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State's Share of \$45,000,000 Irrigation Money Is Lost by Inattention.

GREAT FUND MISAPPLIED

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

of Great Moment.

(Continued From First Page.) not be held entirely responsible for its onclusion, innamuch as its members are not familiar with irrigation affairs, nor can the President be condemned for approving this recommendation of the Board when no one explained to him the true situation.

Malheur Project Ignored.

Assuming that the Board was fully justified in its conclusions with respect to the Umstills west side extension, there appears to be no good reason why the Engineer officers should not have given serious consideration to the Malheur project. It is true that under a strict interpretation of the terms of the \$20,000,000 law, none of the money of that fund could properly be spent on the Malheur project, as that project has never been adopted. But this fact was no har to the allotment of ample funds for this project out of the \$25,-000,000 which it is estimated will go into the regular reclamation fund during the next four years.

The Malheur project is conceded to be one of the most promising of all projects thus far surveyed by the Reclamation Service, both from an engineering viewpoint and from the viewsoint of successful development and operation. It is a far more attractive project than many that received \$2,000 .-000 and \$2,000,000 by direction of the President, but it was rejected by the Moreover, the Malheur project Board. is on all-fours with the Grand Valley project in Colorado, a new project, which received \$1,000,000 out of the \$20,000,000, and which secured an additional \$200,000 from the regular fund. Like the Malheur, the Grand Valley project never has been adopted formally; it has only been surveyed, but if It was eligible to receive a part of the \$20,000,000, the Matheur was equally entitled to share the fund.

Senatorial Work Contrasted.

The difference is that Senator Gugrate difference is that Senator dug-genheim and Senator Hughes, of Color-rade, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, lay down hard on the Board and on the President, and they got what they asked for. The Oregon Senators, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, stood aside, asked outblace for Matheur, and ascurate them. othing for Malheur, and excused them-sives on the ground that the Malheur ettlers several years ago refused to sign up their lands when they had the opportunity. The Grand Valley set-tiers in Colorado did exactly the same thing, but their Senators took up their

twithstanding past troubles ent may build

states. And where influence had anystates. And where influence had any-thing to do with the result, it was in-fluence brought to bear by Senators, not by Representatives. Senatorial influence is great in Washington; it is the great-est power outside of that of the Execu-tive. But no cenator, in quiescent mood, gets for his state what it needs. There is too much competition. The plums go to the Senators who are most active, most persistent and most insistent. Needed Ald Refused.

As a matter of fact, Oregon's inter-As a matter of lack, property protected at any time since Senator Borah, of Idaho, first proposed the enactment of an irrigation bond bill. The Borah bill, which had behind it both President Taft and Secretary Ballinger, proposed a \$30,000,000 irrigation bond issue. It will be secretary adverse enstern will be recalled that adverse eastern interests in the House of Representa-tives sought to kill the bill entirely. tives sought to kill the bill entirely, then compromised on \$10,000,000. Ore-gon's two Representatives, out of 281 members of the House, were unable successfully to combat this eastern prejudice, nor was the united strength of the West ample in the House to thwart the will of the overtowering East. However, the western members pulled together, and finally, with the ald of President Taft, advanced the House bill to \$20,000,000. When the bill was returned to the

When the bill was returned to the Senate, and Senator Borah undertook to restore the \$20,000,000 provision of his original bill, the Oregon senators, like some from other Western states, re-fused to join in a fight, and \$20,000,000 had to be accepted. Yet a stubborn fight by half a dozen western Sena-tors would have secured \$29,000,000 in-stead of \$20,000,008. Senator Borah alone could not accomplish this.

Opportunity is Neglected.

That same \$26,000,000 bill contained a clause, inserted by the adverse east-ern interests in the House, repealing Section 9 of the Reclamation Act. The two Oregon Representatives could not prevent the adoption of this provision, for they were two out of 351, and most western Congressmen were not only willing, but glad to see Section 9 rewilling, but glad to see Section 5 re-pealed. But a determined opposition by the two Oregon Senators could have forced the dropping of this clause from the \$20,000,000 bill. Such opposition did not develop: neither Oregon Sena-tor raised his voice in even mild protest. Section 9 was repealed, and neither Senator knew of it until later. Had that Section 9 been in force when the President distributed the \$45,000,-000, he would have been compelled to give Oregon, under the terms of that section. not less than \$6,000,000 enough to build the West Side Umatilla project in its entirity, and get the Malheur well under way. It probably would nave completed one or more units of this many-times postponed project.

