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THE STEARNS PLAN.

The proposition advanced by Attorney Stearns in Salem yesterday for the adjustment of the difficulties between the Central Oregon Irrigation company and the settlers on the project would seem to be born of a fear lest the proposed irrigation district plan go through. In fact, Mr. Stearns admitted as much when he said, as reported in Salem dispatches, that the district might come in and put the company out of business, and on that account be objected to it.

That the success of the district plan would have the elimination of the company as one of its results is thoroughly understood. That is not the chief end of the plan but it is a necessary and expected result. And because the company sees the handwriting on the wall it has come forward with its new plan.

In view of the settlers' feelings toward the company, Mr. Stearns must have realized that his plan had no chance of success unless forced upon the settlers by the Desert Land Board. Otherwise he would presumably have sought to obtain settler acceptance of the plan and indorsement of it before the board. He must have known, however, that that was not obtainable, and since it is not he must realize that after all he is leading a forlorn hope, because it is impossible that the Land Board will take any favorable stand unless settlers agree to the idea.

The plan itself seems to be little different from the existing situation, so far as the dispatches indicate. Under the present law, as we understand it, it is now open to the company and the settlers to form a corporation which shall take over the segregation, stock ownership to be based on acreage ownership. That seems to be what Mr. Stearns proposed in Salem yesterday.

We do not believe that anyone wants to see the company lose anything to which it is justly entitled, although no great effort can be expected to help save its investment at Deschutes. On the other hand if it wants assistance in saving what it can it will have to meet the settlers more than half way, which it apparently was not doing in Salem yesterday.

HIGH COST OF WATER.

The settlers on the Squaw Creek Irrigation project are having their troubles just now with the company and the Public Service Commission. As reported in The Bulletin, the Commission has permitted an increase in water rates, and the settlers are contending that unless there is a readjustment they will quit using water entirely.

Under the new rates, it is contended, it would cost between \$1.20 and \$2.40 per acre for water. Back in 1904, according to figures printed then, irrigation on that project cost about 45 cents per acre and the settlers raised loud protests when it was proposed to increase the rate to 65 cents.

Anyway, they seem to have had a merry row 13 years ago. Here is the story, as printed in The Bulletin for January 15, 1904:

"They are having some disagreement over water service over on Squaw creek. A few weeks ago the company that controls the Black Butte ditch gave notice to the settlers under its service that the charge for water the coming season would be advanced from 45 to 65 cents an inch, an inch being ordinarily sufficient to irrigate an acre. The settlers were not pleased with that action and took steps to get other service. They organized another company and bought a half interest in another small ditch, intending to enlarge sufficiently to meet all demands. They sent one of their officers to Prineville to file notice of water right and found that the other ditch people were an hour ahead and had filed on the water."

In commenting upon the insurance policies of the late Thomas Shevlin, the Oregon voter says: Many Portlanders will remember sunny, forceful Tom Shevlin, who lived here and in Bend a good deal while the great mills were being built by the company in which he was one of the principal stockholders. His sudden taking off in the prime of young manhood was a shock to all who knew him.

CLANTON AND SALMON.

The recent commercial fishing season on the Columbia and other streams wholly in Oregon was marked by the biggest run of salmon ever known. Thousands of dollars were earned by the fishermen as a result of their tremendous catches, and thousands of dollars more will be received by the cannery men as a result of the unusually high price at which their product is selling. Nor does the public fail to share in the benefit because, were it not for the great supply the price would be still higher.

It is not, however, because of the profits involved that the Oregon salmon run is most interesting this year, but because of the fact that it is unique on our Pacific coast. This year Oregon streams are the only ones with salmon. There are practically no salmon in the rivers of California and Washington.

Now things of this sort do not happen without a reason. Salmon have no greater desire to be canned in this state than in its neighbors to the north and south. It is not out of partiality to Oregon that they run up her rivers, but because those rivers represent home to them. And the reason they represent home and the reason why there are so many of them to come back is R. E. Clanton, master fish warden of the state of Oregon.

Experiments with tagged fish have proved to the satisfaction of the authorities that salmon return to the rivers from which they make their first journey to the sea. Now, for many years the state of Oregon has conducted fish hatcheries where eggs were hatched and the young fish turned out, in an effort to increase the supply, the practice being to put the fish in the rivers almost as soon as they were hatched. This meant that for possibly a month the young fish wandered around with the egg sac attached, the prey of every swimming thing.

