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FIGHT FOR OREGON

While Oregon has been lagging behind in the procession of Western states, Washington, Idaho and California have been going forward with leaps and bounds. There is a reason for this. People of Gregon ought to make the effort to find that reason and if they do, we believe they will find that lack of railroads through central Oregon is one of the principal causes.

Glance at the map of Washington and see where the Northern Pacific runs-southwest from Spokane to Pasco, thence northwest to Seattle. up its valleys for settlement. This pioneer road by reason of its route aided materially in developing that great state and has since been aided picnic lunch. by the Great Northern, the O. W. R. & N. and the Milwaukee, all but the O. W. R. & N. are trans-state lines.

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Then look at a railroad map of held recently. Oregon, and see the difference Oregon's railroads skirt the boundaries as though Oregon is a place to be touched as little as possible. What is the result? Lacking the means which intercommunication affords, there has been no harmony of interest between Western Oregon and Eastern Oregon. How could such an interest exist when the folks over there knew naught of us over here, nor we of them? To go from Ontario to Medford or Ashland by the present rail lines means an 800 mile trip; almost as far as New York from Chicago.

This lack of community interest causes of the blight that has been upon Oregon. That blight can only be rooted out by getting together. Oregonians can not get together often enough if one half of them always have to travel nearly a thousand miles to do it.

The first and the biggest step that can be taken to get Oregonians together is to shorten the distance between them; to erase the barrier which the Cascades now make by putting the Natron pass into use. That is the purpose of the Central Oregon Development League. It is to carry the measure of a united Oregon, of an Oregon that it is possible to get across without skirting its borders and passing over into other commonwealths in the effort.

What this great object means to Oregon can be limited only by the degree of energy and ability which the leaders of Oregon demonstrate. It will unite Oregon. It will make the Wilamette Valley a reality to Eastern Oregonians, and will, we work. Sylvia Grabner of Brogan come from those who see in it the hope bring a realization to the Wilametta residents that over here is a market for their lumber and their manufactured products; that via a direct route across the state, they can best reach the consuming markets of the middle west and east.

Given the great artery of commerce which an east and west railroad would afford the progress of Central Oregon would be commensurate with that of its neighbors. The benefits would not be limited to innure to all the state. The object of the Central Oregon Development League is such that it should have relatives in Baker for an extended the unitey support of every loyal time. business man, of very community in the entire state.

If only there were more Oswald West's living in Portland, Central and Southeastern, Oregon would get justice from the metropolis. West rode fifty miles on a rim to get to the meeting at Burns. That shows real interest and a real purpose. He may be an ex-governor, but he also is a very active and energetic booster for a bigger and better Oregon. Would there were more like him.



CLUB NOTES

Dorcas Sewing Club of Ontario Completes Work

Thirteen members of the Dorcas post office for distribution as 2nd Sewing Club have completed their work and made their final report. The club was organized last spring by Mrs. W. L. Turner. After completing the regular work, the girls worked out a doll clothes project for Miss Cowgill, Assistant State Club Leader. As local leader Mrs. Turner has been exceptionally successful. Even though the project is completed the girls continue to stop at Mrs. Turners' home every day or so for help on some particular problem. Following is the story of the doll clothes contest written by Barbara Castleman who is 10 years

> "The Dorcas Sewing Club is composed of girls about 14 in number, and with Mrs. Turner as leader. The girls are all under 12 years of age.

"We all look forward to our meeting days for aside from the beginangling through the state, opening ning and finishing of some interesting piece of sewing we always have a delightful time. The club enjoyed an early spring hike and road side

"Here I am forgetting that I was asked to write a short article of the doll clothes contest which was

"The making of the clothes for the contest was great fun and a lot of work for small hands.

"We had several meetings at which we worked on the clothing, we made dresses or rompers as we chose, and then different little articles that go to make the finishing touches on dollies' attire.

"In the final contest, Dorothy Laxon won first prize and she has promised to write a story telling of her work.

Flora Everett made underclothes, dress, coat, cap and little shoes for her doll. The clothing was so prettily made that the judges, Mrs. and common purpose is one of the Gilham and Mrs. Andeberg decided that Flora was entitled to first place in the second contest.

"Beulah Rasmussen made a dress, cap and underclothes nicely and was given second prize in the contest.

"The other members of the Club dressed their dolls in such an attractive way that it was decided to give each girl a small doll as a token for her effort.

"Mrs. Turner served refreshments and we adjourned and are looking forward to meeting again with our leader to whom we owe much for our success as a club, to whom we are responsible for the many useful and pretty articles which each club member proudly displays.

Barbara Castleman"

Summer School Develops Leaders Two of the successful sewing club leaders in Malheur County attended the Boys' and Girls' Summer School at Corvallis in 1921. Violet Lees of Bonita, has a club of five members and are doing some very nice has a sewing club of four members. The members report some very enjoyable parties and picnics. Altho they only started to work in May, they have completed all but two

IRONSIDE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wisdom, Mrs. T. A. the directly served area but would Turman were Baker visitors the past week.

Mrs. Halie Robberson is visiting

Miss Hazel and Waneta Westfall visiting her sister, Mrs. Ike Powers from Ontario.

