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THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

The fifth session of the National Irrigation Association congress came to a close on Friday evening at Phoenix, Arizona. Like its predecessors, this meeting will have an extensively beneficial effect on irrigation matters generally. To these congresses there has been offered the criticism that they have had no definite plan of campaign to secure specific legislative action. The reply to the criticism is that in the present state of the irrigation problem what was most needed was the attracting of public attention to the subject and the dissemination of information concerning it. Then necessary legislation must follow as a matter of course. When the people know just what they want, their representatives quickly recognize the necessity of granting it. These congresses have attained the great end of being important factors in making irrigation a national question of which the public insists on acquiring knowledge. The result thus far has been some valuable legislation, and a thorough study of the question that will bring a still greater development in the near future.

It is gratifying to note that in these congresses Utah maintains her leading position both in reports of work accomplished and in the attention her representatives receive. In the telegraphed account of the congress proceedings it is stated that in official reports "Utah showed wonderful progress in irrigation matters," and the United Associated Press dispatches gave the following concerning a speech of a prominent representative from this State:

> Brigham Young of Utah, a son of the great Mormon leader, addressed the congress by special request. He spoke eloquently of the advantages that have been derived from the former enemies of the congress, and prophesied a bright future for the great West, when the arid wastes shall have been transformed into prosperous farming communities. He described, in a graphic manner, the early struggles of the Mormons in Utah, the construction of their homes, and the first attempts at irrigation under most adverse conditions, and compared the arid wastes of territory of those days with the beautiful State of Utah today, abounding in immense irrigation canals constructed on the most scientific principles, and at an expense of millions of dollars. His speech was one of the best delivered at this session of the congress.

The next meeting will be held at Lincoln, Nebraska; and it is anticipated that before the time arrives for it to convene the results of the Phoenix meeting will have become manifest in legislation and in still stronger recognition of the necessities connected with reclaiming the arid region, so that more advanced plans than have been yet adopted may be readily comprehended and put into operation.

FREE LANCES IN THE SENATE.

Time was when the destinies of the nation were swayed by leaders of one or the other of the great parties in Congress, but that era seems to have passed away for the present at least, and the representatives of a comparatively new and small party exercise more influence, although partly in negative form, in many respects than do leaders of either of the great political parties. This is especially the case in the United States Senate, and will be for the next few years. The reason for this is that a number of the senators are not bound by either of the great parties, and holding the balance of power, are both feared and courted by a more numerous body of political associates. Neither Democrats nor Republicans having an absolute majority for deciding all disputes, the Populists and Independents are free lances in the Senate to dictate should it will many matters of important legislation which do not particularly involve special party issues, but have great influence on the nation.

It is this fact that gives to Senator Allen of Nebraska the important position he now holds, and which causes him to be regarded as "the storm center of the United States Senate." It is not his personal appearance that affords him prestige, although that is commanding; for he is six feet two inches high, weighs 280 pounds, is thick-limbed, deep-chested and broad-shouldered, with an extra fat, and has a clear, penetrating voice that in conversational tone reaches to every part of the Senate chamber. But he has influence with all those not actually under the discipline of a regular discipline to the other parties, and to antagonize some of the friends to any ordinary legislation means a counter-antagonism which is dangerous to measures fathered by those who increase it; hence the deference shown him, as well illustrated in an incident of last winter, related by the Cleveland Plain-Dealer. It was when the Omaha people wanted some assistance for their exposition, which came next fall. Senator Thurston, energetic and eloquent, was given charge of the bill for an appropriation, but nothing was heard of it. Then the end of quest

