

RECLAMATION SERVICE

Newell May be Called to Tell of His Expense List in the Work.

INFORMATION MAY BE SUPPLIED

Heyburn's Resolution Calling for Information From Department of the Interior May Supply Interesting News--A Complete Statement of the Situation of the Reclamation Service.

A valuable mass of information will be supplied, when the secretary of the interior shall have replied to the resolution of Senator Heyburn, asking for complete statement of the situation of the reclamation service. Heyburn's resolution calls for a statement of the estimated amount of money which will be required to complete all of the irrigation projects begun by the federal government, as well as of those which have been approved for extensions, or projects which have been approved but not yet begun; the amount of money which has been expended to date, and the nature of the work which has been done; the income which may reasonably be expected from the sale of public lands (which income supplies the funds which built the irrigation projects) for the coming 10 years; the amount which will be applicable to the reclamation fund; the acreage of land under each project; and the probable income to be derived from the sale of reclaimed lands under each project and the number of acres which will be sold under each project.

Appropos, the status of the reclamation service, under the direction of Frederick K. Newell, has been called in question. His opponents have intimated that his administration has been inefficient, and that this is proved by the necessity of appealing to congress for \$30,000,000 in bonds or certificates of indebtedness, to complete projects which Mr. Newell has begun or approved for the beginning of work.

Newell's opponents assert that he should have known the amount of money which he was to have at his disposal, and "cut his garment according to his cloth" that is, should have begun only so many projects as he could complete with the funds he knew he would have.

It is answered in his behalf, that several years ago, when Mr. Newell laid his plans, he assumed that prevailing prices of labor and supplies would remain approximately the same as they were at that time; that there would be only such changes as market fluctuations ordinarily would cause.

However, after most of the plans for construction had been formed, a substantial increase took place in the cost of all things which enter into the development of irrigation plants, and the original estimates and assignments of reclamation funds to the several projects proved to be inapplicable to the new condition, hence issuance of bonds or certificates become necessary.

A specific instance is supplied by the Klamath project, in southern Oregon. The reclamation service advertised for certain work to be done, and received bids, the lowest of which was approximately \$30,000. In the call for bids was a reservation of the right to refuse any or all bids. The service discovered later that it was essential to postpone this work, and did so. Still later, the same work was advertised, and the lowest bid was well towards the \$100,000 mark.

Numerous other illustrations could be cited, all showing how the change in the market for labor and materials threw askew the estimates of the irrigation service.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)
The new packing plant of the Swift interests on the Peninsula is expected to start operations on March 14. Because of the

magnitude of the work embraced in the Swift plans, there has been a delay in the original project of nearly a year in getting ready for packing but the plant is now practically complete. The opening of the plant means that 500 people will be employed at the start with the probability that the number will be doubled within the coming year. It will furnish a big livestock market for the farmers and stock raisers of the Pacific Northwest and other packing plants and factories for utilizing side products of the packing houses will be established.

Work on what will be the tallest building in this state, if not in the Pacific Northwest, will be begun March 10, when construction of the new Yeon building will start. The structure will be built at the corner of Fifth and Alder streets and will be 15 stories in height. Like the new skyscrapers now going up in Portland, the structure would be a credit to any city of the country.

Passenger service on 25 miles of completed road at the west end of the Southern Pacific's Tillamook extension will be begun, it is expected, on April 1. Trains will be run from Tillamook to Vosberg, giving service to Bay City, Hobsonville and other intermediate points. Meanwhile work is steadily going on across the Coast Mountains and by next Fall it is expected trains will be run through from Portland to Tillamook Bay.

