



IRRIGATION FUND NOT FOR OREGON

F. H. Newell Says States That Have Contributed the Most Need It Least.

ECHO PROJECT MOST FAVORABLE IN OREGON

Surveys Are Incomplete and Two or Three Years Must Elnapse Before Work Can Begin—Funds Will Be Applied to States Badly in Need of Reclamation and Works Now Begun in Montana, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada Will Consume Present Fund.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In a review of the reclamation surveys in the West, before the joint meeting of the congressional irrigation committees, Saturday evening, Frederick H. Newell, chief hydrographer, gave out the first official information on the status of the government irrigation work in the different states, in which plans for government irrigation are under consideration.

Mr. Newell made some statements which will necessarily be discouraging to Oregon, but which do not conclusively determine just what Oregon will get in time, from the irrigation law of 1902, and the vast fund accumulated under its provisions.

Notwithstanding the fact that Oregon has contributed more to the national irrigation fund than any other state in the Union, it is perfectly evident from the explanation made by Mr. Newell that no part of any fund is to be spent for actual construction work in Oregon for at least one year, and perhaps for several years to come.

In fact, Mr. Newell specifically called attention to the fact that the preliminary examinations made by the engineers of his service showed that the states which have contributed the largest amounts to the irrigation fund are the least in need of government aid in reclaiming their arid lands.

Oregon Surveys Incomplete. Mr. Newell stated that the work that has been done in Oregon is far from complete. The information gathered last summer gives no definite idea of the possibilities of the several projects examined, and further surveys will be necessary before it will be possible to determine definitely what one of the several projects is best.

The preliminary examinations lead him to believe that the Umatilla project is superior to either the Silvery river or the Deschutes, so far as it has been explored, but he is not yet satisfied that the department will be justified in authorizing the construction of any project in Eastern Oregon.

In the course of his general remarks Mr. Newell brought out the fact that the great bulk of the reclamation fund is to be used at the outlet states and in the far west, the most in need of irrigation. The very states that have contributed the greatest share of the money paid out at first.

Works commenced on Milk river, Montana; Salt river, Arizona, and Truckee river, Nevada, will consume according to country indications, the great bulk of the funds now available and before surveys in Oregon and Washington are completed it is apparent that the remainder of the present fund will have been allotted for works in other states. There is no doubt that Oregon will have to wait.

ALL FUNERALS HELD WITHOUT HEARSES

Many Funerals Held During the Night, and All Bodies Hauled in Express Wagons and Dead Wagons—Mormon Labor Used to Break Utah Coal Strike—Troops Ordered Out and Many Arrests Made.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The first step toward peace with the livery drivers was taken this morning, when the liverymen sent a communication to the union officials asking if they would permit unions to take out hearses at scale, which would be an increase of \$2 per week. The union meets this afternoon to consider the proposition.

No Hearses Moving. Although heavy details of police were sent to the stables, the undertakers gave up the attempt to start hearses this morning. The deal is either unburied or being taken to the cemeteries in express or dead wagons.

Half a dozen funerals took place late last night, over bodies which had been awaiting burial since the strike began. They were hurried through dark streets to avoid strike sympathizers, and rushed to the cemeteries.

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SEVENTY-FIVE FUNERALS ARE TIED UP IN CHICAGO

Fabulous Prices Offered by Wealthy People for Hearses and Carriages to Attend Upon Funerals.

Riot at a Funeral at St. Procopius Church, Guarded by Heavy Details of Police Who Were Compelled to Charge the Mob—Scenes Altogether Unique, Even in the History of a Most Unique City—Necessary to Hold One Funeral at the Home Only.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The livery strike continues unabated.

Fabulous prices are offered today for hearses by relatives of the late Frederick Olin millionaire, and Judge Jones Hutchinson, one of the most prominent Illinois jurists, both of whom died two days ago. They were in both instances refused, and the bodies, accompanied by their two small children, was hurriedly driven from the residence to St. Procopius church.

In anticipation of trouble, a detail of police had been sent to the church, where a crowd of 300 men and boys had gathered, when the dead wagon drove up.

Curses and cat calls were hurled at the driver and undertaker's assistant. The police were compelled to state the matter with clubs before the body could be carried into the church.

