

DIVISION OF SUM VEXING PROBLEM

Claims on Reclamation Fund
Are Double the Amount
Available.

CHIEFS MEET BALLINGER

Supervising Engineers and Sec-
retary Hold Preliminary Confer-
ence on Appointment — No
New Projects Encouraged.

An apportionment of the reclamation fund among the various Government irrigation projects for the year 1910 will not be determined until Secretary of the Interior Ballinger holds a further conference with the officials of the reclamation service, today. Mr. Ballinger yesterday held a preliminary conference with these officials at which were present the supervising engineers of the six divisions, into which the entire reclamation fund is divided. There is to be apportioned for these projects about \$11,000,000, but the demands for funds aggregate an amount fully double that available.

The conference, which was an executive one, was held in the offices of the reclamation service in the Beck building. There were present all of the directing and supervising officials of the service. In addition to Mr. Ballinger, they were: F. H. Newell, director; A. P. Davis, chief engineer; O. H. Ensign, chief electrical engineer; D. C. Henny, consulting engineer, and the following supervising engineers: F. E. Weymouth, Idaho division; J. W. McConnell, Central division; H. N. Savage, Northern division; C. H. Swigart, Washington division; L. C. Hill, Southern division; and E. G. Hopson, Pacific division. At this meeting each of the supervising engineers submitted an estimate of the money that he desired for the further development of the various projects in their districts during next year. These demands will be considered further at today's adjourned conference.

Conference Is Preliminary.

"Today's conference was only preliminary and there is nothing definite to announce regarding the probable apportionment of the reclamation fund, for the reason that final conclusions were not reached," said Mr. Ballinger last night. "The various supervising engineers presented their demands for funds with which to carry on the work undertaken by the Government, during the ensuing year. These requests will be considered further at another conference which will be held tomorrow. It will not be until after tomorrow's hearing that I will be able even roughly to determine how the funds available for this work shall be expended. It may be several days before I can announce officially just how the fund will be distributed."

"From the fact that the demands for money far exceed the amount of funds that will be available, I find it will be a difficult job to decide on any apportionment that will satisfy all. Oregon has not been receiving its share of the proceeds from the sale of public lands within its borders, as contemplated under the reclamation act. To see this state next year receive more nearly its share of this fund is another problem with which I am confronted, especially in view of the increased demands coming in from other sections of the reclamation field."

While Mr. Ballinger declined to discuss the probability of the Government taking up additional projects next year, he manifestly did not hold out much hope in that direction. The people of Malheur County are desirous of having the Government install a project for the reclamation about 200,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Vale and Ontario, and have sent a delegation to this city. They will be given a hearing before the Secretary some time today. When asked if the Government might respond to the request of the Malheur settlers, Mr. Ballinger said:

To Complete Present Projects.

"That project, among others, is still un-

der consideration, and I am not prepared to say just what will be done with it."

Replying to a question as to the policy of the Government respecting its reclamation service, Mr. Ballinger said the department is desirous of extending and completing projects already undertaken until they should become sufficiently self-sustaining to repay the Government the original cost of installing the service. Continuing, he said that of the 31 projects now maintained by the Government, only a very small number are completed. Considering the announced policy of the department, together with the scarcity of funds with which to meet the demands of the established service, it is not believed the prospects are bright for the inauguration of additional projects under Government direction during the coming year.

Representatives of the Portland Chamber of Commerce have arranged to meet Mr. Ballinger this afternoon and urge upon the Secretary the claims of Oregon to a more generous share of the reclamation fund than it has been receiving. In addition to William MacMaster, president of the Chamber, the delegation will include the members of the board of directors, and the members of the irrigation committee, of which F. S. Stanley is chairman.

"We are not going before Mr. Ballinger in the interest of any particular project in the state, but on a state-wide mission," said President MacMaster yesterday. "We desire to urge upon him the justness of the claim of Oregon that the full amount of money due this state from the sale of its public lands be apportioned to reclamation projects within the state as contemplated under the reclamation act. As an organization the Chamber of Commerce has no grievance, but there is a feeling in some sections of the state that in some cases, at least, irrigation projects which have been started by the Government, have been allowed to drag along with the result that they have not been altogether satisfactory to the settlers. We will ask that these uncompleted projects be finished just as soon as the application of available funds will enable."

Mr. Ballinger expects to conclude his conference in Portland late this afternoon and will return to Seattle tonight. On returning to the Sound the Secretary is scheduled to meet the representatives of the Indian service in the Pacific Northwest.

PROMISES MADE AT LUNCHEON

Secretary Ballinger Says He Will Do Things for Oregon.

