There will also be demonstrations by manufacturers of apparatus used in modern irrigation. Ten acres of land have been set aside for display of machinery.

What is considered by experts to be the acme of scientific irrigation and at the same time the most economical method will be shown in the use of porous tile pipe laid under the ground. The principle is the antithesis of drainage in that the pores and joints of the pipe give out sufficient moisture to supply the plant life above them. This plan is declared to be practicable in supplying moisture for fruit trees, vegetables, berries, and almost every kind of product, the advantage being that the water carried by the pipes is discharged below the roots of the plants, instead of on the surface of the soil.

The individual system, also to be demonstrated, calls for piping water to every tree. To make it effective the water must have a head. The pipe, which may be small, is run to within three feet of a tree to discharge water into a circular ditch or basin built around the tree. This method is desirable in districts where a small amount of water is desired to do a large amount of irrigating. There is no loss from evaporation or seepage, only the ground in which the tree grows receives the water. The cost of installing this system is much larger than for the open ditch or flume system, but the difference is soon made up on the cost of water, or where it is paid for by the acre-foot.

Sub-irrigating by means of open ditches will also be shown. The ditches are of such depth that the water is absorbed without moistening the surface. This method is advantageous where soil has a tendency to bake or become crusted after watering.

### Serious Drouth in New York.

NEW YORK, July 13.—New York city and the territory for 100 miles around is in the grip of a serious drouth, according to detailed reports made tonight to the local weather bureau. Throughout this territory there has been no rain since the middle of June and as a result vegetation is parched, wells and rivers are drying up and roads are almost impassable.

### Missing Heinze Books Recovered.

NEW YORK, July 14.—Two trunks, said to contain the missing books of F. A. Heinze and the United Copper company, were turned over to the federal authorities in New York yesterday. They were found, it is understood, in a house in West 59th street.

United States District Attorney Wise has been looking for the books in order to clear up the details of Heinze's alleged illegal loans as president of the Mercantile National bank during the financial stringency of 1907.

### Working On Tariff Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—By passing over the cotton and woolen schedules without taking up any of the amended paragraphs and skipping the disputed points connected with the rates on lumber in the wool schedule, the tariff conferees were able today to dispose of about 400 amendments.

The moment a member of the conference emerges from a session he is surrounded and briefed relating to various schedules are thrust at him by lobbyists. Some of the conferees have adopted the plan of refusing to accept these arguments, basing their declination upon the ground that the bill has been considered in both branches of congress and that it is now the duty of the conference committee to harmonize the differences without outside influence of any kind.

### Bryan Offers Suggestion To Taft.

LINCOLN, July 13.—W. J. Bryan today addressed a letter to President Taft asking him to allow the people to vote on the popular election of senators. The letter says: "To the President Taft: Now that the

states are going to vote on the ratification of the amendment specifically authorizing an income tax, why not give them a chance to vote on an amendment providing for the election of United States senators by popular vote?"

"In your speech of acceptance you said that you were personally inclined to favor such a change in the constitution. Would this not be an opportune time to present this subject to congress? Two constitutional amendments, one authorizing an income tax and the other providing for the popular election of senators, would make your administration memorable, and I pledge you whatever assistance I can render in securing the ratification of these amendments."

### Jim Hill Talks Prosperity.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—"As soon as the tariff is out of the way," said James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, who was one of President Taft's callers, "this country will enjoy a prosperity which will at least equal, if it doesn't eclipse that which it knew under the McKinley administration."

"Last month I traveled extensively through the west. Everywhere I made inquiries and learned that crops were abundant and the farmers were satisfied. 1907 of the financial depression of 1907 are fast fading."

"Freight cars will be at a premium within a few weeks. We of the railroad world judge prosperity of the nation as much by the number of idle cars as anything else. Throughout the last year there have been thousands of cars idle, but they will soon be rolling."

## WANT FLATHEAD LANDS.

Registration Begins at Missoula Just After Midnight.