Only the two children were permitted to enter the church. They cried and sobbed in terror and grief beside the coffin as the priest conducted the services. The police in the mean while were in solid phalanx at the door, the crowd cursing and shouting.

The services over, the police again barred the crowd and formed two solid lines, between which four officers carried the coffin to the hearse, which was then driven rapidly away, the driver lashing his horse forward, while the remainder of the squad checked the mob.

A similar scene was faced at the other funerals but the disorder was not so marked. In one instance, owing to a lack of conveyances the priest was compelled to conduct the services over the dead at home, before the body was removed in an express wagon.

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OLD NARROW GAUGE CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

Was Originally Built by Mill Creek Railway Company for Purpose of Hauling Wood from Blue Mountains—Much of the Dixie Flat Wheat to Hauled to Market Over It.

Walla Walla, Dec. 19.—A deed was filed in the county auditor's office this morning transferring the narrow gauge railroad from Walla Walla to the Oregon Railway & Navigation company to the Mill Creek Railroad company.

The instrument calls for a complete transfer of the entire railroad track, real estate, buildings, rolling stock, telegraph lines, rights of way and franchises. The consideration was \$82,500.

The Mill Creek Railroad company was organized in Walla Walla, October 12, 1903, by Lester S. Wilson, Charles F. Van De Water and Joseph Merchant, with a capital of \$38,000.

The narrow gauge road was constructed many years ago by the Mill Creek Flume and Manufacturing company, which used it for a long time in transporting wood from the mountains to Walla Walla.

It was afterwards sold to the Oregon Railway & Navigation company, which company has operated in connection with the standard gauge road. Nearly all the wheat raised in the Mill Creek and Dixie sections of the country is brought to market over the road.

LAND ORDER REVOKED. Timber and Stone Entries Can Be Resumed in Several States.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Hitchcock has completed the preparation of evidence in the land fraud cases.

Commissioner Richards today revoked the order suspending timber and stone entries in Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Washington, which were held up pending the investigations. Land entries may now be resumed.

FOR LEWISTON CANNERY. Citizens Have Already Subscribed \$3,000, but \$1,000 More is Needed.

Speaking of Lewiston's proposed fruit cannery, the Lewiston Tribune says:

Mr. Walsh reported that \$3,000 had already been subscribed and that but \$1,000 more was needed to bring the cannery to Lewiston and place the machinery in readiness for operation.

It would then be necessary to have \$4,000 more to commence operation of the plant, but this money could be raised after the plant was in position, and the people could see in what they were investing their money.

The plant is to be turned into the company for \$7,000 in stock, but this will not give Mr. Walsh a controlling interest, as each stockholder will be entitled to but one vote and the company will be formed before the Walsh stock is issued. The compensation of Mr. Walsh is fixed at \$75 per month as manager of the cannery until the stockholders have received a 10 per cent dividend upon the investment, after which Mr. Walsh's wages are to be advanced to \$150 per month.

CREAMERY FOR LEWISTON. Salem Company Proposes to Start a First Class Business.

A movement is now on foot for establishing a large creamery in Lewiston that will serve the entire reservation country, a large portion of the Portland country and the country in the immediate vicinity of the city.

The plan is being promoted by the Salem Creamery company, of Salem, Oregon, and the details and arrangements here are in the hands of A. Hansen of East Lewiston.

George D. Goodhue, manager of the Salem Creamery company, visited Lewiston during the fair and spent about two weeks in the country after the fair closed.

From a careful canvass of the resources of the country, Mr. Goodhue is confident that no better field exists in the Northwest for the creamery business than in the Lewiston country.—Lewiston Tribune.

A rich strike has been made in the Bohemian mines, near Cottage Grove.

GRAND JURY ACUSES HIM OF BEING GRAFTER.

Profited From Rentals Which His Influence Secured From the Government—Rented His Building at Hastings for a Postoffice.

Omaha, Dec. 18.—The United States grand jury today made its report to the court returning 15 true bills. These include indictments against United States Senator Charles D. Dierich, for alleged illegal leasing of a building to the government to be used as a postoffice.

Senator Dierich is charged with the alleged violation of section 3729 of the revised statutes, which provides that no member or delegate to congress shall, directly or indirectly, himself or by any other person in trust for him, or for his use, benefit or on his account, undertake, execute, hold or enjoy, in whole or in part, any contract or agreement made or entered into on behalf of the United States.

