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### John Day Project Needs Leadership of Some Practical Man of Courage and Vision

The past week the Secretary of the Interior, the U. S. Commissioner of Reclamation, the Chief Engineer of the U. S. Reclamation Service, traveled across the State of Oregon. In the past few months these officials have visited Southern Oregon and California, have inspected irrigation projects in Idaho, Montana and elsewhere, have investigated a number of projects in Washington, including the great Columbia Basin project.

They have been around and across the Northern end of the proposed John Day project, without so much as a word having been mentioned about the wonderful possibilities of irrigation from the waters of the John Day river.

Senator Stanfield never told Secretary Work anything about it. Congressman Sinnott rode through Arlington without giving it a passing thought. The Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service never guessed that on top of the hills forming the Canyon of the Columbia north and south of Arlington, that there lay a body of two or three hundred acres of the finest land ever man had an opportunity to irrigate. This statement is not made by one possessed of a great and laudable spirit of local patriotism. The writer has visited scores of projects operating, under construction and proposed. Reversal of the false impression gained by Secretary Work toward the Baker project it is a good project and will be built some of these days. The Owyhee is a good project, the Vale extension is a good project, the Deschutes is a good project and considered from every standard these projects are superior to some today being fostered in Washington, Idaho and California and other states.

Likewise the John Day project is a worthy project and every factor that goes toward making a successful irrigated community, being taken into consideration is perhaps superior to any large project left in the West.

The people of Gilliam and Morrow Counties will never secure the blessing of water unless they make a fight to get it. Don't expect our representatives or the Government to bring us the project on a golden platter. They're busy looking after folks who want something.

We need at the present time some man of vision, of leadership who can see in the rapidly developing industrial West a coming demand for the products of the irrigated diversified farm home, who can see the advantages of location, climate, soil and markets all favorable to this section, who will get behind the practical idea of preserving the John Day district organization and who will wage a constructive campaign to interest the government in the building of the premium project in the country.

Millions of dollars to be spent in construction, thousands of new people to make new homes, an increased annual production of millions of dollars worth of farm products and in turn the creation of new wealth and markets, is not such a possibility worthy of any man's best efforts to bring about.

### CECIL NEWS

About forty men women and children of the Cecil vicinity who were unable to attend the Arlington Celebration on the 4th met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter at Cecil. A splendid dinner was enjoyed on the lawn and ice cream and cake was the order of the afternoon. Everyone reported a good time and thanks to the Mr. and Mrs. Stender for the use of their lawn.

John Thomsen of Lena arrived in Cecil on Saturday. He has been spending his vacation in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stender and daughter Gloria of Seldonsen, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and family of Cuckoo Flats, also Arthur Turner of Ione, spent Saturday at Umattila.

Wid Palmateer of Windybrook, arrived in Cecil the first of week from Jasper. Wid has returned to harvest his wheat crop. He will begin as soon as he has his men gathered up. Wheat men are all too busy to even come in for their weekly supply of "chaw". No reports of yields are at hand as yet.

Earl Morgan of Bronzaeres, was doing business around Cecil Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Funk and daughter Geraldine of The Curtis Cottage, took in the big celebration at Arlington on the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd of Butterfly Flats, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the East Camp on Sunday.

Mrs. A. Johnson of Heppner returned to her home after spending a few days with Mrs. Alf Medlock at the Poplars near Cecil.

## OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

### Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Postal receipts at Portland for June exceeded those of the same month last year by 6 1/2 per cent.

The annual state encampment of the Spanish War Veterans will be held at Port Orford July 23, 24 and 25. Linfield college will not be moved from McMinnville to Portland, trustees of the institution have decided.

The Cottage Grove city council will open bids July 20 for construction of a 1,000,000-gallon water storage reservoir.

Portland ranked second in building construction on the Pacific coast during June, according to building permit figures.

Loss to the docks of the Standard Oil company and the Union Oil company at Willbridge in a fire was estimated at approximately \$55,000.

Several small fires have been reported in the Siuslaw national forest but none has spread to timber, according to R. S. Shelley, supervisor.

