

## STRING TO FUNDS

### Oregon Has Part to Play in Irrigation Work.

### WATER RIGHTS THE ISSUE

### Nation Will Not Enter Malheur Until They Are Secured.

### MAY TURN TO UMATILLA

Chief Newell Explains That Unless All Obstacles Are Removed, the Government May Expend the \$2,000,000 Elsewhere.

AMOUNTS STATES PAID IN.	
Oregon	\$1,584,730
Arizona	43,832
California	783,072
Colorado	510,072
Idaho	612,219
Montana	12,417
Nevada	52,108
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New Mexico	120,128
North Dakota	129,044
Oklahoma	818,077
South Dakota	229,421
Utah	84,520
Washington	1,029,989
Wyoming	272,954

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 10.—The announcement that Oregon, the largest contributor to the reclamation fund, has finally been recognized by Secretary Hitchcock, who has approved the Malheur project, contemplating the irrigation of 75,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Vale, and has set aside \$2,000,000 for the construction of storage reservoirs and canals, is somewhat misleading. The Secretary's action does not necessarily mean that the Government will undertake the construction of the Malheur project, or that the \$2,000,000 now set aside will be expended on that or any other irrigation work in Oregon.

To secure an explanation of the Secretary's action, The Oregonian correspondent had an interview today with Chief Newell, of the reclamation service, on whose recommendation the Secretary acted, and ascertained the facts as hereafter given. Mr. Newell said the allotment does not commit the Government to the Malheur project, but simply signifies that the department has ascertained, by field examinations, that about 75,000 acres near Vale can be reclaimed at a cost not exceeding \$2,000,000.

**Much Depends on Owners of Rights.** Whether the Government will take up the Malheur project depends altogether upon future developments. There are already many vested rights around Vale. The entire summer flow of streams which would be depended upon to furnish water for the Malheur project has already been appropriated, and about one-half of the land lying under the proposed Government canals has been entered. If the owners of the water rights are willing to waive their claims and allow the Government undisputed control of the streams, at least to the extent of securing sufficient water to make the project a success, and if the owners of lands included within that project will sign an agreement to bear their proportionate share of the cost of constructing the works, namely, \$5 or \$10 an acre, then the Government will be ready to construct this work, provided a subsequent investigation shows that same can be constructed on sites already picked out and canals can be built and maintained at a reasonable cost.

**May Turn to Other Section.** Asked when actual work of construction may be expected to commence, Mr. Newell replied that many things will have to be determined before any decision can be reached. If the holders of vested rights are obstinate and refuse to make concessions to the Government, the work is

not likely ever to be undertaken. If they are slow to come to terms, the Government will turn its attention elsewhere, particularly to the Umatilla project, in Eastern Oregon, and work in other sections will be pressed while the Malheur project will be allowed to drag. The fact that water rights around Vale have been in litigation for many years does not lead to the hope that there will be early agreement between settlers and the Government.

**Why Project is Attractive.** The Malheur project is attractive for several reasons. There is an abundance of water in the Malheur River and Bully and Willow Creeks to reclaim easily 75,000 acres, and more if deemed expedient. The land is in a low altitude and would be very productive if irrigated. Its proximity to the railroads makes it doubly valuable. The Government, in case it constructs the Malheur works, will not utilize much of the summer flow of the streams named, but will store the flood waters in three separate reservoirs, one on Malheur River and one each on Bully and Willow Creeks.

**Oregon Must Be Astir.** In a word, the allotment of \$2,000,000 for the Malheur project means that this money can be expended on this project if, after further investigation, the project proves entirely satisfactory to the Government, or it means that this same amount can be expended on the Umatilla or some other Oregon project which proves more satisfactory than the Malheur scheme, but in case none of the sites under investigation meets the expectations of the department, the money may be spent in some other state and Oregon may have to wait. Two million dollars is available for use in Oregon now, but how long it will remain available no one can say. Two million dollars is enough to complete the Malheur project or to complete the Umatilla or any other Oregon project so far examined. It is up to Oregon to pitch in and show that it wants this money sufficiently to remove the obstacles that now tend to divert the attention of the Government elsewhere.

**Money for Washington Work.** Secretary Hitchcock also set aside out of the reclamation fund \$1,500,000 to be expended in irrigating a large tract of land in the vicinity of Pasco, in Eastern Washington. It has been determined that at a cost of about \$5 per acre anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 acres north and east of Pasco can be reclaimed by diverting the waters of the Snake River. As yet no definite plan for reclaiming these lands has been evolved, although investigations in that vicinity are being pressed, and efforts will be made to prepare a plan during the present summer. This Pasco, or Palouse, project as it is known, is really part of the vast Big Bend project, and immediately adjoins it on the south. The entire Big Bend scheme contemplates the reclamation of about 10,000,000 acres of land, and is one of the largest projects in the United States. The commencement of work under Pasco will not immediately commit the Government to the larger work, though it is expected that it will in time be undertaken. Probably not more than 60,000 or 70,000 acres will be reclaimed under the allotment just made.

