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DESCHUTES DAM TO BE BUILT BY GOV'T

\$400,000 APPROPRIATION NOW

OREGON MEN ARE VICTORIOUS AGAIN

OREGON GETS APPROPRIATION FOR RECLAMATION, AFTER LONG FIGHT.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15.—PRESIDENT WILSON HAS APPROVED THE \$400,000 ESTIMATE FOR THE DESCHUTES RECLAMATION PROJECT, WHICH WAS SENT TO HIM BY THE RECLAMATION SERVICE IN ADDITION TO PREVIOUS ESTIMATES FOR EXTENSIONS IN THE STATE OF OREGON.

This is believed to insure inclusion of Deschutes in next year's work, Chairman Good of the appropriation committee having indicated his sympathy with the Oregon delegation in its stand for allotment of more funds in view of expenditures proposed for New York and in neighboring states.

WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC. 14, 1920.

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AS A RESULT OF PERSISTENT FIGHTING FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS, FOR ADDITION TO RECLAMATION FUND FOR OREGON, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR AND DIRECTOR OF RECLAMATION SERVICE HAVE ASKED PRESIDENT TO APPROVE A RECOMMENDATION FOR FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO INAUGURATE GOVERNMENTAL IRRIGATION OF DESCHUTES VALLEY.

THIS MEANS THE BUILDING OF RESERVOIRS EITHER AT BENHAM FALLS OR AT CRANE PRAIRIE, WHICH IN OUR JUDGMENT MEANS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT CENTRAL OREGON COUNTRY.

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The United States government will step under the task of irrigating the Central Oregon country and take initial action at once. The Benham Falls, or Crane Prairie project, which has been discussed for years, and which for a long time seemed impossible of accomplishment is assured with the direct statement from Washington that the government will build a mammoth dam at one place or the other, and that an initial appropriation for \$400,000 is assured to start that great task.

The action at this time is the result of a two week's fight headed by the Oregon delegation, Chairman Good of the House Appropriation Committee and Director Davis of the Reclamation Service.

The project is intended to supply water by the storage of waste or winter run off of the Deschutes, deliver it to the lands which have been withheld from entry for so many years between Powell Butte and Bear Creek Butte, and will extend continuously to the very limits of this city on the south and west, covering the lands between this city and Redmond that have never been reclaimed.

In addition, water will be applied to the North Unit project, surveys for which are now being made, and any other lands which may be supplied through arrangement with the reclamation service.

It is considered that the present action is a direct result of the visit of the appropriation committee of the House of Representatives to this part of the state last summer.

At that time, chairman Good of the committee said to a Journal representative after having been shown over the project in question "A condition now exists whereby Oregon has a balance of millions of dollars in the reclamation service

fund, which should be available for this state during the next few years, and through the lease of government oil lands, this money will be available each year in good sized amounts.

"If I am not misinformed, there is now enough money there that should be had to make possible an appropriation of from \$400,000 to half a million dollars, and I am promising you that I will make a hard fight to have this money appropriated for the Benham Falls project, the only proviso being that Director Davis, who is a member of this party, considers the project a feasible one.

"The lands we have looked at today should support thousands of happy homes, instead of being a barren waste as they are today.

"I had no idea you had such amounts of excellent land here, and the trip has sure been a revelation to me.

Before leaving the party at a point north of this city Chairman Good assured us that the project is entirely feasible and should be built, in the opinion of Director Davis.

Senator McNary went on record in a public address shortly after when he said that he wanted to go on record as favoring the project.

The part played by Congressman Sinnott should not be overlooked. Although not a member of the appropriations committee, he took it upon himself to come with the party and took part in the arrangement of many details of their entertainment.

Monday evening the girls turned out for basketball practice. As a number desire to take basketball training, a division must be made, and each night a different set will practice until the team is selected.

STOCKMEN PROTEST HERD LAW MOVES

FULLER PRIZE TO BE GIVEN FOR CLUB SLOGAN JAN. 1
Who among the ladies of this county has a slogan for the use of the commercial club?
In its campaign for the advertising of the community, not Prineville, but the farm lands adjacent, there is a real need for a commercial club slogan, and Cap. Fuller, of Guthrie & Co., will award a cash prize of \$10, which has been posted at this office, for the prize winner in the slogan contest.
The award will be made January 1, and announced in the Journal of that week.
Address your slogan to the Journal, and mark the envelope Commercial Club Slogan Contest. It will be left for the judges to open on January 1, at the time that the award is made.

