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LOWER DEAD OX FLAT TO CREATE NEW IRR. DISTRICT

County Court Favors Plans of Land Owners and Give Right to Proceed With Creation of District, to Make Possible Irrigation of 6000 Acres

Oliver Haga, of Boise; C. A. Tusch, L. E. Peterson, George Latting and A. P. Scritchfield of Payette, mostly all large land owners on the Lower Dead Ox Flat, met with the county court in this city Monday and secured the right to create a new irrigation district through which the irrigation of over 6000 acres is to be taken up at an early date.

The land owners have come to the conclusion that the old Snake River irrigation district could not serve their best interests and delegated those gentlemen to meet the county court which at once favored the creation of the new district.

Mr. Peterson, of Payette, while in conversation with an Enterprise reporter, said, "Nearly all of the land owners on the Lower Dead Ox Flat, across the river from Payette, have withdrawn from the old Snake River district, and have agreed to come under the Snow-Moody project. The land to be watered in nearly all owned by Payette people and will become valuable as soon as water is secured. The new steel bridge will give us direct access to our holdings and the Dead Ox Flat is bound to become the richest section of Malheur county."

TO WORK SALT DEPOSITS OF INTERIOR LAKES

The State Land Board in Salem has been considering the offer of C. M. Sain of a royalty of 10 per cent of the salt removed from the salt bed lakes of Summer and Albert Lakes, in the Harney country, which if accepted will net this state many thousands of dollars in the future.

Through Attorney General Crawford the matter of the state claiming riparian right to the salt beds was taken up, and as a result of the investigation salt miners are now bidding for the privilege of removing salt from the two lakes. There are 40,000 acres of land covered by the two lakes. In Summer lake there is estimated to be 3,905,000 tons of pure salt, while in Lake Albert experts figure there are 1,480,000 tons of pure salt. Sain agrees to construct evaporating vats covering an area of 2,000 acres on Albert lake, and a 1,000 acre vat on Summer lake and 10 per cent of all salt removed from both lakes will be paid to the state as royalty on the states holdings.

OREGON WANTS ITS RECLAMATION DUES

Portland, Ore., Feb. 6 (Special)—In response to several hundred invitations to the Irrigation Convention to be held in Portland February 19-21, a large number of acceptances have been received. The interest in this convention centers particularly in two things, judging from the letters received at the headquarters of the Oregon Development League. There is unanimous sentiment for registering Oregon's demand for a more just share of the reclamation appropriation according to Oregon's contributions. There is also a strong desire for a spirit of co-operation among those chiefly interested in the principal irrigation projects of the state and for a better understanding of the problems common to them all. It is believed that united action in this respect will mean much for the development of the state. Among those who have promised to be present are members of the Legislature, state officials, members of the Desert Land Board, presidents of water-users associations and water supervisors.

NATRON CUT-OFF WORK RESUMED

The Utah Construction company, which has the contract for five miles of construction on the Oregon Eastern line from Natron to Klamath Falls, has nearly completed the new road up Salt Creek, to the site of the next camp, three miles from Camp No 1. Active work on the contract will begin as soon as the weather is favorable.

Dr. Fay Strobel, the Ontario eye specialist was in town Wednesday on her regular weekly visit.

"LITTLE BIRD" LINE STARTLES HUMAN NOTE FROM BENCH

Judge Will R. King Puts Over Impossible—He Makes Supreme Justice Laugh

Washington Jan. 30.—Former Supreme Judge Will R. King of Portland, came to Washington a few days ago to try in the supreme court the case of Wm Miller, plaintiff in error against Will R. King, substituted for the First National Bank of Payette, Ida, defendant in error and he actually made the chief justice laugh right out loud.

The case first appeared in the Malheur county circuit court in 1903 when Henry Helmick recovered judgment against O. W. Porter for \$2930.22 and costs. Through assignments, counter claims and various legal entanglements the case has never been settled and finally came here for the supreme court to pass on.

Judge King finally had an opportunity to explain matters and he told how a judgment had been rendered and had been turned over to the First National bank for collection, where upon the Moss Mercantile company, which desired to prevent the payment of the judgment, brought a controlling interest in the bank to defer the payment, only to find that three days before the transfer of stock was made, Judge King had secured possession of the judgment, it having been assigned to him.

"Then the Moss Mercantile company did not get the judgment," queried the supreme justice. "No," replied Judge King, "the sweet voiced bird had flown." Whereat the whole court smiled broadly, enjoying the situation and the chief justice laughed right out loud. Which, it may be said, is something very few attorneys can say that they have prompted him to do.

