

# EYES OF THE EAST TURNED TO THE WEST AS A FIELD FOR PROFITABLE INVESTMENT

## Government Appropriations for Irrigation Ought to Mark an Epoch in Commercial Development of the Northwest.

**SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN.**  
Washington, Jan. 26.—The acceptance by congress of the principle of federal aid in the construction of irrigation works in the western states has given a great impetus to every industry in that section of the country. The people of the eastern states are just beginning to realize the opportunities offered in the territory to be opened up. As the proposition develops a tide of immigration will inevitably set in and this region will become one of the most populous and prosperous in the country. With large areas of reclaimable land and plenty of available water, Montana especially will be benefited by the measure.

The actual work of surveying, locating and constructing reservoirs and other irrigation works will be done by the Geological Survey. In order to obtain a better understanding of the present extent of irrigation, the location of the areas irrigated, and to gain other information useful

in this work, the Fifty-seventh congress authorized the director of the census to bring down to date the irrigation statistics obtained in 1900 by that office. Letters of inquiry and schedules are now being sent out to secure the necessary information. All interested in irrigation should answer as fully and as promptly as possible any inquiries they may receive so that the merits of the various sections of the country may become known. Irrigators who do not receive blanks within a reasonable time should notify the census office at Washington and they will be supplied.

It is interesting to note in this connection how much it will mean to the country at large to have the arid lands of the West reclaimed.

According to the census of 1900 the total improved farm area of the United States was 414,800,000 acres. It is conservatively estimated that the reclaimable area is not less than 50,000,000 acres. Its reclamation, therefore, will add nearly one-eighth to the actual crop producing area of the country and will exceed by a liberal

margin the tillable land of all the states, excepting New York, on the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida. Allowing 40 acres, the average size of irrigated farms, this area will make 1,250,000 farms, or a little less than one-fourth the number in the United States in 1900. The occupants of these farms will add directly to the population 6,250,000, and indirectly, in the accompanying mercantile, professional, manufacturing and industrial classes at least 3,125,000 more, a total increase in the population of the United States of 9,375,000 or nearly 12 1/2 per cent. The total value of all the farms in 1900, including all improvements except buildings, was \$13,115,000. At \$42.50 per acre, the average value of irrigated land, the 50,000,000 acres to be reclaimed will add to the value of farm land \$2,125,000,000. If buildings are included, the value will be increased \$772,000,000, while the augmented wealth through railroads, cities, mills and factories, is beyond estimation.

The annual value of all the farm pro-

ducts in 1900 was \$4,379,000,000. The average value per acre of products of irrigated lands was \$14.81. At this rate the area to be reclaimed will add products worth \$240,500,000, an addition of nearly one-sixth of the life sustaining powers of the country.

The number of irrigating ditches and canals in operation in the United States exceeds 20,000, and their combined length is not less than 50,000 miles. If joined end to end they would reach twice around the world. Formed into one they would constitute a navigable canal, such as the Erie, 30 feet wide and five feet deep, extending from San Francisco to New York, a distance of over 3,000 miles.

The figures of the last census show that the works required to irrigate 7,253,273 acres cost \$24,289,601, an average of \$3.35 per acre. At this rate the expenditure required to reclaim the area proposed would be at least \$450,000,000. After the government has performed its part there will be no delay by the farmers in carrying on the work. While the initial expense is enormous, it is not comparable with the value of the crops which will be grown on the lands reclaimed. The total cost of all the irrigation works in use in the country is only three-fourths the value of the crops produced each year on irrigated lands.

# THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL TRIES TO POISON HER ADOPTED PARENTS

## Confesses That She Gave Them Rat Dope and Other Drugs—Wanted Their Property.

Corning, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Nellie Kniseley, the 13-year-old adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac B. Kniseley of this city, who was recently sent to the Susquehanna Valley home, at Binghamton, has written home a confession that she had been systematically administering poison to her foster parents with the hope of killing them so that she could obtain their property.

