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COLUMBIA BASIN SURVEY ORDERED

Investigation of Proposed Projects to Begin About May 1.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Work of the interior department announced he had directed the reclamation service to conduct the investigation of the proposed Columbia basin and Umatilla rapids reclamation projects, for which congress recently appropriated \$150,000.

The secretary also announced he had designated Assistant Secretary Goodwin, whose home is in Spokane, Wash., and Director Davis of the reclamation service, to advise him further as to the engineering, water, legal and other questions arising in connection with projects.

Investigation of the projects, it was said, will begin about May 1.

Immediate relief for thousands of farmers located on federal irrigation projects in the west will be made available under a policy announced by Secretary Work.

Three classes of relief will be given under authority of an act passed near the end of the recent session of congress.

Extension of time for payment of construction charges on irrigation ditches, due during or before 1922, to December 31, 1924, will serve to relieve many farmers from their most immediate problem. The second class of relief will comprise the furnishing of irrigation water during the season of 1923 regardless of delinquencies in payment of past charges either for operation or construction due the government, and the third class will permit payment in installments of accrued charges for operation, maintenance and construction.

40 ARE DEAD IN MIDWEST STORMS

Chicago, Ill.—Gradual restoration of telephone and telegraph facilities in the storm swept area between the Rocky mountains and the Appalachian range brought details of death and destruction, the dead nearing a total of forty, the injured counted at approximately 200 and damage to transportation, lines of communications, homes and business buildings reported at millions of dollars.

The worst effect of the storm was felt at Pinson, Tenn., and Deanburg, Tenn., where the death toll was seventeen and the injured totaled between fifty and seventy-five persons.

Central Kentucky felt the irresistible force of the gale and as its effects were being checked, counted its dead at nine, the injured at approximately eighty and property damage close to a million dollars.

In Ohio two persons were reported killed, one at Massillon and one at Steubenville. Scores were injured. Practically the whole state of Wisconsin was recovering from the effects of a heavy snow.

FARM LOANS TO BEGIN

Twelve Regional Banks Will Soon Be In Operation.

Washington, D. C.—The federal farm loan board has completed all necessary steps up to the actual issuing of charters to the new government-financed intermediate credit banks to put into operation the new credit system to aid the farmer.

Commissioner Lobdell of the board said loans under the new system temporarily at least, will be limited to a basis of nine months maturity. Upon livestock paper satisfactory assurance of renewal will be given in all proper cases and under satisfactory conditions of security, it was said.

It was indicated to be the plan to turn over from the treasury \$1,000,000 to each of the twelve regional banks in the system immediately upon the issuing of charters, with additional funds up to the aggregate of \$50,000,000, to be supplied as need arises. Mr. Lobdell reiterated that it was hoped to have the system in full operation within a few weeks.

R. F. CLEVELAND



Richard F. Cleveland, son of former President Cleveland, who is engaged to Miss Ellen Gailor, daughter of the presiding bishop of the Episcopal church.

FIVE-YEAR MENTAL LAPSE IS RELIEVED

Walla Walla, Wash.—Time rolled back five years for Joe Straghan, a convict at the state penitentiary here, when he regained consciousness from a skull operation and picked up the thread of his existence at Camp Fremont, California, in 1913. Straghan, sent to the penitentiary from Spokane on a statutory charge several months ago, was operated on by prison physicians to relieve epileptic seizures, to which he had been subject. They discovered that a fragment of his skull had become lodged in the brain covering, causing a pressure.

Five years ago Straghan's skull was fractured when hospital attendants dropped him from a stretcher while removing patients during a fire. When he recovered consciousness after his most recent operation his first words were:

"I hope they won't punish the boys. They didn't mean to drop me. Is the fire out?"

He declared that the last five years, during which he had been convicted and sent to the penitentiary, were an absolute blank to him.

SAYS BALFOUR IS WRONG

Mistaken Impression Gained in Debt Issue, Says McAdoo.

