

HARNEY IRRIGATION SCHEME PROGRESSES

Land Owners to Petition Court Next Month.

APPROVAL IS GENERAL

Hanley and Pacific Livestock Interests Strongly Back Move to Bring in More Settlers.

BIJLINS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Big District irrigation scheme is progressing satisfactorily. Unanimous approval of more than 70 bona fide land owners has been affixed to the petitions to be placed before the county court on January 7. This number of signatures shows that the project has the approval practically of every resident owning land within the boundary lines.

At a public meeting held at Lawen great enthusiasm prevailed, and expressed regret that they were not within the proposed boundary and insisted that the petition signers agree in the project. Great emphasis is laid by the persons promoting this scheme, and they are land workers, that the district should include all the adjudicated lands for irrigation. Captain Duncan, in a very clear way, explained the procedure necessary.

Directors to Be Elected.

Upon favorable action of the court on the petition at the January term the court will order an election after five weeks notice. Three directors are to be elected.

An excellent feature of this proposed district, said Captain Duncan in discussing it, is the fact that most of the petition signers agree there shall be a board of five commissioners from among the land owners, in addition to the directors with the three directors. This board settles all questions of assessments against lands in the district, determines the price to be paid for any land for reservoir site or water right necessary to the project.

This board of commissioners will also pass upon all other necessary features of the project, such as the location of the reservoir, the canal locations and like matters. These findings will be submitted to the directors who shall adopt the recommendations and make them legal.

The three directors appointed will be representatives of the Pacific Livestock company who have approximately 29,651 acres, and William Hanley company who have 7630 acres, within the irrigation boundary. The other directors will represent the other land owners.

One of the first things to be done by such a board will be the preliminary preparations of organization. Ascertaining necessary data, about the cost to exceed a small amount per acre and could be done without asking for a big bond issue. The employment of the necessary engineering force to prepare a map of the project and make an estimate of the cost of construction for the next step. These maps and estimates are submitted to the state engineer for his approval.

The land owners thus have a complete check upon the affairs of the district for a safeguard.

Bond Issue to Be Voted On.

The board of directors and commissioners will submit the plans and proposal for a bond issue to the voters of the district after due published notice, again putting it up to the people for their approval or rejection.

The directors are to be nominated by the land owners either by petition or at a public meeting. The petition must be at least 15 days previous to the election. It is proposed in this instance to the commissioners at the same time.

William Hanley, widely known throughout the state as one of the most successful men of eastern Oregon, and A. R. Olson, resident manager of the Pacific Livestock company, are preparing to sacrifice much in this great development of irrigating Harney valley, and Burns is looking forward with great interest to the time when new people will settle in their midst, and the great empire will take a forward march.

Captain Duncan, who served overseas, taken care of the Harney valley, and he is assisted by Attorney J. W. McCullough of Ontario, who has had large experience in irrigation matters.

Whisky and "Badness" Bring Men Before Judge.

Ride in Police Sleigh Costs Intoxicated One \$5.

Labor alone can never make one great; there must be industry and skill. JOE BROWN was both industrious and skillful late Sunday night as his brawny fists battered away at the unprotected face of George Whalen. And because he attended to his business at hand in a most workmanlike manner, he was richly rewarded when he appeared yesterday in police court. A copper hat came upon the two belligerents a few minutes after the fist encounter had drawn to a close. Whalen was charged with suffering from the effects of too much north end moonshine, so he was booked for drunkenness. Brown, the victor in the rosy battle was charged with disorderly conduct.

"Is this the man who struck you?" queried Judge Rossman as Whalen faced his adversary in court. The shaking Whalen peered out from beneath eyes which were swollen almost completely shut as a result of the fight.

"I don't know, Judge, whether I ever saw him before, because I can't see him now," replied Whalen. "He may be the man who struck me, but I couldn't say for sure. You'll have to wait until my eyes get so I can see again."

Joe Brown then brought his skill into play once more. "Why, I never saw this man before," he vouchsafed with an air of injured innocence. And because the court was unable to pin the charge against Brown for certain he was forced, much against his judgment, to let him go on the charge of fighting Whalen, who willingly admitted he had most his bout with John Barleycorn, drew seven days in jail as his portion.