Mr. and Mrs. Kniseley have been made

very ill lately after their meals and Mrs. Kniseley is now an invalid as the result, it is alleged, of the poison taken into her system.

At one time Mr. and Mrs. Kniseley ate canned meat and were poisoned. Physicians attributed the illness to the canning. About the same time a neighbor informed the Kniseleys that Nellie had told their daughter that when her foster parents were dead she would have the

property and that she had given them a dose which should kill them.

Mr. and Mrs. Kniseley then recalled that the girl asked them who would get their property if they both died.

After they had been ill again they discovered that a package of rat poison had disappeared. They accused the girl of putting poison in their food, but she had protested that she was eating the same food that they were. She is next alleged to have told a girl companion that she intended to give her foster parents another dose and run away to Pennsylvania. The girl was then sent to the Susquehanna home.

In her confession Nellie says she feels sorry for what she has done.

# BLUE AND GRAY TO JOIN HANDS

## Lee, Lincoln and Davis Are to Be Toasted at New York Banquet.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
New York, Jan. 26.—There will be a significant event at the Waldorf-Astoria tonight when the Confederate Veterans' Camp of New York will hold its thirteenth annual banquet to which both Northerners and Southerners have been invited.

Charles Francis Adams, a former union soldier, will respond to the toast "General Robert E. Lee," and Col. Henry Watterson, an old confederate soldier, will respond to the toast "Abraham Lincoln."

It is even more significant to the spirit of the occasion that the toast "Jefferson Davis," will be responded to in this city by a Northern official, William Hepburn Russell, commissioner of public accounts.

# DE SHAZO SPENT TIME IN JAIL IN SALT LAKE

## Gentleman Who Made Away With Himself in Butte Bore an Unsavory Reputation Down in Utah.

A letter received in this city yesterday by an official of the police department from Salt Lake contains the following about Burt De Shazo, the young fellow who committed suicide in the county jail in this city on Thursday last:

"De Shazo was well known in Salt Lake and vicinity, especially among the officials, with whom he has had many dealings during the past two years. Most of the time he was in Salt Lake he remained in jail for larceny or robbery, just before he left the city a few weeks ago he announced that he had reformed and would seek to keep in the straight and narrow path. The officials, at the time of his disappearance, suggested that he had merely gone to a new field, where his face was not familiar to every police officer.

"He began his career three years ago in this city, when as a boy of 10 he refused to marry a woman he had ruined under promise of marriage. After serving a short term for that offense he was released, but was again behind the bars shortly afterwards on a charge of larceny. After that he was arrested as frequently as he was released from jail, always for larceny, robbery or obtaining money under false pretenses. On one occasion he stood off with a gun three police officers, who were trying to arrest him, and made good his escape. Several daring robberies and hold-ups have been laid at his door, but there was no evidence to convict him.

"His parents and sisters live at Bountiful, where he was born."

# WANT TO BE FRIENDS

## England Is Snatching at Any Old Straw in These Days.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
London, Jan. 26.—Hardly any attention has been paid to the announcement that the Alaskan Boundary treaty has been signed. The Daily Telegraph, however, says there will be universal satisfaction says there will be universal satisfaction on both sides of the Atlantic at the prospect of eliminating the last ground for disagreement between England and America. The announcement comes at a most opportune moment, for it ought to convince the most stubborn that as far as these two countries are concerned, if a certain number of what the German chancellor calls "Achivi" have lost their balance, the "Regis" at least have kept their heads.

