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IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

Weber county farmers, by voting in favor of an irrigation district, are taking a big step forward in reclamation, and are leading in movement which will bring to Utah a vast increase in farm resources.

Lately J. L. Lytel, project engineer for the Yakima reclamation service, has written the Utah Water Storage association, urging the formation of irrigation districts throughout Utah, saying:

"If these districts could be formed at an early date, and are ready to do business before the legislature meets, they could materially assist in securing the passage of a state reclamation act similar to the one now in force in the state of Washington.

"For the information of the association, I am enclosing three copies of the state reclamation act and land settlement act of Washington. It appears to me that a similar enactment for the state of Utah would be an excellent thing, and I suggest that a committee from the Utah Water Storage association take up the matter of studying this law and drafting one applicable to the conditions in Utah for presentation to the legislature this coming winter.

"The Washington state reclamation service is doing a considerable amount of work and I am looking for some good results.

"It appears to me that the proper way to secure data on the water and land resources of the state is through some state commission, as in that way the entire state bears the expense for work that is of great benefit to the public in general.

The last Utah legislature did some good work in the way of revising the irrigation and drainage district laws, and I trust the next one can see its way clear to pass a state reclamation act."

RURAL POPULATION

Preliminary figures of the United States census of various cities, counties and states, give fair reason to conclude there is a larger percentage of population in the cities and towns than in the rural districts. Ten years ago the urban population was slightly lower than the rural. Constant tendency of young people to turn from the farming districts toward the cities is declared to be accountable in large measure for this.

This situation is one that should command the most careful study of economists and government officials. There is need to retain population at the point of primary production. To a large extent, that is on the farms. Without rural population being held to a proper ratio with urban population, there will arise difficulties over production and distribution of the necessities of life.

Part of this situation can be solved through reclamation of arid western lands. Irrigated farms have proved an attraction for men and women of eastern cities as well as the best among the influx of immigrants from the old world. The reclaimed areas have proven so productive as to attract for our own people who wish lucrative occupation "in the open." Reclamation work is lagged to some extent in recent years. It is now being given greater attention by districts, states and the nation. Such activity should be encouraged by those in position to promote a greater production, as well as to hold the margin of population as to place the excess on the side of the farming districts rather than in the cities and towns.

TAXING THE LAKE BOTTOM.

In search of property on which to obtain revenue, the state board of land commissioners contemplates assessing a rental against the Saltair Beach company for the portion of the lake bed of Great Salt Lake on which the pavilion stands. The board claims the state owns the bed of the lake, as of other navigable or non-navigable waters. However, no decision was reached as to the amount of the rental the state might expect for the use of its lake bed so the matter went over to the next meeting of the board or later.

No demand will be made on the Central Pacific Railroad company for the use of the lake bed covered by the trestles and fills of the Lucin cut-off. This, it was explained, might be found to be placing a burden on interstate commerce. It is understood also that in this case, the lake being navigable, the railroad company made special arrangements with the war department before constructing the cut-off.

This diligent inquiry as to sources of state revenue is commendable, although, inasmuch as custom has caused the lake bottom to be looked on as no man's-land, the tax to be applied against long established institutions making use of the lake bottom, should be nominal or at least not burdensome.

SEVEN MILLS FOR SCHOOLS.

School boards will be required to sit up and take notice of this statement which comes out of Salt Lake City:

Inquiries have been made from Davis and Carbon counties of the attorney general's office as to the maximum tax levy that may be assessed against property in a district for school purposes, and the reply sent out by D. M. Draper, assistant attorney general, is that under the decision of the supreme court of Utah, 7 mills is the present limit. This goes back to the law passed in 1911, when 5 1/2 mills for the support and maintenance of schools and an extra mill and one-half for the purchase of school sites and the erection of buildings was permitted.

There has been a contention that the boards of education could levy much higher rates than 7 mills but this announcement from the assistant attorney general will be notice to the county commissioners, who finally pass on tax levies, that 7 mills cannot be exceeded in school districts.

NERO FIDDLER WHILE ROME BURNED.

If Great Britain and France do not stand between Bolshevism and Poland, the flames of anarchy may yet sweep over those parts of Europe where years of war and privation have made inflammable material for a greater conflagration.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned, and at present those who so complacently view from a distance the forces of destruction and are undisturbed are as callous as Nero. The tongues of fire which are licking up the Poles may reach out and blister the very soul of civilization.

