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LOOKING FOR DAM SITES.

Chief Newell, of Reclamation Service, in Oregon.

Ontario, Or., Aug. 28.—Civil Engineer F. H. Newell, chief of the United States Reclamation Service, with a party of advisers consisting of Civil Engineers J. R. Lippincott, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is in charge of the reclamation surveys in California; H. N. Savage, consulting engineer, and John T. Whistler, in charge of the Oregon work, left Ontario Wednesday morning in a four-horse hack for Westfall and Willow Creek, to investigate the proposed sites for Government reservoirs in Malheur county. By special invitation of Chief Engineer F. H. Newell, ex-Congressman Moody accompanied the party through the Oregon observations. Mr. Moody came in upon the early morning train, but seemed equal to the trip before him.

The class of work which Mr. Newell and his party are investigating is that organized as part of the hydrographic branch of the United States Geological Survey in the Department of the Interior, and covers the proposed Government irrigation projects. The party left Cody, Wyo., August 1, by pack train, coming across the Continental Divide, and reached St. Anthony, Idaho, August 20. From here they visited the three great Government irrigation projects of Idaho, besides the Twin Falls canal.

Mr. Newell stated that work on the Twin Falls project, which is in charge of private capital under the Carey act, is being pushed ahead rapidly, and that the contractors' plant is about completed.

The first Government site visited in Idaho was the Dubois project, which covers a large area of magnificent land in the vicinity of Blackfoot. The next was the Minidoka project. Mr. Newell told of the wonderful plains of superb soil ready to yield fabulous returns when once the water is spread over it. There are thousands of acres of land which is as "level as a floor," using Mr. Newell's expression, with soil practically unlimited in its resources above this land are ideal reservoir sites, with abundant supply of water flowing down from the high mountains.

The high mountains of Wyoming have abundance of water in the way of streams fed by snow, which flow down into Idaho and by means of reservoirs should be made to water the vast area of magnificent soil comprising the Dubois and Minidoka projects. From Minidoka the party came to the Boise Payette project. The purpose here is to get the water out of the Boise and Payette rivers. From the last named project the party crossed over into Oregon at

Ontario, arriving here Thursday evening.

The Malheur River project proper embraces about 415,000 acres lying on either side of the Malheur River, and around the town of Vale, extending from Snake River westerly, half across the country. In addition about 51,000 acres lying west of the main track has been reserved by the Government for reservoirs. From Ontario the party goes to the Umatilla country to examine the proposed sites there. They will leave Echo Friday morning and arrive in Pendleton Sunday, where they will rest until Monday, whence they go to Lewiston, Idaho, where they will spend Tuesday, and will reach Spokane Wednesday.

Near Spokane they will see what is known as the Great Bend of the Columbia plains. The party will not visit Harney County on this trip, as the work there is not sufficiently advanced for the Government to begin work.

Mr. Newell seemed fully to appreciate the fact that the people are getting very anxious for the Government to begin work, but he urged the necessity of being patient, as the character of any work requires the greatest care of any undertaken, and a great deal of time is necessarily consumed in the preliminaries before any active construction work can be begun, but when it is begun it will be completed in the best possible way to secure practical results to the individual rancher or farmer.

Some of the people near the proposed sites seem ready to believe that the reservoirs are sure to be built because the Government is sending men to survey the country and because much attention is being paid to this work, but Mr. Newell wished to impress the fact that a vast deal of preliminary is necessary before the work of construction can be begun.

The surveying parties first visit sites which have been sufficiently recommended and make surveys, while others ascertain the amount of water supply, fall, etc. All these statistics are gathered and are viewed by the chief engineer and corps of advisory civil engineers. If the project considered and the board of advisers have each given their recommendations. Any person who allows himself to be located upon such lands may have to wait two or three years for water, or may never get it so the best and only safe way is to wait."

The trip on horseback over the mountains was a delightful one—part of the time above the timber, where there is perpetual snow, then down in the timber, where there was abundance of wild animals and streams abounding with fish. The party traveled 200 miles by pack train and 200 more by wagon.

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In fish and forestry, Oregon's exhibits will be especially rich. The Columbia river salmon fisheries, the richest in the world, will furnish an unrivalled exhibit. The processes of catching the salmon, and how they are handled, will be shown in detail. The average size of the salmon of Oregon commerce is from 15 to 20 pounds, and they sometimes reach the enormous weight of 60 to 75 pounds. The fish come in from the Pacific Ocean, and ascend the Columbia River to spawn.

When the eggs hatch, the little salmon go out to sea, and remain until they attain full size. Then instinct leads them back to their natural waters. The fish are caught in traps. Great shutes have been built, leading from the fish traps to the canning factories. The salmon virtually catch themselves, and once in the toils there is no escape. They can only follow the flumes, and end their careers in the tin cans which the Oregonian fish dealers provide for their reception.

The sturgeon and flounder are also caught in large quantities, and the black bass, fostered by the United States Government Fish Commission, is gaining in importance each year.

Splendid timber grows abundantly all over Oregon, but it is the Douglas fir that is known the world over. The largest specimen of this timber in Oregon was on exhibit at the World's Fair. The tree was 300 feet high and 40 feet in circumference at the base. It was 118 feet from the ground to the first limb. The age of this giant of the Oregon pineries is estimated to be over 400 years. More ships carry masts of Oregon Douglas fir than any other timber. The largest and best flag staffs are supplied by trees from the same forests. Other timbers and lumber will be shown, including especially, maple, oak and ash.

Oregon's display of agricultural and horticultural products will be large. The prune industry of that state is exceedingly important, the crop in 1902 being valued at more than \$3,000,000. The Oregon fruit compares favorably with the famous French product. Small fruits also thrive in the state. In agriculture, the exhibit will be largely based on wheat, oats, barley and the grasses.

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