

KEEN INTEREST IS SHOWN IN IRRIGATION PROBLEMS BY VISITING LAWMAKERS

CONGRESSMEN READY TO LEARN

FOOD NEED IS SEEN

Reclamation Service Director Davis and Members of Appropriations Committee Welcome Opportunity to Get Facts.

Sincere interest in the chief problem of the Central Oregon country—the problem of bringing water to the land—was shown in Bend by the congressmen and government officials who were guests of honor at a dinner given at the Pilot Butte Inn by the Bend Commercial club. "We are here to learn your needs, to familiarize ourselves with your conditions, in order that we may more intelligently serve you," was the sentiment voiced by every member of the house appropriations committee who spoke before the club, and the same ideal of service was noted in individual conversations which preceded and followed the dinner.

The vanguard of the congressional party arrived in Bend a few minutes after 7 o'clock Friday. Reclamation Service Director Arthur P. Davis, with Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, who had made a detour to visit Spring river and Benham falls, arriving among the first. Representative Charles B. Timberlake of Colorado, Chairman James W. Good of Iowa, John M. Evans of Montana, Assistant Reclamation Service Director J. B. Beadle and Adolph Barta, clerk of the appropriations committee, appeared shortly after, reporting several delays because of tire and motor trouble. William R. Wood of Indiana, Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, John W. Eagan of New Jersey and Louis G. Cramton of Michigan had gone out on a side trip from Crescent, under the guidance of A. M. Pringle and Forest Supervisor N. G. Jacobson and did not arrive until the latter part of the evening.

"No Junketing Trip," Declared. The importance of the visit of the congressmen and the high place which they hold in national affairs was pointed out by T. A. McCann, who introduced Representative Sinnott as toastmaster for the evening. Mr. McCann reminded his hearers that it was this committee which had passed \$1,400,000,000 from the last national budget.

Emphasizing that the appropriations committee is the most important in congress, Mr. Sinnott declared that the journey on which the lawmakers are now engaged has been no junketing trip. "It has been no path or roses," he said, "and, regardless of hardships experienced, including one of the worst sand storms I have ever seen, the committee has made its work thorough, carefully investigating the needs and conditions of the communities through which it is passing."

Sinnott Appreciated. He spoke of the interest shown by Director Davis in the Deschutes project, and declared that it was because of this that the party was to remain over in Central Oregon a day longer to view the irrigation possibilities of the Deschutes. "The committee is not here to make promises," he said, "but I feel sure that, with the added knowledge of conditions in this part of Oregon, the members of the committee and Mr. Davis will give the question of an allotment for future development careful consideration, should this question again come before them."

Chairman Good asserted that, since entering Oregon, the committee has been "playing second fiddle to the biggest man in congress, N. J. Sinnott."

Enthusiastic over the outing enjoyed by the party since leaving

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BIRD GAINS TIME FOR FIREFIGHTERS

Pigeon Wings Way 30 Miles to Fort Rock Bringing Assistance to Ranger, Saving Half a Day.

Carrier pigeons from the forest service loft maintained in Bend by W. J. Sproat are now being used with excellent results in the Fort Rock section, according to word received on Monday from Roy Mitchell, ranger in that district. One of the birds, sent to Fort Rock by Mr. Mitchell, carried a note asking for help, for a distance of 30 miles, after the ranger had discovered a 40-acre blaze, and men were promptly dispatched to the scene of the blaze, the bird's message saving half a day in bringing assistance, as no phone was available. The fire was under control Monday, Mr. Mitchell reported. The pigeons were taken from Bend to Fort Rock when young squabs and now recognize the latter town as their home.

HOPE IS SEEN FOR C. O. I. PACT

While no definite results have been attained in the series of conferences held during the past two days by representatives of the settlers of the C. O. I. Irrigation district and the officials of the Central Oregon Irrigation company, assurance that all differences would be amicably settled was expressed by Harrison Allen of Portland, one of the attorneys for the district.

Detailed reports on negotiations now being carried on, having as their object the acquiring by the settlers of the control and ownership of the project, are not being given out at yet, but it is known that the company has made a tentative offer considerably more favorable than that defeated in the last district bond issue election. Before this offer can finally be acted on, however, it must be passed on by the directors and then taken up at precinct meetings.