But Section 9 is no longer in the law, and it will never get back into the law, for the East does not believe in it. and most of the Western states are op posed to it, as it operates against them Yet this same Section 9 was inserte in the original Reclamation Act by the far-seeing Thomas H. Tongue, of Ore-gon, a man whose foresight was better than the hindsight of some who ca after

Chinese Bride Chooses American Gowns. Americanized Husband Acts as Critic

While Shoppers Look On.

Watching a Chinese woman taking the first steps toward becoming Americanized proved interesting to several custom ers at one of the department stores Saturday.

Fortune had smilled on John Sing, who came to America some time ago, leaving his wife in China while he made a start in this country, and he sent for his young Chinese wife to join him here. Sing timbers when to your him here. Sing is thoroughly Americanized-he has dispensed with his queue, wears tall-ored clothes and displays a large, spark-ling diamond on his little finger. As soon as his wife arrived the young



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Entire Stock Women's Coats Reduced for this Great Sale Entire Stock Women's Suits Reduced for this Great Sale Entire Stock Women's Furs Reduced for this Great Sale Entire Stock Women's Dresses Reduced for this Great Sale Entire stock Women's Skirts Reduced for this Great Sale Corsets and Undermuslins are Reduced for this Great Sale All Dress Goods and Silks are Reduced for this Great Sale Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries Reduced for this Great Sale Linens, Domestics, Linings Reduced for this Great Sale Hosiery, Underwear, Gloves Reduced for this Great Sale All Jewelry and Leather Goods Reduced for this Great Sale Trimmed Hats and Plumes Reduced for this Great Sale All Petticoats and Kimonos Reduced for this Great Sale All Pictures, Picture Frames, etc., Reduced for this Sale

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Cooking School Will reopen Thursday, January 5th, at 3 P. M. Miss Tracy's menu will be-Chicken Casse-role, Potato in the Half Shell, Marshmallow Pudding, Tea. You are cordially invited.



Succeed Bean.

Bean,

or west side Umatilla project, and also the Malheur, if private capital does not get 'nto the field in the meantime, but here is now no possibility that either project can be begun before 1916, and probably not until several years later. All Government reclamation constructon work in Oregon will cease next unmer, and once abandoned, will not a resumed until the \$45,000,000 re-mily allotted by the President has heen entirely spent.

By comparison with the Oregon pro-jects that have been neglected, it is in-teresting to note that \$1,278,000 has been teresting to note that \$3,278,000 has been allotted to the Sun River project in Mon-tana, a project that will cost excessively, and will reclaim land worth from 50 to \$50 an arre, under water. The Umatilia land would be worth 50 times as much, and the project would cost leas, for the allotment to the Sun River project will not complete it; its ultimate cost will be double the amount of the allotment, and none of the money invested will be renone of the money invested will be re-turned until the full \$7,000,000 has been expended, for none of the land can be irrighted until the entire project is com-

Senators Carter and Dixon, of Montana, however, were very active in demanding however, were very active in demanding an allotment for Sun River, and while they had a far less promising project than the Unatilia West-Side, they won. Moreover, they secured \$3,350,000 for the lik River project and \$575,000 for the Lower Yellowstone, none of them guar-anteed or expected to produce any such high-priced land as that at Umatilla or along the Malheur River.

Borah Wins Big Things.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, who unques-itomaky deverved a liberal share of this big fund for Idaho projects, because of his untiring work in securing the special 200,000 fund, got \$5,35,45 for the Pay-stic Main content contents for the Payetta-Boise project, enough to complete it, and \$228,000 to complete the Minidoka s attive every day up to the time the tionment was made.

