

## SPEEDIER WORK ON IRRIGATION URGED

Reclamation Service Points to Need of Additional Funds for Best Results.

### DELAYS INCREASE COST

Every Consideration, Says Report, Urges Wisdom of Speedy Realization of Moment When Land Shall Be Productive.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 9.—The necessity for providing additional funds to permit the speedy completion of irrigation projects now in course of construction and to permit also the construction of some new projects is clearly pointed out in the annual report of the Reclamation Service, as quoted in the annual report of Secretary Lane.

The Secretary, in abstracting the reclamation report, makes no comment whatever on this phase, and neither he nor the Reclamation Service recommends a loan of \$50,000,000 or \$100,000,000. The director of the Reclamation Service, however, enters into an explanation of the necessity for such a loan, and his report will be used in Congress this winter to support the Borah bill, now pending, proposing a \$50,000,000 loan. Secretary Lane last year recommended a loan of double that amount.

### Fund's Resources Overburdened.

From the Secretary's abstract of the Reclamation Service report, the following statement is quoted:

"While the policy of carrying on simultaneously the construction of a large number of irrigation works and of inaugurating new ones without awaiting the completion of the old may be defended, there comes a point where such a policy must of necessity cease. The resources of the reclamation fund are now overburdened and the projects under way cannot be completed within a reasonable length of time unless there shall be large accessions to the fund. The date of completion must be further delayed by the reduction of the annual collections of construction charges by reason of the 20-year extension act unless there shall be found some other means for the replenishment of the fund."

"The initiation of new projects can now only be undertaken at the cost of certain delay in the completion of those under way. Such delays will not only prevent the largest and most beneficial utilization of the works planned and in process of construction, but inevitably must increase their cost and cause them to suffer the depreciation that comes from disuse."

"Delays Cause Heavy Loss.

"Lands will be withheld from cultivation, canals and structures will deteriorate, and the repayment to the reclamation fund of the cost of such works will be put off. While interest

is not chargeable to the users of Government irrigation works, nevertheless account should be taken of the loss of interest on this investment in determining the future construction policy. Every year of delay in completing and opening these works to the use for which they are intended causes a heavy loss, not only of interest on the sum invested but in the annual depreciation of such portions as have been completed or partially completed. The annual maintenance of partially completed works is a heavy charge. A net investment of \$84,000,000 with interest computed at only 2 per cent involves an annual charge of \$1,680,000. The total accruals of construction charges for the fiscal year 1914 amounted to only \$1,340,435.66. The amount collected was only \$251,679.64.

### Land Withheld Is Land Wasted.

"Every consideration urges the wisdom of early completion of works now under way and the most speedy possible realization of that moment when all the reclamation land under such works shall be made productive and contributory to the reclamation fund.

"Lands withheld from occupation and cultivation awaiting completion of irrigation works are lands wasted. If private ownership, such lands increase rapidly in price. When sold to the cultivator such lands impose upon him so heavy a burden that he finds difficulty in meeting the Government's charges. If public lands entered as homesteads the settlers impoverish themselves while waiting for the water to come in vain and useless efforts to erect an income from the sterile and inhospitable soil. Every consideration of humanity and of business sagacity argues for early completion."

### CENTRALIA BANK TO OPEN

New Concern to Incorporate With Capital of \$100,000.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—A new bank, with a capitalization of \$100,000, will incorporate at once and business in Centralia about the first of the year, according to a statement made yesterday by C. P. Hay, special deputy bank examiner who has had charge of the affairs of the Union Loan & Trust Company since it closed its doors in September.

It was thought probable that the Union Loan would open its doors within the 30 days allowed it to do so, but legal features appearing rendering it impossible to convey the business without the formality of appointing a receiver. This will be done at once and the details of the transfer, according to Mr. Hay, pushed through at once. The opening of the new institution will relieve the financial stress under which the city has been laboring since the closing of the two local banks.

### RARE ANIMALS SIGHTED

Antelope and White-Tailed Deer Feed Near Silver Lake.

SILVER LAKE, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—There are at least three antelope and five white-tailed deer left in north Lake County. These animals have been sighted several times recently at their watering place on Silver Lake and on their grazing grounds at the top of tall rimrock bordering the lake to the west.

The antelope have become so tame they drink and graze within 200 yards of the house of a homesteader on the shores of the lake. The white-tailed deer use the same range as the antelope, but are more cautious about approaching buildings.

