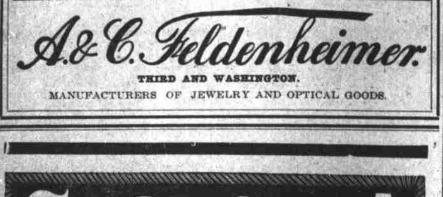
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PROJECT TO RECLAIM VAST AREA OF ARID LAND IN CROOK COUNTY -OLD COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED -WILL OPEN OFFICES IN PORT-LAND.

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OF TERRITORY INVOLVED-MAT-TERS OF MINING INTEREST BRIEFLY DISCUSSED - EASTERN OREGON IMPROVEMENTS.

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power company has been organized, and will redeem 210,000 acres of arid land in The concern is capitalzed at \$2,500,000, and will begin active \$0,000 acres additional to that which was under the control of the Pilot Butte Development company and the Oregon Irrigation company. A. M. Drake, the promoter of the Pilot Butte company, who is now associated with the consolifated concern, said: "The two old companies which have been absorbed by the new organisation were involved in litigation, which has for a long time retarded their growth.

The trouble was in the securing of the land at different points along the Des-chutes river, which complicated the right of way of both sides and made it a question as to the rights of each company in crossing territory claimed by the other, and a costly proceeding to bring water on some of the land by a circuitous route so as not to conflict with the plans of the other. It was finally agreed that a new company be formed. Over 100,000 acres that could not be touched before will now be brought under the water line. The canal will tap the river eight miles higher up, and the high line ditch will be 165 feet above

that at first contemplated." "In two weeks we can connect two of the canals partly completed and have a ditch full of water about 12 miles through which we can irrigate long." about 30,000 acres. Before we get the venture completed we will have at least 200 miles of main ditching and double that of feeders. It is estimated that the cost of the reclamation will be about \$12 per acre. The principal crops will be alfalfa and feed of various kinds. The pushing of the Columbia Southerr into the territory will give an outlet for the products.'

J. I. Johnson, who represents' the eastern capitalists in the venture, is enthuslastic over the project. He leave: for the east today to make the final arrangements. E. King Wilson has charge of the legal

end of the new company, which will establish offices in Portland. These will be in charge of Robert E. Guerin of



(Journal Special Service.) Sumpter, Or., Feb. 16.—A movement s on foot here for the annexation to Baker county of some 300 square miles of territory now within the boundaries work without delay. Application has of Grant county. This matter has been been made of the state land board for much talked of for a considerable time, but never has taken definite shape until now. The proposed annexation includes a strip along the eastern end of Grant county about 15 by 20 miles and takes in the following mining districts: Part of the Cable Cove district, Lake Creek, La Bellevue, Monumental, Magnolia, Granite, Alamo, part of the Greenhorns, and the north fork of the John Day, all of which are tributary to Sumpter. J J. O'Dair and J. W. Tabor, promine citizens of Granite, were nere yester-day and most heartily endorse the proposed annexation, stating that all of the above named districts naturally look to Sumpter as their base of supplies and main center, and that in their opin ions the unanimous sentiment of the the people living in these districts is that they should be annexed to Baker county. It is about a six-days' trip from Granite to Canyon City, the county seat of Grant county, while the trip may be made to Baker City, the county seat of Baker county, in less than two days, therefore the territory naturally be-

ongs to Baker councy. Of course, it will require a special act of the legislature o effect a division, and it is the intention to endeavor to choose a representaive from the county who will carry the matter to a favorable termination E. J. Wallace, owner of a placer property in Stice's gulch, returned from there this week, where he went to get things in shape for the resumption of work He intends installing a pumping plant in the spring. It is understood that the placer in Stice's guich owned by the Killen-Warner-Stewart company of this city, which adjoins that of Mr. Wallace has made an excellent showing. Work

was suspended there a few days ago, pending the opening up of spring. Gold was recently encountered there on the bedrock, which was reached at a depth of 23 feet, that goes as high as \$9 and

\$10 to the cubic yard. Drifts will be started from the bedrock as soon as work is resumed



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