Los Angeles, Cal.—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury during the world war, said in a statement here that it was never suggested by Lord Balfour or himself that Great Britain should assume responsibility for loans made by the United States to allied governments other than Great Britain.

"I am at a loss to understand," McAdoo said, "how Lord Balfour, for whom I have great respect and admiration, could have gained the impression reflected in the statement attributed to him that 'the United States insisted in substance if not in form that although her allies were to spend the money it was only on our (Great Britain's) security that they were prepared to lend it.'"

H. E. Warren is a business visitor in Portland this week.

INTERESTING ARTICLE ON RAPIDS BY D. C. BROWNELL

An interesting article by D. C. Brownell appeared in the Portland Journal Wednesday and is as follows:

"Development of the Umatilla project can be made a great demonstration in complete development for the benefit of the entire west," said D. C. Brownell of Umatilla, in Portland Tuesday. Mr. Brownell, a pioneer citizen, made the original suggestion that Umatilla rapids be utilized for power, irrigation and navigation.

The government has appropriated \$53,000 and the state \$10,000 with which to survey the project. The use of waters of the Columbia river has become imperative, said Mr. Brownell, because the waters of lateral streams in the vicinity have all been appropriated and development, though it leaves hundreds of thousands of acres of potentially fertile areas untiled, has proceeded as far as is possible under present methods.

"No city can survive in the midst of an un reclaimed desert," he added. "Neither can Portland survive and hold and maintain its coveted position as the clearing house of this wonderful country now practically undeveloped where should exist fertile fields and the homes of millions begging the privilege to pour their products into the coast seaports' storehouses for export to the markets of the world."

"The Umatilla development is asked for the specific development of the agricultural, industrial and commercial resources of the interior Columbia basin and not with the idea that such hydro-electric forces shall be carried away over high power lines to remote markets, to be sold at high prices to meet the cost of long distance transmission and high profits of the vendors."

"The priorities at the developed Umatilla project must be: First to pump water for reclamation and cultivation of land; second, to provide the farmer with needful power in the production and marketing of his crop and for domestic uses; third, to electrify the O. W. R. R. & N. and S. P. & S. railroads, and other roads within the electrically reclaimed area; fourth, to serve municipalities in the district; fifth, for nearby industrial plants; sixth, for the general market in case there is a surplus of power."

"The federal government should finance the dam and power machinery, bridge and locks and main canal. Oregon and Washington should respectively construct laterals and canals leading to irrigation district laterals, and irrigation districts should in turn deliver the water to consumers. The first thought for the use of the power, the water and the navigation facilities from Umatilla rapids development should be the development of the adjacent region where development has proceeded as far as it can without government-state impetus."

Whitfield Held on Murder Charge

Vancouver, Wash.—George Edward Whitfield, 29, was formally accused of murder in the first degree when information charging him with the slaying of 11-year-old Anna Noako of Battle Ground, while the child was on her way home from the Battle Ground school, was filed.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Hard white, \$1.37; soft white, \$1.27; western white, \$1.25; hard winter and northern spring, \$1.20; red western, \$1.19.
Corn—Whole, \$42; cracked, \$44.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$24 per ton; valley timothy, \$23; eastern Oregon timothy, \$23.
Butter Fat—42¢@44¢.
Eggs—Ranch, 29¢@32¢.
Cheese—Tillamook triplets, 32¢@33¢; Young Americans, 33¢@34¢; block Swiss, 30¢@32¢; cream brick, 28¢@30¢.
Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.50@8.25; medium to good, \$6.25@7.
Sheep—East of mountain lambs and choice valley lambs, \$13.50@14.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.35@9.65; smooth heavy, \$9.99.

Seattle.
Wheat—Hard white, soft white and western white, \$1.27; hard red winter, soft red winter, northern spring and western red, \$1.22.
Butter Fat—44¢@45¢.
Eggs—Ranch, 21¢@24¢.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.25@7.65; medium to choice, \$5.75@7.15.
Hogs—Prime light, \$9.25@9.50; smooth heavy, \$7.25@8.25.

