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## GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST IN SURVEY OF DESCHUTES

Government Becomes Interested in Deschutes Irrigation Project and Promises to Expend a Large Sum to Assist The Work

Secretary of the Interior Fish stands ready to co-operate with the State of Oregon in making a co-operative detailed survey of the Deschutes irrigation project in Eastern Oregon, and assured Joseph N. Teal and W. Hodson, of Portland, when they discussed its proposal with him today.

Messrs. Teal and Hodson explained to the Secretary the plan to secure an appropriation of \$50,000 from the Oregon Legislature at its session this winter, on condition a like amount would be set aside by the Government, it being estimated that a complete survey of the Deschutes project, embracing 300,000 acres or more, would call for \$100,000.

"You do your part," said the Secretary, "and I'll attend to what must be done at this end of the line."

After Mr. Teal and Mr. Hodson had fully explained the scope of the proposed Deschutes project, shown its possibilities and given an idea of the extent of the scheme in contemplation, and had impressed upon the Secretary the fact that it was far too expensive to be undertaken by private enterprise, Mr. Fisher displayed great interest, and was quick to give promise of his co-operation. The details of arranging the allotment of money from the reclamation fund for making this survey must be taken up with the President, but Portland men are satisfied that as soon as the state appropriates its share of the cost of the survey, the Secretary will take the necessary steps to secure an equal allotment from the Federal funds.

Mr. Teal and Mr. Hodson are highly pleased with the result of their conference with Secretary Fisher, and think it lays the foundation for what promises to be the greatest single irrigation project in the United States. Its adoption will in no way interfere with the construction of the West Umatilla project, which will proceed with all due speed, now that the preliminaries are disposed of.

The above article was taken from the Oregonian of a recent date, and shows that many influences have been brought to bear on those interested in Central Oregon, to secure the use of the Deschutes River for purposes of irrigation of the high lands of Crook County, not now covered by water.

This system has been declared feasible by State Engineer Lewis and other engineers, and they claim that there is an abundance of water in the Deschutes River to irrigate all the land available south of Crooked River and all of the land north including the Agency Plains. Records of the amount of water discharged by the Deschutes River for several years past indicate that there is about one and a quarter million acre feet of water available during the year. The minimum year furnished 1,070,000 acre feet, and it is safe to say that there is available at least 10,000 acre feet of water, which will irrigate approximately 350,000 acres. The idea being to store all the surplus water and use it when desired, this could be done by storage dams at convenient places along the river. Water

## FARMER STRIKES STRONG FLOW OF WATER IN WELL

O. C. Hale Secures Water at a Depth of 592 Feet. Hale Had Been Compelled to Haul the Water For Eighteen Years

Considerable excitement was created a few days since in the vicinity of the O. C. Hale ranch, located a few miles east of Culver, when water was struck in the well that Mr. Hale has been having drilled, at a depth of 592 feet.

This is a great relief to Mr. Hale as well as the neighbors in that vicinity, for the reason that they now have some idea as to the exact depth that they will have to drill to secure water for domestic purposes. Mr. Hale is one of the oldest settlers, and has a tract of land in that vicinity, and has hauled water for the past eighteen years that he has been in Central Oregon, and is somewhat disgusted to think that water has been so close to the surface, and he has been to the expense every year for that length of time hauling water for his stock and house use. The water has raised about 34 feet from the bottom of the well and the pumping with the machine does not seem to lower the supply. Mr. Hale will install a deep well pump and gasoline engine as soon as possible.

The well has been drilled by the Central Oregon Well Company, who have been operating in this vicinity for the past two years, and the success of Mr. Hale's well will probably be the means of many other farmers in that locality to speculate with nature in the endeavor to secure the same results.

### Christmas Shopping

"Do your Christmas shopping early, and avoid the rush," is the advice offered when one resides in the city. But while living in Madras our advice to you is to peruse the advertisements in The Pioneer before purchasing presents and you will surely find just what you want.

You may wish to make a present to paw, ma, sis, bud, hubby, wife, or to "kid," you know who we mean, that dear little tootsie wootsie with liquid eyes, red lips, and golden hair, or the angel with pretty black eyes, whose glance makes a fellow's heart go pitti-pat, or the little darling at home who is mother's pet and daddy's joy. And before making your selection you often ponder a few moments to decide if the gift will be appropriate, which is always the most important question to consider. Read the ads. They will suggest the right article.

