

CENTRAL OREGON IS STUNNED BY BUILDING

Irrigation Fund of \$450,000 Allotted by Government Always Thought Sure.

FEELING NOW IS BITTER

Recent Agreement Between Rival Communities Over Expenditure of Federal Money Cited and Mighty Protest Expected.

BY GEORGE PALMER PUTNAM, BEND, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—It was with a feeling of utter astonishment that Central Oregon received the news that Secretary of the Interior Lane proposed to force the state into another appropriation of \$450,000 if a like amount is to be forthcoming from the Federal Treasury.

To the average dweller of the irrigated country this new phase of a matter deemed here for many months as one definitely settled seems like unburying the dead, and there is complete inability to discern any reasonable excuse for what is pretty generally styled a groundless change of front.

As Secretary Lane's reported stand hits this territory hardest, because the \$450,000 was to have been spent here about, naturally it is here that feeling is the most bitter. It is conceded that nothing but a miracle could squeeze another \$450,000 from the coming Legislature, and even if a miracle was possible no one wants that kind of one now. Yet without a second appropriation, according to Mr. Lane, there will be no aid from the reclamation fund.

Bend and Redmond unite. Since the Tumalo project started everyone at all familiar with irrigation matters in Central Oregon has taken it for granted that when the proper time came, from an engineering standpoint, the Government's promised "matching" of the state's contribution would be forthcoming. In fact, no later than Tuesday night representatives of the commercial clubs of Bend and Redmond met here and recommended that factional fights for one project as opposed to another be dropped.

In other words, Central Oregon has felt for months that the elusive \$450,000 was as good as here, and it was only a matter of time when the Government would be petitioned to decide just where the money was to be spent solely between the merits of the respective projects.

Concerted Protest Probable. Within a few days it is believed all the commercial organizations of the interior will band together in a concerted protest to the Secretary of the Interior, asking for a change of this last decision. And certainly Oregon's official representatives at Washington will be besieged with requests to use their utmost efforts to get justice done in the matter. That such a blatant reversal be placed on the standing for months would discredit the reclamation administration is the universal opinion.

Portland's evident interest in the matter, as echoed in The Oregonian, is greatly appreciated in Crook County, and the co-operation of that metropolis in this fight for what all believe to be a just cause, is predicted, to cement the friendly intimacy between Portland and the sagebrush country.

MISTAKE, OFFICIALS THINK

Governor and Assistant State Engineer Hope for Adjustment.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Governor West and Percy Cupper, Assistant State Engineer, said today that they believed the report Secretary of the Interior Lane would withhold an appropriation of \$450,000 for irrigation in this state until Oregon understood a similar amount in addition to the \$450,000 expended on the Tumalo project must be secured by the understanding. Both declared it had been the intention of the Secretary of the Interior to expend \$450,000 for reclamation work here with the promise of the department.

Mr. Cupper said that when the Tumalo work was started by the state the Interior Department agreed that it would spend \$450,000 on a project adjoining that. The law creating the state appropriation provided that the work should be finished within two years, and for that reason the State Desert Land Board could not wait for the Government to give the money before starting its part of the work.

"Knowing Secretary Lane's wishes and desires in regard to this matter," said Governor West, "I am confident that all we will have to do is to straighten him out. He has a great mass of detail to give attention to in connection with irrigation subjects which are thrust upon him and it is probable that the progress of the Tumalo work has not been brought to his attention. The state having expended its \$450,000 it is ready to step down and out and to let the Federal Government take over the project which I am confident Secretary Lane will do when he is informed of conditions."

FUND DUE NOW, IS BELIEF

Those Knowing Case Say Oregon Has Earned Sum in Fact.

The repeated declaration of Secretary of the Interior Lane as to his stand on the \$450,000 allotted by the Government for co-operative irrigation work in Oregon has not shaken the faith of those in Oregon who are familiar with the circumstances of the case that Oregon is entitled to the benefit of the Government's \$450,000 without any further appropriation of a similar sum.

Secretary Lane's declaration that he has not designated what Oregon project the money would be spent on does not harmonize with the letter written by Director Newell to Governor West June 10, 1913, in which he reports expressly that Secretary Lane had consented to the setting aside of \$450,000 for co-operation in the Tumalo project, provided the project is feasible and there are no insuperable legal obstacles.

