

RECLAMATION BILL TOTALS \$250,000,000

Measure to Be Introduced Into Next Congress.

FINAL TOUCHES ARE GIVEN

Clause on Preferential Rights of ex-Service Men Changed So as Not to Retard Development.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 9.—Most of the final touches Friday afternoon were placed on the \$250,000,000 western reclamation bill which will be introduced into the next congress next week.

The final details were worked out at a conference between Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott of Oregon, Representative Smith of Idaho and Will H. King, ex-chief counsel of the reclamation service.

The bill was later submitted to E. F. Blaine of Seattle, representing the Northwest reclamation congress, and James A. Ford, secretary of the Spokane chamber of commerce, both of whom approved it.

Mr. Smith of Idaho appeared as spokesman for a special committee of house members, appointed some time ago to work with a similar committee of the senate, headed by Senator McNary.

Idaho Assent Is Given.
The Idaho representative, who has been pressing a measure to include southern swamp-land drainage in the general programme with western dry-land reclamation, gave his assent to the new bill, which is exclusively for the west.

One important change made in the bill yesterday was with regard to a provision which would have required that in the case of all public lands, federal and state, and other surplus lands, ex-soldiers shall receive the preference right of entry.

The bill also was made less rigid as to the amount of land to be signed away by the private owner of large holdings. Senators Jones of Washington and Smoot of Utah were members of the special committee headed by Senator McNary, who will probably be called into conference to examine the measure and offer suggestions.

FIRE-BUG STORY PUZZLES

MAN WHO SAID HE BURNED POSTOFFICE LONG SILENT.

Police Inspector Wonders What William McIntyre Sought to Gain by Confession.

Mystery that in two-fold puzzles Postal Inspector Linebaugh. One is why did William McIntyre, in jail here, burn down the postoffice at Prescott, Wash., May 14, 1918? And the other is why did the man McIntyre, after keeping silent about it until last Thursday, go to the police station here and confess it?

The postoffice was not robbed before it was burned. Otherwise, the fire was a great success in that the building was entirely consumed. So far as known, McIntyre gained nothing from the fire, nor sought to profit by reason of it. Although he has a criminal record, he is not, so far as can be learned, a fire-bug.

DEAD EMPLOYE HONORED

Railway Company Runs Special Funeral Train for Conductor.

Unusual honors were paid to the memory of Frank J. Hollman, conductor on the Seaside line of Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, when a special train bearing the body was run from Portland to Skippanon cemetery below Astoria.

M'NARY TO BOOST PLAN

Health Officials Visk.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, executive secretary of the Oregon Tubercular Association, Miss Elizabeth H. Hopper, director of the modern health crusade; Superintendent McLaughlin of Corvallis public schools, and Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the department of education at the University of Oregon, were visitors at the Oregon State Normal school here today.

PINKSTON WINS NEW LAURELS IN DIVING

Men's National Fancy Championship Captured.

MULTNOMAH TANK USED

Happy Kuehn, World's Titleholder, Takes Second Place and Clyde Swendsen Third.

BY GEORGE COWNE.
Clarence Pinkston of the Olympic club of San Francisco and holder of the world's high diving crown, added another title to his already long list of achievements when he captured the national fancy diving championship at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club pool last night.

With three champions in the persons of Pinkston, Louis "Happy" Kuehn, world's fancy diving champion, and Clyde Swendsen, ex-holder of the national title, competing the event was keenly contested throughout. Kuehn, competing under the colors of the Oregon Agricultural college, won second honors; Swendsen, of the Los Angeles Amateur Athletic club, third, and Jack Lester of the Broadway Natatorium, fourth.

Eight Divers Entered.

Three of the four judges who officiated in the diving contest gave first place to the Olympic club diver, while the fourth judge awarded first honors to Kuehn. The placing figures of the four judges when added together gave Pinkston 5, Kuehn 3, Swendsen 11 and Lester 16, and Pinkston, with the lowest aggregate, was judged the winner.

Elusive Germ Run Down.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Germs of "sleeping sickness" have been transmitted from man to animal and from animal to another, it was announced today by Dr. E. Sachs, chief of the medical staff of the Mount Sinai hospital, who added that an effort now was being made to find a curative serum.

3 Youths Hold Up Man.

Three young robbers, operating with an automobile, last night held up E. M. Mason, 370 Woodward street, at East Thirty-second and Woodward streets, obtaining \$17 and a watch. Mason's companion lost but 11 cents.

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BLOSSOM DAY IS NEAR

SECOND ANNUAL SALEM EVENT TO BE NEXT SUNDAY.

Effort Being Made to Get Moving Pictures of Orchards and Incidents of Observance.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Next Sunday, April 11, Salem will observe its second annual Blossom Day.

Committees in charge of the arrangements are at work and reports received from different parts of the state indicate that several thousand people will be on hand to participate in the festivities.

C. A. (King Bing) Knowland of the Salem Cherryls and T. A. McCroskey, manager of the Salem commercial club, yesterday made a trip over the proposed route through the blossom districts. They reported that the blossoms are fast taking shape and in case of continued fair weather will be at their prettiest next Sunday.