### WOULD CREATE HUGE LAKE.

### Nature of Irrigation Scheme Adopted for Malheur County.

ONTARIO, Or., May 10.—(Special.)—The Malheur irrigation project, for which the Government has appropriated \$2,000,000, is about 20 miles above Vale. The dam will be across the Malheur River, about 20 miles above that place, where the river passes through a narrow canyon, and will form a lake 15 miles long and six miles wide at the widest point and 160 feet deep at the deepest place. This lake will cover all of what is known as the Harper ranch and a large area besides, and will contain a 200,000-acre sheet of water. At the point where the dam will be constructed is sufficient sandstone in the canyon to construct the dam, which will be 160 feet high. This proposed lake will be sufficient to store up the entire flow of the Malheur River for one year.

Two canals will be taken out at this dam, one on either side of the river. The one on the south side will pass over the foot-hills above and south of Vale, running easterly from that point to within five and one-half miles of Ontario, thence south to the Owyhee River, covering all the land now under the Owyhee, Nevada and Snake River canals, besides valuable bench land above these.

The canal on the north side will

## AGREE ON MEADE

### Bellingham Man the Choice for Governor.

### KING AND PIERCE DECIDE

### Atkinson to Be Nominated for Attorney-General.

### RAILROADS DEFEAT BAKER

Formidable Movement for Senator From Klickitat is Checked by the Hasty Arrival of J. G. Farrell on a Special Train.

**THE PROBABLE SLATE.**  
Governor—A. E. Meade, of Bellingham.  
Lieutenant-Governor—A man from Eastern Washington.  
Attorney-General—J. D. Atkinson, of Chelan.  
Secretary of State—S. H. Nichols, of Everett.  
Auditor—C. W. Clausen, of Elyria.  
Land Commissioner—E. W. Ross, of Castle Rock.  
Superintendent of Public Instruction—E. E. Bryan, of Aberdeen.  
Treasurer—A Thurston County man, probably J. O. Scooby, of Olympia.  
Justices of the Supreme Court—Conceded to Frank Rudkin, of North Yakima, and Judge Mark Fullerton, of Colfax.  
Delegates to National Convention—John S. McMillin, of Roche Harbor, and A. B. Eastman, of Vancouver.

TACOMA, Wash., May 10.—(Special.)—King and Pierce Counties agreed on the nomination of A. E. Meade, of Bellingham, for Governor, at 10 o'clock this morning. J. D. Atkinson will be Attorney-General, and possibly an Eastern Washington man for Lieutenant-Governor.

Above is a list of the probabilities for other state offices, the King, Pierce, northwest and southwest committees caucusing to protect the state as far as possible. The settlement of the fight was made easier by the voluntary action of B. E. Crocker in withdrawing from the gubernatorial fight. This left King and Pierce free to nominate Meade.

The actual agreement was made by P. C. Sullivan, representing King, and Walter Christian, on behalf of Pierce, who had an understanding with Meade that he would keep his hands off the Senatorial fight and in Whatcom County would see that Foster and Pile had an even break in the primary struggle that will decide the Legislative ticket.

Both Pierce and King jockeyed for position on the gubernatorial fight, and if any one has, Pierce has rather the better of it. Pierce forced King today to turn down George H. Baker and the holdover Senators who supported him, was first to take up Meade, and maintained throughout the Crocker-Ankeny friendly relations. Pierce, it will be remembered, gave Ankeny a solid vote for Senator, and Crocker owes to Foster an obligation for his appointment as Collector of Internal Revenue.

Atkinson is in doubt whether to accept

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the nomination for Attorney-General or insist upon being named for Lieutenant-Governor. The northwest and southwest, is insisting upon its slate which carries C. E. Cook, of Jefferson, for Lieutenant-Governor, and may win out.

**Asks for Time Three Times.** TACOMA, Wash., May 10.—(Special.)—Three times tonight Pierce County has asked for further time, and it has been granted. The King County steering committee, driven away from a McBride or Baker alliance, which might nominate either the present Governor or the Klickitat Senator, has been ready to close up the gubernatorial issue with Pierce since 11 o'clock, and has shown a preference for the nomination of B. D. Crocker, of Walla Walla, at present Collector of Internal Revenue, with headquarters at Tacoma. The nomination would, of course, be made with the understanding that he was to remain neutral in the Senatorial fight.

