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RUSHING WORK ON RESERVOIR

Umatilla Project Will Be Completed by May 28, it is Estimated.

WATER NOW COVERS 200
ACRES 10 TO 30 FEET.

Big Dam Is About 75 Per Cent Complete and Is Being Built in a Most Substantial Manner — Force Now Employed Consists of 289 Men and 100 Teams—Will Require 100 Days to Fill the Reservoir Full—Outfit Will Be Taken to Tieton Project.

Two hundred and eighty-nine men, and 100 teams are now employed on the dam of the Umatilla irrigation project reservoir and the work is being rushed to completion to be ready for the Hermiston excursion on May 27, when water will be turned from the reservoir on to the land in the project.

About 200 acres of the immense reservoir are now covered with water from 10 to 30 feet in depth and a half head of water is flowing from the Umatilla river through the feed canal into the reservoir. It will require 100 days with a full head of water in the feed canal to fill the reservoir to its capacity.

The great dam which will be 4000 feet long on top and 520 feet long on the bottom with a width through the dam of 600 feet is about 75 per cent completed. It will be raised yet about 15 feet and all the forces are now employed on this work. The gravel trains are employed in hauling gravel from the pit a mile away and the teams are employed in hauling dirt and sand from near the dam, while a steam shovel is also employed in the work.

The dam is being constructed in a most substantial manner. As the dirt and gravel are placed in layers on the surface, they are plowed, cultivated and rolled vigorously, several teams being employed in cultivating the surface and rolling it down so it is built up almost as solid as a cement wall.

On the face of the dam next to the water a surface of three feet of crushed rock is placed and a concrete flood or overflow basin is constructed at the north extremity of the dam to permit the waste water to flow over in case of floods.

The concrete tower in which the headgate is placed is now complete and is over 70 feet in height. The headgate is so arranged with triple gearing that although it weighs several tons, one man with a lever can raise and lower it with ease.

The concrete arch by which the water will flow from the reservoir under the dam to the distributing canals is now complete and is over 400 feet in length. It is five by seven feet in size. The reservoir cannot be drained dry, the headgate being above the bottom of the bed of the reservoir. This is made necessary to prevent the headgate from being covered or clogged with sediment which will naturally wash into the reservoir.

The force of water, which is now running into the reservoir will be imagined from the fact that at the inlet where the feed canal enters the reservoir, a gorge 1000 feet in length, 50 feet in width and 40 feet deep has been cut by the flow of water. This immense gorge has been hollowed out by the small head of water now flowing into the reservoir.

The mouth of the feed canal or inlet into the reservoir is constructed of concrete and is arranged in a series of cascades, about 100 feet in length which serve to break the force of the water falling into the bed of the reservoir.

It is said that the machinery, locomotives, teams and all government equipment now in use on the Umatilla project will be sent to the Tieton project in Washington when the work is completed here.

FRENCH REFUSE U. S. REQUEST FOR MURDERER.

Paris, March 31.—The foreign office today virtually turned down America's request for the return to this country of Paul Roy, charged by Glacé Caila with the murder of her brother. It is said that the French government will offer to try him on French soil as he is a French citizen.

MADAME GOULD IN A HUFF.

Quarrels With Family Over De Sagan Alliance and Takes Up Abode in St. Regis.

New York, Mar. 31.—Following a quarrel with her family over her threatened marriage with Prince De Sagan, Mme. Anna Gould has made arrangements to leave the Gould home and live at St. Regis hotel.

What is supposed to have been a final conference between Mme. Anna Gould and the balance of the family held last night, will result, it is believed, to have caused a rupture. It is said the entire family is arrayed against Anna in the matter of the proposed alliance.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS.

Call for State Republican Central Committee to Meet on April 10.

Portland, Mar. 31.—The state republican central committee was summoned to meet at Portland on April 10 by Chairman F. A. Westgate last night for the purpose of calling the state convention and apportioning delegates.

The convention will probably be called about May 10 and will select four delegates-at-large and presidential electors. The method of selecting the delegates is still undecided.

GEORGE CONSER, OF HEPPNER, IS DEAD

WELL KNOWN BANKER OF
MORROW COUNTY

Prominent for Years in Business Life of Morrow County — Native Born Oregonian — Had Harrowing Experience in Famous Heppner Flood When With His Wife Was Swept Down Stream and Both Narrowly Escaped Drowning.

George Conser, cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner, and prominent for many years in Morrow county affairs, died at his home in Heppner at 5 o'clock this morning. He had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. Conser was a native Oregonian, having been born in the Willamette valley, where he lived until he came to Heppner 16 years ago. In early days he served as a conductor on the Southern Pacific railroad and he has a brother who is now an engineer on that line.

