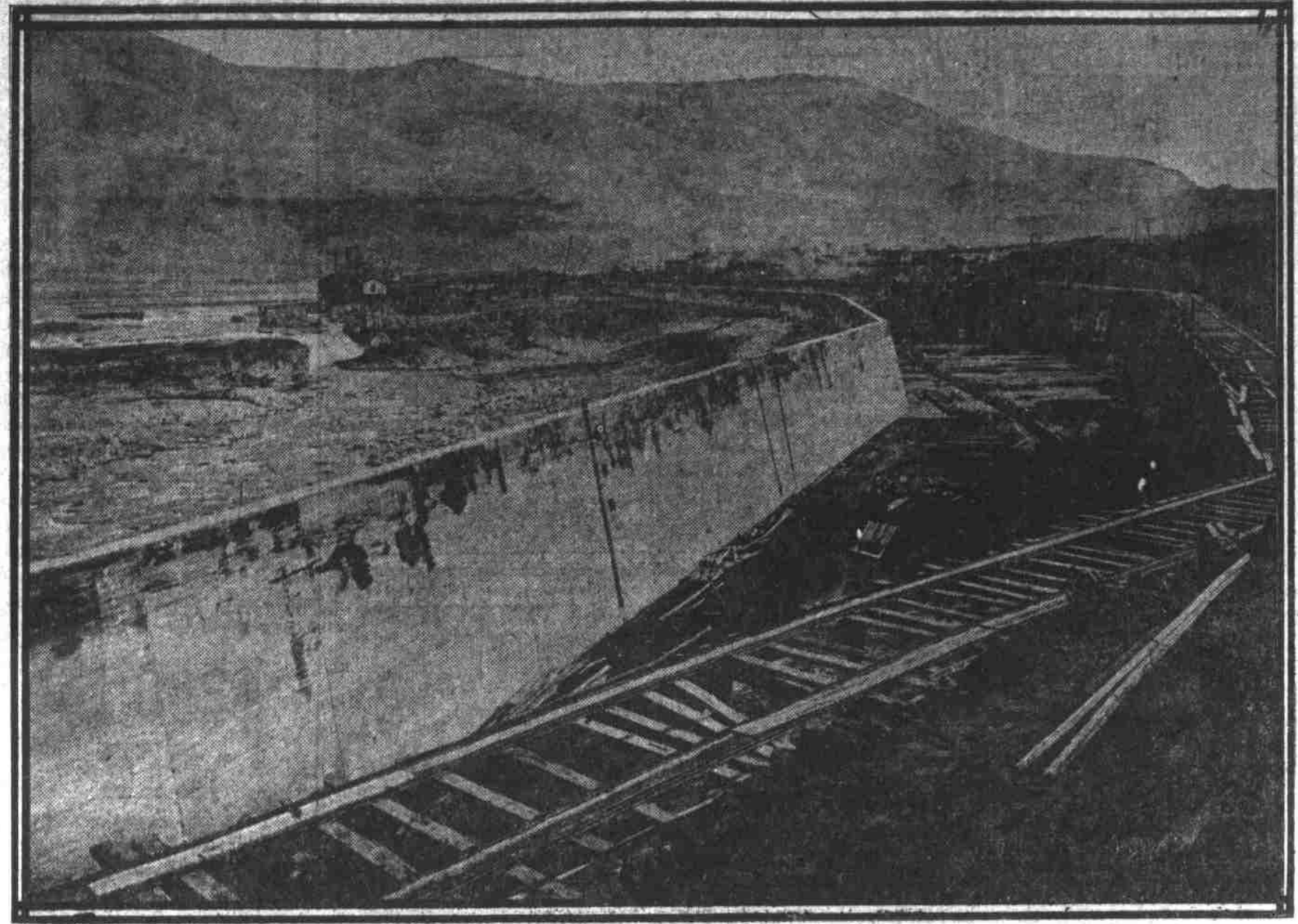


JOURNAL'S ROUNDUP OF THE WEEK IN STATES OF PACIFIC SLOPE NORTHWEST NEWS CURRENT EVENTS DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL PROGRESS

Lewiston-Portland Water Link, the Celilo Canal, Now Building



PROJECT PLAN GIVEN IMPETUS

Organized Effort Is Being Made for Irrigation in Malheur.

