

IT EXCITES INTEREST

Census Office Investigation of Land
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"No investigation by the census office has aroused a more active and sympathetic interest than that relating to land reclamation by irrigation," says Hydrographer Newell, in charge of irrigation in both the census office and the geological survey.

"The east is quite as much alive to the importance of the subject as the west. Its manufacturers and jobbers see in the growing west a market of great absorbing capacity. The Canadians have set an example to the United States in the business-like way in which they have gone about the problem of the public domain. They also have vast tracts of arid land lying east of the Rocky mountains and north of Montana. In spite of a relatively low temperature they have demonstrated the success of irrigation in a broad and practical manner."

"Instead of allowing development to proceed in a haphazard way, they drew a lesson from the failures and mistakes on this side of the boundary, and first made an accurate survey to show the location and character of the irrigable lands, the source of supply from which these lands can be watered, and the possibilities of regulating the flow of streams by reservoirs."

"The people of the adjacent state of Montana, seeing the good effects of such a policy, are eager to have similar surveys made of the public lands of that state in order to show at a glance, on appropriate maps, the lands that may be irrigated, and water sources for their reclamation, and (by reports) the cost of and the benefits to be derived from the adequate systems of storage reservoirs and high-line canals. As a preliminary step, the census office is ascertaining what canals are now in operation; the extent and value of the existing works and the area and production of irrigated lands. Director Merriam desires that all irrigation schedules be filled out and returned as promptly as possible, and that irrigators who have not received such schedules will at once write for them."

TO EXPLORE THE WORLD.

Important Expeditions to Be Sent
Out by the University of
California.

President Wheeler has announced to the regents of the University of California that experts of acknowledged repute have been engaged to make excavations and explorations in parts of the world rich with relics of ancient learning. The entire expense of the work will be borne by Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst.

MAY EXTEND ITS POWER.

Pressure Brought to Bear on Congress to Legislate for Interstate Commerce Commission.

So much pressure has been brought to bear upon the senate for legislation giving the interstate commerce commission additional powers it has been decided by the senate committee to take up the Cullom bill and pass it in its present shape, if possible.

The bill in its present shape seems to be entirely satisfactory to the business men of the country, and, judging from the number of petitions for its enactment, changes would be unsatisfactory. The railroad companies, however, are not at all pleased with the bill and will oppose it unless it is amended so as to permit of pooling to a limited extent at least.

Senator Cullom said he was determined to push the measure, and he hoped to have it adopted in its present shape. It is well known, however, the railroads have enormous strength in the senate, and it is certain they will not permit the bill to go through unless it is amended to suit them.

EAT A NINE-CENT DINNER.

Prince and Princess of Wales Enjoy a Meal at One of the New Stun Restaurants.

The prince and princess of Wales, accompanied only by Sidney Greville, created considerable excitement the other day by appearing unannounced at the new restaurant just opened by the Alexandra trust in the slum district of St. Luke's. The princess is one of the trustees of the trust, which has undertaken to provide the poor of London with good food at the lowest possible price.

The royal party was met by Sir Thomas Lipton, who gave the trust \$500,000, and all four sat down and ate a nine-cent meal.

The crowds who thronged the place soon became aware of the presence of the royal visitors and gave them an enthusiastic welcome.

After the dinner, which the prince paid for, the party went all over the establishment and expressed great delight at the conduct of the place. The prince, epicure that he is, pronounced the food excellent.

A Dominant Power.

The Pennsylvania woman who had been speechless for eight years and who recovered her voice by screaming at sight of a mouse may or may not be happier in future. The St. Louis Post Dispatch says there is nothing like a voice for creating domestic disturbance.

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TO CUT DISTANCE AND TIME

Revival of Project to Connect Chicago and New York by Air Line Reducing Time to 16 Hours.

A New York paper says that, stimulated by the boom in railroad earnings and the general condition of prosperity, a group of eastern railroad men and New York financiers are disposed to revive the scheme to construct an air line railroad between New York and Chicago. Men who command large capital have been sufficiently interested in this project to have surveys made and maps prepared, showing approximately the course of the proposed new road.