MISSOULA, July 15.—Registration for land on the Flathead reservation opened at 12 a. m. today. The first to register at the office of Mayor W. H. Smead was Dr. Charles E. Koch of Chicago. Only twelve notaries kept their offices open last night, although 55 have qualified. Registration began on the stroke of twelve, midnight, and continued with a rush, the night registrations numbering 2,500. It is expected that there will be 5,000 today. Women have rushed into file and are scrambling with men for positions in line. Excursion trains are running on two railroads, and every train is crowded to the rails.

A number of filing booths have been established near the Northern Pacific depot, and it is possible for passengers to step off trains, register, and leave on the same train. The period for registration was set by President Taft to begin on July 15, 1909, and to end Aug. 5, 1909, and so eager were the many people who arrived in Missoula to be early in making their applications that a number of the designated notaries arranged to open their offices for business just as July 15 was ushered in.

The registration for this opening warrants no such rush, but many of the strangers were not familiar with this fact, and in several instances it was an anxious and excited crowd which surged in and about the notaries' places.

### Weston Ends Long Walk.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Vigorous as a man half his 70 years, Edward Peyton Weston set foot in San Francisco at 10:50 o'clock last night, with his journey from New York to San Francisco completed. The actual distance covered was 3,925 miles, figuring by miles, but by figuring the times he has swung out of his way he has tramped nearly 4,200 miles. The time consumed on the journey was 105 days 5 hours and 41 minutes.

Setting out on March 15, his 70th birthday, from New York, Weston has maintained a gait of nearly 40 miles a day all the way across the continent, using for rest only Sundays. The athlete bears a letter to Postmaster Fisk of this city and delivered it today.

### Record Price For Mare.

NEWMARKET, Eng., July 14.—The sensational price of \$50,000 was paid today at Tattersalls for brood mare Flair, the property of the late Sir Daniel Cooper. The previous record price for brood mares was \$62,500, paid for Lalleche.

### She Wanted That Cat.

LONDON, July 14.—What is believed to be the highest price ever paid here for a domestic cat, namely \$525, was given by Mrs. Lynas of Chicago, for Rob Roy II, England's champion male Chinchilla Persian cat and the winner of numerous prizes. The animal will be sent to the United States.

## HUNGRY FOR LAND.

Big Crowds of Homeseekers At Missoula and Kalispell.

MISSOULA, July 15.—Five thousand homeseekers had registered for lands in the Flathead reservation in Missoula up to tonight, and the registration officers are still doing business. Early in the evening the fifteen offices in the city were filled with people seeking the little envelopes which will determine their fortune or ill-luck in the drawing which will be held at Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho, on August 9. So great is the rush for land that some of the offices are planning to keep open all night every night until there is a cessation of the influx of people.

Every train into Missoula today brought hundreds of persons, and each outgoing one is carrying away many of those who have registered. A constant stream is pouring in and another is flowing out so that thus far there has been no serious difficulty experienced in caring for the visitors. The railroads have been forced to put on extra local trains to handle the traffic, and all regular trains are running in double sections. Reports from the local land office show that thus far 80 per cent of the registrations have been made by persons from districts west of Missoula, indicating that the big rush from eastern states has not yet reached here.

The local postoffice has been forced to set aside a special mail chute for registration envelopes and has put a special force of men in charge of that mail to handle it without delay.

KALISPELL, July 14.—Registration for the opening of the Flathead Indian reservation began here today and the streets have been crowded with people coming to enter their names for a chance in the drawing of the lands. The city council and chamber of commerce joined in the erection of a large number of temporary buildings, which are electric lighted and supplied with all conveniences.

In order to check any tendency towards extortion, the city council has required all persons establishing temporary restaurants to file a list of prices and they will not be allowed to exceed them.

### Montana Man Is Fugitive Convict.

SPOKANE, July 14.—Escaped from the Oregon penitentiary for ten years, married and prosperous, and the father of an 18-month-old child, William A. King, alias William Yost, is once more in the toils of the law, and after stopping in the Spokane county jail last night, will be taken to Salem, Ore., where he will serve out the remaining three and one-half years of a five-year sentence. King was brought to Spokane yesterday by C. W. James, superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary, after having been tracked for a week and caught by Sheriff O. A. Fallang of Big Timber, Montana, last Saturday.