The indictment charges that Senator Dierich leased to the government a building on the corner of 15th and Douglas streets, Neb., to be used for a postoffice, at an annual rental of \$1,300. There is one count which covers the amount of the last year's business, when the government up to the present time, equal to a sum slightly in excess of \$2,900.

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN FATALY INJURED. Caused by Freight Train Breaking Apart and Allowing No. 2 to Collide with Rear End—No Passengers Injured.

Mountain Home, Dec. 19.—There was a sensational wreck this morning on Highway No. 15, miles east of here in Oregon. A freight train, No. 2, of the Oregon Short Line Hill of Horrors, that has cost so much money and so many lives.

The east-bound passenger No. 2 ran into the rear of a freight, itself broken.

A fine tribute is paid to the press of the state for the excellent work done, and the exhibitors are all reported as being well pleased, whether they secured the blue ribbon or not, and he predicts the greatest success for the fair in 1894.

The receipts of the fair were \$25,375.83, and the disbursements, \$21,247.38, leaving a net profit of \$4,128.45.

Due from race entries, 1900... 450.00
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Due from race entries, 1903... 1,320.00
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1903... 562.50

ARMS TO ARMENIANS. Preparing for an Asian Outbreak Against Turkey.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—Reports are received here that a large quantity of arms and ammunition have been successfully smuggled into the Turkish Armenian districts, southeast of the Russian border by Armenians, and all is now in readiness for a general insurrection in the Caucasus in the spring.

GETTING READY FOR ACTION. Twenty-Eight Mountain Battery Being Supplied With Munitions.

Leavenworth, Dec. 18.—Ten thousand rounds of fixed ammunition for the 28th mountain battery arrived today by express. The battery is now prepared for immediate call. It is ordered to the isthmus it will probably go via San Francisco, for operations on the western side.

STATE BOARD MET

AGRICULTURAL BOARD CASTS UP ACCOUNTS

Last State Fair Was Highly Successful—Over Four Thousand Dollars Profit Left to State After Expenses Were Paid.

Salem, Dec. 18.—The state board of agriculture is in session at the state house this afternoon and will make report to the governor, covering the operations of the last year.

The board will, at this session, be presided over by President Wehrung for the last time, as his resignation, which was accepted, has the honor of J. H. Settlemier of Woodburn, a member of the board, and their successors have been appointed.

Frank Lee of Portland succeeds Mr. Settlemier, his term to expire March 14, 1906, and W. H. Downing of Shaw will succeed Mr. Wehrung, to serve until March 14, 1907. These gentlemen took the oath of office in the governor's office this morning, and will take their seats immediately.

After the present board disposes of the last year's business, when the selection of officers will be held, as a complete new set has to be chosen.

President Wehrung's report shows that this year's fair premiums were sold in livestock and agriculture and domestic art exhibits, aggregating \$10,384.45, or \$384.45 more than the state appropriation made for that purpose.

Needed improvements were also made, including the water system, costing in all \$9,298.52. Warrants were issued for these improvements on the improvement fund.

Secretary Widom, in his report, states that the fair was a success in every department and that the races especially were of the best. The two \$2,000 stakes which closed early, brought in more funds in entry fees than the purses amounted to, one bringing in \$2,100 and the other \$2,065.

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SURPRISING LOSS OF LIFE ON RAILROADS

Railroad Earnings Have Increased \$34,000,000 in Past Year—Freight Rates Generally Advanced—201,000 Miles of Railway in the United States—Plans Accepted for a \$1,500,000 Postoffice at San Francisco.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The board of architects of the treasury department, issued today, shows the returns of the San Francisco postoffice, have selected them of James & Young, of St. Louis. The building is to cost \$1,500,000, and the firm gets \$75,000 for the plans.

Interstate Commerce Report. Washington, Dec. 18.—The report of the interstate commerce commission, issued today, shows the returns for 201,000 miles of railway, approximately 98 per cent of the entire mileage in the United States.

Gross earnings were nearly two billions of dollars, operating expenses one billion and a quarter.

Earnings show an increase over the previous year of about thirty millions. It declares the Elkins law beneficial, as it has checked many violations.