Headquarters for the Oregon Trunk railroad have been established at Klamath Falls with J. J. Hoydar, general agent from Spokane, in charge.

The first forest fires of the season for Douglas county were reported at Roseburg, four of them being spotted in widely separated sections of the county.

Preliminary work on the paving of the Klamath Falls entrance to Crater Lake national park has been started by employes for the Warren Construction company.

The new girls' dormitory at the state institution for the feeble-minded at Salem will be constructed of concrete, it was ordered by the state board of control.

More than 7,000,000 salmon trout are ready for liberation at the state trout hatchery on Salmon creek at Oakridge, according to Charles J. Hall superintendent.

In a timber sale conducted by W. L. Tooze, Sr., register of the Portland federal land office, 5,248,000 feet of timber in four scattered tracts was sold for a total of \$9363.19.

The Mosier Fruit Growers' association has reported contracting its entire 1925 tonnage to the American Fruit Growers, Inc. Principals to the deal declined to reveal prices.

Edward J. H. Joehnk of Marshfield has been appointed U. S. referee in bankruptcy for the Coos Bay district by Judge Wolverton to succeed William E. Coleman, resigned.

Completion of the pumping plant for the new Malta irrigation district was announced by the reclamation service, and within a short time water will be pumped into the canals.

Mrs. Myrtle M. Hilsabeck, 45, was killed when the automobile driven by her husband, Delbert Hilsabeck, plunged down an embankment on the Eugene-Lorane highway near Eugene.

Loss by fire in Oregon during June, exclusive of Portland, totaled \$233,553.74, according to the report of the state fire marshal. The Dalles suffered the heaviest loss reported, \$35,300.

A rich strike of gold, which assayed at \$40.80 a ton, the highest value of gold yet recorded in the operations, has been made at the Mother Lode copper mine, 28 miles northeast of Baker.

An invasion of cutworms, advancing from field to field in large numbers like an army, is reported in the Rogue river valley south of Phoenix. Much damage already has been done in the Talent district.

Proposed freight rate increases on fruit and vegetables by railroads to Portland from California points via the Southern Pacific line were suspended by the interstate commerce commission until November 6.

E. G. Henson of Portland, W. B. Dennis of Carlton and G. A. Covell of Corvallis were reappointed by Governor Pierce to succeed themselves for terms of six years each on the state board of engineer examiners.

Residents of Oregon during the fiscal year of 1925, which closed June 30, paid federal taxes aggregating \$8,182,098.72, according to a preliminary summary of taxation announced by the bureau of internal revenue.

H. J. Cavanaugh, of Pendleton, was appointed a member of the pension board by the commissioner of pensions upon the recommendation of Representative Sinnott of The Dalles. He will take office immediately.

Oregon's wheat crop this year was estimated at 18,000,000 bushels by F. L. Kent, agricultural statistician at Portland for the United States department of agriculture. Mr. Kent estimated this year's oats crop at 9,500,000 bushels, the potato crop at 4,950,000 bushels, the hay crop at 1,600,000 tons.

Among the several thousand persons in the Cascade National forest over the Fourth of July week end, only eight were found violating the state and national fire laws, according to Nelson F. Macduff, supervisor.

Twenty-four Oregon youths who recently completed courses of military training at various institutions in the state have accepted commissions as second lieutenants in the officers' reserve corps, the war department has announced.

China pheasants have become so plentiful at the state game farm just east of Pendleton that some of the birds raised this year that have attained their growth are to be released to make room for broods that are just hatching.

The Baker white pine lumber mill was damaged to the extent of \$4000 when a large engine flywheel flew to pieces, tearing holes in the roof and west side of the building. Pieces of the wheel were found on the roof and for a distance of 130 feet from the mill.

Coos county's bond election has been definitely set for July 30. The issue will be for \$280,000 to repay the state for money advanced to build roads in the county and \$700,000 for a bridge at Marshfield and to construct highways as laterals throughout the county.

The Harrisburg-Junction City five-mile sector of the Pacific highway paving has been completed. The stretch of that highway within the city limits of Harrisburg, more than a mile long, is all that remains unpaved in the state. This will be paved immediately.