### Butte Man Dies-On Gallows.

EDMONTON, Alberta, July 14.—Protesting his innocence to the last and contending from the door of the scaffold which was to launch him into eternity that he had killed Deputy Warden Stedman of the Alberta penitentiary in self defense, Garry R. Barrett, formerly of Butte, Montana, was hanged in the corridor of the prison.

The crime for which Barrett was destined to meet death was one of the most brutal in the history of the Northwest. On the morning of April 15, while Deputy Warden Stedman was engaged in conversation with instructor Pope of the carpenter shop at the penitentiary, Barrett stole up behind him and, with a heavy axe, nearly clove his head from his shoulders. The deputy expired while being conveyed to his quarters, and Barrett was immediately placed in his cell under a strong guard.

### Big Parade of Elks.

LOS ANGELES July 15.—Fifteen thousand men, with decorated floats and carriages, forming a line more than four miles in length, composed the great Elks' parade, which today passed for three hours through the principal streets of the city, lined with more than 200,000 people. It was the greatest pageant that ever appeared on the streets of Los Angeles.

Butte, Montana, in white and purple, behind the famous Boston and Montana band, and the other Montana lodges, formed the procession which included the four orange belts, Redlands, Riverside, San Bernardino and Pomona, in purple trimmed with orange.

Cash prizes for the best bands in the line of march were awarded as follows: Boston and Montana of Butte,

first prize, \$1,250; Fifth and Fourth regiment bands of Ottawa, Ia., second, \$500.

### Express Rates Are Too High.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Rates of the Adams Express company, the American Express company and the Wells Fargo company between this city and Boise and points similarly situated in the intermountain territory, according to a decision of the interstate commerce commission, in almost every instance violate the general principle that a through rate shall not exceed the lowest combination of the local rates between the same points.

This sweeping holding was made today in an opinion in the case of the Boise Commercial club against the express companies named.

### River Is Six Miles Wide.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.—The Mississippi river at St. Louis reached its crest last night, registering 35.5 feet. The river will remain stationary for two days, according to the weather bureau, and then begin to fall.

The tributaries of the Missouri river near here are falling. No more destruction of property is probable. The Mississippi river at Points is six miles wide, having spread over thousands of acres of ground.

### Want Millions From Oil Trust.

ST. LOUIS, July 15.—Seven and a half million dollars is the sum which the state of Arkansas is attempting to secure from the Waters-Pierce Oil company, by means of a suit which was given a hearing here today. The company is alleged to have violated the Arkansas anti-trust act of 1905. In addition to the fine, the state asks that the company be ousted from Arkansas.

## WILL DEVELOP MONTANA.

Eastern Capital Seeks Investment in Western States.

HELENA, July 16.—In the opinion of Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, who was in Helena today, the most encouraging feature that he sees for the next few years of the west is the investment of tremendous amounts of eastern and foreign capital in irrigation projects of a private or semi-private nature and projects under the Carey act.

"The future of the west," says Mr. Dennett, "largely lies in the reclamation of its arid lands. The work which has been done is not a marker to that which will be done in the future. A tremendous expansion will be witnessed in the next few years, and I am confident that land will be reclaimed ultimately at a cost of \$200 per acre, and this will prove a profitable investment. Of course, on land adapted to fruit raising the reclamation cost can be considerably higher than on land only suitable for diversified farming."

"The opinion of the east, and particularly of the financial centers, is being remodeled concerning the Carey land act projects. A few years ago it was a very difficult matter to finance a Carey project, but this sentiment is rapidly changing, due to the great success which has been made with the first projects and now it is not difficult to enlist capital in any Carey project backed by real worth. This is the most encouraging feature that I see in the next few years for the west."

"Indirectly, the passage of the reclamation act of 1902 will result in bringing in foreign capital. The foreign financiers will figure that a proposition which has the indorsement of the United States is worthy of investment."

