

# IRRIGATION WORK WELL ALONG

Report of Director Newell Shows Some Completed, Others Making Progress.

## LANDS MUCH ENHANCED

Additional Construction, to Prevent Seepage, Required at Umatilla. Plans for West Extension Developing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., Dec. 22.—According to the annual report of Director Newell, of the Reclamation Service, development of the original Umatilla project in Eastern Oregon is being retarded by the failure of present owners to sell the Maxwell lands, of which about 2000 acres are not yet covered by water right. Aside from clearing up odds and ends, the construction work on this project is practically completed.

The report of the director shows that of an aggregate irrigable area of 25,000 acres, only 13,781 acres were under water right last season. The main construction work remaining to be done consists of lining parts of the distributing system to prevent seepage. Some work must also be done looking to the watering of lands between the feed canal and the present distributing system by means of direct pumping, the watering of lands in the vicinity of Umatilla, and lands lying above the present distributaries by means of electric pumping from power to be developed at the outfall of the drain ditch.

**Settlement in Slow.**  
The total population of the present Umatilla project is about 1100. Settlement has advanced slowly, two vacant homesteads remaining in the third unit and seven in the second.

The estimated value of buildings and other improvements on the project on June 30 was \$452,000, and the estimated value added to the land through agriculture was \$284,000.

Aside from the approval of the board, recommending the adoption of the West Umatilla project, no progress was made on that work up to the close of the fiscal year covered by Mr. Newell's report. Since that time arrangements have been completed with the land owners and steps taken to get this big project under way.

The report of Mr. Newell shows that the total expenditure on the Umatilla project to June 30, 1912, was \$1,465,940.

The Klamath project in Southern Oregon and Northern California, which contemplates the irrigation of 72,000 acres, was 71 per cent completed on June 30 last, according to Mr. Newell's report, and during the 1912 season the Reclamation Service was prepared to furnish water for 30,000 acres. The area under water-right was 28,987 acres.

**Klamath Falls Has Grown.**

Settlement on the Klamath project has not been as rapid during the past year as in 1909 and 1910, the marked increase of the two previous years being due to the fact that the Klamath project is now about 7000.

The Reclamation Service last Spring built a dam on Lost River to catch the run-off from Horseshoe and Bonanza Springs, and keep water out of Tule Lake. This dam, now completed, raises the water level of Lost River about 24 feet and diverts its flow through an eight-mile canal into Klamath River. During the past year, also, seven miles of drainage canal were built. The total expenditure on the Klamath project to the end of the last fiscal year was \$2,292,938.

The canals of the Sunnyside and Tieton units of the Yakima irrigation project in Eastern Washington have been completed, and those two units were rated on June 30 as being, respectively, 88 and 94 per cent completed. They will be practically finished with the opening of the next irrigation season. The Sunnyside unit embodies 102,320 acres of irrigable land, on which water was available for 80,075 acres, while the Tieton unit, embracing 34,613 acres, has 20,770 acres under water-right, and water is available for the full irrigable area.

**Okanogan Costs Increased.**

The Okanogan project in Eastern Washington was practically completed, according to the original plans, in 1910, and water has since been available for the reclamation of the entire 9900 acres. All but 63 acres of the project are now under water-right. The building charge per acre was originally set at \$62, but owing to the proposed reconstruction of portions of the project, new contracts have been executed with the Okanogan Water Users' Association providing for a maximum building charge of \$110 an acre.

Surveys and estimates have been made for a proposed extension of the Okanogan project to include 20,000 acres in the Colville Indian reservation opposite the main body of the project. This extension, if built, will be built under plan of co-operation with the Indian Service with funds belonging to the Colville Indians.

