

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.

HENDLETON, 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.

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.

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.

WORK IS ORDERED AT ONCE

Lane Tells Service Not to Wait on Further 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 Umatilla irrigation project and not wait on the formal recording of the court decree involving the private lands under the project.

ORCHARD SCHOOL CLOSSES

Washington Educators Lecture in Lewiston-Clarkston Course. LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 20.—(Special.) The third annual course of the Lewiston-Clarkston School of Horticulture closed yesterday. The work was intensely practical from every point of view, from the demonstration work with livestock to the intensive work in pruning, soil physics and the management of soils and crop production.

CELEBRATION IS URGED

VANCOUVER MAY OBSERVE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF CITY. Reproduction of Events of Pioneer Days, Including Trading and Fighting With Indians, Suggested. VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—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 90th anniversary of the founding of this city.

TROOPS MAY BE RETURNED

Garrecht Says Walla Walla Has Chance of Being Regarrisoned. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Francis A. Garrecht, assistant for the position of United States District Attorney, returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he appeared before the United States Supreme Court on legal business. He declined to talk about the political part of his visit.

HOLLY TREES DESTROYED

Trespassers Make Off With All Sorts of Shrubby for Christmas. Trespassers on city lots and suburban acreage have been destroying quantities of trees, holly trees and ornamental shrubs of all kinds in order to make themselves Christmas trees, according to reports received daily by the police.

RACE FOR LAND PLANNED

Representative Says Method May Be Adopted in Big Bottom Opening. CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Albert Johnson, Representative in Congress from this district, has written to local persons relative to the proposed opening for settlement of several thousand acres 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.

ALBANY WAR VETERANS' ELECTION INSURES SUCCESSFUL YEAR. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—(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 active members of the camp and his election to that office marks a successful year for the organization.



Alvin C. Baker.

The new commander was a member of Battery B, of the Oregon Volunteers, during the Spanish-American War. He is in the United States railway mail service and for the past two and a half years has been in charge of the mail transfer work at the Southern Pacific and Corvallis and Eastern Union Depot in this city.

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

ALBANY MAY RETAIN \$1000

Court Sustains City's Demurrer Against Recovery of Bond. ALBANY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—When Judge Kelly today sustained a demurrer of the plaintiff to the defendant's 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.

RAYMOND TO GIVE CHEER

Committee Are Organized to Provide Aid for Needy. RAYMOND, Wash., Dec. 20.—(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 practical gifts in the way of food and clothing, and in the case of the children toys and plenty of candy, nuts and fruit will be included.

BRIDGE UNDER WAY

Laying of Track Through Notl Tunnel to Start Next Week. EUGENE, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The bridge-building equipment which will be used in the construction of the second Notl crossing was moved to the site of the bridge yesterday, and erection of the only large bridge yet to be built east of Astoria will be begun at once.

ASHLAND COUPLE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Beach. ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. M. Beach, residents of Ashland for more than 30 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, December 15. Their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Veghte, entertained in their honor.

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HOUSE BOY CONVICT

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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 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, makes it almost impossible for women servants to go downtown in the evenings unattended, and the fact that they were practically cut off from the city 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 delighted at the chance to work, the comparative comfort they enjoy and the fact that each will have a considerable "take" when his term expires, while the state, which pays for the maintenance of the mansion, benefits from the wage saving.

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SCHOOL GETS PENNANT

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 last week.

FARMERS' WEEK IS SET

MOSCOW HAS SIX-DAY COURSE COMMENCING JANUARY 12. Owing to Prevalence of Hog Cholera in Idaho Special Demonstrations 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 12.

SCHOOL GOES TO PEOPLE

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO SENDS OUT DEMONSTRATION TRAIN. Farmers Are Advised on Value of Best Breed of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep—Home Economics Taught. LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The University of Idaho special demonstration train of eight cars arrived here yesterday afternoon and was met at the station by large delegations of the leading stockmen of this vicinity.

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