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NO IRRIGATION THIS YEAR

STATES PAYING THE MOST NEED RELIEF THE LEAST.

Chief Hydrographer Believes the Umatilla Project is the Best, but Wants Further Surveys Before Deciding.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Dec. 19.—Notwithstanding the fact that Oregon has contributed more to the National Irrigation fund than any other state in the nation, it is perfectly evident from the explanation made today by Chief Engineer F. H. Newell, of the reclamation service, in a hearing before the irrigation committee of Congress, that no part of this great fund is to be spent for actual construction work in Oregon for at least one year, and perhaps for several years to come. In fact, Mr. Newell specially called attention to the fact that the preliminary examinations made by the engineers of his service showed that the states which had contributed the largest amounts to the irrigation fund at the least in need of reclaiming their arid lands.

Mr. Newell stated that the work that has been done in Oregon is far from complete. The information gathered last summer gives no definite idea of the possibilities of the several projects examined, and further surveys will be necessary before it will be possible to determine definitely what one of the several projects is best. The preliminary examinations lead him to believe that either the Silviea River or the Schutes, so far as it has been explored, but he is not yet satisfied at the Umatilla project should be taken up by the Government. More work is needed, and will be gathered next summer. Until further details are available and more thorough surveys have been completed, the department will not feel justified in authorizing the construction of any project in Eastern Oregon.

In Idaho, says Mr. Newell, examinations will be resumed next spring at two localities on Snake River, near American Falls and at Anthony. These two systems contemplate the reclamation of 1,000,000 acres. A smaller tract near Norse will also be surveyed. In the course of his general remarks Mr. Newell brought out the fact that the great bulk of the reclamation fund is to be used at the present states and territories that most in need of irrigation. The states that have contributed least to the reclamation fund get the greater share of the money paid out at first. Works commenced on Milk River, Montana-Salt River, Arizona, and Truckee River, Nevada, will consume according to present indications, the great bulk of the funds now available, and before surveys in Oregon and Washington are completed it is apparent that the remainder of the present fund will have been allotted for works in other states. There is no doubt that Oregon will have to wait.

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Prineville, Dec. 9th.
Dear Professor Rigby—
On my trip West, since leaving Burns, I have been thinking a good deal about you and the splendid work you represent in the chief in Eastern Oregon; and I have decided to write you a word of encouragement. At its inception, such work as yours meets with scant encouragement and often with opposition even, but one with decided merit of Burns College conducted by you must win in the long run.
It was a very pleasing discovery made upon visiting the College, that the high character of the work carried on, and to note the moral influence that prevades the institution.
I feel sure that the people of Harney and surrounding counties and especially of the city of Burns, will eventually recognize the true value of the institution which they may

call their own and use with splendid effect in the best interest of their young men and women who desire to win in life's battle. I wish you the highest success in your grand work of supplying higher educational advantages for the people of Eastern Oregon. May the divine blessing attend your labors and prosper the worthy cause is the prayer of
Your sincere friend,
J. K. MacGillivray.

The Lone Star State.

Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car, "Here, take one of these it's the Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that lousy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by Burns druggists.

The Irrepressible Joseph.

Chief Joseph will make another visit to Washington City in January, to make another and final effort to have a certain portion of Wallowa county restored to his people. The old chief evidently puts his faith in the old adage: "If at first you don't succeed try, try again." But all the trying he may do will avail him nothing. Wallowa county is too thickly settled with a desirable population of industrious white people to think for one moment that the government will retake good land that is now held by the whites and restore it to the old chief and a worthless and troublesome lot of the chief's followers.—Asotin Sentinel.

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Jas. Catlow, of Denio, is in town today, and will leave for the north with a load of freight tomorrow.—Winnemucca Silver State.



WILL SEND A DELEGATION

HARNEY COUNTY REPRESENTED AT LIVESTOCK CONVENTION.

The Local Association Will Elect Them at a Meeting Next Saturday—Leasing Bill to be Discussed.

The Harney County stock association will send representatives to the National Livestock Convention which meets in Portland next month. Such is the announcement made by some of the officers of the local organization made to the Times-Herald the first of the week.

It is understood a meeting of the executive committee has been called to meet here on January 21st for the purpose of electing delegates to represent this section. The Times-Herald approves of this and is sure it will result in good to the stock interests of this county. The fact that John P. Irish will be one of the speakers and the announcement that the land leasing proposition will again be brought up is sufficient reason for prompt action. Col. Irish is known to favor the leasing law and is no doubt being well paid for his efforts toward getting a bill through congress.

The stockmen of this section are almost a unit against such a law. They fail to see the benefit of it and will therefore continue to oppose such a measure until convinced of its effectiveness. By attending the convention they will be able not only to get the views of prominent men from all stockraising sections, but to also express the views and sentiment of this section. If the association is careful in selecting delegates much good can be done for local conditions which are not understood by a majority outside.

The matter of transportation is also a matter in which our local men are interested. They will be able to enlighten people as to how we are handicapped in that respect.

EGBERT SAYS IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE.

Crouching in a cell of the Multnomah county jail, with shackles on his hands and a 16-pound Oregon boot encircling his right ankle, Harry D. Egbert, Harney county's desperate double murderer, declared that his crime was committed in self defense; that his attorney would get him another trial; that he was not guilty of first degree murder, as convicted, and that if he could get a change of venue no jury would convict him of greater offense than manslaughter, says

the Portland Evening Telegram.

Thus does a man who shot two officers down in cold blood, against whose life two mobs were organized, and who is now sentenced to hang at Salem, January 29, 1904, still entertain hope of dying a natural death.

The night of his sentence to death Egbert attempted to take his own life, while in a fit of jail hysteria. After his doom had been pronounced the double murderer ran the length of the two cells in the county jail at Burns and battered his head against the rods of his cage. For two days after the rash act he lay in a kind of stupor.

The officers are of the opinion that Egbert desired to add another to his crimes of murder while en route to Salem. While the party was at Austin station for breakfast, the condemned man was being taken through a shed by Deputy Buoy. Handcuffs had for the time been removed, and as he was passing through the shed his eye fell on a sledge hammer lying on the sill. Quick as a flash his hand went out and grasped the impromptu weapon, but before he had time more than to form a resolution, Deputy Buoy sprang forward and disarmed him. That his intention was to make an assault on the deputy there is little doubt in the minds of the officers, and from that on his movement was closely watched.

The condemned man is of medium stature, dark complexion and wears a small mustache. He appears sullen and has a wicked expression in his eyes. Asked how he felt, he replied, "As well as any one could under the circumstances."

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RAILROADS TO MEET AT BURNS.

A Portland dispatch says: The O. R. & N. map that is used by the officials shows projected lines in Eastern Oregon of which nothing has been heard, and one of these projects for which surveys have been made and plans drawn is an extension from the present terminus to the Sumpter Valley road at Sumpter into the John Day country.

This line is believed by engineers to be easily feasible, since the John Day valley furnishes an easy grade, and as projected the line would pass through Canyon City and follow the John Day River toward Shaniko. Such a line would afford an excellent opportunity for a line to the terminus of the Columbia Southern at Burns, and besides opening up all of central Oregon would afford to the Harriman lines outlets to the interior at Baker City and Biggs, so that time shipments from the East could be sent by these routes, relieving the Pendleton branch of its present heavy traffic.

Rev. Z. W. Commerford and wife and Rev. McGilivray were victims of a runaway accident last Thursday evening. They had been visiting at Templeton below the city and a loosened lug frightened the horses when returning. The animals broke from the carriage and the occupants were compelled to walk home a distance of several miles.—Prineville Journal.

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