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OREGON SENATORS LET CHANGE GO BY

State's Share Is Lost by Inattention.

PLUMS WON BY ACTIVE MEN

Merits of Umatilla and Malheur Projects Neglected.

GREAT FUND MISAPPLIED

President and Army Board Swayed by Counter-Influence, and Left in Dark as to Projects of Great Moment.

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 1.—The failure of Oregon to secure a fair share of the \$45,000,000 irrigation fund distributed by President Taft on December 26 is attributable in a large degree to the inactivity of the Oregon Senators. While Senators from competing states were aggressively demanding a large slice of this fund for their respective projects, and were pressing demands not only upon the President, but upon members of the Board of Army Engineers, the Oregon solons remained quiescent, apparently willing to accept whatever might be apportioned. The result is that the large slices of the fund went to states whose Senators were most insistent, and \$225,000 was awarded to Oregon out of a total of \$45,351,897.

Senatorial Influence Counts.

While ostensibly the apportionment of this vast irrigation fund was based exclusively upon the recommendations of the Army Board, and while it is announced that the Board report is based entirely upon the merits of respective projects, analysis of the apportionment figures leads to the positive conclusion that the President or the Board, or both, were swayed by senatorial influence.

Feasibility and desirability were not always the controlling factors, for projects more attractive, less expensive, and much more promising than those to which allotments were made were rejected by the President, and vast sums were placed to the credit of projects that cannot be completed within a reasonable time, or at reasonable cost, as was contemplated by the \$20,000,000 law, which formed the basis for the big apportionment.

Klamath Project Handicapped.

Three projects in Oregon were eligible to receive large allotments from the \$45,000,000 fund; the Umatilla, the Klamath and the Malheur. In view of the black eye which the Klamath project has received, however, due largely to the protests of a considerable number of land owners on that project, it was not contemplated that any money would be set aside to extend its canals beyond the point called for by existing approved plans, and the \$600,000 which was given the Klamath project will do just this, and nothing more. This money will all be spent before the close of next Summer, and then work will be shut down for four years or more.

The west side extension of the Umatilla project, however, was in a position to expect sufficient money to start construction, and carry the work well towards completion. In fact, there was equitable ground for expecting that an allotment ample to complete this extension would be made. But the Army Engineer Board did not recommend such an allotment, and the President did not make it, especially as he was not under pressure to do so. Yet it is a well-known fact that the Umatilla west side project is today one of the best business propositions before the Government, and offers one of the most promising projects ever surveyed.

Army Engineers Impractical.

With its low elevation, ideal climate, accessibility to big markets (being located on the main line of a big railroad to Portland, Spokane and the East) and because of its wonderfully productive soil, the Umatilla project gave assurance of yielding a bigger return on the money invested than almost any other project considered by the Army Board. But the Army officers, being unfamiliar with practical irrigation questions, were prejudiced against this project largely because they found it would be necessary, in providing an adequate storage reservoir, to flood several hundred acres now planted out in alfalfa. Yet the flooding of these few hundred acres of cultivated land, together with several thousand acres of idle land, would have rendered productive under irrigation about 60,000 acres, now idle, but promising some day to become one of the most valuable fruit regions of Eastern Oregon, and indeed of the entire West. This \$60,000 acre, now of little value, would under irrigation be worth easily \$500 an acre in a few years.

Yet there was no one to go before the Board, and convince the members of the wisdom of destroying a few hundred acres of alfalfa in order to convert into orchards 60,000 acres now given up to sagebrush. The Board can-

WOOPER WINS WIFE BY 50 TELEGRAMS

PURSUED BY WIRE AND TRAIN, GIRL GIVES CONSENT.

Chicago Couple Meet in Bay City. Lover Follows Sweetheart to New York and Is Accepted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special).—Wooded by telegraph, pursued by train across the continent, married in Chicago. So reads the story of love at first sight and romance of Miss Leslie Miller, 1901 Prairie avenue, and Lawrence Critchell, nephew of a prominent LaSalle-street banker.

Critchell met Miss Miller and her mother in San Francisco, where he fell under the spell of the girl's charms, but it was not until she had been gone a day on her way to Paris that he found he loved her.

VERTIGO ATTACK SERIOUS

Gustav Simon Falls Over Banister at Concordia Club, Lives.