# ENGLAND'S CATSPAW

## Kaiser Is Suing Edward to Vent His Spite Upon This Country.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
London, Jan. 26.—The Anglo-German alliance becomes more unpopular every day. Rightly or wrongly, the feeling is growing that the Berlin government is doing its best to involve England in a quarrel with America. It is difficult to say what will be the outcome of the San Carlos incident. Henry Norman, who is one of the ablest critics of foreign affairs in the house of commons, points out that although the Monroe doctrine has been formally recognized by Great Britain, it has been recognized by Germany, and as nobody who follows German opinion closely doubts for a moment that a misunderstanding between this country and America would be very far from being a matter for sorrow in Germany, it was a master stroke of diplomacy for the Kaiser to invite Great Britain into this alliance for the joint action within the sphere of the Monroe doctrine.

# CARRIED TO 'FRISCO

## Volcanic Ashes From Guatemala Carried There by Wind and Rain.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
San Francisco, Jan. 26.—Small patches of an extremely fine white sand or dust were seen on many asphalt paved streets today when the rain last night had dried. Scientists say this dust must have fallen with the rain as anything like it was never seen here before. It is believed to have come from the volcano of Santa Maria in Guatemala, which broke out in violent eruption October 14 and caused the ruin of a great area of cultivated country.

The theory is that the dust, being lighter than air, was carried two thousand miles from the point of its ascension.

Meet me at the Pfister.

# LEOPOLD AND EDDIE

## Two Kings Have Their Heads Together on a New Scheme.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
London, Jan. 26.—The King of the Belgians has paid a private visit to London in furtherance of a new scheme for the better government of the Congo Free State. It is reported to be his intention to introduce a strong British element into the administration of that colony. King Leopold, it is believed, has taken this step as a means of weakening the growing demand for an international inquiry into the true state of affairs in the Congo Free State, but it is not surprising to learn that the wish to strengthen his administration by a few competent Englishmen has created much indignation in Brussels.

# SAILOR PREACHER TO BRAVE ATLANTIC

## WILL SAIL HOME TO EUROPE IN A NEAT LITTLE CRAFT OF HIS OWN DESIGN.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 26.—"Eric the Red" will be the name of a boat built for a clergyman who plans to sail her across the Atlantic to his old home in Norway. The owner is somewhat advanced in years, but was a sailor when young. His name is withheld for the present by Capt. C. W. Foster, who is building the ship.

The clergyman left Norway about 40 years ago as a sailor and followed the sea a number of years, but finally studied theology. He designed the craft himself. She will be yawl rigged, 50 feet long, 11 feet beam and five and a half feet draught, and will have ample cabin accommodations for three or four people.

She will be equipped with a 50-horse power engine.

# THE OLD, OLD STORY

## Girl Didn't Know It Was Loaded and the Boy May Not Live.

**BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.**  
New York, Jan. 26.—Miss Elsie Herron, 20 years old, shot and seriously wounded her cousin Lester Carroll, 14 years old, while she was visiting the family.

"I didn't know it was loaded," protested Miss Herron, when she was arrested.

The girl took Lester up stairs to show him her father's new revolver. She pointed it at him in play. Just then the pistol went off and the bullet struck the boy in the chest. His chances of recovery are about even.

# HAS A LODGE AT COLUMBUS

Captain Dutton is Booming the Temperance Campaign.

Captain W. C. Dutton, the famous temperance lecturer, has formed a Good Templars lodge at Columbus, Montana, and Good Templars organizations in other parts of the state, both adult and juvenile. He closed a series of temperance lectures, delivered at different points in Montana, on Saturday night, and returned to Butte.

His temperance revivals attracted great attention wherever he went, and he expresses much satisfaction at his success. He expects much good to result from the tour in the interest of abstinence from intoxicants.

# Don't Worry.

This is easier said than done, yet it may be of some help to consider the matter. If the cause is something over which you have no control it is obvious that worrying will not help the matter in the least. On the other hand, if within your control you have only to act. When you have a cold and fear an attack of pneumonia, buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously and all cause for worry as to the outcome will quickly disappear. There is no danger of pneumonia when it is used. For sale by Faxon & Rockefeller, Newbro Drug Co., Christie & Lays, Newton Bros.

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