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## A BIG DEBATE IS PROMISED

The National Irrigation congress which will be held in Sacramento, September 2-7 next, promises to be the scene of some of the liveliest debates in recent history. The management has practically challenged both the supporters and opponents of what is known as the administration policies with reference to the public land to defend their respective positions on the rostrum there. The question of how far the National government should go in the control of the public lands is recognized as one of the leading questions before the American people, and the Irrigation Congress management wants these discussed because it proposes that it shall be a congress of real, live, up-to-date issues. During the last two or three weeks letters and telegrams have been sent from the headquarters in that city to men who are especially prominent and whose participation would make this debate of National importance. Gifford Pinchot, United States Forester, has responded with the assertion that he will come prepared to debate with any man, the government's forest policy. Among others who have been invited to participate in person or by seeing to it that the issue is properly presented there, are U. S. Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, Governor Fantz of Oklahoma, Senator Warren of Wyoming, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, Senator Nelson of Minnesota and Murdo MacKenzie, President of the American Live Stock Association of Colorado. Among the opponents of Administration Policies who have been addressed in the matter are U. S. Senator Heyburn of Idaho, Governor Brooks of Wyoming, Governor Buchtel of Colorado, Congressman Mendenhall of Wyoming, Congressman Cushman of Washington, Senator Clark of Wyoming, Senator Fulton of Oregon, Senator Patterson of Colorado, Senator Carter of Montana and Dr. J. M. Wilson, President of American

Wool Growers' Association of Wyoming.

**Some Water Shortage.**  
James H. Lowell, State Commissioner, returned from Evergreen, on the Weiser river, Wednesday. His family is still there, and will remain there until the hot weather is over. He states there is some complaint of water shortage on the lower canals in the Boise valley and it may be necessary to reduce the volume passing the headgates at some of the upper canals, so as to make the division equal to all. Mr. Lowell thinks this method will rectify all inequality and result in there being no serious shortage. He says he conditions on other streams in his district are satisfactory, there being only a few instances where watermasters have to be appointed, these being for some small streams in Elmore county. The water conditions generally are described as being more satisfactory than for years past.

**School Election.**  
An election for the purpose of electing two trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Messrs. H. A. Griffiths and P. E. Engel, will take place in the Caldwell school district Monday, September 2nd. It is claimed by some that the reason so few votes are cast at school elections, is because people do not know about them. An official notice of the election appears elsewhere in this issue. The Tribune would remind you of the date.

**Boise Gets Main Line.**  
Once more Boise is enjoying a spasm. It has the main line by the tail without doubt this time. Last Monday three Japs, two burros and three cayuses were unloaded at Mora, and started to work changing the course of the Oregon Short Line railroad. It is estimated that the force will require about three million years to accomplish the work. But Boise, in whose breast hope springs eternal, is satisfied.

**Summer Excursion Rates to Payette Lakes.**  
The O. S. L. are selling round trip tickets to Payette Lakes at reduced rate of \$13.85 with return limit of 30 days from date of sale.

## STATE BOARD TO RAISE VALUES

County Assessor Moore has been informed that the state Board of Equalization intends raising the valuation on Canyon county lands, owing to the fact that lands have shrunk in value 14 cents per acre, according to the assessment rolls. Assessor Moore explains the shrinkage by the number of dry land homesteads that are now patented.

There is also 25,000 acres of land around Emmett that have not yet received water. These dry lands are certainly not worth as much as irrigated lands, consequently the valuation is brought down, and the average price per acre is lowered. The State Board should keep this fact in mind. It is claimed by competent authority that Canyon county land has also been higher than similar land in other counties.

J. C. Rice transacted business at Vale a couple of days this week.

## SAND

I observed a locomotive in the railroad yards one day, It was waiting in the round-house where the locomotives stay; It was panting for the journey, it was coaled and fully manned, And it has a box the fireman was filling with sand.

It appears that locomotives cannot always get a grip On their slender iron pavement, 'cause the wheels are apt to slip; And when they reach a slippery spot, their tactics they command, And to get a grip upon the rail, they sprinkle it with sand.

