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IDAHO AND IRRIGATION
With remarkable vigor Idaho is seeking more reclamation. It wants the great American Falls dam built to furnish storage water for hundreds of thousands of acres of its fertile soil. It is congratulating itself upon another appropriation for the Black Canyon project; it secured the Hillcrest addition to the Boise Payette project which will also make a large increase in the vast total which Idaho has received from the Federal Reclamation funds.

While through a portion of its citizenship and organizations Idaho seeks this development another group of its citizens and organizations are asking that from the projects already built the reclamation service collect no construction costs for five years and scatter the balance due the service for 40 more years. Is it possible to conceive a more paradoxical situation?

Here we have a picture of Idaho the petted state of the Reclamation service, practically declaring that it cannot pay its way, that it wants largesse from the federal funds, to which their state has contributed but one-fourth of what has been spent within its borders.

One would think that the Idahoans thus guilty of begging at the door of Congress would hide their heads in shame in admitting their failure to make good with the abundant capital they have been furnished from the public purse; but no they but cry for more.

That is the trouble with too much of this government aid system, it weakens the will of those who receive it. It takes the courage from them—puts jelly where a backbone should be. It supplants "I will" with "I want."

The Argus received a visit Tuesday from a valuable subscriber whose opinions we hold in great respect. He endeavored to persuade us that Ontario was wrong in opposing the nefarious Borah bill

which is aimed to further demoralize the system of reclamation in the United States and make greater favorites of those who live under government systems at the expense of their neighbors.

"What difference will it make to you folk if the Idaho ranchers under government ditches get this relief?" asks our friend. Let us answer with this:

"How can ranchers under pumping systems who pay anywhere from \$5 to \$14 per acre in power bills, interest and maintenance charges sell their produce in competition with that of ranchers who—if this bill passes—will not pay any of their construction cost for five years and have their payments extended for 40 years, and who never have paid any interest whatsoever?"

Again, we ask: "How can those who hope for federal reclamation in other sections of the West ever expect to get a respectful hearing if those who now have it lay down and quit and say we can not pay while they are holding their lands at from three to five times the cost of the reclamation systems?"

It is true that some of the ranchers under the government systems are hard up, so are we all of us. It is true that they are many times better off than are the ranchers under pumping systems; they ought to be. It is true that around Meridian where the ranchers have developed the dairy business to the greatest degree, where the holdings are small that few, very few of the ranchers have not been able to meet their reclamation assessment.

It is true that where top-heavy prices have been paid by ranchers for lands that with adverse conditions of the past few years, they have had hard sledding. There are others who have had as bad and worse. We can see no reason why the settlers under the reclamation systems should be selected from among the hundreds of thousands for further government bounty, when they have had a big advantage for years.

At the very most they ought never to have asked for more than an extension of time for this year's assessments. Such a request might by an extension of reason be granted in view of the adverse conditions which all ranchers face; but to grant in toto the measures they now seek is unreasonable. If some of these ranchers are to fail, it is to be

regretted. But in the long run the majority will have been served if they are brought to a realization that a contract with the federal government is as binding as one with anyone else; it is to be kept. For the future good of Idaho its efforts should be directed toward getting its people to work at profitable undertakings and not spending their time trying to develop schemes to avoid meeting their contractual obligations.

ISMET PASHA



Ismet Pasha, who is head of the Turkish peace delegation in the Near East peace conference at Lusanne.

General Wood Will Remain in Manila.

Washington, D. C.—Major General Leonard Wood has tendered his resignation as provost of the University of Pennsylvania and will remain in Manila permanently as governor general of the Philippines.

John Wanamaker Dead in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Pa.—John Wanamaker, the world famous merchant and former postmaster general passed away here Tuesday. He had been confined there since early in November with a heavy cold. He was 84 years old.

Four Women in Irish Senate.

Dublin.—The senate of the Irish Free State will have four women members.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Several cases of smallpox have appeared in Wallowa, but it is of a mild form.

Ten persons were murdered in Portland during the 12 months ending November 30.

The population of the Oregon state penitentiary, which last August totaled 470, has dropped to 458.

The mill of Smith brothers, 15 miles northwest of Prineville, recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt.

Retail merchants of Coquille have organized a local chapter of the Oregon Retail Merchants association.

The Peacock mill at Freewater is running night and day in order to fill flour orders from foreign countries.

There are at present in the schools of Marion county 14,944 pupils. This is an increase over last year of 482.

The population of the state home for the feeble-minded at Salem has increased in the past year from 621 to 707.

Thirty-four persons were killed and 1802 injured in 14,496 traffic accidents in Portland during the year ending November 30.

A course in horticulture will be included in the winter short courses given by the Oregon Agricultural college January 2 to March 17, 1923.

The North Bend Chamber of Commerce has opened a drive for an increase in membership and for a budget of \$5000 to be expended in 1923.

More than 150 telephones were put out of commission in The Dalles as a result of the heavy snow which broke down the drops leading to homes.

The annual report of the Coos county school superintendent shows that cost of the public schools of Coos county was \$465,766 for the last year.

Although the number of cases of typhoid fever in Portland this year has largely exceeded those of 1921, the death record from this disease shows only one more death than in that year.

The Santiam Woolen mills, employing 150 persons, has built an addition to its plant and is planning further improvements. The company's mill office has been moved from Portland to Stayton.

CHRISTMAS

CARDS A COMPLETE LINE ENGRAVED CARDS	Candies BULK AND IN FANCY XMAS BOXES	CIGARS FOR HIM IN XMAS BOXES ALL BRANDS
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Light Lunches Served at all Hours

THE SUGAR BOWL

Toys, Dolls, China, Glassware

A general line of goods for the Christmas Trade

MECHANICAL TOYS, WHEEL TOYS, LIGHT CUT GLASSWARE, HAND PAINTED CHINA WARE, DINNER SETS IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN WARES, ALUMINUM WARE, PICTURES, POTTED HYACINTHS AND NARCISSUS BULBS.

In fact a great variety of articles suitable as seasonable presents. It is to your interest particularly at this time when money is so scarce to buy where you can get the best prices.

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- Leather Goods 25 per ct discount
- Holiday Books 10 per ct discount
- Toilet and Perfumery Sets, 20 per ct off
- Ever Sharp Pencils, 25c to \$3.00
- Fountain Pens, \$1.50 to \$10.00
- Cigars in Boxes, 25c to \$6.00
- Silver Cigarette Cases, \$1.50
- Pyralin Ivory, at pre war prices
- Kodaks at pre war prices
- Christmas Seals, Tags, 5c pkg or 7 for 25c
- Large Stock Christmas Booklets 5c to 50c

- Symphony Lawn and Baltimore Linen in Xmas Packages 60c to \$4.25
- Christmas Candy in bulk, 20c to 50c lb
- Best Chocolates in 5lb xmas pkg \$2.25
- Holly Boxes and Holly Wrapping Paper
- Bulk Perfume, best odors, \$1.00 per oz
- Victor Phonograph Records, 75c to 3.00
- Safety Razors, in Xmas pkgs, 1.00
- Victor Phonographs \$25 to \$250, Small payment down, balance easy payments
- With each 50c purchase you get Chance to draw a \$125.00 Phonograph

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