

**SOIL EXAMINATION AT KLAMATH ASKED**

Activity Shown in Marsh Land Reclamation.

**REQUESTS REACH SERVICE**

Senator Chamberlain Refers Matter to Federal Department; Recent Investigation Aids Little.



OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 18.—Much activity is apparent in behalf of the reclamation of marsh lands in the Klamath lake region of Oregon. Requests for examination of the drainage possibilities and the character of the soil have been reaching the United States reclamation service at regular intervals. One of these was referred to the reclamation service recently by Senator Chamberlain. This inquiry related to reclamation of lands in lower Klamath lake marsh in Klamath drainage district, all in Oregon. A. P. Davis, director of the reclamation service, has written to Senator Chamberlain that a recent investigation of the marsh lands around lower Klamath lake has failed to disclose positive evidence of their value for agricultural purposes. Only two small gardens were noted as having been cultivated. He says:

**Little Land Cultivated.**  
"It is probably understood that those living around these marsh lands are largely stockmen. The cutting of grass and tules, with running of stock, are the important industries. Very little time or effort is spent on general cultivation. On Willow creek and Sheep creek on the east side of the lake there is some irrigation with fair results, but it may be stated with considerable justification that these regions are not fairly typical of the marsh lands generally."

"Investigations further showed that this coming fall and spring certain persons stated they intended to try to raise grain, different ones putting in from a few to 40 acres. If they carry out their intentions the result of their experiments will be watched with interest. They state that those who are most familiar with the marsh lands have great confidence in them."

"Very little conclusive evidence can be found as to the agricultural value of the lands around lower Klamath lake, although there is some evidence of the value of similar lands around the upper lake."

**Funds Are Lacking.**  
A further investigation at this time is impossible, Director Davis says, on account of lack of funds. He continues:

"If, however, the Klamath drainage district or any other organization will advance 50 per cent of the cost of such investigations this service might be willing to recommend an allotment from some future appropriation for this purpose."

There is no hope for the present of the passage by the senate of the bill already passed by the house reducing the tax on loganberry juice, which affects a large and growing industry in western Oregon and Washington. Chairman Penrose of the senate finance committee says the committee cannot take up any tariff or revenue legislation until the treaty is out of the way. After that the intention is to take up a general revision of the tariff schedules and revenue laws. The most encouraging prospect is that the president will veto any tariff or revenue legislation that is enacted by this congress.

Pensions have been granted in Oregon as follows: Emma Gibson, The Dalles, \$25; Rachale W. Dillon, Estacada, \$25; Louisa Goff, Newberg, \$25; Catherine E. Springer, Chiloquin, \$25; Kate E. Cottle, Carlton, \$25.

Mrs. Carrie S. McConnell has been certified as the only person eligible for postmaster at McKwan, Baker county, Oregon, and probably will be appointed. Other fourth-class postmasters have been appointed as follows: William L. Stanger, Newberg, Washington county; Mrs. Eva L. Kip, Summit, Benton county; Roy McMillin, Yachata, Lincoln county.

The postoffice department has ordered an increase in the frequency of delivery of mail on the route between Medford and Butte Falls, Or., from six to 15 times a week. The contractor has agreed to give the extra service for an additional compensation of \$728 a year.

**W. L. TEUTSCH HONORED**

PORTLAND BOY PRESIDENT OF O. A. C. STUDENT BODY.

Graduate of James John High School Unanimous Choice at Annual Election.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—To be president of the largest student body in the history of the college, which is now the second largest state college in the country, is the privilege of William L. Teutsch, whose election to that office was unanimous last May. Mr. Teutsch is a graduate of the James John high school in Portland.

Since the beginning of his career in college Mr. Teutsch has taken a leading part in student activities, entering debate and making the class and varsity debating teams. During his sophomore year he was president of the class, member of the student council, member of the sophomore vigilance committee and member of the college debating team.

Mr. Teutsch enlisted in the air service and returned from the flying school last spring to complete his junior year in college. Before the end of the year he had served on the junior week-end committee and had been elected to membership in the Forum, upper-class honor society, and in Alpha Zeta, honorary agricultural fraternity. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, the local chapter of which he has been president. He recently was appointed major of the field artillery unit here.

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MARTIAL LAW KEEPS WORLD FROM LEARNING TRUTH.

Traveler Tells of Clashes Between Strikers and Militia Along Line of Railroad.

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LONDON, Oct. 18.—(Special cable.)—Although it was known here that Spain and Portugal, like the rest of the world, have been suffering from the strike epidemic, no details of the serious conditions that have prevailed have been permitted to leak out, for both countries are under martial law. A business man, who has made a tour of those countries, recently told the world of his exciting experience in railway strikes.

"The journey from Madrid to Lisbon, covered usually in 18 hours, occupied three days," he said. "Our progress through Spain was dead slow and we were frequently brought to a standstill while the track, which had been damaged by strikers, was repaired."

"Reaching Portuguese territory,

however, matters became really serious. A company of soldiers with loaded rifles came aboard and shortly afterward the train was attacked by a large body of strikers. A regular battle took place, the strikers hurling bricks, bats, and any other missiles they could lay hands on, at the train, while the soldiers fired on the strikers from the carriage windows.

"Meanwhile the terrified passengers took what cover they could find, under the seats and so on."

"When the strikers were eventually driven off and the track was repaired the train proceeded, but toward evening it was again stopped at a small town and the passengers were

informed that the track had been torn up for such a long distance it was impossible to proceed until next morning."

"All through the night fierce fighting raged in the streets of this town, the militia using many guns and strikers throwing bombs."

The World's informant said that after the strike had been in progress some days the authorities chained strikers, who had been arrested, on trucks which were run a little ahead of the locomotive. Those who had business and were compelled to reach the coast, had to pay about \$1000 for transportation by automobile from the interior of Spain and Portugal.



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