

SECRETARY LANE HANDS STATE OF OREGON BIG JOLT

Telegram From Sen. Chamberlain Intimates Work on West Umatilla Project May Be Dropped.

A telegram with a message as unexpected and bewildering to him as the proverbial thunderbolt from a clear sky was received yesterday by Joseph N. Teal, chairman of the state conservation commission. It was from Senator George E. Chamberlain at Washington and it reads thus:

"We had a long conference with the secretary of the interior. He states that he will not be bound by anything done by the former administration regarding West Umatilla. He directs Newell (director of the reclamation service) to furnish data as to cost of the extension, source of money available, engineering features and possibilities and history of the Hermiton project. He practically takes the matter as a new proposition. Newell promises a report by Saturday night."

Mr. Teal read and re-read the telegram. He confessed his entire inability to understand the position of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, whose home is in California. Governor West, in a conversation by long distance telephone was as little able to interpret Secretary Lane's motive or reason for practically asserting that all the work done in behalf of the West Umatilla project, and the promise that work should begin at once on the project, would not weigh with him, but that it must be considered as a new proposition.

All Approve Project.
"It is as though the government were building a fort or a ship and when a new administration came in it should announce that all work must stop and plans be reconsidered," commented Mr. Teal.

The governor asked Mr. Teal to wire the strongest possible statement to the secretary of the interior. Mr. Teal announced that, instead, he would write the secretary fully, setting forth the condition of the West Umatilla project. He telegraphed Senator Chamberlain, saying that the position taken by Secretary Lane is incomprehensible to him and that he must have some reason, as yet unstated, for it.

The West Umatilla project fronts 35 miles on the Columbia river 152 miles from Portland. Rail and water transportation are already provided. The land needs only water to make it immensely productive.

The feasibility of the project has been approved by the engineers of the reclamation service and the director. Approval and recommendation were given by the board of federal engineers that inspected the project. The former secretary of the interior gave the project unqualified approval. So did ex-President Taft, who authorized the setting apart of the fund necessary to the irrigation of the 36,000 acres.

Oregon to Be Blighted?
Director Newell said in Portland and again to Mr. Teal while in Washington that nothing was in the way, legally, technically or physically, to prevent immediate beginning of work on the project. He announced that work would be commenced.

There remained only the wording of some contracts with the Oregon Land & Water company, owner of some of the land. Everything that the government had asked had been complied with. The Northern Pacific, part owner of the land, instructed the government agents to draw up their own contract and they would agree to it. All concerned were anxious to make a beginning and to demonstrate the great value of the project.

Unless the data to be submitted to Secretary Lane by Director Newell last night proves immediately conclusive of the merit of the West Umatilla project and secures a reversal of the secretary's attitude, it will be difficult to make many people believe that the policy of the new administration is in any wise favorable to Oregon or that recognition of any nature may be expected.

Although Oregon alone of the Pacific Coast states supported the present administration from the time of its national convention until the election and in so doing reversed a political policy of 40 years no evidence has yet been given that the interests of this state have figured at all in the plans of the administration.

And it is believed that, aside from all political considerations, bare equity demands attention to the reclamation needs of Oregon and the worth of the West Umatilla extension.

Have Made Sacrifices.
From the sale of public lands Oregon has been paying into the reclamation fund \$10 to every \$90 cents received back by the state in the form of expenditure on reclamation projects. At the time of a memorial to the former secretary of the interior relative to a west extension, Oregon had paid \$3,000,000 into the reclamation fund from the sale of public lands and was to receive only \$325,000 back.

Confident that the government's promise to proceed with work on the extension would be kept, especially in view of the authority massed in favor of it, private land and water rights of great value have been withdrawn, railroad grades have been changed and large expenditures in preliminary surveys have been made.

Mr. Teal said yesterday: "I believe the commercial and public bodies should make very definite expression at this time. I believe that the secretary of the interior should be acquainted with the sentiment of Oregon people. I cannot fathom the reason for the secretary's position except that it is due to a desire to know at first hand all the information about the project. There should be no delay in furnishing it. Much of Oregon's development depends on the attitude taken and policy declared."

"To say the least it would be very discouraging to go through all the work in behalf of the West Umatilla extension again. Senator Chamberlain has been working for the project ever since he went to Washington. It has been before the authorities for years. Every contest as to its feasibility has been refuted."