Hotel Dorion, Pendleton, is still the house of welcome.

THE LADIES STRIKE AND THE AWKWARD SQUAD

In all the history of Boardman this was the best entertainment ever given in the auditorium.

This opinion you hear expressed everywhere you go. Each playlet was an entertainment of itself. Bridget O'Flannigan of the old school, and all the other girls who were standing up for their rights, furnished us a rare treat, although they could not keep from showing their discomfiture when the "Ladies" went on a strike.

Of local interest was the "Darkies" sketch and the "Awkward Squad". The sketch between acts furnished great amusement even to the most fastidious who have spent years training their ears for vanderbills. The "Awkward Squad" wound up the evening, which showed the skill and painstaking of our corps of teachers exhibited in getting up the entertainment. And not least by any means did the whole entertainment prove what wonderful talent our young people have and can show if brought out.

BIG CHURCH MEETING TO BE HELD IN BOARDMAN

The Presbyterian of the Pendleton Presbytery will be held in Boardman at the Community church on March 26 and 27. The first session is to be held Monday evening. The young people are rendering a program which will be followed by an address by Miss Preston who is the home mission field worker.

On Tuesday dinner is to be served at the church; also luncheon in the evening. Those who do not have to entertain any of these visitors at home, will be required to furnish part of the eats.

Among other visitors will be Mrs. Chas. B. Williams who is the foreign mission secretary of the Northwest Pacific district. We also expect delegates from the various churches and officers of the Pendleton Presbytery society. Everybody is urged to come and make this meeting a great success.

CITIZENS WORK ROAD

A combination of citizens and business men are busy this week making a good and passable road to Wells Springs. We are told that the brush will be cut alongside the road in preparation for a pipe line to the oil well to be drilled at the springs and be in readiness when oil is struck.

Mrs. Macomber entertained at a chicken dinner last Wednesday evening in honor of Nate's 77th birthday. The invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clay Warren, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hines, Miss Ida Mefford and Al Macomber.

Coast Munitions Survey to Be Made

San Francisco.—A survey of every sizable manufacturing plant in California, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada will be started this month by the United States war department to list the munition-making potentialities of the Pacific coast, with a view of utilizing these plants immediately in the event of a major war emergency.

George U. Piper Called By Death

Portland, Or.—George U. Piper, United States collector of customs, died at Good Samaritan hospital here. Piper had been an active member of the political life of Oregon since his return to this state in 1913. He was at one time editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and prominent in Washington state politics.

\$20,000 Taken in Gem Robbery

Portland, Or.—Two robbers held up the offices of the G. Cramer company, jewelers on the seventh floor of the Seiling building, Sixth and Alder streets, and escaped with nearly \$20,000 in loose diamonds, rings and watches just before 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Webster to Get Judgeship

Washington, D. C.—Senator Jones of Washington announced his definite intention to name J. Stanley Webster of Spokane, representative, for United States judge, eastern district of Washington.

\$100,000 Given Pacific University

Forest Grove.—Pacific university has received a donation of \$100,000 from Mrs. Robert L. McCormick of Tacoma, according to announcement of W. C. West, president of the institution.

Little Mildred Kutzner is on the sick list this week.

JUDGE MACLAREN



Judge J. J. MacLaren of Ontario, Canada, who succeeds the late John Wanamaker as chairman of the International Sunday School association.

TEN ARE KILLED IN RIOTS IN RUHR

Rockinghamhausen.—Eight Germans and two French are dead as the result of clashes with French troops in various parts of Rockinghamhausen.

One French soldier and three Germans were wounded in a riot at Dortmund.

A state of siege has been declared in the entire Rockinghamhausen district.

Additional troops have been sent to preserve order at Buer, where a French army officer and a French civilian official were killed Saturday night and where excitement has since been running high, resulting in renewed shootings.

