

LEGISLATURE MUST APPROVE

LEASE OF LAKES IS CONDITIONAL

Desert Land Board Acts on Bids for Summer and Albert Lakes' Products —Company Plans to Pipe Product Along Deschutes River.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—With the leasing today by the State Land Board of Summer and Albert lakes, which contain rich deposits of salts, to Jason C. Moore, head of a New York syndicate, the development of another of Oregon's remarkable resources seems near.

What the value of the output of the lakes annually will be is problematic, but Mr. Moore declared that he and his associates would expend at least \$6,000,000 in equipment and development within the next two years. He thought that from 3500 to 6000 men would be employed.

Engineers to Start Work. Engineers would be put to work at once, but because of a reservation of the Board that the Legislature must pass upon the proposition, the work of building a plant and laying pipelines will not be started until that is done. The Board awarded the contract to Mr. Moore and will recommend to the legislature its ratification. The lease is for 45 years.

Under the contract Mr. Moore must give a bond of \$25,000 and pay to the state annually beginning January 1, 1917, royalties of not less than \$25,000. He deposited with his bond today a check for \$10,000 as a guarantee of good faith. He agrees to give the state 50 cents a ton for potassium salts, 10 cents a ton for sodium chlorides and 25 cents a ton for all other salts. C. A. Shepard, Mr. Moore's lawyer, said it is the plan to pipe the raw product along the Deschutes river to the Columbia river, where a plant for extracting the salts will be erected.

This is the same property on which C. M. Rein had a lease a few years ago. Mr. Rein had to give the project up on account of financial difficulties. Local men who are familiar with the country express considerable surprise that the new company should contemplate piping the products of the lakes as far as the Columbia river. At the point mentioned on the Columbia river there is no electrical power developed today and there will be none for some time to come. At numerous places on the Deschutes which the pipe line would pass there is ample power which could be put to use economically and a great saving effected in pipe line construction. It is believed that the careful studies which the company will make in case it goes ahead will lead it to change its plans to avail itself of the saving. In either case considerable advantage would be bound to accrue to Bend through the construction of roads and the employment of large numbers of men.

As the matter stands at present everything waits on the approval of the lease by the legislature. Whether or not that will be given is not yet known.

Sensible Christmas gifts. Skene Hardware Company.—Adv. 411f



My Dear Bill

It's awfully good of you to write me about that company in your town wanting a good man of my trade. But honestly, Bill, I don't want the job. Of course they want good men—for prohibition has driven all the competent men out of the town.

There isn't a beer saloon in the place. You work and sleep—that's your daily programme. May suit you, Bill, but I like to get out and talk things over with the boys once in a while. I want some place to go after a hard day's work where I can get a glass of beer if I want one.

I know you can get a drink down there when you feel like it. But that isn't the point. The saloon is my club. You sneak into the back door of some blind pig or speak-easy and pay good money for stuff not fit to drink. No sneaking for mine, Bill. I'm a temperance man—a real temperance man. That's why I'm going to stay right here where I can drink beer modestly and above board.

Those speak-easies get you, Bill, sooner or later. They've made drunkards of a lot of good men right in your township. I'd rather stay where my personal liberty isn't interfered with. Thanks for your interest in me. Yours truly, JOHN.

E. D. Ulrich, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

POWELL BUTTE ROAD PLANNED

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMERCIAL CLUB

Committee is Appointed to Investigate Matter — Contributions of \$1,000 Already Offered to Aid in Work—Delegates Selected.

A movement looking toward the construction of a good road into the Powell Butte and the Alfalfa country was started at the luncheon of the Commercial Club on Saturday. At the luncheon it was announced that two subscriptions of \$500 each had been offered toward the cost of a rock crusher for use on the proposed road and the suggestion was made that other subscriptions be secured and an effort made to get assistance from the county and the farmers who will be aided by the road.