About 1911 the idea was conceived of holding the fish for a longer time in order that they might have a chance of developing to a point where they were better able to care for themselves when turned into the river. The idea was pooh-poohed on all sides but funds for carrying it out were procured and the work begun.

Clanton modestly declines any credit for the original idea although those who know say that it was largely his. However that may be, he was the one who carried it into execution and to whom the credit is due for working out the details and methods which have produced such successful results.

Under the new plan the fish are held until they are two or three inches long. They are then turned out in the river, due to return a few years later ready for capture.

This year the first of the fish produced under the Clanton methods were due to return. And return they did, making the biggest run of salmon in the history of the state. All the evidence points to the fact that the numbers are due to the treatment at the hatcheries. And that treatment is the work of R. E. Clanton.

Various sweet minded persons will read the foregoing and say to themselves, "I wonder how much Clanton paid to get that." The answer is "Nothing," because people do not get things into the news or editorial columns of The Bulletin by paying for them. Clanton "gets that" because in the first place we believe the facts of the Oregon salmon run, as compared with the run in California and Washington, are of interest to our readers and the reasons therefore are a very valuable contribution to the food supply knowledge of the country. And because Clanton did the work he is entitled to the praise.

DON'T ABANDON STOCK.

Bill Hanley, of Harney county, says that owners of breeding stock will serve their country most patriotically by keeping this kind of stock out of the slaughterhouses.

"I know that feed is scarce," he declared, "but if we deplete our herds and flocks greatly it will take a long time to build them up again and the state will suffer. Sell off the old cows and the steers, but keep the breeding stock."

"If our farmers and ranchers look around a little, they will discover more feed than they think now they possess. I don't think conditions are as bad as they have been reported, yet the summer drouth has been hard on range cattle and they are thinner than they should be."

Wilson's answer to the Pope is a direct invitation to the German people to start a revolution and depose the Kaiser.

It would take a Portland man to think that water could be sold for whiskey in Bend.

What have you done today to help win the war?

Deschutes county's No. 258 has gone to the training camp.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

(From Friday's Daily.)

Jack Cloer is spending a short vacation in Portland.

Mrs. F. J. Spear has gone to Baker to remain there permanently.

Mrs. Charles Warner came home from Seaside this morning.

Claude Mannheim returned from a business and pleasure trip to Chicago this morning.

Sam Bullock left last night for Portland to enlist in the forestry regiment of the U. S. army.

Deputy Sheriff Earl B. Houston is back from a 10 days' jaunt to Spokane on official business.

S. H. Silkworth made the trip to Redmond today on business connected with the installation of machinery.

Miss M. H. Moores, for the past three weeks a guest of Mrs. C. Oehler, returned to her home in Portland.

S. L. Wiggins, traveling freight agent for the O-W. R. & N., boarded the train for Portland to be gone indefinitely.

J. William A. Bush, editor of the Fort Rock Times, was in the city last night and this morning attending to business matters.

Another group of Bend people returning from their vacation was the family of Charles Haines, who have been in Spokane.

W. A. Cross, of Burns, another applicant for admittance to the navy, went to Portland last night to take the examination.

A. F. Peak, formerly auditor of the American Express Company, went out last night to American Lake to enter the government service.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Putnam, who have spent the past three weeks in Bend, left last night. They will visit friends in Portland and Spokane and then go east.

L. Seeley left this morning for Chico, Cal., driving the truck and trailer belonging to L. D. Fox. He has with him a load of sheep which he will dispose of in Lakeview.

Sergeant Charles Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Davis, boarded the train for Portland today and will stop there before going on to Salem where he will resume his duties as recruiting officer.

Robert Gould brought his family back from Seattle today after having spent a vacation in various parts of the northwest. He was in Astoria and Seaside, then motored north to join Mrs. Gould.

Miss Kathleen Hartley concluded her six weeks visit with relatives near Tumalo and began her northbound trip this morning. She will stop in Redmond, Metolius and Hood River, where acquaintances reside.

Elmer Lehnerr, of the United Warehouse Company, leaves tomorrow for St. Joe, Mich., for a brief call on his parents before he enters the naval coast defense reserves. Mr. Lehnerr has been in Bend over a year.

Mrs. E. L. Walker, formerly training teacher in the Crook county high school, passed through today, en route to Burns, where she will teach this year in the Harney county high school. This summer she attended the University of California.

BUSINESS IS FINE!

That's the impression you get from the man who always dresses well.

GOOD CLOTHES reflect prosperity, whether your bank balance is low or otherwise.

