

KLAMATH ASKS AID

Big Irrigation Project Has Enemies at Washington.

THEY PLOT ITS DEFEAT

Commercial Organizations of Portland Will Send Loud Protests to National Capital and Ask That Work Go On.

Opposition to the Government's Klamath Irrigation project has subsided in the House of Representatives at Washington, according to advices received at Portland yesterday, and the battle ground is now in the Department of the Interior, where the Klamath Canal Company, which would be created out of the bill by the Government project, is laboring to have the engineers and surveyors of the reclamation service withdrawn from the Irrigation region.

Commercial bodies of Portland will send loud protests to Washington and are already laying plans to head off the foes of the Government project.

When asked who those opponents were Dr. Steiner responded:

Canal Company Fights Project. "They are not the people of Klamath County, for that part of the state demands, with one voice, that the Government go ahead and build the best of lakes."

Dr. Steiner explained the Klamath Canal Company, a California corporation, has a project for reclaiming some 7,000 acres of land, with water drawn from Upper Klamath Lake, and that according to its own statement it has already expended about \$130,000.

Since that time the owners of land have washed for the Government project instead of for that of the Klamath Canal Company. The Government has offered to recompense the owners of the land for the extra far expended, together with interest, but the company has refused to give way.

State to Relinquish Claims. Dr. Steiner's bill in the Oregon Legislature passed both houses, without a single negative vote, and was signed by the Governor. It provides that the state shall relinquish claim to the lake lands, which the National Government will own for the purposes of irrigation. This was a condition stipulated by the reclamation service.

INSURANCE COMPANY WINS. Plaintiff in Damage Suit Accused of False Statements.

The preponderance of evidence is against him in that he has made false statements as to the value of his stocks of goods.

This opinion was rendered yesterday by Judge Frazer in the suit of the Fire Association of Philadelphia against John Allessina, an umbrella manufacturer, to set aside the award of the appraiser as to the loss suffered by Allessina in a fire two years ago.

The total loss as appraised was \$12,523.83, but most of this was against other companies in which Allessina held policies. All the companies refused to pay, and Allessina sued them and won his suits. The Fire Association also resisted payment and charged the umbrella manufacturer with fraud.

The insurance company selected Grant Phegley as its appraiser and Allessina chose H. D. Ramadell. The two agreed upon Herbert Bradley as umpire. It was alleged by the plaintiff that Ramadell wanted to take a full inventory of the stock of Allessina, which was valued at \$28,000, but Phegley refused to allow him to do so, and instead the figures which were submitted to the umpire as a just award, Bradley. It was claimed, did not inspect the stock, and signed the statement and the inventory document given him by Phegley.

Ramadell refused to sign. The court held that the umpire did not perform his duty.

RIDE THE PAPER TRAIL. Hunt Club Holds Cross-Country Run and Matched Races.

Members of the Portland Hunt Club enjoyed a splendid cross-country ride yesterday afternoon. Over 20 mounted riders followed John Latta, M. F. H., and after the finish of the run there were a number of matched races on the long stretch on West avenue.

The race between John Latta on Quaido, F. W. Leadbetter on Havelro and E. M. Lazarus on Humbert won by Mr. Latta, with the other two horses a length behind. The second matched race was won by E. T. Chase on Zadoo, who beat R. H. Jenkins on Call Born and E. M. Eldridge on Paul.

The hare were Mrs. Stephens and William Walter. Miss Mable Lawrence was to have been one of the hares, but she was prevented from acting on account of illness. Mrs. Stephens was called upon at the last moment, but in spite of the short notice she had, she and Mr. Walter laid a fine trail. Mr. Myer, of Honolulu, was a guest of the club. Those who rode through followed:

Mrs. F. O. Downing, Mrs. F. G. Buffum, Mrs. A. S. Norton, Miss Anna Shogren, Mrs. Ambrose Cronin, John Latta, F. W. Leadbetter, C. H. Leadbetter, E. M. Lazarus, J. T. Dillon, J. C. Muske, Henry Metzger, T. T. Strain, I. Lang, Ambrose Cronan, E. T. Chase, E. M. Eldridge, Ralph H. Jenkins, Mr. Myer.

Sugar Trust Fights Sugar Tests. NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A new move was made today by the sugar companies, who for years have been attempting to do away with the system of sugar tests which has been in vogue since 1837.