During all the time he lived in Heppner the deceased was the cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner and though not personally wealthy himself, he was very influential in the business community of Heppner and Morrow county. He was a heavy stockholder in the company owning the coal fields in the southern end of Morrow county, but thus far the property has never developed anything.

During the terrible Heppner flood of 1904, Conser and his wife were both swept down stream in their house and both barely escaped with their lives. He is survived by his wife. They had no children. He was one of the leaders in the relief work following the flood.

The deceased was well known to many people of this city and there is much sorrow here over the news of his death. He was a member of the Elks and Masons and was personally popular among those who knew him. Mrs. W. E. Brock of this city, is a sister of the deceased and she and Mr. Brock have been by his side at Heppner during the past few days.

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION TAKES BIG SLICE IN FREIGHT RATES

Salem, Ore., March 31.—The state railroad commission today ended the most important session in its existence, cutting the freight rates in Oregon from one-sixth to one-tenth of the present first-class rate and all other freight rates accordingly.

ARCHIE PHILIP IS IN PORTLAND

Much Wanted Witness in the Steve Adams Case Has Been in Hiding.

FLED TO ESCAPE HARVEY BROWN'S FATE.

Knew Enough to Be Treated the Same as Baker County's Assassinated Sheriff, But Saved His Life by Skipping—Has Received Many Tempting Offers to Return to Idaho and Testify Against Adams But Will Not Accept Them.

Portland, March 31.—The missing witness in the Steve Adams case, Archie Philip, whose testimony was considered so valuable that the state searched far and wide for him, turned up in Portland today.

He states that he has been in the District of Columbia in hiding. He also declares he was hurried out of the United States for fear of the fate of Harvey Brown, who was a friend of his, and who knew much of the same testimony he did.

He says he has been made many tempting offers to return to Idaho and be ready to testify against Adams but will not accept them. He says the only thing that saved him from suffering the same fate as Brown was the fact that he left the country and Brown didn't.

TOWER HAS RESIGNED.

President Sends Hill Nomination to Senate and Is Referred to Foreign Affairs Committee.

Washington, March 31.—It was announced at the White House today that the resignation of Charlesman Tower as ambassador to Germany had been accepted and that it would take effect June 1.

The president has sent the nomination of David Jayne Hill as ambassador of Germany in to the senate and it has been referred to the foreign affairs committee and it is thought that the committee will take up the matter of the Tower-Hill incident and investigate it.

EVANS AT SAN DIEGO.

Admiral Arrives on Board the Connecticut—Tender Yankton Also Arrives.

San Diego, Mar. 31.—The battleship Connecticut with the tender Yankton arrived here this afternoon and anchored in the harbor. Evans had not left the vessel as yet.

Anniversary of Holocaust.

Washington, March 31.—Today is the anniversary of the destruction by fire of the United States steam transport General Lyon, which burned off Hatteras on March 31, 1865, with a loss of nearly 600 men, women and children. So far as known by the navy department there are but two living survivors of the holocaust, both now living in Illinois.

DR. H. VOLP INSANE.

Former Pendleton Physician Taken to the Asylum Suffering from Morphine Insanity.

Dr. H. Volp, formerly of this city, has been taken to the Oregon insane asylum suffering from morphine insanity and almost a raving maniac. He was taken in custody at his offices in Portland Saturday and made a desperate fight for liberty, begging for morphine and calling for help and upon reaching the office of the city jail where he was to be examined he broke a library chair and using one of the legs for a weapon caused a commotion in the offices for a time.

Dr. Volp is a highly educated German physician and has had a most interesting career, having fought several duels while at college in Germany. His wife died in this city two years ago and he became despondent and after leaving here for La Grande neglected his practice and was ill much of the time. He has two daughters, aged 14 and 16 years.

ARMY OFFICER BADLY ABUSED

Scandal Certain to Follow Charges Made by Friends of Col. W. F. Stewart.

ANOTHER AMERICAN
DREYFUS CASE UNCOVERED

Aged Former Commandant of Fort Barrancas, Florida, Is Exiled from Ft. Grant, Deserted and Run Down at Arizona Post With Single Enlisted Man and Two Army Mules as Companions — Claim Made That Stewart Was Unjustly Accused and Condemned Without Hearing.

Washington, Mar. 31.—The army is facing a scandal as the result of a report reaching here from San Francisco that Col. William F. Stewart, formerly in command of Fort Barrancas, Florida, has been made an American "Dreyfus" by being exiled to Fort Grant, deserted, run down at a post in Arizona, where his only associates are one enlisted man and two army mules.

