

Information Group
Assesses Projects

Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Tentative plans for various projects in the Willamette valley were presented to the reclamation congress during the second day of the convention. The projects, which will be considered by the congress today, follow: The Willamette valley project, which will be presented by the Willamette valley project committee, headed by Capt. W. L. Sawyer, Bend publisher, who is vice president of the National Reclamation organization. The project is to be presented by the Willamette valley project committee, headed by Capt. W. L. Sawyer, Bend publisher, who is vice president of the National Reclamation organization. The project is to be presented by the Willamette valley project committee, headed by Capt. W. L. Sawyer, Bend publisher, who is vice president of the National Reclamation organization.

Report Shows
Production Up

WASHINGTON—(U.P.)—The agriculture department report on final production figures for the year has placed the corn crop at 3,361,000 bushels. That compares with 3,034,354,000 bushels last year, and an average production of 2,369,384,000 bushels in the years 1933-42. Last production was 1,078,000 bushels, compared with 1,020,000 last year and 760,199,000 bushels, the ten-year average. Winter wheat totaled 764,073,000 bushels, against 531,461,000 last year, and a ten-year average of 773,000. Spring wheat production was 574,000 bushels, compared with 542,000 bushels last year, and 544,000, the ten-year average. Included in the spring wheat crop was 31,933,000 bushels of soft wheat, compared with 35,000 last year and a ten-year average of 27,413,000. Production of other crops, when compared with figures for last year and the 1933-42 ten-year average, follows: Barley, 1,166,392,000 bushels, compared with 1,137,504,000 and 1,138,000. Oats, 284,426,000 bushels; 324,000 and 256,350,000. Rye, 23,872,000 bushels; 30,452,000 and 40,448,000. Buckwheat, 9,166,000 bushels; 10,000 and 7,020,000. Flaxseed, 23,527,000 bushels; 51,000 and 17,180,000. Hay (all tame), 83,845,000 tons; 94,805 and 75,320,000. Potatoes (dry edible), 16,128,000 tons of 100 lbs.; 20,922,000 and 21,000. Apples (dry field), 8,873,000 bags

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of 100 lbs.; 10,870,000, and 3,148,000. Soybeans (for beans), 192,863,000 bushels; 193,123,000, and 66,771,000. Cowpeas (for peas), 4,213,000 bushels; 4,854,000, and 6,932,000. Sugar beets, 8,821,000 tons; 6,532,000 and 10,940,000. Hops, 47,695,000 pounds; 42,448,000, and 39,024,000. Apples (commercial crop), 124,212,000 bushels; 89,050,000 and 122,378,000. Peaches, 75,008,000 bushels; 41,931,000, and 57,618,000. Pears, 30,821,000 bushels; 24,585,000, and 28,559,000. Grapes, 2,580,000 tons; 2,973,000 and 2,371,000. The acre yield of the various crops, with comparative figures for last year and the 1933-42 ten year average: Corn, 33.2 bushels an acre, compared with 32.1 last year and 25.8; the ten year average; (all) 18.2; 18.6 and 14.1; winter wheat, 18.8; 15.8 and 15.0; all spring wheat, 16.9; durum wheat, 15.1; 17.0 and 11.2; oats, 29.9; 29.6 and 28.6; barley, 23.0; 21.9 and 21.7; rye, 11.5; 11.1 and 11.7; buckwheat 17.8; 17.5 and 16.9; flaxseed, 8.4; 8.9 and 7.7; hay (all tame) 1.41; 1.43 and 1.32 tons; beans (dry edible), 784; 870 and 859 pounds; peas (dry field), 1,277; 1,367 and 1,153 pounds; soybeans (for beans), 18.4; 18.1 and 17.1 bushels; cowpeas (for peas), 5.6; 5.1 and 5.3 bushels; potatoes, 130.4; 139.6 and 120.1 bushels; sugar beets, 12.2; 11.9 and 11.8 tons; hops, 1,303; 1,318 and 1,158 pounds. The acre yield and total production of the various crops in principal producing states include, for Oregon: winter wheat, 26.0 and 18,850,000; oats 35.5 and 10,828,000; potatoes, 220 and 10,340,000; apples (commercial crop, total production) 3,288,000.

