

REPORT MAKES US TIRED

CHIEF NEWELL'S LACK OF WATER EXCUSE DON'T GO.

Government Engineers in Charge of Work Fail to Back up Such Statement—Whistler's Report.

The people of Harney county are tired of the continued assertion of the newspapers in regard to the abandonment or deferring of government work on our irrigation project in Silvers valley on account of lack of water.

Chief Newell of the reclamation service has made such an assertion, but he has no grounds upon which to base it. The Times-Herald has not seen the report of J. T. Whistler, the engineer in charge of the work in this state, but from reliable persons who have seen this report it is learned that it recommends the Harney county project very high—in fact in preference to the Malheur project. It states that the land of Harney valley can be reclaimed at a cost not to exceed \$7 or \$8, while Malheur would be much higher. These reports that we haven't sufficient water leads to prejudice the public against Harney county and are taken as facts. The Times-Herald would suggest that the government reports be consulted. They do not bear out Mr. Newell's assertion. Other reasons than those given out by Mr. Newell were the cause of the abandonment of work here.

The following clipping shows the relative amount of money contributed to the reclamation fund by this and other states and also the reasons given for the abandonment of work here at present. Newspapers print this as facts without taking the trouble to ascertain the true state of affairs. Just why this work was abandoned we cannot say definitely, but the lack of water is not the cause for Mr. Newell's own engineers will not bear him out in the statement. An exchange says:

Oregon has contributed nearly \$1,000,000 more to the reclamation fund than has any other state. The fund on June 30, was \$23,012,836 of which \$4,230,659 was derived from public land sales in Oregon and \$2,735,362 in Washington. The reclamation act of congress directs the secretary of the interior to expand at least the major portion of each state's contribution within that state so far as may be practicable. A large sum of money is therefore ready for expenditure in Oregon on irrigation works. The reclamation service has stayed out because private enterprise is at work there under the Carey act. The project on Butter creek, Umatilla county, was not pursued because conditions were not found adapted to the storing of water in reservoirs. The project in Harney county has been deferred because F. H. Newell, chief of the reclamation service, is convinced that not enough water is available. The project in Malheur county seems to be held by a wagon road company which holds alternate sections of land in the irrigable area.—Baker City Democrat.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED.

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is an organization composed of descendants of those who assisted in establishing American independence. Any male descendant of such ancestor is eligible to admission into the society. Its objects are purely patriotic and historical. One of them is to stimulate interest in the history of the American Revolution and loyalty to its principles. For this purpose the society offers three prizes of \$25.00 \$15.00 and \$10.00 respectively for the best essay written by any student under twenty-one years of age, in any public school in Oregon, on either of the following two American Revolutionary subjects:

1. The Quebec campaign.
2. The co-operation of the French, how brought about and the results.

Essays are limited in length to twenty-five hundred words, must be written on legal cap on one side of the paper in the student's own handwriting and must be accompanied by the certificate of the principal of the school attended by the author, to the effect that the author is a bona fide student in the school and has been in attendance therein not less than six weeks during the school year of 1904-05. Essays must be forwarded to the chairman of the committee in

charge, General Thomas M. Anderson, 251 North Twenty-fourth street, Portland, so as to reach him not later than February 1, 1905. In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by these three considerations:

1. Historical accuracy.
2. Manner of treatment.
3. Orthography, grammar, syntax, and punctuation.

Any additional information relative to the competition which may be desired will be cheerfully furnished by the chairman of the committee. The essay which is awarded the first prize will be published in full, with the name of the author, in the public press.

Thomas M. Anderson, Chairman
B. B. Beckman.
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F. S. Dunn.

HARNEY PROSPEROUS.

J. H. Anderson, one of the firm of Monument Mercantile Co., returned Wednesday from a business trip to his large stock ranch in the Calamity country, Harney county. He reports that a great change has taken place in that section during the past year. People are very active digging ditches and clearing off sage brush and a large area of the valley has been converted into fine alfalfa fields. He also stated that stock are looking very good, plenty of good wild and alfalfa hay which can be bought for \$5 per ton, and grain crops are good. Wheat sells at \$1.90 a hundred, and prices on cattle are taking an upward glide. Mr. Anderson reports being offered \$15 for his yearlings and \$21 for two-year-old steers but declined to sell as he has plenty of good feed to winter them over and predicts that he will profit by so doing. Weather has been very cold in that section and the creeks are frozen over. A man on horseback need not look for bridges to cross on but can cross on the ice. The coldest weather he encountered was on Monday night at Seneca, the thermometer registered eight below zero.—Monument Enterprise.

Cattlemen Form Against Trust.

A proper move, and a move that would be well for stockmen in every grazing district in the northwest to follow, has been taken by the stockmen of British Columbia, as shown by the following recent dispatch from Vancouver, B. C.:

The cattlemen of the Cariboo, Nicola, Kamloops, Chilcoot and other grazing districts have declared war against the provincial "beef trust." They have organized the British Columbia Livestock Association, and declare that their action is the direct outcome of the discriminating and arbitrary prices fixed by the cattlebuyers of the coast, whom they term the beef trust. The buyers, they say, oblige the small raiser to sell at the trust's figures or be left with expensive and always eating stock on his hands. The association has as its chief object "the protection of the interests of the livestock industry." Senator Bostock, former proprietor of a Vancouver newspaper, and owner of a 40,000-acre ranch near Kamloops, is the president.

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HIGH DESIRES OF BAKER CITY

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Hoped That This Session of Congress Will See All Granted—John L. Rand is Stated for Judgeship.

A special from Baker City to the Telegram says: It is confidently expected that the bill dividing Oregon into two judicial districts will pass Congress during the present session, and that Baker City will be designated as the place for the sittings of the new court. The necessity for another United States District Court in Oregon has long been realized, by members of the bar and citizens having business before the United States Courts in this part of the state. Should the bill now pending become a law at this session, President Roosevelt will have the appointing of the District Judge, a District Attorney and a Marshal. It is the expectation that Senator John L. Rand, of this city, would be named as Judge for the Eastern Oregon district.

In addition to the passage of this bill, it is hoped that Congress will favor Baker City still more by making an appropriation for a government building to be erected on the lot that the government purchased here about a year ago. Congressman Moody secured the passage of a bill through Congress for the purchase of a site for a government building here three years ago, and the Secretary of the Treasury purchased a lot on the corner of Auburn and Front streets. It is understood that Congressman Williamson and Senators Mitchell and Fulton are pledged to secure an appropriation for the erection of a building on this site this winter, if possible. The appropriation would not be less than \$75,000, and may be \$100,000. Mayor Johns and the new City Council will do all in their power to keep the matter of this appropriation constantly in the minds of the Oregon delegation in Congress.

Frank Hilmick yesterday brought in from Richland and gave to Harvey McCord of the Basche-Sage hardware company a most remarkable hog's tooth. The tooth is studded with gold and was taken from the jaw of an animal killed a few days ago by James Cropp of Richland. Hilmick says that the entire jaw of the hog is filled with teeth covered with gold. The incident is a most peculiar one and the question is how the hog came by these gold studded teeth.—Democrat.

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