## ALMSHOUSE INDIAN POLICY DEPOSED

Secretary Lane Says He Has Authority to End System and Intends to Use It.

### AMBITION TO BE FIRED

Public Hostility to Bureaucracy Recognized and Acts of Federal Bureaus Reviewed to Justify Continued Existence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A definite, constructive policy for the Indian, by which he may be transformed from a ward of the Government to a successful and integral part of the American citizenry; a discussion of the development of the West; and a review of the achievements of the last year are contained in the annual report of Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, sent today to President Wilson.

"Three things," says Secretary Lane, "of unusual purport have marked the life of this Department during the past year—the passing of the Cherokee Nation, the opening of Alaska and the advancement of a series of measures aimed to promote the further development of the West."

"Almshouse" Indian Policy Opposed.

Secretary Lane discusses the Indian problem at length, and asks whether it is for the benefit of the Indian himself that the present almshouse policy should continue.

"The American conscience, our sense of justice, our traditions, in fact, will not permit the adoption of drastic course that would cast the Indian upon a world for which he is ill-prepared," he says. "Yet I am of the opinion that it would be better, far better, to sever all ties between the Indian and the Government, give every man his own land and let him go his way to success or destruction, rather than keep alive in the Indian the belief that he is to remain a ward of the Government."

"The way out is gradually and wisely to put the Indian out. Our goal is the free Indian. The orphan-asylum idea must be killed in the mind of the Indian and white man. The Indian should know that he is upon the road to enjoy or suffer full capacity. He is to have his opportunity as a 'forward-looking man.'"

### Authority Will Be Used.

"It is my conclusion after an intimate study as practicable, of his nature and needs, that we should henceforth make a positive and systematic effort to ease the full burden of independence and responsibility on an increasing number of the Indians of all tribes. I find that there is a statute which significantly empowers the Secretary of the Interior to do this in individual cases. That authority is adequate. I intend to use such authority.

"In 1839 the problem was how to get the Indian out of the way. Today the problem is how to make him really a



part of the Nation. The man who can do for himself is the man to be released. He is the man who thinks not in terms of the Indians' yesterday, but in terms of the Indians' tomorrow. In one thing we are short—the art of inducing ambition. This largely depends upon the genius of the teacher to fire the imagination of the pupil. That is the first step in all civilization.

In an extended discussion of the needs and development of the West, Secretary Lane advert, with noteworthy frankness, to embarrassments which he has encountered in dealing with the problems presented in his department.

"Fear of Bureaucracy Is Recognized.

"It cannot be unknown to you," the Secretary says, "that there is throughout the country, more especially in the Western states, which, because of their problems presented in his department, a real fear of what is called bureaucracy of Washington. This is said to be a system or organized machine, the spirit of which is such work ever made.

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Bureau of Pensions—Returned to the Treasury \$28,572 of the amount appropriated by Congress; reduced the total of expenditures for pensions from \$174,171,680 in the preceding year to \$172,417,546; saved to pensioners about a million dollars formerly spent for the execution of vouchers by abolishing the system of paying pensions.

Reclamation Service—Stored enough water in its various reservoirs to make a lake 50 miles long, 15 miles wide and 10 feet deep; diverted 4,000,000 acre-feet of water (a stream equal in volume to the Hudson River, where the Mohawk enters it) and irrigated equal to that of Rhode Island; began and completed 479 miles of irrigation canals, 115 miles of drainage and waste-water ditches, 80 miles of irrigation and drainage pipe line; maintained and operated 7139 miles of irrigation canals and waste-water ditches, 19 miles of standard-gauge railroad, 374 miles of electric transmission lines, 2180 miles of telephone lines and 733 miles of wagon roads.

Patent Office—Enabled the applicant to secure a patent in two-thirds of the time that formerly was necessary.

Molalla Farmers in School.

MOLALLA, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Molalla has, in session this week, the first itinerant school established by the Oregon Agricultural College. The course of lectures covers a host of subjects of interest to the farmer, fruitgrower and gardener. J. E. Larson lectured on soil conditions, drainage and kindred subjects. W. S. Brown on the fruit industry; C. V. Skelton on road construction; E. B. Pitts on dairying; C. C. Lamb on poultry, and R. Reynolds on horse raising. Tomorrow, Friday and Saturday Miss Davis has a class in domestic science.

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