Bavaria has issued orders to allow no entente troops or arms to pass through to the aid of Poland. Either the Bavarians are willing to see eastern Europe reduced to the ruin and wreck of anarchy or they prefer to run the risk of Bolshevism rather than temporarily have their pride hurt by seeing the allied troops go through their territory.

Great Britain and France will be doing service for humanity everywhere by stopping the advance of the red terror which menaces the world.

DERAILING OF A TRAIN.

On Friday morning a Denver & Rio Grande passenger train was derailed at Farmington. Five cars went off the track on a slight curve when the tender of the engine was derailed.

It has been years since an accident has occurred on the steam railroads operating between Ogden and Salt Lake. In this instance no one was injured and no damage done, which emphasizes the fact that travel by rail between the two large cities in Utah is unusually safe.

STATE AND IDAHO NEWS

Latest Items of Interest From Utah and Gem State

ALLEGED 'CON' MEN ARRESTED

Two Lodged in Salt Lake Jail Charged With Swindle

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—J. D. Curtis, arrested yesterday charged with feloniously obtaining money and operating a confidence game will be arraigned before the district court Monday. John Fisher, who was arrested with Curtis, and who is alleged to have had a hand in the game, will also be tried. These two men are said to be members of a gang of crooks now operating in this city.

The two men were here several weeks ago, according to their stories and it was suggested that they play the stock exchange. This was agreed and one of the men was given \$5 to purchase stock. In a short time he returned with \$15.

It was then agreed that each of the three present should put up \$1,000. It was afterwards thought this was not enough and that \$10,000 could just as easily be made as \$1,000. Accordingly Thomas, who did not have the required amount, went to Rochester, New York, to get the money. He was unsuccessful and returned to Salt Lake City. The other men then agreed to raise the money themselves and sent Thomas to Pocatello, Idaho. After remaining there for a short time and hearing nothing from his friends, he became suspicious and returned to Salt Lake City and went to sheriff with his story. The sheriff at once detailed men to search out the confidence gang, with the result that Curtis and Fisher were arrested.

Deputies picked up James Meredith and Robert C. Beaudry just before noon as being members of the gang. No evidence could be found against them and they were taken before City Judge Henry C. Lund where they pleaded guilty to vagrancy and were ordered to leave town within an hour. It is the opinion of W. E. Schoppe, chief deputy sheriff, that there are a number of confidence gamblers plying their trade here and he has announced that an effort will be made immediately to drive them out.

Some days ago a Texas man told the police a story concerning a "deal" he had put through on the stock exchange. However, he was of the opinion he had not been bilked and is understood to have returned home still full of faith in eventually securing his profits.

RESISTS ARREST LOSES HIS EYE

Castledale Marshal Shoots Man Who Attempts to Escape With Companions

PRICE, Aug. 7.—Lee Tatton was shot and probably fatally injured by City Marshal Jesse Bealey at Castledale. The shooting occurred at Castledale where Tatton and two others resisted arrest.

Tatton and two companions were in an automobile in front of the Anderson hotel at Castledale. Marshal Bealey attempted to arrest them and they made an effort to drive the car away. The marshal opened fire, the shot striking Tatton in the right eye, tearing the optic out. The occupants of the car then submitted to arrest. It is stated, and twelve bottles of "white mule" were found in the automobile. Tatton was attended by Dr. J. W. Ninon and was later removed to Price. He is married and has three children.

HALF MILLION NEEDED TO REPAIR FT. DOUGLAS

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Fifty hundred thousand dollars will be necessary to put Fort Douglas into first class condition, according to a statement made yesterday by Major General Hunter Liggett, commanding general of the western department.

This expenditure, it is claimed, would be necessary merely to roof buildings, and would not include any extensions to the present post. He said that Fort Douglas, when repaired, would possibly accommodate a regiment of the old days but would not accommodate a modern regiment.

GARFIELD PROTESTS TAKING OFF TRAINS

GARFIELD, Aug. 7.—H. C. Anderson, Gilbert Palmer and A. C. Ensign were appointed at a mass meeting held here last night as a committee to appear before the public utilities commission August 19 to present the proposal of the Salt Lake route to eliminate the service of two trains daily between Salt Lake and Garfield which will be heard.

