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WATER IN MAIN CANAL ON OCHOCO PROJECT

WORK OF PREPARING DITCHES FOR SPRING USE BEING RUSHED

INTAKE AT TWO POINTS NOW

McKay Waters Turned In At Crossing—Warm Weather Permits Irrigation

For the first time since its completion the waters of Ochoco Creek were, on Tuesday, allowed to flow down the Main Canal of the Ochoco Irrigation District as far as Dry creek. The head of the stream had reached the North portal of the tunnel about three o'clock in the afternoon and it was expected the water would be flowing out of the wasteway at Dry creek by nightfall.

As fast as possible the canal will be filled and tested to the end near Round Butte in order that all structures may be puddled and tested and the canal soaked up ready for operation. At the same time crews are busily engaged in puddling all drops, turnouts, and other structures on the main laterals.

Water is being taken into the canal at the McKay crossing as well as at the dam, and has covered considerable distance west of McKay.

It is the plan of the board to keep water in the canal for the remainder of the spring, unless some repair work should become necessary that would make it necessary to shut it off.

The effect of this water will be marked this year on crops grown on the lands near this city, and in its application a new epoch in the development of the country is seen.

\$200,000 OF OCHOCO BONDS ARE SOLD

A block of \$200,000 worth of bonds the remaining unit of the \$1,100,000 bond issue of the Ochoco Irrigation District, authorized before the construction work was started, was sold to Clark, Kendall & Co. of Portland, and Stephens & Co. of San Francisco, at a meeting of the board of directors Monday at noon.

The bonds brought \$180,000.00 or 90 points plus accrued interest.

There was but one other bid, that of the Union Trust Company of Spokane, which was represented here by Frank C. Paine. The Union Trust Company bid was for 95 points plus accrued interest, but was conditional on the acceptance of the district of a settlement of the contracting firm of Twohy Bros. Company.

As the board considered the settlement with the contractor impossible under the terms mentioned, the bid for \$10,000 less money seemed to be far the best business move.

The bids were opened a week ago, but upon agreement with the bidders, the matter was deferred until Monday, pending the outcome of a conference between the board of directors and the contractor.

J. C. DODSON, PIONEER OF LAKEVIEW ENDS HIS LIFE

Dependent over financial difficulties, J. C. Dodson, pioneer stockman, and rancher of Lakeview, placed the muzzle of a .22-caliber rifle in his mouth and blew his brains out, Sunday morning, at the Redmond Hotel. His brother, W. D. B. Dodson, is secretary of the Portland Commercial club.

The discovery of the tragedy was made at 9 o'clock in the morning, when a chambermaid called at his room. Receiving no answer, she opened the door and found the rancher lying dead in his bed. He had covered the floor nearby with newspapers and placed a basin close to the edge of the bed, apparently in the endeavor to prevent soiling the carpet. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of self-inflicted death.

Saturday night Dodson left Bend by auto for Redmond, leaving word with his driver to call for him in the morning. Shortly after he bought a rifle at a second hand store, and later retired to his room, where he wrote a note telling of his intention to end his life. It is believed that the shot was fired between 7 and 8 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Dodson came to Central Oregon nearly a quarter of a century ago, homesteading in the Lakeview section. He was about 46 years of age.

C. C. H. S. DEFEATS REDMOND

The same skill, spirit, pep and luck is still with old Crook County High. In a fast game of basketball at the Club hall Saturday night, C. C. H. S. defeated Redmond High, 2 to 22. A large crowd was out to witness the game and much enthusiasm was evidenced. The home team is composed of Lister, Horgan, Rosenberg, Lister and Miller. The next game will be at Madras Saturday night.