An investigation is sure to result and a scandal seems inevitable. If the charges of Stewart's friends are true and he has been condemned without a trial or hearing, some one in the war department will be called upon to explain.

If, on the other hand, there is some justification for the barbarous treatment accorded the old officer, the sensation will be greater. The incident is veiled in mystery.

Stewart's friends say he was given the alternative of resigning or taking to the desert. The post refused to sign a demanded inquiry. This was refused and he was hustled to Arizona where he says he has since tried vainly to get a hearing.

ENGINEER'S NECK BROKEN.

Falls From Cab and Is Killed—Trainmen Find Body After Patrolling Track.

Moscow, Mar. 31.—Engineer Perkins, engaged in the freight train service of the Northern Pacific between Spokane and Lewiston, was killed at 7 o'clock Sunday evening by falling from his engine, the accident occurring on the Kendrick hill near Troy.

From accounts of the accident it appears Engineer Perkins was taking a heavy train down the hill with a brakeman and fireman. Noting that the engine was beginning to run rapidly, Perkins' companions came forward to find that he was not in the engine. The speed of the engine was checked and the track patrolled back for a distance of half a mile when the dead body of Perkins was found near the track. He had evidently fallen from his cab. The fall resulted in breaking his neck.

H. M. CAKE HERE NEXT MONDAY

Republican Candidate for the United States Senate Will Open His Campaign Here on April 6.

H. M. Cake, republican candidate for the United States senate and earnest and aggressive advocate of statement No. 1, and the popular election of United States senators will make his first address in Umatilla county during the present campaign at the court house in this city next Monday evening, April 6.

Mr. Cake will pass through the city tomorrow night to La Grande, where he will speak Thursday night, and from there will go to Baker City for an address, returning to this city for his date here on Monday evening. He is being enthusiastically received everywhere and stands for the principle of popular election of United States senators, one of the most important political principles now before the people of Oregon and should be given an enthusiastic greeting.

He is a logical and earnest speaker, an educated, capable man and has not been connected with any political scandals of Oregon and is now in the lead for the nomination for the senate.

Governor Curtis Guild of Massachusetts is reported to be recovering from a serious siege of illness.

NEW KIND OF POWDER CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

Washington, March 31.—Lack of familiarity with the new powder now in use in the navy is held responsible for the explosion yesterday on board the Missouri. The fact that the powder is slower of combustion than that formerly used was not taken into account by the gunners, say experts, and this caused the accident.

TROUBLE AGAIN BREWING.

German Cruiser at Port Au Prince to Protect Interests of German Citizens.

Port Au Prince, Mar. 31.—The arrival of the German cruiser Bremen is likely to result in important events. Alexis has determined to expel Herr Reibold, according to close friends, on a charge that he contributed funds to the enemies of Alexis.

Germany, it is added, has decided to oppose this expulsion and to exact the immediate payment with interest added from the Haytian government of \$300,000 bonds which Reibold bought and paid cash for some time ago.

The government also owes the Reibold firm money. The United States cruiser Des Moines is here watching American interests.

WARD McALLISTER DEAD.

Son of Famous Social Leader and Former District Judge of Alaska.

San Rafael, Cal., March 31.—Ward McAllister, son of the famous social leader of New York of 20 years ago, and former United States district judge of Alaska, died today from shock caused by an operation for appendicitis.

FRESH TROUBLE IN CHINA FOR JAPS

BLOODY BOYCOTT ORDERED
STOPPED AT ONCE

Japanese Foreign Office Warns Chinese Government That Outrages Must Cease Immediately—Bloodshed Has Followed Violations of Boycott—Say Chinese Wink at Boycott and Make Only Half Hearted Efforts to Check It—Will Expect Indemnity.

Tokio, Mar. 31.—The foreign office today notified the Chinese government that the "bloody boycott" on the Japanese now being conducted in China must be stopped at once. Bloodshed has followed the violations of this boycott and to this the Japanese object.

A notice served to Tsung Li Yamen broadly intimates that the Japanese believe the Chinese are winking at the boycott making only half hearted attempts to check it.

It warns China that China will be forced to indemnify Japanese merchants unless her authorities are more diligent in breaking up the embargo. The situation is one cause of the renewal of the feeling against the Chinese throughout the country.

GRAND JURY AFTER JACKSON.

New York Attorney General Accused of Underhand Work in Demanding Fee.

New York, March 31.—The grand jury filed a presentment in Judge Foster's court today, which, it is alleged, reflects upon the official conduct of Attorney General Jackson. Most of the testimony upon the finding is based on alleged demands made by Jackson for 50 per cent of the fees of ex-Deputy Attorney General White as receiver of the Hamilton bank.

