

ENGINEERS TELL OF KLAMATH WORK

Irrigation Work on Some Sections of Project Is Recommended.

MARSH LAND SHOULD WAIT

Lower Project Should Be Finished, Says Army Board and Modoc Subproject Is Worthwhile Early Completion.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 20.

In their report to the President the officers of the Army Engineer Board submit the following conclusions regarding the Klamath irrigation project.

"This project is interstate in character, the irrigable area lying partly in Oregon and partly in California.

"Of the total lands, 126,000 acres, exclusive of the marsh lands, 45,000 acres, or 40 per cent, are public lands subject to the reclamation act.

"Water supply is sufficient. The total estimated expenditures, exclusive of marsh lands, is \$4,472,155.27, of which about \$1,500,000 was expended to June 30, 1910.

"The lower project, uplands or first subdivision is feasible from an engineering and an economic standpoint and worthy of completion.

"The construction of the Tule Lake subdivision should be taken up tentatively to allow further study of the reclaimed lands and the efficiency of the proposed means of controlling the lake area.

"The upper subproject is an extension not yet approved. It is feasible from an economic and an engineering standpoint, but owing to the necessity of completing more important work elsewhere and to the small amount of public land involved, it is not advisable to prosecute it at the present time beyond such preliminary work as will enable definite plans to be made.

"Three Subdivisions Approved. The Modoc subproject is feasible from an economic and an engineering standpoint, but it has not yet received executive approval.

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Table with columns: Subdivision, Private, State, Public, Total. Rows: Lower project uplands, Tule Lake lands, Upper subproject, Modoc subproject, Total.

will be applied to the Modoc lands or to the lands north of Langell has not yet been decided. The Langell lands have not been included in any proposed subproject, as a large part of them are held in large tracts whose owners decline to subscribe.

"Due apparently to insufficient information as to construction costs at the time this project was undertaken, radical changes in the plans and scope of the project have been necessary.

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