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## UMATILLA IRRIGATION PROJECT, BEST PROJECT YET RECLAIMED

Since the Umatilla irrigation project was formally opened today, the following facts about the project, taken from a booklet prepared by Hermiston people and just issued from the press of the Hermiston Herald, will be intensely interesting.

Although the readers of the East Oregonian are familiar with all features of the project, yet there is a perennial freshness about the subject and something new is discovered in every item about the project.

The article from the booklet is as follows, in part:

The Umatilla irrigation project, now under construction by the United States reclamation service, is situated in the west portion of Umatilla county, Oregon, at the junction of the Umatilla and Columbia rivers, and consists of twenty thousand acres of very productive sandy loam, more commonly called volcanic ash. It is triangular shaped, with the three railroad points—Hermiston, Umatilla and Cold Springs, at the three angles, to constitute shipping stations.

The soil is adapted to the growing of all fruits grown outside of tropical countries, is the natural home of alfalfa, where from four to five crops may be cut annually; potatoes, sweet potatoes and vegetables of all kinds will be grown successfully. Grain and alfalfa crops pay well, but the farmer will find the various fruits yield largest returns. The soil is free from alkali, and moreover, the slope of the underlying strata of rock is such that combined with a porous soil, trouble from this source is extremely improbable. The climate is very warm in summer and the season between frosts is as long as, or longer than, any other place in the west. The altitude being about 450 feet above sea level, the danger of destructive frosts is reduced to a minimum.

This is an exceedingly important factor in fruit growing. A report on the project by a United States government official expert in such matters, Thomas M. Means, gives the length of the season as 14 days more hours of sunlight from April to October, inclusive, than southern California. He also states that there are 30 growing days more than in North Yakima and vicinity. The average rain fall is about 9 inches. The early spring enables the producer to get fruits on an early market, thus getting the highest prices obtainable.

No part of the project is more than five miles from a railroad station. About 15,000 acres are in private ownership, patented and otherwise.

This land is held at \$50 to \$150 per acre, not including water right.

The water for reclaiming the land is taken from the Umatilla river through a feed canal 25 miles long, and held in a reservoir which covers about 1800 acres, holding 50,000 acre feet of water, or enough to cover the entire tract of 20,000 acres to a depth of two and one-half feet during the summer season after two full irrigations have been had in the spring. There is absolutely no danger of any scarcity in the supply of water. It is brought by the government to the highest point on each 40 acres. The very best well water can be procured at a depth of from 20 to 40 feet. The Cold Springs dam is now under construction and when completed will be 97 feet high, 500 feet across the base and, including the wings, will be 3500

feet long. About 250 men, 100 teams and five locomotives are employed in the construction.

**Cost of Water.**

One million one hundred thousand dollars has been allotted to complete the entire system; it is estimated that water will cost not more than \$60 per acre, inclusive of the cost of maintenance of the entire plant for 10 years after completion of the work. This money will be returned to the secretary of the interior at the rate of \$6 per acre annually for 10 years without interest, or figuring on a cash basis the water right will cost only \$35 per acre. The first payment is due when application is made for the water and payable in not more than one year.

Each owner of land under the ditch becomes a member of the Water Users' association to the extent of one share of stock for each acre owned. The stockholders elect a board of directors, who in turn elect officers to serve one year. The association acts as agent to transact the business between the government and the individual. In making a contract with the secretary of the interior to pay back the money spent and takes a mortgage from the individual to secure payment of the same. The headquarters of the association is at Hermiston.

**Homesteads.**

About 4000 acres will be thrown open to homestead entry under the five-year settlement only, in tracts of 10, 20 and 40 acres, according to proximity to the different towns; this will be free, costing nothing but the homestead filing fee and the payment of the cost of the water service, which is levied pro rata upon lands under the ditch. It is not expected patent will be issued for this land until the water has all been paid for. Any man who is a citizen and has not used his homestead right; any woman who is a widow, the head of a family or a single person, may file on the land, but not both husband and wife.

Persons holding 160 acres before the commencement of operations by the government on the project may retain the whole of it and obtain water for the same, but it is the wish of the reclamation service that the land be cut in small holdings to obtain the highest degree of cultivation and make all the homes possible. Under no conditions can one person obtain water for more than 160 acres. The time of opening the public land will not be later than March 1, 1909; due notice will be given by the interior department.

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### STRIKE OF PAVING GANG.

Yakima Street Work Stopped by Labor Troubles.

Work on grading North Yakima's business streets preparatory to paving, came to a standstill Tuesday when 55 men threw down picks and shovels and refused longer to work for \$1.75 per day, says the Yakima Republic.

The strikers ask for \$2 per day and will not work for less, they declare. There are two men at work on the job now without counting the teamsters, who would not strike in sympathy with the shovel men.

Contractor McKivror refuses to meet the demand of the strikers. When phoned by his time-keeper while he was at lunch at his home, he replied:

"Let 'em go; I can get 10 times as many men as I need from Seattle or Tacoma. They will be glad to work for \$1.50 per day, and so will these fellows before the job is over."

**Contractor Refuses to Pay More.**

Immediately following the conversation over the phone Mr. McKivror appeared on the scene where stood hundreds of men, some shouting their sympathy to the striking laborers while others denounced them for their stand. There is, however, more sentiment favorable to the strikers than there is against them. Mr. McKivror called the men together and addressed them, saying:

"Any man who wants to go to work for the usual wages may pick up his shovel and begin. All men who think \$1.75 is not enough and who refuse to work unless paid more may walk to my office and receive their pay for the half day they have worked. I can do very well without you, boys. You need not come back unless you intend working for the price I have been paying you."