Jackson will appear in court this afternoon to ask that the presentment be stricken from the records.

A report says that Miss Elkins has refused to marry the Duc D'Abruzzi.

ASTRO MAY HAVE TO COME TO TERMS

United States Prepares to Defend Interests—Special Cabinet Meeting.

CONGRESS WILL LOOK IN
VENEZUELAN OUTRAGE.

Secretary Root Files All Correspondence of an Official Nature Bearing Upon American Claim Against Venezuelan Government in the Asphalt Claims With Congress—Trumped Up Charges, Seizure American Goods and Violation of Contract Charged.

U. S. Prepare for Action.

Washington, March 31.—A crisis in the affairs between the United States and Venezuela is imminent. At a special meeting of the cabinet this afternoon the advisability of a blockade of ports of that country will be discussed.

At a conference of the state and navy departments today a list of vessels ready for service was made out. Four cruisers are included in this list, it is said.

New York, March 31.—Secretary of State Root today transmitted to congress all the correspondence of an official nature bearing upon the American claim against the Venezuelan government in the asphalt claims.

Drastic action against President Castro and his government is expected to follow. Five claims against Venezuela are involved. All are in connection with asphalt claims.

Trumped-up charges against the company by Castro, seizure of American property and violation of contract are charged. Commissioner Calhoun, who investigated for the United States, holds that \$10,000,000 damages assessed against the company by the Venezuelan supreme court was made without giving the company a chance to defend itself and on insufficient grounds.

PINCHED WITH A PITCHFORK.

Man Wanted for Cashing Bad Check Found Hidden in Hay Mow.

Because he wrote a fictitious check for \$11.25 in favor of himself and had the same cashed at Murrell's saloon, Edward Barrett is now languishing in the county jail and incidentally he is nursing an injured leg which he received at the time of his capture at Helix yesterday.

Barrett passed the bogus check on Murrell Friday evening and on Saturday he left on the northbound N. P. train. He stopped off in that little city and there passed a \$35 bogus check at the Morrison store. Instructions for Barrett's arrest were sent out from here by Sheriff Taylor and suspecting that their visitor was the man wanted the Helixites started out to find him. He was located in a barn where he had concealed himself under some hay. G. M. Lewis, the barber, secured a pitchfork and by probing in the hay succeeded in locating the fugitive. Barrett is still limping from a punch which he was given with the fork.

STRIKE IS IMMINENT.

Gould Lines May Be Tied Up Unless Closed Shop Order Is Restored.

Denver, March 31.—A conference between Gould railroad officials and the Union men will determine the question of a general strike on the road or the renewal of the closed shop contract.

The issue is based on the closed shop. The boilermakers and blacksmiths have voted to strike if the contracts are not renewed.

TO EXPERIMENT WITH SUGAR BEET CROPS

To extend the scope of the La Grande sugar factory and to induce Umatilla and Walla Walla county farmers to begin growing sugar beets for the factory, is the mission of Elmer Sibblow, field superintendent of the sugar company to this city and county this week. The sugar company desires that Umatilla and Walla Walla farmers raise experimental crops and to encourage this will pay an excellent price for beets raised west of the mountains.

Mr. Sibblow will visit Hermiston, where a number of farmers under the government irrigation project will

plant small quantities of beets as a test crop and from there will go to Walla Walla, where he hopes to make contracts for a number of large tracts. The beets raised west of the mountains for a few years would necessarily have to be shipped to La Grande to be manufactured into sugar, but if the industry would grow to any proportions in this and Walla Walla counties, a factory would be established near the beet raising center and hundreds of people would be employed in growing beets on land rented by the company as is now done in Grand Ronde valley.

FERTILIZING THE SOIL AT HERMISTON

Colonel H. G. Newport, the pioneer settler of Hermiston and the first man to turn water from the ditches of the Umatilla irrigation project upon land under that project, in actual irrigation, has finished hauling 400 four-horse loads of manure from the government stables at the reservoir to his land near Hermiston, a distance of six miles, for the purpose of fertilizing the land and preventing the lighter soil from blowing.

He says that he would buy every pound of manure available in Pendleton if he can make suitable arrangements with the O. R. & N. for hauling it to Hermiston. He is preparing over 200 acres of land for alfalfa this year and wishes to fertilize it and enrich it and will take all the manure he can secure within reasonable distance of the land.

Not only is the manure valuable as a fertilizer and to prevent the lighter soils from blowing, but it is also used in strengthening the ditches and in scattering the water and vast quantities will be used under the Hermiston project in the next few years. It is possible that shipments will be made from Walla Walla. Large quantities will also be hauled from the Butter creek feeding pens.