

GREAT WESTERN IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Important Schemes which Mean the Reclamation of Millions of Acres of Lands and New Homes for Hundreds of Thousands of People.

Special Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Out of the wildest solitudes of the far west come rumors of big things which are being planned by the engineers of the government. A great system of works is being surveyed to bring the waters of Bend O'Neill lake, in northern Idaho, out upon an area of more than a million acres of fertile, but arid, land in the eastern part of the state of Washington. Similar surveys are in progress in the almost voiceless valley of the Colorado river, where it forms the boundary between Arizona and California. There the matter has progressed to the actual appropriation of the entire flow of the stream not hitherto claimed. And the new appropriation is made in the name of the United States of America.

The engineers are also busy with plans looking to the development of the great possibilities of the Sacramento river where millions of acres of land not utterly arid without artificial moisture may be made to support a dense population on small farms when this is supplied. The engineering scheme on the Sacramento looks not only to the diversion of the stream, but to the reclamation of very large bodies of rich land by the prevention of overflow, and possibly to the building of canals for navigation and power.

The irrigation congress which assembled at Ogden, Utah, last September, gave expression to the larger hopes of the friends of irrigation which have taken shape during the past year. It declared in favor of systems of public works which shall rival those on the Po in Italy, the Nile in Egypt and the Ganges in India. It urged that these should be built on the Columbia, the Sacramento, the Colorado, the Rio Grande, the Arkansas, the Missouri and their tributaries. These six river systems drain practically the entire western half of the United States and their complete utilization in the manner proposed would at least double the present population of the republic. On all these

streams something has already been done by local enterprise. The smaller opportunities for storage and diversion of water have been improved, but beyond this it is impracticable for private enterprise to go. Only Uncle Sam is big enough to assert human control over the forces of nature represented by these great drainage systems and their surrounding watersheds. It is indeed a stupendous undertaking, but none too great for the American people. In fact, Uncle Sam has already got his coat off and gone at it.

It is an interesting and singular fact that the three biggest rivers of the far west take their rise at the foot of Mount Union in Wyoming and pursue their respective courses, east, south and west, to the Mississippi, the Gulf of California, and the North Pacific ocean. These are the Missouri, the Colorado, and the Columbia. Each of them receives scores of tributaries along its course. The other three rivers mentioned in the Ogden platform—the Sacramento, the Arkansas and the Rio Grande—are independent streams and each controls the economic destiny of a large region of its own.

With the single exception of the Sacramento, all these rivers traverse regions which are but sparsely inhabited and which contain enormous areas of public land. Wherever the construction of works is immediately contemplated, the secretary of the interior withdraws the land from entry, except under the homestead law without the commutation clause. Any citizen may acquire not more than 160 acres by living upon and cultivating it in good faith for five years. As a rule, this is impracticable until water has been furnished.

So that virtually the land laws stand repeated to the extent of the lands withdrawn. When the government works are completed, the land will be opened to entry in homesteads of not less than 40 nor more than 160 acres, according to the regulations to be established by the interior department. Settlers will then have 10 years in which to repay the cost of irrigating the land, without interest. But the magnitude of the undertaking is such that it may only be completed after many years. The greater portion

of the irrigable land cannot be withdrawn from entry because funds are available as yet for comparatively few projects. In the meantime, the existence of the desert land law enables those who have no thought of making homes to acquire these lands without living upon them for a day or an hour. The commutation clause of the homestead law also permits them to get title after a nominal residence of only 14 months. Thus the speculator steps in and forestalls the genuine settler, who will be required to pay handsome profits to the "sooner" when the nation shall have brought the water to the arid lands.

Two millions of people throughout the country who are dreaming of having homes on the irrigated lands of the west should stand with those who demand the immediate repeal of the laws which foster and facilitate speculation in the public domain. The merchants and manufacturers who are to be benefited by having a dense and productive population live in the valleys of these great western streams should stand on the same side. And so should that larger public sentiment which is entirely disinterested, and considers only the good of the American people. The fate of the public domain depends upon the decision of the Congress now in session at Washington. While the lawmakers delay, the land grabbers are helping themselves to the people's property.

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LILLIAN RUSSELL'S DOG.

Lillian Russell likes dogs, some of her friends are even inclined to intimate that as between dogs and men, the comedienne prefers the four-legged friends. However that may be, at her country home she has a large St. Bernard, of which she is very fond. She also houses her colored maid at the same house. Recently a man, walking by the Russell house and noticing both maid and dog, paused to inquire who owned the dog.

"He belongs to my missus, Miss Russell," the maid replied. "But are you not afraid of him?" he asked. "Lordy, no! He won't harm nobody. He's just chock full of fun all the time." "What kind of a dog is he?" "I dunno what kind—my missus calls him a fat blooded St. Bernard."—Rider and Driver.