DR. DERBY AND BRIDE
ARE OFF FOR EUROPE

(United Press Special Wire)
New York, April 5.—Dr. Richard Derby and his bride, who was Miss Ethel Roosevelt, sailed this afternoon for Naples on a two month honeymoon. They will take of Oregon's development. They will take of Oregon's development. They will take of Oregon's development.

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Garments that combine the latest ideas of fashion with the best ideas of service and economy. Stunning new models in both Suits and Coats in handsome fabrics in the best plain shades and mixtures. Distinctive styles that will be popular because the garments come from authoritative sources—from makers whose word is law in the fashion world. The variety is surprisingly large and the prices surprisingly low.

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Two leading manufacturers' sample lines, purchased at a special discount and priced to you at this sale in the same way. Included are numerous styles for Spring and Summer wear. All are finely tailored and made of the best materials. They come in white, navy, brown, tan and in a large variety of mixtures. It is much the largest collection of Women's Coats we have ever shown, and values are far beyond the ordinary. You have choice from four lots in 48 to 54-inch lengths and values to \$25.00 at \$7.50, at \$10.50, at \$12.50, and at \$15.00.

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NEGLIGEE COAT STYLE SHIRTS, PLAIN OR PLAID BOSOM, WITH ATTACHED CUFFS—LARGE RANGE OF ASSORTED PATTERNS FOR **95c**

Don't neglect to attend this saving sale of these fine Shirts. Made coat style with cuffs attached, and plaid or plain bosom. They come in many neat patterns and are the well known Ferguson & McKinney make. These garments sell regularly at \$1.25... **95c**
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A Great Sale Tomorrow of Center Pieces, Scarfs and Squares

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See Third Street Window Display

A fine assortment of Children's Wash Dresses, shown in all styles and patterns and all the popular colors. They are well made and neatly trimmed. Sizes 2 to 6 **59c**
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Fulfill All Your Wants of Dainty Muslin Underwear at a Great Saving—Finely Finished and Neatly Trimmed Gowns, Combination Suits, Princess Slips and Skirts—Priced Regularly at \$1.50 and \$1.25—Specially Priced for Tomorrow's Sale at Only **98c**

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THE COMBINATION SUITS come in either drawer or skirt style and are made of fine quality nainsook or crepe, with elegant lace and embroidery trimmings. The

gowns come in high, V-shape, low-neck, slip-over style. Made of fine quality cambric, nainsook; also in white, blue or pink crepe. They are beautifully trimmed with fine laces, ribbons and embroideries.

PRINCESS SLIPS of good quality batiste, lawn or nainsook, daintily trimmed with pretty laces and embroidery.

THE SKIRTS come with good quality cambric tops and in all widths. Some are finished with neat embroidery flounce, while others have pretty lace ruffles, with or without underflounce.

Every garment is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. Sell regularly at **98c**
\$1.50 and \$1.25 per garment. At this special sale for only 98c

Just Now—The New Spring and Summer Stocks Are at Their Best

Now is the time to buy, not only because of our present large assortments and broad varieties, but because of the numberless special values we are offering—goods we will be unable to duplicate at the same low prices again this season. So do not delay, as early choosing is always the best choosing. Be here tomorrow morning early, when we open.

Women's Fine Lisle Vests, Pants

VESTS IN HIGH-NECK, LONG-SLEEVE STYLES, AND PANTS IN KNEE OR ANKLE LENGTH—REGULAR 50c GRADE FOR TOMORROW ONLY **37c**

SAME GARMENTS IN OUT-SIZES, 65c GRADE AT **48c**

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50c GRADE IN REGULAR SIZES AT **37c** GARMENT
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BOYS' AND GIRLS' STOCKINGS, 25c GRADE, PAIR ONLY **19c**

Exceedingly durable Cotton Stockings for boys and girls. Shown in medium, light and heavy weight. They are made with three-thread heel and toe and come in all sizes from 5 to 10. Best 25c grade priced at three pairs for **50c**, or, the pair **19c** only

CHILDREN'S RUFF-NECK SWEATERS, \$1.75 GRADE **\$1.39**

A special sale of Children's Ruff-Neck Sweaters of excellent quality. They come in the best styles in plain weaves and in white and gray. All sizes from 26 to 34. The kind regularly sold at \$1.75 each on special sale tomorrow at this **\$1.39** low price