All of which goes to prove the old adage that reward is bound to come to him who combines industry with skill.

Even if a fellow gets but "half shot" during these cold days, the fact that he is given a free sleigh ride from the east side suburbs to the west side business district is worth \$5 during these days of plentiful snow. Robert Wall, slightly under the influence of liquor, was floundering about in the snow on the east side, when Patrolman Kingensmith came

riding by in a police sleigh. He took the alcoholic passenger aboard and escorted him to the police station. Wall did not have much difficulty in sobering up, and admitted in court yesterday he had been drunk. "A good sleigh ride nowadays is worth something," counseled Judge Rossman, as he imposed a \$5 fine.

If a fellow isn't handy with his fists and he is expecting trouble with a prizefighter, a trusty "gas" will give him ample protection. Such was the theory of Frank Giebel, arrested for carrying concealed weapons. Through his attorney, Giebel told the court that a local prizefighter had been winning the affections of Mrs. Giebel, and had likewise threat-

FORMER HEAD OF PHARMACY SCHOOL IS DEAD.



Clarence M. McKellips, who died Sunday morning at his home at 325 Multnomah street, was one of the most prominent pharmacists in the northwest. He was born 53 years ago at Connersville, Ind., and received his diploma in pharmacy from the Purdue university. Mr. McKellips was well known throughout the state of Oregon, having gone to Corvallis in 1898 as head of the department of pharmacy in the Oregon Agricultural college. In 1913 he moved to Portland and assumed the duties of the North Pacific college of pharmacy until the early spring of 1919, when he was forced to resign on account of ill health. His widow survives.

Funeral services will be held today at 1:30 from Holman's chapel and cremation will be at the Portland crematorium.

ened to use his pugilistic science against the outraged husband. Having been forewarned, Giebel decided to be forearmed, so he bought a pistol to protect himself against the expected assault. His testimony showed that Mrs. Giebel had left the city, so trouble is not expected in the Giebel household.

About a year ago Jim Mahoney, a police court habitue, was found standing against an ornamental light post, sound asleep. At another time an alert "copper" found him sleeping on a front street awning. Early yesterday morning Mahoney was arrested on some alcoholic concoction, and a Burnside street snow bank had been selected for his weary and befuddled head. The court thought the cold spell would be entirely broken without Mahoney, so Jim was put away for seven days.

George Gage just came to the coast recently from Montana and he wanted all Portland to know that he was a typical western "bad man." In a hall at 725 Thurman street, he became an offensive bully and had the pool room cowed completely. He then drew a knife and threatened to do a little cutting if anybody dares to cross his path. At about that stage the proprietor of the place quietly pulled out a gun and let the barrel point in the general direction of the Montana bad man. Gage was instantly subdued. He lost all desire to fight. Taking credit for his control over the Montana, the proprietor telephoned for the police. The net result was that Gage was in jail for his wild west exhibition.

Chris Pouloff had visions of a protracted cold spell, so he fortified himself with five bottles of moonshine to "blow" all possible ills until the weather should moderate. But after sipping a part of one bottle he threw all caution to the winds and had collected a "bun" by the time the police had been advised of his good fortune. He was fined \$25 after pleading guilty to a prohibition violation.

While the case was being heard, an attorney found in another case to be called, fingered one of the bottles tenderly. The bottle slipped through his fingers and fell to the floor, breaking in a thousand pieces. The whisky trickled under the judge's bench and caused an odor which caused many in the lobby to rush into the courtroom. A prisoner was sent from the jail to mop up the liquor, and after the restaurant and dining room had been cleaned, he left the courtroom with the whisky-soaked rag within dangerous proximity to his mouth.

A quartet of Sellwood fellows decided they would have things their own way on a Sellwood street Sunday night, and their actions became so offensive that the car operators and passengers had them arrested. In police court yesterday they were found guilty of disorderly conduct and paid fines of \$25 each. They are Edward L. Adams, Fred McCollom, Bert McCollom and Louis Brown.

Ladies—Read M. Sichel's adv. on page 5.—Adv.

