

WHERE WATER IS VALUABLE

Various Views on Irrigation, Arid Lands and Federal Control.

A LIVE KICK FROM COLORADO

Portland's Progressive Pace—Wyming's Stock Interest—Precious Metals Strife—A Cry for More People—News of the Northwest.

Lusk, Wyo., Jan. 19.—To the Editor of The Bee: Recent issues of The Bee take the position that the interests of Nebraska would be jeopardized should the arid lands in Wyoming, Colorado be given those states and reclaimed by them through irrigation, giving as reasons the appropriation of waters in those states that should be allowed to flow on into Nebraska in the Platte, the Republican and the Niobrara rivers.

An intimate knowledge of the country and these streams, acquired through years of stock handling there, with home ranches, one on the Republican where it enters Nebraska near Haigler, and one on the Niobrara, or running water as it is known in Wyoming, at the extreme source of its continual flow, leads me to think that a statement of the real conditions may at least induce you to cease opposing our hopes on the grounds of conflict with western Nebraska's interests.

As to relations between Wyoming and Nebraska, and Omaha especially, are very intimate. The direct and speedy connection with Omaha by way of Union Pacific and Fremont, Elkhart & Missouri Pacific, the B. & M. railways, makes Omaha the distributing point for this state and makes the state almost wholly tributary to Nebraska and Omaha.

Nine out of ten traveling men in Wyoming are from Omaha; much of the outside news is furnished by Omaha papers, every advancement of our interests and prosperity will be shared very largely by Nebraska and Omaha.

As to the streams in question, the extreme head of the continuous flow in the Niobrara is but ten miles from the western boundary of Nebraska. The water in the Niobrara is a brook that a man may step across. What little water it carries is appropriated and used in Nebraska.

The Southern Platte usually dry before it reaches Nebraska and is so except at times of high water, fifteen years ago, before the large systems of ditches around Denver, and have been in operation for years, and appropriations of water from it have only caused it to become dry a longer distance in Colorado.

The North Platte I speak only from the point at which it emerges from the canons and lands that cannot be utilized, which is near Casper, Wyoming. It has a large quantity of water, and the point at which it enters Nebraska is at the mouth of the Niobrara, and the water of this stream are very plain from railroad and ditch surveys.

The Elkhorn railroad follows up the Niobrara drainage and crosses the high divide and water shed between the Platte, the Niobrara and the Cheyenne rivers, eighty miles from Casper to the mouth of the Niobrara at an elevation of 5,340 feet. The Platte at Casper is a little less than 5,100 feet. This divide follows along the Platte and the water of this stream flows into the Niobrara drainage, to within less than fifteen miles of the Nebraska line, so that it is a topographical impossibility to carry the water any farther to the west, and it is too large enough to consume the water flowing in the stream.

The opinions of the various engineers and irrigation experts who have examined the country are that irrigation, wastage and sewage of the lands available for irrigation require more water than the Niobrara of the Platte at its height, leaving three-quarters to flow on into Nebraska.

The position of Idaho with regard to the disposition of the arid land is set forth in the following extracts from a memorial, which will be presented in congress:

The state should own the forest lands, and hold them, that it may preserve the forests thereon from destruction and the water supply from becoming intermittent and useless.

The state should own the irrigable lands, that it may obtain a revenue from their sale with which to regulate and distribute the water supply for their irrigation, and to produce the greatest benefit to the commonwealth and to the individual irrigator.

var. \$90,014,004; copper, \$13,251,963, and lead, \$12,955,790. Total, \$116,221,757. In arriving at these valuations silver has been estimated at 95 cents per ounce, copper at 15 cents per pound, and lead at 6 cents per hundred pounds.

Opposed to Tession. To the Settlers of Eastern Colorado: We, the undersigned committee, have been requested to notify you that we have formed a permanent organization for the purpose of defeating the arid land bill introduced in congress by Hosea Townsend, for these reasons:

The "convention of cities" will be held in Des Moines February 3 and 4. A \$35,000 addition to Mercy hospital at Dubuque will be built in the spring. The Women's Industrial exchange at Des Moines, with a capital of \$40,000 has incorporated.

The reports of the early extension of the Elkhorn Valley road west from Casper and through the Sweetwater range, raised the hopes of oil lands owners everywhere. Railroad facilities, they claim, are a serious drawback to development.

Johnston county's oil-drilling rig is to be located on Powder river, about three-quarters of a mile from Fildes's ranch, at which the derricks and buildings are already up. The road from Casper to that point is in good shape and little difficulty, if any, will be experienced in transporting the machinery.

The prospects for oil in this region are perhaps as good as anywhere in the fields. It is estimated by eminent geologists that the oil-bearing sand is within 2,000 feet of the surface at this point, and taking into consideration the fact that these rigs are equipped with derricks that will drill 4,000 feet, it is very probable they will "strike it."

