CLEARING WAY FOR IRRIGATION

C. E. S. Wood Confers With Officials on Malheur Project.

FIND OUT POINTS AT ISSUE

Wagon Road Co. Wants Cheaper Land Excluded and Asks Prosection From Competition. Settlers Offer to Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 17 .- As the result of a conference held today between C. E. S. Wood, of Portland, representing the owners of the wagonroad lands in Malheur County, and officials of the Reclamation Service, further steps will be taken to bring about an adjustment of the differences between these two interests, which may result in ultimately insuring the construction of the Malneur irrigation project. There was no agreement today, there was no definite promise of one, but the conference brought to light the fact that much of the past disagreement between the Government and the wagon-road people has been Jue to a misunderstanding. Now that the situation is cleared up and each side understands what the other is contending for, further effort will be made to bring about a settlement of

After his conference today, Mr. Wood stated that there are but two points on which the wagon-road owners and the Reclamation Service disagree. One is as to the amount of under the project and should help to which the road-land owners should have in which to sell such of their lands as may be brought under irrigation. All other points at issue have him been sutisfactorily adjusted, and no longer enter into the dispute.

Where Two Parties Differ.

Before leaving the Reclamation Office, Mr. Wood drew up a brief statement of the case as he understood it, and his statement was accepted by the Reclamation officials as properly setstatement was as follows:

The Reclamation Service demands an acre. The land grant owners de- careful consideration. mand that they themselves shall decide what land is competent to bear this lien, promising to include every acre which they deem capable of susretary of the Interior without restric- lectures are intended a

The Government asserts that there are about 25,000 acres of road lands which should be listed and which can bear a Hen of \$42. The land-grant owners do not yet know whether this is so, but doubt if they have more tiann 15,000 acres of this high-grade land. The failure of any considerable body of road land now included by the Government experts (and estimated at lington, Aug. 17 .- The Secretary of the In-13,000 acres) to come in would result in the fallure of the plan, as the acrelien would have to be again raised higher than \$42 per acre and that is a project consisting of 62.5 miles of the not deemed feasible. Even if the road company acceded to every demand of the Government it is not certain that the plan could be carried out, for the following reasons:

It is not settled what could be done side the wagon-road land will come in at \$42 per acre. It is not settled what can which is now sought by the Hammond

Government Was Misled.

Speaking for his clients, Mr. Wood said that the wagon road company was as anxious as anybody to see Eastern Oregon developed, and wanted the Malheur project constructed. He emphatically denied that the road landowners were delaying the project in any way. He said he had submitted his proposal to the Reclamation Service in May and never since then had he heard from it as to whether not the terms were satisfactory, in fact he had had no communication with it whatever. This statement conflicts with information recently communicated to Reclamation headquarters in this city. The Recipmation Office had been led to believe by official correspondence that Supervising Engineer D. C. Henney at Portland had been repeatedly conferring with Mr. Wood, for he lately reported that he had abandoned hope of reaching an agreement as "Wood was obstinate." Mr. Wood says Mr. Henney has not been to see him, has not ever responded to his proposition of last May and has made no attempt, so far as he knows to reach an understanding with him. If Mr. Wood's statements are correct, Mr. Henney has misled the Reclamation Office and the recent charge which this office made against the wagon road

owners is due to that misunderstanding. Will List Wagon-Road Land.

Before leaving for New York tonight to confer with the wagon-road owners, Mr. Wood said that, when he reaches Portland, he will send men onto the wagon-road lands to ascertain exactly what tracts can stand a lien of \$42 an acre. With that information he is willing to meet the Government engineers and, if their lists agree, he stands ready to pledge that land to the Malheur project. But in case his list shows an acre-

age materially smaller than the list made by the Government experts, he will insist that the landowners shall say what acreage shall be brought under the project and what shall not. The Recisma-tion Service told Mr. Wood today that it wanted him to agree to subscribe 'every acre of irrigable land," but this he will not do for he says considerable road land is not of such a character as to stand this high price and he is unwilling and the landowners are unwilliing that they would be obliged in time to mortgage and eventually lost their nomes because they would be unable to meet their payments. Mr. Wood says he and his clients as well as the Government are looking to the interest of the settlers and he will never subscribe lands which he knows can't stand \$42 per acre