PRINEVILLE LUMBER CO. BUYS MCKAY TIMBER.

Deeds were filed this week covering several sections of timber lands in the Blue Mountains on the headwaters of McKay and Willow Creeks, the timber being transferred to the Prineville Lumber Company of which G. M. Cornett and J. F. Steinert are the leading factors.
The lands, added to the already extensive holdings, makes one of the best bodies of yellow pine timber near this city, and will afford timber for the mills of this concern for years to come.
In addition to the mills already owned by the Prineville company, a new mill and planer are being planned for their new location on the siding which is being installed on the City of Prineville railway about three miles west of this city, where a box factory may be installed also.

PRINEVILLE-POWELL BUTTE HIGHWAY READY FOR SURFACING. GRADE WEST OF CITY NOW
The state highway between this city and Powell Butte, which is a link of the Eugene-Mitchell road, is completed and ready for gravel.
Equipment is being installed for loading gravel, and work of putting the surface on the road will begin at once.
The new grade has been completed and traffic is already diverted over it. This makes a wonderful improvement over the old road being an even grade for the entire length.
The highway is on an entirely new survey from the east end of the grade to the Still ranch, and after the surfacing is completed, will be one of the best in interior Oregon.

Stockmen at their meeting Saturday evening at the court house in this city gave considerable time to the discussion of the herd laws passed at the recent election in the Powell Butte and Alfalfa communities.
The stockmen said in their discussion of the matter that the law provides that no stock be allowed to run at large in the community where the law is in effect, and that should any stray in, they were liable to be taken up and sold for costs and damages, which has had the effect of driving the range stockmen out of business entirely where it has been in force.
They said that it would be impossible to buy hay and feed cattle in such a community, for the reason that the stragglers would drift into the community where they had been fed, and would make a condition that could not be met by the stockmen themselves.
In addition to this fact, a number of large stockmen have ranges and deeded lands near the effected districts, or are obliged to trail thru them in the spring and fall to reach their summer quarters, which only adds to the liability of losing stock in the manner indicated.
A number of ranchers and hay growers from the Powell Butte community were present and took part in the discussion, assuring the stockmen that they meant no injustice for the stockmen, who had in years past bought hay there and had not considered the effect on the livestock industry when the vote was taken.
A meeting is being held tonight at Powell Butte community hall, and the stockmen were invited to attend and see what action if any can be taken at this time to remedy the obviously bad condition for the stockmen.

LEGION SMOKER TO BE STAGED FRIDAY NIGHT.

Kid Taylor, one of the best known fast leather pushers on the coast is to box Greek George here Friday night, instead of Ava Pelling as announced last week.

The change is made because of the fact that the last named contestant was badly worsted with the same opponent in a recent go and does not care to repeat the experience.

Five bouts in all will be staged by the Legion men, and every man is insured his money's worth.

W. W. G. ENTERTAINED

The World Wide Guild met at the home of Mrs. W. S. Ayres, Monday evening, Dec. 13. After a short missionary program, silk embroidered butterflies were given to each of the W. W. G. members. The butterflies were sent from Huchow, China by Miss Edna Shoemaker, the missionary whom the Guild have sent missionary boxes to for the last two years.

Pumpkin pie with whipped cream coffee, and homemade candy was served. Those present were Miss Essie Reams, Marjorie Wilson, Myrtle Lister, Blanche Rowell, Lela Laughlin, Calista Houston, Miss Nora Stearns, Miss Moore, Mrs. Asa Battles, Mrs. S. W. Babcock, and hostess Mrs. W. S. Ayres.

ACCIDENT AT FRIDAY RANCH

One of the laborers on the irrigation dam at the Friday ranch near Gateway was badly injured when a delayed blast broke his jaw, knocked his teeth out, and otherwise injured him. He leaned over the blast to see why it did not fire, and it blew off in his face. He was immediately put on the train and sent to the hospital.

COUNTY ROAD BONDS HELD VALID BY COURT

The \$200,000 issue of Crook County road bonds are held valid, in an opinion handed down Tuesday by the State Supreme Court in a like case in Union county.
This validates about \$6,000,000 in road bonds in the state, issued or authorized, of which our issue is a small part.