Ralph Harvey delivered a truck load of stock salt to Unity Stock Association Sunday.

Lester Hammock of Bonita is working in this vicinity.

Louis Rose and Oliver Crews has taken the contract putting up E. J. Bean's hay.

Mrs. W. J. Hinton of Grandview, Idaho is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Elms this week. She will visit relatives at Unity Sumpter and Baker before returning home.

James Morfitt of Boise Idaho and sister, Mrs. Olive Oliver of, Malhour City passed thru here via Unity enroute to Portland where they will visit relatives.

Mrs. T. A. Trueman and daughter, Ida, Mrs. I. H. Lawrence, went to Malheur River Monday.

Miss Dorothy Morfitt and Pansy Derrick were Ironside visitors Mon-

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan were called to Silver City, Idaho Thursday on interest of mining claims he has there.

Mrs. Albert Morfitt of Golden Eagle is visiting her mother, Mrs. D.

M. Rippley he e. Dave Graham of Ontario was in this visinity looking after interests of the Eastern Oregon and Co.

FRENCH SURE M'NARY **BILL WILL PASS SOON**

Idaho Congressman Discusses Status Of Irrigation Measures Before Congress-Idaho Solons Active in Campaign For Funds

"That the Smith-McNary reclama tion measure, carrying \$250,000,000 of which from \$25,000,000 to \$30, 000,000 would become available annually as it could be judiciously spent, would pass congress in the near future was the confident prediction made Tuesday evening by Burton L. French, Idaho congressman," says the Caldwell Tribune in its account of a meeting beld there. While the measure as now drafted might not be the one finally acted upon, Congressman French expressed the belief that the law, as passed would not be materially different from the bill now on both the house and senate calendar after having been reported favorably by committees in both houses.

Two hundred business men, interested in reclamation, from Caldwell, Emmett, Parma, Middleton and Notus attended the meeting at the Caldwell Commercial club rooms Tuesday evening.

Objections Cited

Three things stand in the way of reclamation development, so far as favorable congressional action is con cerned, Congressman French told his attentive audience. The first is the purily political one of lack of votes from western states. Either the New York of the Pennsylvania delegation, he pointed out, were numerically strong enough to offset the entire voting power of representatives from western reclamation states. Education, to convince eastern people and their representatives that reclamation is not a sectional policy, but rather of nation wide importance, is the only means of overcoming this potential opposition, the congress man pointed out.

Other objections raised are delinquent payments from completed projects and reports, freely circulated at Washington, that the west was seeking to have reclamation expenditures made outright gifts.

"You know and I know," Congressman French declared, "that these reports have no basis in fact. We of the west are willing to pay for what we get. But, nevertheless, those reports are being circulated and they do harm proposals to further reclamation."

Borah Measure Discussed

Speaking of a measure introduced in the senate early this week by Senator Borah which would prolong the time of payment on federal projects from 20 to 40 years, Mr. French asserted that there would unquestionably be serious opposition to the measure. He declared, however, to forecast its probable fate. Objection to the measure would clamation expenditures in favor of the project settlers and from those who oppose reclamation generally. On the other hand, Mr. French believes the measure could be supported on the ground that when the reclamation bill was originally passed, costs of projects per acre were far lower than at present and it was not presumed at the time that \$100 or more per acre must be repaid in 20 years.

Tracing the history of reclamamation in the West. Congressman French lauded Marcus Whitman as the true pioneer of the west, the men who saved the great northwest to the United States and who made the development of these arid western lands possible.

Emmett people were lauded for their work in evolving the plan adopted by the reclamation service and now become a reality, for irrigation of Emmett Irrigation district lands and the reclamation of Black Canyon, Congressman French in some detail dipicted the historical features of the campaign for recog nition of the Black Canyon.

Greater conservation of water, more intensive agricultural methods and reclamation of lands far beyond dreams of today were forecast by the congressman. Cement lined canals, careful utilization of water supplies to the end that the maximum acreage be reclaimed will be the next development in the use of the natural western water resources.

Mr. French predicted. Methods employed in convincing the east that reclamation was not i sectional policy were discussed by the speaker. The Boise project alone, he said, consumes in car lot shipments, enough eastern manufactured goods to necessitate a train five miles long to transport it. Western congressmen recently divided the entire house membership into groups of 18 to 15 and selected from their number individuals to wait upon each group, pointing out the

national features and importance of reclamation. This method, Mr. French declared, had practically insured a majority of house members as favorable to the Smith-McNary

Figures Show Results

Statistics graphically showing what reclamation had already accomplished in the west were given by Mr. French. The government he said, had spent thus far about \$150. 000,000 for reclamation. Lands that had been reclaimed conservatively valued at half a billion dollars and last year marketed crops whose value aggregated \$400,000,000 from land that before being touched by the water magic was almost worth-The Payette-Boise project, costing less than \$12,000,000, last year added \$40,000,000 in wealth to the nation by virtue of the crops it produced.

Short addresses were made by representatives from Emmett, Parma, Middleton, Notus and Caldwell at the conclusion of Congressman French's talk. Every speaker lauded the Idaho congressman and the work that he had done for reclamation in Idaho, particular significance being attached to his able disposition of the Black Canyon problem.



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