

WAY NEARLY CLEAR

House Committee Favors the Klamath Irrigation.

REPORTS SUBSTITUTE BILL

Power Given Interior Department to Dispose of Land Reclaimed Under Law—Mondell Agrees to Support New Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 30.—Apparently the way is clearing for the passage of the Senate bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior, in carrying out the Klamath irrigation project, to lease the lands of Little Klamath, Tule and Goose lakes. The House committee on irrigation today reported a substitute for the bill recently passed by the Senate, which contains its essential features. The new bill, however, goes further and allows the Secretary of the Interior to dispose of any lands which may come into the possession of the United States under the terms of the National reclamation act. Chairman Mondell, who was opposed to the original bill, and had announced his intention to fight it in the floor of the House, has promised to support the bill reported today. With his aid it is believed the pending bill can be passed.

TWO JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

House Passes Bill Dividing Washington—Foster Withdraws Opposition.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 30.—Just before the House adjourned tonight Representative Jones called up and passed the bill dividing the State of Washington into east-west judicial districts, the summit of the Cascade Mountains to divide the two districts. This bill was favorably reported by the Judiciary committee last session, but an action was secured because of a division of sentiment on the delegation, Cushman favoring a division into northern and southern districts and Humphrey wanting Northwestern Washington made a single district. Jones called up his bill today on advice from Senator Foster. A few days before his defeat Foster made a deal with the Eastern Washington delegation whereby he would consent to the passage of Jones' bill, and would give up advocacy of his own bill, identical with Cushman's. Since his defeat he has telegraphed Jones that he would live up to that agreement, and intended, if Jones could get the bill through the House, to push it through the Senate.

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Plain Answer to Charges Made by Russia.

AS TO CHINESE NEUTRALITY

Every Point in Russian Note to Powers is Answered and Retort is Made Citing Many Violations by Russia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The Japanese government has made verbal denial to the State Department here, and it is understood that other governments of the country feel bound to repel the charges. These are taken up serially, beginning with the Ryehshitei incident, which was the first declared by Japan of just and inevitable measures of self-defense made necessary by Russia's violation of the neutrality of China. The charges that Chinese brigades were commanded by Japanese officers and enrolled in their army, and that Japanese military instructors were with the Chinese soldiers on the border, is declared to be without any foundation whatever, and Russia is challenged to produce any evidence in support of her charges. It is denied that Japan has used the Mikato Islands as a naval base, but it is declared that Russia has so used the islands and that a Japanese merchantman was in the island waters last March by a Russian man-of-war. The Japanese admit they have procured supplies from Chefoo, but insist that these came through private parties and that the transactions were legitimate, while Russia it is alleged, has fitted out and loaded a ship in Chinese waters in flagrant violation of Chinese neutrality. It is denied that pig iron was supplied to the Japanese army by the Chinese government shops at Hangchow and that the Chinese had a legitimate transaction between individuals. Respecting the charge that China is seriously preparing to engage in the war, the note says: "It is difficult to imagine how it would be possible to frame charges more malicious or more remote from actual facts than these. That the Chinese are making preparations of this kind is entirely denied. There is no anti-foreign movement in China. From the beginning Japan has urged China to maintain neutrality and protect foreigners. It is abundantly clear that the Chinese government in formulating baseless accusations was to relieve themselves of an engagement, terms of which, with the progress of the war, no longer inured mainly to their advantage."

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Clearance Sale of Curtains

Stock taking brought to notice many broken lines of Curtains, Portieres, Couch Covers and Tapestry and Drapery Fabrics. These must be sold at once for we need the room they occupy.

Lace Curtains in Two or Three Pair Lots. Almost two thousand pairs of Curtains—one, two or three pair of a kind—to be sold at a sacrifice this week. Never before have we been in a position to offer such remarkable values. Priced at 85c, \$1.05, \$1.15, \$1.35, \$1.45, \$1.65, \$1.98, \$2.38, \$3.98, \$4.38, \$5.48 and up to \$20.00.

These Are Very Special. 80c to \$1.00 Fancy Curtain Sets... 45c. 25c English Cretonnes, special... 12c. 90c-\$1.10 English Cretonnes, special... 75c. 85c Upholstering Corduroy, special... 50c.

Portieres and Couch Covers. Odd pairs of Portieres, odd Couch Covers, in a wide assortment of Oriental and conventional designs, rich color effects, to be sold at a great sacrifice of price.

\$6.50 All-wool White Blankets at \$5.00. One hundred pair of them—wouldn't have them if we'd had a real Winter—which we must sell. Full double-bed size, made of pure Oregon wools; pink and blue borders—a magnificent value.

Some Interesting Millinery News

The volume of millinery business we did in January is unprecedented in the store's history. The reason is very simple—We had the sorts of hats people wanted—Hats made of light-weight materials like chiffon, lace, taffeta and China silk in new and exclusive shapes, foremost of which is the famous "Charlotte Corday." All are marked at special sale prices \$3.50, \$4.50 and up to \$8.00. Ready-to-wear, Untrimmed and Trimmed Styles.

Dress Goods Clearance

Never were better opportunities for buying away below value offered in such profusion as are obtainable here right now. Broken lines, odd lots, remnants, etc., one sale at very low prices.

Remnants for Little. Thousands of remnants of Black and Colored Dress Goods—all lengths from one to ten yards. This season's most wanted fabrics and colorings included—even shades and street shades. Tailor Suitings, Waistings and Skirt Materials—all on sale at prices which are much lower than ever before known in Portland.

\$2.00 Tailor Cloths 98c. Medium and heavyweight materials for Walking Skirts, Coats and Suits—54 to 58 inches—All colors and weaves. \$1.50 to \$2.00 values at... 98c.

\$1 Black Canvas Cloth 79c. All-wool black canvas cloths with a mohair finish, which will shed dust, 50-in. wide; \$1.00 values at... 79c.

50c Black Dress Goods 39c. All-wool black serge and chevrons—Good weight and color, 42-in.—50c values at... 39c.

\$2 Black Dress Goods \$1.10. Silk and wool Jacquard novelties—42-in., small figures and color, 42-in.—50c values at... 110c.

\$1 Colored Dress Goods 49c. Broken lines of Scotch Mixtures, Zibellines, plaids, hosiery, novelties, all colors, 72c to \$1.00 values at... 49c.

\$2.50 Silk and Wool Fabrics \$1.23. 24-in. for Spring wear; Etonettes, crepe de Chine, all colors, needed creases—All the fashionable shades—\$1.50 to \$2.50 values at... \$1.23.