WORK STARTED ON UMATILLA PROJECT

Secretary of Interior Orders Operations on West Extension at Once.

SETTLERS GET FIRST CALL :

Seventy Thousand Acres Included in Proposal to Be Reclaimed by Units, First of Which Is to Have 10,000 Acres.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—H. D. Newell, engineer in charge of the Umatilla project at Hermiston, received orders by telegraph today from Secretary of the Interior Lane to begin operations on the west extension of that project immediately. As this order has been eagerly awaited for several days, no time was lost, and within one hour after the measage was received a crew of men were busy locating the first construction camp. This will be about two miles west of Hermiston. All will be in readiness for the teams and men to begin operations Monday. tions Monday.

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E. R. Davis, chief surveyor for the project, has been engaged with a crew of men locating lines for several weeks. All the preliminary work has therefore been completed, so there will be no further delays of any kind.

Engineer Newell announced today it would be impossible at this time to give employment to all the men whose services might be offered. Most of the work will be done by teams and the settlers on the present project will be given preference. A number of the men with families and teams, who have been camping near Hermiston for some time awaiting the commencement of work, will be given employment as of work, will be given employment as

of work, will be given employment as rapidly as possible.

The 70,000 acres contained in the west extension will be reclaimed by units. There are 10,000 acres in the first unit. The principal part of the work will be the construction of the diversion dam across the Umatilla River, making a reservoir of the river valley. This dam wil be located two miles west of Hermiston. Following the completion of the first unit, a second dam will be built across the river pear Stanfield, converting a large near Stanfield, converting a large part of the Umatilla meadows into a

WORK IS ORDERED AT ONCE

Lane Tells Service Not to Wait on

Washington Educators Lecture in Lewiston-Clarkston Course.

LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 26 .- (Special.) Lewiston, ida., Dec. 26.—(special)
The tilrd annual short course of the
Lewiston-Clarketon School of Hortienture closed yesterday. The work
was intensely practical from every work with livestock to the demonstra-tion work in pruning, soil physics and the management of soils and crop proto fit The work was made in the Lewiston-Clarkston

Through an exchange of instructors the Washington State College, the of the Washington State College, the School of Hortfeuture had the use of Professor George Severance, head of the department of agriculture of the Washington State College. W. D. Foster, superintendent of the Washington State College Farm. Pullman, Wash, also gave talks and lectures.

In addition to the cultivation of orchards, Professor Severance strongly urges the growing of such crops as Canada pease hairy vetch, spring vetch, clover and alfalfa as sell-builders and corn as a profitable crop among the trees.

Mr. Garrecht stated assurances were given him that there is a feeling in ofgiven him that there is a leeing in the ficial circles that the announced policy of concentration of the Army in a few large posts will be abandoned.

HOLLY TREES DESTROYED

Trespassers Make Off With All Sorts of Shrubbery for Christmas.

Trespassers on city lots and suburban acreage have been destroying quantities of fir trees, holly trees and ornamental abrubs of all kinds in order to make themselves Christmas trees, according to reports received daily by the police.
From the vicinity of Mount Scott eame the most severe complaints. Along the numerous roads running out of the city to the cast farmers complain that their trees are being cut off or other-wise hurt by the seekers after Christ-

posted opening for settlement of several thousand screes of land in the Rainier reserve, in the Big Bottom country in eastern Lewis County. It is proposed, apparently, to throw open the lands by the race plan, rather than by lottery. Representative Johnson's letter says:

"The Interior and Agricultural Departments are still endeavoring to decide the number of acres to be climinated and the method of opening. It is now presumed that the opening will not be by lottery but by a race. If this plan is finally adopted those desiring to settle on the lands may go on after the President's proclamation is issued and pick out the particular place of land that appeals to them, and thereupon go to the land office and make application, which application will be considered ahead of those who have

....... ALBANY WAR VETERAN'S ELECTION INSURES SUC-CESSFUL YEAR.



Alvin C. Baker.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Alvin C. Baker, who has been chosen commander of Camp Phillips, No. 4. Spanish-American War Veterans, of this city, for the year, is one of the most ac-tive members of the camp and his election insures a most suc-cessful year for the organiza-

The new commander was a member of Battery B, of the Oregon Volunteers, during the Span-ish-American War. He is in the United States rallway mall serv-ice and for the past two and a half years has been in charge of the mail transfer work at the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Parters Union Teach in this city Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern Union Depot in this city, Owing to the fact that this is the junction of the Southern Pacific and Corvallis & Eastern lines and because of the branch lines running out of this city a great deal of mail is transferred here and this position is regarded as one of the best in the railway mail service. Prior to entering the railway mail service Mr. Baker taught school for eight years, teaching in Marion, Linn. years, teaching in Marion, Linn, Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook Counties.

CELEBRATION IS URGED

BIRTHDAY OF CITY.

Days, Including Trading and Fighting With Indians, Suggested.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18 .- (Speial.)-Professor W. H. Gilstrap, of the Washington State Historical Society, was in the city recently and started a movement to have a big monument built in the city park next year, the seth anniversary of the founding of this city.

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ASHLAND COUPLE CELEBRATE
GOLDEN WEDDING.



ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20,-(Special.)-Mr. and Mrs. B. Beach, residents of RACE FOR LAND PLANNED

Representative Says Method May Be
Adopted in Big Bottom Opening.

CHEHALIS, Wash, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Albert Johnson, Representative in Congress from this district, has written to local persons relative to the pro-

Lister's Cook Also Honor Man From Penitentiary.

