

News From State Capital

Chronicle's Salem Bureau.
SALEM, Or., May 18.—Preliminary to petitioning the federal power commission for permission to add another project on the Klamath river to its giant system, the California-Oregon Power company has filed an application with the state engineer.

It calls for the appropriation of 2100 second feet of the stream, which it is estimated would develop 70,000 horsepower.

The company already has five projects and it desires to add an increasing demand in Oregon and California for hydro-electric power.

One of the five projects is located in California, and the remaining four are in Oregon, one on the Klamath river, one at Capco and two on the Rogue river. It also has a preliminary dam on upper Klamath lake.

Applications Filed.

Other applications filed during the week with the state engineering department for the appropriation of water for irrigation and power were:

By the City of Ontario, for permit to appropriate water from a waste ditch of the Warm Springs Irrigation district for the irrigation of 110 acres of land within the city.

By Thomas G. Keane, of Portland, covering appropriation of water from Sandy river for domestic purposes. Under this application it is proposed to erect tanks for the storage of water for the benefit of campers and travelers along the Columbia highway.

By J. F. Houston, of Roberts, Or., covering appropriation of water from Pringle Flat creek and the storage of 480 acre feet of such water to be used in irrigation of lands in Crook county.

The Stanfield interests apparently are back of five new livestock corporations that have filed articles with the state corporation department and which have headquarters at Ontario, Malheur county. The incorporators of all are G. E. Stanfield, F. W. Kivette and L. H. Etrelgel. The organizations and their capitalization are: Polk & Stanfield, \$100,000; Trout Creek Livestock company, \$100,000; Home Sheep company, \$50,000; Fegley & Co., \$50,000; John Densley livestock company, \$50,000.

Other articles filed during the week were:

Bly Rodeo association, Bly Klamath county, incorporators, J. N. Givan, Marvin Cross, E. B. Henry; capitalization, \$50,000.

Port Orford White Cedar Manufacturing company, North Bend; incorporators, Herbert Lockhart, F. C. Cook, B. H. Patchett; capitalization, \$50,000.

Oregon Co-Operative Hay Growers Hermiston; incorporators, Arthur L. Larson and five others; maintained by payment of fees by members.

The state land desert board has refused to approve a proposed sale of the north canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation project by the Central Oregon Irrigation company to the Title & Trust company of Portland. The proposed transfer was protested by the settlers. The board stated that after satisfactory adjustment had been made with settlers the board again will give careful consideration to the proposed assignment on condition that the plan is accompanied by a definite program of reclamation and financing. It was proposed that only the unsold lands in the unit be transferred.

President Harding has written Governor Oicott that he will be unable to accept an invitation of the latter to accompany a large party of governors on a cruise to Alaska in July. The president, however, hopes to visit the coast and make the Alaska trip later in the year.

Out of a total of 401 accidents that were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending May 12, six were fatal.

By July 1 there will be work for everybody in Oregon, in the opinion of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, in a report to the government. The number of unemployed in the state now is estimated at 7000, of whom 4800 are in Portland. Since April 1 there has been a decrease of 10 per cent in unemployment.

Unless the people of the state of Washington subscribe \$37,500 for 1921 and the same amount for 1922 for the use of the Pacific Northwest

county. Needs of the state labor department, due to a similar error in the enrolling of a bill, were deferred. For the reason that no petition for the proposed recall of Fred A. Williams, public service commissioner, has yet been filed, the board made no provision for funds covering a recall election.

The state board of control has approved tentative plans for the girls dormitory at the industrial school for girls, for which an appropriation was made by the last legislature. The estimated cost is \$43,000.

The state bond commission, composed of the governor, the state treasurer and a member of the state industrial accident commission, will meet May 19 to consider the investment of \$150,000 in state funds in bonds. School district bonds are preferred with county bonds a close second.

Attorney General Van Winkle has written an opinion holding that the state board of eugenics has legal authority to examine persons who are not confined in state institutions, with a view to their sterilization.

Members of the public service commission who attended the interstate commerce commission's hearing at Yakima relative to possible reductions in freight rates on fruit shipments eastward, say the cause of the Northwest shippers and growers was thoroughly presented, and hope is strong that relief will be forthcoming. A decision is not expected before July.

On Monday, June 6, O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, will name the Oregon banks which are to be depositories for state funds during the next year.

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URGES PEACE-TIME WAR PREPARATIONS

SKELETONIZED WAR INDUSTRIES BOARD NECESSITY, DECLARES BARUCH IN BOOK.

(By Harold D. Jacobs.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, May 20.—American industry should be maintained in the same degree of preparedness for war as the army and navy, according to Bernard M. Baruch. The modern application of George Washington's admonition—"in time of peace prepare for war"—is explained by Baruch in his book, "American Industry in the War," which is in effect a report of the War Industries Board, of which he was chairman. Baruch makes these suggestions:

A peace-time skeletonized organization along the same lines as the War Industries Board should be established to provide congress with accurate and complete information regarding all industries, and to form the nucleus of a new board in case of another war.

The government should encourage and assist in developing of the production of certain essential materials, used both in war and peace, which have been virtual monopolies in other countries in the past.

Manufacturer should be prevailed upon to maintain under government supervision the skeleton organizations in certain departments through which rapid manufacture of munitions and war materials could be developed.

"There should be established a peace-time-skeleton organization following the lines of the War Industries Board," Baruch says.

"It should be headed by a chairman who should have associated with him the chiefs of the centralized purchasing bureaus of the Army, of the Navy, and of any other Government department which might be called upon to make large purchases in case of war. To function under the several principal divisions there should be selected about 50 chiefs of commodity sections. Each chief of a commodity section would name a committee to represent the industry under his

charge. The committees of the different industries could meet separately as occasion required. The main organization should meet in general conference at least once a year.

"During the war the country was constantly threatened with a shortage in available supply of nitrogen, manganese, chrome, tungsten, dyes, stuffs, coal tar derivatives, and several other essential materials. These materials had always been imported. The government should devise some system for protecting and stimulating their internal production.

"Under the supervision of the proper departments of the government, certain war industries should be encouraged to maintain skeleton organizations through which

they could develop the rapid manufacture of guns, munitions, airplanes, and other direct military equipment. This might be done in some cases through government purchases of factories, in others through the placing of sufficient orders to permit the owners to keep the plants in existence.

"These measures are suggested as direct methods of insuring against some of the heavy losses and unfortunate delays which the country experienced in the process of converting its industries from a peace to a war basis. They involve very small current expenditures, but are capable of being instruments for saving many millions of dollars in an emergency."

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