

ABANDONMENT OF DESCHUTES LAND PROJECT PLANNED

Washington, Sept. 2.—(WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Substitution of the Powder river irrigation project for the Deschutes project and the diversion of the \$400,000 appropriation to Powder river is recommended by the reclamation service in a letter received by Representative Sinnott from Morris Bien, acting director.

Bien says this decision has been reached by Director Arthur B. Davis, who is now in Oregon with Secretary Fall. Davis' reasons are set forth fully and have to do with objections raised on the Deschutes by people at Bend, lumber interests, power interests and private land owners. These objections menaced the approval of the project by congress at the time the project was adopted.

NEW START TO BE MADE
This unexpected development means that a new start will have to be made, with new estimates to congress and approval by that body. Estimates are submitted by the secretary of the interior, who is traveling part of the time with Davis and presumably in full agreement with him. The Powder river project will utilize the Thief valley reservoir site, which is said to possess unusual advantages.

Bien's letter to Sinnott follows: "I write to you regarding the result of Mr. Davis' visit to the Deschutes project this summer, which caused him to decide to recommend dropping that project from the estimates now being submitted and substitute therefore the Powder river project.

"He desired that I should communicate to you and other members of the delegation the reasons for this change before approval of the estimates.

CONTROVERSY CAUSES CHANGE
"On the Deschutes project he found quite a controversy about use of the water supply, as the people of Bend and vicinity appear to be opposed to any development which will require water stored at Benham Falls to be used on the north unit, insulating that the latter should be irrigated from Crooked river. Mr. Davis is satisfied that the use of Crooked river waters on the north unit is impracticable on account of the great physical difficulties.

"The large use of water for lumber interests would be interfered with by irrigation development and the people of Bend and vicinity feel that this would be inadvisable, so it appears wise to await the time when the lumber interests will not make such great demands upon the water of the Deschutes.

"Furthermore, there are some small power developments on the Upper Deschutes which would be interfered with by the irrigation development which in the future could probably be provided for when a large power development is installed on the lower section of the river.

LAND PRIVATELY OWNED
"Another difficulty is that a large part of the land is in private ownership with a number of tracts in large holdings, one of which exceeds 5000 acres, and there appears to be among private owners preference for an attempt to provide for private construction as they have encouragement in this direction which would not involve reducing individual holdings.

"The president of the irrigation district expressed the opinion that it would be impossible to secure general compliance with the reduction of acreage required by law and that it would be difficult to secure an agreement with private land owners for fixing a maximum price at which they would sell the

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WAR PERIOD GRAFTERS TO ESCAPE LAW

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(I. N. S.)—War grafters who mulcted the government of billions of dollars in war contracts and whose "overt acts" were committed more than three years ago, cannot be prosecuted under existing criminal statutes. They will escape punishment and prosecution, it was learned at the department of justice late today.

Grafters who will escape penalties will plead the statute of limitations. Hundreds of prospective defendants will escape the law.

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Forest Section of Mt. Hood Loop to Be Opened Saturday
The work of grading the forest section of the Mt. Hood loop highway between Zig Zag and Government Camp which has been in progress the past two years has been completed and the full length of the improved road will be open to travel Saturday. The chief feature of the new grade is the elimination of the steep climb up Laurel hill, just before reaching Government Camp. By a series of loops a 4 per cent grade has been obtained and the scenic features of the road added to new views of the mountain are obtained and Yoakum falls have been made accessible.

The cost of the new grade is approximately \$200,000. It has been built under the supervision of the federal bureau of public roads out of funds supplied by the state and the national forest service under cooperative agreement on a fifty-fifty basis.

HURT IN COLLISION
J. P. Peterson of 956 Tibbetta street, suffered minor injuries to the knee when a delivery wagon in which he was riding was struck by a car at Twenty-third and Lovejoy streets. He is at the Good Samaritan hospital.

HERRICK'S PRANK MAKES HAPGOOD CALL HIM CRANK

By Norman Hapgood (Universal Service Staff Correspondent) Washington, Sept. 2.—Now that August is over there may be a lessening of a certain type of news in this district. A resident of Washington returning to town the other day, asked me what was arousing the most interest in the city.

"The Herrick case," I answered. "As he had not heard of it I had to explain. It had nothing to do with foreign affairs, or taxation, or railroads, or the relief of farmers. It concerned the attempt of a lonely statesman from Oklahoma to become acquainted with the prettiest girls in the district.

LOVE VAGARIES DESCRIBED
"Perhaps he has been looking too much at magazine covers. At any rate I described to my friend the vagaries of the Oklahoma congressman, his form letter to the entrants in a beauty contest, and his assurance to them that if they would compete for his hand and heart they would be competing for the greatest prize in any woman's life: "The love of one of the very few pure men extant with plenty of money and with the practical certainty of being president in 1929."

"My friend who has lived in Washington a long time, did not seem startled. "Does not that seem strange to you," I asked. "To find such a man occupying a seat in the house of representatives?" "No," he replied, "it is what I should expect. What type do you expect to find?"

HIS QUALIFICATIONS
"The average intelligence of the house seems to me fairly, although not astoundingly high. It is a large body and it always includes a few cranks. This particular crank told the girls that his face was only about 75 per cent perfect, but that the rest of his physique averaged up around 90. Of course, a man may be entirely sane and yet disagree with others about his beauty."