New Satin Charmeuse and Charmeuse, at the Yard \$1.50

Beautiful New Silks Shown in All Wanted Shades—\$2.00 Quality

You are going to be very much surprised when you pay our Silk Section a visit tomorrow and see what low prices we've placed upon the new season's most favored fabrics. Especially popular and attractive are the new Satin Charmeuse and Charmeuse—magnificent silks of soft, clinging weave that drape beautifully. They are shown here in the wanted plain shades for both street and evening wear. They are full 40 inches wide, so you see they are not expensive, especially when you can buy the best \$2.00 grade at this store tomorrow for, the yard **\$1.50**

800 Yards of Yard-Wide Black Silks

FRENCH CHIFFON TAFFETAS and PAILLETTE DE SOIE—\$1.25 AND \$1.50 QUALITIES, YARD **98c**

Perhaps you think that Black Silks are old-fashioned—you'll surely change your opinion after you have seen these beautiful new weaves. For this sale we offer some 800 yards of yard-wide, heavy, satin-faced Black Paillette de Soie—a silk of the weight of peau de cygne and the finish of a messaline. Also a new line of yard-wide, genuine French Chiffon Taffetas of a deep, rich black and entirely free from artificial dressing. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Black Silks specially priced for this sale at, the yard **98c**

Cream Colored Fabrics \$1.00 to \$2.00 a Yard

42 to 56-inch Cream-Colored Dress Goods in the season's best weaves—Creme Cloth, Poplins, Wool Taffetas, Serges, Wide-Wale Diagonals, Whipcords, Ocean Serges, Basket Weaves, etc.; also Black and White Novelties. All are high-class fabrics of perfect finish, made of the finest wool yarns. Matchless values priced from **\$1 to \$2** per yard.

FRENCH CHALLIES AT 50c A YARD

Immense assortment of neat and attractive patterns to choose from—dots, rings, flowers, etc. Shown in most any wanted color. It is a washable fabric that comes 28 inches wide.

BORDERED CHALLIES AT 35c YARD

A very fine line of the new Bordered Challies, shown in stripes and small figures and in the most desirable colorings. A washable fabric that is especially desirable for Summer wear.

New Woolen Fabrics at \$1.00 a Yard

44 to 52-inch new Woolen Dress Goods that are extremely fashionable. Included are Novelty Vigereaux, Fancy Worsteds, Pin-Striped Novelties, Black and White Shepherd Checks, Serges, Poplins, etc. Fine, pure wool materials of an excellent **\$1.00** weight and quality. The best possible values at, yard

Price Inducements on New Curtains

Just now, in our Main Floor Drapery and Curtain Section, you will find an extensive variety of the new style Curtains—scrims, cretonnes, silkolines, etc. An unequalled showing, well displayed, and prices plainly marked. These lots are underpriced:

REGULAR \$1.25 CURTAINS 95c PAIR

About 250 pairs of White and Arabian Scotch Lace Curtains, shown in a large variety of neat patterns. They come full 45 inches wide and 2½ and 3 yards long. Bright, new curtains, bought to sell regularly at \$1.25 a pair are priced for this sale at **95c**

\$1.50 AND \$1.75 CURTAINS \$1.29 PAIR

A great lot of White, Cream and Arabian Scrim Curtains, shown in a large variety of pretty styles. They come with hem-stitched border and with lace edge and inserting. They are 36 inches wide and 2½ yards long. Reg. **\$1.50 and \$1.75** Curtains at, pair **\$1.29**

WHITE AND ARABIAN BOBBINET CURTAINS, 34 TO 40 INS. WIDE, 2½ YARDS LONG—REGULAR \$2.75 AND \$3.00 GRADES, PER PAIR \$2.48

At this sale you have choice from a surprising variety of styles in White and Arabian Bobbinet Curtains. They come from 34 to 40 inches wide and 2½ yards long. Some are shown with Cluny lace edge and inserting or with Battenberg trimming, and others come in Marie Antoinette styles. All are this season's goods, selling regularly at \$2.75 to \$3.00 a pair. Priced for this sale at, pair **\$2.48**