Washington's interests were pressed by Senator Jones, with the result that enough funds were ellotted to complete the Sunnyaide and Tieton units of the Yokima project, and the Okanogan pro-ject further north

The Goshen Hole project in Wyom e of the most costly in the United ates, and one that contemplates the clamation of comparatively inferior reclamation of comparatively inferior land, which will bring only a moderate price when irrigated, received more than \$4,000,000 out of the \$45,000,000, not enough to complete it, but enough to commit the Government to its completion. Yet in spite of its lack of attractiveness, this project won because Senator Warren, of Wyoming, was firm in his demands, and

his insistence carried weight, Even the Strawberry Valley project in Utah, for which Senator Smoot at one time said he wanted nothing, gets 12,20,-600 because the Senator changed his mind.

Oregon Alone Suffers.

And so it went down the whole list. It is a fact that exampt be disputed, that the \$45.000,000 was not distributed in the places where it is most needed or when it will do the most good or bring the guickest returns. It was not distributed with any view to the equitable demands of the various states.

Had it been so app riloned, Orgon the city toward the North and East would have received material allotpents Tualatin Plains. The district already has on hand the sum of \$1700, and Malhsur projects, being the second heav-fiest contributor to the reclamation fund, and offering projects as attractive as any others in the United States. Medi, jus-tice, equity-all wave on Oregor's side. but Oregon lacked the aid of her Sena-jors. Hence the money went to other

husband rushed her to the department store to be fitted in American clothes Pretty and dainty was the little Chinese wife, having all the requisites of a Chi-nese heauty. Her face was exceedingly fair for one of her race, her feature were small and regular and her little hands were well shaped. Many rings adorned her pretty fingers. Bareheaded and attired in silk trousers

and jacket, the young woman first fis-ited the suit department where, after much discussion and criticisms on the part of the husband, a handsome and ex-pensive suit was selected.

In the millinery department the these proved of more interest. The small woman tried on hat after hat of gorgoous patterns, while the attentive hubband

ooked on with evident pride. To the onlookers the little Chinese soman with her Oriental costume and hairdress, wearing an immense hat of Parisian creation, presented an interest-ing and unique picture. Her elaborately-embroidered gurb was accompanied by tiny embroidered Chinese share-her hair was greased and plaited is a Chinese colffure, on which she would place the wide, befeathered picture juts and gaz ndecidedly at her reflection in the tall

mirror She could not speak a word in English.

Her husband acted as interpreter. At last a hat was found that the hus-hand thought was becoming. It was a large picture hat on which rested an elaborate plume more thin two forth at issue.

claborate plume more than two feet long. The price was \$53 But the feather did sot repose on the hat us the Americanized husband thought uld, and after the milliner removed the fluffy thing he personally superin-

tended its readjustment. The address was given, the hat was marked for delivery and the young couple started for the shoe department, there complete the transformation. Never once were they perturbed by the gaze of the interested inlookers.

WOMAN OVERCOME IN TUB Walla Walla Resident is Almost Asphysiated While Bathing.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 1 .-(Special) -- Miss Laura Martin, who stays at the home of Dr. S. A. Fulton, stays at the nome of Dr. S. A. Fullon, 325 East Alder street, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation yesterday afternoon. Overcome by the fumes of gas in the room and the heat from the water, she lost consciousness while taking a bath. Though she was in the tub at the time, she managed to crawl out, her

time, she managed to crawl out, her head striking against the door and alarming Mrs. Fulton, who rushed into the room and found the young woman

ying on the floor. She immediately sotified her husband, who called Dr. F. C. Robinson. Dr. Robinson worked over the patient for some time before she was restored to consciousnes

Road Tax is Voted For.

HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 1.-(Special.) -North Hilisboro's road district Sat-urday voted a 5-mill special road tax for building rock roads leading out of

REDUCTION IS INVOLVED

State Commission Contends Proper Relation Between Schedules Is Not Maintained-Question

Interstate, Says Road.

Hearing on the motion to make permanent the restraining order issued on application of the Southern Pacific Company against the Oregon State Rallway Commission will be had this morning beginning at 10 o'clock before United States Circuit Judges Gilbert, Wolverton and Bean. The suit involves the order made on September 21 last, reducing freight rates on the Southern Pacific in

Oregon 20 per cent. Especial importance attaches to the hearing because it involves questions of importance to the whole issue of rates. Both intrastate and interstate rates are

Order Made After Hearing.

