

## OREGON SENATORS TO AID UMATILLA

### DELAY WILL MEAN LOSS ON PROJECT EXTENSION

Riparian Rights and Easements, Obtained When Extension Seemed Sure, Will Be Forfeited If Year Goes By.

Encouraged by the news from Washington, D. C., that Oregon's senatorial delegation will join in urging President Taft to make changes in the allotment of \$20,000,000 for irrigation, so that Oregon can get \$2,925,000 for reclamation work, instead of the \$925,000 apportioned, members of the Portland Commercial club and Oregon Development league seem to feel certain the Oregon appropriation will be swelled, says the Journal.

George F. Johnson, chairman of the promotion committee of the Portland Commercial club, said today that prospects for an additional appropriation seemed bright. Not only did Mr. Johnson and other members of the committee telegraph to President Taft, urging him to change the allotment, but sent dispatches to J. J. Hill, head of the Hill system; Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific railway, and Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman system.

That delay will be fatal to the west extension of the Umatilla project, for which the additional \$2,000,000 is asked, is one of the strongest arguments advanced by business men of Portland and Oregon. They assert that even a year's delay would mean the forfeiture of thousands of dollars' worth of riparian rights and easements obtained when the project seemed assured.

"Two erroneous impressions have gone abroad regarding the Umatilla project," said Mr. Johnson. "One is that the board of army engineers rejected the project. As a matter of fact, each member of the board approved and favored the scheme. With the army board it was a question of money; there was not enough to go around; so they cut Oregon short."

"Then it has been erroneously given out that the Umatilla project, or properly the west end of the project, is a new work, and is therefore, held up because the law prohibiting the starting of any new reclamation schemes applies to it. In truth, the project in question is merely an extension of the project now under way."

**Greatness of Umatilla Plan.**  
"The Umatilla project is one of the greatest and most important in the country. By the expenditure of \$2,000,000, land worth \$12,000,000, which is now being held by the government, will be turned over to the public. Not only will the land immediately under the west extension be affected, but about 40,000 acres on the high lands of the Columbia river basin, and possibly about 200,000 acres in the John Day section might later be put under water."

"The money appropriated for reclamation in Oregon would do no more than about complete the Klamath and Malheur projects and would leave the west extension of the Umatilla project abandoned."

"We have heard some objection to the building of a dam for the Umatilla project, covering about 5000 acres of land. The objection was made on the grounds that many of the settlers that hold land in the basin would be driven from their homes. Little of the land in the basin where the proposed dam would go is tillable. People do not seem to realize that the dam would help to protect Portland and much country on the Columbia and Willamette rivers from the June floods which so often threaten."

"We believe it most important that work on the west end of the Umatilla project proceed with all possible rapidity. The project would be of immeasurable benefit to Portland and to all Oregon. Produce from the Umatilla section comes into the market from two to three weeks before that from other regions. That is a great advantage."

"Promises of help have come from every side. J. J. Hill has promised to help, and from Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman systems, we have word that we may depend upon his aid. We have received much encouragement from all sides, and I believe we feel justified in saying that we believe that the president will do as we ask."

### WOUNDED OFFICER RECOVERS.

#### Seriously Injured by Convict at Burns Recently.

Almost fully recovered from a gunshot wound inflicted by Jim Tannum, desperate Indian prisoner, at Burns, Ore., which for a time it was feared would cost his life, Dan Ackley, traveling guard of the Idaho penitentiary, returned to Boise Saturday to resume his duties. He went to his ranch near Nampa to spend Christmas with his family, and will return to Boise today. The only bad result from the wound which now affects Mr. Ackley is that he tires easily, and for a time of necessity his work cannot be of such strenuous order as he has been compelled at times during his 17 years of service to the state to perform.

It was on November 30 last that Mr. Ackley reached Burns, Ore., to bring back to the Idaho penitentiary the half-breed Tannum, who was arrested by Sheriff Richardson of Harney county. Tannum had some time previous escaped from the Idaho prison, where he was sent from Washington county for horsestealing.