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Salem Passes Pendleton and Astoria in Race for Second Place on Examiner's List.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Deposits in the banks of Oregon on November 17, 1919, totaled \$206,320,743.22, according to a report prepared by Will H. Bennett, state superintendent of banks, today. These deposits show an increase of \$17,889,419.22 over September 12, 1919, and \$79,949,029.78 over November 1, 1918.

Deposits in Portland banks at the time of the November call, as compared with the report issued by Mr. Bennett last September, show an increase of \$4,890,924.33. Salem, with an increase of \$1,168,752.31, has advanced from 25th to 24th place, with an increase of \$62,753.86, passing Albany and Medford. Oregon City remains in 11th place. Corvallis has moved from 14th to 12th place, with an increase of \$516,427.39. Heppner has advanced from 24th to 21st position; Grants Pass from 25th to 23rd and Ontario from 28th to 24th place.

Dallas has been added to the list of banks having deposits of more than \$1,000,000, while Vale and Enterprise appear again after falling below that sum in September. Deposits of the 35 banks in Oregon having deposits of more than \$1,000,000 each aggregate \$267,749,438.56, according

JAMES LICK BATHS CLOSED

Famous San Francisco Landmark Built by Millionaire.

SAF FRANCISCO.—The James Lick baths, famous San Francisco landmark have closed forever.

These baths, erected at a net cost of \$101,000 in 1889, when the lodging houses and hotels of the city did not have adequate bathing facilities for their guests, gradually decreased in value until they were taken over to satisfy a \$4,000 mortgage.

The baths were built by James Lick, who brought \$30,000 in Spanish doubloons to California in 1847 and made himself a millionaire by purchasing land in and about the settlement from which San Francisco grew.

Vienna Regulations Enforced.

VIENNA.—The authorities are beginning to deal more severely with offenders against the lighting and food acts. For using an excess amount of electric current four prominent restaurants and one big hotel have been out off from current altogether for a period of weeks. One big hotel has had its restaurant and dining rooms closed for one month because it had on hand an excessive amount of food.

Church Offering Thefts Numerous.

HEREFORDSHIRE, Eng.—So many cases of thefts from church offertory boxes have occurred here recently that the authorities have been advised to place the boxes beneath the floor with a connecting pipe to the coin slot.

The fruit of a Brazilian tree, which resembles grapes, grows directly from the bark.

COLLEGE CLASSES CLOSE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL WORK ENDS FOR HOLIDAYS.

Departure of Students for Home Regulated Because of Restricted Train Service.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—College was officially adjourned until after the Christmas holidays at a meeting of the administrative council tonight. Most of the women of the college had already been dismissed from further work this term on account of conditions in their residences and the bursting of water pipes in the home economics building.

It had been expected that regular work for the men would be resumed this week, but this was found to be impracticable early today. Many of the laboratories in the science and agricultural buildings are out of commission because of the freezing weather during the two days when fuel shortage necessitated shutting off the heat. Conditions in many of the men's residences have been bad owing to bursting of water pipes. Only 250 men will be able to leave the city tonight on account of the limited train service, but beginning tomorrow the railroads will put on special equipment to handle the rush.

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Prices of Fur Pelts Drop.

NOME, Alaska.—Nome fur traders and trappers have received advices to the effect that a break in the price of furs, long expected, has come. Quotations already show marked lowering tendency. Prices of red and white fox pelts are approximately 50 per cent of the prices of a few weeks ago, and lynx and marten have also dropped markedly in value. So far as can be learned here, prices for cross, silver and blue foxes have not been affected by the break, which is said to be due to strikes in England and the United States.

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to his body, a canine smuggler has been captured here. The dog evidently was trained to carry liquor from Juarez to El Paso, since for two months he showed remarkable craft in dodging the custom house guards on both sides of the river. Finally, however, the Mexican "fiscals" caught him.

U. S. CRUISER AT TAHITI

Warship Visits Island of Pacific on Way to Philippines.

PAPERETE, Tahiti.—On October 1 the United States cruiser "South Dakota," with Admiral Gloagve, commander of the Asiatic fleet on board, called at Paperete, remaining until the morning of October 3. The warship came from New York via the Panama canal, stopping en route at the Galapagos islands and at Nukahava, in the Marquesas islands. From here she went to Pago Pago, in Samoa, from which port she will continue to Manila.

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