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Reclaiming Idaho's Desert.

FROM THE OUTLOOK.

Ruskin made the world familiar with the beauty and grandeur of mountains, but it has remained for the inventive and energetic people who live upon the slopes of America's great Rocky Mountain system to illustrate on a grand scale the multifarious uses to which mountains may be put. By harnessing the streams of the Sierras, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, and half a dozen other cities of the Pacific slope now run their street-car systems and light plants, while by hydro-electric energy most of the machinery of all kinds is propelled. By further husbanding of the mountain streams and rivers vast areas of what until within recent years were known simply as desert lands have been reclaimed to the uses of man and civilization, and furnish homes for hundreds of thousands of people. One of the notable but by no means the largest of these irrigation schemes is that now approaching completion, by which the southern part of Idaho will soon be transformed from a sage-brush desert into hundreds of farms and orchards of apple, pear, peach and other trees. This vast Idaho desert, soon to be awakened with a new touch of life, stretches across the entire southern border of the State. The land in itself, though now yielding only a sparse growth of sage-brush, is as fertile as any in the United States, and lacks only water from the mountains now going to waste to make it an ideal home for man, able to support thousands of families. The National Government, with wise forethought, will soon supply this agent which will cause towns and cities and fruitful farms to spring up as by magic along the Snake River Desert. The irrigation works which will be completed in a few months will cost only a little more than a third of a million of dollars, but these are only part of a vast system which will cost millions and add a new empire of fertile lands to the domains of the United States. The Minidoka dam, so called from the town of that name which lies about six miles north of it, is one of the simplest of engineering feats. It consists simply of a dam built across the Snake River at a point clearly designated by nature, by means of which the water of the river will be raised to a height of forty-seven feet, when a large part of the flow of the river will be diverted to the north and the south sides of the present channel, and made to irrigate, by gravity alone, sixty-five thousand acres of land which is now only a desert. The bulk of this irrigable land lies to the north of Snake River, having a length of fifteen miles and an average breadth of twelve miles. Almost an equal area will eventually be irrigated on the south side, but the Minidoka dam is intended to supply water for only about eight thousand acres on the south, the remainder being left to the completion of other reclamation works. The land reclaimed will be divided into farms of eighty acres each, except within a mile and a half of the three towns located within its limits, where the unit will be forty acres. Under the intensive culture such as is common in the Great Yakima Valley and other irrigated regions of the West, even forty acres makes a big and profitable farm where the best fruits and vegetables can be raised, which bring fancy prices in the markets of the East. It is expected that the first crop on the Minidoka reclaimed lands will be harvested during the coming year.

Own Your Own Home.

It is surprising the amount of rent a man will pay, if he stops long enough to figure it up. Many young men who marry and "settle down" and begin to pay rent will be far better off in ten years if they purchase property this year than if they continue to pay rent. Many of them do not think of a possible rainy day and years of old age, but go on spending the fruit of their toil until they have to step down and out to make room for the "younger man." They are not prepared for an emergency of this kind, and they wish they had bought when they were young and had a home of their own when the

time for acquiring it is passed.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the property purchased increases in value. Why not settle this for yourself and start at once to prepare a home? Where were you six, eight, ten or fifteen years ago and what did you have? If you have paid rent all these years, you have your rent receipts to show where your money has gone, but where is the home you might have owned if you had been paying your money towards a home of your own? Which do you prefer, the comfort of your own home or a package of rent receipts, and live in the other fellow's house? Why longer pay tribute to Cæsar? Why not be independent?—Ex.

Preserve Niagara.
FROM THE OUTLOOK.

The ordinance of 1787 provides that "the navigable waters leading into the Mississippi and St. Lawrence, and the carrying places between the same, shall be common highways, and forever free, as well to the inhabitants of the said territory as to the citizens of the United States and those of any other States that may be admitted into the Confederacy, without any tax, impost, or duty therefor." This clause is made, in the resolution adopted by the American Civic Association at its recent meeting, the basis for the claim that "the people of the whole American continent are vitally concerned in the preservation of Niagara Falls," and for the request that the President of the United States and the Governor-General of Canada appoint a joint Commission to consider and report upon immediate measures to preserve this greatest cataract in all its beauty and grandeur. The reader will observe that the phrase above "and the carrying places between the same" is evidently framed for the purpose of including unnavigable shoals and rapids in such navigable rivers, around which goods would have to be carried by road or canal. It is doubtful whether this provision constitutes a legal prohibition of the use of the Niagara Falls for purposes of commerce unless such use impairs its qualities as a highway. But it recognizes a real interest in the people of all the States in Niagara River, and gives them all a moral right to demand its preservation. The Outlook has heretofore urged that the preservation of this scenic wonder is a proper subject-matter for a treaty between the United States and Canada. Certainly it would be wise, and perhaps it would be necessary, that New York State should be made in some way a party to this treaty. Governor Higgins would render a great service to the entire Nation, as well as to the people of the Empire State, if he would in his next message urge the Legislature of that State to make its own this request of the American Civic Federation to the President of the United States, and by joint resolution ask him to take the preliminary steps toward an international treaty, which would forever guard this splendid gift of God to the American people from the hand of the spoiler.

