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TURN ON WATER

Deschutes Irrigation Can Go Ahead.

CONTRACT IS APPROVED

President Acts on Pilot Butte Enterprise.

LAST OBSTACLE IS REMOVED

Commissioner Richards Ignores Report That Land is Timbered and Williamson's Objections—No Government Work.

The much-discussed irrigation enterprise in the Deschutes Valley under the Carey act is to be carried out at last. The President has approved the map and contract between the State of Oregon and the Pilot Butte Development Company, providing for the irrigation of nearly 85,000 acres of land in that valley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt this afternoon advised Representative Moody that he today approved the map and contract with the State of Oregon permanently segregating 84,707 acres of land in the Deschutes Valley, which it is proposed shall be reclaimed under the Carey act by the Pilot Butte Development Company, of which A. M. Drake is president.

This action ends the long controversy, and so far as the general Government is concerned, gives this company the right to proceed with the immediate construction of its irrigation system, according to the approved plans. Government officials here regard this as the most important and most promising Carey act proposition in the state, and see no reason why the project should not be carried through in the ten years allowed by law to successful completion.

Under the terms of the contract with the state, the Pilot Butte company will be allowed to charge an annual water rental on reclaimed lands of \$1 per acre, the lien of the company amounting to \$84,707.

This case is the first one in Oregon under the Carey act to be approved by the President. It has been hung up in the Land Office since early last Summer. Representative Moody, throughout the session, has been urging immediate action on all Carey act cases in Oregon, but it was not until Commissioner Richards took hold that he was able to get this case "jarred loose."

Greene Report All Wrong. When he came to investigate, the Commissioner found the adverse report of Special Agent Greene, holding the lands covered by the Pilot Butte contract to be timber land because of a sparse growth of juniper trees. He therefore recommended that the selection be canceled. President Drake, when in Washington last Fall, contemplating such a report, filed with the department overwhelming evidence to show that the lands were desert and that the presence of juniper did not warrant their classification as timber lands.

During his visit to Washington last Fall Representative-elect Williamson represented to the department that the Pilot Butte selection was irregularly made for the purpose of "cornering" or controlling a large area of Government lands not proposed to be irrigated, but with a view to speculation. This charge, as well as all others made against the Pilot Butte Company, was waved aside, for on close examination they proved to be unwarranted. There has been every evidence of good faith on the part of this company, and the department is fully convinced that it will live up to the terms of its contract with the state. There is, furthermore, a general belief that this Deschutes project offers better opportunities for success than most works undertaken under the Carey act in other states where the law has proven a success.

that it was at least very doubtful if one of the original general irrigation works could be undertaken in Oregon.

The news of the approval of the map and contract did not in any way surprise President A. M. Drake, of the Pilot Butte Development Company. "Indirectly I learned that the measure had been approved," said Mr. Drake, when seen at the Hotel Portland last night. "However, this is the first definite news that I have received."

FORGERIES ON MORGAN.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Additional details concerning the forging of J. P. Morgan's name, alleged to have been committed by Dr. de Bosdari, the London art dealer, were brought out here today. Mr. Morgan, when abroad last year, purchased of Dr. Bosdari a large bronze figure for \$25,000. Mr. Morgan gave his personal check, drawn on the London bank of J. P. Morgan & Co. The check was duly presented and paid.

It seems, however, that Mr. Morgan's name was forged to a letter, and the banker was made to say that he had given his note for the bronze figure and other objects of art. It is the existence of this letter that caused the Bosdari downfall. So far as is known here, the amount of the forged Morgan notes exceeds \$165,000.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IS ILL.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Roosevelt is so much indisposed that she has been obliged to cancel all social engagements for a time. It is understood that her condition is not serious, but she is obliged to rest, and her physician has insisted that she forego temporarily all social duties. It was in consequence of the orders of her physician that she did not attend the Gallaudet-Cockrell wedding today.

Count von Quadt Takes a Rest.