The freight rates show an increase, and no way in which advances can be prevented.

Some solution has been made of the car complex problem.

During the year 154 passengers were killed and 4,400 injured, and 835 employees were killed and 6,400 injured.

BEAUPRE TO COLON. American Minister is Leaving Colombia on a Steamer.

Panama, Dec. 18.—Arrangements were made today for a steamer to go to Cartagena to conduct Minister Beaupre from Colombia to Colon. No reason is given, but the presumption is that it is to give Beaupre an opportunity to communicate freely with Washington regarding affairs at Bogota.

MURDER AND ROBBERY. Tennessee Desperados Then Make Their Escape.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Three masked highwaymen last night killed and robbed Corbin Rowe, entered the office of the Proctor Coal company, least the bookkeeper's accounts, robbed the place, and a few minutes later attempted to rob Charles Rogers, on the street. The latter's horse was wounded by a shot. The highwaymen then escaped.

CIVIL DEFERATION. Hanna, Mitchell et Al. Are Gathered Together at Chicago.

New York, Dec. 18.—The annual meeting of the National Civil Defense League began today. Senator Hanna and President Viley Foster, of Chicago, a manufacturer, addressed the meeting this afternoon on the industrial question. Among those present are Mitchell, Bishop Potter, President Elliott, of Harvard, and Chief of Conductors Clark.

The Governor a Woodman. Portland, Dec. 19.—Governor Geo. E. Chamberlain was initiated into Woodport Camp, of the Woodmen of the World last night, with a special program for the occasion. A class of 15 was initiated but the governor was reserved for a special ride on the Woodmen's coast, and from the appearance of the lodge room today, he rode for his money's worth.

Shipbuilding Case. New York, Dec. 15.—Steele, Morgan's right-hand man, was a witness in the shipbuilding company case, in which the company was awarded a minimum weight of 20,000 pounds to the car provided. The entire schedule, condensed, follows:

30 to 40 miles, 25 cents; to 50 miles, 30 cents; to 60 miles, 35 cents; to 70 miles, 40 cents; to 80 miles, 45 cents; to 90 miles, 50 cents; to 100 miles, 55 cents; to 110 miles, 60 cents; to 120 miles, 65 cents; to 130 miles, 70 cents; to 140 miles, 75 cents; to 150 miles, 80 cents; to 160 miles, 85 cents; to 170 miles, 90 cents; to 180 miles, 95 cents; to 190 miles, 100 cents; to 200 miles, 105 cents; to 210 miles, 110 cents; to 220 miles, 115 cents; to 230 miles, 120 cents; to 240 miles, 125 cents; to 250 miles, 130 cents; to 260 miles, 135 cents; to 270 miles, 140 cents; to 280 miles, 145 cents; to 290 miles, 150 cents.

DEMOCRATS MAY TIE UP TREATY. GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

London, Dec. 19.—The imperial commission which was formed recently for the purpose of examining into affairs in the far east, is to hold its first meeting tomorrow, according to special dispatches from St. Petersburg. The car will precede over the sea. The committee will have a final reply to the demands of Japan.

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Spokane Bartenders Out of It. Spokane, Dec. 19.—The bartenders' union has voted to withdraw from the trades council. The action came as a result of the threatened sympathetic strike of the building crafts in support of the plumbers. The bartenders realized that as long as they were affiliated with the other unions in the city they were liable to be employed in a sympathetic strike.

Pionet Woman Dead. La Grande, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Martin Hammock, one of the oldest pioneers of Union county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Ordler, near this city, yesterday evening, aged 81 years. She came with her husband and a large family from Missouri to Union county in 1842.

Royal Alibi. Berlin, Dec. 19.—The Lokal Anzeiger today announces the capture of Russia recently gave birth to a dead son. The car and gasfins are in the deepest despondency. The latter's grief is uncontrollable.

Hanna is Recovering. New York, Dec. 11.—Senator Hanna is not seriously ill with the grip, and expects to leave his room within three days.

Lynched a Negro. Ripley, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Joseph Drake, a negro murderer, was taken from jail last night, hanged and the body ridled with bullets.

M. Combes and M. Ruch are the newly elected president and vice-president of Switzerland.

NEW PHASES OF THE PROBLEM