The report recently filed by the Government engineers establishing the Tumalo project and others in Oregon as feasible. Although Secretary Lane says he has never been consulted on the Tumalo project, it is known that John H. Lewis, Engineer of Oregon, called upon him in Washington after the Oregon Legislature had appropriated its \$450,000 for the Tumalo project and it is understood

that they then discussed the Tumalo project. The Tumalo project was built by an ex-Reclamation Service engineer under the same plan outlined by the Government Reclamation Service and was purposely so constructed as to co-ordinate with any extension that might be made by the Government. "It was my understanding that \$450,000 was to be and was actually set aside by the department for reclamation work in the State of Oregon," said J. N. Teal, chairman of the Oregon Conservation Commission, last night. "The 1913 Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for co-operative survey of the Deschutes section with the Reclamation Service, that service furnishing a like amount." "The Legislature also appropriated \$450,000 for the construction of the Tumalo project. The survey has been made, whether fully completed or not I cannot say. Two bulletins have been issued dealing with two projects. The Tumalo project has been completed. "I certainly understood the allotment of \$450,000 was made by the department and would be spent in Oregon on reclamation work and an additional appropriation by Oregon to obtain the expenditure of this amount never entered my head."

MANY REPEALS LIKELY

SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON HOUSE IS PROPOSED.

W. W. Connor, Assured of Speakership, Says All Favor Economy, but "First-Aid" Bill Doubtful.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Organization of a new House committee in the State Legislature, to have charge of repeal bills, is favored by Legislators in many parts of the State.



W. W. Connor, Who Has Enough Votes Pledged to Insure His Election as Speaker of House in Washington Legislature.

said W. W. Connor, of Skagit County, who has enough votes pledged to insure his overwhelming Speakership of the next House. Mr. Connor said that from his talks with legislators it is almost certain that second-choice feature of electing state and Congressional officials will be repealed. He has talked with most of the Pierce County legislators, and had conferences with practically all members of the next House and said he found only one man with a bill to introduce, and this was on horticulture.

"I believe every member is a taxpayer, and that will mean a great deal in the economy program. I am going around the state, talking with all the members of the next House, and I find everywhere the tendency to cut down appropriations and repeal ineffective bills. "I am asking the members about the advisability of a repeal bills committee, and it seems to be favored generally. It is probable that the House will have new committees also, such as rural credits and public utilities such as the Senate plans."

Mr. Connor said he had found opinion divided on the advisability of passing a "first-aid" bill, and that it would be difficult to tell what would be done until the Governor's special committee reports.

OPEN GATEWAYS FOUGHT

Roads Oppose Appeal From Lumber Mills to Commission.

Attorneys and traffic officials of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads sought to show before W. J. Ford, examiner for the Interstate Commerce Commission, yesterday that the opening of the Silver Bow and Butte gateways for which certain lumber manufacturers in Eastern Oregon have appealed would result in a serious injury to their interests and to the interests of mills on their lines.

Potato Harvest Is Record.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The banner potato crop of the year is told by Pete Tonoli, of Divide, who says that from eight rows, 17 posts long, he has harvested 54 sacks of the tubers, and has about 12 sacks yet to dig, making at least 66 sacks, or about 100 bushels to the eight rows. He mildly says that some of the potatoes are the size of a man's hat. He has promised to bring in some of the smaller sizes for exhibition purposes.

Normal School "Gym" Sees Game.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The first basketball game of the season was played by the team of the Oregon Normal School. The season opened with a new \$10,000 gymnasium, erected by the school last year. The girls at the Normal also are showing a deep interest in athletics this year. Games of basketball and German ball are in sight.

Civic League to Hear Talks.

Flowden Stott and Conrad F. Olson will be the speakers at the luncheon of the Civic League in the Multnomah Hotel tomorrow. Mr. Stott will talk on legislation to prevent the sale of opiates and narcotic drugs in Oregon. Mr. Olson has not picked his subject yet. John Gill will act as chairman of the meeting.

Fred W. Wetzler, Milwaukie, Dies. MILWAUKEE, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Fred W. Wetzler, aged 53 years, died here today. He was the brother of J. E. and Albert Wetzler, of Milwaukie, Henry Wetzler, of Oregon City; William Wetzler, of Santa Rosa, Cal.; Charles, George and Edward Wetzler, of Hillsboro, Or.

\$450,000 CASH IS MR. LANE'S DEMAND

Credit Not Given Oregon for Irrigation Fund Already Allotted and Expended.