Vale, Or., Dec. 5.—Residents of this section are enthusiastic again over the matter of government irrigation, and are willing to sign up their lands according to the requirements of the government. A private water company has been organized to take up the matter with the government. Walter Griffith has been retained by the company to hold meetings in all of the communities that will be benefited by the project. Similar meetings have already been held at Dead Ox Flat, Nyssa, Vale, Ontario, and several other points. The road companies have been approached and it is understood that both are willing to sign up their lands. In order to better handle the Malheur project the department has placed Mr. Weymouth in charge of it and transferred the headquarters to Boise. Thus this section of Oregon goes under the Idaho division of the reclamation service. Mr. Weymouth, in company with Herbert Newell, also of the government reclamation service, was in Vale and up to the Harper ranch inspecting the proposed reservoir sites. From there they went to Dead Ox Flat, where there is a body of 25,000 acres under the Malheur project. This project will cover from 150,000 to 200,000 acres, and if the Willow Creek division is taken in it will approximate 250,000 acres of land. The Willow Creek people have a contract in the Christian federation, but the time limit on the contract is about up, only a few days remaining for the federation officials to make good. In view of their failure to do so, the land is ready to be turned over to the government by the Willow Creek Water Users' association, a local company holding the land under contract, composed of all the landowners on the creek.

MANY FARMERS TO BE AT CONVENTION

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 5.—Representative ranchers and farmers from various parts of the northwest will attend the annual convention of the Washington Wheat Producers' Shippers and Millers' association at Pullman, south of Spokane, December 9 to 11, when James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railway company, Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway company, and E. R. Miller, representing the Harriman system, will be among the speakers. There will also be addresses by H. W. Campbell of Nebraska, a well-known expert; Professor W. L. Carlyle, formerly director of the Colorado experimental station; C. B. Keyser, master of the State Grange of Washington, and of the State Grange of Washington, and Idaho state colleges.

Imprisoned Doe Is Averse to Making Cow's Acquaintance

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rainier, Or., Dec. 5.—W. C. Plue of the Columbia Sash & Door factory is the possessor of a full grown doe. She was captured Thanksgiving morning under remarkable circumstances. Mr. Plue and his son, Vilas, were walking up the railroad track, paralleling the river, to Reed's mill. Looking over the river Vilas saw a strange object. He called his father's attention to it and the two secured a boat and a rope and towed out to it. It was found to be a doe. Mr. Plue lassoed her. At first she submitted, but after the boat had gone a short distance she began to struggle fiercely, nearly capsizing the boat. Her legs were bound with a rope and she was taken on board and brought ashore. She now occupies a stall in Mr. Plue's barn, her neighbor being a cow. To date the two have not struck up an acquaintance. The doe has not become reconciled to her enforced mode of life and seems to live in constant terror.



The Inland Empire, Recently Launched.

PROSPEROUS McMinnville Has Two Banks That Did Not Accept the "Holidays" Offered During Panic

