

SOIL EXPERTS HOLD IRRIGATION BACK

Adverse Report on West Umatilla Means Delay Pending New Investigation.

CONCLUSION IS DOUBTED

Land Is Represented as Unsuitable for Cultivation, but Unjustified Condemnation in Other Cases Is Recalled.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash., May 20.—Secretary of the Interior Lane and members of the Reclamation Commission are seriously concerned over the adverse report made by experts of the Department of Agriculture on the soil of the West Umatilla project and it is uncertain what will be done toward the construction of the main body of that project, which has been tentatively approved by the reclamation engineers and department officials.

In the face of an adverse report, representing the land to be unsuitable for cultivation under irrigation, the Interior Department must necessarily pause with that project, in view of the fact that the soil report is made by supposedly competent experts of the Department of Agriculture. To proceed with the project, and have it turn out a failure after several millions of dollars had been expended, would leave the Interior Department in an embarrassing situation.

Soil Experts' Assertions Disputed.

On the other hand, reports made by field representatives of the Reclamation Service and reports from persons living on or near the Umatilla project are at direct variance with the reports of Mr. Jayne and Mr. Allen, of the Department of Agriculture, and since their reports became public the Interior Department has been flooded with protests, denouncing the conclusions reached by the soil experts and asserting that the land, when irrigated, will be highly valuable for agricultural purposes.

The intimation is thrown out guardedly that the report of the soil experts was inspired by interests antagonistic to the West Umatilla project, and that the conclusion reached was one which had been agreed on before the soil was examined. That, however, is something that probably cannot be proved, and the conclusion is merely surmise on the part of some who believe the project entirely feasible and of great promise.

East Conclusions Unwarranted.

The records of the Department of Agriculture show, however, that soil experts who have been sent into the West have heretofore made as damaging reports on other regions as that recently made on the West Umatilla country, and their conclusions have been demonstrated to be inaccurate. Five or six years ago soil physicists of the Department of Agriculture were sent into Central California to report

on the soil of a valley which was proposed to be irrigated by the Government. Their report showed the land to be incapable of successful cultivation, because of the superabundance of alkali. The Government abandoned that project, but private capital did the work and today the land is producing luxuriant crops.

Whether the report on the West Umatilla lands is correct or faulty, the Secretary of the Interior does not know. He has contradictory advice, but at the same time he is confronted with reports from another department which he cannot ignore, until those reports are proved to be without justification. The result probably will be that the Government will delay indefinitely the construction of the storage unit of the West Umatilla project.

Reports Delay Progress.

The Government has not yet acquired the damsite or the reservoir-site on the West Umatilla project, but it has negotiated with private land owners, including owners of lands proposed to be irrigated and a considerable amount of the preliminary work. It cannot well proceed in face of the reports submitted by Messrs. Jayne and Allen. Just what the next step will be has not been determined. It is likely that other men versed in soils will be asked to report on the West Umatilla land, but this examination will take time and it is reasonably certain that the Government cannot enter actively on the construction of the West Umatilla project within a year.

It had been the intention of the Interior Department to withhold the report, pending verification for it was not deemed advisable to alarm the land owners on the first unit unduly, nor did it desire to give the original Umatilla project the black eye it has sustained because of unintended publicity given the soil report. Publicity, however, was given and it is now deemed best to apprise people of all phases of the subject.

BEE ORDINANCE IS STARTED

Hood River Council Moves Against Big Apiaries Within City.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Complaints of citizens of the heights portion of the city residing near the home of W. W. Dakin, who has an apiary of 50 hives of bees, caused the City Council in session here Monday night to draft an ordinance which passed its first reading preventing any person from keeping more than five hives of bees, and these to be kept removed at least 100 feet from any occupied residence or street.

In case any one is found guilty of violating the ordinance, he will be asked to abate the nuisance. Failure on the owner's part to comply with the ordinance will make it necessary for the City Marshal to engage in the delicate task of transporting the bees from the city. The ordinance also carries a penalty of a fine of from \$5 to \$100.

SHERIFF BRINGS WET SUIT

Northern Pacific Charged With Carrying Liquor Illegally.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Sheriff Foster has begun an action in Justice Westover's court against the Northern Pacific Railway Company for the alleged shipping of liquor into dry territory.

The shipment is said to have been made May 16, 1914, to John Doe Cox, at Pe Ell, and included two barrels of bottled beer, two barrels of wine, one case of wine and two kegs of whiskey. A similar shipment is said to have been made to W. R. Conrow, of Pe Ell.

SENATORS FAIL TO SET TIME FOR VOTE

Action on Tolls Issue Hastened, However, by Lengthening of Session.

REPEAL ADVOCATES SPEAK

Kenyon of Iowa Announces Himself in Favor of Bill on Economic Grounds—Williams Pleads for Upholding Treaty.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Failure of Democratic leaders in the Senate to get an agreement to vote on the Panama tolls bill at the end of a week resulted in renewed and more determined efforts to hasten delivery of scheduled speeches. Sessions are beginning now at 11 A. M. and next week probably will see regular night sessions of the Senate.

Democratic leader Kern today asserted he saw no reason why four or five speeches could not be delivered every day and announced that, beginning tomorrow, he proposed to ask every day for unanimous consent for an agreement to vote.

