

MALHEUR IRRIGATION PROJECT COMMENDED WARMLY IN REPORT

Low Cost Per Acre to Develop Very High Grade of Land in Central Oregon.

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Washington, July 21.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Officials of the reclamation service are manifesting interest in the Malheur irrigation project in Oregon. While the proposed development is not large in acreage, in comparison with many others, the low unit cost marks it as one of the projects deserving early consideration.

The reclamation fund as it stands is not healthy enough to go ahead with new projects at this time, but there is no question that for a project of this sort, where cost is so low and such large values can be created, a disposition will be found to give a helping hand, and some system of operation may be agreed upon, if the attention of congress and officials generally is drawn to it.

Recommendations Are Strong. In a report recently published on this project the recommendations made are worthy of note, for they go much further than the usual recommendations concerning such matters. It is stated:

"Because of the comparatively low cost per acre of the first development proposed (29,000 acres) and the well known high value of the lands which irrigated, it is recommended:

"A.—That this project be considered and treated as one meriting immediate and continued support by both the United States and the state.

Bond Issue Is Favored. "B.—That if it does not appear probable that money will be provided for construction by either the United States or the state, construction be permitted by a properly organized irrigation district through a bond issue or otherwise, under plans approved by and under the supervision of either the reclamation service or the state engineer.

"C.—That public lands in the reservoir site (Warm Springs) be continued withdrawn from entry by the United States for reservoir purposes, and that unappropriated waters of Malheur river and tributaries be continued withdrawn from appropriation by the state, so far as their appropriation would affect the project herein proposed.

Warm Spring Reservoir. "D.—And further, because the values created by the expenditure of money to construct Warm Springs reservoir alone are so marked, it is recommended that the attention of the public and of public authorities be especially directed to this feature of the project through appropriate channels.

This report was formulated by John T. Whistler, an engineer of the reclamation service, and John H. Lewis, state engineer for Oregon.

The report shows voluminous estimates, from which it is found that for 12,400 acres of old lands of the first

development, (now irrigated) as distinguished from lands that might be included in projected extensions, the combined distribution, storage and drainage costs would be from \$2.50 to \$11.66 an acre, while for 19,300 acres of new lands in this development the combined costs would amount to from \$21.85 to \$40.34 an acre.

Where Land Is Located. The lands under the proposed first development, except 500 acres owned by the Oregon & Western Colonization company, are mostly in private ownership. The estimated total cost is \$222,000 for 31,618 acres, of which 17,640 are included in a drainage system.

The extension proposed would take in 7550 acres additional. These are located in the valleys of lower Bully creek, lower Willow creek and on the Vale bench west of Vale. The first development lands extend from the mouth of Malheur canyon to Ontario, on both sides of the Malheur river. The extension cost is placed at \$516,456, making the cost considerably higher than for those in the first development, but the cost of the gravity system and \$72.69 for those under pump.

SINNOTT WILL GIVE HIS RABBIT HAT TO G. H. HIMES

Washington, July 21.—Congressman Sinnott's "Jackrabbit" hat, the first ever manufactured from the fur of the pest of the plains, is to find a home with the Oregon Historical society, at Portland.

George H. Himes, secretary of the society, wrote to Mr. Sinnott expressing the hope that a duplicate of the first jackrabbit hat can be made for the historical society. He was probably the first to make the original. Mr. Sinnott, however, says he is willing to donate the original for preservation by the society after he has had further opportunity to wear and exhibit it.

The Stetson factory, which made the hat, is disinclined to experiment further. The jackrabbit fur is not regarded as suitable for commercial use of the highest grade hats, although to the layman the Sinnott lid appears to be up to standard. The Oregon congressman has been informed by the Stetson people that the original "made up" better than they had expected, and may be found suitable for making some of the less expensive grades.

Following up this suggestion, Mr. Sinnott intends to present the matter to different hatmakers in the east.

Water Power Legislation. Washington, July 21.—Water power legislation at the present session of congress is to be confined to a law providing terms under which leases may be made for the construction of works upon the navigable streams. The business of the senate is too congested for the Ferris bill, dealing with leases on public lands, to be taken up until the short session.

The Adamson substitute for the Shields, or senate bill, on water powers on navigable streams, passed the house with scarcely a ripple. There was a standing vote, but no roll call. Seventeen members stood up in opposition to it.