He furthermore insists that in view of the large amount of Government land under the Malheur project which can be obtained without cost and in view of the great acreage adjoining in Idaho. which the Government will irrigate for about \$25 an acre, it is unfair to compel the wagon-road landowners to sell their lands before water is turned on. He says they cannot meet such competition, will insist upon having one year after the project is completed in which to make sales and will hold out for an upset price of \$3 an acre on all lands not sold within that year. The Reclamation Service will probably be willing to yield on this latter point as to the upset price, but to not ready to yield on the other contentions.

Early Adjustment Likely.

Neither Mr. Wood nor the reclamation officials look forward to an immediate adjustment of their difference on the two great questions at issue for neither sidis now willing to make concessions. Mr. Wood has hopes that, under pressure from Oregon, the Reclamation Service will eventually accept the terms of the road landowners, especially after he has full data and can submit a detailed statement as to the lands he is willing to sub

The statement is made at the Reclama. mation Offices that, while it is true that landowners are waiting for an adjustment with the wagon road people, settlers have informed the Government that there is no use in eigning for their lands while this other question remains open. To meet this, Mr. Wood says that, even if the company should today accept the Government's terms, the Reclamation Service would not be able to commence construcwagor-road land that shall be brought tion of the project, that there are many questions yet to be worked out, many bear the expense of its construction; other lands to be signed for and rights the other is as to the length of time of way to be acquired before work can commence. He thinks the Government might well pursue other operations while it is endeavoring to come to terms with

Citizens Have New Plan.

Mr. Wood today left with the Secretary of the Interior a petition from citizens of Malheur County asking that the Government take up and build the reservoirs of the Malheur project, leaving the landowners to build all the canals. They think this will cheapen irrigation. In their petition the landowners express fear that ting forth the facts. In substance, the much land of Malheur Valley will not be able to stand a lien of \$42 an acre and they are willing to undertake all canal con that all wagon-road lands which the struction because they know it will mate Government soil experts select shall rially reduce the cost of setting water be listed as subject to a lien of \$42 onto the land. Their appeal will have

Lectures on Forestry at Fair.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU Wash. ington, Aug. 17 .- A course of illustrated taining this price for water. The Gov- lectures is about to begin as part of the ernment demands that all road lands educational work of the Porest Service, not sold at the time water is ready to undertaken in connection with its exhibits be turned on shall be sold by the Sec- at the Lewis and Clark Exposition. These tion. The landowners fear the com- fore people in a simple and effective manpetion of the Government and other her the scopp and character of the work cheaper lands, and require one year carried on by the Forest Service. Particuafter water is turned on in which to lar attention will be given to the co-oper dispose of their trrigated lands, fur- ative aspect of this work by which interther insisting that no lands sold by ested landowners, whose aims will serve the Secretary after the one-year period as broad examples for the benefit of all, shall be disposed of for less than \$3 may join forces with the Forest Service. The results achieved in this way furnish invaluable object lessons in forestry. The Pacific Railway was found lying at the lectures, which will be fully Illustrated by lantern slides, will be given several times each week in one of the lecture-rooms provided for this purpose in the Government building.

> Contract for Minidoka Canals. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washterior today issued the contract and approved the bond of Monarch & Porter, of Des Moines, Ia., for the construction of laterals and branches of the Minidoka irrigation project, ladho. The bid of the successful contractors was \$194,623.

Supervisors for New Reserve. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash. with private water rights. It is not set- ington, Aug. 17.-Porest supervisors' extied how much of the private land out- aminations will be held under the direction of the Civil Service Commission, commencing about October 5, and lasting be done in condemning the reservoir site | throughout the month in several Western States, in order to secure suitable men for taking charge of such of the forest reserves as are not yet under administra-tion, including the reserves recently created in Idaho. These examinations will in clude both a written test and a field test and will be conducted by officers of the Forest Reserve now stationed in the West.