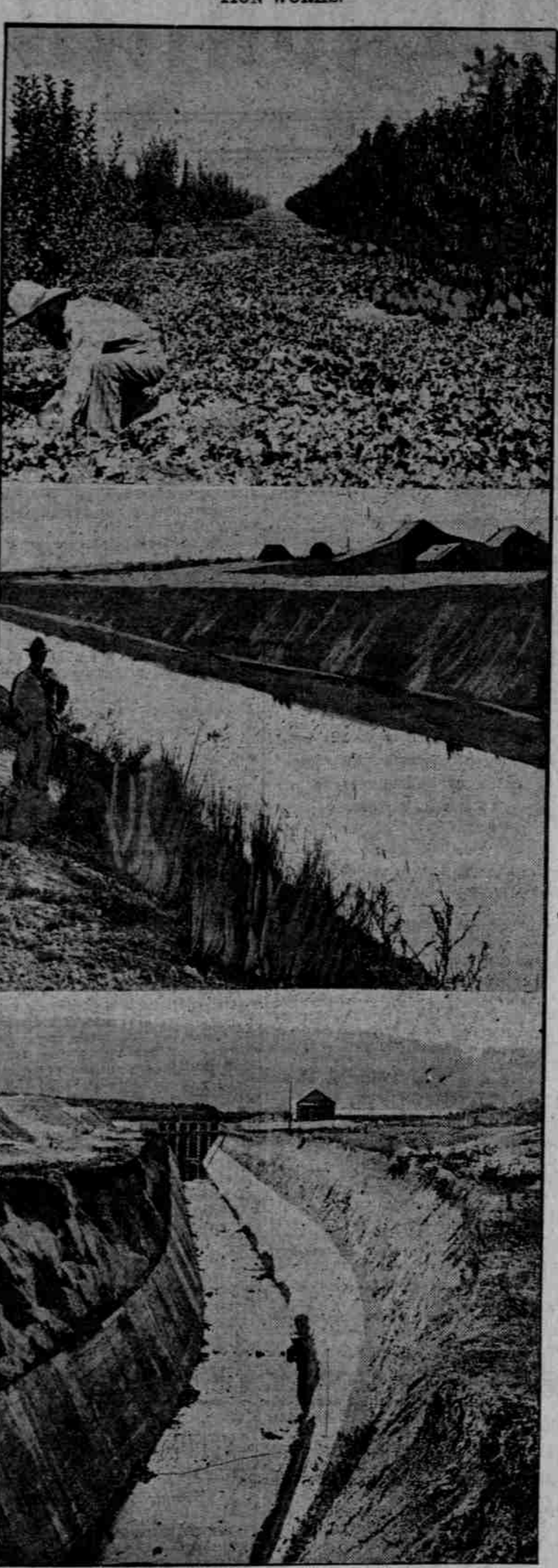
The Boise project in Idaho is one of the largest thus far undertaken by the Reclamation Service, proposing to irrigate 243,000 acres, and on June 30 was estimated to be 52 per cent completed. To June 30 the total expenditure on the Boise project had been \$6,852,758. The Reclamation Service was able to deliver water to 200,900 acres during the past season, but only 57,559 acres were taking water under rental or other arrangements during the season.

**Some Land Waits on Reservoir.**

During 1912 there were 57,559 acres of the Boise project in cultivation. The Reclamation Service is now prepared to furnish flood water to 148,000 acres of new lands and stored water to 82,500 acres of these lands. Stored water can also be furnished to a portion of the old lands in the Nampa-Meridian and Pioneer irrigation districts. The remainder of the lands in these districts, in the New York canal territory and a portion of the new lands of the project are dependent upon the Arrow-rock reservoir for a late supply of water, so that until the reservoir is completed not all the acreage in the project will be capable of irrigation throughout the entire season. Settlement on the project throughout the year has been practically at a standstill.

The Minidoka project, on Snake River, which has been several times extended, is 90 per cent completed, according to present plans, and out of a total irrigable area of 118,700 acres, water was available this past season for 111,300 acres, while 93,700 acres were under water-right. Most of this project, in fact, 93,100 acres was entered subject to the reclamation act; 19,900 acres was state land, and only 2100 acres was in private ownership.