BERLIN, Feb. 14.—Count von Quadt, the secretary of the German Embassy at Washington, will be granted leave of absence, and the Government here, having taken into confidence adverse statements circulated in the United States and anticipating that his leave may be misinterpreted, informs the Associated Press that it is in no way a disavowal of Count von Quadt's actions in the Venezuelan matter. His leave is granted in the ordinary course of service.

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MANY ARE "DONE"

Get-Rich-Quick Frauds Gathered In.

RAID OF NEW YORK OFFICES

Tons of Mail Matter Used as Bait for Suckers.

MANY SPECULATORS LOSE

They Invest but Receive No Returns—Vast Sums Collected at Turf Offices in Chicago and St. Louis—Grand Jury at Work.

The campaign against the "get-rich-quick" offices which do business under the name of turf investment companies is now being conducted in New York, as well as Chicago and St. Louis. Two offices in New York were raided and three men arrested on charges of making improper use of the mails. Tons of circulars explaining the scheme were seized, and evidence shows that vast sums were collected.

TRUE BILLS AT ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 14.—The grand jury's investigation into the turf investment companies was resumed today. Neither E. J. Arnold nor his manager, L. A. Gill, have yet been found for service by the Sheriff. From the correspondence and literature of the firm seized an evidence by the grand jury it develops that Postoffice Inspector George A. Dice recommended a fraud order against this concern after his investigation. Instead of the order, it is stated, Arnold & Co. received a letter from an influential postal official, which they used as an advertisement. The writing of this letter and the reasons for overruling the recommendation of Inspector Dice will be made the subject of a sweeping investigation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Three men were arrested by Central Office detectives at the instigation of postoffice inspectors today, in two raids, one at 86 Nassau street and the other at 115 Nassau street, for alleged improper use of the mails. The prisoners were: Henry G. Cartwright, alias Crawford, a broker, of Brooklyn; William Treadwell, alias George F. Strong, a broker, of Brooklyn; and Charles E. Goodrich, a clerk, of Manhattan. Cartwright and Treadwell were arrested at 86 Nassau street, and Goodrich at 115 Nassau street. The men, it is alleged, are combination workers in "progressive turf speculation," under the firm name of "Crawford & Co., turf correspondents and metropolitan turf commissioners," with offices at 115 Nassau street. Some time ago Inspector Brooks received a letter from a Mrs. Gilroy, of Montclair, N. J., complaining that she had sent money to this firm for speculation and had received no return or re-

BEET SUGAR WALL

Built Against Philippine Free Trade.

NO HOPE OF SENATE ACTION

Attempt to Pass Tariff Bill Promptly Raises Storm.

FLOOD OF CHEAP SUGAR FEARED

Former Prefers Free Trade to Amendments Dictated by Beet Sugar Interests—Quay Moves to Force Vote on Statehood.

An attempt to secure consideration of the Philippine tariff bill by the Senate yesterday called forth bitter opposition from the beet-sugar men, and no action was taken. Quay offered a resolution declaring that a vote should be taken on the omnibus statehood bill before March 2. The House amendments to the Elkins anti-rebate bill were adopted, and it was sent to the President. The Indian appropriation bill was considered, but not finally disposed of. Aldrich tried to secure action on his National bank securities bill, but Berry blocked it with an objection. Several hours were devoted to eulogies of deceased members of the House.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The Senate convened at 1 o'clock today and immediately afterward agreed to the amendments made to the Elkins anti-rebate bill by the House. The amendments were accepted on motion of Clapp, of the committee on interstate commerce, and without discussion. This completes Congressional action upon the bill and it now goes to the President.

In order that he might not come in conflict with notices of other Senators, Quay gave notice that, beginning next Monday, he would ask the Senate to take up the statehood bill immediately after the conclusion of the routine morning business. He then introduced the following resolution, which under the rules went over for a day: "Whereas, House bill 15,548, to enable the people of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico to form constitutions and state governments and be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states, has been under discussion in the Senate since the 10th day of December last, and must fall unless voted upon at an early date. "Resolved, That it is the sense of the

HANNA HITS SNAG

Vain Effort to Revive Ship Subsidy Bill.

