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ABOUT THE LAKE LEASE.

For reasons best known to themselves some people have attempted, from time to time, to block the lease of Summer and Albert lakes by the State to Jason Moore.

In view of the general interest attached to the subject throughout Central Oregon, it seems appropriate to state our understanding of it, as matters stand.

Moore offered to lease the lakes from the State and to develop their saline products, paying a royalty to the State upon what was sold.

There was bitter opposition to ratifying the lease which previously had been approved by the Land Board in the legislature. Opponents declared the State was practically giving away rights of vast value for a mere pittance.

Moore offered to lease the lakes from the State and to develop their saline products, paying a royalty to the State upon what was sold. He put up \$10,000 as a guarantee of his good faith.

The old opponents to the entire lease continued to protest and find fault. They declared now, not much that the lease was unfair to the financial best interests of the state but that behind it was a wild cat stock jobbing scheme.

Then the second period expired, and again Moore asked for an extension. Again there was no other offer, no other leasing proposition being put forward.

The Land Board granted another extension, stating this was to be Moore's last chance. He was to set action or quit, and, incidentally forfeit his \$10,000 to the State Treasury for all time.

Jason Moore is now showing some signs of life. He is taking water from the lakes for thorough testing, upon a commercial scale at eastern manufacturing centers.

Mr. Moore, to be sure, has not made a very favorable impression. His large assurances have rather frayed out. It is possible that he is solely a promoter, and possible also that his past record may be unsavory.

But whether Moore wins or loses, whether he is a financier or a fakir, the point in considering the propriety of the Legislature's action in entering on the lease, and the Board in extending it.

As matters stand, at the very worst the State is \$10,000 to the good. If Moore fails, the money is forfeited. If he gets his project under way, further funds come to the State.

And finally, the Board had no other proposition. At worst, Moore meant \$10,000 for the state; at best, he means hundreds of thousands. From a common sense business standpoint it could have done nothing but what it has done.

STATE AID DISCUSSED.

Discussing State Treasurer Kay's objections to the proposed legislation for state aid to irrigation, drainage and rural credits, and his promised opposition to the scheme, The Oregonian offers the following excellent editorial comment:

State aid for irrigation need not mean that the state intends to finance the reclamation of public lands, constitute itself a selling agent and endeavor to induce settlers to buy and cultivate the tracts herein.

There are, however, in Oregon lands already settled on and cultivated by farmers who are eking out a bare existence by application of dry farming methods, which can and must be irrigated to bring them to a profitable state of development.

To help these dry farm settlers to irrigate their lands is an adapted form of rural credits. The state aid extended would be a district for a single purpose, while under a rural credit system, as the term is commonly understood, the aid would be extended to groups of farmers, each perhaps needing money for a different purpose.

The rural credit idea comes from long-established communities where the larger problems of drainage have been solved and irrigation is not a necessity. We have learned to consider rural credit as something apart from an encouragement to district drainage or irrigation simply because in the place of its origin it has not been necessary so to apply it.

The only difference is that the farmer who has logged off land, because of the character of the work required, can do as well with an individual loan as if he and several neighbors co-operated in obtaining a loan, while by reason of the character of the works that must be constructed the dry farmer or the farmer on drainage land must perforce co-operate with his neighbors not only in obtaining but in spending the loan.

As for the failure of Government and Carey Act projects to become fully settled, their condition is not an argument against irrigation of lands that are already settled. Moreover, the slow sale of irrigated lands is due to the high cost of irrigation. That high cost has been promoted by bureaucratic inefficiency on the Government projects and by excessive profits figured into the cost price of Carey Act projects.

It needs brains, ingenuity, determination, and everlasting patience to put over such an undertaking. Mr. McNary has all of these qualifications. If Mr. McNary can bring about a new system that will stop this plundering he will be a greater man than Congressman Hawley will ever be.

enable the farmer to market his produce free from the exorbitant toll which he pays to the broker and commission merchant. If there was ever an opportunity for a Moses, say the Benton County Courier, "if there was ever a demand without a supply, it is the call for a man with brains, initiative and executive ability to devise and carry out a plan whereby the producer and consumer can be brought together and the leeches like Front street and the multitude of rake-off takers be eliminated."

Folks hereabout have a kindly feeling for Charles L. McNary, ex-Judge of the Supreme Court, who, it will be remembered, wrote the opinion favoring the Tumalo project when McMahon sought to hold it up.

Instead of running for Congress Judge McNary says he intends to devote himself to an effort to organize a co-operative selling agency through western Oregon that will

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for April are here



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To the Ladies of Bend and Vicinity:

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in the daytime leave their scar, but there's rest at night and a calm delight in my glass Tuxedo jar."

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Hughes is the youngest of the prominent Republican presidential possibilities. Here are the ages of likely candidates—and the record goes to show that after all a man is young at sixty and may have the biggest things of life still before him.

Hughes, 54; Weeks, 56; Roosevelt, 58; Sherman, 58; McCall, 60; Mann, 61; La Follette, 61; Herrick, 61; Knox, 63; Fairbanks, 64; Burton, 65; Cummins, 67; Root, 72.



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