Guard Ackley was leaning over to put an "Oregon boot" on the prisoner when Tannum like a flash drew the officer's revolver from the exposed holster and fired at Sheriff Richardson, narrowly missing his head. As Ackley leaped up to grapple with him Tannum shot him through the abdomen. Richardson finally got his re-

volver out and riddled the Indian's body with six shots, killing him instantly.

In his long career as a thief catcher known throughout the entire northwest, it was the closest call Guard Ackley ever had with his life as the stake. It was feared at first he would die, but fortunately there was a skilled physician at Burns, who pulled the officer through.—Boise Statesman.

### SPOKANE WILL HAVE MANY CITY CANDIDATES

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 2.—There will be more than 100 candidates, including Mayor Nelson S. Pratt, J. Oscar Peterson, city treasurer; George W. Armstrong, president of the board of public works; E. V. Lambert, president of the city council; Charles M. Fassett, president of the Spokane chamber of commerce, nine members of the city council and bankers, merchants and tradesmen, for five commissions under the new charter, which carried by a majority of 2225. The election will take place on March 7, 1911, the commission taking charge of the city's affairs as soon as the vote is certified. The salary is \$5000 a year and three of the commissions are for terms of four years. The charter provides for first, second and third choice, which gives promise of complicating matters to make it one of the most spectacular campaigns in the history of the northwest.

Charles W. Fleming, city clerk, announces that any person may become a candidate by obtaining the names of 25 bona fide electors. There is no charge for filing.

### TRAVELED AS MAN AND WIFE TOO SOON

A locomotive fireman by name of Richard Webster, working on the Union Pacific, and Miss Mabel Pugnire, started on a journey on a pass in favor of "Richard Webster and wife," and landed in jail in Omaha for violating the anti-pass clause of the railroad law. They were not yet man and wife but had eloped with the intention of establishing that relation as soon as possible, relying on the speed of a railroad train to help things along. A train auditor caused the arrest. The young woman's father happened to be in Omaha at the time, and assented to the union of the couple, but they have yet to effect an adjustment with the federal authorities.

### FAMILY LEAPS FROM TRAIN.

**Widow and Two Children Thought Express Wouldn't Stop.**  
Mrs. Mary Griswold and her two children jumped from a fast moving Union Pacific train near Ellis, Kas. Mrs. Griswold is a widow. Her home is eight miles northeast of Ellis. Her skull and collarbone were fractured. Her condition is dangerous. The children were only slightly injured. Mrs. Griswold feared the train would not stop at the station where she wanted to get off.

### NEWS OF POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Those who think that the only Washington lobbyist is the man who would safeguard the interests of capital and whose check book is as conveniently placed as his handkerchief are sadly mistaken. Organizations closely allied with the churches have their lobbyists in the corridors, and while it may be hard to believe, as a rule, the moral lobby is more powerful than the one which would make for immortality.

The two senators who were the first to leave Washington when the session of the upper house closed for the holidays, will be among the last to return. They are Senators Cummings and Young, of Iowa. Senator Young has seen only three weeks of actual service but he likes it so well that he wants to return for a full term, while Senator Cummings is working for the election of a more progressive republican to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Senator J. P. Dolliver.

It is the general rule for men elected to high state and federal offices to sever all connections with corporations and personal business immediately after their election is a certainty. Governor Foss of Massachusetts is an exception to the rule. He has not resigned either from the business concerns nor the corporations with which he is identified and says he does not intend to do so.

The present house of representatives consists of 391 members. With the increased population recorded in the last census the next house would have a membership of 430, an increase of thirty-nine. In this estimated total are included members from the new states of Arizona and New Mexico. Political mathematicians figure that in a hundred years, should the recent ratio of increase continue, the house would consist of a thousand members.

Governor Woodrow Wilson's fight in behalf of James F. Martin to succeed United States Senator Keon of New Jersey, has brought out some interesting facts in the political career of Mr. Martin. He was once elected to the common council and twice defeated for congress, three times for state senator and four times for the assembly, twice before conventions for the nomination of governor, once for sheriff and once for mayor of Plainfield. Three years ago he was the minority's choice for United States senator. He has always been a strong William J. Bryan man.

