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WARM SPRINGS MALHEUR PROJECT LOOKS LIKE GO

Semi-Official Assurance Received in Ontario From The Government.

WATER SIXTY THOUSAND ACRES

Said To Be Least Expensive Project Of Any Under Present Consideration.

Semi-official assurance that the government is seriously considering taking up the Warm Springs Malheur Irrigation project, has been received in Ontario this week.

An established rule of the Interior Department has been to require the state to appropriate as much money as the government, in carrying out these government projects.

While no official announcement of where this money would be used, has been made, it is said by men who are in touch with the situation, that the Warm Springs project has the first consideration.

Secretary Lane, after a long conference with Representative Sinnott and Senator Chamberlain, expressed his willingness that Congress should appropriate, without condition, \$450,000 for the construction of a government irrigation project in Eastern Oregon.

He gave assurance to both members of the Oregon delegation that he would not insist on a new appropriation by the Oregon Legislature to match the amount appropriated by Congress.

In the course of the conference, Senator Chamberlain and Representative Sinnott quoted extensively to Secretary Lane from official correspondence bearing on the co-operative agreement and insisted that this correspondence, while perhaps not as definite as might be desired, certainly justified the interpretation that has been placed on it by the people of Oregon.

They reviewed the negotiations from beginning to end, and impressed on the Secretary that the government is morally obligated to expend in Oregon much more than the amount now in controversy.

The Secretary would not yield in his personal view of what was intended by the co-operative agreement, and, as sustaining his contention, pointed out that the state at no time co-operated with or even consulted the government about the Tumalo project which it

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An appropriation of \$5,000 was voted yesterday by the county court to apply on coyote bounties. However, this is subject to the action of the state, which must give a like amount or the county appropriation will be withdrawn.

NEW EXPERIMENT MADE WITH SHEEP

Dr. Whitney Tries Out New Scheme Of Feeding Ewes At His Farm.

A new experiment in sheep raising is being tried by Dr. H. H. Whitney on his ranch near Ontario. Dr. Whitney has purchased 100 head of old ewes, having bought stock that is not suitable for running on the range, thus being able to get it cheap.

XMAS IN ONTARIO IS WELL OBSERVED

Ontario is in the rush of the Christmas fever and every business in city is making strenuous efforts to handle the situation. The people themselves are also aiding in this.

The Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches have made preparations for programs Xmas eve and for a treat to the children.

The Christmas entertainment in the joint program consisting of drills, marches, songs and recitations. Santa Claus will be there with presents for every pupil.

The children of the M. E. Sunday School will give a program at the church Thursday evening, December 24th, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

In the schools preparations for Christmas have been made and every room will have a program Thursday afternoon. On the east side Mrs. Clement and Miss Taylor have arranged a program of drills, songs and recitations.

PROSPERITY COMING SAYS LOCAL BANKER

Takes Optimistic View Point In His Address At The Banker's Banquet.

That this country was on the eve of a great prosperity, and that within the next few months, after the new Federal Reserve banking act has become firmly established, a general wave of better business and improved conditions would sweep this country, was the expression of A. L. Cockrum, president of the First National Bank of Ontario, at the banquet of the Group Six banker's association last Saturday night in the Carter Hotel.

"I often wonder whether I am a pessimist or an optimist. It is natural that a banker should grow to be a pessimist. When a man wants to borrow money he goes to his banker in high enthusiasm and tries to arrange for the loan. He is worked up over his project, and naturally sees only the bright side of it.

"In nearly every instance it is necessary for the banker to appear pessimistic, and thus, after fifteen or twenty years of this work, it is sometimes hard for us to decide just in which class we belong. There is one question, however, on which I have taken the optimistic side. I have carefully studied conditions, and I sincerely believe that 1915 will bring a new and unprecedented era of prosperity to this country.

"So it seems to me that with plenty of money to do business, which is provided by the reserve banks, and with a market assuring us of high war prices, there is no reason for other than good times."

BEE MEN TO FORM NEW ASSOCIATION

The bee men of Idaho and southeastern Oregon will meet in Ontario, which is the centrally located town of the district, Dec. 29, 1914, for the purpose of forming the Idaho-Oregon Honey Producers Association, Inc.

Miss Bailey, and Miss Purcell, have a joint program consisting of drills, marches, songs and recitations. Santa Claus will be there with presents for every pupil.

The sixth and seventh grades, and the eighth grade will hold a big union program. One of the features of this will be the Ruggles' Xmas party.

Christmas will be fittingly observed by the Congregational Sunday school on Christmas eve, exercises beginning at 7:30.

The program is composed of readings recitations, songs, and dialogues, all parts have been carefully selected and the children well drilled.