MAKE YOUR outward appearance bring in orders by ordering your clothes from us.

Our models are exclusive.
Our prices are right.



Eight timber cruisers, headed by S. S. Duncan, came in last night from Silver Lake and went on to Portland. They were in a party sent out by the Nease Timber Company to cruise the woods in Lake county. Another group was expected in today.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Fred Huey left last night for Seattle.

Mrs. J. H. Ransom and daughter are in Portland visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Gray are in Redmond spending a few days on pleasure.

O. C. Cardwell was in Bend on business yesterday from his home east of the city.

Mrs. R. L. Jordan was in town last night, from Prineville, and returned home today.

Miss M. Neely went to Burns, by way of the railroad. She will also stop at Craine.

A. H. Lowry went back to Redmond after coming here several days ago on business.

Mrs. Mabel Connelly, recently arrived from Kansas City, went to Deschutes today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Fruer, of Chicago, have gone on to Portland, after visiting in Bend with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Kulstad, of Stanley, Wisconsin, are visiting their son, Anton Kulstad, and family at his home on Arizona avenue.

William Forn brought his family in from Burns last night and will have them make their home in Bend while he is employed in the mill.

Mrs. C. W. Stege returned from Portland, having spent a week with her husband, who is employed at the Pine Tree Lumber Company's mill.

National Bank Examiner Fred S. Brown and his assistant are here today for the regular semi-annual examination of the First National Bank.

Mrs. A. P. Henrionett came in yesterday from Los Angeles to join her son, R. W. Henrionett, and family, who left last night for Bemidji, Minnesota.

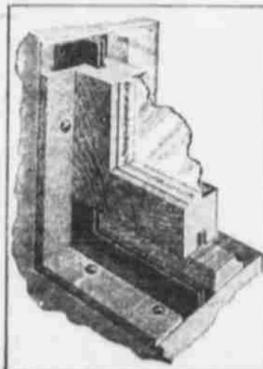
Miss Anna Hunter, of North Yakima, left last evening for her home after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunter, of Greenwood avenue.

Chester Elliott, who was badly injured by a wild horse early last week, is rapidly recovering and will be discharged from the hospital within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Goldsburg and their daughters arrived last night and will make their home here. Mr. Goldsburg is the new agent for the American Express Co.

Two more men went out today to join the army. They are H. W. Markart, who will enter the signal corps, and Albert L. Zacharias, who will be a bookkeeper in the quartermaster's division.

NATIONAL METAL WEATHER STRIPS



NATIONAL FACTS

- It keeps the cold out.
- It keeps the heat in.
- It saves 25 to 40 per cent of the coal bill.
- It prevents dust from entering the windows.
- It enables the windows to slide up and down more easily.
- It protects fine draperies and upholstery.
- It does not disfigure the sash nor mar the interior.
- It prevents rattling windows.
- It subdues outside noises.
- It replaces storm windows.
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- It can never wear out.
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- Let us figure with you on your building.

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26-in. Flowered Challies, at, yard 10c

85c Bleached Mercerized Table Linen, 72 inches wide 68c

75c Bleached Mercerized Table Linen, 64 inches wide, yard 55c

One Case of Ladies' Black Cotton Hose, ribbed top, on sale at 15c

Women's Flannelette Gowns, at \$1.00

Men's Flannelette Gowns at \$1.50

Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garments at 75c, 85c

Smith's Special Overalls at \$1.00

Men's Felt Slippers at \$1.25, \$1.50

Kimona Flannel, fleeced at 20c

Middy Flannel, navy, grey and red, 27 inches wide 85c

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THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY

Mr. and Mrs. George Milligan came in last night, after a five weeks' pleasure trip to Alaska. They will go out to their old place at Milligan, which they have sold, to arrange for the removal of personal property. Bend.

L. C. Sanders, the new manual training instructor and physical training director at the high school, arrived this week and is getting acquainted with the town. With F. Thordarson and H. M. Grant, he went fishing yesterday near Lava Island and secured a good catch.

WAIT!!!

It Will Pay You to Wait to Buy Your Fall Garments.

OUR GRAND OPENING will be a little delayed on account of our store building not being completed, but we will have our opening in time, and will show the swellest stock of Millinery, Cloaks, Suits, Skirts, Dresses and Waists in the State, not barring Portland. This stock was personally selected by our buyer in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and is up-to-the-minute in every respect, and at prices within the reach of everyone.

It will be only a few more days now until we can give you the exact date of our opening.

Watch this paper for the Announcement.



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