

BIARH WOULD HEAR WISH OF SETTLERS

Heads of Central Oregon Irrigation Company Seek 10-Year Extension.

CONGRESS' ACTION NEEDED

Desert Land Board Sets December 20 as Time for Listening to Objection to Its Putting Matter Up to Government.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—That the water users of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company may be heard before the Desert Land Board in a hearing to secure an act of Congress granting a ten-year extension of time on segregation lists No. 5 and No. 19 of that project, members of that Board today deferred action on the matter and named Wednesday, December 20, as a day upon which the Board will hear the petitioners of the question.

The project in question includes 140,000 acres, gross, with 51,000 acres patented or certified to patent and 86,000 acres of the land irritable. More than 40,000 acres under the project have been sold.

Jesse Stearns, Roscoe Howard, A. F. Beale and Fred Stanley, of Portland, represented the company at the hearing before the Desert Land Board today.

Congress' Action Urged.

Mr. Stearns said that it would be preferable if an act of Congress could be secured whereby the Secretary of the Interior could grant extensions of time on all Cary act projects, if those on the project in question are declared, however, that with the present short Congress to deal with, it would be more feasible to secure the passage of an act dealing with the specific company in question. An extension of five years previously has been granted, the time on segregation list No. 5, expiring February 15, 1918, and on segregation list No. 19 October 17, 1920.

"I believe that the work on this project has advanced far enough so that the state can claim the land has been reclaimed and is not subject to re-entry," said Mr. Stearns. He then read the draft of a resolution which had been drawn up for presentation to the Secretary of the Interior and Oregon Representative in Congress, urging the passage of such a bill and containing the endorsement of the Desert Land Board.

Secretary Olcott asked if the water users had heard from the proposition. A telegram was read from the Secretary of the Interior, in which the extension of time on any contract of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company until the water users were given time to be heard.

Settlers' Rights Upheld.

Upon objection by Mr. Stearns that a meeting of the latter part of January would be too late, Secretary Olcott suggested a meeting within the next 10 days. Governor Withcombe took the same attitude, and declared that the water users should have a right to be heard.

Mr. Stearns said that the extension desired is a matter between the Federal Government and the state, and not between the company and the water users, and one in which the water users can have no interest.

State Engineer Lewis took the attitude that the water users may have a vital interest in the proposal, that they are considering the formation of an irrigation district and that some of the lands of the district might be involved with the project, that might be affected. He also suggested that an extension might also have some bearing on the question of water rights. "I believe 10 years too long," continued Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Stearns replied that the extension of 10 years could not be too long, inasmuch as the state might retain its right at any time and that the Federal Government was the only party to question the length of the time of extension.

Attorney-General Brown insisted that a hearing be given the water users. Representatives of the company said they had no objection, providing the meeting could be held speedily.

At Wednesday's meeting it is probable the question of contracts for sale of lands in lieu of excess acreage under the project also will come up. The Board approved contracts for such sales up to 450 acres today.

SUIT WON BY SETTLERS

Court Refuses to Enjoin Payment of Sherman County Claims.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Simrott and Webster Salinger, in their local attorney for some of the Sherman County settlers, went into the United States District of Columbia Supreme Court today and defeated the effort of Attorney Sam Herrick to tie up the appropriations to pay the old Sherman County claims.

Mr. Herrick, as attorney for some claimants, sought to enjoin the Secretary of the Treasury from paying his clients until he had received 20 per cent of their respective claims. Representative Simrott produced one of Herrick's contracts, showing that under it he was to receive no fee until 20 days after the claims had been paid by the Government.

The Secretary of the Treasury is now free to pay all claims allowed by Congress. Herrick will have to go into the Oregon courts to sue for his 20 per cent fee, inasmuch as the Federal law lists its attorneys to a fee not exceeding 5 per cent.

CLACKAMAS LEVY RISES

Millage to Be Increased Because of Decrease in Valuation.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Clackamas County taxpayers will find that the millage shows a considerable increase for next year over this. This situation arises out of the shrinkage in the assessed valuation of the county, although none of the levies will increase the amount raised over the legal 6 per cent.

Clackamas County must raise \$96,851.50 state tax next year, in comparison to \$93,929.25 in 1916. On an assessed valuation of \$28,737,352.94, a 2.35-mill levy will be required. The state levy this year was 3.22 mills.

Cashier Gets Five Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Henry J. Dorgelch, formerly assistant cashier in the Coal & Iron National Bank here, was sentenced today to five years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta. He pleaded guilty to the theft of a check for \$20,847 of bank funds, the alleged pecuniations amounting to \$92,000.

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- Blouse Waists 35c

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Morrison at Fourth

SPECIAL PLEA MADE

Mr. Hawley Asks Improvement at Oregon City Locks.

DEEPER CHANNEL NEEDED

Increased Appropriation for Tillamook Also Requested—Deepening of Channel to St. Helens and Rainier Advised.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Hawley today appeared before the House Rivers and Harbors committee and urged the incorporation in the forthcoming rivers and harbors bill of all appropriations for his district, recently recommended by the chief of engineers. He was given to understand that the amount regularly recommended will be appropriated for existing projects, including the \$975,000 for the mouth of the Columbia.

Mr. Hawley then made a special plea for \$60,000 to deepen the water over the sills of the Oregon City locks, prior to the installation of new gates. He showed that by increasing the depth to six feet, continuous navigation will be possible in the Upper Willamette all the year, and pointed out that the present is the proper time for this deepening to be authorized.