E. J. Wilson, traveling freight agent for the O. W. R. and N. line, was in Madras the latter part of the week, calling on acquaintances and looking after business for his company.

could be diverted at or near Cline Falls, for irrigating this part of the country, which would be approximately 200,000 acres north of Crooked River.

The possibility that this system will eventually be placed in operation is the firm belief of prominent men in Oregon, who are aware of the possibilities and benefits that would be derived therefrom, and the vast number of new people it would furnish new homes for, altogether it would be to the best interests of Oregon in the development of its resources.

## WASHINGTONIANS ATTRACTED BY NORTHERN CROOK COUNTY

Party of Homeseekers, Attracted by the Unlimited Possibilities of Nature's Garden Spot, Locate on Homesteads Near Ashwood. Prediction That Many People Will Take Advantage of the Opportunity to Secure Homes at Small Cost is Being Fulfilled. Big Influx of New People is Expected

YESTERDAY a party, composed of Mrs. M. E. Renfro, Miss Evelyn Howell, Messrs. F. H. Parker and August Oess, passed through Madras on their return to their home at Centralia, Wash. The above people, who arrived in this county during the latter part of last week, have located on homesteads near Ashwood, and were under the leadership of Mr. Oess, who formerly lived in that part of Crook county, and who escorted the party to the homesteads.

During an interview with the members of the party they were loud in their praise of the country in which they expect to make their future home, and stated that instead of misrepresentation being practiced, this county's resources are not given the publicity to which they are entitled.

That Northern Crook county is destined to become the greatest country in the Northwest, is the prediction of the majority of the early settlers, who, on account of their long residence in this section, are in a position to know whereof they speak. It makes very little difference in which part of the county the homeseekers decide to locate, they will discover agricultural possibilities on every side, and with very little effort they can succeed in almost any undertaking in which they engage. We have the land, and we are going to have the people. No one, during this generation, expects to see this county inhabited by a population as large as that of London, England, but is a safe prediction that Crook county will continue to gain in the number of people until other less fortunate sections of the west will cast an envious eye in this direction, and wonder how it all happened.

One drawback (to a very small extent only) that exists in this county is the baneful but temporary influence the "knocker" wields whenever he comes in contact with the newcomer. Every country has them. But little attention is paid to those few individuals who are ever on the alert to grasp an opportunity to "use the hammer." While voicing their opinion of the country that furnishes them their bread and butter they labor under the delusion that their remarks have created a deep impression in the minds of those who are not as familiar with the utter worthlessness of the country as they. But the public simply considers the source from which such remarks originated, and invariably concludes that the speech is about as worthless as the orator. His "knocks," generally, have about as much effect as a snowball in hades. Sometimes the "knocker" performs a great service to the locality where he resides. And that is when he bids the place final farewell, through death. His departure is a gain to the town and a loss to the dark regions where he arrives.

## Face to Face With Miss Liberty And as Seen From an Airship



Photos by American Press Association.

INTRODUCING, if you please, Miss Liberty of the U. S. A. in general and New York harbor in particular. Consider yourself for a moment held aloft close in front of her by Father Neptune, ruler of the seas, risen from the waters to perform this pleasant task. See how the faithful young woman is scarred and seamed, her face lined with care, as she stands there the dominant sentinel and symbol of American freedom and liberty. Now bid her a warm adieu as Neptune turns you over to the nearest airship from which at long range you see Miss Liberty on her little island, a guiding beacon and an inspiring hope for all on land and sea.

## PARCELS POST WILL SOON BE IN OPERATION HERE

The Advantages From This System of Delivery Are Unlimited--The Government to Expend Big Appropriation on Scheme

The advantage of Madras as a center from which the parcels post may be operated very successfully is apparent from the several mail routes that operate out of Madras, and after the first of the year when the new system is placed in operation or as soon thereafter as the government will be in a position to handle that class of matter.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock has already made an appropriation of several hundred thousands dollars to start the operation of the Parcel Post system, which it is hoped will be on a paying basis after a few months.

Small town merchants and others who have feared damage to their business by the introduction of parcels post should cease their complaining and prepare to grasp a share of the advantages which parcels post may bring them through enterprise and wide awake business methods. We are to have parcels post as soon after January 1 as the government machinery can be adjusted to handle the new department, and we might as well conclude to make the best of it.

