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OREGON TO PROTEST ON APPORTIONMENT

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WILL BE APPEALED TO

Every Commercial Organization in the State Will be Expected to Make a Demand for the Completion of the Western Extension of the Umatilla and the Klamath Projects.

Oregon will protest against the reclamation apportionment announced Christmas day by President Taft, says the Telegram. This protest is to go from every commercial and industrial body of the state to the Oregon delegation in congress, with the request that it be presented to President Taft. In the protest will be a recital of facts showing that this state has contributed more than \$9,000,000 to the fund, that it has some of the very best sites for work in the West, and that it is now equitably entitled to not only the \$6,000,000 balance given to the fund and not used here, but to a fair portion of the \$20,000,000 loan which is being made by the federal government.

That the Oregon case may be presented accurately and fairly, a careful compilation of facts is now being made by E. L. Thompson, of Hartman & Thompson, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial club. Accepting the idea that all energies must be centered now upon completing projects approved and begun, this statement will bear upon Oregon's two approved projects at Umatilla and Klamath. It will be shown the president that both these are absolutely within the meaning of the term "existing approved projects," and are under the 1909 law entitled not only to a portion of the annual addition to the fund, but to a share of the \$20,000,000 loan to be issued. It will be shown further that these are two of the most meritorious projects of the country, in economy of development, in fertility of soil, advantages of climate, access to railways and water transportation and otherwise. Also, it will be proved that in the small units of these projects completed, the land has been taken almost immediately, and that all of the additional acreage approved by the engineers is assured almost instant sale when placed upon the market. And with this irrefutable showing of facts, the president will be asked by the entire state to do justice to Oregon, by reappportioning the reclamation fund.

"Study the Umatilla project," said Mr. Thompson this morning. "It is one of the best of the entire country. The east and west portions of the project are as much a single piece of work as any being prosecuted in the West. The coming summer about 17,000 acres will have been irrigated in the east units, at a cost of approximately \$60 an acre. All of this land has been grabbed up in small tracts as fast as ready for market, because it compares with the famous Wenatchee and Kennewick districts for fruit. There will be about 25,000 acres in the total eastern portion of the project.

"The western extension of the project, which has, according to common information, been in high favor with the engineers, has 50,000 acres available for development. By building a big reservoir on a tract covering about 5000 acres, the immense flood flow of the Umatilla river will be conserved, and one of the richest tracts of the West reclaimed. This land has two railroads at hand and the Columbia river as an additional transportation medium. It is worth many hundred dollars an acre when irrigated, and would probably equal or surpass Kennewick and Wenatchee, where \$2000 an acre is not unusual.

"From any point the government may desire to consider this work, it cannot find a project where returns will be surer or quicker than in the western extension of Umatilla, no mat-

ter what the cost of the work an acre may be. The land is almost entirely in the public domain, yet the water is now waste in spring floods, and no difficulties can intervene. We will show that this is practicable in every sense, and also strictly within the meaning of the new law.

"Take Klamath. There 100,000 acres were embraced within the original approved project. Only about 30,000 acres have been irrigated, and this land is taken up as fast as opened. A railway has just been built to it, and the influx of immigrants insures the immediate selling of all the land that could be irrigated there by the government. Furthermore, this work can be done at close to the record figure for the entire West, certainly at a very low price for such rich holdings. Water is in excess of total requirements. All of the Klamath work is essentially a portion of an approved project, and the law would not have to be strained a particle in including it. About \$4,000,000 would be required to complete the project.

"These two great and highly meritorious works can be finished with the funds that have been given by Oregon to the reclamation fund. At Umatilla the estimate for the additional 50,000 acres is from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000, and at Klamath it is \$4,000,000. Our deficit now is about \$6,000,000 and nearly \$1,000,000 is being added annually. Working within the law enacted, and basing our appeal upon the fundamentals of justice, we will ask the president to recognize this state for at least the sum we have given to the reclamation fund, and for completion of existing approved projects of such great merit."

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NEWS AND GOSSIP OF NEW YORK CITY.

New York.—New York is a Christian city. There are many Jews, of course—more than in Palestine. Probably also more Moslems than in Mecca, and thousands of persons of other faiths and of one. There are higher and lower critics who look upon all religions as gross superstitions, who speak airily of "the Christ myth," and who dismiss Christmas as but a survival of the annual festival of the pagans celebrating the triumph of the sun over the powers of darkness. Yet with the necessary exceptions, taken by large and altogether, New York is a Christian city. As such, it is on the eve of celebrating the birthday of the Son of God.

This fact has not escaped the observation of my friend, Mr. Wing, the son of a wealthy Pekin merchant, who is engaged in absorbing information at one of our leading founts of learning. "Although he wears good clothes and speaks good English, he is but a heathen Chinese, after all, and his remarks are not to be taken seriously.