BREEDERS HOLD MEETING HERE

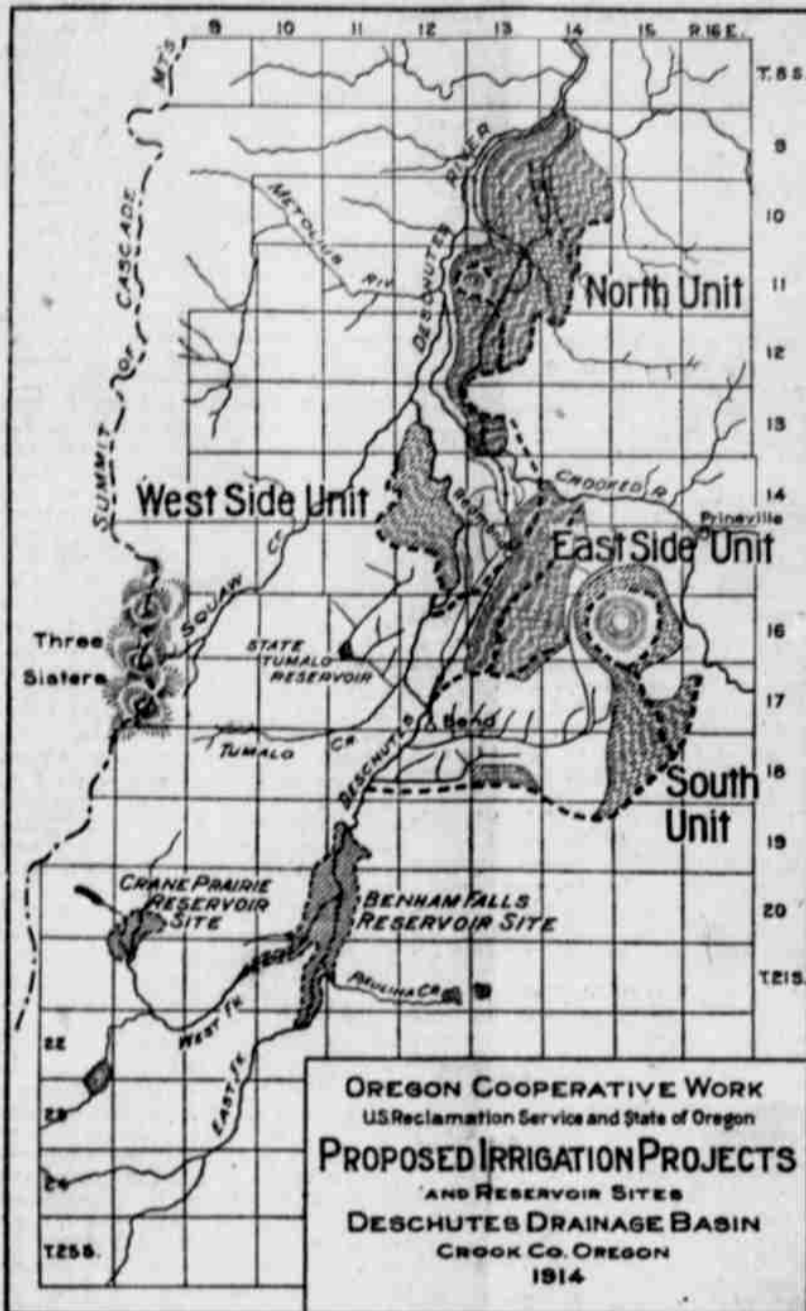
One hundred and twelve lambs, representing the 1920 crop from 74 ewes, were registered last week at the annual meeting of the Deschutes County Rambouillet Breeders' association. The members of the association decided to enter not less than 10 pure-bred lambs at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland this fall, and also voted that all stock disposed of shall be transferred by the association, and not by individuals.

Figures given out at the meeting showed that the 74 ewes averaged from 12 to 17 pounds of wool this season, as compared with the seven to eight-pound average of the ordinary range sheep. A 4-months-old lamb, weighed by Grover Gerking, tipped the beam at 90 pounds.