OPPOSITION IS STRONG

Majority of House Committee Is Against It.

HOUSE WOULD VOTE IT DOWN

Forty Republicans Would Join Democrats to Defeat It—Jones of Washington Wants to Know How Coast Would Profit.

Senator Hanna is trying to revive the shipping subsidy bill, but he meets a more opposition than he met last session. Some Republican members of the House committee who formerly favored it have turned against it, and there is doubt whether he can get it before the House. The opposition is particularly strong in the Middle West, and it is said that, if the bill should ever reach the House, 40 Republicans would combine with the Democrats to kill it. Jones of Washington is opposed to the bill in its present form, and wants to know what the Pacific Coast would gain by it.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Hanna has been very busy today among Republican members of the House merchant marine committee, urging them to agree to report and to endeavor to pass before adjournment the ship subsidy bill passed by the Senate last session. He has not received much encouragement, as one Republican on the committee, who favored the bill last session, Stevens of Minnesota, said that the sentiment against the subsidy proposition was so strong in his state that he would now vote against the bill in any and every form. Two other members, Jones of Washington and Minor of Wisconsin, said they would not support the bill in its present shape. Hanna is endeavoring to bring about a conference of the Republican members of the committee, in the hope of having the bill reported and passed. The opposition of these three Republicans, combined with the solid Democratic membership, would prevent any action, however.

Even if the bill got to the House, it is claimed by the anti-subsidy Republicans that they have 40 sure Republican votes against it. Representative Burton, from Hanna's state, said today that, if an attempt was made to pass the subsidy bill this session, he would use his utmost effort to build up a Republican opposition to act with the Democrats and defeat the bill. Hanna's activity came altogether as a surprise to the House members, who thought the bill had been abandoned. Representative Jones, while not caring to discuss the bill in detail, said that, as it now stands, it does not guarantee the building of a single American vessel, even though the Government pay out hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of dollars as stipulated. This loose provision, he said, should be corrected. Furthermore, he wants stronger assurance that the Pacific Coast will be equitably recognized in the distribution of the subsidy funds, more so than now stipulated. There is no possible chance for the bill to pass, even though it might be reported, as the sentiment against it is growing, particularly in the Middle West. As an example, it is claimed that not a Republican from Kansas would now support the bill, and Republicans of neighboring states take a similar attitude.

BILLS FOR THE NORTHWEST.

Report on Klamath Treaty—Life-Savers for Tillamook Bay.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 14.—Representative Moody this morning secured a favorable report on the bill introduced yesterday providing for ratifying the Klamath Indian treaty. He will try to have it put in the Indian appropriation bill now in conference. The omnibus public building bill reported to the House today carries \$400,000 each for buildings at Tacoma and Spokane, with which to begin construction when plans have been completed. At the request of Senator Mitchell, a bill was introduced in the Senate today authorizing the establishment of a life-saving station at the entrance of Tillamook Bay. Representative Jones today secured an amendment to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$2,000 for a lighthouse at Mucklet Point, near Everett. By request of Representative Jones, a Deputy United States Marshal is hereafter to be stationed at North Yakima to prevent sales of liquor to Indians on the reservation. Senator Mitchell continues to improve. Bad weather, however, prevents his going out. Representative Moody today secured the passage of bills pensioning John M. Drake, of Portland, formerly Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Oregon Volunteers, at \$30, and Augustus L. Kidder, of Roseburg, at \$24.

Brewery Men Indorse Socialism.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—The Brewery workers' convention today unanimously indorsed a resolution favoring Socialism. The convention adjourned after selecting Indianapolis as the place for holding the next convention in 1904.

TYPICAL SCENES AT THE STATE CAPITAL DURING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