The Good Roads Amendment.

In briefest form the question to be voted upon this fall is: Shall the State constitution be amended so that the State may issue bonds not to exceed fifty million dollars for improvement of highways?

It does not appropriate the money, but simply gives the State power to do this, through the Legislature. Thus, if applications are made during any year, amounting say to five million dollars, the State Legislature would authorize the issue of the State's bonds to that amount to pay for this work, instead of making the appropriation out of the current year's income. The bonds, having 50 years to run, would only call for two per cent of the principal in any one year.

When carefully analyzed the amendment is a measure of relief to the taxpayers. It gives the State power to arrange for the payment of its highway improvements in installments. It is merely a provision to enable the State to help the farmers build their road at once, and pay for them on the installment plan.

The amount stated in the amendment is a limit to the amount which may be appropriated by the Legislature. None of it can be used, except an appropriation bill pass through both branches of the Legislature and be signed by the governor permitting it.

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Autumn.

A message came to the flowers one day,
Brought by the wind far, far away;
And this is what to each flower he said:
"Autumn is coming to put you to bed."

On he went to the leaves on the trees:
"Put your best dresses on, if you please.
Autumn sends word, "Be ready to go
As soon as the North Wind begins to
blow."

Then to the birds in their nests he went.
"Autumn to you a message has sent;
"Be ready to start when I pass by,
For down to the South is a long way to fly."

Autumn came soon, the flowers to greet,
Singing a lullaby soft and sweet,
The flowers covered their weary heads
And fell fast asleep in their cozy beds.

Then to the gaily dressed leaves she said,
"You look very nice in your robes of red;
Now out in the wide world you must go."
And then Mr. North Wind began to blow.

The leaves all sprang from the trees away,
A splendid frolic they had that day.
They sank to rest in a tired heap,
Ready at last for their long winter sleep.

Autumn's work was now nearly done;
Leaves and flowers slept and the birds had
gone;
For blankets of soft white snow she sent,
And tucked them in nicely before she went.

Most Anything.

The men who do things, and not
the men who merely talk about
things, are those who bless the world.

"There's a man who says he would
rather be right than President."

"Who is he?"
"He has charge of the weather
bureau."

When you are going across the
country by rail, even if your journey
be only a short one, be friendly. The
man who pulls himself all up in a
heap, and pays attention to nobody,
is the one who complains that folks
are getting cross and cold. This ap-
plies equally as well to the journey
through life. Warm up yourself and
some other heart will get on fire, too.

"What makes you so happy today,
Biaks?"

"Got a good one on my wife. You
know she's always holding you up
to me as a model husband."

"Flattered, I'm —"

"Wait a minute. I looked up the
word 'model' in the dictionary and
found it meant 'a small imitation of
the genuine article.'"—Cleveland
Leader.

"Many things are happening these
days that make it easy to slip into
the seat of the pessimist. But then
there are other things going on that
put new joys into the hearts of good
men and women."

A little boy entered a tobacconist's
shop, and, approaching the counter,
asked in a squeaky voice:

"Please, sir, father wants to know
if it is true that there is such a thing
as a tobacco trust."

"Yes, lad, there is," replied the
man.

"Well, father would like to be
trusted with two ounces."

A pure man is a hero! A man who
will contend with the gigantic evils
of the present age is a hero! The
boy who can pass along the pathway
of life, strewn on either side with
the enticing gardens of sin, yet pass
them by, is a hero of no common or
mean mould! The woman who passes
the goddess Fashion in her gorgeous
robes, yet is willing to be satisfied
with her own small wardrobe, is as
much a heroine as was Joan of Arc—
Roosevelt.

A little girl in Brooklyn was dis-
covered by her mother engaged in a
spirited personal encounter with an-
other little girl of her own age. Both
combatants showed signs of the en-
counter. The mother took her daugh-
ter into the house and talked to her
regarding the awfulness of her actions.

"Don't you know such conduct is
wrong?" asked the mother. "It was
Satan that urged you to fight."

"Well," said the little girl, "maybe
he told me to pull her hair, but I
thought of kicking her shins myself."
—Rambler.

Excursion to New York.

New York Central and Hudson
River Railroad excursion to New
York, Nov. 14, on account of New
York's great horse show. One fare
for the round trip, plus \$1.00, return
limit ten days. Tickets good going
Nov. 14, good returning on or before
Thursday, Nov. 23, in regular except
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the season in the Metropolis will be
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ison Square Garden, Nov. 13 to 18
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and turnouts in the country will be
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other attractions will prove of inter-
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