

RECLAIM 307,000 ACRES NEAR BOISE

Eastern Capitalists Plan to
Water Highlands From
Salmon River.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Boise, Idaho, April 13.—The first official step in the reclamation of 307,000 acres of land near Boise has been taken. Segregation of the land has practically been agreed upon.

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$15,000,000.
The water supply will be taken from the Salmon river, bringing from 500,000 to 600,000 acre feet of water, partially conserved by a system of storage reservoirs, into the Payette river and thence into the Boise by means of tunnels through the divide, amounting in all to a distance of more than three miles.

Water from Redfish, Pettit and Alturas lakes and tributary streams will be utilized, the first point of diversion being two and one-half miles above Highland, where the first canal will be taken out. A small area will be reclaimed in that vicinity and at various other places accessible before reaching the Boise valley, where the canal will extend southward, so as to skirt the South Side Payette-Boise project of the reclamation service. Running above the government high line canal the tract to be reclaimed will reach to the Snake river and as far east as a point below Sunnyside or Canyon creek near the Ada-Elmore county line.

Build Three Reservoirs.
In connection with the project three great reservoirs are to be constructed, two of which are on the Salmon river slope and are part of a plan to raise the waters of Alturas and Redfish lakes to their former levels. The other will be located above Highland in the Boise canyon and in also will be one-fourth greater than the Deer flat reservoir, or more than 50 miles in circumference. This will necessarily be constructed in accordance with specifications furnished by the United States government because of the dam which has already been built by the reclamation service lower down the river.

At the Highland reservoir an immense power plant is to be built for the purpose of supplying all necessary energy in pumping water to higher levels than can be attained by the gravity system, and the fact that the dam at that point may be utilized for both purposes will tend to greatly lessen the cost of construction per acre, which, it is estimated, will be the most expensive ever attempted in Idaho.

Above Government Project.
The application filed at the land office withdraws from entry practically all unappropriated lands lying above the main canal of the Payette-Boise reclamation project, and under the proposed canal lines of the new project.

The papers show that the water fillings for this project were made in the names of E. G. Engleson and Lewis L. Folson, engineer and fiscal agent respectively. The project is being financed by the undertaking, who are upon water of the Salmon river and tributaries, south fork of the Payette and tributaries, amounting to 375,000 acre feet. The plans contemplate a reservoir with a total capacity of 625,000 acre feet, which are to store flood waters so as to give a continuous flow of the amount stated in the fillings. In addition to the land in the Boise valley the plans contemplate the reclamation of approximately 52,000 acres on the Salmon side of the divide, making a total of approximately 300,000 acres. Even greater territory may be covered in the future. It is stated, in view of the fact that the water supply will exceed this demand.

ESTABLISH POULTRY PLANT NEAR MEDFORD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Medford, Or., April 13.—C. H. Hoxie has purchased from Gus Lawrence 123 acres southwest of Medford for \$15,000. The land is partially agricultural and partially small timber. Mr. Hoxie proposes going into the chicken business on a large scale.

Enterprise to Give Show.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Enterprise, Or., April 13.—The Sixth Annual Horse and Stock show will be held in Enterprise Saturday, April 16. The show promises to be, provided the weather does not interfere, the largest and most successful of all of the shows.

WINCHESTER HAS RAPID GROWTH

Idaho Town Claims 500 People
at the Age of
Five Months.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Lewiston, Idaho, April 13.—Probably no town in the northwest can boast of as rapid development as Winchester, which, though less than 5 months old, has a population of nearly 500.

The town is being promoted by the Craig Mountain Lumber company, which owns the townsite, and whose big mill will begin sawing May 1. The town has been born out of the timber since November 24, 1909, when ground was broken for the first building. At that time the nearest railway point was Reubens, 11 miles distant on the Camas Prairie railway, but now a road built by the Craig Mountain company is operating daily trains.

There are four general stores, a drug store, a bank, a hardware and implement store, a hotel, two boarding houses and a restaurant, two butcher shops, two barber shops, two billiard halls and a cigar and confectionery store, while N. Williamson, merchant, is adding 24 by 70 feet to his store building and has two cars of merchandise on the track. Residences are being built all over the town and several within the last week have let contracts for new homes, among them being A. A. Rogers, formerly cashier of the Moscow State bank, who recently accepted a similar position with the Bank of Winchester, who will begin the erection of a \$3000 dwelling.