Water power rights and the segregation of the coal rights from agricultural surface rights are the great questions with which the government will have to deal in the near future, in the opinion of the commissioner.

### Slight Change in Wool Tariff.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The conferees today agreed to a reduction of 5 per cent in the Dingley rates on women's and children's dress goods made of cotton warp. When the conference adjourned for luncheon three changes in the wool schedule had been agreed upon. All of these were reductions, the lower being on women's and children's dress goods made of woolen fabrics weighing four ounces or over to the square yard and woven into cotton warp. A reduction of 25 per cent was also made in the duty on yarns valued at 30 cents a pound or less.

The duty on tops was made in accordance with the reduced duty on yarns and is in proportion to the difference in cost of manufacture between scoured wools and spun yarns. By adopting these three changes the conference committee has disposed of the entire wool schedule.

## MONTANA BRIEFLETS.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

What Has Happened in Montana During the Past Few Days.

HELENA, July 14.—Louis Beupre, an old resident of this city and of Montana, died here today at the age of 63. Mr. Beupre was born in eastern Canada in 1846. At the time of the Custer massacre he was engaged in the business of freighting up the Yellowstone valley and was among the first to arrive on the scene after the battle.

HELENA, July 14.—In the district court here today, Judge Henry of Livingston, filed his findings of law in the so called Helena police case, involving the discharge of a sergeant and two patrolmen by the mayor. Judge Henry holds that the mayor exceeded his authority in discharging the officers and orders their reinstatement.

BUTTE, July 14.—City and county authorities are agreed on a plan to establish a rock pile upon which vagrants may be put to work. They hope this will discourage the alarming influx of tramps into the city. Because the labor unions would oppose the rock when crushed will not be sold but will be carted into the hills at great expense and dumped as waste.

HELENA, July 14.—Dr. M. E. Knowles, state veterinarian, is today in receipt of advice from the Northern Pacific and Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroads that hereafter they will defray the expense of furnishing disinfectants for cars used in interstate livestock shipments. Formerly the shipper was compelled to defray this cost, entailed because of a state board regulation seeking immunity from infected animal shipments.

BUTTE, July 14.—Addressing the Anaconda chamber of commerce last evening, E. P. Mathewson, superintendent of the Washoe smelter, announced that the policy of the company hereafter will be to employ American before alien labor. Mr. Mathewson also stated that the odious company store system had been abandoned in Anaconda and that hereafter he will see that the company discourages the policy of merchants who rebate to the middle and upper classes.

DILLON, July 14.—A suit in which damages of \$15,000 are asked was filed with the clerk of the district court yesterday. Benjamin G. Hiff of Dillon is the plaintiff and R. M. Hodgson of Butte is defendant. About a month ago, while Mr. Hiff was driving with Mrs. Jeffers in a buggy north of Dillon, they met Mr. Hodgson and a party of Butte people in an automobile. The horse became frightened and overturned the buggy, injuring both Mr. Hiff and Mrs. Jeffers.

HELENA, July 15.—Thomas Grimes of Mitchell is in the city and states that he has just returned from Cascade. He says that in his 34 years in Montana he has never seen such a luxuriant growth of grass in both Lewis and Clark and Cascade counties. On the Cascade ranch, bluejoint hay is upwards of three feet in height, while there are crops of alfalfa assured.

BILLINGS, July 15.—Given knock-out drops, loaded into a hack and robbed of \$105 by his acquaintance of a few hours, was the fate of Al Snodden who is now wondering just how it all came about, and Joseph Lamb, who is suspected of having committed the robbery, is in the city jail, having been taken into custody by Chief Talgo last night.

HELENA, July 15.—Governor Norris today appointed Richard Moran as assistant state boiler inspector, vice W. W. Mape, resigned. The governor also appointed 40 delegates to the national irrigation congress at Spokane, headed by I. D. O'Donnell of Billings, and 35 delegates to the trans-Mississippi Commercial congress at Denver, headed by W. R. Allen of Anaconda.