It's about this way with travel along life's slippery track, If your load is rather heavy and you're always sliding back; So, if a common locomotive you completely understand, You'll provide yourself in starting with a good supply of sand.

If your track is steep and hilly, and you have a heavy grade, And if those who've gone before you have the rails quite slippery made; If you ever reach the summit of the upper table-land, You'll find you'll have to do it with a liberal supply of sand.

If you strike some frigid weather and discover to your cost, That you're liable to slip, on a heavy coat of frost, Then some prompt, decided action will be called into demand, And you'll slip way to the bottom if you haven't any sand.

You can get to any station that is on life's schedule seen, If there's fire beneath the boiler of ambition's strong machine, And you'll reach the place called Flushtown at a rate of speed that's grand, If for all the slippery places you've a good supply of sand.

—Richmond Register.

## WHAT UNITARIANS BELIEVE

Perhaps as there will be a lecture at the opera house Sunday on the subject, many will want to know what the intermission is and what Unitarians believe. This is a difficult matter to determine, for the Unitarians believe in the widest latitude of faith. It has attracted to its fold many thoughtful and philanthropic men and women, to name whom would take up much time, and embrace the great men of time and nation. Who have not heard of Edward Hale, R. W. Emerson, Henry W. and Samuel Longfellow and Bryant and Lowell and Holmes, Daniel Webster, Edward Everett, John Marshall, Joseph Storey, George Bancroft, Chas. W. Elliott, each and everyone household names, and Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Dorathea Dix Susan B. Anthony, Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cody Stanton, great philanthropists and reformers. These are among the many great names among this people, who have found in Unitarianism meat for spiritual growth and a sufficient faith and consolation.

We offer these names simply to show the attractive and satisfying nature of Unitarianism, and not to parade a list of great men and women. Other churches can claim as great men and women, Washington and Jefferson and Tom Paine were Deists; Horace Greeley was a universalist; Wm. Lloyd Garrison was a spiritualist; Elias Hicks, J. W. Whitier and Lucretia Mott were Friends and the great and noble Lincoln had no religious connections.

It is claimed by its friends that Unitarians have no creed. In this, they undoubtedly mean that they have no written statement of faith that one must subscribe to in order to join them. For they undoubtedly have a creed, for the very name Unitarian plainly bounds to their faith. They certainly do not believe that Jesus Christ is "very god of very god." And the name Unitarian would indicate unity somewhere and history and religion have contrived to place that unity in the godhead. A statement of their faith - would probably be:

The Fatherhood of God;  
The Brotherhood of Man;  
The leadership of Jesus;  
Salvation by character;  
The progress of mankind onward and upward forever.

But we cannot begin to give you an idea of what the Unitarians believe, for the writer of this, while he finds Unitarianism to be the nearest to his heart finds the best expression of his religious longings and aspirations in these words of Dr. Channing:

"I desire to escape the narrow walls of the particular church, and to live under the open sky, in the broad daylight, looking far and wide, seeing with my own eyes, hearing with my own ears, and following truth meekly, but resolutely, however arduous and solitary the path in which she leads."

Now the Unitarians are going to have one of the expounders of their faith with us on Sunday evening, August 25, at the opera house. You are invited to be present and hear him. He is Rev. J. C. Mitchell, pastor of the Unitarian church at Boise. He is a graduate of Yale and an eloquent and scholarly man. He has spent many years in the ministry and is thoroughly informed on his subject. His lecture will cost you nothing. It is free, and no collection will be taken. The opera house should be filled to its utmost capacity. You have heard and read a thousand and one times the subject of Christianity presented from the standpoint of the Baptist, the Methodist, the Presbyterian and the Christian. Now go and hear it presented from the standpoint of the Unitarians, get a squint at religious truth from a different slant, and thus broaden your vision and deepen your understanding.

Remember the opera house, Sunday evening, August 25. All invited. No fee and no collection. Each attendant will be presented with a religious classic free.

Anticipation and Realization are the two words a successful business man keeps in the fore part of his bonnet at all times. At present prices lots in the Goandu Addition are scandalous. This is Anticipation, the raise comes Sept. 1st.—this is Realization.