SERVANT PROBLEM SOLVED

Washington Governor Shows His Prison Inmates by Establishing Camp at Home.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 20 .- (Special.) -By establishing a sort of branch honor camp at the executive mansion, employing two men from Walla Walla penitentiary as house servants, Governor Lister believes he has solved a

ernor Lister believes he has solved a vexatious servant problem, in addition to showing his own faith in a carefully planned system of handling the prison inmates.

For two months now a Japanese houseboy and a man cook from Walla Walla have done all work about the executive mansion. The isolated situation of the mansion, beyond a heavy grove of trees and the old Capitol foundation, made it almost impossible for women servants to go downtown in the evenings unattended, and the fact that they were practically cut off from the rest of the world made the help problem a severe one.

As it is now, Governor and Mrs. Lister are more satisfied with the way the men handle the work; the men are

Lister are more satisfied with the way the men handle the work; the men are delighted at the chance to work, the comparative comfort they enjoy and the fact that each will have a considerable "stake" when his term expires, while the state, which pays for the maintenance of the mansion, benefits from the wage saving. Each of the men is paid 40 cents a day in addition to board. As they work seven days a week this corresponds roughly to the 50 cents per day allowed the men of

50 cents per day allowed the men of the honor road camps.

The men live in a small cottuge at the rear of the mansion. Besides handling all the housework, which had handling all the housework, which had proved rather heavy for two women, the Japanuese boy finds time to construct wonderful cardboard houses for Master John Lister, the Governor's son, while the cook keeps 26 chickens as a diversion and attempts to coax Winter eggs from them.

Next week one or both of the men will learn to milk, as a pedigreed Jersey heifer, from the herd of State Sensitor Troy, will arrive for the Lister household.

Court Sustains City's Demurrer Against Recovery of Bond.

Parther Formalities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lane today issued final orders to the reclamation service to proceed immediately with the construction of the first unit of the West Umatilia irrigation project and not wait on the formal recording of the ceurt decree invloving the private lands under the project.

Instructions were given to advertise for bids, and it is hoped to have work under way early next year. Prompt action was urged by Will R. King, law officer of the reclamation service.

ORCHARD SCHOOL CLOSES

Wears, teaching in Marion, Linn.

Polk, Yamhill and Tillamook
Counties.

ALBANY, Or. Dec. 20.—(Special.)—When Judge Kelly today sustained a demurrer of the plaintiff to the defendant will anyies answer, the City of Albany virtually won its case against W. H. McGoldrick, of San Francisco, for the recovery of \$1000 on a bond he gave for the erection of a gas plant in this city.

As the facts in the case are not in controversy, and both sides are understood to be relying on the law points raised by this demurrer, the sustaining of the demurrer practically decides the case in favor of the city. It is understood the defendant will not be considered for a way can be found, to arrange it so that the original homesteaders in this valley can perfect their homesteaders in this valley can perfect their homesteaders in this valley can perfect their homesteaders. That is, those whom the Agricultural Department reduced to as low as 40 acres may be given a chance to extend to 160 acres."

Washington Educators Lecture in ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20,-(Special.)-

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ALBANY MAY RETAIN \$1000 PUBLIC INSTITUTION AT SODAVILLE IS STANDARDIZED.

> Large Crowd in Attendance at Exercises Accompanying Presentation And Unique Programme Given.

SODAVILLE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)

—Practically every man, woman and child in the vicinity of Sodaville attended the standardization of the school on Friday of last week. The teachers and pupils had prepared an unique programme. A number of dramas, composed by local talent about characters of the vicinity, made great hits.

The programme began at 19 A. M. with mustc by the school, followed by various exercises by the pupils; an address by Dr. E. M. Sharp, of Albany College, and the presentation of the standardization pennant by Supervisor P. E. Baker. Principal Hoag accepted the pennant and said the school meant to keep up the enthusiasm and live up to the requirements of a standard school, and if possible to exceed it Principal Hoag stated it had only been possible to attain the points by all working together with hundreds of suggestions for a model homadred so it is difficult for the people to attend the short courses offered by the university, so it is the intention to send the practical demonstrations to the country, and by this method they have already reached more than 6000 people.

FARMERS' WEEK IS SET

MOSCOW HAS SIX-DAY COURSE COMMENCING JANUARY 12.

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RAYMOND. Wash. Dec. 29.—(Special.)—A committee from different fraternal orders of this city has been appointed and a general committee organized to dispense Christmas cheer to the needy. Every man, woman and child will receive substantial gifts in the way of food and clothing, and in the way of the children toys and plenty of candy, nuts and fruit will be included.

Already \$1000 has been plefiged for this purpose by the business men of the city and the different lodges, and the amount is thought to be ample to care properly for the needy poor in this city.

among the farmers for pure-bred stock, and many inquiries are heard as to where pure-bred sires may be purchased. The various types of thorough-bred horses heaf and discount and demonstrations will be all the pure bred horses heaf and discount and demonstrations will be sixen by members of the university. bred horses, beef and dairy cattle, hogs and sheep are shown in a most inter-esting manner in connection with the lectures.

A special feature of the excursion is the home economics department, in charge of Miss Jessie Hoover, for which a car has been especially fitted for her lectures and demonstrations. This exhibit includes interesting charts showing the cuts of meats and relative values, practical textiles, color schemes, sentiary appliances together with hunsanitary appliances, together with hun-

possible to attain the points by all working together; that it was not due to the pupils, school board, teachers or patrons aione, but to their united in This Disease Will Be Given.

> MOSCOW, Idaho, Dec. 20.—(Special.) A week of lectures and demonstrations which have been arranged for farmers from all sections of the state who wish to attend will open at the university January 13. The week has been designated "farmers' week" and is being widely advertised all over Idaho. Six days will be devoted to practical lectures and demonstrations along the lines of animal husbandry, dairying and horticulture. Besides this a series of lectures and demonstrations in home

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