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SEEKS TO STOP ALL WORK ON THE TUMALO PROJECT

SALEM MAN ENTERS SUIT TO ENJOIN THE STATE PAYING OUT \$450,000 THE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED TO COMPLETE THE OLD COLUMBIA SOUTHERN IRRIGATION PROJECT—SUIT WILL BE CARRIED TO SUPREME COURT AND ADVANCED AS FAST AS POSSIBLE

Contending that a bill passed by the recent Legislature appropriating \$450,000 for the reclamation of arid lands in the Columbia Southern project is unconstitutional, L. H. McMahon, a lawyer and politician of Salem, has filed a suit in the Circuit Court asking that Secretary of State Abbott and State Treasurer Kay be enjoined from expending the appropriation made by the measure.

An agreement has been reached by counsel whereby a decision will be rendered in the Circuit Court early this week. The case will come up on a demurrer filed by the state to the complaint, and Judge Gallaway, without considering the merits of the case, will render a decision in favor of McMahon, and arrangements have been made to argue the case on appeal before the Supreme Court next week. It is believed the case can be settled before July 1.

McMahon alleges that he is the owner of valuable properties in the Valley and brings the suit on his own behalf as a taxpayer, and on behalf of other taxpayers of the state. He contends that the bill making the appropriation for the project is a special law for the benefit of a few persons, and in violation of that section of the constitution which says that no local or special laws shall be enacted by the Legislature.

Several years ago he succeeded in convincing the Secretary of State and State Treasurer from paying out \$450,000, which had been appropriated by the Legislature for the construction of a road near Crater Lake and the suit now instituted by him follows closely the principles involved in that case.

"The state has no right to tax my property or the property of any other taxpayer to improve the property of any other man, or to make a farm of arid lands for the benefit of a citizen," said McMahon in dismissing the suit. "I am fully satisfied that the appropriation is not for the work contemplated, and that means additional burdens on the taxpayers by the next Legislature. I understand that State Engineer Lewis has said that the appropriation will not be sufficient to reclaim the lands in the whole project

and that he has sought to enlist federal aid, but that Gov. West is opposed to it. There would be just as much sense in appropriating the people's money to clear logged-off lands as to appropriate their money to reclaim the arid lands of the state."

It started from the beginning the Columbia Southern project has had a checkered career. In the hands of every promoter who has been identified with it the project has proven a



Wm. Ogg and Some of His Fine Cattle, on Ranch Near Redmond

failure. Shortly before the convening of the Legislature, Gov. West conceived the idea of the state taking over the project and reclaiming the lands embraced in it, and following out his program the Legislature appropriated the sum of \$450,000.

After the appropriation had been made it was discovered that it would cover but 23,000 acres of the project. With the view of reclaiming the lands in the whole project State Engineer Lewis suggested that federal aid be secured. Gov. West spurned the suggestion, declaring that the project must stand on its merits. Ignoring the Governor, Lewis made a visit to Washington and secured promises from the Interior Department that it would appropriate dollar for dollar with the state in the reclamation of the whole project, provided it could be shown that it was feasible. The Governor, however, did not take kindly to the offer.

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WANTS A NEW LIST OF LAND

CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION CO. ASK STATE DESERT LAND BOARD TO ALLOW THEM A NEW LIST UPON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

At a meeting of the State Desert Land Board on May 31st, the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. made the following proposition and asked its acceptance:

Messrs. Roscoe Howard and Jesse Stears, representing the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. appeared before the board and requested that the notes now on deposit with the Title & Trust Co. of Portland, be withdrawn from the Trust Co. as soon as possible, and that the agree-

ment to terminate the trusteeship be executed by the Desert Land Board immediately.

Mr. Howard called the attention of the board to the fact that the Central Oregon Canal is not of sufficient capacity, from about the eight to the eleven mile post, to warrant the state to request the United States to issue patents for further lands on this canal, and that it will cost, in Mr. Howard's estimation from \$6000

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DAYTON FLOOD PICTURES SHOWN AT THE SPARKS

Pictures of the late Dayton flood will be shown at the Sparks Theater Thursday and Friday nights of this week, and a special matinee for the children on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Mrs. Sparks has been under extra expense to get these pictures and, as the regular prices will prevail, good houses should fill the Sparks on the above dates.

JOY TO THE BANKER'S HEART

The dependable man is the one that brings joy to the banker's heart. He is the kind the bank likes to do business with. Whatever the size of the obligation, be it \$50.00 or \$5,000.00, if a man cannot meet it when due, he should be at the bank on the dot and explain why. The bank is always ready and willing to explain anything in connection with its own business and expects its customers to do the same. No man should have anything in his business that he cannot lay bare before his banker. However much he may think he has a right to cover up things regarding his business from the public, this "right" does not extend to his banker, and unless he is willing to give his banker his entire confidence he has no right to expect the assistance it is in the power of the banker to render.

