

FIRST UNIT IN GREAT IRRIGATION PROJECT IN STATE

Cost on West Umatilla Tract Expected to Be \$80 Per Acre—State Park at Saddlebrook?

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, July 18.—It may be doubted whether any other single problem has received so much of the consideration, time and effort of the senators and representatives from Oregon in the past half dozen years as the West Umatilla irrigation project. In view of the fact, as already noted in the telegraphic dispatches to The Journal, that the secretary of the interior has consented to the extension of this reclamation project, there is manifested deep satisfaction among the Oregonians in congress.

This is particularly so of Senator Chamberlain, who has been constant, in season and out of season, in urging the interior department to take action on this matter. He has called at the interior perhaps 50 times on this subject alone. It has been considered by three secretaries of the interior and has been the subject of many reports.

It has, seemingly, been on the verge of receiving official sanction only to be turned down for some more or less insurmountable reason. And at last it has received official endorsement and the reclamation service has instructions, or authority, to proceed with plans for the reclamation of the first unit of 10,000 acres on the West Umatilla extension.

Large Acreage Available. Possibly 100,000 acres are available for reclamation under this project. Perhaps the area suitable for irrigation may be even larger. While this unit can be made a completed project in itself, the expectation is that it will be but the start of a great irrigation system—as its designation implies, the first unit.

Naturally there will be considerable interest over the price at which this land will be turned over to settlers. The engineers, cautious because of past experience, have estimated that the cost can not well exceed \$100 an acre, but they expect that it will be within \$80. The limit that any one settler may take up will probably be 40 acres. The secretary of the interior has authority to fix the size of the farm units. A condition for the opening of this extension is that the Oregon Land and Water company will agree to a modification of its decree to the effect that these lands may be sold in farm units to be fixed by the secretary of the interior not exceeding those fixed for the Northern Pacific lands in the same project.

"I think that the Oregon Land and Water company will comply with this request," said Senator Chamberlain in discussing the project. "The Northern Pacific not only consented to this, but even allowed the secretary of the interior to fix a price for the sale of the land."

Saddlebrook Mountain Park. Oregon has the question put up to it whether it wishes to undertake the management and control of a tract of arid and mountainous country embracing Saddlebrook mountain. There has been a demand that this tract be converted into a National park. A bill providing for it was introduced by Senator Chamberlain and was passed. In fact, it passed the senate at two different sessions.

But the house is uncertain whether it is wise to extend the national park system. There is some objection to it and the bill has been hung up in the house in consequence. Some of the representatives have suggested that the tract be deeded to the state. But this is quite another matter and Senator Chamberlain has written to various public bodies at Astoria asking whether the plan to make a state park at Saddlebrook would be acceptable. The reply is still awaited.

Public Building Question. Since the last session of congress, when appropriations were made of \$100,000 for a public building for Roseburg, and also an appropriation for a postoffice at Pendleton, those cities have decided that in view of the increasing cost of construction and the growth of business to be handled in the proposed new buildings the sums appropriated will not be adequate for the construction of such buildings as will be required for the proper accommodation of the government's business there.

In the last public buildings appropriation bill there was a provision for the creation of a commission to consider just such questions as this. Senator Chamberlain has been considering the desire of Roseburg and Pendleton for larger appropriations and he has written to citizens of those places to ask whether they wish the subject to be taken up by the commission with prospective delay to follow, or whether they would prefer to take what they have and get immediate action.

WANT PROCEEDINGS ON VIADUCT TO CEASE

At a meeting of the Rossmore-Hamcock Improvement club Tuesday night in the Rose City Park church a resolution was adopted asking the city commissioners to stop all proceedings on the viaduct at East Thirty-seventh street, where the O. W. R. & N. company tracks cross Sandy road. It was brought out in the discussion that the property which would be the most heavily assessed would also be the most heavily damaged. Many of the members thought that gates at the crossing would give the desired protection.

ONE OF WEALTHIEST WOMEN IN THE WORLD



Duchess of Sutherland.

London, July 18.—By the death of the Duke of Sutherland, who was 62 years old, the Duchess of Sutherland, his wife, has become one of the world's richest women. The duke was next to the richest peer in Great Britain, possessing title to more than 1,250,000 acres of land in England and Scotland.

NEWBERG, OR., HAS ADVANCED MUCH

Paving, Cement Walks, Sewers, Water System, Electric Lines Make Town.

(Special to The Journal.) Newberg, Or., July 18.—That Newberg is steadily growing is illustrated by some comparisons. During the last three years there has been installed here a sewer system and a water system; miles of cement sidewalk have been laid and last year a plan for street paving was inaugurated. The business streets have been paved with hard surface and a portion of the residence district, with the certainty that the work will now be steadily prosecuted.

During the period named there has been erected here a public library building, a high school building costing \$40,000, Pacific college costing much in excess of that sum, one bank building, the Newberg meat market plant that cost \$40,000, two theatres and a number of store buildings. A milk condenser has been built and is a prosperous enterprise; an expensive bridge has been constructed at the east end of First street, and the building of a bridge across the Willamette was brought to public attention only two years ago by the Newberg Commercial club and in a few months it will be completed, thus adding much to the commercial importance of this town.

It was less than two years ago that overtures were made to this community by the Southern Pacific Railroad company and the Oregon Electric company for the granting of franchises to permit the laying of tracks through the city. Considerable of the necessary work has been done and had it not been for unforeseen obstacles both lines would now be in operation. It seems certain, however, that within a reasonable time Newberg will have connection with Portland by two electric lines. At present there are four daily trains each way by the Southern Pacific company.

