

IRRIGATION FUND WILL BE DIVIDED

Seven Millions to Be Apportioned for Federal Reclamation Projects.

ENGINEERS TO MEET HERE

Ballinger Returns From Eastern Oregon and Will Confer Next Week With Representatives of Sixteen States.

Supervising engineers for the six districts, representing the entire reclamation field in the United States, and including 16 states and territories, will confer with Secretary of the Interior Ballinger in this city next Monday.

Secretary Ballinger returned last night from Eastern Oregon and Idaho, where he has been inspecting various projects being undertaken by the Government.

After spending a few hours in Portland, Secretary Ballinger left at midnight for Seattle. He will return to this city for the conference next Monday when he and his associates will be guests at a luncheon at the Commercial Club.

F. H. Newell, director of the reclamation service, is expected to arrive tomorrow and will participate in the conference Monday as well as D. C. Henry, consulting engineer. The six supervising engineers and the territory they represent, who will meet with Secretary Ballinger Monday, are: E. G. Hopsen, of the Pacific division, embracing Northern California, Oregon and Nevada; C. H. Swiggart, Washington division, consisting of the State of Washington; F. E. Weymouth, of the Idaho division, consisting of the State of Idaho; H. N. Savase, of the Northern division, embracing Montana, North Dakota and Northern Wyoming; L. C. Hill, of the Southern division, embracing Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Southern California; and I. W. McConnell, of the Central division, embracing Colorado and Nebraska and a portion of Wyoming.

The policy of the Government is averse to installing additional projects until those already started are made self-supporting. It is for that reason that Consulting Engineer Henry and Supervising Engineer Hopsen are hopeful of securing a substantial appropriation for the support of expansion of important projects already launched in this state.

"I am making a thorough examination of the various reclamation projects and acquainting myself with the actual condition of the same," said Secretary Ballinger last night. "When I have completed my inspection tour I expect to be in a position intelligently to look after the interest of all parties concerned in these projects. I am not ready, however, at this time to discuss my observations or what action I shall recommend. I shall obtain further information regarding the different projects which are being developed, from the supervising engineers with whom I shall hold a conference in Portland next Monday.

"During the last ten days I have visited and inspected four of the principal projects in Oregon and Washington. Accompanied by Engineer Davis, I spent two days looking over the project at Hermiston. About the same time, I spent a day devoted to an inquiry into the proposed reclamation of an extensive tract in the vicinity of Vale and Ontario in Malheur County. Finally, tonight, I spent some time investigating the Fayette-Botse project at Nampa, as well as the Mindoka project.

"I am acquiring a great deal of valuable information which I know will be useful to me in treating with the reclamation work which is of such vast importance to the West."

LAND SERVICE IS IMPROVED

Dennett Is Satisfied by Trip of Inspection in West.

"An inspection of the operations of the various field divisions of the General Land Office on the Pacific Coast is the object of the trip," said Fred Dennett, Commissioner of the General Office, who arrived in Portland yesterday and is registered at the Hotel Oregon. Commissioner Dennett expects to leave tonight for San Francisco where he will continue his inspection. He goes thence to Salt Lake and other points farther east, expecting to reach Washington about August 26.

Through the expenditure of the special appropriation of \$1,000,000 provided by Congress a year ago, Mr. Dennett reports it has been possible greatly to relieve the congested condition he found in the Land Office when he assumed charge.

"This money was made available for the employment of additional special agents in conducting further land investigations and I am entirely satisfied with the results already accomplished," he said. "There is no question but that the work of these special agents is serving materially to improve the public land service."

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WEATHER PERKS UP A BIT

Mercury Reaches 80 Degrees for Sixth Time During July.

Well, the weather—no anybody with half an eye must have observed—came out of its flighty mood yesterday and looked pleasant long enough to give us a touch of real Summer warmth. During the latter part of the afternoon the sun actually worked up such a perspiration that the mercury, which had been kept jammed down rather low during most of this most extraordinary of July months, picked up spirit enough to crawl up to 80 degrees. It stayed there two hours, at 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock P. M. The temperature it has reached only five times before since the first of the month.

Anyway, the change was most appreciated about town. Those who haven't already banded their families away to the seashore began to talk of doing so after they assured themselves the thermometer was not trying to palm off any kind of a nature fake on them. Here are the hourly temperatures for the day as they were registered at the office of District Weather Forecaster Beals:

Hourly temperature table with columns for Hour, Deg., and Hour.

Miss Shaw and White Ribbons.

PORTLAND, July 28.—(To the Editor.)—Will you allow me to say, in reply to a report to the contrary in The Oregonian, that Anna Shaw did not wear the "white ribbon" at the late National Woman Suffrage convention in Seattle, as alleged, nor did she advocate prohibition, as our entire Oregon delegation can testify.

Milwaukie Push Club.