Thurston was lionized with juleps and bisquits. He could do nothing could not get recognition; special courtesies, honors fell on him, and all that, were the bisecurging replies made. Finally, he asked the reason, and happened to ask an old veteran senator what on earth they could do to secure action before the Senate adjourned. The veteran admiringly inquired, "Why, don't you get Allen to work for you?" "Allen! How can he do anything here as well as Thurston? Why, don't you know that he is a Populist? Those Populists have no standing with either the Democrats or the Republicans," replied the sapient Omaha manager. "Well, all the same," retorted the veteran, "I advise you to make a clean breast to Allen, and deep Thurston." After much fearful confabulation they did so. Allen put that bill through in less than a week. He didn't go down on their knees to him! Why? Because when he got up with the measure no man dared to object for fear that anything that he might want thereafter would in turn be coolly and effectively blocked by Allen, even if it took month to talk a month against it to beat it, and sit up every night to catch the chance to be beat it.

And this very element has a notable bearing on the financial question. The advocates of the free coinage of silver have determined to disregard everything that their party lines call for except the silver cause. Populists, Democrats and Republicans alike contribute to the "free lance" columns. There are also with them the international bimetallists, and together they constitute a majority over the gold standard advocates. The outlook that free silver men do not have control yet, but things are coming their way, and if bimetallism by international agreement is not secured at an early date, then the international bimetallists must seek union with the friends of independent coinage, and the administration which opposes the latter will have more antagonism than it can cope with before two years more have passed away.

NO SUCCESS IN STRIKES.

The Springfield Republican commenting upon the record of strikes in the United States for the years 1881-94, as reported by the United States bureau of labor statistics, observes that the strikes, if the number of establishments involved is considered, decreased after 1889, the year of the Haymarket massacre in Chicago. In 1892 there was again a sudden increase which culminated in the Chicago railway riots. The two years 1893 and 1894 stand out prominently, both as regards the number of establishments involved and laborers out of employment, but in the former year there was a great revival of business activity and workmen struck for higher wages; in the latter year there were hard times, and strikes were tried as a means of preventing reductions of wages.

Another fact noticed in the tabulated record is rather startling. It is shown that since 1881 there has been a gradual increase in the number of failures of strikes to accomplish the object in view. In the year mentioned about two-thirds of the strikes were successful. The following years failures became more numerous, and in 1894 over 60 per cent are set down as such. That is, of 506 strikes only 200 succeeded. It would therefore appear that the time is approaching when strikes must be discarded as a weapon, either for defensive or offensive purposes.

ILLEGAL TAX REFUND.

It is now given out that in the case of the county school tax which the Supreme Court said was illegal there will be no refund of the amounts unlawfully collected, except in cases where the property owners paid the tax under protest and had the objection endorsed upon their tax receipts. It is further said that well informed lawyers take the position that no refund of the amounts paid without protest can be compelled.

As to this remark of well informed lawyers, it may be said that such gentlemen are to be found on both sides of most controversies, because even they may be mistaken. To say that those who refuse to pay their taxes, who allow their property to be advertised, or who have "paid under protest" endorsed on their tax receipts, are the only persons in whom the law gives protection from illegal assessments, is to charge the judicial administration of the State with the grossest kind of injustice in applying the law; it would be saying that those persons who give the richest shelters to the statute are to be victimized thereby. If such were to be the case, in that State, the quicker the law repealed that every tax payer bore the opprobrium "paid under protest" on the better, for all taxes are as paid to remove that they are only given as under the compulsion that the law establishes.

The situation is this: The highest court in the State has said that the collector had no right to collect a certain tax. It follows that his collection of that tax being unauthorized and contrary to law, his retention of the money is as unlawful as the retention of any property taken by any other person in any other unlawful manner. He cannot turn it over to any public fund, because no such fund is authorized to receive it. He is not held culpable for damages by reason of the wrongful taking, because he has the justification behind him of a statute that has not been declared void. But since this declaration has been made, a demand for the return of the money, if it is refused, can be enforced with costs, just as the demand for possession of any other property can be enforced in behalf of the person having legal title thereto. Those who did not pay the tax do not have to do so, and in justice, those who have paid are entitled to a return of their money.