Roughly described, this proposed railroad is to extend between New York and Chicago in almost a straight line. It will cut across the northern part of New Jersey, and will pass through the Mauch Chunk coal fields in Pennsylvania. According to the route as now marked out the new line will skip most of the large cities in Pennsylvania, taking in only Oil City.

Passing through Ohio, the road will touch at Cleveland and Toledo, and will pursue nearly a straight course to Chicago, via South Bend.

This "air line," its projectors declare, will be more than 300 miles shorter than any other route between the Atlantic seaboard and Chicago, and trains are to be run from New York to Chicago in 16 hours—perhaps a little less. One feature of the proposed road will be the running of speedy freight trains.

In the construction of this new road some old railroad charters would, it is said, be made available.

PRIEST'S BOOK TO WIN FAME

Father Haire, of South Dakota, completes Work on a Valuable Volume.

Father Robert W. Haire, a member of the South Dakota state board of regents, on which he has served for many years as secretary, has just completed a book which is likely to attract considerable attention in learned circles and make the author famous.

"Father Haire is a man of scholarly attainments," said Doane Robinson, the well-known South Dakota poet, who was permitted to examine the manuscript, which is now ready for the publisher, "and his great philosophical work must take rank as one of the greatest literary achievements of the century. It is difficult to find a word which defines the character of the work, but in a sentence it develops each of the nearly 700 Aryan root words forward through the Sanscrit, Greek, Latin and Germanic languages to English. As the product of a single pen it is only equaled by the work of Noah Webster in the production of his dictionary. In some instances more than 2,000 English words are brought up from one Aryan root."

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Before the body was removed a jury had to be summoned to determine which of the two counties should take legal possession of the dead man's remains. There was but one way to decide the point of possession and that was to take a measurement and award the county on which the greater portion of the body lay the right to possession.

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BIG JOB FOR MINTS.

Provision of New Law Will Tax Their Capacity to Utmost.

Subsidy Coinage to the Amount of \$20,000,000 Will Be Added to the Country's Supply—Is Much Needed.

The mints of the United States will be busy for some time to come in undertaking to carry out the provision of the act that has just become law and that permits the secretary of the treasury to add \$20,000,000 to the stock of subsidiary coinage. The authority to coin silver of the smaller denominations has been obtained specifically from time to time, but has been restricted to small amounts, the supporters of the free coinage of silver having systematically resisted the increase of the supply of minor silver.

Director of the Mint Roberts, in talking about the objects and usefulness of the new act, as relating to subsidiary silver coinage, said: "The new monetary act, approved March 14, authorizes an increase of about \$20,000,000 in the stock of subsidiary silver coin. The last authority for the issue of subsidiary silver was given by a joint resolution, approved July 22, 1876, in preparation for the resumption of specie payments. It authorized the issue of an amount which, together with the fractional paper currency outstanding, should at no time exceed \$50,000,000."

"June 9, 1879, the act providing for the redemption of subsidiary silver in lawful money was passed, and forthwith our old quarters, dimes and halves, which had been driven to the West Indies and South America by our paper money, began to return. They were presented for redemption, until the treasury held over \$30,000,000. In this way the \$50,000,000 limit was exceeded, for the treasury officials paid this stock out in the regular course of business until it was practically all absorbed."

"The present stock in the country thus reached about \$80,000,000. Under the new law it may be \$100,000,000, and bullion purchased under the Sherman act may be coined. The new authority was sorely needed, and will scarcely suffice for the growing needs of the country more than five or six years."

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BERNHARDT'S PLAY.

Triumph for the Actress in the Production of "L'Aiglon" at Paris.

Sarah Bernhardt produced "L'Aiglon" at her Paris theater the other night. The plot was slight, but dramatic and pathetic incidents were related in brilliant verse, which held attention from the opening to the close, notwithstanding that the play is somewhat long.

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COTON
Marché de la Nlle-Orléans
SUB PLACE.

Le Coton Marché a rapport aujourd'hui 400 ventes de 1,250 bales et 1,000 à arriver.

Le marché est stable.

Les cotons saches sont de 4 à 5 pi plus bas que les cotons suivantes.

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