MILWAUKIE, July 28.—(Special.)—At the meeting of citizens of Milwaukie in the City Hall last night a live Push Club was organized. C. C. Chapman, of Portland, and others were present and delivered stirring talks, setting forth the benefits to be derived from concerted effort of the people. Captain J. P. Shaw was elected temporary president, and W. P. Edwards, temporary secretary. G. Kelly, W. F. Lehman, J. R. Kelso, A. L. Beletad, and Dr. Townley were appointed a committee to draft a constitution, and report at a meeting to be held August 2.

Did You Start Yesterday

to read the want pages of The Oregonian? If not, you are only one day late, so begin now and keep posted on the thousand and one things that are going on around you every day.

There are many things on these pages to interest you, so you should take advantage of them.

PARK SITES VIEWED

Mayor and Party Make Trip Through Sellwood District.

INSPECT SEVERAL TRACTS

Prices Asked Declared Too High in Most Instances, Says Mr. Simon.

Harriman May Donate 160 Acres to City.

"MR. DOOLEY'S" RICH HUMOR

Fresh Comment on the News From Washington in The Sunday Oregonian.

Here are a few extracts from "Mr. Dooley's" letter, touching National questions, to be published in The Sunday Oregonian.

Wanst more th' j'ints iv fi-nance are at th' hellum iv th' ship iv state where they belong, instead iv chasin' around in a cab f'r bondsmen.

Before permittin' th' sinit to convene this mornin', Sinitor Aldrich passed on at laste a hundred applications f'r office, received th' diplomatic corps and issued a number iv important ordhers to th' navy.

On his desk was a bunch iv f'rget-me-nots bearin' a card marked "W. H. T." which th' Sinitor said came fr'm an unknown admirer.

Sinitor Aldrich is wan iv th' most popular rulers th' republic has iver had. He says nawthin'. After revisin' th' prayer, he seats himsilf among th' others an' a stranger wud hardly be able to pick him out.

Th' ixicutive mansion no longer resounds with shrieks iv pain. No longer is th' passer by startled be cries iv: "Ye will, will ye" an' "Let me up, me back is broke."

Willum doesn't veto a bill before it is passed. Tiddy used to veto it while the Sinitor was thinkin' whether he ought to intrajoerce it or not.

made a trip through Sellwood and adjacent districts on the East Side, in the interests of the park system. Several proposed sites were viewed, after which the party returned to the city, and will later consider what, if any, action is to be taken. It is doubtful if any one of the pieces of property seen will be purchased by the city, according to a statement from the Mayor yesterday afternoon. Other members of the Board were noncommittal.

"I am personally not in favor of buying the property of the streetcar company lying east of the Oaks," said the Mayor. "Aside from a pretty little knoll lying at the extreme north end of the ground already taken over by the city, I do not see that there is any need of more land there. This knoll is valued at about \$4400, and is but a little more than one-half acre. I regard this as too high, and am not in favor of buying it at that price, although I am relying upon the judgment of the members of the Board in all of these matters; they will consider the various propositions in due time and make their decision."

From the property just east of the Oaks, the Mayor and party went to view other smaller tracts, sought for parks by residents of the Seventh Ward. One of these is a plot of eight acres, at East Thirtieth and Holgate streets. Another is located near the Jesuit school, on East Forty-first street, north of the Powell Valley road, and a third, containing 20 acres, lies opposite the Clinton-Kelly school. It is now covered with garden truck. Superintendent Mische is enthusiastic over this property and is eager to secure it for a park. The Mayor, however, is opposed to purchasing any more large tracts, unless there is some special inducement, or some particular feature which makes of the property more than an ordinary attraction. He favors small breathing-spots, and wants to build the Terwilliger boulevard on the West Side, and improve the parks already bought.

Mayor Simon, Park Commissioners Wetherbee, Lang, Lewis and Clark, Park Superintendent Mische and President Josselyn, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, yesterday morning

before expending any more funds for park pieces. Mayor Simon and members of the Park Board are encouraged because of the attitude of General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman system, who has intimated that his company may donate a handsome park site to the city from property owned by it on the hill in South Portland. The company has 160 acres there, all beautiful ground.

The horses of the Sudan wear socks of camel's hair.

Advertisement for PUCK cigars. Includes text: "If the Box Isn't Green It Isn't a PUCK", "Did you ever see a 5c cigar ad that talked? They don't. Most 5c cigars can't be talked about.", "PUCK THE BETTER THAN 5¢ CIGAR WITH THE HAVANA TASTE", "is worth describing and stands it. No hot air smoke but a carefully blended aroma—an imported Sumatra wrapper and a well seasoned binder—with a long leaf filler free from fire checking stems. A narrow profit but wide sales.", "An imported shape that adds to the quality. A ripe smoke in a green box. Buy a box and keep them by.", "2 Shapes LONDRES CABELLERO".

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