IS NOW ASSURED

Bids for Construction of Cold Spring Dam Will Be Advertised.

WHAT RECLAMATION MEANS

Supervising Engineer Henry Tells of Plans for Watering the Desert and What the Government Hopes to Accomplish.

Assurance that work will soon be gin upon the vast Umatilia irrigation project comes with the announcement that bids for the construction of the Cold Springs dam will be called for during the present week, made yester-day by D. C. Henny, supervising ener of the United States Reclams tion Service for Oregon and Washington. The construction of the dam will be the first step toward one of the greatest reclamation projects now under consideration by the Department of the Interior. It is believed that its completion will be followed in the near future by construction of canals and irrigating ditches and that the great screage of the Umatilia section will be made fit for cultivation as quickly as large forces of men and teams can perform the necessary work.

Involves 20,000 Acres.

The Umatilla project involves the redemption of approximately 20,000 acres of arid land. It was first taken up in the Summer of 1995, and the rapidity with which the plans have been rushed to their present stage speaks well for Engineer Henny and his as-sistant, E. G. Hopson, of the Portland

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Every detail of the project has now heen worked out, and it only remains for the separate contracts to be let and the work carried through. The Cold Springs dam, for which bids will immediately be called, w'il contain about 700,000 cubic yards of material. It will be 80 feet high and 4000 feet long and will form a huge reservoir. It will be 50 feet high and 4000 feet long, and will form a huge reservoir in which the water for irrigation purposes will be stored. Soon after the bids on the dam have been let, it is expected that contracts will be given out for the digging of the 25-mile canal which will bring the water from Umatilla River to the reservoir, and that work will progress upon the two simultaneously.

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A network of ditches will spread out from the dam to carry the water to all parts of the land which is to be reclaimed. There is no doubt but that the I'matilia country will become one of the most fertile sections of the state when the work has been completed. Many obstacles had to be met by those who had the plans in charge, but with a few exceptions all have now been surmounted. It was necessary to get contracts from the owners of the taud, pledging to pay for the water when it shall be ready to turn upon their land. These contracts have now been signed up. These who have more than 169 acres of land will be required to dispose of the surplus in tracts of 40 acres or less, if the recommendation which has been made to the Secretary of the Interior is adoptthe Secretary of the Interior is adopted. Upon this recommendation the owners of the land affected have agreed to sell the land in excess of the stipulated 160 acres.

Engineer Henny's Views.

in speaking of the project yester-ay, Supervising Engineer Henny

aid:
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meer that about April 10 the Government will commence advertising for bids on the so-called Cold Springs dam, part of the Umatilia project. These advestisements will run for about 30 days. The bids will be received at our Portland office.

"The Cold Springs dam is the largest single structure of the Umatilia project. It is to be built of earth and gravel and will contain nearly 700,000 cubic yards of material. It will be 30 feet high and about 4000 feet long. The reservoir back of it will store 50,000 acre-feet of water, or about three-fourths the amount of water stored by the famous new Croton dam supplying the City of New York. Besides the earthwork there will be provided a 300-feet wide concrete masonry spillway, with manonry abutment and training walls: also a concrete masonry gate tower and outlet conduit.

Long Feed Canal.

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"Next in order for advertising there will follow the 25-mile feed canal, with a capacity of 200 cubic feet per second, to carry the flood waters of the Umatilla River to the Cold Springs reservoir. Specifications and plans for this canal are under preparation, and it is expected that bids ou this canal and structures upon it will be advertised for before the end of the current month. This work is somewhat delayed by right-of-way complications due to two owners of land refusing to name terms whatever. The Government annot under the law pay any but reas-mable prices, so that only harm and de-ay can come to the landowners themselves if they persist in their present atti-

"Next in order will be the main irriga-tion canals leading the water from the Cold Springs dam to the lands, and the complicated lateral system of ditches and complicated lateral system of ditches and pipe lines to properly distribute it to each farm unit. Final surveys for this work are now being pushed rapidly to the end that all work on the project may be com-pleted at the same time.

Worthless Without Water.

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"The project contains 20,000 acres of land which is now worthless but which, with an adequate irrigation supply, will not be surpassed in value and productiveness by any land this side of the orange and lemon orchards of Southern California. The town of Umatilia lies in the extreme corner of the project, and in a few years the effect of this development will convert this small and quiet railroad hamlet into a thriving and prosperous community. The same transformation is likely to take place in the town of Hermish, along the main line of the O.R. & N. Co. in the southeastern end of the irrigated in the southeastern end of the trrigated lands. It is not unlikely that another townsite will be selected on the Spokane branch of the O. R. & N. possibly in the signify of Cold Springs, where the Government owns lands.