In the present situation, it appears that it will be necessary for those who want a refund to institute a civil suit for the same, with costs. It is perfectly proper to waste a refund, too, for all citizens should aim to be equal before the law on a tax proposition, as with any other. Since there is no one who is doing anything but what is right in this matter, a friendly suit ought to be arranged and put through, so that the collector will have the formal direction of a court to quite him in the premises.

THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER.

Mr. D. L. Moody is probably the best known and most influential evangelist of the Christian world today. He has joined the agitation against the Sunday newspaper and he has this to say, in the New York Journal, in support of his position:

> The editorial in the Journal of Friday on Sunday papers has been brought to my notice. I must thank the press for the fair way in which it has received my remarks. Of course we disagree, but it is a great thing that the press does not take undue advantage of its power and keep on abuse, but meets the question with honest, open argument.
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> With the daily paper I have no trouble at present. There are some things we might all like to see different, but I believe that most editors are actuated by honest, upright motives, and that, on the whole, the daily papers make for righteousness and enlightenment.
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> It is against the Sunday edition that I direct all my guns. The more I learn of it, the more convinced I am of the harm they are doing.
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> It must be admitted that the Sunday paper contains an unusual amount of matter that is not fit for virtuous eyes. The sewer of the week's news is gathered and poured in—rapes, adulteries, divorces, murder cases, etc. Is that fit reading to send into our homes?
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> You say that the immoral and criminal classes fear nothing like publicity. While that is perhaps true, it is also true that a hole is often cut about sin, and numbers of youths are enticed to commit crime for the very sake of obtaining this notoriety.
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> Then the advertisements tell us to expect so many pages of fun, several short stories, and so on. I would ask, is that fit reading for the Sabbath? Is a minister bound a hole in a man's head who had been reading that stuff, he could not in a serious thought of eternal things.
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> Then the indecent pictures, the "personal column," the manicure advertisements under the classification of "female assistance wanted," and other things of the kind—I don't believe that the newspapers of Boston and Gloucester do they feel any more guilty of worse things in their worst days.
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> "By their fruits ye shall know them," only today I received a letter from a lady who lives on Fifth avenue, telling of a beautiful girl, who is now in the ranks of the depraved in London. This lady saw the poor unfortunate girl during the last summer, and heard from her own lips that the cause of her downfall and disgrace was replying to a deceptive advertisement in the personal column of a leading metropolitan paper in this city. What remorse her broken-hearted mother must feel for letting the paper inside her door! Yet, perhaps she was only following the lead, she would think that apart altogether from religious motives they would fight the evil thing.
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> We don't contend for a day of rest for those who are engaged in making and selling and distributing papers. Personally, I rest on Saturday, because I have a passion for Sunday, and those engaged on newspapers are sound do likewise.
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> Another argument that I have heard in favor of the Sunday paper is that the publishers say that it is necessary to make a fat profit off the Sunday edition. In other words the proprietor uses the Sabbath day for making gain. Does not your conscience at times smite you?
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> We are supposed to be a Christian nation. We recognize the existence of the true and living God. We have His word, which tells us to keep the Sabbath day holy. Are we going to obey or disobey?
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> The Mohammedans are a devoted people. They will die for their religion. We have an indefinitely superior religion, and yet we are so supremely selfish that we will not forego a little pleasure, a little profit, for the day one of seven, in deference to the command of the God who made us and gave the Son to die for us.
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> Let us apply the golden rule to this question. Would I like to have my own daughter to read the filth that is printed in Sunday papers? Would I like to see my own son selling them on the street? Would I like to be running trains and making part in their distribution, so that I lose my Sabbath rest? Certainly not. Then the golden rule demands that I shall not force or tempt others to do these things.
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> Would to God that I had the power to stir the 30,000 churches in Brooklyn stirred the country from Maine to California on the subject question! If the church would only rise in its might we could stamp out this Sabbath desecration which is eating into the vitals of the moral and religious life of our land.

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