At a caucus of the Pierce County delegation held just before midnight tonight the steering committee reported the failure of King to agree upon Baker's nomination and the impossibility of the nomination of McBride or Collier. Cold water was thrown upon the Atkinson boom and the Pierce County leaders declared that Crocker, while eminently satisfactory to the Pierce County interests, would be a weaker gubernatorial nominee than other men under consideration.

The Pierce County steering committee completed its report with a flattering recommendation of A. E. Meade, of Bellingham, insisting that Meade would be strong before the people and that the interests of Senator Foster would be furthered by Meade's nomination. While no vote was taken on the proposal to stay with the Meade movement, the steering committee was encouraged to deal with Whattom.

**Remarks Caused Adjournment.** As an incident of the Pierce County meeting, R. W. Clark, ex-Commissioner of Public Works, attempted to broach the subject of the state platform, and would have suggested a plank indorsing the railroad commission idea, but the delegation adjourned promptly without giving Clark an opportunity to present his plea.

The Pierce County steering committee called another caucus for 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, which was prevented by the further caucusing of the steering committee with other delegations. In the meantime, representatives of the southwest and northwest combined called upon King County and presented the slate which the two sections of the state had agreed upon. The two combines claimed a voting strength of 175, or as much as the combined strength of Pierce and King. An alliance of the four interests, it was shown, would nominate a ticket.

The King County steering committee indorsed the slate of the two combinations, and later Pierce, too, approved.

**Baker Boom Squelched.** For a time during the afternoon it looked as though the nomination of State Senator G. H. Baker, of Klickitat County, could not be prevented. The holdover Senators and those who have been renomi-

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## RUMOR OF FIGHT

### Russians Overtaken at Mao Tien Ling Pass.

### LOSS IS SAID TO BE HEAVY

### General Zassalitch Among Those Reported Killed.

### JAPANESE ARE PRESSING ON

Liao Yang is Their Objective Point and the Army is Advancing in Three Divisions—Rumor of Another Victory.

TOKIO, May 11, noon.—Admiral Togo reports that since the 6th of May many explosions have been heard coming from the vicinity of Port Arthur, but their cause has not been ascertained. The impression here is that the Russians, despairing of their ability to defend Port Arthur, are destroying their ships before evacuating the place.

PARIS, May 11.—The Matin's St. Petersburg correspondent says it is persistently rumored that there has been a big fight near Mao Tien Ling Pass between the Russians and General Kuroki's army. The Russians, he says, lost heavily, Lieutenant-General Zassalitch being among the killed.

(It was announced in these dispatches several days ago that the next great battle was expected at Mao Tien Ling Pass, to which the Russians retreated after the battle on the Yalu River.)

### ADVANCING IN THREE DIVISIONS

Japanese Propose to Come Up in the Rear of Liao Yang.

LONDON, May 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post, under date of May 10, says the Japanese army is advancing in three divisions, the first from Feng Wang Cheng toward Liao Yang, the second from Polandien and Chuchon to Yung Yao Cheng, and the third from Sullen Dyng to Kullensin, with the object of severing communication with the rear of Liao Yang, where

the preparations for defense are small. Spencer Wilkinson, in an article in the Morning Post, thinks there is no inherent probability in the foregoing suggestion. Two armies are advancing against General Kuroki, from Feng Wang Cheng and from Port Arthur, via Kaiping, and the third to Kuroki's right, with a view of turning the Russian left, but Mr. Wilkinson adds, it is impossible to say whether the Shanghai dispatch is based on guess work or on authentic information.

### ANOTHER JAPANESE VICTORY.

Second Army is Reported to Have Met Enemy Near Wafungtien. LONDON, May 11.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Shan Hai Kwan, under date of May 10, says the Japanese first army from the Yalu River already is threatening the Russian position at Hail-cheng. The second army, marching in three divisions in order to co-operate with General Kuroki, has defeated the Russians near Wafungtien with great loss, the correspondent says. He adds that the Japanese artillery was splendidly handled. The Daily Chronicle notes that there are two Wafungtiens, one on the railroad north of Port Arthur, 20 miles from Pitsewo, and the other 40 miles west of Kalping, on the road to Feng Wang Cheng.

### Report of Battle Near Liao Yang.

SHAN HAI KWAN, May 10.—It is reported that the first Japanese corps, having followed the Russians retreating from the Yalu River, overtook them 20 miles south of Liao Yang yesterday and a severe engagement ensued. The Japanese dragged their guns up hills believed to be unsurmountable. The Russians thereupon continued to retreat north. A division of the first corps is approaching Niuchwang, which is now garrisoned by a handful of Russians.