"I admire your Christian civilization very much," said Mr. Wing. "Very much, indeed. Yet I am at a loss to account for your way of observing the nativity of the Savior whom you worship. Last Christmas, I observed a no inconsiderable proportion of your adult male population celebrated the day by becoming what you call—soused, is it not? In the fashionable restaurants I also observe many women who were—ah—verging on that condition. The saloons all over the city, I noticed, were packed with men, whose devotions appeared to center upon some persons—or, so I gathered from the signs—named Thomas and Jeremiah.

"Another thing that seems to me rather odd is that on every street corner there are persons in fantastic garb collecting money for charity. And standing near them I have seen poor old men and women and little, shivering boys and girls, selling papers and gew-gaws. It seems to me that your charity might be more direct.

"Your custom of giving gifts at Christmas, too, seems peculiar to the unenlightened oriental. Last year one of my college associates told me that he received eighty-two presents from relatives, friends and classmates, representing a total expenditure of over a thousand dollars, and having an actual value to him, he said of thirty cents. What a tremendous economic waste such a system must involve!

"In China we celebrate the birthday of Confucius by reading and studying his precepts. Of course, we do not look upon the great sage as a god, and perhaps this should make a difference in the mode of observance. But at any rate, we do not suffer—what you call it?—the morning after head, and we are not broke, as you say."

No Tobacco Crop Next Year. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 29.—Mass conventions will be held in the states of Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri tomorrow to elect delegates to a general meeting to be held in this city in January, when officers will be chosen and a definite organization effected for the purpose of curtailing next year's tobacco crop. All of the burley tobacco growers of the states mentioned have reached an agreement not to raise any crops in 1912, while the crop of 1911 has been pooled.

More than 100,000 growers, producing in excess of 300,000,000 pounds of tobacco annually, will be affected by the new organization, the promoters assert.

All Star Football. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Large crowds, including many visitors from all the towns throughout middle Tennessee are here today to attend the all-star football game between crack players of Tennessee and the Harvard eleven, composed of players from five American colleges and universities. All the proceeds of the game, above actual expenses will be given to charity. The delegations from the various preparatory schools near Nashville are especially large.



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INTERESTING NOTES OF FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian tenor, who has just added to his fame by his presentation of the part of sheriff in the new Puccini opera "The Girl of the Golden West," has a brother who looks exactly like him. Giovanni, is his name, and he also sings.

Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress gets \$6000 a year salary but he says it is inadequate for his needs. He says congress ought to give him \$7500 in order that he might support his position with proper dignity.

Representative Sereno Payne declares that he wants the light turned on by tariff investigation, so that the country may get at the truth. He adds however that it will never be possible to eliminate partisanship from tariff investigations.

Lord Decies, whose engagement to Miss Vivian Gould, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jay Gould, is announced, is forty-four years old, while his fiancée is only seventeen. Miss Gould is a niece of the Princess de Sagan, whose matrimonial troubles with her first husband, the Count de Castellane, created a sensation in Europe and America. Miss Vivian is strikingly beautiful and very clever.

The estate of the late George Crocker will pay to the state of California as an inheritance tax, \$88,656, unless the four heirs are successful in an appeal to the supreme court. Mr. Crocker, before his death left \$1,500,000 to be used as a fund in conducting a research into the cause and prevention of cancer.

Dr. Koch of Philadelphia, vice-president of the Pennsylvania board of pharmacy, has testified before the house committee on ways and means that 10 per cent of the retail druggists in the United States engage in illicit business in connection with their trade. He illustrated his testimony by making demonstrations of dope. Dr. Koch claims that most of the criminal assault cases of the south are due to the use of cocaine by negroes.

Mrs. Bella Lockwood, lawyer, publicist, the only woman who ever ran for president and the first to ride a bicycle, recently celebrated her 80th birthday. She is still practicing law and has many notable cases pending before the court of appeals. She does not look her age by twenty years, and is in perfect command of all her faculties, her voice being as clear as a girl's.

Lady Johnstone, the tall, handsome sister of ex-Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, has been a conspicuous figure in the social gatherings of New York and Washington this season.

Will Take up Football.

New York, Dec. 29.—Football enthusiasts, particularly in the smaller colleges are wondering what the attitude toward the new game, in the light of the recent season's play, will be taken by the Intercollegiate Athletic association at its annual meeting here today. As a general proposition it is thought that the reformed game will be endorsed, but modifications in some of the rules will undoubtedly be recommended. Although the "Big Four" are not affiliated with the association, sixty-eight other col-

leges and universities owe allegiance to it. Among the speakers will be Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, U. S. A. who will speak on "Intercollegiate Athletic Association;" Dr. R. Tait McKenzie of the University of Pennsylvania, Prof. Arthur G. Smith of the State University of Iowa, and Rev. Charles F. Alked, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, New York City.

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