Of the Germans who met death, two were shot down while trying to escape from the gendarmes in the Buer district. Five others were killed and several wounded an hour later, when a crowd attacked a French guard post. The eighth German was killed at Dortmund.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

The Brookhart bill for a presidential preference primary in Iowa was defeated by the senate 21 to 25.

Governor McCray announced that he would not sign the soldier bonus bill passed by the Indiana general assembly.

To date the board of estimates has voted \$3,500,000 for the removal of snow from the streets of New York City.

Treasury officials anticipate an over-subscription of \$50,000,000 to the recently announced issue of certificates of indebtedness.

Philippine government expenditures exceeded revenues by more than \$7,000,000 during 1922, according to the annual report of the insular auditor.

The prohibition enforcement bureau has started an investigation of concerns which advertise formulas and devices for evading the Volstead act.

Retail food cost in all of 22 representative cities decreased between January 15 and February 15, according to figures compiled by the federal labor department.

Mrs. W. H. Mefford was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Knowlton, who was reported very ill. She left on Number one Tuesday for Getchell, Wash., and will stay until her mother is better.

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10¢

GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO

WHEAT MERGER PLANS READY FOR APPROVAL

Final Marketing Association Arrangements Await Only State Units' Adoption.

Minneapolis.—Final plans for the organization of a national co-operative wheat-marketing association and pool have been completed and await only approval by state organizations to put it into effect, it was announced here.

The plans were approved by a committee which has been meeting here in the offices of the Northwestern Wheat Growers Association.

The plans will be submitted to farmers from central states at a meeting to be held in Wichita, Kan., at a date to be announced later. Another meeting will be held later on the Pacific coast.

Details of the plan will not be made public until after the Wichita meeting. It was said, however, that the organization expects to pool about 50,000,000 bushels of wheat this year.

The states which are to be asked to join the movement are Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado.

Members of the committee which approved the plans are George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwestern Wheat Growers Association; George E. Duis, president of the North Dakota Wheat Growers' association; W. H. McGroovey, Carmen, Okla., secretary of the National Wheat Growers' association, and Frank A. Garrecht, counsel for the Northwestern Wheat Growers Association.

NIGHTRIDING TRIAL ENDS IN ACQUITTAL

Medford, Or.—The jury in the night-riding trial of Dr. J. J. P. Bray, practicing chiropractor and formerly a local minister; J. F. Hittson, automobile merchant, and Howard Hill, orchardist, accused of riot in connection with the kidnaping and hanging of Joseph P. Hale, wealthy music instrument dealer, on the night of March 17, last, returned a verdict of not guilty after being out 56 minutes. Three women were on the jury.

It was the most sensational, longest and one of the hardest fought cases in the circuit court history of Jackson county. The trial lasted almost two weeks and cost the county thousands of dollars.

Sixteen other citizens were indicted along with Bray, Hittson and Hill for participating in the Hale party, under the name of John Doe, but have never yet been apprehended, nor has their identity been revealed by the district attorney's office.

FINNISH DEBT ARRANGED

American Commission Also Acts on British Bills.

Washington, D. C.—The American debt funding commission has negotiated a tentative programme for refunding the debt of Finland to the United States and put the recently negotiated agreement with Great Britain in the final stage preparatory to going into operation.

Finland was accorded terms for the repayment of her debt almost identical with those given Great Britain: Extension of time for payment over a period of 62 years with interest at 3 per cent for the first 10 years and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter. Interest on the debt was fixed at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent to December 15, last, when the 3 per cent rate was made effective.

Oregon Bank is Robbed

Newberg, Or.—Robert Burns, ex-convict, and Edgar Louis Stone, 19 years old, robbed the Bank of St. Paul at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, after holding up Miss Beatrice Murphy, teller, and her father, William Murphy, escaped to Newberg in an automobile and within an hour were captured by Ray Amy, Newberg night marshal, and lodged in jail. The loot, \$703.40 in currency and silver, was recovered.

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