

INTERSTATE WATER OFFERS PROBLEMS

States and Nation Must Find Way to Solve New Conditions, Says Lane.

CELILO FALLS IS EXAMPLE

Washington, Oregon and Federal Government All Interested in Development of Power, but Jurisdiction Is in Question.

That an entirely new situation confronts the Government in the handling of interstate waterpowers, and that it will probably be necessary to handle it in an entirely new way, is the opinion of Secretary of the Interior Lane.

The Oregon phase of this new situation was called to the attention of Secretary Lane by State Engineer Lewis, who came on the banks of the Columbia on the return from the trip to Redmond Monday.

They had been discussing the possibility of power development of the river below Celilo Falls, near The Dalles.

No fixed authority exists that could permit the development of the vast power there. Both the States of Oregon and Washington are interested in and have a certain authority over the water and power of the Columbia which, as a navigable stream, is also under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

POWER COMMISSION SUGGESTED.

State Engineer Lewis suggested to Secretary Lane that the solution of the problem of power development of the Columbia is a question of jurisdiction, not of the right of any state and the right of the Government are involved.

"This problem confronts the United States for the first time," said Secretary Lane, "and some method should certainly be devised for its solution."

To show that the Government is capable of meeting new situations in new ways, Secretary Lane cited the case of an irrigation project in the Lake Pend d'Orville district of Idaho, where the Government owns the dam and reservoir, but leases it to a private company, who, however, has remained in the charge it may make to water-users, as the Government bases the amount of its leaseage on that charge.

He cited cases in the Flathead Lake district of Montana and near Helena, as involving new questions of policy as to the handling of water and power development.

COLUMBIA HOLDS VAST POWER.

"A great power will some day be developed on the Columbia, whether by the State of Oregon or the Federal Government, or by private enterprise, acting under certain policies that will insure the greatest benefit to the user of water or power," he said.

"This Columbia River power, produced at a cost per unit of less than the cost of pumping water to irrigate vast tracts of land now unused."

State Engineer Lewis gave as other instances of the need of a Federal Commission on water and water power the conditions that exist on the Snake River, between Oregon and Idaho, also a navigable stream, and the Jordan River, which flows through the same state in Idaho, and a reservoir in that state is designed to irrigate 50,000 acres in Oregon. He also said that interstate complications are likely soon to arise between Oregon and California over the Klamath River.

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Mrs. M. Ackerman, her son Herbert and daughter Rose and Miss Edna Mann are registered at the Multnomah from Spokane.

Among those staying at the Multnomah are C. A. Luster and his son, of Duluth, Minn. Mr. Luster is an iron manufacturer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell and child and Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Murphy and child, of Seattle, are at the Portland. They have been at Seaside.

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WHALE IS BEACHED

Carcass, 85 Feet Long, on Sand at Cranberry Station.

MANY VISITORS ATTRACTED

All Sightseers at Ocean Resorts to Be Given Chance to See Monster.

Disposition of Body May Be Big Problem.

One really and truly dead whale, measuring 85 feet from tip to tip, lies on the sand of North Beach, its exact resting place being at Cranberry Station, on the "Clam Shell" estate, which is seven miles north of the Rocks. It began to imbued itself slightly in the sand before Lieutenant of "Captain" Ed Budd, superintendent of the fifth division of the O. W. R. & N. Co. got the wires hot with bulletins of the find.

In 1888 a huge whale came in at about the same place and his bones were fastened together with wire so the frame could be displayed at the Chicago World's Fair. At that time the same question confronted the beach populace that is said to be staring them in the face at present, regarding what should be done to prevent the atmosphere being permeated with the acrid odor ofubber.

The first whale was dissected by a hand of Chinook Indians and all parts disposed of but the bones. It proved a lengthy job, and one that gave beachers their first view of this kind of fish being reduced to a commercial value. The "Budd" says there has been a rush from all parts of the beach to see the whale and already debates have been started as to how Jonah could have resided within such a denizen of the deep.

As there is a whaling station on Gray Harbor, Washington, which has been established from there every season, it is possible the plant will seek to secure the trophy on the beach, but its removal will be contested until sightseers have had an opportunity for close inspection.