REPEAL ADVOCATES SPEAK

Three speeches on the tolls question were made during the day. All favored the repeal bill. Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire defended the measure as upholding the treaty obligations of the United States. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, made the first public statement of his attitude on the measure, announcing that he would vote for the repeal on economic grounds. He said he had reached the conclusion that the exemption of American coastwise vessels was an unwarranted special privilege.

Williams Rebukes Senators.

Senator Williams rebuked Democratic colleagues who had criticized President Wilson for not following the Democratic platform.

"Will anyone offend us by saying that a platform plank is superior to that greatest of all obligations that rest on a nation—the obligation to hold inviolate a solemn treaty?" asked the Mississippi Senator. "There is something to me more sacred than a plank in a platform, and that is a nation's word and a nation's honor."

Kenyon Favors Arbitration.

Declaring the exemption of American coastwise ships from tolls was an economic mistake and a "special privilege," Senator Kenyon, in the Senate announced he would vote for the repeal. The question of the right of the United States to exempt coastwise ships, the Senator said, was one which should be submitted to arbitration.

Senator Hollis said good faith and the honor of a great Nation required that the tolls exemption plank of the Baltimore platform be disregarded.

He said the country would not ask performance of the pledge in the plank if it were violative of treaty obligations.



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PYTHIANS PICK OLYMPIA

Washington Grand Lodge Elects Officers in Spokane.

SPOKANE, May 20.—The grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Washington selected Olympia as the next meeting place and elected officers as follows:

H. C. Koons, Tacoma, grand chancellor; Gus Meese, Spokane, vice-grand chancellor; Daniel Bowen, Aberdeen, grand trustee; F. W. Loomis, Aberdeen, grand prelate; A. R. Metz, Elberton, grand master of arms; Fred G. Cook, Snohomish, grand inner guard; George E. R. Tew, Seattle, grand outer guard; Ben Haverkamp, Tacoma, grand master of the exchequer; and H. N. Love, Colfax, grand keeper of records and seal.

The state lodge went on record as favoring the reduction in the age limit from 21 to 18 years.

Newport Agate Has Rival

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The famous agate beach at Newport has a rival in the southwestern part of Curry County, and one that has recently furnished some of the most exquisite moss stones ever shown in the state. Its discovery was an accident, and due to the dashing storms of January and February. The beach is on the Macleay estate, a few miles from Wedderburn, and it has produced in one month between 5000 and 6000 moss agates of half a dozen varieties.

It is usual on agate beaches to find stones of from two to half a dozen varieties, but the Curry County beach produced as many varieties of moss stones.

The discovery was made by A. M. Collins, who was mining the beach sands. His search netted him something more than 5000.

It's Time for "Straws"



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NACHES CANAL BREAKS

Water Sweeps Over Farms and Does Damage to Crops.

Power Plant Closes, North Yakima Water Temporarily Cut Off, and Irrigation Is at Standstill.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Twenty-eight feet of the new concrete canal of the Pacific Power & Light Company in the Naches Valley gave way about 3 o'clock this morning sending a tremendous volume of water across the lands of J. W. Kinkaid, E. O. Keck and A. H. McPhie, doing damage to the amount of several thousand dollars, compelling the company to temporarily shut down its Naches water power plant and making it necessary to draw on the Selah irrigation canal for the city's water supply until the broken canal is repaired.

The damage and inconvenience are increased by the fact that it is the height of the irrigation season, and

the canal furnished irrigation water for thousands of acres in that part of the valley. On the Kinkaid ranch a channel eight feet deep was cut for 200 yards, and hundreds of tons of mud were washed over the lower lands. Fields of standing hay were ruined and cellars in the path of the flood were filled.

The canal where the break occurred is part of eight miles recently constructed at a cost of half a million dollars.

Seepage from higher canals undermining the concrete work is blamed for the disaster. Repairs will require two days or longer.

SCHOOL RALLY IS HELD

Three Districts of Linn Are Standardized at Big Meeting.

ALBANY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Several hundred today attended a big educational rally at Shedd's at which three Linn County schools were formally standardized and educational problems, good roads and other questions of public interest were discussed. County School Superintendent Jackson presented a pennant emblematic of standardization to the

schools of Shedd and Plainview and the Greenback district.

The leading speakers of the day were: Milton A. Miller, of Portland, Collector of Internal Revenue, who is a member of the Linn County Board of Education; D. B. McKnight, County Judge of Linn County; Alfred C. Schmitt, of Albany, a member of the County Educational Board; S. M. Garland, of Lebanon, and W. L. Jackson, County School Superintendent.

Twenty in Graduating Class

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—The 20 seniors who comprise the largest class which has ever been graduated from the local high school are as follows: Ruth DeLong, Carrie Woods, Eva Hopper, Marlin Hooper, Eva Richmond, Bertha Stephens, Ada Matigwe, Jessie McCord, Leslie Godard, Robert Earl, George Hall, Ernest Lebow, Andy Sears, Frank Brumbaugh, Elwyn McCargar, Victor Chambers, Murray Trunnell, Robert Atkinson, George Mathews and Austin Berg.

The programme for the commencement exercises, May 28, is practically complete. The address will be delivered by a member of the University of Oregon faculty, not yet selected.



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