Will Sustain Big Population.

"While this Umatilia project is small as compared with some Reclamation Service projects, the high productiveness of the land, which lies at less than 500 feet above sea level, will cause the farms to be quickly subdivided into small tracts of from 5 to 10 acres each, which process will be favored by its easy accessibility from two lines of main railroad and from the Columbia River. It will thus be ca-

population, and, what is of no small moment, is likely to do so before the larger projects can be completed.

"The commercial men of Portland have long since realised the great importance to them of the creation of such an attractive market at their very doors, and have lent the Reclamation Bervice every assistance in their power, and Senator Fulton has also been most active in his advocacy of this project at Washington.

"The work of construction will be pushed to the limit and every error will be made to complete most of the work prior to the next irrigating season."

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HORSE SURVIVES, NO MEN Sixteen Bodies Found at Courrieres

Fury Against Engineers. LENS, April 7 .- Sixteen more bodies were brought up from the Courrieres

mine today. Another living horse was found, but no more living men.

The indignation of the population against the mine management and engineers increases. In an affray today between troops and strikers a Lieutenant was seriously wounded. The cavalry dispersed the strikers.

Strikers Blow Up Bridge.

LENS. France, April 7.—The striking coal miners are comparatively calm, though numerous small depredations continue to be reported. Strikers blew up with dynamite 15 feet of rails of the bridge at Toquerreil, and cavairy charged and dispersed a crowd of manifestants at Noeux-Les-Mines. The number of strikers is diminishing in some sections and discontinuishing in some sections and discontinuishing in some sections.

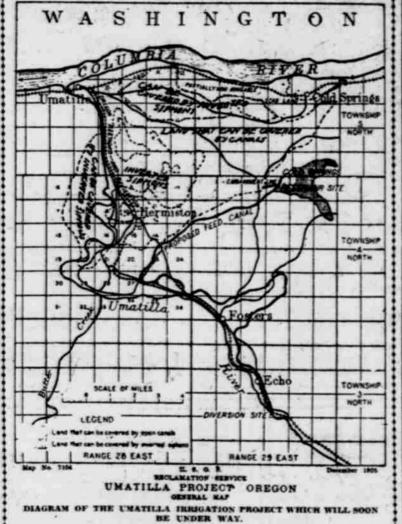
Mass Meeting Over Postal Situation.

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Citizens Say They Signed What They Supposed Was Petition for City Delivery, but Which Was for Rural Route.

Laurelwood Hall at Arleta was packed last night at the mass meeting of citizens called to protest against what is alleged to have been gross misrepresentation used in an effort to obtain signatures for a in an effort to obtain signatures for a petition requesting that Aricia be put upon a rural delivery route from Lenta. The speakers at the meeting asserted that the people of Arieta had been induced to sign the petition under the impression that they were to be given free city carrier service, which they have long desired.

At the close of the session strong resolutions were adopted protesting against



Missionary Attacked Near Canton by

Bandits With Rifles.

HONGKONG. April 7.-Chinese pirates on April 3 held up three passenger boats 14 miles from San Shul, not far from Canton, and robbed Dr. Charles B. Hager, an American missionary. In an interview here today, Dr. Hager said:
"Our boat and two others were anchored

off a village of the Lung River, when they were simultaneously attacked at night by 60 pirates, armed with Mauser rifics. They fired at us and narrowly missed me. The boats were riddled with bullets. I was divested of my clothes, cash and surgical instruments. I have reported the matter to the American Con-

(Dr. Hager and his wife, Mrs. Marie V. R. Hager, reside in Hongkong. They are Congregationalists, and under the orders of the American Commissioners for Forcign Missions.)

Goes to Dismiss Merger Suit.

SEATTLE. April 7.—(Special.)—Robert Booth, Assistant Attorney-General, who is a candidate for the State Senate from the Thirty-seventh District, has gone to Washington to make the formal motion necessary for the dismissal of this state's suit against the Northern Securities marger, never brought up for hearing. Booth's real mission, politicians claim, is to seek Senator Piles' support in the fight in the Thirty-seventh District.

E. B. Palmer, chalrman of the Republican state committee, is Booth's principal opponent. He is completing one term in the State Senate, and has been organising for a renomination ever since the last session. SEATTLE, April I .- (Special.)-Robert

Detective Jones Is Promoted.

