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Congressman Williamson Talks ou Irrigation.

Representative Williamson, of Prineville, reached Portland Thursday morning and is at the Imperial for a short visit in the city, says the Oregonian. Mr. Williamson arrived at The Dalles on Tuesday night, having come direct from Washington at the conclusion of the last term of Congress.

Yesterday afternoon the Congressman followed out the same policy which has characterized him in the past in relation to the land fraud indictments, and refused to say anything one way or the other in regard to his case. He does not consider discussion of the question to be material at this time or of any good and desires to await the time when his case shall come before the court before he makes any statement or enters into any discussion of the merits of the case.

"Remember," he said, at the close of the interview, "of the land frauds I have said nothing. It may be that in the future I will be willing to say something but now I have no wish to dir cuss the question." .

On other subjects Mr. Williamson talked most entertainingly. He ranged from the different irrigation projects and of the chances of each for consummation, to the river and harbor improve ments, to the Burton theory of state ap-

propriations for such &ork, then tu-neo aside to talk of the Celilo Canal, and Supply of American Millers is last touched on the bill introduced for the creation of an Eastern Federal Ditrict, which bill was defeated in the Senate.

settled back in his chair and looked at a bundle of papers as though he would rather read than talk, "now then, what milling establishment in the United is it that I can tell you this time?"

Then, without waiting for ah answer, he began anew. "I do not want to say case is before the court.

"This is a new role for me," con tinued Mr. Williamson, 'and I think the most becoming thing to do is to say nothing."

When asked of the things done for Oregon during the last session of Congress, Mr. Williamson smiled a little.

"I think nearly everything has been said that can be," he said. "However, I will say that the irrigation question, in the main looks pretty dark for Ore. gon just at this time, although the reclamation service is doing all in its power to give the state favorable consideration. The service realizes that Oregon has put up more money for irripeople wish to have the help of the Government, and that the essistance the diminishing volume of exports of would be deserved, but there are many wheat and flour during the last few obstacles which are being encountered years. This year, when the spring that promise to hold the work back.

"The Klamath project," continued Mr. Williamson, "is not in as bad a condition as it might be. Congress has authorized the reclamation service to proceed as it may see best in that district, and I am reasonab'y sure that the controversy between the private irrigation companies and the adherents to wheat, and prices continued to advance Government irrigation will be able to to a point where the wheat markets of be adjusted. Congress has authorized the United States became the dearest the engineers to lower the *aters of the in the world.

Klamath lakes and as soon as the little things are out of the way the work can be carried to completion.

"Mr. Burton has a theory," said Mr. Williamson, turning to another subject. 'and that is in relation to river im provements. The chairman thinks that if a state is to have appropriations for river and harbor improvements given it from Congress, it should show its need and the earnestness of its wish by doing a little on its own secount. In other the Government in Improving its own harbors. I think that to be a very just plan myself.

harbor improvements. favor and it should be appreciative of pockets abounding in the rock. the efforts of Representative Jones, of in the securing of the appropriations.

the canal until it is completed and the rock formation.

"There is one thing I would like to have you mention," concluded Mr. Williamson, as the shade which had for a short time lifted from his face settled buck again, "I would like to tell you about the bill introduced by myself for the creation of a Federal district in Eastern Oregon. That bill, as you know, passed the House on the day of ny indictment, but was afterwardkilled by influence brought to bear, concerning which, however, I do not w sh to speak."

MUST IMPORT WHEAT.

Now Very Low.

The f llowing remarkable statement regarding the available supply of mill-"Now," said Mr. Williamson, as he ing wheat in the United States is from the New York Herald:

Probably the most important correspondent. States, ite Pillsbury-Washburn company, of Minneapolis, has practically announced its intention to the grain and anything about the land fraud cases; I flour trade of the world that it will this have not done so up to this time, and I year be forced to import wheat for flour do not want to say anything until my milling purposes. One of its most important mill- is to be placed under the supervision of a governm nt customs officer and it is t'e intention of the company to "bond" this plant and a big elevator.

The significance of this step is grasped only when it is considered that this large flour milling establishment pracically admits that the United States, so ong regarded as the "bread backet of the world," cannot this year furnish its wn millers with supplies of hard wheat for flouring purposes.

This fact has gradually become known in the almost complete cessation of exports of wheat and flour, as shown by the weekly statistics of the gation than any other state; that the leading export points. In Wal street observers have continually pointed out wheat crop was suffering from excessive moisture, and finally when smut and rust developed, playing havoc with the crop, it was predicted that the country would be unable to export any quantity of wheat and flour. The wheat markets in New York and Chicago reflected the scarcity of grade

No one believed, however, that a condition would arise where American weeks vote upon a proposition to millers would be forced to import install a municipal lighting plant. wheat. No doubt now exists, whatever, on that subject.

Natural Ice in Idaho.

Moscow, Id ho, March 9 .- Latah county has a natural ice factory that produces ica at any time of the year. The fact is not generally known and the location is known to but fev. This words he thinks that a state should help "natural factory" is located about a quarter of a mile from Clyde's spur, between Vollmen and Kendrick. About a quarter of a mile back from the spur "Oregon," continued the Representa- is a beach at the foot of a cliff. Rocks tive, "has secured more recognition in have fallen from the c.iff and formed proportion to fits size than any other huge pile. It is here the ice is formed state in the Union, as regards river and The cliff is about 80 feet in height and The state is of basalt. Water coming from beshould be thankful to Congress for the n ath the caff freezes in the numerous

While the supply is not large enough Washington, who did so much to assist for commercial purposes, those who live near the place and know its loca-"The Celilo Canal is assured. Mr. tion often go there on the hottest days Burton said that when he signed the and procure enough to freeze ice cream. recommendation for the appropriation A bucket of water placed in any of the it was like signing a death warrant, in holes freezes solid in a short time. The its binding effect. He saw in his action area is about 4) feet in diameter and on the appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the the hottest days, when the sun is beatearly completion of the canal. In fact ing down on the place, it is cool and he would not have agreed to any ap- pleasant. Another curious fact is that propriation unless he had intended to near this spot there are warm areas. pledge the early completion of the pro- Even in the winter when snow talls all ject. It does not mean the spending of around there are some spots where no a few dollars and the abandonment of snow can be found and a vapor or mist | wino's New Discovery for Consumption, the work, but the appropriation given seems to issue from the ground at all and our darling was saved. He's now means the continuous construction of times, showing to be much warmer than sound, and well." Everybody ought to

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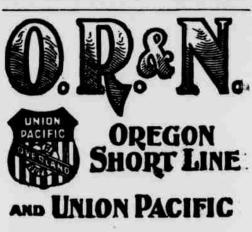
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