CHARLES W. COLBY KILLS WIFE AND SELF

BODIES FOUND BY SHERIFF WHO WAS CALLED TO FARM

FORMER PRINEVILLE RESIDENTS

Colby Was In The Sheep Business Here For Several Years—Was A Partner of James Cram

Charles W. Colby, formerly of this place, killed his wife and himself last Saturday at their farm home near Beaverton. Mr. and Mrs. Colby were well known here, where Mr. Colby was in the sheep business for several years. The Oregonian of January 29 carries the following story concerning the tragedy:

"Charles W. Colby, 67, a resident of the Beaverton section, early Saturday morning shot his wife, 30, while she was sleeping, and then turned the .32-caliber revolver upon himself. The bodies were found about midnight Saturday by Sheriff Alexander, of Beaverton, who went to the farm on the Pacific Highway in response to a note delivered by the rural mail carrier, asking the Sheriff to take charge of the place.

Sheriff Alexander found all doors securely fastened, but forced his entrance to the dwelling. Mrs. Colby evidently had retired some time before the shooting and was sleeping soundly when shot through the head. Colby was fully dressed, but was lying on the bed beside the woman. The weapon was lying between the bodies.

"No motive for the deed has been discovered. The Colbys were married 16 years ago in San Francisco, and the wife had just returned from Portland, where she had been working for some time.

"In a letter written to J. Frank Stroud, of Beaverton, a life-long friend, Colby declared he had killed three men, but local officers have been unable to learn anything definite in this regard. It is reported, however, that he was at one time under arrest on suspicion in connection with a murder charge.

"I have killed three men in my life," the letter to Mr. Stroud says, "but this killing of the woman I love and worship above anything else on earth, takes the nerve."

"The letter was dated at 2.15 o'clock Saturday morning, supposedly a few minutes before the shots were fired. The note to Sheriff Alexander was written about the same time, and the envelope bore instructions for the mail carrier to open it and read its contents.

Thinking the request for the sheriff to come and take charge of the place related to some agreement previously made, the mail carrier did not hasten the delivery of the message, and it was nearly midnight before officers reached the place. The house was in perfect order and there were no signs of a struggle. The stock had not been cared for for some time, bearing out the belief that the shooting took place during the preceding night or early morning.

"According to acquaintances, Colby had a violent temper and frequently became enraged upon minor provocation. These spells, they claim were of short duration and the man soon regained control of himself. It is supposed he and his wife had quarreled early in the evening Friday, and that he waited until she was sleeping to put an end to their troubles.

"Colby formerly lived in Prineville, where Mr. Stroud became acquainted with him and so far as is known the confession to three other crimes does not refer to anything occurring during his residence there. Colby owned a 20-acre place one mile east of Beaverton, a beautiful home, and his home life seemed to be pleasant.

"In his letter to Mr. Stroud, Colby asks that his sister in California be notified. He is also said to have a sister living in Portland.

James Cram, a rancher of Prineville, Ore., who is at the Imperial Hotel, was Mr. Colby's partner in sheep raising from 1907 until 1911. Mr. Cram says Colby was reputed to have killed two or three men, but except for suspicions in the case of Shorty Davis, none of the alleged murders were committed in Oregon.

"Mr. Cram says Colby told him that he was born in Sacramento, Calif., and that his parents died when he was seven years old. Then Colby said he went to live in San Francisco, where he lived by stealing on the wharfs until he was 16 or 17 years old. Coming to Oregon, he worked on the Willamette river for a time. Then he went to Eastern Oregon and later to Nevada. Mr. Cram says Colby was an expert horseman and one of the finest shots he ever saw.

"The murdered woman was Colby's second wife, whom he married in 1909. The couple became engaged after meeting only twice in Oakland, Calif. They were introduced to each other one night at a church social. The next night Colby took her to a theater. He then returned to Oregon where he helped on the ranch during the lambing season. Returning to Oakland, he married the girl, with whom he had kept up a correspondence, and took her to the Alaska-Yukon Exposition in Seattle.

RESUME OF WORK OF THE OREGON LEGISLATIVE BODY

PROMPT ORGANIZATION OF BOTH HOUSES AUGURY OF SUCCESSFUL AND EVENTFUL SESSION

Salom.—If the prompt manner in which the legislature organized and started to work is an indication of the manner in which the law-making business is going to be conducted it augurs well for a successful session.