February Draft
Quota Up One-Half

SALEM, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Oregon's draft quota will be increased 50 per cent in February, with many of the new draftees including men up to 37 years old who are in non-essential occupations, Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state selective service director, said today.

He said there would be no difficulty filling the quota.

WISHING

BILLINGS, Mont.—(U.P.)—Cpl. Rudy Hole of Wheeler, Mont., sent his draft board a V-mail Christmas cheer from "Somewhere in India."

He addressed them: "My Dear Draft Board," and informed them he was working on the Leda road near Burma.

"Wish you were here."

Stettinius, Aides
Face Tough Schedule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Some strings appeared today attached to the authority Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius has now won to reorganize the state department with six new assistants.

They are (1) An announced presidential promise to fire any who did not follow his policies religiously, and (2) Strong insistence in the senate that the department work closely to the line of the Atlantic charter.

Ending two weeks of turmoil and bitter debate, the senate yesterday confirmed Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador to Japan, to be undersecretary of state. It gave Grew a whopping 66 to 7 vote of confidence before it wound up the business of the 78th congress.

Then, in short order, it voted to confirm five assistant secretaries of state—all part of the team that Stettinius said he wanted to modernize the department for the tremendous work ahead. They were W. L. Clayton, Archibald MacLeish, Nelson Rockefeller, James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), who opposed all of the nominees except MacLeish because he contended they were "out of character" by Mr. Roosevelt's policies, told a reporter he thought the state department had been put on notice that it had better be liberal in its views.

Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) thought the department had been served with a mandate to keep its skirts clear of power politics, to adhere to the principles of self-determination for peoples.

SCALER INJURED

H. C. Jackson, 1873 Fifteenth Avenue east, a yard clerk and scaler for the Southern Pacific company at the pond in Springfield, was injured Wednesday forenoon when struck by a slip ring from a railroad car in the yard. He was taken by ambulance to Eugene hospital.

RAIL SUPERVISOR VISITS

S. T. Phillips, assistant supervisor of stations for the Southern Pacific railroad, arrived in Eugene Wednesday on business. Phillips is stationed in the Portland office.

ROBOT WARNING GIVEN

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The British press warned today that it is possible the Germans may step up their flying bomb attacks on Britain. New damage and casualties were caused yesterday and last night.

WRA Will Aid Transport
Of Relocated Japanese

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—The war relocation authority will aid Japanese now in relocation centers who do not have sufficient funds to reach their selected relocation point after January 2, John Bigelow, WRA reports officer, said last night.

He added that the WRA still is concentrating on efforts to relocate Japanese in the centers in the middle west and east where housing conditions are better and feeling is less.

Germans In Italy
Cleared From Senio

ROME, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Polish and Indian troops of the eighth army have virtually cleared all enemy forces from the area south of the Senio river and west of the main Bologna-Rimini highway, where the nazis have been putting up a stubborn fight for two weeks, allied headquarters announced today.

Strong German resistance held other eighth army units to limited gains north and northeast of Faenza. Headquarters disclosed last night that a savage enemy counterattack in that area had forced allied troops to fall back to the northern edge of the highway city.

The Germans still hold a nine-mile-wide salient between Faenza and Bagnacavallo to the north.

On the fifth army front in the mountains below Bologna there were no appreciable changes in position, the communiques said.

Heavy bombers of the U. S. 15th airforce attacked oil refineries yesterday in Germany and rail yards in Germany, Austria and Yugoslavia.

Dow Jones

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(U.P.)—Dow Jones closing bond averages. 40 bonds 104.97 off 0.05; 10 1st grade rails 112.72 off 0.03; 10 2nd grade rails 91.15 off 0.09; 10 pub. util. 108.66 off 0.08; 10 indus. 107.14 off 0.01.

The preliminary closing Dow Jones stock averages: industrial, 150.50, off 1.03; rail, 47.39, off 0.70; utility 25.84, off 0.19; and 65 stocks 55.71, off 0.50.