BUILD STEEL BRIDGE OVER COWLITZ RIVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Castle Rock, Wash., April 13.—The contract for the steel bridge to be built by Cowlitz county has been let to the International Contract company of Seattle. The price for the bridge proper will be \$22,947, but the trestle work for the approaches will bring the cost up to \$27,337. The span is 305 feet in length.

With the construction of the bridge at Castle Rock, there remains but one more expensive structure to be built by the county. This is the bridge across the Lewis river at Woodland.

SOON OPEN LAND OFFICE AT VALE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Vale, Or., April 13.—Bruce R. Keister, an agent of the government in Vale for the purpose of recommending a suitable location for the land office, which will be opened here in accordance with the recent act of congress creating a new land district, with the office at Vale. It is not the intention of the government to erect a building, but to lease a portion of a building, which will accommodate the offices and equipment for the new office.

YEARLING SHEEP BRING \$5 PER HEAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hoppper, Or., April 13.—R. F. Blocknell shipped 25 carloads of sheep from this city and 30 carloads from Echo the first of last week. The sheep are yearlings and were purchased from Morrow county sheepmen at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5 per head. There were about 14,000 sheep in the shipment.

Builds Large Barn.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Tolmie, Or., April 13.—The Chatfield farm has just completed one of the finest barns in Lincoln county. The dimensions of the barn are 40x50 feet. Thirty-five thousand feet of lumber was used in its construction. The barn is equipped with a patent hay fork and track, also a patent refuse carrier which runs the full length of the building. The barn is arranged to stable 40 cows, has a plank floor and will hold a large quantity of hay.

New Buildings at Hillsboro.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Hillsboro, Or., April 13.—The Imbrie building is rapidly nearing completion. Contractor Moore having installed the glass front. The hotel building is practically ready for occupancy.

Hold District Election.
Ontario, Or., April 13.—An election has been called for May 21 for the purpose of electing officers for the new irrigation districts.

NOT A BUD NIPPED BY FROST



Apricot tree in full bloom March 30, at Kennewick, Wash.

BUILDERS OF GREATER OREGON

E. T. Slayton.
From pioneering in Crook county in 1869, when central Oregon was considered a hopeless desert, to managing one of the best stock farms in the northwest is a long step, yet it is the record of E. T. Slayton of Prineville, whose choice cattle top the Portland market every year. As a boy Mr. Slayton rode the range and took his place with men in the round-up. As a man he takes his place with the captains of industry in Oregon. The stock business of the northwest has been greatly improved in recent years, and the methods evolved by Mr. Slayton in the 40 years during which he has made it his hobby have had no little part in the evolution which has but fairly begun.

(Journal Special Correspondence.)
Prineville, Or., April 13.—For nearly 41 years E. T. Slayton has been in the stock business in Crook and later in Wasco county. During all this time he has lived on the same land, run cattle on the same hills and endured the same privations. County boundaries have been changed with increasing population, the system of handling stock has changed completely and prosperity has taken the place of pioneer hardship. In 1869 Mr. Slayton's mere boy, was taken by his parents to the interior of Oregon, 125 miles south of The Dalles. The land was not considered suited to the production of grain, and flour and other supplies were freighted from Albany or The Dalles. Later a mill at the Warm Springs Agency ground wheat for settlers, but only in limited quantities. No feed was provided except for saddle horses and a cow or two to provide milk for the family.

Loved Life on the Plains.
Born to the saddle, young Slayton soon became an expert horseman and daring cowboy. He thought nothing of riding to the nearest postoffice, 50 miles away, for the family mail, nor of joining 50 or 60 men in the spring roundup which covered a large part of central Oregon. The elder Slayton's family consisted of three sons and three daughters and their rearing in a desert country was no easy task. The family was poor and following the panic of 1873 the struggle for existence was terrific.

In 1884 the Slayton corral were located on the land which is now the site of Laidlaw. During the previous 10 years the elder Slayton had embarked heavily in the horse business, making his headquarters on the open range and far from the market. The stock died or was sold and a change to the cattle industry was made. During the awful cold of the winter the Slayton boys carried on snowshoes bags of alfalfa to the hands of horses far out on the range in a futile effort to keep them from starving to death.

