

REPORT TO TAFT BOOSTS PROJECT

West Umatilla Is Placed in \$4,000,000 Class by Engineering Experts.

PRACTICAL, THEY SAY

Findings Take Up Reclamation Scheme in Detail and Declare That Proposed Gravity System Feasible and Economical.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 16.—If Secretary Ballinger and President Taft are inclined to appropriate funds for the construction of the West Umatilla irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, they need no stronger justification for making a liberal allotment than is to be found in the report of the Board of Army Engineers.

Every comment of the board on this project is favorable. The project is found to be feasible, practical and economical. As a matter of fact, the report of the board is strong enough to justify an allotment to this project of \$4,000,000, which, it is estimated, will cover the entire cost of completing the West Side project to a point where it will irrigate 40,000 acres of land.

Board Reports Upon Project.

Below is quoted in full exactly what the board had to say with regard to the West Umatilla project.

"The people of Hermiton and vicinity are very desirous that the Government extend this project to the west side of the Umatilla river, where the reclamation of from 40,000 to 60,000 acres of land by a gravity system is proposed. This extension was the main subject discussed at the public hearing held at Hermiton, while being properly an extension of the Umatilla project, inasmuch as it would receive its water from the same source and be contiguous to the area at present being irrigated, yet is in the nature of new work as its development bears in no way upon the completion of the present project, which is to irrigate 20,000 acres near the mouth of Butter Creek. The water surface would be raised about 20 feet, and the supply would then be distributed over the land by gravity canals or from the Columbia River to the area not irrigable by any gravity system. If the water supply is sufficient, the total area of the proposed extension can be expanded to about 60,000 acres, including the pumping project.

"Experience on the Umatilla project and on private projects in Oregon and Kentucky indicates that the soil is abundantly able to produce fruits and alfalfa as well as vegetables and berries. The climate is not so hot as in the south, though the areas are swept by strong winds throughout the Spring of each year the soil can be protected by cultivating the area. The soil is also rich in potassium and phosphorus. The proposed gravity system there are but 17,000 acres of public land. The remaining land belongs either to the Northern Pacific Railroad or is now in private ownership, through homestead and desert-land entries, or through purchase from the railroad. Hydrographs for 11 consecutive years indicate that the water supply is sufficient for 200,000 acre-feet, making allowances for private rights and the requirements for the main Umatilla project.

Water Assured for 50,000 Acres.

"Allowing five feet evaporation on the average area of the proposed reservoir—200 acres—of 100 feet depth, there will be a 4 per cent loss in the distribution, a total loss of 2,000 acre-feet of storage water is to be provided for. The use of concrete-lined canals will result in a loss of 10 per cent of the water. The use of the Reclamation Service, which it is expected will reduce the losses from seepage to the low amount stated. By using the water directly in the unit commended by the Reclamation Service, a surplus of 22 acre-inches only will need to be stored, which gives a total of 12,000 acre-feet of stored water to be carried over if the reservoir were filled. It thus appears from these assumptions that the water supply will be sufficient for 50,000 acres if the proposed reservoir be built.

"The cost of this extension, exclusive of the pumping system, but including the dam across the Umatilla River with its accessories, estimated at about \$2,000,000, amounts in all to nearly \$4,000,000. This is approximately \$80 per acre for an area of 50,000 acres.

The board's comment on the East Umatilla project is also very favorable, and so strongly is this unit commended that it is somewhat remarkable that the board failed to recommend any allotment for continuing construction on the west side of the Umatilla River. Of the original Umatilla project, the board's report in part says:

"The board visited the Umatilla project, near Hermiton. A public hearing was held on the evening of September 7, in Hermiton, at which those interested were given an opportunity to make statement and furnish information with regard to the project. They expressed their approval of the work under the project, both as to progress and cost.

"The project covers the irrigation of about 25,000 acres lying in the angle between the Umatilla and the Columbia Rivers on the east side of the Umatilla, from which river it takes its water supply at a point several miles upstream. The average elevation of the irrigated area is 470 feet above sea level.

Earth Dam Is Leaking.

"Taking the project as a whole, the engineering structures are apparently satisfactorily designed and executed. The only important engineering structure is the earth dam closing the outlet to the Cold Springs Reservoir. This dam has already withstood almost the maximum head and appears stable, although its height of 95 feet makes it one of the high earth dams of the country. Leakage under the dam, amounting to about 13 second-feet, was observed. It is said that increase of head against the dam does not increase the flow materially. This is being watched and is not thought to be serious. It is

7 FACTORIES ARE SECURED FOR CITY

Manufacturers to Seek Sites in Portland Within Next Twelve Months.

NAMES NOT YET KNOWN

R. W. Raymond, Industrial Commissioner of Commercial Club, Who Secured Industries, Is Not Letting Secret Out Yet.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Seven factories, all of which will employ large forces of men, will seek sites in and around Portland within the next year, as the result of efforts by R. W. Raymond, industrial commissioner of the Portland Commercial Club. All of these concerns are located in the middle West. Some of them will establish branches in Portland, while others will move there outright.

Mr. Raymond, who left for Portland tonight, refuses to divulge the names of the concerns which may offer bonuses to the firms if they learn they contemplate moving to the Coast. A furniture, a paint and a woodworking factory are among those expected to find sites in Portland. Besides these, there are several machine manufacturing companies.

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WAR VETERAN PASSES

H. F. HOLLINGSWORTH DIES AT HOME IN PORTLAND.

Resident of Colfax Since Early 60's Is No More—Wife and Six Children Survive.

Crossing the plains in 1846 when only 25 years old, locating with his parents in San Joaquin Valley, California, and ten years later moving to the Willamette Valley in Oregon, is, in brief, the pioneer history of H. F. Hollingsworth, of Colfax, Wash., who died last night at the family winter residence in Portland, at 260 Bain street.

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