**Wallula Appreciates Service.**

Railway mail service between Wallula Walla and Wallula and Walla Walla and Pendleton was started last night, says the Walla Walla Bulletin. This will result in considerable saving of time in the local postoffice as the mail which has been made up and pouched in the local office will hereafter be made up on the train by the railway mail clerk. This should make the distribution of early morning mail at least 15 minutes earlier than at present. The mail clerk leaves Walla Walla on the night train to Wallula and returns in the morning, and leaves here at once for Pendleton, where he remains until the afternoon, reaching Walla Walla again in the evening. Two clerks will handle the work.

**London's Water Supply for a Year.**

Consul General Robert J. Wynne reports that London's consumption of water was 82,125,249,347 gallons, according to the annual report of the Metropolitan Water Board for the year ending March 31, 1907. A staff of 770 officials, receiving \$753,531 in salaries, superintends the work of the board, which is shown by the following totals: Total water supplied, 82,125,249,347 gallons; daily water supply, 225,000,683 gallons; area supplied, 537.4 square miles; population supplied, 6,851,045; daily average per person, 32.84 gallons.

**Caught in Shafting.**

A frightful accident occurred at the Red Fir Lumber company's mill at Nanaimo, B. C., Friday afternoon, wherein Henry Davidson suffered a badly broken arm. The victim is now in the hospital in a precarious condition from the shock and loss of blood. He had been oiling one of the pulleys when caught in the shafting.

## 200 CONTESTS TO BE DECIDED

MANY TRY FOR SEATS  
AT CHICAGO MEETING.

Majority of Contested Cases Come From South and Nearly Every Instance Is a Case of Taft Against the Field—War Secretary's Men Will Be Successful in Number of Instances.

Chicago, May 27.—With the expiration today for the time allowed contestants for seats in the republican national convention to file their papers with the republican national committee, it is evident that from 150 to 200 places are to be decided. The committee will meet early next month and from that time until the opening of the convention the contests will be heard.

In a majority of the contests it is a case of Taft against the field. Nearly all of the contests, including several for delegations at large, come from the southern states, the most notable exception being the sixth district of Ohio, where an anti-Taft delegation is seeking seats in the convention. From present appearances the Taft men will be successful in a majority of the contests.

In no republican national convention since 1892 have there been so many federal officeholders as delegates as there will be in the convention which is to gather in Chicago on June 16. In the southern states there is the usual downright feud between the Lily Whites and the out and out black delegates for recognition, and it is over these contests that the national committee is expected to have the most trouble. There are to be 992 delegates at the convention, as follows:

Alabama, 22; Arkansas, 18; California, 20; Colorado, 10; Connecticut, 11; Delaware, 6; Florida, 10; Georgia, 26; Idaho, 6; Illinois, 54; Indiana, 30; Iowa, 26; Kansas, 20; Kentucky, 26; Louisiana, 18; Maine, 12; Maryland, 16; Massachusetts, 32; Michigan, 28; Minnesota, 22; Mississippi, 20; Missouri, 36; Montana, 6; Nebraska, 16; Nevada, 6; New Hampshire, 8; New Jersey, 24; New York, 78; North Carolina, 24; North Dakota, 8; Ohio, 46; Oklahoma, 14; Oregon, 8; Pennsylvania, 68; Rhode Island, 8; South Carolina, 18; South Dakota, 8; Tennessee, 24; Texas, 36; Utah, 6; Vermont, 8; Virginia, 24; Washington, 10; West Virginia, 14; Wisconsin, 26; Wyoming, 6; District of Columbia, 2; Alaska, 6; Arizona, 6; Hawaii, 2; New Mexico, 6; Philippine Islands, 2; Porto Rico, 2.

**Hotel St. George.**

Mrs. A. B. McEwen, Athens; A. W. McNaughton, New York; O. P. Morton; P. J. Lynch, North Yakima; L. R. Flint, Portland; Mrs. S. A. Brocklesley, Maumee; G. W. Brown; E. M. Kalberg, Portland; O. V. Robbins, Portland; John Clancey, Portland; U. S. G. Kuhn, Chicago; S. A. Miller, Milton; N. Bisillon, Portland; H. R. Jackson and wife, Portland; Joseph N. Scott, Athens; F. G. Lucas, Athens; H. W. Stone, Portland; R. R. Wood, Echo; George McGilvery, Spokane; William L. Reddig, Portland; F. E. Ehrman, Baker City; H. Frazier, Milton; F. C. Brown, Portland; Wm. H. Daugherty, Portland; Miss Alice Daugherty, Portland; J. J. Hogan, Portland; J. C. Moore, Portland; C. Berkeley, Portland; A. W. Lang, Portland.

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### Heavy Snow Falls in Klickitat.

A heavy snow storm prevailed over this vicinity Thursday night last. It melted about as fast as it struck the earth. The streets of Goldendale were full of running water, some ditches having nearly a foot. All kinds of grain has been looking fairly good all over Klickitat county, although needing rain badly, and now prospects never looked better for a banner crop. All kinds of vegetables and berries are also looking fine. The heavy frosts of the past few days that have been visiting other parts of the northwest have missed most localities in Klickitat county, and fruit is in good condition. It is expected cherries will be in the market in a few days, as they are over half grown now. Strawberries grown here have been on sale in the stores for several days.—Klickitat Agriculturalist.

### Inspect Prairie Country.

R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the O. R. & N., who reached the city Saturday night from Portland, departed yesterday morning for a trip over the Nez Perce and Camas prairie sections, accompanied by General Agent C. W. Mount, says the Lewiston Tribune. The trip is made to secure data relative to the probable tonnage that will be shipped out of that country this year, this being now a subject of interest to the O. R. & N. in view of the fact that the company is to share in this tonnage through joint ownership of the new prairie line.

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