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McMinnville, Or., Dec. 5.—McMinnville is enjoying the most prosperous year in its history. This very evident fact is the result of the presidential election but from all indications is the result of McMinnville's steady move forward. In the first place McMinnville has two banks which rank first in the county and fourth in the state. During the panic scare of last fall they utilized their combined deposits amount to more than \$1,000,000. This in itself shows the prosperous condition of local citizens and the farmers of the surrounding country. Some 50 residences have been completed during the past summer and 12 more are now in process of erection. These are good, substantial, up to date dwellings, costing from \$1200 to \$6000. The demand for better residences has been evident of late. Also a \$60000 business building has been erected and work is now being rushed on a three story brick addition to the Yamhill hotel, which will make it the largest first class hotel on the west side. Civic improvements have felt this stir and the city recently acquired eight acres of land for a park. On this ground an auditorium 70x150 feet, has been erected, costing \$6000. This is the permanent exhibit building of the Yamhill County School fair and stock show. The city is now constructing a new electric light plant in the mountains which will furnish day power as well as light for night. The increase of concrete walks pleases the booster as some of this has been done even where it is not required by ordinance. During the summer eight miles of new water mains were laid, thus greatly augmenting the supply of McMinnville's gravity system. The Local Educational Institution. McMinnville college has had to increase its facilities and has constructed a \$7000 music hall; a steam heating plant has just been completed. The Willamette Valley Condensed Milk company will in a short time be running its factory, which was erected during the summer and will be the largest condenser on the coast. This means a still larger increase in local business. This prosperity does not appear to be a spurt but just a steady growth. At present to rent a house in McMinnville is an impossibility.

EASTERNERS FLOCK TO BENTON COUNTY

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 5.—Benton county has during the past year sustained an unprecedented growth. The era of prosperity and development began about a year ago. While conditions were to a certain extent unsettled previous to the general election, business did not fall off, and the principal change caused by the election was merely to reassure establishments. The perfecting of the water supply system and the erection of a cannery are among the largest enterprises that have been carried on by the business interests of the county. A great deal of this increased activity is due to the great influx of the eastern people and capital. Especially is this noticeable in the amount of building that has been carried on. Nearly every block in the towns of the county contains new buildings. The street building is continuing at a more rapid rate than ever. Thriving, the business and market reports showing a large increase over those of last year. Thus far very little manufacturing has been carried on in this county, but opportunities for certain lines of manufacturing are many, and during the coming year something in this line is expected. From all standpoints local conditions point to an indefinite continuance of the era of prosperity now prevailing.

THESE ARE BUSY DAYS IN KLAMATH

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Klamath Falls, Or., Dec. 5.—Klamath Falls is a busy place. Carpenters, bricklayers and laborers have plenty of work. The first large railroad camp ever being established within the city limits, while the great building activity commenced in September still continues. Three brick kilns are now up and the fourth is being constructed. Residences are being built in many parts of town, as well as on acreage tracts adjoining the city, where newcomers have bought tracts of land and expect to engage in truck farming. Warehouse sites are being laid out ad-

EIGHT MILLION APPLES SHOWN

Spokane's Big Fair Will Be Opened by Roosevelt Monday Morn.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 5.—Everything is in readiness for the national apple show in Spokane, which will be formally opened by President Roosevelt by telegraph from the White House tomorrow morning and continue through the week. Mayor Herbert C. Moore will deliver the address of welcome, read by a letter from President Roosevelt, after which Frederick E. Goodall, president of the Spokane chamber of commerce, will introduce Governor Mead and Louis W. Hill, president of the national apple show. Governor Mead will speak of the importance of the festival to the state of Washington and the northwest, and Mr. Hill will discuss its scope and educational value. There will also be speakers from other parts of the United States and Canada. The fair will be held in the festival hall and adjoining buildings. In addition to these displays, there will be a concert by quartets and choruses and moving pictures, showing pictures and lantern slides of apple orchards. Pomologists of international reputation will deliver addresses at the annual convention of the Washington State Horticultural association, in session December 8 to 11.

OLD INDIAN TELLS OF CAVE DWELLERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Husum, Wash., Dec. 5.—It is an established fact that at one time there was a tribe of Indian cave dwellers in Klickitat county. On Leo Brun's ranch, five miles north of Grand Dalles, on the Columbia river, there are several large caves in which the Indians wintered their ponies and themselves. These caves are very large, each one being roomy enough to accommodate a dozen ponies besides their owners, which from all indications were made use of for years. Mr. Brun employs an old Indian John on his ranch, who has been a faithful servant for over 30 years, and who relates a great deal of unpublished history. Old John is over 80 years of age, and claims relationship to the cave dwellers in this county of long ago.