While leaning upon the banister of the stairway at the Concordia Club late Saturday night, Gustav Simon, manager of the Gunst cigar stores in Portland, was seized with vertigo and fell two stories. No bones were broken, but Mr. Simon was removed unconscious to his home, and attended yesterday by Dr. George F. Wilson and Otto S. Binswanger. They hold out hopes for his recovery, and do not think he is internally injured.

More than 125 members of the Concordia Club and their wives were present at the New Year's eve entertainment at the club quarters, Sixteenth and Morrison streets. Mr. and Mrs. Simon led the cotillon.

STATE RECORDS MOVED

Train Carries Them From Guthrie to Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1.—When day breaks Monday morning all the state records will be in Oklahoma City. A special train is bringing all the office furniture, fixtures, records, etc., from Guthrie to Oklahoma City tonight. The train left Guthrie shortly after midnight and is scheduled to arrive here at 5 A. M. Monday.

RAILROADS EARN MOST LAST YEAR

Gross Total Reaches Almost 3 Billion.

INCREASE IS \$227,197,972

Operating Expenses Greater Than Ever.

RISE IN WAGES IS CAUSE

Higher Labor and Cost of Deferred Maintenance Cuts Down Receipts for Second Half of 1910 Below Those of 1909.

Railway Statistics for 1910.	
Gross earnings (estimated) by railroads	\$2,835,374,331
Increase over 1909	227,197,972
Miles of road built in 1909	4,129
Passenger cars ordered in 1909	5,738
Freight cars ordered with a capitalization of \$1,000,000	94,000,000
Locomotives ordered in 1909	51,000,000
Locomotives ordered in 1909	2,378
Passenger cars ordered in 1909	3,250
Passenger cars ordered in 1909	3,851
Freight cars ordered in 1909	4,514
Freight cars ordered in 1909	141,294
Taxes paid by railroads in 1909	189,269
Taxes paid by railroads in 1909	102,265,704
Taxes paid by railroads in 1909	94,664,218

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special).—All records for gross earnings by railroads in the United States were broken during 1910, the approximate total being \$2,835,374,331. This huge sum shows an increase of \$227,197,972 over the total for 1909, and of \$14,655,772 over the previous high record of 1907.

So great, however, was the addition to operating expenses in 1910 that the net earnings from operation increased only \$3,888,961, or scarcely more than one-third of 1 per cent above those of 1909.

Reversal Is Significant.

One of the most significant developments of the year, from a statistical standpoint, is this unusual reversal in the character of net earnings during the second half of 1910. That this was not due to any recession in gross revenues is proved by the fact that the latter show an increase for the half-year over \$48,000,000, which was overwhelmed by an increase of over \$227,197,972.

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POSTAL BANKS TO OPEN ON TUESDAY

Each State and Territory to Have One.

COURSE WILL BE WATCHED.

Deposits Will Not Be Allowed to Go Over \$500.

NO PASS BOOKS GIVEN

Depositors Will Be Given Engraved Certificates—Plan Is Worked Out After Careful Study of Experiment by Experts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Through the practical institution of the Postal Savings bank system on Tuesday, January 3, the United States Government will give the people facilities for saving a part of their earnings. Their establishment is regarded as the most far-reaching financial step taken by the Government since the authorization of National banks, and their operation will be watched with interest by financiers throughout the world.

The system is to be inaugurated on a comparatively small scale. One Postal office in each state and territory has been selected as a depository. In these 48 offices, a thorough test will be made. It was decided to make the beginning this small, not only because no adequate appropriation was available to put it into general operation, but also because the plan adopted differs entirely from that of any other system in the world.

Much Work Entailed.

The new scheme is the result of many months of work by committees of postal and banking experts, whose efforts were directed by a board of trustees consisting of the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

No pass books will be furnished depositors, but all deposits will be evidenced by engraved postal savings certificates, issued in fixed denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20 and \$50, each bearing the name of the depositor and the date on which interest begins to accrue. The certificates are non-transferable and non-negotiable, interest will be payable annually at the rate of 2 per cent per annum.

\$500 Is Limit.

By the terms of the law, no account for less than \$1 may be opened and no person may deposit more than \$100 in any calendar month, or have in his credit at any one time more than \$500 exclusive of accumulated interest. Accounts may be opened by any person over ten years in his or her own name and by married women in their own names. The accounts of wives cannot be interfered with or controlled by the husbands.