### SAYS TRANSPORTS WERE SUNK

Russian Official Declares the Port Arthur Fleet Went Out. PARIS, May 11.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Matin, a high official of the naval general staff, declares that the entrance to Port Arthur is still free, and that the squadron went out on May 9 as far as Pitsewo, where the torpedo-boats sank a number of Japanese transports.

### Japan Buying Submarine-Boats.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 10.—From a reliable source comes the information that a contract has been awarded the Newport News Shipbuilding Company for the construction of four submarine boats destined for service with the Japanese navy in the war in the Far East. Shipyard officials here refuse to confirm or deny the report, but it is believed here that the yard has been rushing work on warships contracted for in an indirect way for the Mikado's Government for some time past.

### Steamers Not Allowed to Sail.

SEOUL, Coren, April 30.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The Japanese authorities peremptorily refused to permit steamers to sail from Chemulpo for Chinnampo or to leave that port.

## THEIR AIM TRUE

### Two Hundred Tibetans Are Killed.

### PURSUED AFTER BATTLE

### Younghusband, However, is Still Cornered at Gyantse.

### SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE

Enemy Has Already Once Gained the Wall and the Sick Soldiers Have to Turn Out to Save the Post.

SPECIAL CABLE. GYANTSE, Tibet, May 10.—This place is still closely invested by the Tibetans, who are posted in the large farm-houses and in the native quarters outside the walls of the post.

The mounted infantry, which pursued the Tibetan column routed by Colonel Brander's troops on May 6, returned to camp at Kirola Sunday, and reported that they had killed 250 Tibetans who were retreating after the battle.

Superior arms and ammunition manufactured at L'Hassa are being used by the Tibetans. Their rifles, which are made from a British model, while rough, are extremely serviceable, and have a range of 1000 yards.

A small party which returned to Gyantse from Karola reports the country tranquil, and the natives friendly. The latter are plowing and getting their Spring crops in readiness.

The situation here is serious, but Colonel Younghusband and his officers and men are in excellent health and spirits. The first attack on the garrison, which was in the nature of a complete surprise, came very near being successful, the Tibetans actually gaining the compound walls. Their showing, however, betrayed their intention at the critical moment, and the defenders were able to gain their points and pour in a hot fire. The sick in the hospitals joined with the well soldiers and the little force was able to hold its position, and even to pursue the Tibetans as far as the nearest houses.

The Tibetans have strongly fortified the native settlement of Jolg, which commands Gyantse, and open fire without warning on any one approaching within range of their fire. They have also mounted some small cannon, with which they occasionally bombard the British position. Another force of the enemy is entrenched in a massive monastery near the road, and this is fortified. Many persons of importance arrive from time to time from L'Hassa, and confer with the native officers at Jolg, while native recruits from the Buddhist monastery are constantly augmenting the ranks of the enemy.

The grave feature of the trouble is the killing of four servants in the home of Captain Parr, of the mission, by Tibetans who entered the house through a window, and the killing of four other servants who were captured during the first attack.

General Ma, the Chinese commander, who was in conference with Colonel Brander, concealed the plot against the British commissioner, and this fact has caused resentment on the part of the British. The British mission is in danger, as the Tibetans who are armed and equipped will do all in their power to wipe out the column. General McDonald is still at Chumbi, and no orders have been received from him. Colonel Brander is expected to return here and clear out the Tibetans from Jolg. His victory at Karola will probably have a good effect in aiding ultimate British success.

### LIVE WIRE STRIKES DEATH.

### Conductor Fred Olson Receives a Shock That Proves Fatal.

Fred Olson, a street-car conductor in the employ of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company, received an electric shock from a live wire at a point on the Oregon City line near Milwaukie, at 12:45 this morning, and died before he could be brought to this city for medical attention.

Olson was in charge of a train loaded with excursionists returning from a dance at Canemah Park.

He was on the trailer, when the trolley slipped off and the cars stopped. It was then seen that a live wire had fallen on the track. In company with the other conductor and the motorman, Olson went back to clear the track. He took hold of the wires in such a way as to receive the full current, and received a powerful shock. He was placed on the forward car and hurried to Portland. An ambulance was telephoned to, which met the car upon its arrival, but before the drive to St. Vincent's Hospital could be made the injured man died, in spite of all efforts to save his life.

Olson was 35 years of age, and had been in the employ of the company several years. He was one of the most trusted conductors in the service and a man of excellent reputation. He resided at Milwaukie.

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