

MANY PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED BY MONEY

Crook and Malheur Counties to Attend Irrigation Meet to Advance Claims.

BIG SUM TO BE ASKED

Fund to Complete Owyhee and Central Oregon Work Wanted When Legislature Convenes—Federal Aid Expected.

Crook and Malheur Counties will send big delegations to the Irrigation Congress in Portland next week for the express purpose of urging the passage of resolutions recommending special appropriations from the Legislature.

Crook County wants enough money to complete the Central Oregon irrigation project near Bend and Malheur County wants enough to finish the Owyhee project near Ontario.

Efforts will be made to secure indorsement for both projects from the Congress in Portland next week for the express purpose of urging the passage of resolutions recommending special appropriations from the Legislature.

Now that Secretary Lane, of the Federal Interior Department, has consented to recommend an appropriation of \$450,000 to match a similar amount already expended by the state on the Tumalo project in Crook County, the Crook County delegation to the Irrigation Congress to recommend to the Federal authorities where that expenditure is to be made.

Redmond and Bend Want Aid. But the greatest effort on behalf of Crook County will be put forth by the delegation in the Redmond and Bend districts, who want relief for the settlers on the Central Oregon Irrigation Company.

It appears that the company has not been able to complete the third unit of its enterprise, which was inaugurated under provisions of the Carey act. About 400 miles of main canals and laterals already have been completed, but some of them are damaged and impracticable.

Moreover, the State Engineer has refused to certify to the improvements already made by various farmers under the Carey act, and they are unable to get patents for their land.

All these particulars will be laid before the irrigation congress with a view of carrying them on up to the Legislature. It is probable that the congress will be asked to urge the Legislature to make a direct appropriation for the relief of the settlers under the completed ditches and for the completion of the third unit of the project.

It is estimated that it will require about \$750,000 to do all this work. The Crook County folks plainly admit that they want to be paid for the work they are doing—or for some of it, anyway.

But that it is not all. The Malheur County people want some financial assistance for the Owyhee canal, that was started a few years ago and only partially completed. This contemplates the reclamation of more than 10,000 acres of arid land in the vicinity of Ontario.

Crook County will have a delegation of at least 125 irrigationists and Malheur County may have half that many. Inasmuch as the Legislature convenes at Salem on the Monday following the adjournment of the irrigation meeting, there is much political significance in the plans of the irrigationists. It is certain that many of the irrigation delegates will go right up to Salem in the interest of their respective districts before the Legislature.

A ride December 3 on train No. 17 from the Union Depot to the Morrison-street station, on the East Side, on an interstate railroad pass which it is alleged, did not belong to him, resulted in the arrest of Joseph Franklin Fisher at Los Gatos, Cal., and his return to Portland yesterday. He is held on a charge of violation of the interstate commerce law relative to railroad passes.

Fisher, who formerly was employed by the Northern Pacific at Spokane, and later by the O. W. R. & N. at Portland, obtained a pass, declares Assistant United States District Attorney Rankin, from the Southern Pacific for passage from Portland to San Jose. To obtain the pass, it is alleged, Fisher forged the name of Bert Wilder, an employee of the company who, by law, was entitled to the pass, and who had applied for it.

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Greetings From San Francisco Employees of Company Received in Form of Color Sketch of Wharf With Signatures.

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What Fred J. Wagner Says

About Skidding. Fred J. Wagner, so well known to all motorists and official starter in all the big motor races, in an article in a recent issue of "House Beautiful," says—

"Chains, according to nearly every motorist, are superior to any other form of non-skidding device. I have seen substitutes for chains skid, and skid badly, too, when traction was vitally important to keep the car out of a ditch. There is no such thing as a "non-skidding" tire. Ask any legitimate manufacturer and he will admit that no matter what sort of tread the casing may have, it will slip to some extent when the road surface is covered with slippery mud or slime. What can be claimed however, for certain roads is that they find a deal in non-ordinary smooth tread tires. However, I have been on tours when expert drivers of cars equipped with so-called non-skidding tires required even two sets of chains on each rear wheel in order to obtain sufficient traction."

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8 ROBBERIES IN TWO DAYS. HOQUIAM AND ABERDEEN IN GRIP OF WAVE OF CRIME.

Highwaymen Work Boldly, Store Looted. White Customers Wait for Clerk to Dish Out Purchases.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Six holdups and two robberies, one robbery and one holdup in Aberdeen and the others in Hoquiam, comprise the work of professional highwaymen here Saturday and Sunday night. More than \$1000 in money and jewelry was obtained.

The list of victims and their losses follow: Thomas Jewell, loss \$500; Hayes & Davis grocery, loss \$27.50 and checks; Mrs. Bessie Lewis, Hoquiam, loss \$10; unidentified Hoquiam man, loss not reported; Mrs. H. E. Rundell, Hoquiam, loss \$200; Peter Osten Hoquiam, robber caught, no loss; Roman Gyurkch, Hoquiam, loss \$30; Guyard Skjolseth home, Hoquiam, no loss.

Of the robberies that of the Hayes & Davis store Saturday night was the boldest. The robber entered the store about 8 o'clock while Davis was waiting on the account ledger. "Give me the money," muttered Davis' customer, Davis began to take the nickel and dime out of the cash register and lay them on the counter when a woman customer entered.

"Wait on the lady first," said the robber in a loud voice and then in a whisper said, "but keep your mouth shut. The woman made purchases and the highwayman kept her from turning from her so that she could not see his mark, stood by the counter while Davis counted the money. He saw the change in the other just as if Davis had been changing a gold piece for him.

Asland to Get Beet Sugar Factory. ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special).—A beet-sugar factory to be located in this valley is engaging the attention of the people more than any project which has been launched in the county. The county has been distracted and the matter of furthering the movement has been reduced to a definite system. Meetings will be held in every town throughout the county, and a systematic plan of education regarding the culture of sugar beets will be instituted at once. The advantages of this project are not confined to any one town, inasmuch as the entire valley will profit by the big new industry.

Store at Siletz Destroyed by Fire. TOLEDO, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special).—An early morning fire broke out in the new store building of Hall Bros., at Siletz, which destroyed the entire building, causing a loss of \$10,000.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. NEATLY furnished home for rent. Call Taylor 2102. Rent reasonable. MUST see before Jan. 1st. Oak buffet, leather armchair, bookcase, leather corner rug, chape, bed-room set, wicker furniture and many other things. 229 E. 57th st. South, near Hawthorne car.

JURY SELECTION DIFFICULT. Special Verne of Talesmen Needed at Second Trial of Roy Farnum.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special).—That a jury in the second trial of Roy Farnum, accused of a statutory offense against Emma Morgan, of Glen Dale, will be completed tomorrow was the prediction made here tonight by Elbert Hermann, who is assisting District Attorney Brown in the prosecution of the case.

On account of the wide publicity given the former trial of the defendant the attorneys are encountering difficulty in procuring jurors. The regular jury panel was exhausted early today and a special venire of 13 talesmen was ordered drawn by Judge Hamilton.

BREWERY MAY LOSE RIGHT. No Defense Made in Suit Asking for Charter Revocation.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Declaring that the attorneys for the defense have failed or neglected to file an answer within the time required by law, District Attorney Brown today asked that the Circuit Court of Douglas County make an order annulling the charter of the Roseburg Brewing & Ice Company.

The annulment proceedings were first instituted at the instigation of Governor West, on the ground that certain officers of the corporation had been convicted of violating the local option laws. Inasmuch as the brewery has practically suspended operations, annulment of the charter is considered lightly by its stockholders.

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