STRIKE FOR EIGHT HOURS

Printers' Committee Favors Renewing Struggle Next New Year.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 17.-The conven tion of the International Typographical Union decided today to meet in Colorado

Springs next year. At the afternoon session the eight-hour committee presented its report which inderses the eight-hour campaign now be-ing waged and recommends a strike on January I, 1996, against employers who do not accept the new hours laid down by the union. Samuel Gempers in his ad-dress commended the stand the union has taken on the eight-hour fight.

Bridgeworkers on Strike.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.-In accordance with the orders of the general executive board of the International Association of Structural Ironworkers for a national strike against the American Bridge Company, several strikes were called day on the company's contracts in this city. Secretary Green, of the local union. declared that the sirike will continue spread all over the country until a settle

Northwestern People at Chicago. CHICAGO, Aug. 17 .- (Special.) -- Oregonians registered today as follows: Auditorium-W. H. Ade, J. C. Webster,

Portland. Sherman House-M. C. Stewart, Oregon. Kaiserhof-W. L. Amea, J. B. Kiser, Ore-Great Northern-H. Tharper, Salem. Windsor-Clifton-S. D. Herbert, Oregon

BY BRIDGE BOTT

ing to sell such land to settlers, know- J. L. Anderson, of Kansas City, Is Foully Murdered at Bonneville.

FOUND IN POOL OF BLOOD

Assassin Evidently Crept Up Behind and Struck Fatal Blow-Motive for the Crime Is a Mystery.

BONNEVILLE, Or., Aug. 17 .- (Staff Coreepondence.)-While answering his aged mother's call to come home. J. L. Anderson, of 444 North Prospect street, Kansas City, Mo., was foully murdered near this place some time early this morning. The crime is remarkable for its cold-blooded ness and its mystifying features.

The body was found by C. A. Townsend of Portland, at 5 o'clock this afternoon, at a point 600 feet west of the Bonneville station and about 75 feet from the O. R. & N truck. Telegraphic advices brought Coroner Finley and Sheriff Word to the scene of the crime. The investigation tonight showed that Anderson met his death by repeated blows on the skull with a heavy bridge bolt, but falled to reveal the slightest clew to the murderer or to disclose a notive for the crime.

The body was found in the open in a slight depression, the battered head lying in a pool of blood, while near by lay the blood-clotted bar of iron with which the crime had been committed. A peculiar feature was the orderly condition of the oody and that the ground showed no signs of any struggle. The corpse lay stretched at full length, the feet together and the hands almost clasped across the breast.

Assallant Crept From Behind.

Every evidence indicated that the murfered man had been seated while his assallant crept up and struck him from behind. The skull was crushed apparently at the first blow. The fact that the motive of the crime was one other than robbery was evidenced by the condition of the clothing. No attempt, apparently, had been made to rifle the pockets, which con-

tained various papers and E in money. Papers found on the body show it o be that of J. L. Anderson, of Kansas City, Mo. He appeared to be about 22 years of age, although with the signs of having been tramping, was neatly dressed. A registered letter from his mother in Kansas City bore the marks of having been delivered to him at 249 Burnside street, Portland, Or., August 12. This letter, written with a mother's love, says:

Letter From His Mother.

Dear Son: I take pleasure in answering your kind and welcome letter and hope it will find you. We have written so many letters to you, but you don't stay in one place long enough to get them. I think the best thing is laid up and cannot work for some time.

He got one floger cut off and snother almost cut off, so I think you had better come as soon as you got this letter, for you know how

bell. at home.

If you were at home we could go fishing.

The river in full of fish this Summer. There will be good money the rest of the Summer.

Hoping to see you soon, good-bye. From Mother, Jos. Harry, Mack and Pearl. Another letter from Pearl Lovell urges that he should come home. A book of special rules of the Missouri

body's side. Finding of the Body.