BRIGHAM SCOUTS TO TAKE WEEK'S HIKE

BRIGHAM CITY, Aug. 7.—The Brigham City Boy Scouts will depart tomorrow for a hike which will consume a week, according to information given out today. The hike will be through Wellsville canyon, the scouts making camp each night. Scout Commissioner Alf Freeman will have direct charge of the outing.

LOGAN TABERNACLE CHOIR REORGANIZED

LOGAN, Aug. 7.—The Logan tabernacle choir is being reorganized by Prof. L. A. Sardon and singers from the Logan and Cache stakes signed up. The first rehearsal was held at the tabernacle last night. Professor Sardon succeeds S. B. Milton as conductor of the choir, the latter having resigned.

TRAIN HITS LOADED TRUCK AT POCATELLO

POCATELLO, Ida., Aug. 7.—C. C. Wall experienced "tough luck" when his automobile, laden with supplies for harvesting, went "dead" on the crossing of the Oregon line tracks. Before he could start the engine, S. L. Train No. 4 demolished the truck. The train did not stop until it had passed the crossing. Friends assisted Mr. Wall in gathering together his supplies which were distributed over an extensive area.

LARGE STILL LOCATED NEAR SODA SPRINGS

POCATELLO, Aug. 7.—One of the largest stills ever seized in Idaho was discovered at Soda Springs yesterday. The still was concealed in underbrush on the Charles Call ranch and was capable of producing two gallons of moonshine daily.

FIRST IN HEALTH MEMBERS.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Utah has secured 461 per cent of the membership of the American Public Health association, thereby taking first place of all states, according to announcement of the state's health officer, with recent interstate raises allowed by the interstate commerce commission.

BESTS THUG IN THRILLING FIGHT

SALT LAKE BEATS OFF ASSAILANT WHO SHOOTS OFF HIS HAT

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Though shot through the hat twice and struck in the face with a gun several times, Joe Tenenzis, 522 west Second South St., emerged from a desperate battle with a robber and suffered no loss of money by reason of the encounter, according to word from the police.

Tenenzis told the officers that he was walking along the street when the bandit stepped from a shadow and ordered him to throw up his hands. This occurred near Third South and Fifth West streets. Tenenzis resisted and the robber started shooting. Tenenzis seized the man and held him so tightly that the shooting was not effective. He finally released his assailant, who escaped. Tenenzis immediately reported the occurrence to the police.

BELIEVE IN CO-OPERATION.

OSCWA, Idaho, Aug. 7.—People in this region believe in co-operation regardless of the fact that some of those benefited by it live in other than Farmers' or Douglas counties. Washington, are said this year to be suffering from a shortage of feed for cattle, a principal product of that section. Farmers in Walla Walla county have agreed to take and care for 3,000 head of Douglas county cattle as soon as they have put in their harvest. Now a proposal is being advanced to bale and ship straw from Whitman county, Washington, and Latah county, Idaho, to aid the Walla Walla farmers in feeding the cattle. Some farmers have offered to give the straw if it is baled without expense to them.

"MORALS ORDINANCE" A LAW.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Salt Lake City's "morals ordinance" which has been the subject of considerable comment lately has finally become a law and hereafter public dances and transportation lines running to nearby resorts are to be under strict regulation. The dance ordinance prohibits all immodest posturing or gesturing, bars from dances to which the public is admitted all persons under 18 years, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, and abolishes the "moonlight" dance. The ordinance regarding transportation lines requires that all cars used in transporting persons after dark shall be brightly lighted.

"CASTLES IN AIR"

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Building castles in the air had a literal, rather than a visionary, meaning here in construction of a 33-room addition to one of Salt Lake's leading hotels recently. The addition, which included the subject of considerable comment lately has finally become a law and hereafter public dances and transportation lines running to nearby resorts are to be under strict regulation. The dance ordinance prohibits all immodest posturing or gesturing, bars from dances to which the public is admitted all persons under 18 years, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, and abolishes the "moonlight" dance. The ordinance regarding transportation lines requires that all cars used in transporting persons after dark shall be brightly lighted.

BANK ASSESSMENT PUZZLES.