MILLO MAIZE FOR DRY LAND

O. A. C. Experiment League Tests Forage Crop for Eastern Oregon and Like Soil

To determine the adaptability of Milo maize as a forage crop and grain for raising under eastern Oregon dry farming conditions, the Oregon Agricultural Experiment League is testing it on the farms of members. They are planning to find out the methods of feeding and culture best suited to the production of the crop, and its usefulness in producing grain and forage, as well as to improve its quality and adaptability by seed selection.

The members first select an acre of clean summer fallowed land that is uniform throughout and divided into four quarter-acre plots.

These are disced and worked into a good seed bed, it necessary plowed and followed immediately with a subsurface packer before harrowing.

About May 1 plots of the land are sown with the Milo maize, three pounds of seed to the acre, and two weeks later the other two plots are similarly sown, using a grain drill for seeding and stopping up the holes in the seed box so maize will be sown in rows one yard apart. Care is taken not to sow the maize when the ground is cold.

Soon after seeding the plots are harrowed and again ten days later, with a third harrowing soon after the plants are up. Thereafter a knife cultivator or a shovel cultivator is set that the shovel will not run more than three inches deep. One each of the early and late sown plots should be cultivated every week, and the other two every fortnight.

Well matured plants in the field having large, compact, erect heads uniform in height and time of maturing are selected, since it is essential that a type be secured that can be harvested by machinery. By erect

heads are meant those borne on straight or only slightly bent shanks. It should be harvested when the plants have matured well and the seeds are getting dry. It may be cut and chopped like corn and the heads later removed by chopping them off in bunches on a block with an axe, or they may be cut off the stocks with a header or knife, and spread out in a thin layer and dried. The experimenters will note the effect of early and late planting, frequency to cultivation and adaptability to the soil and climate. Yields of both grain and fodder will be secured, and three weeks before harvest a progress report will be mailed to the agronomy department of the college.

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Salt Lake, Feb. 7.—About half the Utah wool clip expected in April has been contracted, at an average price of 16 1/2 cents a pound, according to a statement made today by the secretary of the Utah Woolgrowers' association. The clip should yield approximately 15,000,000 pounds. Wyoming's clip will run to 30,000,000 pounds, it is predicted by sheepmen here. The average price in Utah this year is from a cent to a cent and a half more than a year ago.

C. B. Smith, the well-known promoter of the townsite of Princeton, but now agent for the Kellogg stage company of Vale, is in the city attending to some business affairs. C. B. says that things look as bright for this section in the way of transportation as it possibly can and this is one of the most talked of places.—From last week's Burns News.

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L. Q. SWEATLAND, Mgr. C. H. SHAFER, Asst Mgr.

PENDLETON WOMAN ACQUITTED BY JURY

Pendleton, Feb. 3.—Mabel Young Warner, on trial since last Monday on a charge of forgery in connection with the estate of her uncle, J. W. Young of Watson, was acquitted at midnight. The jury, which returned at 8:30 o'clock Friday night argued for three hours and half before bringing in the verdict of acquittal.

SCHOOL ATHLETES TO MEET IN BAKER

Baker will be the place of the Eastern Oregon track meet sometime about the middle of next May. This meet is an annual one held by the different schools of this part of the state. Among the towns to be represented are Burns, Ontario, Canyon City, Prairie City, Joseph, Wallowa, Pendleton, LaGrande, Union, Elgin, Cove, Enterprise and Baker.

RED BUTTE SHEEP NOW ON RANGE

Frank E. McKnight was in town this week from the McKnight sheep ranch over in the Red Butte country. He states that the weather is nice and warm in that section and that the sheep have been taken to the range, the snow having all melted on the hills. The sheep have wintered fine and are in good condition.

Coppel, & Kessler the plumbers, proprietors of the Vale Auto Garage, have a neat display in their garage widow of all the fixtures necessary for the bath room. See them for prices on the bath room you contemplate putting in. They do all kinds of plumbing work as well as automobile repairing. They will also take care of your machine during the winter.

While visiting in Vale stop at the Arlington Hotel.

If you have anything to sell—try the Malheur Enterprise "Want" column.

VISITING SCHOOLS IN ALL COUNTIES

Calvin S. Thomason, who has been employed by the Oregon Bankers Association and the Oregon Agricultural College to carry out plans for the encouragement of agriculture among school children of the state, started his work this week by visiting Tillamook, Lincoln, Yamhill and Benton counties. Preparations were made for his reception by the county superintendents and meetings of the commercial organizations held at the points at which he stopped gave him an opportunity to express his mission. He announces that prizes will be offered for displays by children in agriculture, wood-working, sewing, cooking and poultry and hog raising.

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