"In fact another statesman discussing this particular illusion of Mr. Herrick about his looks, told me the tale of Mrs. Huggins on her first visit to the Apollo statues. She gave the statue a long examination.

"Well," she observed at the end of her study, "if that is the Apollo Belvedere, give me Huggins." Rumor has it that Mr. Herrick is afflicted with a definite lunacy and that his election was the result of the death of his antagonist at a moment in the campaign so late that no substitute was named.

THERE ARE OTHERS
Although he readily holds first place this summer, in the fool's gallery of the house, he is not the only one. Number two is the gentleman who is determined to stop the use of tobacco by all the female residents of the District of Columbia. He would have a better chance if he started in some state legislature of the Middle West. This cosmopolitan region takes his appeal but lightly.

Even Boston, which I believe has some legal discrimination against ladies in matters of weed, has her difficulties. At her famous tennis courts of Longwood, Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, when not playing herself, sits in the grandstand and calmly puffs away.

But the biggest task of all, during these hot summer days, has been undertaken by the only woman member of the house, Miss Robertson. Her conception that by virtue of her position she represented all the women in this fair land. The idea has made her a lot of trouble.

In connection with the disarmament conference Miss Robertson started out to hold the position that no woman in the country was fit to sit at it. Later she made an exception in favor

COMING BACK TO CITY IN HIGHER POSITION



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of the mother of Senator Hale. It is not easy to say just why that conclusion has the perfect comic touch; but it is agreed hereabouts that probably Mrs. Hale is not the only woman in the United States whose struggles in life have fitted her for severe and modern thinking.

One of Miss Robertson's specialties can scarcely be laughed at. The standpaters have made a monkey of her in regard to the maternity bill. She has a fixed idea, or mania, that that bill, backed by the most experienced and disinterested of women, is a malign device for interfering with nature and decency in the entrance of the young to this vale of tears.

It is a pitiable idea, but beyond the reach of explanation. And in this one respect the belief on Miss Robertson's part that she has on her own delicate shoulders the task of representing the interests of 55,000,000 females becomes something worse than funny.

Hoover Asks Plan Of Portland Relief
Mayor Baker Thursday received a further telegram from Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover asking that he send by wire a summary of the plans proposed in Portland for handling the unemployment problem and also send on details of the various ramifications of the plan. Hoover on Wednesday sent to Mayor Baker a telegram congratulating him on the steps taken to put into effect a program for meeting the unemployment situation.

NEBRASKA GETS PRISONER
Salem, Sept. 2.—Governor Oloott, Thursday, honored a requisition from the governor of Nebraska for the return of Frank Elbourne, wanted in Cuming county, Nebraska, on a counterfeiting charge. Elbourne was under arrest in Portland.

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J. H. MULCHAY NEW FREIGHT CHIEF IN OREGON FOR S. P.

With the resignation of T. A. Graham as assistant freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway system, H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, and E. W. Clapp of San Francisco have been made assistant freight traffic managers with headquarters at the Bay City. J. H. Mulchay, assistant general freight agent at San Francisco, and formerly an employe of the Southern Pacific in Portland, will succeed Hinshaw.

Graham resigned his position to become general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company. Hinshaw will have charge of the northern district out of San Francisco and Clapp the southern district. H. C. Hallmark, general freight agent at Los Angeles, succeeds Clapp.

Hinshaw entered the service of the Southern Pacific in 1890 and advanced from station agent to traveling freight agent in 1906. In 1911 he was made assistant general manager of the Salem, Falls City & Western roads, and in 1913 was selected as general freight agent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon. Mulchay started his railroad career in Portland with the Southern Pacific. He advanced from an office position to assistant general freight agent in 1916 and was transferred to San Francisco.

Two Are Arrested By Clatsop Sheriff; Stills Are Seized
Astoria, Sept. 2.—Two moonshine stills and two captives rewarded Sheriff Nelson and his deputies Thursday afternoon for their search through the brush near Knappa. One still was going full blast at the time of the capture. The other was being dismantled by Harold Palmer, who was arrested. The fire under this latter plant was not yet out and the apparatus was warm from a recent run. Besides the two plants 100 gallons of corn meal mash and a quantity of liquor also were taken. A youth whose name the officers have withheld, was also taken into custody when he attempted to signal to Palmer from a hill nearby. He was captured by the officers after a hard chase and only after four shots had been fired over his head. Another man believed to be a member of the moonshine gang is being sought by the officers.

Charge of Receiving Stolen Goods Faced
George Conduas a cook, who was arrested Wednesday evening by Officer Coleman on a charge of receiving stolen goods, was brought before municipal court Thursday and bound over to the

grand jury. He was permitted to go without bail. Conduas was charged with having purchased five sacks of sugar from Tony Dagistino and Lester Hoskman, which was alleged to have been taken from a storeroom of Klenow's grocery at 615 East Morrison street Tuesday morning.

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Bankers Not Likely To Buck Farm Loan, Is Expert's Belief

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—California bankers are not likely to oppose the farmers' credit system which a joint committee of congress is expected to bring forward for consideration after the present recess.

"As far as I can see the only opposition which is likely to develop will come from brokers who deal in farm mortgage loans," said Bierge on Thursday. "These men have in many cases been charging the maximum legal interest of 12 per cent and then tacking on an exorbitant commission for putting through the loan. Of course they will be against the new scheme. Other financiers are more likely to welcome the new system than to oppose it, he thinks."

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