Amended in the house, the Adamson bill now carries what is considered an effective reapture clause and a provision authorizing an annual charge to be fixed by the secretary of war. These are the features on which the struggle will center in the conference committee, the water power lobby being much dissatisfied with the Adamson bill as now amended.

Protest on Income Tax. Washington, July 21.—Increase of the income tax on corporations, as provided for in the revenue bill, passed by the house, appears to be inspiring a greater number of protests since the

bill went to the senate than any other provision. Senator Lane has received a large collection of such protests from corporations in Oregon, alleging that the increased tax will place undue hardship upon them.

Just why this part of the income tax law should be more the subject of protest than the like increase imposed on individual incomes is not apparent, unless from the fact that the corporation taxpayers are better organized and have "passed the word."

Demand for Condemned Cannon. Washington, July 21.—So many individual bills have been introduced making donations of condemned cannon and balls to towns desiring them for commemorative or decorative purposes that Senator Chamberlain has reported from the senate committee on military affairs an omnibus bill carrying 21 such donations. Included are the following:

Public schools of Odessa, Wash., two condemned bronze or brass cannon or field pieces.

To the G. A. R. at Pomeroy, Wash., a similar outfit, and to Henry W. Lawton camp No. 10, United Spanish War Veterans of Walla Walla, Wash., another like set.

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LOCKWOOD SUGGESTS USE OF BROADWAY TO ELIMINATE CROSSING

Thinks Taking of Carlines Off Sandy Boulevard Would Put End to Danger.

PLAN IS GIVEN APPROVAL

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Business Man Kills Self in S. F. Park

Body of Louis Rosenfeld, Shipping and Commission Merchant and Olympic Club Member, Found in Park.

San Francisco, July 21.—(P. N. S.)—Louis Rosenfeld, prominent merchant and club man, was found dead, a suicide in Golden Gate park today. He had shot himself. For some time he had been suffering from a nervous breakdown, and but a short time ago was released from a sanitarium after two weeks' treatment. He was 54 years of age and a member of the firm of John Rosenfeld's Sons, shipping and commission merchants, with offices in the Merchants' Exchange building. He lived at the Olympic club, of which he was one of the best known members.

Archie Roosevelt Punishes Brother

Acting Corporal Quentin Roosevelt Is Confined to Company Street for Three Days by Order of His Brother.

Plattsburg, N. Y., July 21.—(U. S. N.)—"Canned" by his brother, Acting Corporal Quentin Roosevelt, a member of company H, Fourth training regiment, at the camp of military instruction, is confined to the limits of his company street for a period of three days.

This order is the result of the dropping of his army rifle by Quentin

while in company rank this morning. Archie Roosevelt is the first sergeant of company H, and he demanded to know the name of the man guilty of this breach of military discipline. His brother, Quentin stepped out of the line, and Sergeant Roosevelt promptly blacklisted him.

Colonel Roosevelt is expected to visit the camp on Saturday, and it will be necessary for him to go to the company's street to see Quentin, as the young man will not be allowed the liberty of looking up his father.

Life of Girl Saved By Athletic Youth

Earl Morgan of Aberdeen, Saves Alfreda Dahlstrom of Hoquiam, From Drowning at Pacific Beach.

Aberdeen, Wash., July 21.—Earl Morgan, an Aberdeen athlete, was because of his prowess as a swimmer and wrestler, able to go to the aid of Miss Alfreda Dahlstrom of Hoquiam, when she had been drawn under by the ebbing tide and was exhausted at Pacific beach. An incoming wave helped Morgan to get ashore with his burden. Miss Dahlstrom is ill from shock and exposure.

Boys Capture Cub Bear.

Aberdeen, Wash., July 21.—Don Willis and Will R. Rosmond, Montezano lads, while hunting tracked a she bear with a cub, drove the mother away, secured the cub and brought it home. They were assisted in the encounter by their dog which followed the bear.

Mrs. J. S. Potter Buried.

Lebanon, Or., July 21.—Mrs. J. S. Potter, of Fremont, Or., who died at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Bolander, in Portland, Monday, after a long illness, was brought to this city.

Funeral services were held in the M. L. church Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Charles B. McKinney Passes.

Lebanon, Or., July 21.—Charles B. McKinney, a carpenter of this city, passed away at his home Sunday morning at the age of 48. He leaves a widow and several children.

Lyons Brings More Boys.

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