The joy of the banker's heart is the man who may be absolutely depended upon first, last, and all the time.

If any young man starting in business has an idea that character is not a business asset of the highest order, let him talk to some banker about it, and he will have cause to change his mind.

We solicit the business of a few more dependable men.

Redmond Bank of Commerce

REDMOND, OREGON

CHANGES IN THE TAX LAW

LAW PASSED BY LAST LEGISLATURE WILL EFFECT THE 1912 TAXES—NUMBER OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

As there are a number of changes in the new tax law enacted by the 1913 Legislature which effect the 1912 taxes, I wish to call the taxpayers' attention to the following extracts from the law:

Taxes legally levied and charged in any year shall be paid before the 1st day of April following. If the taxes against any particular parcel of real property, or the taxes on personal property charged against any individual, firm, corporation, or association, are not paid before the 1st day of April, penalties shall then be charged on such taxes and added to and collected with the same as follows:

1. A penalty of 1 per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of April and before the 1st day of May following.
2. A penalty of 2 per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of May and before the 1st day of June following.
3. A penalty of 3 per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of June and before the 1st day of July following.
4. A penalty of 4 per cent on all taxes paid on or after the 1st day of July following.

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TRAFFIC MEN WERE HERE

New O.-W. R. & N. Passenger Agent Being Shown Territory

R. B. Miller, traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. was here and at other points in Central Oregon last week to study traffic conditions and to introduce L. M. Foss, the newly appointed traveling freight and passenger agent, who will establish his headquarters at Bend.

Mr. Foss is a railroad man of many years' experience, formerly having been with the Chicago Great Western at Chicago. Business in Central Oregon is growing so that the company will require the constant service of one man to attend to it. E. J. Wilson, who Mr. Foss succeeds, has accepted the position of cashier of the Crook County Bank at Prineville.

CHILDREN FOR FLOAT

Parents who are willing to let their children ride on the float with the Goddess of Liberty on July 4th, representing the 44 states of the Union, are requested to have the children meet at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, June 17, at 2:30.

MYRTLE BUTLER,
ECHO ORDWAY,
MRS. J. W. MOORE,
Committee.

PRINEVILLE WILL HELP REDMOND CELEBRATE

The Prineville Journal of last week says: Prineville will join Redmond this year in celebrating the 4th. A delegation of business men from the Hub City came over the last of the week and persuaded this city to join them in their celebration. This we will be glad to do and Redmond may look for the "town on wheels" July 4th.

VOTING FOR GODDESS OF LIBERTY

There are now five candidates in the contest for Goddess of Liberty for the 4th of July parade who are being voted for. Up to the present time the voting has not been very lively, but before the close of the contest it is expected the votes will run up into the thousands. The contest closes Saturday, June 28th, at 8 p. m. and there is lots of time for the complexion of the vote to change and for new candidates to enter the field. Up to Wednesday noon Miss Marie Austin was in the lead. The vote at that time was as follows:

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| Marie Austin | 162 |
| Mildred Whitney | 130 |
| Evelyn Smith | 127 |
| Elizabeth Froebe | 100 |
| Laura Jones | 30 |

The sports committee of the 4th is still working on their program, but have not yet anything definite to give out for publication. J. P. Doherty, who has charge of securing base ball teams, has not yet decided what teams will be represented here. In another week it is expected the plans will be far enough along to publish a full program of events for the two days' celebration.

K. P. divine service at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. The annual memorial service will be held at 11 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Why Advertise At All

It is well, first of all to know what advertising really is. Advertising has been defined as the act of publicly announcing a fact, and has further been defined as salesmanship on paper. While both of these are more or less true, advertising is nothing but the giving of business news with the purpose of creating a new want or supplying an existing want. It is readily seen that there is no limit to the accomplishment of good advertising, as there is no limit to the wants already created or that might be created.

The merchant is a dead one who does not realize that there are starving millions waiting for him to satisfy their wants or create for them new wants. This advertising idea to create new wants and satisfy existing wants is no new thing, as the Egyptians used hand bills and posters made of papyrus 3000 years ago. Printing was invented less than 500 years ago, and the newspapers were then started. Soon afterward advertising became associated with printing. The advertising idea originated over 30 centuries ago. Some present day merchants haven't got the idea yet. With present day opportunities to advertise there is no limit to what one may accomplish in business lines. The local merchant may easily double his local business. He has through the local paper a wonderfully cheap way to gain publicity. There is no newspaper read like the local paper, especially by the women, and the women do over 90 per cent of the trading.

THE SPOKESMAN CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR ADVERTISING TO GET RESULTS. LET US TRY.