The story of the finding of the body was told by Mr. Townsend before the Coroner's jury, which was empaneled tonight. Mr. Townsend is here with his wife on a vacation. He said:

"My wife and I were returning from the falls about 5 o'clock, when we saw what we thought was a tramp asleep, As we got nearer to him, however, we saw that his skull was crushed, presenting a ghastly sight. Near him was a big bridge bolt, covered with blood. He was lying just as the Coroner found him tonight, and I could see no signs of there having been any

struggle. No one has been found in this vicinity who had ever seen the murdered man before, nor has any stranger been seen here today. Coroner Finley, after examining the body, was of the opinion that death had occurred less than 15 hours hefore the discovery. With the entire absence of even the slightest clew. Sheriff Word finds himself completely baffled. It is his theory that the murderer was a traveling companion of Anderson, probably leaving Portland with him. He said:

Sheriff Reviews the Situation.

"The motive for the crime is obscure, and whether it was for robbery or revenge cannot be told. The man may have had a watch, and this may have been taken, while the \$2 were overtooked. Still, the nockets do not look as if they had been gone through, and the clothing was in no way disarranged. The crime was committed stealthily, and it seems doubtful if any clew to the murderes will ever be "Our only chance for a clew is through

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GRAND ORGAN RECITAL

This Evening's Soloist at the Clarence Eddy Opening Concert at Trinity.



MRS. ANNA SELKIER NORTON.

One of Portland's foremost soloists will sing at the inaugural organ recital to be given this evening at Trinity Church by Mr. Clarence Eddy. Mrs. Norton possesses a wonderfully rich contrails voice and a most winning personality. Her selections for this evening include the magnificent number from "The Messiah," "He Was Despised.

Anderson's last boarding place in Port land, the address at which he received the letter. No doubt after the crime the murderer caught some train out of here. The appearance of the body would almost indicate that after being murdered the man was laid out and even the cap placed over his face. The murder was most cold-blooded.

Verdict of the Jury.

The jury empanelled by Coroner Finley returned a verdict as follows: We, the jury, find from all appearances that the deceased, supposed to be J. L. Anderson, of Kansas Clty, Mo., came to his death by being besten over the head, crushing his skull with a bridge bolt, in the hands of some one unknown to the jury.

W. WANT. W. R. ROBINSON.
G. R. STEEL.
D. CORCORAN.
H. HENN.
JAMES P. RINTOUL.
J. P. FINLEY, Coroner LW

Late tonight Coroner Finley wired the nother of Anderson of the death, and asking instructions for the disposition of the body. Pending an answer, the body will be taken to Portland on the morning J. P. R.

J. L. Anderson was in Portland two weeks or more and was employed for a few days previous to August 12 at Erickson's place on Burnside street. The letter received on the above date was delivered to the address of the Canadian Employment Arency at 10 Burnaide street and was receipted for by E. P. that the letter contained the wherewith for his return to Kansus City. Mr. Mc. Croskey did not understand from the language of the young man whether it was cash or a ticket that was enclosed. hard it is to get along, and you want to stay out of trouble, for we could do nothing for you being so far away. It is not like you wages from Erickson when he quit with announced purpose of returning to Kansas City.

Negroes in Business Increase.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 .- W. I. Graham of Hichmond, Va., and John W. Wright, of Topeka, Kan., discussed "Some Benefits of Fraternal and Industrial Insurance" at the convention of the Negro Business League today. D. Macon Webster, of Brooklyn, said the business occurations in which percess were conventioned. pations in which negroes were engaged in this city had increased from six in 1870 to 51 in 1905. "The Improvidence of the Negro and How to Meet It" was the subject of a paper by Rev. D. Matthew Anderson, of Philadelphia.

Convention Elects Officers.

LEAD, S. D., Aug. 17 -At the afternoon sioners' Association, held here, the election of officers resulted: Dr. W. G. Smith, South Dakota, president, by unanimous choice; Joseph Rice, Missouri, first vice-president; E. A. Mosley, Washing-ton, secretary, and M. W. Decker, Wash-

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Walking Skirts at \$3.95

Plaited Sicilian Walking Skirts, made in newest gored shapes with 50 side-plaits and graduated stitching at top of skirt, all seams bound and hemmed around bottom; in black and navy; regular price, \$7.50, \$6.50 and \$6.00, for this sale

