

RECLAMATION PLAN PUTS ASIDE POLITICS

Idaho Aroused Over Reports of Opposition Efforts.

APPEAL MADE TO HARDING

Governors of Many Western States Urge in Demand for Passage of McNary Irrigation Bill.

BOISE, Idaho, May 14.—(Special.)—Aroused over the information from Washington that influences are at work attempting to block irrigation legislation, Governor D. W. Davis is now at the national capital, together with governors from many other western states, determined to go direct to President Harding with the plea that nothing be allowed to interfere with giving western people the aid needed to turn vast areas of public domain into productive farms by irrigation. So far as Idaho is concerned, politics have been temporarily laid aside for the matter of reclamation.

Men prominent in Idaho are making every effort to assist the western governors. Members of the Idaho delegation at the national capital are getting a flood of telegrams urging them to put the irrigation programme through. The fight is directly on the McNary bill which carries an appropriation of \$250,000,000.

Opposition Well Organized.
An organization calling itself "the back-to-the-land-movement" has been active for more than a year at Washington in opposing any scheme of government reclamation. When hearings were conducted on the Sinnott bill a representative of this movement appeared before the committee in opposition to reclamation plans.

It was said by one of the witnesses, a Mrs. Lund, that she had the backing of John W. Weeks, now secretary of war, and testified that he had contributed \$5000 to help her fight federal and development schemes. Since then she has obtained a federal position and this development has aroused the fears of the friends of reclamation. Apparently the opposition has gained some distinct advantage, if reports received in Idaho are to be relied upon.

Conference Held in Denver.
Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Governor Davis held a conference with other western governors at Denver on the programme to be followed in bringing forcefully to the attention of the powers-that-be at Washington the actual extent of will not tolerate further delay in the matter of extended recognition in irrigation and reclamation matters. Governor Davis at that time was in full possession of the developments at Washington. Frank W. Brown, his secretary, is in Washington and has been for some time. The Western States Reclamation association also has representatives there.

Governors Hart of Washington, Dixon of Montana, Carey of Wyoming, Mayba of Utah, Campbell of Arizona and Shupe of Colorado, who were at the Denver conference, have since gone to Washington. Oregon, California, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas and Nebraska also had representatives at the Denver conference, who went to the national capital.

Appeal to Be Made to President.
An audience with President Harding will probably take place Monday. Help to bring the act into effect will not be tolerated further delay in the matter of extended recognition in irrigation and reclamation matters.

PURIFY CITIZENRY, IS PLEA
HYPHENATED AMERICANS ARE RAPPED BY BISHOP.
Shut Out Bad Aliens and Teach Ones Here, Urger Speaker at Civic League.

Abolishment of the hyphen in the United States and the establishment of a citizenry which is composed of nothing but loyal Americans was urged by Bishop Frederick D. Lette of Indianapolis, one of the visiting college of Methodist Episcopal bishops, in an address at the luncheon of the Civic League at the Benson hotel yesterday noon.

Bishop to Occupy Pulpit.
Bishop Walter A. Sellers of Jamestown, N. Y., will occupy the pulpit of the First Free Methodist church, East Ninth and East Mill streets, at the morning and evening services today, according to an announcement last night of Rev. W. J. Johnston, pastor of the church. The bishop will preach in the same church tomorrow and Tuesday evenings, and Wednesday afternoon at the annual conference of the Oregon Free Methodist annual conference, which he has come west to conduct.

Veteran to Address Legion.
VANCOUVER, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Robert McEwen, ex-serviceman who spent many months in Germany as a prisoner, will speak at a meeting of the American Legion Monday evening. Plans will be made at this meeting for the observance of Memorial day. The Vancouver post has been asked to assist in funeral services for Frank Geddes, Clarke county boy, for whom the Woodland post of the legion was named.

ELGIN FAVORS NEW ROAD
Committee Named to Work on Blue Mountain Highway Project.
ELGIN, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—Diners at the Elgin Ad club luncheon were called upon for expressions on the proposed road across the Blue

LUMBER CARGOES TO ATLANTIC GAIN

Increase Over First Quarter of 1921 Is 34.35 Per Cent.

RAILWAYS LOSE BUSINESS

Southern Pine Mills Continue to Get Orders Faster Than West Coast Operators.

The vast increase in water shipments of lumber from the Pacific northwest to the Atlantic seaboard, as a result of the recent rise in railroad freight rates, is shown by a review of the lumber situation issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's association yesterday. The lumber shipments from the Pacific northwest through the Panama canal to Atlantic coast markets increased 34.35 per cent the first quarter of 1921, compared with the same period in 1920, declared the review.

Cargoes Less Than in 1920.
The report declares that in spite of the increased business via the Panama canal the aggregate of all water business in the lumber industry handled was less than for the same period last year. This was due to the general slump in the lumber business. The decrease in production is also shown.

Comparative Figures Shown.
"Notwithstanding the big increase in the Atlantic coast cargo movement, the Pacific lumber inspection bureau report shows a decrease of approximately 10 per cent for all water-borne shipments the first quarter of this year, compared with the same period last year. The bureau's detailed comparative figures follow:

Destination	1st Quarter 1921	1st Quarter 1920
California	212,216	171,456
Atlantic coast	1,292,229	42,493,879
Alaska	1,094,901	78,429
Panama	14,881,941	11,349,291
Philippines	292,588	15,399
Australia	1,183,929	5,793,899
Cuba	26,828,715	4,590,241
Egypt	22,990,217	22,290,217
Japan	3,763,507	2,225
India	1,613,333	2,225
South Africa	394,338	3,239,437
E. Coast S. America	25,538,191	26,417,139
W. Coast S. America	2,274,001	1,304,157
South Sea Islands	4,512,913	3,866,886
Europe	16,439,814	628,224
W. Coast S. America	17,940,803	16,439,814
South Sea Islands	598,099	448,941
Europe	24,418,115	16,294,988
Totals	361,122,072	320,623,956

South Holds Advantage.
"West Coast Lumbermen's association analysis of production, shipments and orders of west coast and southern pine lumber, from January 1 to May 7, 1920 and 1921, shows that during this year, compared with the same period last year, western Oregon and western Washington production decreased 47 per cent, while southern pine production decreased 23 per cent.