Plans were made for a picnic to be held at the Heising ranch on August 1, when the pure-bred sheep belonging to Dan Heising will be judged and addresses given by sheep experts.

It is expected that the association will place as large an order for pure-bred Rambouillets this year as in 1919.

IRRIGATION SITUATION SEEN IN SURVEY REPORT SUMMARY



Irrigation possibilities in the Deschutes river basin are clearly summed up in a pamphlet issued by John H. Lewis, formerly state engineer, giving the conclusions reached by state and federal authorities based upon cooperative surveys, authorized by the laws of Oregon for 1913. While the estimates given were made in 1914, and are hence inaccurate for the present, insofar as cost data are concerned, the report constitutes a sound basis on which present day costs may be computed. The pamphlet discusses the results of the survey as follows:

Plans and estimates of cost for the irrigation of approximately 200,000 acres of irrigable land in the upper Deschutes river basin have been completed by the state and federal authorities acting in cooperation.

The report is signed by John T. Whistler, E. G. Hopson and John H. Lewis. Mr. W. L. Powers, of the Oregon Agricultural college, prepared the chapter on agricultural conditions and possibilities under irrigation. This report including numerous maps and drawings is now in process of publication.

In order that the conclusions reached may be made available without delay to those interested, this summary has been prepared.

The irrigable land lies in four separate units or tracts. These tracts are dependent almost exclusively upon storage for a water supply. Two reservoirs are proposed: One on Deschutes river at Benham Falls, 16 miles south of the town of Bend; the other at Crane Prairie on the West Fork of such stream.

A rock fill and earth dam raising the water 54.5 feet is proposed for the Benham Falls reservoir. This will back water up 18 miles, flooding 19,000 acres of land and store 440,000 acre feet. The estimated cost of this reservoir is \$991,000.00, including \$605,000.00 for the purchase of lands.

A 30 foot dam of the same type at Crane Prairie will flood 6,200 acres and store approximately 110,000 acre feet of water, at a cost of \$152,000.00.

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RIVER FALLS TO OLD LEVEL

Memories of the early days were brought back to old timers in Bend today when they saw the Deschutes river down to its natural channel for the first time in 10 years. The level of the water had dropped more than 10 feet.

Draining of the water impounded by the power dam at Newport avenue was started on Monday by the Bend Water, Power & Light company, in order to make possible repairs at the company's main plant here. Two of the three wheels at the plant have not been overhauled since their installation, seven years ago, and the arrival of a new turbine gate to replace similar damaged equipment was the signal for the lowering of the river.

PRAISE GIVEN BEND'S SPIRIT

"The city was large and great, but the people were few and the houses not yet builded."

That was the way Bend impressed Charles A. Brown, president of the Bend Water, Light & Power company, on his first visit here, eight years ago, he declared yesterday at the Commercial club luncheon, emphasizing his point with quotations from the scriptures. Now, after noting the development which the city has made, he describes the spirit of Bend as true vision, the inclination to live in the promises of the future, rather than in the performances of the past.

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W. O. CROSBY REPORT NOW AT CAPITAL

EARTHEN DAM WOULD HOLD DESCHUTES

SITE IS LEAK PROOF

Result of Geologist's Work Here Last Year Summed Up in 88 Pages—Dam at Benham Falls Would Back Up Water 18 Miles

Of especial importance to the people of Central Oregon, in view of the interest taken by Reclamation Service Director Arthur P. Davis and visiting congressmen, who spent last Saturday going over portions of the Deschutes project already partly developed, is a telegram received by The Bulletin from the offices of Congressman N. J. Sinnott, in Washington, D. C., in which announcement is made that the report of Professor W. O. Crosby on the Benham Falls reservoir site the key to the project, has been received in the national capital by the acting director of the reclamation service.

Quoting from the report, the telegram says: "The conclusion is that the reservoir will be practically proof against leakage, even under a full head, and that the dam site will prove satisfactory for an earth dam." It is noted that the report, of which an abstract is now being prepared, contains no less than 88 pages, embodying the results of the work of Professor Crosby and associates in the course of several weeks spent in the Deschutes valley last summer.

The Benham Falls dam, according to the 1914 cooperative survey, would raise the water 54.5 feet, backing it up 18 miles, flooding 19,000 acres of land and storing 440,000 acre feet of water.