Secretary Ballinger and the officials of the Reclamation Service were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Portland Commercial Club. In an address following the luncheon, Mr. Ballinger discussed briefly the importance of the reclamation projects in the agricultural development of the Western States. The Secretary reminded the representative business men of this city, who heard him talk of the vital importance to Portland as a shipping center of this work by the Government, and assured them that in his official capacity he would see that Oregon received the recognition to which it was entitled.

Among the prominent residents of this city attending the luncheon were: Mayor Simon, Judge George H. Williams, Harvey W. Scott, Edgar B. Piper, C. S. Jackson, John P. Carroll, Dr. J. B. Weathers, William MacMaster, P. S. Stanley, Ben- jamin S. Josselyn, W. M. Ladd, W. F. Bur- rell, W. W. Cotton, J. F. Bradley, C. E. Moulton and J. O'Brien. In discussing the subject of reclamation, Mr. Ballinger said:

"In the position I now hold I feel that I have an interest in the growth of the entire country and not any particular section of it. The interests of the State of Oregon should be equally considered with the interests of the State of Washington, where I have for a great many years made my home. The Reclamation Service is perhaps doing more for the West than any other branch of the Interior Department. The development of its arid regions through the introduction of water upon them, the creation of reservoirs to supply large areas of rich and fertile land that set but an inconsiderable amount of water, is a continuous source of wealth to the West. I have had the pleasure during the past few weeks of visiting the districts where the Government has pioneered the work and set the example—not only set the example but has led private capital to invest. There was very little private capital going into irrigation projects when the Government took up the work. Now it is not difficult to finance any irrigation scheme, for such enterprises are adding steadily to the wealth of the West through agricultural development. I was surprised in the course of my journey to find with what wonderful rapidity the reclamation work has transformed the desert into a region of productivity."

Several New York organizations met recently to consider a movement for the reform of New York's dance halls. The work is under the general direction of the committee on amusements and vacation resources of working girls.

STRONG PLEA MADE

Malheur Folk Anxious for Irriga-
tion Project.

COMMITTEE IS SENT HERE

Southern Oregon Men Will Appear
Before Secretary Ballinger Beg-
ging That Government Aid
In Reclaiming Desert.

Elected at mass meetings of settlers held at Vale and Ontario, a committee of seven will appear before Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and urge him to recommend the installation of a Government irrigation project in Malheur County. The district which it is desired shall be reclaimed embraces 200,000 acres, but it is not proposed that all of this acreage is to be placed under irrigation.

The approximate cost of the project to the government has been estimated by the committee's Colonel Wood represents the cost to settlers for the acreage proposed to be irrigated is \$4250 an acre. The members of the committee, who will be given a hearing by Mr. Ballinger this afternoon are: L. W. Hope and J. E. Johnson, of Vale; Walter Griffith and A. W. Trow, of Ontario; J. W. Joseph, of Snake River; C. E. S. Wood, representing the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company, and Walter P. Martin, of the Eastern Oregon Land Company. Of the members of the committee Colonel Wood represents a company which owns nearly 35,000 acres included in the proposed project, while Mr. Martin is the representative of a company which owns over 20,000 in the same tract.

"We people of Malheur County feel we are entitled to Government assistance in the furtherance of this project," said Mr. Hope, a member of the committee, at the Imperial last night. "We are informed that the only obstacle in the way of a possible recognition at the hands of the department is the scarcity of funds for new projects. On this phase of the situation we feel that if Oregon is given the money for reclamation work to which it is entitled there will be sufficient funds to take care of the works already started as well as to aid us. We insist that all feasible irrigation projects in the state should first be provided for from the funds to which the state is rightly entitled. When the needs of the state in this direction have been attended to, it will be time enough to divert the funds to which Oregon is entitled for the promotion of other projects in other sections of the reclamation field."

"The district embraced in our proposed project includes lands in the Malheur, Snake River, Willow Creek and Bully Creek valleys. Adequate water supply can be appropriated from the Malheur River to meet all requirements and, eventually, as the demand increases, it will be possible economically to provide storage reservoirs on Willow and Bully creeks. Settlers owning fully 95 per cent of the land embraced in the proposed project have joined in the petition to Mr. Ballinger and we really feel that we are deserving of recognition."

"We would be satisfied if the Secretary would consent to recommend for next year a sufficient appropriation to meet the expenses of making the surveys and other incidentals preliminary to the installation of the project for which we are petitioning. But we are convinced that we are at least entitled to this recognition."

METAL SELLING CHANGED

New York Brokers Adopt Sug-
gestions of Hughes Committee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Carrying out the reforms recommended by Governor Hughes' Wall street investigating committee, the New York Metal Exchange today began the conduct of its affairs on a new basis.

