

DAM TO GIVE WORK TO MANY

McKay Dam Construction Work to Start in Summer; \$1,113,000 Available; Will Provide Work for Hundreds.

PENDLETON, Feb. 15. — Some time during the coming summer dirt will be flying on the McKay reservoir job, near Pendleton on McKay creek, and there will be work there for 400 or 500 men, according to indications. The sum of \$1,113,000 is in the budget for the year expiring June 30, 1923, and the budget for the year following carries \$750,000 for the project, thus making a total of \$1,113,000 for the project up to a year from July 1.

It is estimated that the money available will be sufficient to do more than half the work and that the funds for completing the enterprise will be available by the time needed.

F. E. Weymouth, chief engineer of the reclamation service, is now en route to Oregon to start work on the project and on the Baker project in Baker county. The coming of Mr. Weymouth is awaited as instructions from him are desired in connection with securing right of way. At present the government representatives and owners of land on McKay needed are unable to come to terms. Mr. Weymouth will be consulted as to whether codification proceedings shall be started. If this action is taken there will be no delay in starting work as the government can at once take possession of the property and proceed to business, allowing the courts to determine upon the amount to be paid for the land.

The view of Mr. Schilling, project engineer, as given the East Oregonian today by phone, is that actual work will be started some time during the summer. Just when cannot yet be told. The government will handle the work direct, not letting a contract, and the Denver office is already planning upon the equipment needed. The government will establish bunk houses, mess houses, etc., for caring for the workers on the job.

The starting of work on the dam will provide much work for laborers, shovelmen, and mechanics of various sorts. As much of the expense will be for labor, the work on the project will mean approximately \$1,000,000 of outside money for the county during the year.

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IMBLER HAS GRIPPE CASES

IMBLER, Feb. 14.—Mr. Spahn and family left the last of the week for their future home near Hood River. Mr. Green has charge of the mill, and Mr. Spahn is in charge of the mill.

Several new cases of influenza are being reported every day. Miss Della Birmingham began work Saturday as assistant bookkeeper at the state bank of Imbler.

Mr. and Mrs. Verde Daxie and daughter Norma Jeanie spent the weekend with home folk returning to La Grande Monday evening.

Wellington Hamilton returned to take up his school work after being absent three weeks on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ryan from La Grande Sunday and spent the day visiting at the Frank Cassell home.

Several from here went to La Grande Saturday evening to attend the Jiggs and Maggie show.

La Grande and Imbler played a good game of basketball Saturday evening, the score being 7 to 4 in Imbler's favor. Our team seems to be whipping up and is making itself shown on the map.

The grade basketball team from Allied School to appear as per schedule for a contest with Imbler Saturday afternoon.



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The ladies of the C. D. S. church met Tuesday to have an all day sewing and social time. Dinner was served at the church.

A carton of hand plaster was received Tuesday which caused many fingers to be in town hating it out to their faces.

The Corvallis post of the G. A. R. has adopted resolutions protesting the appropriation by the legislature of \$500 to that organization on the ground that it is not necessary in any respect.

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GUILTY OF MANN ACT
BOISE, Feb. 14.—Robert N. Brock pleaded guilty to two counts in a federal indictment for violation of the Mann act at his hearing before Judge P. S. Dietrich Tuesday afternoon. The specific charge against Brock is transporting Irma Cunningham from The Dalles, Ore., to Ogden, Utah, through Idaho on the Oregon Short Line railroad. Sentence was deferred on motion of the defendant's counsel. Brock is in the county jail. Indictments for alleged violation of the Mann act were also returned against George Black, former Salvation Army captain, stationed at Weiser, and James Jenkins, formerly of Mountain Home, now in the Ogden jail.

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