## GOVERNMENT PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NORTHWEST IRRIGATION WORKS.



ABOVE, SCENE ON SUNNYSIDE UNIT OF YAKIMA PROJECT; MIDDLE, MAIN CANAL, KLAMATH PROJECT; BELOW, INTAKE GATE AND CANAL, KLAMATH PROJECT.

# KING-HEFFNER PACT IS TREATED LIGHTLY

Retaliation by Supporters of Teal and Wallace Generally Expected.

## BURKE'S NAME SUGGESTED

Choice of Candidate for Interior Portfolio, Should It Be Conceded to West, Declared, No Nearer to Solution.

Agreement between W. R. King, Democratic National committeeman for Oregon, and Charles G. Heffner, ex-Democratic state chairman of the State of Washington, both candidates for Secretary of the Interior, that each will support the candidacy of the other if he cannot land the appointment for himself, is not believed to have settled anything as to this appointment by President-elect Wilson other than to define the relationship of the two rival candidates as to their second choice for the place.

The fact is that both Oregon and Washington have two avowed candidates for Secretary of the Interior. Each of the two candidates from either state, failing to gain the appointment for himself, in view of the King-Heffner alliance, may be expected to support the other candidate in the neighboring state before he will support his home-state rival.

Returning from Seattle, where he had a conference with Mr. Heffner, Mr. King made it plain that he would support Mr. Heffner, of Washington, as second choice before he would do anything to promote the candidacy of his Oregon rival, J. N. Teal, also of this city.

**Colleagues Indorse King.**  
Mr. King as National committeeman for Oregon has the indorsement of his nine colleagues, delegates to the Baltimore convention. The candidacy of Mr. Teal has been indorsed by the principal commercial bodies and business organizations of the state.

Across the line in Washington, Mr. Heffner was state chairman of the Democratic organization until the time of the state convention last Summer, when, in the organization fight, he lost the hall in a hot and the convention elected Hugh Todd, a member of the Heffner faction, as his successor. Mr. Heffner subsequently ran on the Democratic ticket for Representative in Congress in the November election and was defeated by a slight margin.

Mr. Heffner is opposed in his own state for the appointment by Hugh C. Wallace, a capitalist of Tacoma. Although he has not been active in Democratic politics in Washington of late years, Mr. Wallace formerly served as National committeeman of his state for several years. Gossip started recently, when at Washington, D. C., he was the luncheon guest of W. P. McCombs, Wilson's campaign manager.

**Burke Is Mentioned.**  
Because of the intense rivalry that exists among the four candidates from the two Pacific states, it is the opinion of some Democrats that neither can win the appointment. These same Democrats, who are not tied up with either of the contenders from Oregon and Washington, venture the prediction that if the President-elect selects a Western man for the Secretaryship of the Interior Department, the appointee will be John Burke, retiring Governor of North Dakota.

The foregoing conclusion has been reached in face of the fact that Mr. Heffner has been summoned East presumably for a conference with some of the Democratic National leaders and the further fact that Mr. King expects to leave for Chicago some time next month to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. King was a member of the sub-committee which had general direction of the Wilson campaign.

## ANARCHIST TRIES SUICIDE

Man Chosen by Lot to Assassinate Victor Emmanuel Dreads Pact.

ROME, Dec. 22.—The Giornal d'Italia publishes a sensational story that a young anarchist, Henry Dal Ferro, of San Giovanni in Persiceto, near Bologna, who was designated by lot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, attempted to commit suicide rather than carry out his mission.

Ferro, says the paper, is now in a hospital in a serious condition.

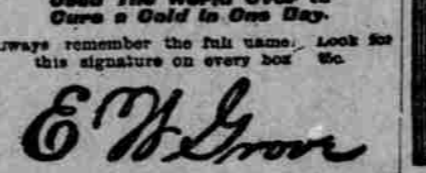
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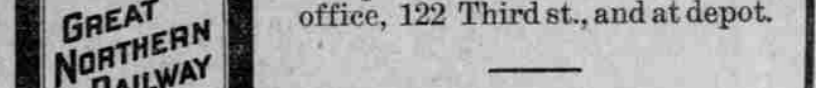
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## REBELS SACK TOWN

American Negro Colony in Mexico Is Attacked.