New Goose Hunting Record Established At Quinn's Station

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Arlington, Or., Dec. 5.—R. D. Develbiss has gained a reputation here as a goose hunter. He recently engaged the services of John Emrick as a fog producer and informed his guests that he had by observation discovered a natural "fly way" for geese, near Quinn's station on the O. R. & N., where all that was necessary was a little powder, shot and a gun. He invited quite a number of crack shots from all over the state to accompany him. Among them were Leon Butcher, "Gordis" Leghorn, Charles Swan, Lloyd Irvine of Arlington, Fred Woyman of Pendleton, George Withrow and Arthur Garhart of Portland, and "Fog Producer" Emrick of Lewiston. The party broke the record for the season by returning to Arlington without a goose. Ed Schiller, Buck Keith, George Bliss and other Portland enthusiasts were also invited, but in some manner missed connections, and to this fact the party is inclined to attribute its bad luck.

THOUSANDS OF THE GENUS LEPIUS WILL FALL NEXT MONDAY

Hundreds of Crook County Farmers to Participate in Agency Plains Rabbit Drive.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Prineville, Or., Dec. 5.—Several thousand rabbits will bite the dust in the northwestern part of Crook county Monday, December 14, when the first rabbit drive ever made on the Agency plains will be pulled off by the farmers of the section. Extensive preparations have been made for the event. Several hundred men will participate. A large killing corral will be built with wings extending a quarter of a mile on either side, so that the rabbits can be driven into it, two foot wire netting being used for the wings and four foot netting for the corral. The drivers will assemble early Monday morning, December 14, at A. Monner's farm. The drive will start at the northern end of Agency plains and cover a large territory south and east of that point. No dogs or guns will be allowed. The Indians from the Warm Springs reservation have been invited to come over and participate in the drive and it is expected that a large number will avail themselves of the invitation. The drive will be continued as long as the success warrants.

Terminated by Disease. Rabbits have become more numerous in this section than they have been in a number of years. Several years ago they were almost exterminated by a disease which made great ravages in the range. Experts from the government biological departments were sent to investigate the disease, with a view to finding a means of eradicating it. The disease baffled them and the matter was not pursued further. This year has apparently spent its force and in the past two years there has been an alarming increase in the number of rabbits. Many farmers in the more sparsely settled districts have complained that their crops were entirely destroyed by the rabbits this year, while all have complained of some damage. It is in this condition of affairs that has aroused the farmers to action.

IRRIGATION PLAN ON THE KLICKITAT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Husum, Wash., Dec. 5.—Another new irrigation enterprise is about to be water-laid in the central portion of this county. Western capitalists have been looking for a site for a dam on the Klickitat river with a view of putting in a dam at Hanging Rock and canal the water to the orchards in White Salmon and Grand Dalles. A canal will be built from this reservoir to the Goodnoe Hills country to irrigate that rich section of the country. As there is a surplus of water the scheme is a practical one.

PROTECT THE PHEASANTS

Yakima Sportsmen Seek to Prevent Extinction. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 5.—In order that the Chinese pheasants, which have been so carefully propagated here for a number of years, may not be entirely exterminated by the game hogs, the Yakima County Game Protective association has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any person who violates the law with regard to this game. In addition to the present bounty the association wants a new law that will make the shooting of game, and especially the Chinese pheasants, it would like to have the season entirely closed for at least four years more. The Yakima sportsmen also want the present method of appointing county game wardens continued. They are opposed to the plan of naming state wardens for various sections.

Artesian Wells Popular.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Govan, Wash., Dec. 5.—Artesian wells are becoming popular among the farmers in the northern part of the state. In one well sunk within a radius of a few miles, a portion of which have proved to be flowing wells, while the remainder, although having an abundance of water, require a pump to bring it to the surface. A six-inch well drilled at Wilbur, to furnish water for the hospital building to be constructed there, four diggers have been employed. One at 25 feet, another at 75 feet, a third at 300 feet and the fourth at a little over 400 feet.

