

SCORES U. S. PLAN OF IRRIGATION IN WEST UMATILLA

Ten Thousand Acres of Land Will Be Rendered Useless Under Proposed System, Says Dr. Henry W. Coe.

A vigorous attack upon the government plan for the west extension of the Umatilla project is made in a statement given The Journal by Dr. Henry W. Coe. The attitude of Dr. Coe is of interest, in view of the eleventh hour protests now being made against the final approval of the project by President Taft and the important part taken by him in private irrigation development in Umatilla county.

Dr. Coe's statements vary widely from those given out by the government engineers, who have spent many years gathering engineering data. He says 10,000 acres will be rendered useless by the location of the reservoir, that the net gain to the state in new irrigated lands under the west unit would be only 20,000 acres, and that the water stored in the reservoir would be insufficient, making it necessary to deprive present users out of water they need.

Dr. Coe's statement follows: "The reclamation service tells the water users of the Umatilla river that it wants a reservoir near Butter creek for the purpose of storing flood waters which would otherwise go on to the sea, from which it may irrigate 50,000 acres of land.

Heard Story Before. "We have heard that story before. They told us this when they were asking us for rights of way and other concessions and were building the reservoir for the 20,000 acres of land under the Hermiston project. Yet when their works were built, they had constructed a turnout into the distribution canals, and are using water direct from the river down into May before opening water from the reservoir. When their works were finished, they began dealing with several hundred water users to compel the old rancher and the farmer to divide what they were using with the government, and from time to time have been dragging these people into court in an attempt to cut them down to amount, which under flood water irrigation, and the necessity of thoroughly soaking the ground while there is water in the river, these people declare, is to ruin most of them. These waters, too, have been in beneficial use, in many cases for from 25 to 35 years before the government entered the region.

"The movement for the west extension so far as the general public has been drawn into this matter, has been one in good faith. "The press, public organization remote from the field of controversy, and other influences at work have crowded for the west extension because there is an appropriation in it, and in a general way it has been deemed a work of merit. The intent of these good friends and these good influences are none the less appreciated, although those who are on the ground, to a very large degree, stand as one man against them. "We want a bigger thing. We want to harm no one.

"While the construction as planned, in the spending of the immediate money might temporarily help Hermiston, Stanfield and other towns there, and to the future welfare of the region are we committed as well as to the present. "Certainly no one should charge me with being an enemy of progress there. More than a thousand homesteaders for the west have been taken by me to Stanfield and Hermiston, to look over that favored region. I have interests there of considerable magnitude.

Hundred Acres in One. "Neither am I sitting there as a speculator. I have more than 100 acres set to orchard myself. One son is married and for three years has lived there and my two other sons are planning to follow him. Half of my time is spent there. On the Stanfield lands I have been a large developer of the properties for others. I have erected more buildings in the town and on the project than any one else, yet because I shall take a stand against interests far away and for what I think is best for that region and for Portland, I am hated before the public bar to answer for such conduct. There is nothing fair about this, in which I am merely standing with my own people in that region, who now are so thoroughly aroused upon this subject.

"The lands proposed to be watered are well known to me. There are not more than 50,000 acres of good land. It will cost \$30 an acre for the water alone. Surely the Northern Pacific railroad and the Title Guarantee & Trust company are not going to give their 25,000 acres of land away. The prices will be, when the sale days come on, about what they have been, or prob-

ably more, than of the other regions already watered. **Would Be Bad Bargain.** "Of these 50,000 acres, about 20,000 are already provided and will be supplied by private enterprises, if the government should never come there. Ditches are already built and much of these lands are already under irrigation. "Then 10,000 acres will be used and swamped in the building should the reservoir be built as proposed. The net gain above what is at present provided with water and the lands to be destroyed for the reservoir, would therefore be but 20,000 acres net to the state, at a cost of \$4,000,000. Two hundred dollars per acre for every acre gained in irrigated lands in the state, if the Umatilla river had the water to spare, it would be a bad bargain. "While but 4000 acres are to be included in the reservoir site proper, much more land will be swamped by back setting on the great flats adjoining.

"This region affords feed the year round, because at a depth of but a few feet in the gravel bed underlying the soil here, there is a constant flow of water toward the sea, which the dam and high back water would restrain in the ground and this region would become a marsh, like the lands at Stanfield and Hermiston, where the government waters are not drained, and like these would soon be covered with cattails, rushes and willows—a habitation for frogs and water creatures, but man would be driven out. "Yet this whole 10,000 acres today is, outside of the orchard regions proper, the richest and most productive in Umatilla county. It is the oldest alfalfa section of the state, and this year produced more than 14,000 tons of alfalfa. Its total income, beside supporting more than a half hundred families, paid an income upon a valuation of more than \$3,000,000. Yet the reclamation service would destroy this source of income, together with the income yet to come from lands in this body not yet producing.