For the present, deposits will be

KAISER'S CLOTHES MADE IN LONDON

GERMAN TAILORS ARE ANGRY WITH THEIR RULER.

Berlin Dressmakers Also Have Grievance, as Women at Court Buy Their Gowns Elsewhere.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—(Special).—The very latest grievance against the Kaiser is that he will not employ a German tailor, but has his clothes made in London. The nobility and all the well-dressed men in German society follow his custom, so that the native tailors are in despair. They have decided to draw up a petition to the Kaiser, pointing out the disastrous results for German trade of his Anglo-manism in the matter of dress.

It is just the same with the German dressmakers. Headed by their Crown Princess, the best-dressed woman at court, the German society women avoid Paris, Vienna or some times London. The trouble is said to be that German tailors and dressmakers absolutely fail to give that touch of elegance and finish to their work which is the hall-mark of Parisian dressmakers and London tailors.

The women's dresses of home manufacture seem out of date and almost ugly, while the native tailors' products look as if they had been thrown together in a hurry.

POKER PLACED UNDER BAN

Bakersfield City Trustees Not to Allow "Percentage" Game.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 1.—(Special).—Percentage poker games in Bakersfield saloons are under a ban at last. They were ordered to go out of business at midnight last night. The trustees were not running tonight or any other night unless the saloon man desires to have his license revoked, for that is the penalty.

"Stop the petty larceny percentage poker playing or lose your license," is the edict that has gone forth to the saloon men.

The "power behind the throne" in this instance is the City Trustees. They have acted summarily. The Royal Arch was informed of the ruling of the City Trustees in regard to the forbidden games and the Royal Arch held a meeting at which the organization decided to back up the Trustees. The board took no action as to the clubrooms.

It is understood the ban has not been placed on games played for the drinks or "round the table" poker games where there is no rake-off. It is also stated that the solo players will still be permitted to play for a penny a chip or maybe more if they desire.

HORSE LEAPS INTO WAGON

Scared Animal Knocks Driver Off, and Wagon Runs Over Him.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special).—Joshua Crull was the victim of a peculiar accident Friday forenoon, which resulted in the fracture of his right leg between the knee and the hip. Crull was driving out the Wallula road with the running gear of a wagon, on his way to some farming land, when he works in the Van Sice neighborhood.

When about two and one-half miles out of town Al Coyle overtook Crull with his automobile. When the machine got within 50 feet of the team, one of the horses hitched behind the wagon, a big, 5-year-old colt, weighing 1500 pounds, became frightened and jumped into the running gear of the wagon, knocked Crull off, and with the weight of the horse still on the wagon passed over the man's thigh, breaking the bone.

Then the team hitched to the wagon ran away, and carried the horse on the wagon about 200 yards before it was able to get off.

COWS AND POULTRY PAY

Farmer Nets \$605.50 in Year From 173 Hens; Butter Yield Big.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 1.—(Special).—R. L. Badger, who lives on the Beaver Creek road, has illustrated what can be done with cows and poultry in the Willamette Valley. He has 50 acres, with 23 acres in cultivation, and with 173 hens he has netted \$605.50, after paying for the feed of the poultry and allowing a cost of \$1 a hen. Mr. Badger has four cows, from which he clears \$80 a month, obtaining 35 pounds of butter a week, an average of nine pounds from each cow. His hens are a cross between Brown Leghorns and Buff Orpingtons, but he proposes later to have straight breeds.

He has a heifer 7 months old for which he has refused \$150.

NEW PEERS ARE SCARCE

Failure of King to Create Them Is Bound to Cause Surprise.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Much surprise will be occasioned by the absence from the New Year honors issued tonight of any new peerages. The political prophets had predicted an unusually large list of peerages, the names of the Right Honorable Richard B. Haldane, Secretary of War, and others, having been mentioned. Some conservative papers have talked of the appointment of as many as 20 or 30 new peers.

The omission is susceptible of two possible explanations. Either the King would not sanction, or Premier, Asquith was reluctant to recommend the creation of peers while the difficult question relating to the House of Lords remained unsaid.

EAST SHIVERS IN BLIZZARD'S GRIP

Baby Year Ushered In by Icy Gale.