There was no bickering in either house over organization. Both the president of the senate, W. T. Vinton of Yamhill county, and the speaker of the house, Seymour Jones of Marion county, were elected without opposition.

The legislative mill began to grind promptly after organization was completed, with less useless debate than during the first week of any session for many years. While fewer bills were introduced than usually appear during the first week of a session, seldom does the initial week see so many important measures brought forward. All told, 56 bills have been introduced in the house and 31 in the senate.

The first important action of the legislature after organization was the ratification of the national prohibition amendment. The prohibition resolution passed the house with only three negative votes, cast by Kubli, Lewis and McFarland, all from Multnomah county. In the senate the resolution was passed by an unanimous vote.

Bill Passed to Relieve Soldiers.
The first bill passed provided for the creation of a soldiers' and sailors' commission for the relief of returning soldiers, appropriating \$100,000 for that purpose. The bill passed both houses with only one dissenting vote, cast by Senator Wood of Washington county.

Governor Withycombe promptly signed the bill and announced the appointment of W. B. Ayer, chairman; John H. Burgard, A. H. Cranston and John H. Stevenson, all of Portland, as the personnel of the new commission.

A technical error was discovered in the soldiers' relief bill by the auditing department of the secretary of state, which is held to render it unconstitutional, and will necessitate sending the bill back to the legislature for amendment.

Consolidation Plans Harmonious.
For a time there were indications of a clash between the house and senate over the consolidation program, but the differences were smoothed over. A practical plan is being worked out under which the joint committee will put into form all proposals for consolidation, elimination or merger of duties of various departments and commissions.

Members who have been here for several sessions declare that never before have they seen the legislature as a whole in such a seeming state of harmony on the consolidation question as now, and it is believed the conflict which blocked all efforts at consolidation two years ago will be avoided.

Radicals to Be Curbed.
A bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Dimick and a somewhat similar bill in the house by Mr. Kubli directed at criminal syndicalism and designed to suppress Bolsheviki and I. W. W. activities. The measures define criminal syndicalism and sabotage, and would curb lawlessness seeking industrial revolution. They would punish by fine and imprisonment not only actual destruction of property, but also the distribution of literature or the teaching of such propaganda. The bills are expected to meet the desire of Governor Withycombe as expressed in his message that a law providing for the punishment of treason be enacted.

State Police is Created By Bill.
Creation of the department of state police is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Orton, of Multnomah. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$60,000 for the support of the department for a two-year period.

A superintendent of state police, to be appointed by the governor at a salary of \$3000 a year, and the selection of 12 police officers by the superintendent at salaries of \$1500 annually each, are the main provisions of the bill.

Provides for Employment of Soldiers.
First of the reconstruction bills to be introduced in the senate was that of Senator Huston, making employment of war veterans, either soldiers or sailors, compulsory by the state, counties and municipal corporations. The measure applies to veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and of the recent war who have achieved honorable discharges. The bill provides that soldiers who have been maimed in action shall be given employment suitable to their physical condition, and, in case any working force of men is cut down, would be the last to be removed from the payrolls.

Tax Limitation Repeal Proposed.
The repeal of the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment adopted by the people at the general election of 1916, is provided for in a joint resolution introduced in the house just before adjournment by Brownell of Umatilla county.

The resolution provides for the appointment of a committee of five members of the house to prepare a measure for adoption by the legislature, and submission by it to the people at the next general election, of a constitutional provision repealing the present 6 per cent limitation amendment.

Want Road Work Started.
A joint resolution introduced in the house by Mr. Bean, calling upon the state highway commission to immediately start work on one or more units of highway work to provide employment for at least 1000 men was passed in both houses. This resolution provides that preference shall be given to returning soldiers and sailors.

Mr. Bean also introduced a joint resolution calling upon congress to enact legislation which will remedy bad conditions surrounding the returning men, because of governmental inaction. This resolution calls attention to the fact that the Oregon legislature has been compelled to appropriate \$100,000 to grapple with a situation which should have been cared for by congressional action.

