

**Syndicate Will Fence Off
Lowlands of Columbia's
Edge and Reclaim Large
Acreage of Wonderfully
Rich Farming Tracts.**

The building of 20 miles of dyking enclosing the Columbia river bottom from the Swift plant east to Troutdale, thereby transforming this wonderfully rich area into a main grain storage area, is the first big project, plans for which have just been consummated by a group of Portland, eastern Oregon and Idaho capitalists. This land is the richest soil to be found anywhere in the northwest, being the silt deposits of the Columbia river for centuries. The project is financially feasible, and the work can be done at low cost, is the expert opinion of two competent engineers. The entire project, which covers a tire district included in the reclamation project and who report that the dyking will not cost above \$4000 a mile.

Definite information cannot be obtained as to the details and the identity of the men behind the improvement project, but it is positively known that the project is being handled by one of the best engineers on the Pa-

the coast to superintend the work. It is also planned to buy and clear several hundred acres in the district to be reclaimed and that they have entered into contracts with numerous persons in the district to have their holdings reclaimed.

So far as developed the plans of the corporation are to build a large dam, building a 25 foot embankment, 31 feet broad at the base and 16 feet at the top, to be situated about 100 feet from the Swift plant east to Troutdale, thence west along the north side of Columbia slough to a point opposite the mouth of the river, then to the Umpqua river, enclosing a triangle containing about 30,000 acres of the most fertile land in the county.

Of course this dyke could not be expected to prevent a certain amount of seepage, say the engineers who examined the project, but they estimated that while the seepage water would be a small loss, it would be of no value at all probably be taken care of by evaporation, if necessary 10 or 12 inch pumps would be used to pump it out. The expense of operating these pumps would be nominal, as their use would only be necessary during the rainy weeks at the highest stage of the river.

It is believed that the entire Columbia river bottom lands from the Swift plant to Troutdale can be reclaimed by paying at an expense of not more than \$6 to \$8 an acre and still leave a handsome margin of profit for the syndicate financing the enterprise.

TRIAL RECORDS

Seeking to Prove Thaw Suffered From Delusions Regarding White.

Jerome read the names of a number of witnesses who said Thaw was irrational, emotional, and the assassin of a number of persons who said he appeared irrational when he was arraigned before the coroner.

Then the district attorney launched into the substance of the report of the jury commission that found Thaw insane. He read the comments of the law alienists on Harry's belief regarding Stanford White's alleged mis-

Ashland Tidings: Scarcely a day passes but one or more automobile touring parties pass through here, either north or south, sweeping the coast lakes, circling the continent or on motor tours. A car coming through here is the southern route from New Hampshire passed north one day this week. An automobile outfit passing north yesterday carried what is believed to

the first "trailer" through here. A two wheeled cart was coupled on behind the auto in which camp equipage was hauled.



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