

UNCLE SAM TO IRRIGATE IT

315,000 ACRES TO BE RECLAIMED IN KLAMATH DISTRICT.

Bills Introduced in Oregon and California Legislatures Granting United States Full Authority to Proceed.

In order to enable the National Government to proceed with its proposed irrigation project in the Klamath country, the States of Oregon and California will have to relinquish to the United States their interests in the land that may be uncovered by the recedence of Upper Klamath, Lower Klamath, and Tule or Rhett lakes, in Klamath County, Oregon, and in Siskiyou and Modoc counties, California. The Government project included a plan for lowering the levels of those lakes by diverting their water to irrigation uses and by uncovering submerged land that can be used for agriculture.

Representative R. E. Lee Steiner, of Lake, Klamath, Crook and Grant counties, at the request of Mr. Humphrey, of the Reclamation Service, will introduce a bill in the Oregon Legislature, authorizing the United States to lower the water levels of the lakes above mentioned, "and to use any part or all of the beds of said lakes." The bill, if enacted, will cede to the United States "all the right, title, interest or claim of this state to any lands uncovered * * * not already disposed of by the state, and the lands hereby ceded may be disposed of by the United States free of any claim on the part of this state in any manner that may be deemed advisable in pursuance of the National reclamation act."

Such may not be the wording of the finished bill, but such will be its substance, says the Oregonian of recent date. Representative Steiner intends to confer with the state authorities as to the drafting of the measure, and with that end in view, went to Salem several days before the opening of the legislature.

That California will pass a similar bill is quite certain, since the residents of Siskiyou and Modoc counties are as strongly in favor of it as are those of Klamath. Governor Pardee, in his message to the California legislature, said: "This state (California) can well afford to give its assent if Oregon will do likewise, as it is believed it will."

Representative Steiner's bill will grant the same rights to the United States in Goose Lake Valley, in Lake county, where another area of 100,000 acres is available for a reclamation project. The Klamath project will reclaim 320,000 acres of land, 253,000 acres of which lies in the beds of the Upper and Lower Klamath and Tule lakes. Most of the remaining area, which is to be turned from arid to arable land, is now a sagebrush, alkali desert.

Representative Steiner says that Major Newell and other men in the reclamation service regard the Klamath basin as offering the very best field for irrigation in the United States. The people of Klamath County, he says, are very eager to have the National Government undertake the project there but first of all the States of Oregon and California must relinquish the interests which they hold in the submerged land, so that the land may be under the control of the National Government. The cost of reclaiming the land, Representative Steiner learned from Major Newell, will probably be less than \$20 an acre and, perhaps as low as \$15.

This cost is to be charged against the land irrigated, and to be paid in ten annual installments, without interest, the first one year after completion of the project. The reclamation service will soon have prepared its estimate of the per acre cost, and then the proposal will be made to the landowners whose holdings are to be included in the irrigable area of accepting the Government project.

REPORT ON CAREY SELECTIONS

The State Land Board in a recent report on the progress of the various concerns that have contracts under the Carey act has the following to say regarding the work of the Portland Company:

One entirely new plan of irrigation shown by the report of the State Land Board is that of the Portland Company, in Harney Valley, where the pumping system has been tried. This company says:

"The plan adopted by the Portland Company, whereby it proposed

to furnish water to reclaim the tract selected for it by the state, was to pump water from wells sunk on the land, and also to bring the early Spring freshets from the surrounding hills to the lands by means of ditches, depending on this freshet water to wet up the land thoroughly until about June, and then pumping whatever amount would be necessary to insure a crop after the effect of the freshet water is gone.

After spending considerable time in digging open, shallow wells, believing sufficient water could be obtained to supply large pumps from what may be termed surface water, it became evident that the wells would have to be of such size as to make the work of construction quite expensive, and, therefore we secured drilling machinery, and after drilling a 10-inch hole 89 feet deep, struck a good flow of water, which rises to within eight feet of the surface of the ground. This 10-inch hole was drilled in the bottom of a well which was dug 23 feet deep and 6x6 feet in size. The water boiled up out of the drilled hole into the 6x6 well, and fills it from 21 to 20 feet below the surface in 1 1/2 minutes; this equals 154 gallons per minute.

"We have put in place a pumping plant connected with the above-mentioned well. This pump will throw 3000 gallons of water per minute, which will cover 52 acres 3 inches deep in 24 hours.

"We are undertaking to increase the supply of water in three ways: First, by digging a long trench 3 1/2 feet wide and 20 feet deep; in this trench several holes will be drilled in such a way that the water can rise from them into the trench and flow from it into the 6x6 well; it is yet uncertain as to whether or not the water will come from each of several holes bored a few feet apart with the same force as it does from one. Second, the 10-inch hole will be put down deep to see if any other can be found. Third, if a stronger flow than the one found at a depth of 89 feet cannot be found, a large strainer will be put down through the 10-inch casing and left resting in the sand belt when the casing is drawn back, so that the bottom of the casing will be at the top of the sand.

This will doubtless increase the flow. It may also be best to lift the water from a greater depth, possibly 30 feet; this should also increase the amount of water that can be taken from one well."

The board recommends careful consideration of the Irrigation code prepared by the United States Reclamation Service officials, and, if the office of State Engineer be not created, that \$1500 be appropriated to pay the expenses of the board for the next two years. Only \$469 was expended from the appropriation of \$3000 made two years ago.

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PRIZE LIST IS NOT YET DRAWN UP.

Committee on Livestock Awards Pleads Lack of Time.

Although W. M. Ladd and Richard Scott were appointed by the Lewis and Clark Corporation about four months ago to divide the \$40,000 offered by the corporation for livestock prizes, no report has yet been made, and cattlemen of both Eastern and Western Oregon charge that the information is being withheld much too long. They state that if they are to exhibit, it is very necessary that they at once commence proper feeding of their stock in order to know which animals to exhibit they should be in possession of the facts as to classes and awards.

Mr. Ladd stated as yet no list had been made, but that he had drawn up a few figures and turned them over to the directors. Mr. Scott says that he does not remember how long ago they were appointed to fix a prize list, as time flies so fast he no longer tries to keep account of it. However, each blames the other for failure to get together and arrange a list. It is understood that Mr. Scott believes too close adhesion to business on the part of Mr. Ladd is the reason for the delay, and Mr. Ladd states that Mr. Scott has spent too much time in East of late for the object of the committee to be accomplished.

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