The State Rallway Commission on April 5 last, by vote of its members, after a preliminary investigation, determined that sufficient grounds existed to warrant a hearing to determine whether warrant a hearing to detrimine wateries class rates imposed by the railway com-pany for transportation of freight car-loads or less than carloads between Portiand and other points within the state were unreasonable or unjustly dis-criminatory. A complaint was issued on the same day and April 26 was fixed as the date of the hearing. The first evi-

the date of the hearing. The first evi-dence was taken April 27. At this hear-ing there appeared for the railway com-pany R. A. Leiter, attorney; R. B. Mil-ler, general freight agent, and H. E. Lounsbury, district freight agent. There Lounsbury, district freight agent. There also appeared representatives of the commercial bodies of Salem, Medford, Portland, Dayton, Sheridan, Lebanon, Eugene, Drain and Roseburg. After sev-eral adjournments final testimony was taken in Portland August 2, the Com-mission on September 11 issued an order reducing the rates. An application was made in the United States Circuit Court inter for an order to restrain the Com-

mission from enforcing its decree. This was duly issued and the hearing today is to determine finally the Commission's right to issue the order. "Rest" Earned, is Contention.

"Rest" Earned, is Contention. The main issue is the relation between the classification of rates of the South-ern Pacific. It is contended by the Commission that the proper relation uoes not exist. The railway declares that reduction would disturb the rates for interstate business. It also declares that a major portion of the traffic earns a "rest" in Portland—that is, most of the goods shipped into the Willamette Valley and on to the state line come through Portland from out-of-state points and earn the "rest" by reason of rebilling through the hands of the Port-land wholessier and jobber. This, it is contended, makes the shipment an in-terstate one.

terstate one. It is also contended that if the reduced ates prevail it will reduce the freight receipts to such an extent as to endan- Hirsh and Edward Weinstein,

young baritone, will present a very usual and interesting programme, which bears the names of such composers as bears the names of such composers as Gluck, Cesti, Rossini, Ercilla, Massenet, Strauss, Tschalkowsky, Von Fielitz, etcetera.

Largest in Country.

Without any formal memberahip cam-

Given Tenth of Year's Wage.

The sales people of two of Portland's

distributions of cash which took place in the stores after the close of business

clanship.

1911."

Saturday night.

That Jay Bowerman will, before his Gogorza's concerts in San Francisco term as Acting Governor expires, January have been enthusiastically received, and one of the papers said: "His magnificent 9, appoint G. W. Phelps, of Pendleton, as Circuit Judge of Umatilla and Morrow baritone voice rolled forth with an ease and ringing timbre that delighted the ear that pines for beautiful sound. And this exceptionally well-modulated and countles to succeed Henry J.

elected to a four-year term on the Su-preme Court bench, is generally under-stood. Mr. Phelps is now District Attor-ney of Umatilla and Morrow counties, a caressing voice was backed by an emo-tional color that revealed an exquisite fund of musical knowledge and musiposition to which he was elected in 1904 and which he has occupied continuously There could not be a better since that time. test for the actual capability of a singer than Cestl's "Itornical Idol Mic." Here

The appointment, if made, will be for two years, which is the time which Judge Bean would still have to serve had he not been elevated to the Supreme bench. tre phrases of sustained tone color which If not adequately interpreted become monotonous and totally devoid of deeper sentiment. But Gogorza invested these Mr. Phelps is in the city spending the holidays with his family at the Imperial Hotel. He neither denies nor affirms the beautiful periods with an emotionalism of suprems force and power and bent the cold notes to his will and transformed report that he is to receive the appointment. The salary of \$3000 of the position which he now holds is the same as that them into living stories." The Gogorza song recital will be at the Heilig Theanald the Circuit Court Judge. ter tomorrow evening under the d tion of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman.

