

# SECRETARY GARFIELD ORDERS INVESTIGATION

### Limelight on Conditions in Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. Segregation.

### PATENT APPLICATION BRINGS ABOUT ACTION

Inspector Thomas Neuhausen and Special Agents Under Letter's Direction Detailed by Head of Interior Department to Attend Matter.

Secretary James R. Garfield of the interior department has directed that an investigation of conditions in the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company's segregation in central Oregon be made by Inspector Thomas Neuhausen and special agents under his direction. The secretary's action follows the receipt of application made by the Deschutes Irrigation company for patents to 38,403 acres of lands that are said to be now under the ditches and canals of that company and available for settlement and cultivation of the national lands.

Inspectors will be sent into the region, and examination of the lands, the extent of the ditches, the number of settlers and amount of lands under cultivation will be made. It is not charged that the company has failed to comply with the requirements of the national reclamation laws, nor the terms of the Carey act. Governor Chamberlain, discussing the secretary's order, said:

**Governor Chamberlain Glad.**  
"I would be glad to see such an investigation made. I think it would be a good thing for the public, the government and the company. But I believe that if the government is to make an investigation, it should be by all means send out experts in irrigation, who would know what they were about, and whose report would be of some value. I understand that it was the intention to send a forest ranger to make this examination. So far as I am able to judge the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company has complied with the terms of the state and federal laws. I have made a personal investigation of the lands and irrigation works, but I am not an expert in these matters and might be fooled. The state land board and the state engineer, John C. Lewis, have exercised care in handling the matter so far as it is under their jurisdiction. I have thought at times that Mr. Lewis was even too strict and exacting. But he knows his business, and was formerly in the federal reclamation service. I appointed him on the recommendation of the government reclamation department, and he came from the federal to the state service. Mr. Lewis has had some lively struggles with the irrigation companies, to bring them to the requirements of the law and the rulings made by the state land board, and has been successful in every instance in bringing them to his terms in the essential features of the matter at issue. The Deschutes company, however, passed, the state is getting along very well with this company and the irrigation project is going forward apparently in good shape.

**Unable to Supply Water.**  
The Columbia Southern Irrigation company, which began development of a project south of the Deschutes company's segregation and took water from Tumalo river, a branch of the main Deschutes river, has not been so fortunate. An investigation of this company's project by the state land board and the state engineer disclosed that its water supply was insufficient; that it would be unable to supply water for the 27,600 acres segregated, and its recent applications for patents have been held up.

The company has been forbidden by the state board to sell any more lands, and directed to sell no more water to private parties outside of its segregation. At the present time the settlers on Columbia Southern lands are making an investigation of the possibilities for establishing storage reservoirs to augment the present water supply. The state board has also been advised that the Columbia Southern company has made a proposal to the settlers to sell out to the latter and turn over the ditches to them. If the settlers find that storage reservoirs can be built and maintained the outcome will be the formation of a new company in which the settlers will have the management.

In view of the state land board's favorable opinion of the work of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company, the action of Secretary Garfield in ordering investigation of its project, has aroused unfavorable comment. Whether or not facts justify the belief, a strong impression has come upon private irrigation builders in Oregon that the government reclamation authorities are pursuing a policy of opposition to all private irrigation projects, and neglect no opportunity of crippling or retarding them. The Deschutes Irrigation & Power company case is being cited as an example of government hostility.

**Near to Hearts of Boosters.**  
Development of central Oregon is a subject that is near to the heart of all Oregon boosters. Railroad transportation into that vast region and development of the latent agricultural resources of Crook and surrounding counties, has been a subject of constant agitation by

commercial bodies, hence the business interests of the state feel that all reasonable support should be given to bona fide undertakings to people and cultivate the regions.

About \$500,000 has been expended in development of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company's project to its present stage, and the work is going steadily on. The company has 250 miles of canals and ditches completed. It has 45,000 acres now under its irrigation ditches, and of this amount 20,000 acres is under cultivation. There are 250 families now located on the tract, and more settlers are coming in. The June land sales of the company aggregated 1,640 acres, amounting to \$60,180. This week the company contracted with the Douglas Fir National Pipe company of Olympia for 1,212 lineal feet of pipe at a cost of \$79,209, to be used to convey water across an old river bed from the company's central Oregon canal lands in the neighborhood of Prineville. The water supply from the Deschutes river is ample to irrigate thousands of acres more than is contained in this company's segregation.

The company's many miles of ditches extend far south of Bend and they are turning waste water into the Crooked river. Each week sees more miles of ditches completed. The company's expenditures for a single week ending June 3 amounted to \$8,500.

**Accedes to Requirements.**  
The company has acceded to every requirement of a strict state land board and the attorney general of the state engineer. Former disagreements between the state and the company have been adjusted by the company yielding to every essential requirement by the state and the relations between state and company are agreeable.

But up to the present time the federal government, through the policy of the interior department, has not granted patent for a single acre of land to the irrigation company under the terms provided by the Carey act. These facts are cited by irrigation men as evidence that the federal reclamation department is pursuing a policy that may be construed as hostile to all Carey act projects.

Some time ago the Deschutes Irrigation & Power made application to the state, and through it to the government, for patent to a large part of its segregation, comprising the lands for which it estimated water was then available. The state land board and State Engineer John C. Lewis, after careful examination and radical pruning of the desired lands, indorsed the application as to 35,403 acres and the application was passed up to the interior department for action. The company's total segregation amounts to 14,812 acres, but it has as yet been unable to secure action by the department on any of its patents, and there is a belief among its officials that the policy of the government is unjust, not only to the investors who are putting their capital into development of the great project, but also to the settlers who are making homes on the tract and looking forward to its early development.