Sales rose to 1,482,500 shares from 1,282,930 yesterday. Curb volume was 305,590 against 352,546 yesterday.

TRAINMASTER BACK

Dan P. Boykin, trainmaster for Southern Pacific railroad, returned Tuesday night from a business trip in the Coos Bay district. He has been gone about three days.

Willamette—
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and its appropriation may have lapsed. Congress has just voted \$20,000,000 for the big Detroit dam on the Santiam (and some auxiliary projects which may include Amazon drainage at Eugene), but it will require \$80,000,000 to complete the dams and the future is not at all certain.

A report on work to date was rendered by Robert Kip, veteran secretary of the organization, who is also a director of the big and powerful Mississippi Valley Flood Control association.

Funds Still Needed

Kip deplored the impression in many parts of the valley that completion of the dams is assured and that all people here have to do is wait. He pointed out that after "approval" by the army engineers and "authorization" by congress, there is still the struggle to get actual appropriations so that work can be done.

It was pointed out that the Willamette valley project has lost two of its most valuable friends in the death of U. S. Sen. Charles L. McNary and the prospective retirement of General Robbins, and that in the future it will have to stand pretty much "on its own."

Likewise it was pointed out that administration pressure for the creation of vast valley authorities on the pattern of the Tennessee valley might have the effect of involving the whole undertaking in controversy.

Numerous speakers pointed out that flood control must remain the prime objective of the Willamette valley project, although it carries with it benefits for irrigation, navigation, drainage and soil conservation which make it one of the soundest of all the river valley projects yet proposed in this country.

Up To People

For the U. S. army engineers, Col. Ralph Tudor, district engineer at Portland, answered questions and emphasized that the farmers and the people of the valley generally must take the leadership in the project because the engineers merely build as directed and it is not their proper function to do "a selling job."

It was suggested that the original flood control committee should be expanded into an advisory council to the state's official Willamette basin commission and that efforts should be made to carry the story of the project "to every schoolhouse and every grange hall and neighborhood meeting in the valley."

Fred Brenne, of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and Clay Cochran, of the Salem chamber were directed to form a public

relations committee to device plans for taking the story to the people.

One suggestion was that if funds can be had, the project story should be told with motion pictures, slides and charts and carried to all parts of the valley by specially trained workers.

Professor Powers, soil expert from Oregon State college, emphasized the need for acquainting people with what has been done in irrigation and what can be done. He suggested amendments to the present laws governing the U. S. Reclamation bureau which would enable them to provide irrigation water in this valley on a rental basis instead of requiring a lien on the farm. He believes this would encourage the formation of irrigation and conservation districts in this area where irrigation is a supplement to natural rainfall.

Speaker at the evening session was Robert W. Sawyer, Bend publisher who is vice president of the National Reclamation association. He related the efforts of that organization to promote sound practice in river developments, and its opposition to proposed authority plans.

Counties—
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considerable discussion. Some were in favor of the state providing a greater share of the funds for this assistance than at present and the counties less. The general trend of the discussion was that if another depression comes the counties would not be able to keep up their share of the payments.

At present the federal government provides 50 per cent of the funds for old age assistance, the state 30 per cent and the counties 20 per cent. This also applies to aid to the blind and aid to dependent children. For general assistance the state pays 80 per cent of the amount and the counties only 10 per cent.

Several minor questions were taken up at the meeting but no action was taken. These included roads and highways and other post-war projects.

BUCHANAN RETURNS

V. E. (Buck) Buchanan, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Union Pacific railroad, has just returned from a business trip to southern Oregon. Buchanan, who has been gone for the last week, arrived in town Tuesday.

One of the prizes in a golf tournament at Willmar, Minn., recently was offered to whoever could make three or more holes-in-one. (P.S. Nobody won.)

A-13 Gas Coupons
Expire Thursday

Thursday is the last day to use A-13 gasoline coupons, Norman R. Grimm, chairman of the Eugene war price and ration board, reminds local motorists.

Friday six A-14 coupons in each basic "A" book will become valid. Each of the new coupons will be good for four gallons of

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CONDUCTOR VISITS

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