VACATION STARTS IN SCHOOLS TODAY

Students Of Ontario Schools Commence Christmas Holidays.

The Christmas vacation of the Ontario schools begins today and continues for one week, school beginning again on Monday of January 4th, 1915. Prof. Bailey says that this is the most successful year he has had so far in his school work here and considers his teachers and scholars doing excellent work along all lines.

Several of the teachers are going home or elsewhere for their vacations. Miss Lila Clark expects to spend her vacation in Portland with Mrs. Ben Shaddler, who is known here as Miss Alice Stoddard.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IN REGULAR SESSION

Selects Mayor A. W. Trow As Delegate To Portland Irrigation Congress.

In order that the Ontario Commercial Club may be represented at the meeting of the Irrigation Congress at Portland, January 6th., and 7th., Mayor A. W. Trow was chosen at the regular meeting Monday night, as the delegate from this place.

The meeting of the Commercial Club was well attended, and several matters of importance were taken up. A resolution was adopted, favoring the establishment at Nyssa of a county home and experiment station.

WELL PLEASED WITH ONTARIO'S GROWTH

C. T. McDaniels, a former resident of Ontario and at present cashier of the Stockgrowers & Farmers National Bank of Wallowa, Oregon, attended the meeting of Group Six bankers here last Saturday.

Wm. Pughoff, editor of the Huntington News spent Saturday and Sunday with his family of this place,

RURAL CREDIT SYSTEM IS PRESENTED TO BANKERS

The county court, in session yesterday, made the required appropriation for the salary of the county agriculturist for the next year.

TABERNACLE TO BE BUILT FOR MEETINGS

Union Revival Meetings Will Start In Ontario January 1st.

A tabernacle to house the union revival meetings which will start in Ontario January 1st., will be constructed immediately, and will be ready for occupancy by the opening date.

Evangelist C. E. Haudenschield is the man selected to carry on the meetings, and he was in Ontario yesterday making the preliminary arrangements.

BANKER'S CONCLAVE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

Subjects Of Importance Discussed. Try To Use Reserve Bank.

The meeting of Group Six bankers in Ontario last Saturday was one of the most successful meetings of the association yet held, and matters of much importance to the different members of the association were brought up for discussion.

During the discussion of the Federal Reserve banks it developed that only one member present had so far attempted to secure funds from the reserve bank, and to try out the working of the new scheme in order to be familiar with it in case there should be occasion by his bank to use it.

Bankers present at the meeting, coming from away from Ontario, were, J. H. Wolf, of the Malheur County Bank at Nyssa; W. W. Wood of the First National Bank Grant County; F. W. Peet of the First National Bank of Prairie City; G. H. Coffin of the Boise City National Bank; F. L. Myers and F. J. Holmes of the La Grande National Bank; T. G. Montgomery of the First National Bank of Baker; C. T. McDaniels of the Stockgrowers and Farmers National Bank of Wallowa; W. R. Holmes of the Wallowa National Bank of Enterprise; Wm. Miller of the U. S. National Bank of La Grande, and H. A. Soune the Baker Loan & Trust Co. of Baker.

Mayor A. W. Trow Makes Strong Address At Banker's Banquet.

IS UP TO FINANCIAL MEN

System Would Not Hurt Banks. Would Mean Greater Prosperity.

Taking the side of the farmer, and making a strong appeal for a cheaper rate of interest for farm loans, Mayor A. W. Trow of Ontario, made a very strong address at the banquet of Group Six bankers last Saturday night in the Carter Hotel.

"The banking business has developed of late years to that extent that practically every business or undertaking has become intimately associated with the bank and as a consequence the banker has become a sort of a public advisor or a consulting director of the business in the community.

"The banker is very different from the groceryman, hardware dealer or lumberman, in that the transactions between the merchant who sells his goods and the man who buys them is a transaction entirely between the two and of no concern whatever to the rest of the community.

"The banks have grown to be the financial foundation of all other business. All have come to do their business through the bank until practically every business transaction comes in touch with the bank. The welfare and prosperity of the community is indicated in the bank reports.

"We must confess that bankers are almost always enterprising and liberal. Whenever we have a donation to raise or a subscription list to help a charitable institution or to put through a public enterprise we expect the banker to head the list with the largest subscription and notwithstanding the fact that he is usually considered rather conservative he is expected to give his financial support to all of these public undertakings.

"While we consider the bank the most important institution of the town, we must confess, however, that the bank and practically every business in town and really the town itself depends on the farms that surround them and that the bank and the merchant can only prosper as the farmers produce, and the town can only go ahead as the country advances.

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