TEMPERATURES DROP LOW

Mississippi Valley Traffic Is Badly Delayed.

WIND 50 MILES AN HOUR

Heavy Snowfall Is Recorded in Middle Western States—Laramie, Wyoming, Has 17 Degrees Below Zero—Stock Suffers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(Special).—New Year's day brought down upon the Northwest the first real blizzard of the season. Driven by a fierce north-west wind that has a velocity of 40 to 50 miles an hour, the storm is headed for Chicago and the Eastern states of the upper Mississippi Valley. By tomorrow afternoon, there probably will be a big drop in temperatures in Michigan, Upper Indiana and Illinois, the mercury sinking steadily until the zero mark is reached some time in the night.

Storm in Middle West.

Advices from the West are that the storm, which grew into the intensity of a blizzard in a few hours, struck Wyoming, Nebraska, Western Kansas, South Dakota, Iowa and Western Missouri early this morning. Accompanying the high cold wind was a heavy fall of snow which piled into deep drifts. Overland trains were delayed hours, and in some cases attempts to make headway were abandoned entirely. This was especially true of local trains in South Dakota.

In Kansas City the temperature at noon was 48 degrees above zero. In eight hours there was a sheer drop of 34 degrees to two above, and prospects that before daylight the mercury would be sticking at five below. At Salina, Kansas, it was five below at sunset.

Omaha Residents Shiver.

In the region around Omaha, the inhabitants are shivering with a temperature of five below before sunset. Heavy snowfall delayed steam railway travel and made street railway traffic exceedingly laborious. At Broken Bow it was 10 below. Railway and street-car traffic is much delayed, one overland railroad line reporting all passenger trains behind time and in the freight service only perishable freight and stock trains are being slowly moved.

Laramie, Wyo., suffered more keenly than any other point, reporting the mercury dropping to 17 below. The snowfall was light there.

Sloux City, Iowa, reports that the blizzard covers most of the Hawkeye State and rages bitterly in South Dakota. The storm and the lowering temperature came with little warning and it is feared there will be vast suffering of livestock in the open. The wind was sweeping the Dakota ranges at a speed of 50 miles an hour and the driven snow filled the air with blinding particles.

Trains Are Delayed.

Six trains are reported stalled on the Illinois Central between Sloux City and Fort Dodge. Several trains to South Dakota points have been abandoned and those arriving are from six to eight hours late.

The gale reached Sloux City about 4 o'clock this morning. The thermometer registered six below zero at 6 o'clock this evening, with indications of further downward movement. Streetcar traffic in the city has been almost cut off.

In Chicago the day was dreary. A drifting rain and fog are the forerunners of the violent conditions looked for tomorrow. At 10 o'clock tonight the thermometer is registering 4 above.

Denver Has Zero Weather.

At Denver and Colorado Springs the thermometer registered 5 below zero. Leadville, Colo., reported 7 below, Pueblo 2 above and Cheyenne 10 below. Considerable delay is reported in traffic by railroads from Cheyenne. In Colorado, traffic has not been seriously impeded.

North Texas is tonight shivering under a cold wave. Amarillo, in the Panhandle, reports a half an inch of snow and high winds, with a temperature of 12 above zero.

Warm weather prevailed in Dallas and vicinity until 5 o'clock this afternoon, when a cold wind came from the north, and in four hours there was a drop of about 15 degrees. Indications are that the freezing point will be reached by morning.

El Paso, Tex., reports one of the coldest days of the season, at 6 o'clock the thermometer standing at 20 above. Since that hour there has been a gradual rise, and at 10 o'clock the temperature was reported at 40 above.

Snow is falling in the mountains of New Mexico tonight, according to reports from Albuquerque, where the thermometer registered 23 above.

Oklahoma Feels Cold Wave.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1.—From an average temperature of 38 degrees yesterday the thermometer dropped today until at 10 o'clock it registered eight



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: W. E. BORAH, IDAHO; FRANCIS E. WARREN, WYOMING; THOMAS H. CARTER, MONTANA; WESLEY L. JONES, WASHINGTON. BOTTOM ROW: JOSEPH M. DIXON, MONTANA; CHARLES J. HUGHES, JR., COLORADO; REED SMOOT, UTAH; SIMON GUGGENHEIM, COLORADO.