Prevent Teaching Foreign Languages.
Representative Dodd of Umatilla introduced a bill in the house, making it unlawful for any board of school directors to permit the teaching of any subject, other than foreign languages, in any of the public or private schools of the state except in the English language. Any director permitting such a thing to be done, or any teacher violating the terms of the act is to be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 for the first offense, and not less than \$250 nor more than \$1000 for the second offense, with the alternate punishment of imprisonment for not less than 30 days nor more than one year in the county jail.

Market Commission is Proposed.
Standardization of the sale of all farm and manufacturing products and furthering the market for Oregon goods is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Huston, of Multnomah county, providing for the creation of a state market commission. The bill provides that a market director, appointed by the governor, shall have supervisory control over the sale and marketing of all such commodities, to the end that Oregon products might find a wider market throughout the country.

Land Settlement Act Introduced.
The soldiers land settlement bill recommended to the various states by Secretary of the Interior Lane was introduced in the senate by Senator Eddy. It provides for the appointment of a soldiers' settlement board of three members and carries an appropriation of \$500,000 to meet the state's share of the expense of co-operation with the United States.

Briefly, the bill provides a plan whereby the state is to furnish the land and the United States is to furnish the money for the development of homes for soldiers. The soldiers will be given 40 years in which to pay for the land and 20 years in which to pay for the improvements.

Provision is made that the governor shall appoint the chairman of the soldiers' settlement board, who shall be designated as the soldiers' settlement commissioner and shall receive a salary of \$4000 a year.

Legislative Briefings.
Governor Withycombe's veto of senate bill No. 242, of the 1917 session. Continued on page 8

GOOD RAINS IN VALLEY SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

PRECIPITATION MORE THAN INCH IN PRINEVILLE

ALL STREAMS START RUNNING

Snows Add Materially To The Water Supply For The Coming Season

A good rain, totaling more than an inch, fell in Prineville the first three days of this week.

On Saturday night the precipitation totaled 4 inches, Sunday 3 and Monday night and Tuesday the gauge showed .33 inches, making a total of slightly more than an inch for the three days' storm.

While the rain was falling in the valleys, snow piled up in the mountains, some falling in the valleys and staying on a few hours.

Streams started running that had been dry for months, and farmers and stock men feel that the supply of moisture will be of great benefit to crops and ranges during the coming year.

GET LATERALS READY FOR IRRIGATING

All owners of irrigable lands under the canals of the Ochoco Irrigation District are notified that the main canal laterals and appurtenant structures are now being puddled in and "tuned up" ready for the delivery of flood waters. The present period of rainy weather may mean an early run-off and whenever these waters come they should be applied to the lands of the Project.

One good irrigation of the bench lands of the Project will mean an average wheat crop of many more bushels per acre than has ever before been raised on these lands, and the yields of other crops in proportion.

Farm laterals, waste ditches, etc., should be carefully laid out and constructed so that water can be distributed over the fields in the most economical and efficient manner. Farm ditches should be built of ample size in order that a large head of water may be utilized and the time necessary for each application of water thereby proportionately shortened. The system of irrigation selected for each farm should be that best adapted to the contour of the ground, soil conditions, and crops to be raised.

In order that the water resources of the district may be put to the highest beneficial use it is necessary that waste of water be cut to a minimum which condition presumes that not only must there be no actual physical waste but that no more water shall be applied to the land than is demanded for a maximum crop, according to soil conditions and crops planted.

Those land owners who are not familiar with the design and laying out of ditch systems should consult some old water user or call at the office of the Ochoco Irrigation District, where every effort will gladly be made to cooperate and assist in the selection of an adequate ditch system.

Whenever flood waters are available from Ochoco or McKay creeks same will be at once delivered to any water users whose ditches and lands are ready and such delivery continued as long as the flood run-off continues. Land owners who are not prepared in time to take care of their share of these waters may blame no one but themselves if, through procrastination, they fail to have their ditches ready in time.