Lingerie Waists at \$3.45

Women's fine white Lingerie Waists, made of extra-quality mull, India linen and finest sheer lawn; some lace, some embroidery trimmed; all new waists; just the kind of a waist you will want for evening wear this Fall; regular prices, \$8.50 to \$6.50; for this sale \$3.45

85c Gloves 49c \$.1.75 Shirtwaists Women's one pearl-clasp English 69c

Lisle Gloves; Paris point embroidery, in tan, mode, gray, The balance of our cotton Shirtwaists, navy and brown; all sizes; regular 85c, for this sale 49¢ 75c Gloves 39c Women's two-clasp Net-Back Gloves; lisle palm, in mode,

all this season's newest up-to-date styles: some of white lawn hemstitched, some embroidery trimmed, also white, tan and navy lawn, with small figures and dots; full new leg-o'-mutton sleeves; a large variety, only a few of each style; regular price up to \$1.75, for this69¢



25c Silk Ribbons 15c 50c Embroidery 17c 5000 yards all-silk extra-quality Messaline Rib-

5000 yards Nainsook Embroidery, 3 to 9 inches wide, in the very latest patterns; values up to

brown and tan; all sizes; reg-

ular price 75c, for this sale 39¢

20c Embroidery 5c

7000 yards Nainsook Embroidery Edges and Insertion, 11/2 to 5 inches wide, all new goods; values up to 20c, for this sale 5¢

15c Handkerchiefs 10c

bon, 5 inches, in black, white and all colors, for

erush belts, neck bows, etc.; regular price

Women's all-pure linen hemstitched unlaundered hand-embroidered initial Handkerchiefs; regular value 15e; for this sale 10¢



Great Towel Bargains 15c Towels 12c 25c Towels 19c

Bleached Hemmed Huck Towels, 18 inches wide, 36 inches long; regular 15c, for this12¢

Bleached Hemmed, Huck, all-Linen Towels, 19-inches wide, 37 inches long; regular 35e, for this sale 25e

30c Towels 21c 35c Towels 25c

els, extra heavy, 21 inches wide, 19 inches wide, 38 inches wide, 46 inches long; regular 35c, for this ular 30c, for this sale 21¢

Bleached Hemmed Huck Towels, 20 inches wide, 38 inches long; regular 25c, for this

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inches long; regular 30c, for this sale21¢

Bleached Hemstitched Huck

Towels, 21 inches wide, 40

Bleached Turkish Bath Tow- Bleached Scallop Huck Towlong; regular 35e, for this

SIONER'S SAVAGE ATTACK.

Says High Railroad Official Swore to Conflicting Statements-Uniform Taxes on Railroads.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Aug. 17.-At the onvention today of the National Railway from Florida, created a sensation when he openly denounced Walker D. Hines, give any credit to statements made by geant on the police to ex-assistant general counsel and now first. Hines before the committee of Congress.

vice-president of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad as a liar and perjurer. He said Hines made a sworn statement of the valuation of the property of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to the Controller of the State of Florida for FLORIDA RAILROAD COMMIS- | the purpose of taxation for the year ending June 30, 1902. He says he later made another sworn statement to the Commissioners of Florida on the value of the property for the same year for rate-making purposes, which was much greater. Later he says Hines made another sworn statement of the value of the prop-erty of the same year, when applying for a temporary injunction in the United States District Court to enjoin the Com-mission from enforcing a reduction in passenger rates, which was double the statement made to the Commissioners or to the Controller. Burr asked the Na-tional Railroad Commissioners to not

Benjamin F. Chadbourne, Railroad Commissioner of Maine, made a heated reply o the charges.

Discussions of the questions of railway

taxation in various states aroused the greatest interest thus far manifested. hurles T. Staples of Minnesota sented a report which showed that the valuation per mile of railroads on which taxes were levied varies in different states from \$N in South Dakota to \$1265 in Massachusetts, and that there are over a half dozen methods of arriving at a basis of taxation in the various

states.

The convention decided that uniform taxation of railways in all states was so important that the matter should be handed over to the committee on railroad taxes for the ensuing year with

Miss Nettle Payne, of Butler, Pa., is ser-geant on the police force and is on duty from

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do seeing them.