Apples to Market.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Husum, Wash., Dec. 5.—On Wednesday an interesting sight occurred at one of the large orchards in White Salmon valley near Husum, when five four-horse wagons loaded with select varieties of apples left for the nearest railroad point, where the fruit was shipped to New York.

Not in years has the farming outlook for the next year been so good in Crook county, says the Prineville Journal.

Corvallis Honored

Mrs. S. L. Kline Selected as National Special Aide, W. R. C.



(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Corvallis, Or., Dec. 5.—Mrs. S. L. Kline, a prominent society woman of this city, and one of the leaders in the Women's Relief corps work, has received a distinctive honor at the hands of Mary L. Gilman, national president of the W. R. C. At the recent national convention at Toledo, Ohio, the latter appointed Mrs. Kline national special aide. Mrs. Kline bears the distinction of being the only member of any corps in the Pacific northwest who was present at the last four national conventions. She is a member of Corvallis W. R. C. No. 7.

APPLE MEN ANGRY

Yakima Ranchers Make Charges Against Association. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 5.—One of the results of the lower prices of fruit this year will be litigation directed against the Yakima Valley Fruit Shippers' association by a voluntary organization of ranchers. The orchardists have been unable to continue their business because the lower prices were due to natural conditions altogether, but assert that a combine of shippers beat them out of their law-suits. They plan to prove this in court.

A large litigation fund has been raised and attorneys procured to present the case against the association, which, it is charged, is a combination in restraint of trade. Failing in this effort will be to establish a case against the individual shippers who form the association. Prices paid for fruit the past year were lower than the prices of 1907, but they gave returns as high in some instances as \$1000 an acre. Shippers say the Yakima prices were higher than those in other districts similarly situated and they laugh at the idea of litigation.

ACTION IS DELAYED

Commission Ordinance Not Effective Till December 25.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Dec. 5.—It was learned at a meeting of the Eugene city council last night that the newly appointed water commission, to go into effect when the water works recently acquired by the city from the Willamette Valley Water Company, will be in operation. This is in accordance with a recent decision of the supreme court, which held that all ordinances except those affecting the public health of the city or of a character demanding immediate action shall not take effect until 30 days after passage. The city council was ready to turn the plan over to the commission last night, but it cannot do so until about December 25, when the 30 days will have elapsed and the mayor will make the appointments again.

ACKERMAN TO SPEAK

Will Address Utah Teachers at Salt Lake City.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 5.—Superintendent Ackerman has accepted an invitation to address the teachers' association which meets at Salt Lake city, December 21 and 22.

TOURS EUROPE FIVE MONTHS; SAYS OREGON IS THE BEST

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Rainier, Or., Dec. 5.—Besides the distinction of being next to the oldest pioneer in Rainier, George F. Moeck is one of the most extensive travelers of his recent trip to Europe and the Mediterranean, when he visited his old home and birthplace, Willmadingen, Germany. Prior to his journey Mr. Moeck had resided in Rainier continuously for 37 years. He came to this city when it was little more than a landmark on the banks of the Columbia river. He has witnessed its development into one of the most important lumber points on the coast. Mr. Moeck is now planning another trip. On his recent one he was gone almost five months, departing from New York February 8 and leaving Liverpool on the return voyage July 14. He recalls many interesting incidents of the European tour. Though that country abounds in beautiful scenes and marvellous monuments, he reported having seen no better work in any other part of the world. He reported having seen no better work in any other part of the world.

CALAMITIES FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF J. B. HARNESS' SEA TRIPS MARK HIM AS THE TWENTIETH CENTURY JONAH