Guy C. H. Corliss of Portland, attorney for the original trustees of the E. Henry Wemme endowment fund, can collect \$25,000 for attorney fees from this trust fund for protection of the fund against the suit of heirs to break the Wemme will, the state supreme court has held.

A. W. Allen, Portland druggist and for 33 years secretary of the Oregon State Pharmaceutical association, was elevated by unanimous vote to the presidency of that body at the final session of the convention at Corvallis. Gearhart was selected as the place of meeting for the 1926 session.

The state highway department has been engaged the past few days sprinkling the section of the Old Oregon trail between Lone Tree, three miles east of La Grande, and Union, which will be oiled. The macadam under oiling will be closed to traffic until the work is completed, probably a fortnight.

Some unfeeling man watched the banks of Pony inlet, in the out-of-the-way portion of North Bend, until a number of young women had gone in to take their daily swim, and then walked off with most of their clothing and a considerable amount of jewelry. The girls went home in their bathing suits.

Reports from 24 district attorneys and sheriffs of the 36 counties in the state, received by W. S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, for May, show that of 158 arrests made, 121 convictions were obtained. A total of \$29,185 in fines was assessed and \$9471.30 paid. Twenty-nine stills were seized and 516 gallons of liquor destroyed.

Of the 545 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week ending July 9, four resulted in fatalities, according to the weekly report of the commission. Those fatally injured were Charles L. Shattuck, general superintendent, Mineville; Hugh B. McCauley, boiler hop worker, Portland; Robert Thomas, gang saw crew, Portland; James Theo Sprague, timber faller.

The so-called Warren patent paving case was ended when Attorney-General Van Winkle and the state highway commission, representing the state, and attorneys for the Warren Construction company, reached a compromise agreement for the settlement of the case outside of court on the basis of a payment by the state of \$225,000 for royalty. The agreement closed a controversy of several years regarding the right of the construction company to royalties on the use by the state of its patent formula for bitulithic pavements.

Sealed bids on construction work in seven counties will be received by the state highway commission at the Multnomah county courthouse July 28. Among the projects are: Grading and surfacing 5.83 miles broken stone on Kings valley and Perkins market roads in Benton county; 23.2 miles of grading, gravelling, 894,000 cubic yards of excavation on the Burnt Hill-Hetco river section of the Roosevelt east highway in Curry county at an estimated cost of \$900,000. Eight and eight-tenths miles grading, involving approximately 225,000 cubic yards of excavation on the Siletz bay-Rocky creek section of the Roosevelt highway in Lincoln county; 12.56 miles of grading and surfacing of the Albany-ebanon section of the Santiam highway in Linn county, and .65 miles of grading for the Meacham over-crossing section of the Old Oregon trail in Matilla county.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, June 18, 1925.

Notice is hereby given that George Gorgor, of Ione, Oregon, who, on March 1, 1920, made H. E. 021480 for E. E. Section 32, T. 3 N., R. 26 E., W. M., and on December 29, 1921, made additional H. E. 022650 for W. E. Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 26 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Gay M. Anderson, United States Commissioner, at Heppner, Oregon, on the 1st day of August, 1925.

Claimant names as witnesses: Victor Rietmann, Werner Rietmann, of Ione, Oregon; Ralph Finley, Leo Gorgor, of Lexington, Oregon.

J. W. Donnelly, Register

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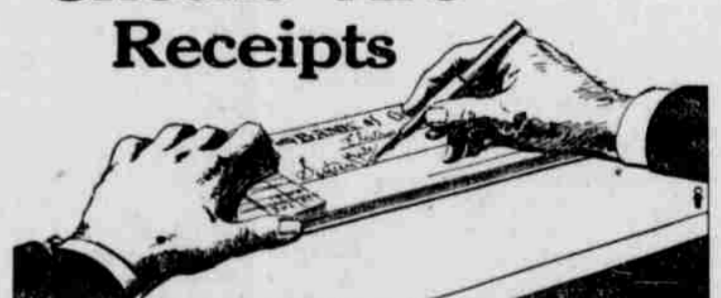
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