Stayed by Old Home.
Following the death of Mr. Slayton's father the home place, consisting of 800 acres, was rented by the cowboy son. The agricultural land consisted of less than 30 acres. Since that time 180 acres have been seeded to alfalfa and another year will show practically the entire 800 acres under irrigation. Mr. Slayton has increased his holdings to over 400 acres.

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Feeding Cattle for Market.
In 1901 Mr. Slayton began winter feeding of cattle as his hobby. He began with 125 head and extended operations until he now expects to have 350 head of choice stock in his feeding pens.

In the struggle for range central Oregon cattlemen had the fight of their lives. Mr. Slayton was early in the contest for forest reserve range privileges and fought through his efforts a representative was sent to Washington to fight a winning warfare for range privileges.

Mr. Slayton has an ideal rural home pointed over by a pioneer woman who is in love with the free life of the plains. The couple have two sweet little daughters. Mr. Slayton is a native Oregonian, having been born near Portland.



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SINK DEEP SHAFT AT RED BOY MINE

Permanent Development in
Sumpter District This
Summer.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Sumpter, Or., April 13.—Within the next few weeks one of the most important events in the history of the famous old Red Boy mine, west of Sumpter, will be in progress—deep sinking on the Red Boy and Golden Monarch veins. Not only is this work of great moment to the mine, but it will be anxiously watched by everyone in the district, for its success will prove beyond any question the permanency of ore deposits below the water level.

Two years ago a prospect shaft was sunk on the Golden Monarch vein. The result of this work has determined the company to continue sinking on the vein, but instead of a prospect shaft the work will be of a permanent character, being a three compartment shaft. The shaft will follow an ore shoot which is said to have produced over \$300,000 for the former owners from the Blacksmith level to the surface, the ore body varying from 8 to 15 feet in width for a continuous length of 800 feet, all milling grade. How deep the shaft is to be driven will be determined later, being governed to some extent by what is disclosed by the sinking, though it is expected to go at least 250 feet if not 500 feet.

WHITEAKER WELL SHOWS OIL PROSPECT

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dallas, Or., April 13.—Drilling has been resumed at the Whiteaker oil well. The machinery is again running on full time. The drill is hammering away in a stratum of hard rock, with a strong showing of oil and a constant increasing flow of natural gas. For the last two weeks, drilling operations have been practically suspended to give the workmen an opportunity to put down several hundred feet of 8-inch casing. With this task completed it is expected that rapid progress will now be made in sinking the well.

PLAN MODEL DAIRY FOR KLAMATH COUNTY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., April 13.—Klamath county is to have one of the finest dairy ranches in Oregon, according to the plans of John Ellis and W. L. Albright. It is to be located in the Albright-Ellis ranch, about seven miles from Fort Klamath. When the ranch is in readiness to receive the herd Mr. Ellis will go to the middle west, where he will select the stock that is to compose it. He has decided on the purchase of Guernseys and Holsteins, believing that these will best meet the conditions of climate and the demands of the market.

ORCHARD SELLS FOR \$900 PER ACRE

(United Press Local Wire.)
Payette, Idaho, April 13.—E. A. Blair has sold his 22 acre orchard to E. S. Kauffman and J. Hostetter, recently from North Dakota. The price was \$2000 an acre. Mr. Blair bought this property three years ago for \$5000. The first two years he cleared \$5000 from his apples.

Odd Fellows to Build.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Klamath Falls, Or., April 13.—The local lodge of Odd Fellows is preparing to erect a lodge hall to cost \$50,000. Most of the preliminary work has been done and it is expected to have the contract for the building awarded early in May.

Motor Carries Mail.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Brownsville, Or., April 13.—Mail service on the motor between this city and Albany has been inaugurated and henceforth Brownsville will receive four train mails each day except Sunday, when there will be but two.

Dallas to Vote Bonds.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dallas, Or., April 13.—A special school election will be held April 25 for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$40,000 worth of bonds to raise funds for the erection of a school house.

Express Company Builds.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Corvallis, Or., April 13.—The Wells Fargo company is erecting a building here, 20x25 feet at the depot. The company is also preparing to open the downtown office in the Marshall Miller building.

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