The congressional party left on Saturday in autos provided by Bend, Prineville, Redmond and Madras business men to visit the Tumalo and C. O. I. projects, planning to have luncheon at Prineville. From there they were to go to the North unit and Madras.

BENHAM FALLS WORK NOW DUE

SALEM, July 14.—According to a statement made here by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, actual construction of the Benham falls reservoir and dam for the irrigation of the Deschutes project will be started as soon as plans for financing the improvement can be formulated. The building of the dam would provide storage water for the irrigation of at least 100,000 acres of land.

The report of W. O. Crosby of Washington, who is connected with the United States reclamation service, shows that the reservoir site is practical and that the proposed location of the dam is satisfactory. This report was received at the offices of the state engineer here today.

A number of years ago the state and government appropriated \$100,000 for the investigation of irrigation projects in Oregon, and a large part of this money was expended in making a survey of the Deschutes district. Since that time the North unit and Tumalo districts have been organized.

The North unit district has voted approximately \$5,000,000 of bonds for development work, of which sum \$50,000 bonds have actually been issued. The Tumalo district has about \$8000 acres of land under irrigation.

The entire Deschutes project contains more than 200,000 acres, much of which is unproductive at the present time because of insufficient water. The reservoir, it is estimated, will cost \$1,000,000.

Unless delayed in selling bonds, because of the present unfavorable condition of the financial market, actual work should get under way this year, according to Mr. Cupper.

26,000 ACRES OF PINE ARE TRANSFERRED

\$1,500,000 IS BELIEVED INVOLVED

PROVIDE FOR FUTURE

Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. Acquires Tract From Northwestern Timber Co.—Hunter & Staats of Bend, Handle Big Deal.

Announcement yesterday of the purchase by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company from the Northwestern Timber company of the tract of pine adjoining the present Brooks-Scanlon holdings on the east and south, including 26,000 acres, at a consideration not stated, was made by the firm of Hunter & Staats, realty and timber land operators, through whom the deal was handled. The tract thus transferred is 32 miles from Bend at its nearest point and 50 miles distant at its farthest boundary. It is 12 miles in length and of varying width. W. H. Staats and J. N. Hunter, members of the firm representing the Northwestern Timber company in the deal, have themselves had an interest in the property and, in making the sale to the Brooks-Scanlon company, they have fulfilled an old ambition of insuring the manufacture of the lumber from the tract in question. While no price was made public, it is understood that approximately \$1,500,000 is involved in the deal.

Tract Held for 10 Years. The transfer was completed in the last day or two with M. J. Scanlon, vice president of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company, who has been in and near Bend for more than a week, engaged in a survey of the company's operations in this section.

The tract of pine timber just acquired, which is crossed by the Sand Springs road to Fort Rock, has been owned by the Northwestern Timber company since 1910, when it was purchased from the Manistee Lumber company. Patrick Noud of Manistee, Mich., is president and T. J. Noud of Portland is local representative of the corporation now relinquishing ownership.

In connection with the sale, Mr. Staats recalls that 30 years ago he interested Mr. Scanlon in the first tract of timber land to be acquired by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company in Central Oregon.

In commenting on the purchase this noon, H. K. Brooks of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company mentioned that the tract is one which would naturally come under the company's milling operations. At the present rate of logging it may not be touched for another 10 years, he said, but the purchase was made necessary by the increased production which has followed the introduction of the three shift system.

WILL REBUILD STONE GARAGE

Just as soon as insurance adjustments have been made, work will be started to rebuild the stone structure on Bond, near Greenwood, formerly occupied by the Cent-Ore Motor Co., which was gutted by fire earlier in the week. Lon L. Fox, owner of the property, announced last Saturday. He estimates that the expense will total about \$12,000.

The side and front walls remain intact, and what is left of the rear wall will be torn out and the building extended east to the alley, adding 15 feet to its former depth of 125 feet. A reinforcement of concrete pillars will be provided. No steps will be taken toward building on the lot just south of the stone garage structure until this work has been completed. Mr. Fox states. He hopes to have rebuilding finished early in the fall, and has already three applications for a lease.