**WOMAN ELECTROCUTED WHILE IN BATH TUB**

(Journal Special Service.)  
Fort Collins, Colo., July 15.—Mrs. Addie Davies was electrocuted while standing in a bath tub in the bathroom of her home Saturday. She had filled the tub with water and after disrobing she stepped in and attempted to turn on the electric light. The wire was very heavily charged and when Mrs. Davies touched the button, the current passed through her body.

**INCORPORATION OF MILK CONDENSER**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Amity, Or., July 15.—Articles of incorporation have been filed with the county clerk at McMinnville incorporating the Yamhill Valley Condensed Milk company of this place, with a capital of \$50,000, of which \$25,000 has been subscribed. A meeting of the stockholders will be held to elect a board of directors and a meeting will be commenced on a building within a few days.

**HARRY MINOR HELD ON FORGERY CHARGE**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Elgin, Or., July 15.—Harry Minor, aged 20, has been placed under \$500 bond to appear before the circuit court on the charge of having forged a check for \$5, in the name of Thomas Fleming, his employer, and was unable to furnish bonds and was placed in the Union county jail at La Grande.

**Eighty-Five Pound Salmon.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Astoria, Or., July 15.—Olaf Peterson, a well-known fisherman of the Columbia river, made a record catch while fishing in the lower river. One of the many salmon caught weighed 85 pounds. It was a magnificent fish.



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### William Reid Writes of Sterling Qualities of Deceased Portland Business Man.

William Reid, an old-time resident and a friend of George T. Myers, whose death was announced Friday last, writes the following letter to The Journal, chronicling some of the personal characteristics of the deceased. Mr. Reid had known Mr. Myers for a great number of years and held him in high esteem for his sincerity of friendship and steadfastness of purpose. The letter follows:

Although competing against each other for honors and for preference in selecting scholarships, contestants in the educational contest of The Journal nevertheless become good friends. A certain principle and honor exists among them which causes them to fair dealing in the strife for votes. An example of the generosity of one contestant for another is best explained in the following letter which comes to the table of the Contest Editor:

"Let me point out a few inside facts showing the love which Portland has shown in the death of George T. Myers. George T. Myers met the writer on the old steamer Ajax 33 years ago, as she landed at Portland from San Francisco, and a reciprocal friendship since continued between us. As we never had any personal business relations during that long period I can speak of a man as you find him. "Thoroughly practical, energetic, quick in perception, with sterling integrity, his great aim in life was to aid in the advancement of the North Pacific, believing (as unfortunately few men realize today) that by developing his individual prosperity and his home city (Portland), plodding on and cooperating with others for the purpose of that effect with assurance. All the investments George T. Myers has left behind him today prove his theory was correct. Public-spirited, a man of politics, but when the people called him to the legislature he cheerfully responded. "A hall fellow well met, generous in soul and sincere in his friendships, when he advocated any public measure it was pro bono publico only without any personal interest. After he unsolicited on my part, had undertaken the promotion of a railway through the Nehalem and to Tillamook for Fortlan's benefit, he asked me how much money would be needed to organize the institution. I replied \$1,000, provided contributed by 50 to 100 cooperating citizens as stockholders. When he said I can just as easily raise \$20,000 as \$1,000. It was not needed. "To show that even his push and integrity were appreciated by railroad men when he declined in 1901 the presidency of the new Tillamook Railway company, A. L. Mohler sent for him and confided to him alone (what had to be kept secret) certain information that was of great value to the company, and he showed Mr. Myers telegrams from New York to that effect with assurance of financial backing. Afterward when this fell through Mr. Myers volunteered to accompany me to London at his own expense to see the bonds sold and I can say never made any condition that he should receive or asked any interest in the railway company's stock. "In conclusion had he undertaken the presidency of the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railway company when asked that line would have been in full operation today, but unfortunately for Portland on account of his desire to place his son in business, his interests on Puget sound and Alaska, for his son's sake, took him away from Portland after the death of his wife. His life is a lesson to the young men of Oregon."

**University Girl Endorsed.**  
R. E. Hugheson, B. A. principal of Portsmouth grammar school, has written a letter to The Journal calling attention to the merits of Hilda Brant, a contestant who lives at University Park. He says: "Miss Hilda Brant has entered The Journal contest for the Educational Contest, notwithstanding the fact that she puts in full time at Olds, Wortman & King's general department store. Mr. Phelps' letter follows: "Portland, Or., July 14.—To The Journal Contest Department.—Dear Sir:—I hereby write in behalf of one Miss Hilda Brant, who is in the employ of Olds, Wortman & King and who is in your scholarship contest to enter Pacific university at Forest Grove. I have known her for some time and so far have found her to be a good, honest, upright girl, trying to earn her own living, and she is very desirous of having a better education, and I, for one, will do all I can in her behalf. Hoping you will do all you can, and the best you can, for the young lady, I am, sincerely yours, "E. PHELPS."

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**Teachers at Umatilla.**  
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Umatilla, Or., July 15.—Kyle McDaniel has been reelected principal of the Umatilla schools for the ensuing term, and Mrs. Burnham in the primary department.