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## The Columbia Southern Irrigation Project Is to Be Completed At Once By State of Oregon

With only slight opposition, the bill last Saturday passed the big appropriation bill for the Columbia Southern Irrigation project in Crook county. This bill will enable the state to take hold of the 27,000 acres of the original Carey project, private capital has failed. Some of those who have tried the project and failed have made quit to the state. Under the bill, passed by Representative Forbes, the state will take over the entire project of reclamation, and will get money back from the settlers in payments by the installment plan as has been made ready for private farming.

McColloch of Baker and Thompson made the chief arguments in support of the measure. McColloch in this bill confesses the failure of Carey act as a practical working method of reclamation. Thompson stated that there is moral obligation on part of the state to carry out the project and give something in return to the settlers, who had supported in some way the state under the disastrous operations under Carey act.

Seventy-three Senators voted for the bill, Hollis, Ragdale and Smith of Coos, against it. The completion of this system means much for the state of Oregon and it is believed that the plan suggested is one of the most feasible and satisfactory methods of completing it. While the state has incurred no legal liability on account of the failure of the project, there is no doubt a moral obligation on the part of the state to assist in remedying conditions which, to a certain extent, are due to mistakes on the part of some of its officers.

### Redmond Men Assist

Too much credit cannot be given the Redmond delegation of business men—J. W. Brewer, J. R. Roberts, Aug. A. Anderson and E. B. Williams—who went to Salem last week to boost for the bill and explain to the members of the Senate what the status of the Columbia Southern has been and is at the present time. The bill had not been reported from the Ways and Means committee when the Redmond men arrived, and had they been two hours later in reaching the Capitol the chances are largely that the bill would have had unfavorable consideration at the hands of the committee.

After the Redmond delegation had explained how much the passage of

the bill meant to the central part of the state, and to the credit of the whole state, the committee was convinced it was a measure that should be passed and when it came to a vote in the Senate but four votes were recorded against it.

The passage of the bill means much for this section of the state, and will be the means of bringing in a large number of new comers. The segregation to be irrigated comprises 27,000 acres of good farm land, some of it the best farm land in the state.

### Estimated Cost

The estimated cost of completing the project is set forth in the report made by State Engineer J. H. Lewis, and is as follows:

Tumalo dam	\$128,406.25
Auxiliary dam	15,500.00
Feed canal	88,950.00
Reservoir roads and excavation of cut	1,700.00
Engineering contingencies, incidentals, administration, 15 per cent	50,048.44
Land purchases necessary for reservoir, 1000 acres at \$50.	50,000.00
Preliminary investigation	10,000.00
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$443,704.69</b>

## RAILROAD IS TO BE RUSHED

PART OF O.-W. R. & N. TO BE FINISHED THIS YEAR—139 MILE STRETCH TO THE DOG MOUNTAINS IS WELL UNDER WAY AND REMAINING ROUTE TO BEND IS AUTHORIZED

That the O.-W. R. & N. Co. taken over the road under construction between Vale and Bend, additional men, teams and equipment will be placed in service and effort will be made to hasten completion, with the view of having part of the road in operation before the end of the present year says Portland Oregonian of the 21st. Contracts for building that portion of the line between Vale and Dog Mountain—129 miles west—were let by the Oregon Short Line to the Construction Co. before the contract was given into the jurisdiction of the O.-W. R. & N. officials. It is probable that this portion of the road will be finished this year.

"We are concentrating all our efforts on the work now under contract," said J. D. Farrell, president of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. "We have no immediate plans for building between Dog Mountain and Bend, although the line has been authorized."

It is possible, on account of the greater convenience in handling material and supplies, that the line west of Dog Mountain will be built out of Bend. Fifty-four miles of grading have been completed, and 34 miles more are under way. Track has been laid from Vale a distance of 36 miles and the track has been ballasted and completely surfaced for 26 miles. The principal tunnel is 39 miles west of Vale. It will be 2500 feet long and is about half finished. Probably the most difficult feature of construction is provided by the necessarily frequent crossings of the Malheur river. Plans called for 17 such crossings. These 17 bridges will be built of steel on concrete or masonry foundations.

Rights of way have been secured for 106 miles west of Vale, and the right of way agents are still closing contracts with owners.

The name "Oregon Eastern," which distinguishes this line while it was being constructed by the Oregon Short Line, will be abandoned. Depots are being built where necessary.

When the line is finished the O.-W. R. & N. Co. will have an easier and shorter route between Portland and the east via Bend and Dog Mountain. It will be about 75 miles shorter than the present route.