Remarkable Escape of Two Children From the Iroquois Theater Fire.

A woman, whose husband is a lawyer in the Ashland Block, took her small son, aged 6, and her smaller daughter, aged 4, to the Iroquois theater on the fateful Wednesday afternoon. They had seats close to the stage.

The mother occupied the seat farthest from the aisle, then came the little boy, and then the little girl. Next to her was a vacant aisle seat. Presently a fairly well dressed man came in alone and sat down in the vacant seat.

It gradually developed that the newcomer was intoxicated. The liquor had had the effect of putting him in perfect good humor with all the world. He paid small attention to the stage, but was apparently much struck by the beauty of the little yellow-haired tot who sat next to him. He began to talk to her, but the baby was frightened and tried to edge away.

"Pur-ty lil' girl," he said, coaxingly, putting her gently on the head with a large, red hand. The man's talk was attracting the attention of other people, and the child's mother leaned over and asked him to stop.

"That's aw' right," he said, with a broad smile. "That's aw' right." She is a pur-ty lil' girl, ain't she?" Finally the embarrassed mother appealed to an usher, who came down the aisle and asked the man on the aisle to stop talking to his neighbors. He, too, was answered by a grin and a request to look at the "pur-ty lil' girl."

Shortly after the first symptoms of fire were noticed on the stage. The mother, with her two small children, was frightened from the first. But the drunken man leaned over and shook a finger at her reassuringly.

"Don't you be 'fraid, nussie!" he said, thickly. "Don't you be 'fraid. You chese come 'th me." Without waiting for an answer he seized the little girl, tucked her away his left and with the half hysterical woman clinging to his coat in the rear went staggering up the center aisle towards the main entrance. He started before there was any great alarm in the house, and people still sitting in the aisles had time to laugh at his drunken efforts to appear dignified. But just as the strange party reached

the door the storm broke out behind them. Out into the street staggered the man, still firmly holding the children under his arms. He showed no inclination to put them down.

"Won't you come up with me to my husband's office in the Ashland block?" pleaded the woman.

"Sure," stammered the man, still with a smile. "Ganywhere wiss the pur-ty lil' girl."

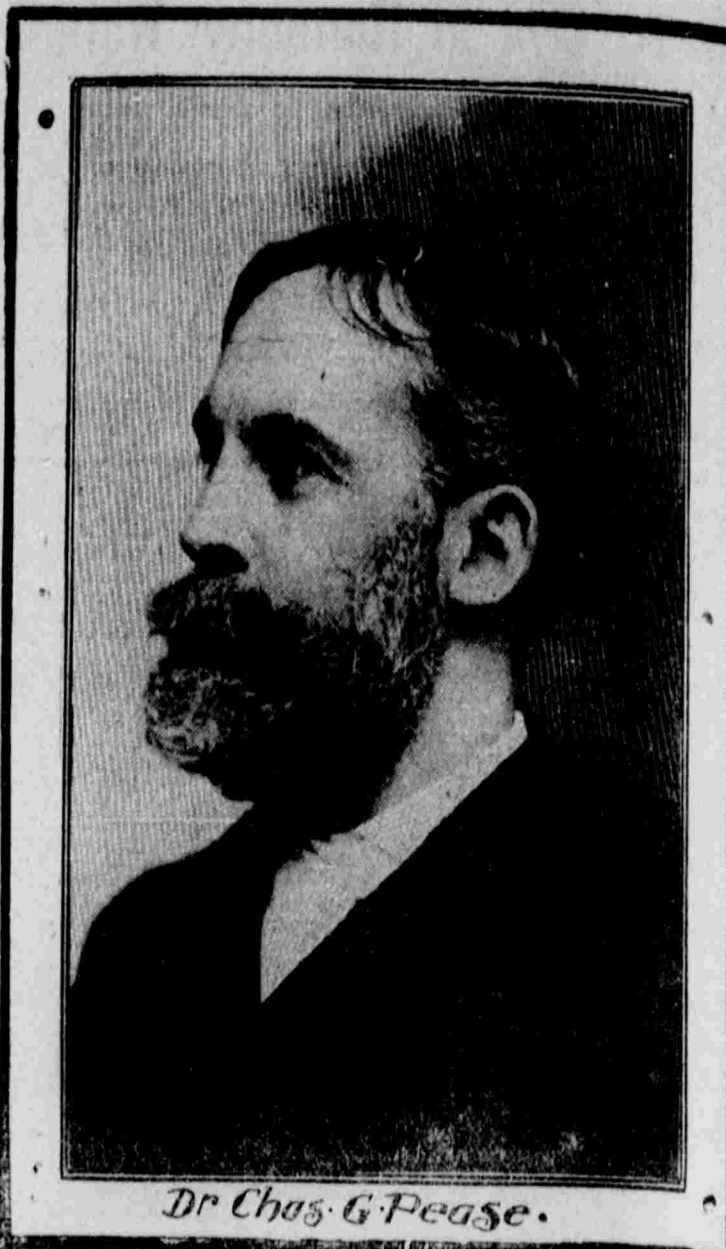
They went over to the Ashland and took an elevator to the husband's office. In staggered the man, still carrying the babies, set them down on the floor, and promptly relapsed into a chair, and went to sleep. Meanwhile the terrified woman was telling her husband the awful story of the fire and how a strange and drunken man had saved them all. Naturally the husband was extremely grateful to the stranger. He went out into the outer office to express his thanks, but found it first necessary to wake up the hero, who was by this time snoring noisily.