These suits involve every effort of the sugar companies to do away with the system of tests, which has been fought out before in the Boards of Appraisers and before United States Courts up to the Court of Appeals. It has been decided steadily in favor of the Government.

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When your child is ill you dislike to make it take bad tasting medicine. Hence it is well to know that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is very pleasant. But it is a medicine, a strong medicine.

Time and time again we have published the formula of this cough medicine in the principal Medical Journals of this country and Europe, and have mailed it to nearly every physician in the United States.

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New Idea Patterns All Sizes All Styles Only 10 Cents. Roberts Bros New Idea Magazine February Number Only 5 Cents.

January Money Saving Events

Great January clearance sale prior to our inventory. The greatest January muslinwear sale that we ever had. Tremendous reductions in Jackets, Suits, Furs and Wrappers. The most radical price-reduction sale of cotton and wool piece goods ever inaugurated in the month of January.

Immense Reductions in Stylish Garments. COATS SACRIFICED. Women's Coats in Cheviots and Kersey Cloth, best colors and all sizes. Regular prices \$5 and \$6. Reduced to \$1.98. \$7.50 and \$8.50 Women's Coats, made from high-grade Kersey, in colors black, brown, castor and tan. Reduced to \$5.00. Women's Tourist Coats in plain Kersey Cloths and mannish mixtures, 42 inches long; back is loose or half-fitted. Worth \$8.50 and \$10.00. Sale price \$6.50.

\$12.50 and \$15.00 Suits Reduced to \$9.75. These suits are made from all-wool Cheviots or fancy mixtures, belted back, collarless coat, silk-lined, pleated skirt, walking length. Tailored Suits, rich all wool Cheviots or fancy mixtures, handsomely trimmed with fancy braids and piping. Worth \$18.50 and \$20.00. Sale price \$15.00.

Misses' Suits, Worth \$10.00, Reduced to \$6.50. Excellent bargain in Tailored Suits of all-wool Cheviot, in plain or hair-line stripe, colors brown and navy blue. Size, 12, 14, 16 and 18 years.

Skirts at Low Prices—\$2.75 Values for \$1.98. Made of plain cloths or mixtures in the newest six-gore full-flare style; others with kilts or plain flare tailor-made styles. 90 high-grade Skirts, made from imported Scotch and English suiting, first-class tailoring throughout. Regular \$10.50 and \$12.50 kind. Your choice Monday and Tuesday \$6.85.

Girls' Coats at Exactly Half Price. Monday and Tuesday your choice of any Girl's Coat in the house at exactly half price. Over 500 garments to choose from, in sizes 6 to 14 years. The cloths are Kerseys, Cheviots, Zibelines and Scotch mixtures, all nicely trimmed and well tailored.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY. \$4.50 Coats reduced to \$2.25. \$5.00 Coats reduced to \$2.50. \$5.50 Coats reduced to \$2.75. \$6.50 Coats reduced to \$3.25. \$7.50 Coats reduced to \$3.75.

Shirtwaists at Clearance Prices. Entire stock to be closed out to make room for Spring arrivals. Wool and Mohair Waists reduced to \$1.75, \$1.12, \$1.35 and \$1.59. Silk Waists in black and colors reduced to \$2.90, \$3.15 and \$3.90.

Annual Clearance Sale. Every Piece of Dress Fabrics Reduced. List of Startling Prices for Monday. 52-inch French Cloths, all Spring weights and designs, in stripe effects, all solid colorings in tan, navy blue and gray, regular \$1.75 value, closing price \$1.13.

46-inch French Armure Suitings for dress wear, medium weights, all plain colors, navy, tan, brown, gray, green; regular \$1.25 value, closing price \$87¢. 50-inch Fancy Suitings, choice materials in three-tone effects; these are exclusive designs; regular \$1.40 value; Monday closing price \$75¢.

46-inch Crepe Egypt, seasonable weights for fancy dresses, all-wool materials, full range of colors; regular 85¢ value; Monday closing price \$67¢. 40-inch Fancy Granite, unsurpassable for children's wear and the colors are strictly fast, cardinal, navy, brown, tan, green, gray; regular 65¢ value; Monday closing price \$43¢.

A FEW SPECIALS FROM THE Black Dress Goods Section. 52-inch black Sacking, former price \$1.40, special \$73¢. 40-inch black Granite, former price 75¢, special \$42¢. 52-inch black Serge, former price \$1.00, special \$48¢. 52-inch black Brilliantine, former price, 85¢, special \$43¢.