Among those who are notively in the field and working for the appointment to fill out Mr. Phelps' prospective unex-pired term of two years as District At-torney are Fred Wilson, of Athena; Homer I. Watts, of Athena; Charles J. Ferguson, of Pendleton, and C. E. Wood-ers of Hernner. The last named is now Y. M. C. A. HAS OVER 4000 Portland Association One of Six Fergusson, of Pendleton, and C. E. Wood-son, of Heppuer. The last named is now Deputy District Attorney for Morrow County under Mr. Phelps. Samuel E. Van Vactor, of Heppner, a Democrat, is also a candidate. It is believed that the appointment will go to Morrow County. G. W. Phelps graduated from Ann Ar-bor, Mich. in 1894, and the same year he naign the Portland Young Men's Christian Association gained more than 1600 members in 1910, and now ranks as one of the six largest associations in the United States. The total membership is now 4019. One year ago it was 2326.

Hold Reunion in Portland.

Members of Company I, Oregon National Guard, many years ago part of the old First Regiment here, iome of them having seen service in the Spanish-American war, some of them Portland's most prominent business and professional men, some of them coming professional men, some of them coming from cities many miles from Portland. will gather around the banquei board erything in sight. No trace of the at the Portland Commercial Club January 21 to honor A. J. Coffee, of

1893. Company I was one of the largest Regiment. At the beginning of the First Regiment. At the beginning of the Spanish - American war it disbanded, nany of the members going to war

Major J. F. Case, now in charge of the water works department of Manila, was a member of Company I. It is expected that 75 old members of Company I will attend the ban-

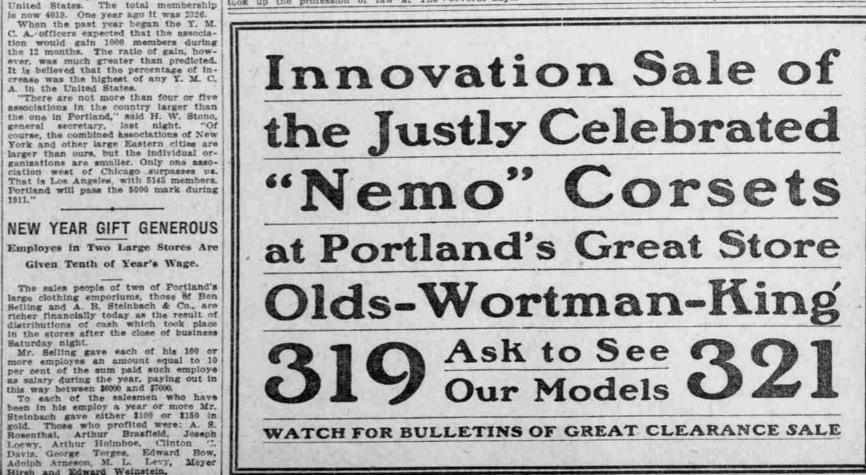
Among the members of Company I Among the members of Company I who are publicly known are Dan J. Malarkey, Professor R. K. Warren, Drs. J. F. and Emmett Drake and W. M. Davis. Under their direction the

banquet is being arranged. Captain Coffee was formerly in the Portlard fire department, being in change of the fire aiarm telegraph Van Vactor, of Heppner, a Democrat, is also a candidate. It is believed that the appointment will go to Morrow County. G. W. Phelps graduated from Ann Ar-bor, Mich., in 1894, and the same year he took up the profession of law at The

Report that a stray bullet had hit a man in the log, caused a trip to Twenty-fifth and Tibbett streets, by Patrolman Johnson yesterday afternoon, where he found nine Germans enjoying a Scheutzenfest, in honor of the new year. wounded woman was found, though some January 21 to honor A. J. Coffee, of of the neighborhood said that a bullet honor house a bullet has been built through a woman's dress.

Daniel and Valentine Koch, Fred Rones, Andy Shepherd, Charles Statz, Henry Pfeifer and Gus Kandel. Three of them were charged with carrying concealed weapons and all were released on bail. All were working men and said that in their native country it was the custom id hold these fests on the first day of the year and they thought of no wrong. Pfeifer had been here but three days, oming direct from Germany. He said but the jails were much more commodi-

ous there, Reports of the unlawful use of firearms came to the police from all parts of the city yesterday. William Alston was ar-rested by Patrolman Cameron at Tenth and Everett streets for firing a revolver.



Boy Drunk.