CO-OPERATION IS PROVISION

Belief Is That Since Government Had No Share in Planning or Executing Tumalo Project It Cannot Contribute.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 3.—Although Secretary Lane has allotted \$450,000 to be used when a like amount is contributed by the State of Oregon in construction of a co-operative irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, he is said here not to have designated any project to be built jointly by state and Federal governments, and will make no such designation until the state's cash is actually at his disposal.

While the last Oregon Legislature made an appropriation for building a co-operative project, the money appropriated has never been turned over, but, according to information of Washington officials, was spent by state authorities in building the Tumalo project. After the Tumalo project was well under way an appeal was made by Secretary Lane to expend \$450,000 of Government funds in enlarging that project as built by the state, but the Secretary is understood to have said that this would not be co-operation, especially since the Government had not been consulted about the Tumalo project, and had no voice in its selection or its planning or in building works that had been undertaken solely by the state.

Cash Must Be Delivered.

He insists that before any part of the money tentatively allotted by him for a co-operative project shall be spent, the state shall turn over \$450,000 cash, to be added to the amount taken from the reclamation fund, and when \$900,000 is thus available he and the Reclamation Service will join offices in selecting a project to be built jointly, and will then proceed jointly to build it, but in no other way and on no other terms.

Verdict Is Soon Reached

Crime, Involving Conspiracy to Obtain Money From Steel Corporation, Is Unusual One—Appeal to Be Taken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—David Lamar was today found guilty of impersonating Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of defrauding J. P. Morgan & Co. and the United States Steel Corporation. He was immediately sentenced to serve two years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Extensions Too Costly.

Moreover, surveys show that neither of the feasible extensions to the Tumalo project can be built for \$450,000. One possible addition would cost \$600,000 to \$700,000 and another would cost \$1,000,000, or more, so that the amount allotted by the Secretary would not be adequate to build either extension. Misunderstanding regarding co-operation between the state and Federal government arising from the argument that Secretary Lane would use Government funds in building an extension to the project, entered into a session making an appropriation of like amount for co-operative work. If the Legislature fails to make such an appropriation, the co-operative work probably will be postponed indefinitely.

DANISH STANDARD HIGH

ILLITERACY ONLY ONE-SEVENTH THAT OF UNITED STATES.

Secret of High Place in Educational Affairs Said to Lie in High regard Felt for Teachers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Only one person in every thousand in Denmark placed unable to read and write, compared with seven out of every 1000 in the United States. This fact is disclosed in a report today by H. W. Fogt, of the Federal Bureau of Education, in his investigations of school conditions in Denmark. It is shown also that of 260,000 Danish children of school age only 270 failed to attend school during 1911.

Mr. Fogt declared that compulsory school attendance between the ages of 7 and 14 is so strictly enforced in Denmark that "the few who persist in avoiding their legal responsibilities are punished so severely that they are glad enough to change their minds." The people are so imbued with the value of education, he says, that they will go to any extremity to keep their children in school. The secret of Denmark's high place in educational affairs, according to Mr. Fogt, lies in the bold teachers who have upon the entire people. The teacher has high social rank, is a leader in both church and state, and is invariably pensioned for disability or age.

CONTRACTORS WILL MEET

Oregon Electric Association to Hold Sessions at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—In its annual convention the Oregon Electrical Contractors' Association will meet in Albany next Wednesday. Between 60 and 75 delegates will be present from all parts of the state. A social session will be held Tuesday night, and a feature of the evening will be a bowling contest between the jobbers and contractors. The business session will be held Wednesday at the Hotel Albany to elect officers for the ensuing year. Archie Litter, of Portland, is president of the association. Plans for the convention are being arranged by Joseph H. Ralston, of this city. This will be the first time the association has ever met outside of Portland. British brewers in 1913 produced 37,074,740 barrels of beer, in 1914 produced public and 422 private breweries.

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FRAUD FUGITIVE GIVES UP Fred Brantner Returns to Confess Guilt in Railroad Land Cases.

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DRY LAW ASSAILED Arizona Liquor Men Prepare for Determined Litigation.

FATAL CONFLICT ALLEGED Two ex-Governors, Retiring Attorney-General and Six Other Lawyers Engaged and All Suits Are Assessed.

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Bullard's resignation as Attorney-General takes effect Saturday. His term of office would have expired December 31.

The main point of attack on the prohibition amendment will be the contention that there is a fatal conflict in the provisions of the measure. One section provides that the amendment shall go into effect January 1. Another provides that the Legislature, which does not assemble until January 11, shall "by appropriate legislation provide for the carrying into effect of this amendment."

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