THREE BIG SPECIALS IN CREAM COLOR. 52-inch cream Cheviot Serge, former price \$1.25, special \$69¢. 46-inch cream Basket Cloth, former price \$1.50, special \$83¢. 46-inch cream Brilliantine or Lustre, former price \$1.00, special \$55¢.

Women's and Children's Knit Underwear. SPECIAL OFFERINGS. The best offerings of Women's and Children's Winter Underwear of the season at your disposal tomorrow.

WOMEN'S VEGA SILK UNION SUITS. White, black or pink and blue, heavy Winter weights, silk trimmed and strictly fast colors, extra value at \$3.00. Special \$2.25. WOMEN'S WOOL UNION SUITS. Four small lots of our best selling numbers, heavy wool knit, heavy cotton and cashmere, in black, gray or white, worth up to \$2.00 per suit; to clear the shelves quickly they all go at one price tomorrow, the suit \$95¢.

WOMEN'S NATURAL WOOL VESTS AND PANTS. The regular \$1.00 line in ribs and natural flat, gray or ecru. Special tomorrow \$69¢. WOMEN'S WOOL PLATED VESTS AND PANTS. Best 50¢ grade Jersey ribbed; 50 dozen on sale tomorrow, at the garment \$37¢.

CHILDREN'S RIB FLEECE VESTS AND PANTS. Splendid weights, in silver gray or cream color, all sizes, 16 to 34, on sale tomorrow, each \$25¢.

Shoe Department. We closed our year's business Saturday night. It was by far the most gratifying year in our shoe experience. We did a little better than three times the amount of business done in 1903. We have our wares laid to still better last year's showing. We have endeavored to give the people of Portland the best shoe values obtainable. How well we have succeeded this coming year will show. If the former shoe purchasers have been satisfied we can expect a large percentage of them back this year, with many thousands of new customers that old friends make. We continue the policy pursued last year—namely, make no misstatements, guarantee every pair, make right every wrong and at all times sell on the very closest possible margin.

WOMEN'S \$3.00 SHOES \$1.95. A new lot of Women's Fine Vici Kid and Box Calf Lace Shoes, with light and heavy soles, Cuban, concave and military heels, worth \$3.00. Monday \$1.95. Women's \$2.50 Kid and Box Calf Lace Shoes, with light and heavy soles. Monday \$1.57. BOYS' \$2.50 BOX CALF SHOES \$1.57. LITTLE GENTS' \$2.00 SHOES \$1.23. MISSES' EXTRA QUALITY VICI KID AND BOX CALF SHOES, worth \$2.25. Monday \$1.49. We are closing out all our MEN'S \$5.00 SHOES AT \$3.50.

Pre-Inventory Silk Specials. Our Special Guaranteed Quality. 20-inch black Taffeta, regular 65¢ quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$48¢. 24-inch black Taffeta, regular 75¢ quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$59¢. 27-inch black Taffeta, regular \$1.25 quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$89¢. 36-inch black Taffeta, regular \$1.75 quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$1.26.

GUARANTEED BLACK PEAU DE SOIE. 19-inch black Peau de Soie, regular 85¢ quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$68¢. 24-inch black Peau de Soie, regular \$1.00 quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$77¢. 27-inch black Peau de Soie, regular \$1.25 quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$89¢. 27-inch black Peau de Soie, double finish, regular \$1.50 quality, Monday and Tuesday, at \$1.13.

Roberts Bros Mohawk Building, Third and Morrison Sts. Roberts Bros. to women created some surprise, but no comment, and the Travelers' Aid Society of Portland was launched with a well-constructed constitution and strong in workers and numbers. Nominations were made by ballot, and elections were, without exception, unanimous. The officers elected are: President, Mrs. W. J. Honeyman (Y. W. C. A.); first vice-president, Mrs. L. H. Addison (W. C. T. U.); second vice-president, Mrs. Sol Hirsch (Council Jewish Women); third vice-president, Mrs. George Crowell (Unitarian Alliance); corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. T. Hamilton (Women's Union); recording secretary, Miss Carrie A. Holbrook; treasurer, W. R. MacKenzie; auditor, Miss Anna Cremins (Catholic Church).