## FEDERALS KILL WOUNDED

Campaign of Extermination Being Conducted in Morelos, and All Houses Suspected of Sheltering Enemy Are Razed.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—A colony of American negroes, 20 miles west of Durango, is reported to have been attacked by a band of rebels. Two of the negroes, according to the report, were wounded and several women were mistreated. The rebels sacked the place.

Mobilization of rebels in the State of Morelos continues, but according to arrivals here the center of greatest activity on the part of the revolutionists is along the Morelos state line. Lieutenant-Colonel Riveroll, the Federal commander, is conducting a campaign of extermination in that district in which no prisoners are taken and all wounded are shot to death on the field.

Riveroll's force is razing towns and isolated houses along the way, where it is suspected that rebels have obtained food or shelter, and the Federal commander has adopted the plan of razing the house nearest the point where the railroad or telegraph lines have been found cut.

The railroad stations at Pastor, Atencolgo and Guantixco, near the Puebla-Morelos state line, have been burned by the rebels.

Three hundred and seventy-five Indians captured in the hills of Oaxaca, together with 25 Zapatistas, have been sent north to join the Federal ranks.

The government officials and the Mexican press generally are minimizing the importance of the prospective American note.

## TALE OF BUTCHERY DENIED

Letter Says Inhabitants of San Marcial Fled in Time.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 22.—Reports from El Paso, Texas, telling of the slaughter of the inhabitants of the Sonora town of San Marcial, two months ago, are denied in letters received by J. E. Johnson, of this city, from his brother, Carlos Johnson, now in Sonora.

"Letters from my brother describe a reign of terror in Sonora," said J. E. Johnson. "The entire state, he

says, is at the mercy of plundering bands of Indians who are attacking towns and ranches. Conditions are now worse than they have ever been before. The government is bankrupt and can't hire troops, and the Federal government has no troops to send. The last ten families of San Marcial fled just before the arrival of the Indians and the deserted town was completely razed. Since then, the Yaquis have attacked the Southern Pacific station near Nogales and have made assaults on towns nearby."

## DENIAL MADE BY SURGEON

Professor Israel Says He Did Not Operate on Czar's Son.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Professor James Israel, the noted Berlin surgeon, denied today that he had performed an operation upon the young son of the Emperor of Russia.

A story that Professor Israel had journeyed to St. Petersburg and performed a delicate surgical operation on the heir-apparent to the Russian throne, receiving as compensation \$25,000 and the royal promise of better conditions for Jews in Odessa and Kiev, was telegraphed from Berlin yesterday and published in the United States.

A note was addressed today to Professor Israel asking if this report were true. The following written response was received from the professor's secretary:

"Replying to your question, I have the honor to inform you on the authority of Professor Israel that these rumors are unfounded."

## CHILDREN'S THEATER OPEN

"Rackety-Packety House" First to Be Given in New Institution.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Children's Theater, said to be the first institution of the kind in the world, was opened here yesterday, when in an audience of 100 the roof of the Century theater building "Rackety, Packety House," by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, was presented to an audience which included many persons identified with child welfare work.

The hours of performance have been chosen so as not to interfere with school attendance, the daily matinees starting shortly after pupils have been released from their studies.

## Cannery Seeks Capital.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Centralia Fruit Growers' Association in Centralia yesterday it was decided to mortgage the local cannery plant for \$250,000 to pay off the existing debt, and to establish a surplus on which to operate after the cannery is reopened next June.

At the meeting yesterday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Henry Loomis, president; Charles Raymond, vice-president; and E. H. S. Mulder, treasurer.

Baby robins at a single meal eat half their own weight in leaf worms.