MISSOULA, July 15.—In an effort to divert landseekers to Canadian territory, the Canadian Pacific company has a representative of its colonization department in this city who will establish permanent headquarters in Missoula. It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific company to make an active canvass of ranchers in this territory who have sold their Bitter Root property and are casting about for new fields, to furnish free transportation to the valleys which lie along the Canadian Pacific railway line.

MISSOULA, July 15.—An unknown man committed suicide at a construction camp of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound near Ravenna, just

east of here, this morning, by cutting his throat with a butcher knife. The stranger walked into the camp Wednesday night and was given a place to sleep. This morning he begged the camp cook to cut his throat and while the cook was attending to his work the stranger secured a knife and slit his throat from ear to ear, being found dead by the cook a few minutes later.

BUTTE, July 17.—Martin Winston, a carpenter at the Tramway mine, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon by being struck by the cage while he was at work in the shaft on the 1,100-foot level.

HELENA, July 17.—P. J. Patten of Merrill, Mont., one of the prominent sheepmen of Sweet Grass county, is in the city. Mr. Patten has just completed negotiations with Col. Thomas Cruise for the purchase of 12,000 head of spring lambs. This is the largest sheep deal made in the state this year.

HELENA, July 17.—In an opinion handed down today by Judge J. M. Clements he holds that the pay of jailers in counties of the third class shall be \$125 a month, the same as that fixed for deputy sheriffs. The decision was given in the case of Harry Hay, jr., against T. H. Spratt as county auditor.

BUTTE, July 16.—Crazed with jealousy and armed with a loaded revolver, Mrs. Grace Baker, a bride of but six months and only 19 years of age, called her husband to a window of the dry room of the Butte Reduction works last night, and when he appeared in the open drew a gun and fired a shot through his right thigh as he attempted to escape.

DILLON, July 16.—Thomas Johnson and Thomas Lynch, who came here to lay claim to an estate worth \$18,000 left them by their uncle, Matt Johnson, who died here two months ago, were touched for \$300, all the money they had, while asleep in a lodging house in Dillon. The young men came from Scotland to settle up their uncle's estate. They fell in with a stranger and he is supposed to have annexed the roll.

HELENA, July 17.—Within thirty days work on the construction of the two wing additions to the Montana State Capitol building will commence. This was announced after the meeting of the state board of examiners and the advisory building committee last evening. Architect F. M. Andrews who prepared plans for the structures, arrived last evening from New York. With him the board went over the plans again and his drawings were finally adopted.

BUTTE, July 17.—The merchants' association has received information to the effect that through the efforts of Senators Carter and Dixon and Congressman Pray, President Taft has been induced to include Butte and portions of Montana in his tour of the west. On receipt of a telegram to this effect today President Charles E. Virden of the Merchants' association, wired the president's secretary extending a formal invitation to the president to visit this city.

### Express Rates Are Exorbitant.

ST. PAUL, July 19.—According to James Manahan and State Senator B. E. Sundberg, who have filed with the state railroad commission a complaint asking that the Great Northern Express company's rates be reduced, it is making 607 per cent net profit on its investment, and its rates should be cut in half. The complaint names as defendants the Great Northern Express company, the Lake Superior company, Ltd. and the Great Northern Railway company.

It is alleged that the Lake Superior company owns \$977,500 of the \$1,000,000 stock of the express company and that the Great Northern in turn owns the Lake Superior company, that the general officers draw large salaries from each of the three companies simultaneously, and the result is an unnecessary and unreasonable operating expense placed ultimately upon the shippers. Money which the railway company should have used in maintaining its equipment and reducing its rates to a reasonable basis, is alleged to have been used for the organization of the subsidiary companies been diverted and given to the stockholders.

Have Promoter: A case of moral depravity rivaling anything heretofore revealed in any section of the state was brought to light in the city of Havre last Tuesday at the inquest held before Coroner J. S. Almas over the body of Ralph Upham, who died Monday afternoon of cocaine poison and an overdose of morphine in a miserable little hotel on the north side of the Great Northern railroad track.