"As high as 500 bushels of potatoes were cropped to the acre this year. Zoe Hauser this year raised \$100 per acre in celery on land which had this same season first raised a crop of early potatoes.

"Dairies of moderate size are being successfully run here, and the salt grass lands rent for \$12 an acre per year for feed, although the reclamation service proposes to pay \$7.50 an acre for this land and drive these dairies out. Native settlers are paying \$200 an acre for alfalfa lands, and one piece near here sold a few weeks ago for \$350 an acre, because it will pay 9 per cent income net thereon. **Not Enough Water.** "The Umatilla river does not contain sufficient available water, at proper seasons, to make an adequate supply for these 50,000 acres proposed. This dam would impound a large body of water, but it would not be enough.

WASHINGTON BELLE'S FAD STARTLES FOLKS



Miss Gladys Hinckley, who has introduced a new fad at the national capital by introducing to Washington society the wearing of jeweled snakes either on the arm or as a pendant to a necklace, bracelet or belt. So realistic are these tiny reptiles that they actually startle one. Miss Hinckley wore one of the golden snakes twined around her neck during a walk up Connecticut avenue.

"The government deems itself forced at this time to war upon every other water user on the river to protect the 22,000 acres which it is pledged to supply at Hermiston. It is rankst non-sensical for anyone to claim that the government can supply this additional water now sought from the Umatilla, without squeezing most of it out of those entitled to water now, who are users under the present Umatilla project and the private users along the stream. If the government goes us now, certainly, our troubles must multiply, as the demand upon the government for water increases to a total of three times its present necessities. No wonder the Umatilla river water users everywhere are stirred up at this time, when it looks as though the well-planned present movement against their interests had a chance to win.

"Not the flood waters alone are involved. There is a great waste here, but there is no place to save enough of these. I know this, because we had a hundred miles of river surveyed to find the best available site for the Stanfield reservoir. **Plan Suggested.** "We would like to see the government take over the irrigation ditches as it proposes to do. Concrete the same and add concrete supply canals. Make the enterprise the best possible, that the losses may be saved in distribution. Already there is an immense discharge of sewage water from Hermiston which flows on down to Irrigon.

"The Stanfield project is now building at a cost of \$20,000 a system of drainage to care for the waters which, with no regard for the rights of any one, rich or poor, the government has permitted reclaiming the lands which it will likewise run on down to the Irrigon ditches. The river and those two added sources of supply should furnish water for a large area, probably 10,000 acres. Let the government likewise reclaim the lands which it has swamped at Hermiston. Let it convey water to every legal subdivision as it promised, and these things would use up immediately an appropriation sufficiently large to satisfy this demand, afford immediate relief to the region, and would deprive no one of a home, and destroy not an acre of land. Let the government then remove its irksome restrictions as to subdivision of desert claims, and make other needed changes where it is at present operating, and lands would be improved faster many fold.

"A pumping service might be established from the Columbia, or if the greater John Day project appears too large for the present, officials of the reclamation service, let them take water at the falls of the river, bring them at a less expense, and with some pumping, as at present proposed, and water the same lands of this extension. "The reclamation service is claiming it will pay the values of the lands it destroys. But their figures are ridiculous, while for the lands which should be swamped and alkali above the dam on the Meadow, they would pay what they have paid the owners of the lands at Stanfield and Hermiston for the lands they have swamped there. Absolutely nothing, except a response to our prayers that the government cannot be sued.

"The John Day project will not only cover all the lands now proposed to be covered in the extension, but 200,000 more, and we do not need to wait 15 or 30 years for this, as these officials advise, if the people will all join in a movement for something which all agree is right, while the people most affected declare the present plan to be all wrong.

"It is better to do nothing than to cover that great region with more ditches than we have ample water for, suffer under the heavy hand of the reclamation service now, and later, and for all time, have a contest on between our own people in a scramble for this inefficient water supply. "A letter from a member of the Oregon delegation in congress recently received by Frank Sloan quotes Mr. Nowell as saying that the John Day project is both feasible and practicable. It is something worth going after, and with what is already under way in that region would make a total of irrigated lands along the Columbia amounting to 350,000 acres, from which there is a down hill pull to Portland."

Forest Grove Lad Dies. Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 6.—Johnnie Lee Cook, aged 21 years, died at his home in this city Sunday, after a protracted illness of kidney trouble. Funeral services were held yesterday in the chapel of the Forest Grove undertaking parlors, Rev. Hiram Gould officiating, with interment in Forest View cemetery. The young man was born in Kentucky July 21, 1890, and came to this city a few years ago. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cook and is survived by his parents and one sister.

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