

DAM IS NEEDED, SAY CHAMBER INQUIRERS

Regulation of Upper Klamath Lake Waters Urged.

LEGION SAID SATISFIED

Report Following Controversy Finds Water Rights of Government Are Held Secure.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Regulation of the Upper Klamath lake by the building of a Link river dam is necessary for the irrigation of the 50,000 acres under ditch in the Klamath basin, declares the report of the chamber of commerce committee which conducted a hearing of the controversy here last week.

J. H. Carnahan, commander of the local American Legion post, the most active opponent of the power company's building the dam under the existing contract, declares he is satisfied with the report and will oppose it if the modifications of contract proposed therein are adopted. The committee finds that the United States water rights are secure and cover all waters of the Klamath watershed, the Klamath lakes, river and tributaries, except for 855 second feet held by the California-Oregon Power company under prior filings. If the upper lake were properly reserved, the report asserts, all available lands could be irrigated, some 250,000 acres, and there would be an excess of 1500 second feet to be used for power generation.

Report Given in Part.

The report says in part: From the evidence introduced, it has been found that for the irrigation of the 50,000 acres now under water, regulation of the lake as a storage reservoir is necessary.

The experience of the past two years shows that not only no more land may be brought under irrigation without the use of storage water, but that the present 50,000 acres now under irrigation would not have had a sufficient supply of water except for the fact that the lake was regulated by the construction of the temporary timber crib dam by the California-Oregon Power company under its contract for the construction of the permanent dam. This permanent dam will cost approximately \$250,000, and in addition to this outlay it is incumbent upon the California Power company to meet all damages to property and interests along the lake occasioned by the raising or lowering of the waters of the same. We find that the run-off of this watershed is such that under proper regulation there will be sufficient water to irrigate all lands as might be feasibly irrigated and that there would be an excess of approximately 1500 second feet which could be utilized for the generation of electrical power for irrigation pumping and for the development of local industries and for domestic use. Failure to build this dam to required height to afford sufficient storage capacity would deprive the locality of the wealth to be derived from the potential power in the natural run-off.

Company Merely Agent.

It is our conclusion that under this contract California-Oregon Power company is acting merely as the agent of the government and has not acquired nor will it acquire thereunder any rights to the waters of upper Klamath lake or its tributaries.

The report closes by advising against abrogation of the contract but recommends modification of three paragraphs, following suggestions by the Legion in making it clear that the government shall not be limited by any wording of the contract as to the amount of water it may use in future development of the Klamath project.

The report was signed by the full board, J. W. Brewster, chairman and Ben S. Morrow of Portland, George Orfield, J. A. Gordon and Charles T. Darley of Klamath Falls.

TUBER MOTH IS MENACE

California Potatoes May Be Barred to Protect Oregon Industry.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—A public hearing called for the purpose of taking steps to prevent the importation into Oregon of infected potatoes from California will be held in Salem on December 14, according to announcement made today by Charles A. Park, president of the state board of horticulture.

"The fact has been ascertained," Mr. Park's statement reads, "that the insect commonly known as the tuber moth occurs in the state of California and that the shipment of California potatoes into Oregon constitutes a potential menace to the potato industry in Oregon."

"It appears necessary, therefore, that the state of California be quarantined and the movement from California to Oregon of potatoes should be regulated in such manner as adequately will protect the potato industry in Oregon."

HERE'S ACME OF DISTRESS

Man Has \$15,000 Worth of Liquor, Yet Can't Take Drink.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—With wine, liquors and cordials in his home estimated at a value of \$15,000, Patrick I. Sullivan, 3022 Harvard avenue North, will not be permitted to take a drink. A temporary injunction issued today by Presiding Judge Ronald of the superior court forbids Sheriff Stringer from seizing or removing the liquor from the residence, but a later verbal order of the court permits him to maintain a guard on the premises and enjoin Sullivan from in any way reducing his stock pending final court action in the case.

North Bend's Budget \$28,000.

NORTH BEND, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—The city council has established the budget for 1921 for bonded interest, library support and expenses of administration at a few hundred dollars over \$28,000. The city is now well provided with paved streets and cement sidewalks. Plans for further street improvements are being prepared to be ready for contractors early in 1921.

Community Paper Thrives.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Contrary to predictions that a community newspaper would not be successful, the Marshfield Daily News, with two months' existence to its credit, is a healthy journal and the financial condition has proved so satisfactory that the directors have increased the capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The paper is to have a new home and expensive additions are to be made in machinery and news service. Rev. J. T. Anderson, who launched the enterprise, was business manager for the past two months, but retired to devote his attention to church affairs and Lew Cates, an Oregon newspaper man, is to have full control of the paper.

Bounty Warrants Must Issue.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—In cases where the payments on bounties are provided by law it is incumbent upon the county clerk to issue warrants, regardless of whether the fund provided for such purpose is exhausted, according to the attorney-general here today. The opinion was asked by T. S. McKinney, district attorney of Lake county, who notified the attorney-general that the county clerk there had refused to issue warrants for the payment of bounties because the state bounty fund was exhausted. Warrants issued after the fund has been exhausted should be marked "not paid for the want of funds," according to the attorney-general's opinion.

Menace Mill Shuts Down.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Owing to unsettled market conditions, the Menace Lumber company has suspended operations at its Winlock mill until about February 1. A small force of men will be employed during the period of idleness making repairs to the plant. Indications are that the Veness mill in Winlock will operate steadily through the winter. A record was established at the mill a few days ago, when a cut of 88,000 feet was made in one day.

La Grande Budget \$98,080.

LA GRANDE, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—La Grande has adopted a budget for the year 1921 calling for \$98,080. The budget system has been in existence in La Grande since 1914, and during that time there has been a larger budget than the 1921 one. In 1914 the budget called for \$104,900; in 1915 for \$103,500, and in 1916 for \$102,700. The lowest it ever has been was in 1913, when it was cut down to \$78,200.

Worker Found Helpless.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—K. A. Pierce, Cascade Locks sawmill worker and amateur photographer, was discovered at his apartment suffering from a stroke of paralysis. It was believed that he had lain in a helpless condition for more than a day, unable to summon aid. County authorities have placed nurses in charge of Mr. Pierce. Nothing is known of his relatives, but it is thought he has a brother in Kansas.

Pure-Bred Livestock Distributed.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Purebred livestock valued at \$500,000 was carried by special train of 21 cars from the Pacific International Livestock exposition to points in the Willamette valley and southern Oregon during the past few days.

Timber Accessible as Reality.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Standing timber is assessable as real estate, according to Attorney-General Van Winkle here today. The opinion was asked by F. L. Calkins, county assessor of Douglas county, who wanted to know if the timber could be assessed separate from the land.

Army Appointments Made.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 27.—Thomas Everett May of Corvallis has been appointed a captain in infantry, regular army, and Fremont Byron Hodson, North Bend, receives an appointment as second lieutenant.



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