"Now-atall," said the drunken man, yawning an unsteady hand. "Nos-stall. No thanks 'all. Pur-ty lil' girl, ain't she?" He smiled aimlessly at the child's father.

"Here," said the father, pulling a \$20 bill from his pocket. "Take this for me anyhow, just to show that I appreciate what you have done for me."

With a stiff and drunken dignity the man straightened himself up until his head was further back than his heels. "Aw! Give your money to th' heathen. I got money my own, I have," he said, angrily. "You're a stiff, you are."

Whereupon, having untangled his feet, he went out into the hallway and took an elevator to the street, refusing to give his name or to allow any one to accompany him. Is there a moral to this true story? If so, what is it?—Chicago Tribune.



Dr. Chas. G. Pease is the man who calmly admits having written threat, ening letters to Mrs. Stetson, who is the present head of church in New York, over her connection with the Christian Science faith.

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10c, 12 1-2c and 15c Wrapper, Kimona and Dress Flannelettes at 7 cents a yard.

There are just 48 pieces of these Flannelettes, and they will go on sale promptly at 9 o'clock. In order to secure any selection, you will have to come early. There are patterns suitable for Wrappers, Kimonas, for Waists and for Children's Dresses, and the Flannelettes are standard 16c, 18c, and some 1c qualities. On sale Monday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock. Limit 12 yards to a customer, at per yard...

7c

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SPECIAL! OUR SHOE DEPT.

200 PAIRS LADIES' SHOES, SAME, all sizes, worth from \$2.50 to \$4.00, for 3 hours only—

\$1.95

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SPECIAL! An Extraordinary Sale Special.

LADIES' WOOL HOSE, A Splendid 25c Grade at 17 1-2c.

One case of 60 dozen, delayed in shipping, bought at our regular 35c seller but only reached here a few days ago, therefore this unusual cut, they are all wool, seamless, fast black, with merino heel and toe, all sizes. For a speedy clearing they go Monday 9 to 12 o'clock.

17 1/2c

MONDAY MORNING From 9 to 12 o'clock.

SPECIAL! Cents' Furnishing Dept.

White Cambric Handkerchiefs, regular 3 for 25c grade, for three hours only, SALE PRICE—

3 cents.

Special Monday Morning From 9 to 12 o'clock.

The Final Clearance Sale of All Ladies' Long Kimonas and Flannelette House Wrappers.

This includes our Entire Stock of long Kimonas in the pretty Persian designs. Wrappers made of plain and fancy patterns, full assortment of all sizes. Values up to \$3.50. A Final Clearance Sale Monday morning 9 to 12. Your Choice at—

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MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! Another Long Cloth Special That's Worth Considering.

60 pieces in this lot—WHITE ENGLISH LONG CLOTH—Genuine nainsook finished. The most satisfying white cloth undergarments. Worth today at least \$2.25 a bolt, for three hours Monday afternoon, one bolt containing 12 yards to a customer, at, per yard...

\$1.55

NEW WASH FABRICS.

This department is just a little earlier than any of the others in securing new Spring Goods, and the rapidly with which piles upon piles of exquisite wash Textiles for Spring and Summer, 1904, are being rushed from packing boxes to counters, testifies strongly to the superior hustling ability of our energetic Wash Goods buyer. Come and you will be interested in the

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Already the Pretty Spring Fabrics are beginning to arrive. Here are such splendid values we couldn't help printing, together with some startling offers in Winter Dress Goods. BARGAINS no other store would care to equal.

NEW CHALLIES— Pure all wool, satin stripe and Persian patterns, all colors, 30 inches wide, ON SALE THIS WEEK at, per yard—

45 cts.

NEW BATISTE— Strictly all wool, in all the new summer tints, including pink, light blue, green, red, tan, cream and black, beautiful for waists and summer dresses. ON SALE THIS WEEK at, per yard—

50 cts.