For the first time in many years, actual sales of metal took place on the floor of the exchange, and quotations were thus



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established on the actual transactions. The criticisms of the investigating commission were largely directed at the system of exchange in making arbitrary quotations not based on concrete transactions on its floor.

July spot copper sold at 12 1/2, the initial bid being 12 1/2. Actual sales in August were effected at 12 1/2 and 12 3/4, the bid price being 12 1/2 and the asked 12 3/4. There were no sales of September. In October considerable was done, sales being made at 12 1/2 and 12 3/4.

SHERIFF CALLS EARLY

RAIDS HOME AT DAYBREAK TO
SECURE CHILDREN.

Collins Youngsters at Tygh Ridge
Are Finally Returned to
Custody Aid Society.

THE DALLAS, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Sheriff Levi Christman and his assistant returned today from a cross-country trip to Tygh Valley, having in charge two children of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Collins. The Sheriff and an officer from the Boys' and Girls' Home of Portland, recently made an unsuccessful trip on the same errand, being held at bay with a butcher-knife in the hands of Mr. Collins, until the children escaped to the woods.

The four Collins children were returned to their parents by the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, on the promise of the parents to raise them properly. This they failed to do, and when the parents refused to return the children, officers were sent for them.

The father and two of the boys were in Sherman County, and a son and daughter were the only ones at home besides the mother. The officers called at the Collins home, before daybreak, on the last trip, thus avoiding recurrence of the previous scene, when they were roundly cursed and abused by the enraged mother. Sheriff Christman says the mother and children were in bed with their outer garments on, and a pig was asleep in the same room. The children were taken to Portland today.

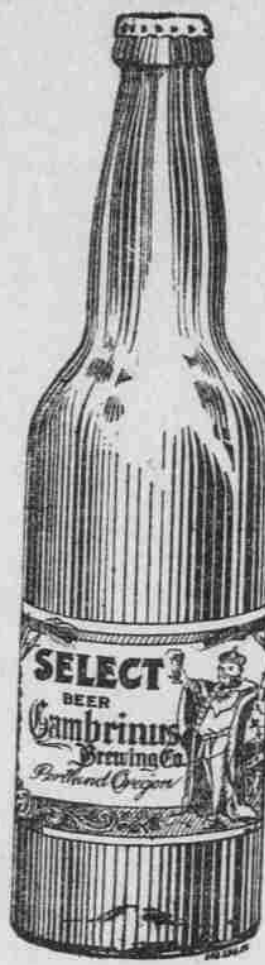
GOES FOR BERRIES, IS LOST

John Gurrad, Believed to Have
Drowned on Grays Harbor.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—John Gurrad, aged 35 years, of Aberdeen, has been lost in the woods north of this city for three days and all efforts to trace him have been in vain. It is believed now he is dead. He is thought to

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have drowned in one of the many streams found in this section.

Gurrad went berry picking Friday with F. Reinhardt. He wandered away when Reinhardt wanted to return to the city. Sunday bloodhounds were placed on the trail and followed the tracks to the Little Hoquiam River, where the trail merged with that of other berry pickers. Search was renewed today, but at a late hour no clue was obtained.

Bartlett's Hearing Postponed.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—E. W. Bartlett, an attorney of Estacada, who was arrested several weeks ago on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, has again had his case postponed. The hearing has been set for Tuesday, August 10.

Sugar and Coffee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Sugar—Raw, firm. Fair refining, 5.52; centrifugal, 96 test, 4.02; molasses sugar, 3.75. Refined, steady. Crushed, 5.65; powdered, 5.65; granulated, 4.55.

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Persons shown in the picture are (left to right)—E. A. Keys, clerk to Secretary Ballinger; Don M. Carr, secretary to Secretary Ballinger; F. E. Weymouth, supervising engineer Idaho division, consisting of the State of Idaho; D. C. Henny, consulting engineer of the reclamation service; L. W. McConnell, supervising engineer Central division, including Colorado and Nebraska and a portion of Wyoming; A. P. Davis, chief engineer of the Reclamation Service; Secretary Ballinger; F. H. Newell, director of the Reclamation Service; H. N. Savage, supervising engineer Northern division, including Montana, North Dakota and Northern Wyoming; C. H. Swigart, supervising engineer Washington division, consisting of the State of Washington; O. H. Ensign, chief electrical engineer of the Reclamation Service; L. C. Hill, supervising engineer Southern division, including Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Southern California, and E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer Pacific division, including Northern California, Oregon and Nevada.

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