A HELP TO PRINEVILLE

Other counties of this state are helping themselves and why? not Crook county? Wheat has, by the action of the hills and the bears reached its lowest level and is now on the rise. The demand is soon to become acute. This community can render help to its own by putting money into circulation.
Flour is about at its lowest now and if every household will purchase at least a barrel of flour the mill will grind and thus be prepared to make purchases of wheat from the farmers who will be able to meet their bills and the deposits in the banks will be sufficient to assist the cattle man. This will soon mean local and immediate help.
Let everybody buy at least one barrel of flour.

MANY ENJOY CLUB OPENING

The opening of the Legion Club, last Monday night, was well attended, and a thoroughly enjoyable time was spent by all present. The bowling alley was kept very busy, and cards, pool, and other games were also indulged in. A four-round bout between Duffy Knorr of Terrebonne and Jack Dobry was one of the features.

The absence of members of the fairer sex was very noticeable, for while a cordial invitation was extended to them to attend, not one graced the occasion.

Under the direction of the American Legion, anyone can join the Legion Club, the dues being very reasonable. Every Tuesday night will be ladies' night on the bowling alley.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. STREET

The funeral of Mrs. James Street, who died at her home in this city Tuesday morning, about one o'clock, will be held tomorrow from the Methodist church at two o'clock.
Mrs. Street has lived in this part of the country the greater share of her life. She has been a semi-invalid for a number of years, and was much loved by her friends for her sweet disposition, and her patient endurance of her illness. Her husband, James Street, of Suntext, and daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Turner of LaGrande, were at her bedside when she died.

ANNUAL ANNEX RECEPTION TO BE JANUARY 2

The annual New Year's reception given by the Ladies' Annex, will take place in the afternoon of January 1, instead of in the evening as was announced in last week's Journal.

The annex rooms will be open from two to five, and a cordial invitation is issued to everyone to be the guests of the ladies at that time.

GIRL INJURED IN FALL

The daughter of Mrs. Kate Calvin of Powell Butte was thrown from her horse yesterday afternoon, and a hurry call was put in for Dr. H. P. Belknap, as it was feared at first that her neck was broken but this fortunately was not the case, and she is suffering only from bruises and the scare.

EDWIN SUNDSQUIST IN ACCIDENT

While hauling wood on Grizzly mountain last Monday, Edwin Sundquist was hurt badly by the whole load turning and falling on him. One ear was nearly severed from his head, and he received bruises all over his body from the falling wood. Dr. J. H. Rosenberg was called on the case and he patched up his ear so that he probably will not lose it.

LIZZIE COLLIDES WITH GAS FILLING STATION.

Had the Master Electric Filling Station, belonging to the Inland Auto company, been of less solid construction, it no doubt would have been put entirely out of commission when a Ford auto collided with it, head-on, last Saturday morning.
As it was, it had to be taken down and welded in several places, on account of being badly sprung, but it was up again and working before the day was over. It is the only electric station in town and was missed very much by the auto trade while it was disabled.

The radiator of the Ford was put on the bum, and a new one had to be installed before it could be used again.

A boy, well under the legal age, was driving the car, and he evidently lost his head when he was trying to drive along side the tank for gas. Children should not be permitted to drive cars under any circumstances.

BARNARD-THOMPSON

The marriage of Reuben L. Barnard and Georgia Lea Thompson occurred yesterday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Barnard is employed at the George Russell ranch, and the young folks will be at home to their friends at that place. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Lola Rhodes, who is also employed at the Russell ranch, and who acted as a witness to the marriage, together with Mrs. Emma Randle, sister of the groom.

TO SECURE \$750 FOR STARVING CHILDREN

A Christmas appeal is being made for Crook County's share in the large appropriation of funds to save the starving children of Europe, the county allotment being \$750.
Rev. Gallaher is county chairman, and W. I. Harrison of Portland is in town today assisting in the work.
Prineville is expected to raise \$425, Powell Butte \$100, McKay and Grimes Flat \$75, Post and Combs Flat \$50, Paulina and Beaver Creek \$50, Lower Crooked River and Grizzly, \$50, Upper Ochoo \$50.