ALL WOOL CHALLIES— in the new Persian patterns, pure all wool, comprising all the new dainty colorings. The most suitable thing for new waists and evening dresses, 30 inches wide, ON SALE THIS WEEK at, per yard—

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NEW MOHAIR BRILLIANTINES— 44 inches wide, suitable for skirts and dresses, will shed the dirt and dust, in all shades of red, blue, brown and gray. ON SALE THIS WEEK at, per yard—

65 cts.

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70 cts.

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! Another FLANNEL SPECIAL

In keeping with those that have placed this department on record as giving very exceptional bargains upon these special sale occasions—14c, 20c, and 25c Velour Flannelette, the heaviest velvet finished Kimona, Bath Robe and Slumber Robe Flannelette. Choice patterns and colorings, for 3 hours Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, 12 yards to a customer, at (per yd).....

11c

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! In Our Dress Goods Department.

BROKEN LOT of Dress Goods, consisting of Chevots, Armures, Sultanias, Cloths, Brilliantines, Poplins and many others. Including all colors of Blue, Tan, Gray, Green, Red and many other shades. All double width, 33 to 40 inches wide. Values that would be bargains at 40c and 50c. SPECIAL Monday afternoon from 2 till 5, at (per yard).....

24c

LIMIT—10 yards to a customer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! A PETTICOAT SALE.

THE ELITE ADJUSTABLE TOP Petticoat, made of heavy mercerized saten, umbrella founce, hemmed bottom, trimmed with two rows of pleating. A good \$1.25 value. Monday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at.....

89c

New Percales, The New Zephyr Gingham, The New Scotch and French Linen Suitings, The New Waisting and Exclusive Novelties.

The New White Wash Fabrics

Naturally move to the front and easily become the Drum Major of the "Spring-like Dress Parade." The new fancy waist stuffs are just as lovely as they can be. We will not attempt to enumerate the many varieties on display, but suggest a visit of inspection, which cannot fail to be most interesting.

As a leader for the week, White Novelty Waisting, exclusive designs, worth at least 40c, on sale—per yard . . .

30c

Our Shoe Dept.

SPRING STYLES IN FOOTWEAR JUST RECEIVED.

LADIES' FINE SHOES (best makes), LADIES' FINE OXFORDS (latest styles), LADIES' fine SLIPPERS (perfect fitters), BOYS', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S SHOES.

Our \$2.50 and \$3.00 Specials in Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords are the best on earth for the money.

Our \$1.50 and \$2.00 Ladies' Slippers are positively the best values ever shown at the price.

IT PAYS TO BUY SHOES OF US.

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Dept.

BOYS' WOOL KNEE PANTS—A good durable school pants, age 3 to 14 years. Regular 65c values, for three hours only, SALE PRICE.....

39c

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! A 3 Hour Sale of TOILET SOAP.

Kirk's best 10c Toilet Soap, "The Royal," in Glycerine, Honey, Oatmeal, large size cakes put up three bars in a box. Sold regularly at 16c a bar. Offered for above time at a box of 3 bars.....

10c

7 1/2c

MONDAY AFTERNOON From 2 to 5 o'clock.

SPECIAL! OUR SHOE DEPT. LADIES' RUBBERS.

Best quality. All styles. From 2 until 3 p.m. only

39c

SPECIAL! FOR ALL WEEK. BOX COATS—FINAL SALE.

\$4.95

For choice of any Ladies' 27 inch Box Coat in the house, values worth up to \$12.00—no reserve.

This final sale of the season, coming nearly a month earlier than usual. Sale begins Monday morning.

SPECIAL! ALL WEEK! Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Dept.

FOR ONE WEEK commencing Monday, Feb. 1, Gents' heavy wool ribbed underwear, all sizes. Our regular \$1.15 grade in Salmon color. SALE PRICE—

75c

SPECIAL! ALL WEEK! SILK DEPARTMENT. BLACK GRENADES.

The best \$1.25 Black Silk Grenadine, 42 inches wide, elegant quality, in narrow and wide stripes. Monday all week—

75c

SPECIAL! ALL WEEK! Final Clearing Sale of All CHILDREN'S DRESSES

At 1-2 HALF PRICE—1-2

This sale includes every full and ultra dress we have in stock today, there is a good assortment in value from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each, all sold during this week at one-half those prices.

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SPECIAL FOR ALL WEEK! MUSLIN UNDERWEAR & INFANTS' FURNISHINGS

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The bottom notch of low prices is reached, this sale means the highest values, the prettiest, best finished garments, the most unusual high values you ever saw for the money. Here are a few of the exceptional offers.

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