Acting Detective William Jones has been appointed sergeant of police to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sergeant T. W. Taylor. The new sergeant has been assigned to the second night relief and went on duty under Captain Bailey last night. Sergeant C. E. Baty has been assigned to the day relief under Captain Moore.

Sergeant Jones is one of the most

Sergeant Jones is one of the most faithful officers in the department and has an excellent record. As a member of the detective staff he was on the Chinatown beat and assisted mater-ially in stopping gambling there.

CARD OF THANKS.

Permit me to express to our many friends in the City of Pertland, in behalf of Mrs. Matson and family, our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation for their many acts of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our husband and father. MRS P. MATSON AND FAMILY.

derly bands who crossed the Belgian frontier were forced back by Belgian gendarmes.

Price on Heads of Engineers.

PARIS, April J.—The Gaulois today says that the striking miners in the coal regions of the Pas de Calsin are reported to have placed a price on the heads of the postending to the postending price of the recent great disaster occurred, and have designated those who are to and have designated those who are to the business at their own offset. Those who spoke at the meeting told of their experiences with the meeting told of their experiences with the meeting told of the recent great disaster occurred. Those who spoke at their own offset. Those who spoke at their own offset. Those who spoke at the meeting told of their experiences with the meeting told of the coal calculations. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The coal calculation is the Coal fletted. The Ropp vere taking a ride in a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The coal calculation is the Coal fletted signatures for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The calculation is the coal calculation at the coal calculation is a gasoline fletted signature for the petition. The calculation is the Coal calculation at the calculatio the impression that they were asking for the carrier system, which has long been desired by the residents of Ariets. Others said that the agent asserted that he was

desired by the residents of Arieta. Others said that the agent asserted that he was working as a representative of the Government, whereas he did not represent the Postal Department or any other department of the Government, Among the speakers were W. A. Schooling, chairman: George Hall, secretary, O. N. Ford and J. Gould.

L. J. Kenap, of Lents, who was one of those instrumental in circulating the petition, yesterday denied that any misrepresentation was used by the solicitor who was sent out. "We admit having circulated a petition for a rural free delivery route," he said, "but deny the charges that have been made. The solicitor did not represent himself as a Government agent, but as the representative of a carrier on one of the rural routes, who is a paid Government employe. He told the people of Arleta that they could not get from a regular city carrier.

The people of Lents are also anxious for the city service when we can get it, however, and when that time comes will heartily co-operate with the people of Arleta to have it extended to this section."

ADJOURNS AT ALGECIRAS Moroccan Conference Ends With

Joy and Banquet.

ALGEOTRAS, April 7 (1:40 P. M.)-The Moroccan convention was signed this afternoon and the conference adjourned

afternoon and the conference adjourned sine die.

The final session opened at it o'clock this morning. A number of the wives and other female relatives of the delegates were present. The delegates signed a single copy of the convention, and the Duke of Almodovar, president of the conference, certified to the transcript of each delegation.

The programme of the day included closing felicitations, followed by a lunch, at which the Duke of Almodovar presided. Thirty-two covers were laid. The Alcade and other municipal officials of Algedras bade farewell to the delegates, who were most pleased at their work being ended.

Kaiser Decorates Delegates.

BERLIN, April I.—Emperor William has conferred upon Herr von Radowitz the Order of the Black Engle, the highest Pruesian decoration, and upon Count von Tattenbach the Order of the Red Engle of the first class, as rewards for their work at the Algorian conference on Moroccom reforms

Text of Algeciras Convention.

PARIS. April 7.—The Foreign Office today pave out the text of the convention for Moroccan reforms agreed upon by the conference at Aigeciras. It is a formid-

DR. L. M. DAVIS, REPUB LICAN CANDIDATE,



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able document of 123 articles. The most interesting chapter relates to the Moroccan police. It consists of 12 articles, and provides for natives as rank and file; Cadle as commanders, French and Spanish instructors, and a Swiss Inspector-General. The force will consist of 2600 officers and men, distributed at eight ports, namely; Mogador, Saffi, Mazagan, Arabat, Tetuan, La Ranche, Tangler and Cass Blanca.

The other chapters refer to contraband, the state bank, the customs and public utilities and essentials.

BRIEF TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

before he returned the others drowned.
Washington.—The American merchandise arrivals at Yokohama in 1905 amounted to \$23,000,000 for the principal articles alone, cotton and cotton manufactures leading with \$10,236,000. The United States bought nearly all of the 22,876,000 pounds of tea which Yokohama exported last year and 71 per cent of her \$26,000,000 raw silk exporta-

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