LONG BEACH, WASH., Aug. 19.—(Special)—Pioneer residents along the beach say that a whale that came ashore this morning at Cranberry Station, measuring 85 feet long, is the fourth to be washed on the shore since the first became a Summer resort.

The first was reported in 1888 and was 65 feet long. It came ashore on Klipsan Beach. The second floated in the Summer of 1892 and was more than 100 feet long. The skeleton was sent to the Chicago World's Fair.

About 15 years ago another washed on the beach of Wandsbek, and a huge bonfire was built around it and the carcass burned. Men who have been along the Oregon coast recently report that a 60-foot whale's carcass is on the beach between Newport and Waldport and another between Waldport and Yachats.

Though convinced that the new plan would save thousands of dollars annually to the beach of Wandsbek, the author was unwilling to adopt the innovation arbitrarily, as he realized that there are many persons who might find the quarterly payments of water rates the Commissioner gave the matter his attention, was impressed with its possibilities, and decided to put the question to a vote of the people.

Other matters in connection with the change in the manner of paying water rates will be definitely decided at a meeting at 2 P. M. Friday.

Because the proposed changes have been the cause of much speculation and considerable bewilderment, the following statement was issued from the office of Commissioner Daly, of the water department:

"For the first time in the history of Portland, consumers are being given a voice in a measure providing a change in the method of paying water rates.

When municipal research experts, now engaged in the work, did their astronomical plan for the administration of the affairs of the city, suggested that a considerable saving could be effected in the water rates, the author was asked to consider the matter.

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Whether or not the quarterly plan is adopted, considerable saving will be effected in the water bureau by the reduction of the fees of clerks now employed. Commissioners Daly and the author will be responsible for the accounting system can be greatly simplified and at the same time made more efficient. Probably a dozen clerks will be dropped from the payroll soon. Should the quarterly payment plan be adopted, he says, the force of clerks in the water bureau can be reduced to 15.

The Water Bureau has decided to turn water into the pipes of the South West Side Water Company, which supplies that portion of the county southwest of the city. One dollar will be charged for the installation of each tap outside the city limits.

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system will expedite enlistments and save considerable trouble."

During the present year there have been 28 enlistments in excess of the number for the same period last year, and ten men were accepted last week alone.

OPENING OF SLOUGH URGED

St. Helens Citizens Argue for Channel for Ships.

Commercial interests of St. Helens have proposed to the Federal authorities that if steps are taken to dredge the bar, front of the Willamette Slough to a depth of 27 feet, so that deep draft vessels may be navigated there, a share of the expense will be borne by them. The cost is estimated at \$10,000. The length of the dredged cut will be one mile.

In support of the move it is asserted that the town grows from a city of 3,000 population in a city of 2,000 in five years; that two sawmills cut 250,000 feet in ten hours; that a croatating plant, shipyard, and other establishments are located there, while it is a distributing center for the Lake and Lewis River territories. In a year, it is set to grow to 8,000, and enter into a shipping port. The matter was taken up with United States Senator Chamberlain, referred to General Bixby, chief of engineers, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the Second Oregon District improvements, who will compile and forward a report.

SURVEY DUE NEXT MONTH

Examination of Bar Will Decide Dredging Question.

Before the first week in September ends a crew from the force directed by Major Michael C. O'Neil, U. S. A., will be at work on the Columbia River bar, making a second survey this season to ascertain what benefits have been derived in the way of depth from the operations of the dredge Chinook, which resumed work there about June 18, after a year's idleness.

The survey will not be an complete as that made each June, because the annual investigation of depths includes a large area inside the bar and on both sides of the main channel, while the forthcoming undertaking will be centered on the bar and have to deal largely with the ranges on which the dredge dredges. At it was understood when the Chinook was put in service about three months to prove whether the channel would be helped by her assistance, the survey is expected to decide whether recommendations be made to Washington that dredging be continued in advance of the completion of the north jetty.

TWO WHEAT SHIPS ARRIVE

Wandsbek Gains Nearly a Month on Thielbek at Sea.

In the arrival yesterday of the German bark Wandsbek and Wandsbek to load wheat here for Hamburg, another example was available of how fortuitous some vessels are in getting away from Santa Rosalia.

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