## SHOULD KEEP NAME IN PAPER

No business man in any town should allow a newspaper published in his town to go without his name mentioned somewhere in its columns. This applies to all kinds of business—general store, dry goods store, groceries, furniture dealers, professional men and all classes of business men. This does not mean that you should have a whole or half or even a quarter page ad in every issue of the paper, but your name and business should be mentioned if you do not use more than a two line space.

A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell just what business is represented in a town by looking at the business mentioned in the paper. This is the best possible town advertising. The man who does not advertise his business does an injustice to himself and his town. He is the man who expects the paper to do most of the "boosting" for his town. The man who insists on sharing the business that comes to a town but refuses to advertise his business is not doing his share of the boosting. The life of any town depends upon the live, wide awake and liberal business men in it.

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A FEW DOLLARS deposited in the bank to open a bank account does not seem much, but by continually adding thereto the result will be eminently satisfactory in the end.

While the present may look bright none know when the sky will be overcast, and it is the duty of the wise man to prepare for the future.

Open an account today with the

Redmond Bank of Commerce

and see what a few dimes saved each week will amount to in a year.

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## WATER MAINS ARE LEAKING

STATEMENT MADE THAT 20,000 TO 50,000 GALLONS OF WATER LEAK OUT OF MAINS NIGHTLY—SALOON ORDINANCE AMENDED—WATER WORKS NOT YET ACCEPTED

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night the liquor ordinance was amended by requiring all saloons to be without side door entrances. Otherwise the ordinance remains practically as originally enacted.

It was stated at the meeting that the water mains of the new water system were leaking badly, from 20,000 to 50,000 gallons a night, so that there was not much pressure on the mains in the early morning or forenoon. It is understood that no means have yet been taken to remedy the trouble.

A communication was received from Jeffrey & Bufton, the contractors who built the water works plant in the city, asking the council to pay them about \$261 above the contract price. The council was willing to pay \$36,000 flat for the plant, but would not grant the additional sum asked by the contractors, and the plant has not yet been accepted from the contractors, though the city is using the water and allowing water users to attach to the mains.

Permission was given to erect electric light signs in front of store buildings after a permit had been obtained from the city recorder.

"Is Binks a genuine optimist?"  
"Yes; he would have to wear smoked glasses if things were to appear dark to him."

## THE FARMERS' BILL IS BIG LEGISLATION

THOMPSON'S MEASURE TO BENEFIT AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS OF OREGON; PROVISIONS ARE MANY. AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION BILL WILL USE FARMERS' INSTITUTES, LECTURES AND VARIOUS CLUBS TO CARRY KNOWLEDGE

Senator Thompson's bill, the agricultural extension bill, which has passed both houses of the Legislature, is considered one big piece of legislation which is primarily for the benefit of the farmers of the state and for development of agriculture in Oregon in its highest degree of efficiency.

The agricultural extension bill smacks of more intelligence relative to the use of moneys invested in state institutions than any legislation that has been up for some time.

"It is high time that we were uncorking the investment we have placed in our Agricultural College," say supporters of the bill, "and extending their benefits out to the people of the state as a whole instead of restricting them within the walls of the campus and to the few who are able to go to college."

The bill is most comprehensive in its provisions. It provides for all instruction that will lend itself to the kind of methods necessary to carry it out to the people. In order to do this the college will use the Farmers

Institutes, enlarged and improved over their present form, special lectures before farmers' organizations, Commercial Clubs and other assemblies and bodies interested in such improvement, itinerant schools that will carry a staff of from five to ten specialists and a portable laboratory with which they can demonstrate their work, and which will hold sessions in the various communities of the state from a week to two weeks. It will provide for correspondence courses for a large body of rural school teachers who know nothing about the closest interests of the community in which they are attempting to teach, and for the many city people who are turning to the farm without any knowledge of farming methods.

It will also provide a means by which organization in the rural districts may be fostered and extended so that the rural population will be in a position to deal intelligently and effectively with their problems. Such organization will make possible better methods of marketing and buying; it will make possible effective dealing with the question of loans for farmers, and, of equal importance, it will provide for the bettering of social conditions in the rural communities.

It will make possible the building up of social institutions that will enlist the real interest of our boys and girls on the farm, where they should be. The plan will make possible the publication of simple, clear bulletins which any person may understand and follow in the practice of agriculture or domestic science.

The plan also provides for educational exhibits which will carry on their faces important instruction. These exhibits will be sent to the various county fairs, state fair, grange meetings, farmers' union meetings, and wherever farmers gather to gain information and instruction. Finally, the plan will provide numerous demonstration farms and orchards in the state, not elaborate institutions with extensive equipment, but demonstration plots which are in every way similar to the land the farmers are actually having to work themselves.

The subject matter of extension work is broader than most persons realize. It will take up not only all of the problems of general agriculture, such as selection of seeds, proper methods of tillage and the thousand

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