Shipments and Orders Given.
"The comparative figures in west coast and southern pine production, shipments and orders to date this year, compared with the identical period last year, are:

Production	1921	1920
West coast	1,523,639	1,802,843
South	867,749,759	1,235,534,543
Decrease	719,113,510	958,095,697

Stocks of Lumber in Mills.
"Stocks of lumber in the mills in western Oregon and western Washington, on January 1, 1921, totaled 2,084,633,000 feet.

Western Retail Sales Active.
"New business totaled 66,126,947 feet, of which 29 per cent was for water and local delivery. For the corresponding week a year ago the water and local business was 21 per cent.

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NORMAL HOLDS FESTIVAL

RUTH STOVER IS CROWNED QUEEN OF MAY.

DANCE CLOSING DAY'S EVENTS

Attended by Students From Eugene and Corvallis.

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, May 14.—(Special.)—The normal school May day festival was held Friday evening with a stunt programme sponsored by the young men of the school, in which the school jokes were featured. The programme of May day was ushered in with the class processions to the queen's court and the reception for the queen, Ruth Stover. Under a cloudless sky the girls in their colorful costumes presented a pleasing picture as they wound a May pole and danced.

The contest features were original drills by the junior and senior classes, relay races, and a baseball game between the junior and senior girls. Young men appeared in single-attack drill. A trophy was won by the seniors.

The festivities closed with a dancing party in the gymnasium attended by many students from Oregon Agricultural college and University of Oregon. Guest of the school were Governor and Mrs. Glavin, Corvallis; Mrs. Sam A. Koser, Senator and Mrs. L. L. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Tyle, Mrs. and the Misses Putnam of Salem, Mrs. Lee Hoffman and Nellie Fox of Portland, and Katharine Winslow of Corvallis.

The programme was prepared and directed by Laura J. Taylor, head of the physical education department, assisted by Virginia Hals. Marie Schutte directed the music.

CITY HALTS SEWER WORK

AFTER \$5000 EXPENDITURE PROJECT IS ABANDONED.

Completion of Job Will Be Under Contract Let to Lowest Bidder After Financial Tangle.

After expending approximately \$5000 on the construction of the Morse sewer, City Commissioner Barbur ordered work halted and obtained authority from the city council to advertise the project for private contract.

This information became known yesterday, when a report signed by Commissioner Barbur asking the council to reject all bids for the job was filed with the council.

There is a question as to whether the city has authority to collect the \$5000 expended on the sewer from property owners within the sewer district, and if the city cannot collect the money must be taken from the general fund.

EX-CASHIER TO TESTIFY

Jacksonville Bank Official to Be Witness in Partners' Cases.

MEDFORD, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—W. H. Johnson, ex-cashier of the bank of Jacksonville, serving a ten-year sentence in the penitentiary in connection with the failure of the bank, will be brought back next week to appear as a witness at the May term of the circuit court. The grand jury will convene May 16 and the petit jury a week later.

Among the bank cases to be tried at this term are those of C. H. Owens and R. D. Hines, and the retrial of Mrs. Myrtle Blakeley, ex-county treasurer.

Writing from the Salem penitentiary to his attorney, Herbert K. Hanna, Johnson offered no complaint, and said he had a room "overlooking the city and the lawn." He has not yet been assigned to any regular task. He looks forward to his return to Jacksonville as a witness because of the opportunity it offers him to see his wife and some old friends.

FARMERS SCENT MYSTERY

SOME BELIEVE MURDER HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

OTHERS THINK UNEXPLAINED MOVEMENTS OF AUTO ON DARK NIGHT MERELY BOOTLEGGING TRIP.

DALLAS, Or., May 14.—(Special.)—The actions of two men in an automobile a few nights ago mystified the people of the Elkins community, south of this city. Some believe a murder was being concealed, while others believe they were only bootleggers recovering a hidden cache of booze.

On the night in question two men in a large car stopped at the farm home of Ralph Dodson and inquired the way to Clarence Tedrow's farm, a half mile farther down the road. A short time later they returned past the Dodson place and it was noticed that they had something wrapped up in a canvas in the back of the car. Nothing was thought of the matter until yesterday, when it was learned from the Tedrows that no one had visited their place on the evening in question. Mr. Dodson and Mr. Tedrow then made an investigation and found where the men had left the car midway between the two farms, climbed over a fence and walked across a railroad trestle to a small thicket of oak. At the edge of the thicket there were indications that something about the size of a human body had laid there for some time. That this object, whatever it was, was heavy is indicated by the fact that it

was dragged some distance before it was picked up and carried away. No one in the vicinity is missing and the place where the strange object had been hidden is considerable distance from the road and more than a mile from the main highway. Deputy Sheriff T. B. Hooker investigated the matter, but there were no clues on which to base a conclusion.

Strawberry Prize Claimed.
PROSSER, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Delivering the first crate of home-grown strawberries to the Community club at Prosser Friday, J. Harkema claimed the prize annually offered for the distinction of open-market. He believed he was ahead of the Kennebec and Richland districts. The prize is \$3 a crate, f. o. b. cars at Prosser.

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