The International Reform Bureau which counts it as among its important duties to see that congressmen work and not give poor excuses to stay away from the executive sessions of the lower house, will have no fault to find with Representative Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of ex-President Roosevelt. Mr. Longworth spent the most of his time during the holidays drafting a tariff commission bill representing as nearly as possible the views of the Ways and Means committee. He will have it completed to pre-

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The original Harmon club has just been organized in Cleveland by 1000 anti-Tom Johnson democrats. The purpose of the club is to boom Governor Harmon for president in 1912. New York democrats, as well as leaders of other states said they did not understand the anti-Johnson part of it, for the reason that ex-Mayor Johnson of Cleveland, sorely ill at the time and against the advice of his physicians, got out of bed in the recent campaign in Ohio to speak for Governor Harmon and that Governor Harmon personally thanked him for his act.

Democratic politicians all over the country have been studying Governor Dix of New York, perhaps because he is a new star in the political firmament. It is their opinion that Mr. Dix is very amiable with a marked streak of humor, tactful and naturally a conciliator, a smoother out of wrinkles. In his manner Dix is very courteous, mild spoken, gracious of demeanor, seldom flustered and not much of an orator.

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black of New York, says he has not the slightest doubt of President Taft's re-nomination in 1912.

Swift & Co. Adding Capital.  
Chicago, Jan. 5.—A special meeting of Swift & Co. will be held here today for the purpose of voting to increase the company's capital stock from \$60-

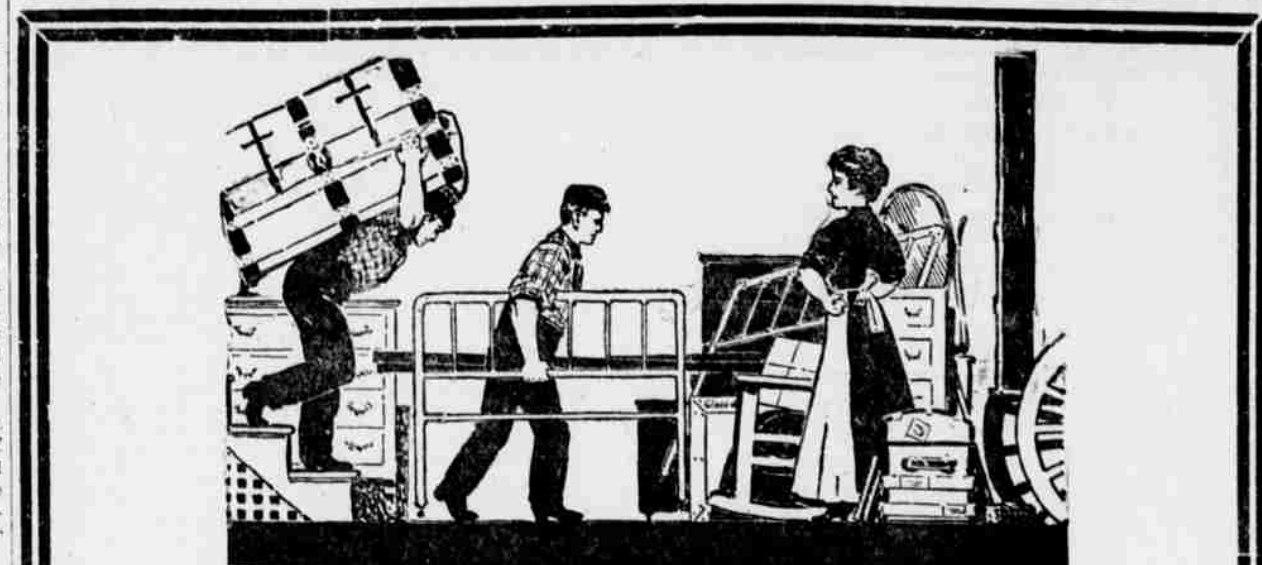
000,000 to \$75,000,000. Reports have been current that Swift & company would follow the lead of other large companies, putting out bonds to increase its working capital, but the meeting today proves that the concern will issue stock instead of bonds. Early in 1909, the stock of Swift & company was increased by \$10,000,000. The time for the issue of the new stock and the amounts in which it will be put out is to be left to the discretion of the directors.

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