An effort is being made to obtain moving pictures of some of the orchards and other things attendant to the Blossom day observance. Dibble and Franklin, owners of the largest Holland bulb farm in the entire west, have agreed to present to each visitor to their holdings on Blossom day a tulip bulb. The tulip farm will be on the route.

Many civic and fraternal organizations of Salem will help entertain the visitors and automobiles will be provided for all persons who desire to visit the orchard districts.

In the afternoon there will be a band concert in Wilson park and the state house will be open for inspection during the entire day and evening. As side issues to the celebration local moving picture theaters have arranged special programmes.

WOMEN TO STUDY LABOR

PORTLAND FEDERATION TAKES UP UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM.

Discrimination Against ex-Service Men in Favor of Own Sex Will Be Investigated.

A resolution requiring the appointment of a committee of five women to investigate conditions concerning the unemployment of ex-service men, and the employment of women who do not need to work in positions which might be filled by men, and the evident violations of the labor laws was passed at the meeting of the Portland federation of women's organizations held yesterday afternoon in the assembly of the Hotel Portland. The resolution immediately followed a talk by Charles B.

Assault Charge Proved.

William W. H. Cyrus was found guilty of assaulting and attempting to rob Robert Kimball, Chinese merchant, at 311 Flinders street, by a jury in Judge Tucker's court yesterday. The attack was made on January 16 and an accomplice escaped with loot valued at \$700, it was asserted. Cyrus will be sentenced Tuesday.

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RENT REDUCTION SOUGHT

Labor Unions Ask Drop Equal to Cut in Wages.

LANCASHIRE, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—The Central Labor council of this city has adopted a resolution petitioning the mayor and city council and the commercial club to wage a publicity campaign for house rent reduction in keeping with the falling wage. The shipyard workers not long since consented to a return to the Macy scale, a lower wage than they were receiving, but rents in general have not been reduced.

Charles W. Steward, who operates 15 apartments, has announced a reduction of 10 per cent in rents in his apartment house, and it is hoped that all others will do likewise.

There is a movement on here, it is understood, to have the unions set a lower scale to conform to the scale in Portland. The painters' union has announced a drop of \$1 a day to \$7, and other unions, it is thought, will make reductions.

Morrison Funeral Tomorrow.

Funeral services for David P. Morrison, chief editorial writer of the Portland Telegram, will be held from the Elks temple tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. They will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Kuehn, world's fancy diving champion, and Clyde Swendsen, ex-holder of the national title, competing the event was keenly contested throughout.

Paving Plant Begins Work.

The municipal paving plant has begun operations on a \$175,000 paving programme, which probably will be completed before fall, according to the city engineer, J. E. Peterson. The plant, the city has obtained a new burner, which will be used for at least one year. This burner is of the type of machine used in Los Angeles and has for its purpose the repair of worn-out and bumpy streets.

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WILD LIFE IS PICTURED

OREGON BIRD AND FLOWER EXHIBIT RAISE ONE.

Nearly 500 Life-Size Sketches in Color Now on Display in Library Building.

Life-size sketches in color of Oregon birds, wild flowers and shrubs, wild life pictures and photographic studies of birds, trees and animals make up the exhibit of approximately 500 pictures in the third annual exhibit of Oregon birds and wild flowers April 9-17, which opened yesterday under the auspices of the Oregon Audubon society and the University of Oregon on the third floor of the library.

R. Bruce Horsfall, Oregon bird painter of national repute, has an exhibit of 64 life-size bird paintings in color. His pictures are from a study of wild bird life, supplemented by examination of specimens in the Oregon game commission collection.

Water color sketches of 250 flowers and fungi of Oregon, by Mrs. A. R. Sweetser, are included in the exhibit of native wild flowers and plants. The collection is supplemented by actual specimens of many wild flowers now in bloom and a collection of shrubs and branches of Oregon trees. The pitcher plant, an insectivorous plant found in the marshes of Oregon along the coast south of Florence, is also on display. The plant attracts and captures insects of all kinds and later absorbs nitrogen from their bodies into its own tissues.

Herman T. Bohman's collection of wild life photographs taken in Oregon, Washington and California, Mr. Bohman, proprietor of a local restaurant, was arrested here today charged with selling milk containing less than 3.2 per cent butterfat. Louis pleaded not guilty and his trial has been set for next Thursday.

TREASURY GETS BOOST

Multnomah Pays State's Share of First Half of Taxes.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Threatened depletion of the general funds of the state was dispelled today when the state treasurer received a check from Multnomah county for \$300,000, and approximately half of that amount from Douglas county. This money represented part of the state's share of first half tax payments in the counties making the remittance.

Multnomah county's first half total will aggregate approximately \$1,000,000, while the first half collections for the entire state will total \$3,500,000. Practically all of this money will have been received by the state treasurer by May 15.

Forester Goes to Toledo.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—F. A. Elliott, state forester, was at Toledo today, where he attended a meeting of the Lincoln County Fire Patrol association. Lincoln county is one of the most densely timbered sections of Oregon, and a large number of men will be employed in patrol service there during the fire season.

Salem Restaurateur Arrested.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Fauna Louis, proprietor of a local restaurant, was arrested here today charged with selling milk containing less than 3.2 per cent butterfat. Louis pleaded not guilty and his trial has been set for next Thursday.

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