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Aug. 7.—Idaho county commissioners and others charged with arrangement of tax assessments and similar tax matters are in a quandry today over methods of assessing banks. It appears that some counties have assessed banks on percentages employed in fixing other assessments. Now Judge E. L. Bryan has rendered a decision holding these methods disproportionate. Now tax officials are considering not only changes in methods of assessment, but the possibility of arranging refunds on sums already collected from banks.

SPARROWS DAMAGE CROP.

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Aug. 7.—Considerable damage to maturing grain, due to sparrows stripping the heads from the stalks as they ripen, has been reported as occurring in Idaho by H. E. Powers, county farm bureau agent, and M. A. Thomas, in charge of seed improvement at the bureau here. They recently made a general inspection of fields in this district. Their report prospects good for a banner yield of wheat.

LABOR ELECTS OFFICERS.

RENO, Nev., Aug. 7.—A. Saxton, of Sparks, Nev., and H. N. Payne, also of Reno, were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Nevada State Federation of Labor at its recent organization meeting in that city. A meeting has been proposed for August 25 at which the political plans of the federation will be outlined.

"NO SCARED OF GUN."

RENO, Nev., Aug. 7.—E. Thoma, an officer of the law, saw one Mike Curti carrying suspicious looking sack down a Reno street the other day. He accosted Curti, who replied by smashing the sack against a wall. A crash of glass and a glinting metallic odor followed. "Me no scared of gun. I see lots of them in France," was Curti's comment. He was arrested. Curti holds a number of medals earned by heroism with the American expeditionary forces.

BAR ALFALFA.

BOISE, Ida., Aug. 7.—Idaho alfalfa, either from specific sections or from all over the state, has been barred from a number of western communities. Arizona, British Columbia, California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington are among communities quarantining against all alfalfa from the state's alfalfa output.

WANT HIGHER RATES.

BOISE, Ida., Aug. 7.—Eleven rail roads operating in Idaho have filed with the public utilities commission a petition for permission to increase interstates to make them align with recent interstate raises allowed by the interstate commerce commission.

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FORBID MOHAMMEDANS TO JOIN BOLSHIEVIKI

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 7.—Mohammedans cannot co-operate with the Bolshievi without abandoning their religion, says a proclamation issued by Damad Ferid Pasha, grand vizier, and acting minister of war. While offering amnesty to all nationalists, except the leaders, if they stop fighting immediately, the proclamation states that continued resistance by the nationalists may force further dismemberment of the country.

ORIENTALS MAY VOTE.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 7.—One thousand Japanese men and 1,882 male Chinese in the Territory of Hawaii will be eligible to vote at the local elections this fall, according to a report submitted by the territorial secretary's office to Governor Charles J. McCarthy. The report adds that with woman suffrage effective 278 Japanese women will receive the vote and 625 Chinese women.

STRIKE HURT CANEFIELDS.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 7.—A total of 10,216 laborers were at work on the six large sugar plantations of the Island of Oahu, according to reports from plantation managers recently. During the plantation strike, which started January 19 last, the average ran between 6,000 and 7,000 while the average for December last was approximately 6,000.

NEW WHITE AY.

TWIN FALLS, Ida., Aug. 7.—Twin Falls' new "white way," a curb post lighting plan designed for four blocks of the city's busiest streets, has been postponed temporarily because of lack of bidders to offer to erect the system.

MANY CONVICTIONS ON PROFITEERING CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—A total of 151 convictions have been obtained in the campaign of the department of justice against profiteering. It was announced today. Since the campaign was instituted 1,851 arrests have been made and 4,999 indictments returned.

VOLUNTEER ROAD WORKER.

SALT LAKE, Aug. 7.—Volunteers have been working lately on the road to Brighton, near here, in Big Cottonwood canyon, and material benefit is reported as resulting from their labors.

SOVIET PLANS TO PAY FOR IMPORT TRADE WITH PLATINUM

(By International News Service) CHICAGO—The soviet government of Russia, according to the cables, plans to pay for imports, when trade relations are resumed with Western nations, with platinum from the Ural Mountain mines.

Music Lovers' Attention

Be at the Community Service Offices, 3rd floor Utah National Bank Bldg. at 7:30 Monday evening. For further information phone 82—Adv.

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