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 5.—An employe in the North Yakima land office, J. B. Harness, is wondering whether a hoodoo is following him or not. He has been extensively traveled in his life in this because of the disasters which have struck almost every ship in which he has ever taken voyage. The train of thought was started the other day when he read of the sinking of the ship Francisco in the New York harbor. It was something over three years ago that Mr. Harness went to Panama from San Francisco. He had passage on the steamer Accipiter. About a year and a half ago this vessel sank in the harbor at San Francisco because of being improperly loaded. She turned over on one side and went to the bottom. After remaining in Panama for some time Mr. Harness went to New York. He made the trip on the steamer Financia. It was this steamer which was sunk in the New York harbor the other day. She was run into by a freighter and her port side was stove in. After spending his vacation in New York he went back to Panama on the steamer Alliancia. So far as he can learn this steamer is still intact. He is operated between that place and San Francisco. Some time in the steamer was reported lost. For two weeks no sign of the vessel could be found, but she finally came into port in a badly damaged condition. She reported having encountered storms. Ten days after Mr. Harness set foot in San Francisco the earthquake occurred. Mr. Harness is not superstitious but he looks upon these happenings as strange coincidences. The hoodoo works, apparently, only on or near the sea. George F. Moeck.

UNCLE SAM RESUMES WORK ON JOHN DAY IRRIGATION PROJECT

\$6,000,000 Is Estimated Cost of Reclamation Plan in Gilliam and Morrow Counties.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) McDonalds Ferry, Or., Dec. 5.—A party of United States engineers, under the direction of Engineer Davis of the reclamation service, has just installed a new plant for the most accurate hydrographic survey of the John Day river ever made at this point, and will resume the duties of finishing the preliminary work of securing accurate estimates on the John Day irrigation project, which was commenced four years ago. The action of the government at this time confirms the prediction which The Journal made some months ago when it reported that this project was the next which the government would complete in this state. At the time the John Day project was last mentioned the government had seriously entertained a proposition to install an auxiliary pumping plant on the Columbia between Castle Rock and Arlington. This, however, was abandoned, and the general opinion seems to prevail that the reclamation service has recently entertained a proposition to install such a plant on the John Day project at Hermiton as to greatly increase the state's financial standing in the reclamation fund, and the government at this time seems fit to start the reclamation work again in Oregon.

All Expectations Realized.

The presence of government engineers along the John Day seems to verify even the most optimistic opinions. As usual the work of the government moves slowly, but the engineers are not supposed to answer many questions. After going over the ground carefully, however, it was found that the cost of what is termed the John Day project will approximate \$6,000,000. The dam will be constructed between 8 and 12 miles above the mouth of Rock creek, and there will be water enough conserved to irrigate 200,000 acres, at least. The government has exempted enough land under the new canal to bring the acreage to this figure.

All the lands benefited by the new project lie within the borders of Gilliam and Morrow counties. The ditch or canal will leave the John Day about two miles above its confluence with the Columbia, cross Rock creek about two miles below the O. R. & N. bridge over Rock creek, and its course will be west of Cedar Springs to a point about two miles south of the Junction house in Alkali canyon; from thence it will carry the water due east across the Steppes branch of the O. R. & N., and have its northern terminus between Castle Rock and Corvite on the O. R. & N. and the Columbia. In connection with the present operation it is strange to note that very few resident beneficiaries are awake to its importance.

COLLEGE HEADS AGAIN ON TOUR

Cooperation of the Pacific Northwest Asked in the New Whitman Plan.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 5.—President S. B. L. Penrose of the college and Dean A. W. Hendrix have again started on their tour of the northwestern states in the interests of the new Whitman Plan. The plan is to raise at least \$1,000,000 in the northwestern states, including the \$200,000 which was raised by the authorities to go east and endeavor to raise the remaining \$1,000,000. One of the many beneficial gifts which have been bestowed upon the college by any of its graduates was that of George B. Woodward of the class of 1907, and his sister, Miss Eva Woodward, who graduated from Peabody academy in 1904. They have given a sum of money to the college, the income of which is to be used in maintaining a fellowship in the department of mathematics. The conditions under which the scholarship is established are that the holder be a member of the senior class and that he show special aptitude for mathematics and be in need and be worthy of the assistance thus rendered. The holder of the fellowship is to be named by the head of the department of mathematics.

Goods Roads Meeting.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Husum, Wash., Dec. 5.—A good roads meeting was held at Husum for the purpose of subdividing District No. 1 into seven districts. Each subdivision will have a supervisor, which means much better work will be accomplished from now on.