The local merchant has been given a decided advantage, as he should, within his own trading territory, over the distant mail order house. Whether it is the merchant or the mail order house that shall get the business the parcel post will create depends largely upon the local merchants' promptness in taking advantage of the new means of distribution which is offered him.

In brief, the rates which will be charged for the carriage of parcels by post are as follows:

Zone of Districts.	lb. added.
City and rural delivery	\$.05
Within 50 miles	.05 .03
50 to 150 miles	.06 .04
150 to 300 miles	.07 .05
300 to 600 miles	.08 .06
600 to 1,000 miles	.09 .07
1,000 to 1,400 miles	.10 .09
1,400 to 1,800 miles	.11 .10
1,800 miles and over	.12 .12

Going downward in the scale of population, one finds the large towns fearing the smaller cities and so on into the hamlet, which fears the big town and the big city.

There ought to be something in parcels post for every business, however, and we shall continue to believe that the fears of its adoption will prove to have been largely exaggerated.

Those intending to patronize the parcels post should remember these things: The only stamps to be used are a special parcel post stamp, for the ordinary postage stamps will not be accepted on parcels post packages, and those who use the ordinary stamps instead of the special issue will find their packages "held for postage"; parcels are mailable only at the postoffice, branch postoffices and such local stations as may be named; all parcels must bear the return card of the sender or they will not be accepted for mailing; the weight must not exceed 11 pounds, nor can the length and girth of a package exceed 72 inches.

What will be your resolutions on New Year's day? Have you thought of turning over a new leaf on the first day of the year?

## SKUNK'S ODOR IS CAUSE OF A GREAT COMMOTION

Three Young Men Are Awakened by the Presence of an Unwelcome Visitor in Their Apartments Last Saturday Morning

Last Friday night Johnny Campbell, Merle Strite and George Newell had an experience from which it will require many years for them to recover, and erase from their memory.

After these young men had finished the arduous work of the day, they repaired to their sleeping apartment, over the Madras Meat Market, with the intention of retiring for the night. After a few moments' conversation on different topics, the proprietor of the Meat Market and his clerk entered their room, while the "baggage smasher" for the Oregon Trunk railroad entered his buidoir. Thinking of nothing else but a good rest during these anaesthetic evenings, they crawled upon their downy couch, and judging from the sound that arose from their rooms a short time later, one would have drawn the conclusion that a rip saw was in operation. This continued until shortly after midnight, so the story relates, when they were rudely awakened by an awful odor. Jumping out of bed Campbell turned toward Strite and asked: "Slats, have you been eating limberger cheese today?" "No, Johnny, I have not," Merle replied. "Gosh, but this smell is terrible. God save the queen, Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson," Campbell exclaimed. "We will investigate," replied Merle. "Aye, aye, Sir," said Campbell, and with one accord they rushed into the room occupied by George, the sleeping beauty, and rudely awoke him from his peaceful slumber.

Rubbing his optics, George slowly arose and surveying the intruders in a Rip Van Winkle manner, asked: "What's the matter with you guys. Why can't you let a fellow sleep?" "George, do you smell anything," inquired Campbell. Throwing his head in the air on an angle of 45 degrees, and glancing at the flowers on the wall paper, George inhaled a long whiff of the atmosphere, which was pervaded by the scent of a skunk.

"Oh, golly, that smell. It is strangely familiar, boys." And then, as the truth dawned upon him, the recent discoverer of the famous macaroni mine near the Oregon Trunk depot, recognized the odor of the pest as that belonging to the same family that often made its presence known to many people living at Haycreek.

A search for the exact location of the foul-smelling animal was immediately instituted, and with the determination that he would suffer the penalty of death for his indiscretion in entering their harem at such an unexpected hour, each of the trio appointed himself executioner, and vowed that no leniency would be extended the malefactor when he was found.

Although the search was thorough in every respect, and was of a nature that would be a credit to Al. Pinkerton, the Chicago detective, the boys failed to discover the cause of the stench. The skunk evidently decided that he was in a dangerous place, and departed for another locality, unknown to the searching party, and as the strength of the odor diminished, their activities reduced, and their hope for a good snooze revived, they then retired, and entered dreamland.