BIG DANCE COMING

Luna Lodge No. 65, Knights of Pythias, are making elaborate preparations for a big dance to take place on Friday night, February 14. As is common with this live order, when they do anything of a public nature, they do it in a most thorough manner, believing that if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well, consequently the people of this section can safely look forward to the biggest dance of the season. Arrangements are being made for the very best musical talent to be had, which will make dancing an absolute delight.

TRAFFIC IS DELAYED

Bad Place Develops Near The Depot Causing Much Difficulty

The heavy rains during the past few days and constant traffic with heavy trucks and other vehicles to and from the depot has developed a very bad place in the north end of Main street, where many people have come to grief the past two days.

Delivery of coal and wood from the warehouse and almost all traffic will be badly hampered until this place is fixed.

It will no doubt be given immediate attention by the city authorities.

STATE ENGINEER ASKS SUPPORT FOR PROJECT

MR. CUPPER WORKING FOR MONEY FOR CENTRAL OREGON

MAY MEAN AN EARLY ACTION

Would Provide Funds For Lands At Powell Butte And For Those In Jefferson County

State Engineer Percy A. Cupper is working for the appropriation of government funds, which may be used in the development of about 200,000 acres of land in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

In the work he has secured the able assistance of Representative N. J. Sinnott and other members of the Oregon delegation.

A recent statement of the situation says:

"I have written to various parties interested in irrigation along the Deschutes river," writes Congressman Sinnott, "to the officials of the north unit project, near Madras, to the president of the Suttles lake irrigation district, near Grandview, and to R. A. Ward, county agricultural agent at Redmond, suggesting the wisdom and expediency of sending one especially acquainted with these various prospective projects from an engineering standpoint to press their respective merits before the reclamation service and Secretary Lane.

"There is a possibility that additional funds may be voted at this session of congress for irrigated lands for soldiers." Secretary Lane intends to ask for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 to be allotted to the reclamation of arid, swamp and cut over lands. This sum divided among the 48 states will not permit a very extensive development in any particular state. However, I understand that the secretary will choose that irrigation project in each state which may seem to him to be the most feasible and meritorious. If the above appropriation is made by congress the project making the best showing will no doubt be selected by Secretary Lane."

Engineer Cupper in a letter to Director Davis stated that there is over 200,000 acres of irrigable land in the Deschutes project available for reclamation and of this area it is believed that not less than 75,000 acres are unentered lands.

"I feel that the Deschutes project not only on account of the large area involved, but also on account of the large per cent of such area that is unentered land, should commend itself to the favorable attention of the reclamation service at this time in connection with any development work it may undertake," writes the engineer. Further, he writes:

"The north unit of the Deschutes project, consisting of approximately 100,000 acres of irrigable land, has been organized as an irrigation district and has voted bonds in the sum of \$5,000,000. Should the reclamation service see fit to take part in the reclamation of the Deschutes project, this organized district, with its \$5,000,000 of bonds voted, should furnish an excellent basis for beginning its operations.

"While the land in this district is all in private ownership, it might seem to furnish no basis for cooperation with the federal government in its soldier settlement plan. However, it is expected that the next session of the legislature will make it possible for large land holders within an irrigation district to turn in to the district a part of their holdings, receiving credit therefore on the reclamation charge against the remainder of their lands and that the district will be authorized to cooperate with the federal government in securing improvement and settlement of these lands. Under this plan both the district and the federal government would receive back the money expended in securing and improving the lands under some deferred payment plan. The north unit irrigation district has indicated a willingness to cooperate in this matter, and while the effectiveness of the co-operation depends upon the individual land holder, I am convinced that the plan can be successfully worked out on this project.

TAG DAY

Next Saturday will be Tag Day; tags will be sold by Crook County High School boys and girls. Have your dimes ready. Sixty per cent of the proceeds will go to the local H. S. Loan Fund, and forty per cent to the State Scholarship Loan Fund. The local fund has been of great assistance to a number of students who otherwise could not have remained in school, and is worthy of your hearty support.

LEUTENANT THOMAS BARNES VISITS FRIENDS HERE

Lieutenant Thomas Barnes, a former resident of Prineville, is in the city visiting friends. Lt. Barnes attended the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he received his commission.