JOY RIDERS FLEE WITH WOUNDED COMPANION

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, July 18.—Driving their machine at the rate of a mile a minute, a party of joyriders here early today ran down and probably fatally wounded Felix Woloszewicz, a laborer.

Patrolman Alfred Wing commandeered a motorcycle and pursued the automobile for two hours, emptying two revolvers at its occupants. The joyriders escaped, but it is believed one of their number was wounded.

OREGON APPEALS TO SOUTHERNER

Col. George Bain Eloquent in Praise of State; W. C. T. U. Does Active Work.

(Special to The Journal.) Gladstone Park, Or., July 18.—"A state where is found the climax of God's handiwork in farming resources and scenic grandeur, a state inlaid with gold and silver and overlaid with a climate in which people with constitutions gone can live on by-laws."

Thus Colonel George W. Bain, the venerable southern lecturer, defined Oregon last night before a Chautauqua audience of more than 3000 people. His subject was "A Searchlight of the Twentieth Century," and at almost every angle his spotlight was turned a wholesome, optimistic view of future America was found. Not that the eloquent southerner is blind to the big problems that confront us today, of social nature, but he believes that an awakened humanity will finally triumph, a system of give and take will finally formulate that will make easy solution of the labor-capital conflict. The colonel painted a most beautiful picture of the life and death of Colonel John Jacob Astor, his bravery in the Spanish-American war and his tragic ending on the Titanic, as an illustration of the trend toward humanitarianism among the wealthy classes.

Colonel Bain gives his final lecture Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock on "If I Could Live Life Over."

One of the most attractive features of grounds this year is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union cottage. Each day well known Portland workers swarm the building. Each day at 4 p. m. the auditorium is occupied by this organization. A different union presents a program each day. The Woodstock union came laden with flowers and demonstrated the Flower Mission department in a beautiful manner. Lents gave a contest in which the women presented the subject, "Commercialism vs. Purity." In a logical and instructive manner, Miss Edith Train winning the medal by a small margin. The other contestants were Mesdames Clark and Richardson. Yesterday the Albina union presented a program by its 60 Loyal Temperance legionnaires with songs, recitations, a class exercise on alcohol and other features.

Saturday night will occur the annual display of fireworks after the evening lecture by Professor Baumgardt. Will Holcomb, son-in-law of Sam Jones, is the afternoon speaker in his great masterpiece, "The Horse Race." Miss Florence Kelly of the Consumers' league is the morning speaker. The program follows:

8:00 to 11:00—Chautauqua summer school.

11—Consumers' league morning. Address by Mrs. Florence Kelly, secretary of the National Consumers' league, subject "Young Wage Earners and Their Changing Future."

Afternoon.

1:15—Concert, ladies' band; Miss Brobst, pianiste.

2:00—Reading, Mrs. Carter.

3:00—Lecture, Professor Baumgardt, great masterpiece, "The Horse Race."

3:30—Baseball, Chautauqua championship.

Evening.

7:15—Concert, ladies' band; Miss Goldie Peterson, soprano.

8:00—Lecture, Professor Baumgardt, subject "The Fields and Fjords of Norway."

9:30—Grand display of Chautauqua fireworks on athletic field, Professor Kelling. This pyrotechnic display is prepared especially for the Chautauqua.

It will take place immediately after Professor Baumgardt's lecture.

INDIAN, 30 MILES FROM FIREWATER, HIRES AUTO AND HASTENS TO SUPPLY

(Special to The Journal.) Goldendale, Wash., July 18.—Stranded without liquor in the driest town in the northwest, an Indian hunter named Ough, Wednesday hired an automobile, and made a trip to The Dalles for a fresh supply. The trip cost him \$15 and expenses, but his thirst was so great he had to have the booze, and as he was in a hurry to get home and harvest his crops it was impossible for him to delay his journey until he could get a supply shipped from Portland.

Ough, who has a farm on the Yakima Indian reservation, near the town of White Swan, was on his way home with a party of relatives from a trip to the Columbia river and stopped at Centerville. While there he says that eight quarts of whiskey were stolen from his rig after he had exhibited a true spirit of hospitality by treating everybody in sight. The Dalles, a distance of 30 miles, is the nearest point to which hurry-up automobile trips can be made for liquor from Goldendale now, as the saloons at Rufus, Or., only 12 miles, were recently closed.

LANE UPHOLDS FREE SPEECH



I have pronounced ideas on free speech, said Chas. H. Lane, whose business location is corner Sixth and Stark. This is a free country. A man has a right to his ideas and hobbies. My hobby is making good clothes for men. I defy the whole police force to stop me telling people the big value in my "Lane Thrifts," worth \$40, that look like \$80 and wear like \$60. I will continue to talk at Sixth and Stark from 8 to 6 daily and on Saturdays to 10 p. m.

CROCKER GIRLS SUED FOR RUNNING PAIR DOWN

Redwood City, Cal., July 18.—The first damage suit against members of the fashionable Burlingame set for automobile speeding is on file today. The defendants are Miss Ethel and Miss Helen Crocker, daughters of William H. Crocker, banker and financier, who are alleged by John J. Plasted, a San Jose contractor, and his wife, to have run into a buggy in which the plaintiffs

were driving September 15, last. It is charged that the automobile was running at a reckless speed on the wrong side of the road, and that the buggy was in plain sight. Mrs. Plasted claims \$5000 damages for injuries and her husband \$1000.

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