Discussion of the idea brought out the suggestion that the city might well purchase the rock crusher leaving all subscriptions to be applied in the road itself and a committee was appointed to lay the matter before the city council and to investigate all other matters connected with the plan. The committee consists of C. S. Hudson, Floyd Dement and Geo. S. Young. At a meeting of the committee on Monday night a tentative route was selected which will be fully studied as to its engineering features as soon as weather conditions permit.

Other Matters Discussed. Other business coming up on Saturday was the selection of representatives for the Irrigation Congress, delegates and alternates being chosen as follows: J. P. Keyes, C. S. Hudson, Floyd Dement, A. L. French and H. H. De Armond, delegates and H. W. Skuse, E. M. Lars, D. V. Macintosh, A. J. Kroenert and Clyde McKay, alternates.

President Keyes spoke of the appropriation for the county agricultural and W. D. Barnes, of Laidlaw, said that the sentiment of his community was in favor of continuing the appropriation. If possible a representative of the club will attend the meeting of the county court to be held today at which the matter will be finally settled.

The luncheon next Saturday will be at the Pilot Butte Hotel.

Gore, Ga., P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleaned my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." Patterson Drug Co.—Adv.

WORKED HIS WEAK POINTS.

Mr. Ape Had No Memory, but Lots of Curiosity and Cowardice.

"Curiosity and cowardice," said the one-legged veteran, "are the chief characteristics of all monkeys and of most men. I worked in a zoo after the war. I was the keeper of the monkey house. My fuzziest charge was an ape the size of a twelve-year-old boy, and it was through his curiosity and cowardice that I used to manage him.

"We exercised this ape in the big room every day, but when we wanted him to go back to his cage he'd climb up to the roof of the big room, and even with food you couldn't tempt him down.

"So I would go to Jack Lover and take him gently by the arm and direct his attention in a quiet, mysterious manner to the dark passage under the steam pipes.

"Lover and I every day tiptoed to the pipes. We pretended to point out to each other some horrible, unknown creature in the passage, and we'd say: 'Look out! There he is! There he is!'

"As we held each other's arms and bent over and peered into the darkness we'd hear very soon the delicate patter of small, active feet. The ape's curiosity had got the better of him. He crouched beside us. He, too, peered into the dark passage fearfully.

"Then suddenly Lover would shout: 'Look out! He's coming out! He's coming out!' And we'd scamper away in the direction of the ape's house. But the ape would be ahead of us. He'd rush into his house in a perfect whirlwind of excitement and terror. Then—click! We'd snap the door to on him, and he'd look very foolish.

"Every day we fooled the ape in this way. He was long, you see, on curiosity and cowardice, but very smart on memory."—Chicago Herald.

THREE TOASTS.

Blant Strides in Fixing the Boundaries of Our Country.

At a dinner party given by Americans residing in Paris some years ago there were proposed sundry toasts concerning not so much the past and present as the expected glories of the great American nation. In the general character of these toasts geographical considerations were very prominent, and the principal fact which seemed to occupy the minds of the speakers was the unprecedented bigness of our country.

"Here's to the United States," said the first speaker, "bounded on the north by British America, on the

south by the gulf of Mexico, on the east by the Atlantic and on the west by the Pacific ocean."

"But," said the second speaker, "this is far too limited a view of the subject. In assigning our boundaries we must look to the great and glorious future, which is prescribed for us by the manifest destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race. Here's to the United States, bounded on the north by the north pole, on the south by the north pole, on the east by the rising sun and on the west by the setting sun."

Here the third speaker arose, a very serious gentleman from the far west.

"If we are going," said this truly patriotic American, "to leave the history past and present and take our manifest destiny into account, why restrict ourselves within the narrow limits assigned by our fellow countrymen who has just sat down? I give you the United States, bounded on the north by the aurora borealis, on the south by the procession of the equinoxes, on the east by primal chaos and on the west by the day of judgment."—Philadelphia Press.

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