Mr. Hawley also urged that the Tillamook appropriation be increased from \$500 to \$15,000, in order that \$8000 may be used in deepening the channel from Bay City to Tillamook. As it stands, the channel is so shallow that the principal ship carrying cargo from Tillamook City is unable to load to capacity, and yet 90 per cent of the commerce of the bay originated at Tillamook. In addition to these items, Mr. Hawley urged an appropriation of \$6200 for the Clatskanie River. Mr. Hawley will appear before the rivers and harbors engineer board next Wednesday to urge a favorable recommendation to Congress on the proposal to deepen the channel from St. Helens to the main channel of the Columbia, and the same at Rainier. The local engineer reported adversely on these projects, and Mr. Hawley will urge reversal of his report, on the ground that a deepwater channel is necessary to enable large ships to reach the wharves at the two river towns. Both towns now have adequate water at their docks, but are shut off from the main channel by sandbars, which must be dredged.

Representative McArthur today appeared before the rivers and harbors committee and urged authorization for a survey looking to the relocation of the dyke at the head of Hayden Island. The present dyke, he said, is so situated that silt washes over it at times of high water, causing shoaling in the slough. The survey probably will be authorized.

LEWIS APPOINTEES NAMED

Incoming Officers Make Respective Announcements.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—W. A. Reynolds, who on January 8 will succeed A. E. Rice as judge of the Lewis County Superior Court, has announced the appointment of Miss Alma Watson, of this city, as court re-

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JEERING AGENT KILLED

SLAYER SAYS REALTY MAN REFUSED TO KEEP AGREEMENT.

Seattle Business Man Collapses After Confession and is Taken to Hospital for Treatment.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Alexander Miller, 47 years old, a real estate agent, was shot and instantly killed by H. M. Stokes, 58 years old, in the former's office shortly before noon today. Stokes, greatly agitated, appeared at police headquarters an hour later and gave himself up to Chief of Police Beckingham, declaring that he had shot Miller because he tried to "bunko" him and failed to make restitution.

Stokes came to Seattle six months ago from Tucson, Ariz., where he had lived for years and where he had been a miner. Stokes told the police that he had sold the state rights of a patent loose-leaf indexing system for telephone directories to Miller, who had agreed to pay him \$100 a month royalty. Miller had refused to keep his

I. W. W. OUT ON BOND

Bonds of \$50 Provided for Men Who Fought at Everett.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—Thirty-three Industrial Workers of the World, charged with unlawful assembly on account of their participation in the steamboat excursion, November 2, which resulted in a pistol battle at Everett that ended in the death of two members of the posse and five Industrial Workers, were released from the county jail here yesterday on bail bond of \$50 each filed by E. E. Ault, editor of the Seattle Union Record, and James A. Duncan, secretary of the Seattle Central Labor Council.

CORVALLIS IS DECORATING

Streets and Stores Putting on Festive Appearance.

CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Corvallis has entered into the Christmas spirit this year more than ever before, old residents say.

A week ago Christmas trees were set at intervals of about 20 feet on the curb edge of the sidewalks around the Masonic Temple and a department store. Later a similar arrangement was installed at the corner occupied by the Benton County State Bank. Other business houses followed the example, until now the business streets are well lined with rows of fir trees on either side of the streets.

Linn County Resident Dies.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Jennie Ralfsnider, a resident of Linn County for many years, died Wednesday night at her home about eight miles southeast of Albany. She was a native of California and was 48 years of age. Mrs. Ralfsnider is survived by her husband, Cornelius Ralfsnider, and her two daughters, Mrs. Ella Leath Meinert and Miss Eva Ralfsnider, both of whom reside near Albany.

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I saw a lot of new things yesterday as I wandered around the store: Novelty silk umbrellas to match the gown (they're priced below); new bracelet watches just in; also some fine Howard watches. There's a new array of diamonds almost every day. I jotted down a few prices just to show you the contempt Aronson has for price. Aronson's out to sell the goods—the other fellow can hug price to his bosom, if he wants to—Aronson doesn't!

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- \$10 Chests of Silver for \$6.85.
- \$5 Sheffield Bread Trays for \$3.15.
- \$6.50 Sheffield Bread Trays \$3.25.
- \$8.50 Sheffield Hot Roll Trays with linen doilies \$5.70.
- Hand-Hammered Sheffield Plate about one-third less.
- \$5.75 After-Dinner Service, 21-piece, \$43.15.
- \$17.50 Sterling Bread Trays \$12.75.
- \$5 Sterling Bon Bons \$2.75.
- \$5 Mahogany Nut Bowls \$2.65.
- \$10 Silver Toilet Sets, 3-piece, at \$6.65.
- \$12.50 Silver Toilet Sets, 3-piece, \$8.85.
- Fitted Leather Bags that range from \$12.50 to \$100, about one-fourth less.
- A lot of Ladies' Purses that have sold as high as \$2.50, for \$3.50.
- Cut Glass at one-half; lots of folks wait on themselves; all you have to do is to pick out and divide by 2.
- \$15 Silk Umbrellas for \$9.85.
- \$10 Silk Umbrellas for \$6.65.
- \$7.50 Silk Umbrellas for \$4.85.
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FLOUR EMBARGO FEARED

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