South Dakota. Brick buildings are supplanting the wooden shacks in Deadwood. The Yankton Press and Dakotan is thirty years old, but the "old" look is new. Alfred Friemold was crushed to death by falling rock in the Highland mine.

The marble quarries in the vicinity of Boulder park are attracting the attention of local attention. The quarries are known to be practically inexhaustible, and the quality of the marble is equal to that of any other section of the United States.

The Oregonian has moved into its new home, one of the finest newspaper offices in the far west. The building is located at the corner of Alder and Sixth streets. It is fireproof throughout, 100,000 feet, and nine stories high.

The Oregonian celebrated the occupancy of its new quarters by appointing a modern dress suit, attractive and tasteful. This is supplemented with a stereotyping plant and one of the latest of modern printing presses.

The returns in the state stocker's office from the various counties show a decrease during the past year in cattle of 41,450 head, and an increase in sheep of 69,194 head. The live stock returns are as follows:

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The annual report by Wells, Fargo & Co. of precious metals produced in the United States has been issued for 1891. It includes the production of British Columbia and Alaska, and the various mines of the Missouri river, except that the mines for Montana are simply estimates.

the year. It is also understood that L. Z. Brewer is contemplating the erection of a large cannery factory and grain elevator.

The Dixon county farmers institute held at Dixon last week proved an unusual interest, and the public schools were closed in order that the pupils might listen to the discussions.

The station agent of the Missouri Pacific at Prosser sent a frozen bottle of ink on the stove to thaw. It exploded and a piece of glass lodged in his forehead, cutting an artery, and nearly causing him to bleed to death before help arrived.

An extensive ledge of granite has been discovered in the vicinity of Spokane, The Watsonville, Cal., sugar refinery manufactured 2,200 tons of sugar in 1891 instead of 2,500, as reported.

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The annual report of the state inspector of mines has just been published, and contains some interesting facts and figures. According to the report ten mines, controlled by the Homestake company, yielded \$1,891,000 the sum of \$3,340,320. The total value of the Black Hills mines during twelve months ending December 31 last is estimated at \$2,540,300, nearly double what it was in 1890.

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John L. Sullivan was right at home in Butte. He gave three performances to packed houses and through the evening was able to gain admission. The drama is making in Montana a big camp.

Woking thieves have been operating in the Yellowstone country on a gigantic scale for the last month. Hunchers and rangers along the Wyoming line estimate their losses at \$500,000. A reward of \$2,500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Assays made of the ore recently uncovered in the Nipise shows it to meet the hopes of the owners, as it carries 150 ounces of silver and \$145 in gold per ton.

building such a fine structure. Both gentlemen are interested in Great Falls.

Every member of the miners' union in Butte who patronizes the Chinese business is fined \$5 for each offense after expiration of the second. The war on John began its earnest on the 10th.

During 1891 Montana farmers raised 1,850,000 bushels of wheat, valued at \$5,500,000. The acreage in wheat was 92,583. We planted during the year 47,747 acres of oats, which yielded 3,264,000 bushels, valued at \$1,958,400. The yield of oats in the state was thirty-eight and one-half bushels per acre.

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MORE UNION DEPOT TALK

President Kimball Tells of the Company's Plans, Hopes and Fears.

PLACES THE BLAME ON BUSYBODIES.

Figures Showing the Size of the Proposed Depot Compared with Those of Other Cities—Statistical Deductions.

The union depot muddle continues to enlist the quiet but earnest discussion in a certain circle of influential citizens, who are groping about for a speedy solution of the problem. The private offices of prominent business men are the scenes of almost daily conferences and several propositions of varying indefiniteness have been considered.

The scheme to vote the depot company \$250,000 for another structure on a new site apparently has made no further progress. Its sponsors claim influential friends for it, but it has not found a responsive echo in popular favor.

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sweetheart or engaged in flogging the villain he sang and danced so acceptably that the auditors demanded repeated encores.

In the Lecture Room. Nothing disturbs a lecturer so much as a good, healthy, fully developed cough. Some folks think a quacking baby is worse, but Mark Twain says that in an emergency you can kill the baby.

DOES OMAHA WANT IT? Foughting Opportunity to Secure the People's Independent National Convention. Omaha, Jan. 23.—To the Editor of The Bee: To properly appreciate the magnitude and importance of this forthcoming colossal convention, requires that we should briefly examine the causes influencing and the enthusiasm pervading not only members of the party but that vast array of toilers who are now sympathizers of and in accord with our declaration of principles.

At the conference in Cincinnati last year there were 1,440 delegates and 20,000 visitors present. That was before our party had developed its present vitality and strength.

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