Oregon will be given another congressman, and possibly two, it is believed after the coming census is taken. According to the basis of representation expected to be fixed by the new census, one congressman will be allowed for every 224,000 of population. The basis at present is one representative for every 192,182 of population. It is expected the coming census will show a population for the state of close to 800,000. This would give three congressmen and if the hopes of some are realized and the state is found to have 1,000,000, then four congressmen will be allowed.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in Portland by the planting of rose bushes in the parks and public squares of the city with appropriate exercises. Thousands of bushes were set out throughout the city and the new plants will be blooming in time for the annual Rose Festival in June. City and state officials, together with representatives of foreign nations that contributed their native roses for the affair, participated in the rose planting exercises. This has become an annual event in Portland and the custom is growing in favor each year. The planting of roses at a time when many other sections of the country are still wrapped in snow and ice is also a splendid advertisement of Oregon's climate.

Advertisements are being placed by the Portland Commercial Club in the leading Swedish and Norwegian-Danish papers of the country, calling attention to opportunities here for industrious people who seek homes in the country districts. A large inquiry is coming to the Portland office from Scandinavians all over the country and letters are answered by a special correspondent who understands the language. This is but one phase of the Commercial Club's work but it is bringing inquiries. The people are thrifty and industrious and settlers of this kind will help develop the vacant lands of the state.

Job printing--The Times-Herald

NOTES FROM SUNSET.

(Intended for last week)

The first masquerade dance ever given in Sunset occurred last Monday night, and was well attended by people from Warm Springs, Weaver Springs, Burns, Lawen and Sunset. Some of the prettiest costumes were worn by Mrs. Ringer of Weaver Springs and Mrs. Ruth Barron of Sunset. The comic characters were well represented, such as the "Clown," "Baby," "Holland Dutch," "Chinese," "Negro" and "Japanese" caused much amusement. The Wild and Woolly West was excellently represented by two girls who were dressed as "cow girls" and a man as a "cow puncher."

Mr. Passenger of Burns was a pleasure visitor in Sunset last Monday.

Mr. Collin Dawson left last week for the Agency Ranch where he will remain for some time.

A Spicer is very busy working on his homestead.

Roy Oren was over from upper Sunset to the dance.

Bert Conrad has returned to his homestead to remain an indefinite time.

Walter Hodder spent several days in Sunset before beginning the deep wells on Mr. Davy's place.

The Sunset school was closed last week while Miss Hodder went to Burns for the teacher's examination.

William Gould was over to the Sunset dance and stated that there would be a dance at the "Over the Hill" school house February 18th.

Mrs. Chas. Reed will leave soon for a pleasure trip to Portland.

J. B. Hodder made several business trips to Burns this week.

Fred Barron was a business visitor to Burns this week.

Messrs Black and Nash left last week for Catlow Valley where they will drill several deep wells.

Mrs. Fred Myers has been quite ill but is reported convalescent this week.

Miss Neva Hodder has filed on a homestead in Sunset. By the looks of wire, posts and lumber she means to do some improvement this spring.

Messrs Caterson, George, Crowley, Oley, Carpenter and Leake were over from Lawen.

Miss Amy Leak was a pleasure visitor to Sunset.

Walter Bringle was up to the dance from Narrows.

As Lincoln's birthday came on Saturday this year it was not celebrated by the Sunset school until Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stahl made a business trip to Burns last week.

A Giant Radish From Japan.

The February issue of The Fruit-Grower, published at St. Joseph, Missouri, is an Annual Gardening number, and comprises eighty pages and cover. It contains a number of interesting articles on the subject of spraying, marketing and packing of fruits, in addition to a mass of interesting data on the subject of gardening.

One of the main features is the story telling how readers of The Fruit-Grower raised the Giant Radish from Japan, Sakurajima, to an enormous size, some of the radishes weighing as much as twenty-three pounds.

The article in question is profusely illustrated and gives reports from a number of readers who have grown real giants of this giant radish. Sample copies of The Fruit-Grower will be sent free to our readers, who will write to the publishers and ask for them.

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GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

Judge Webster Resigns to Devote His Time to the Work in State.

EVERY COUNTY IN STATE TO HELP

Purpose of the Oregon Good Roads Association is Secure the Construction of Roads on a Systematic Basis--Advocate Issue of Bonds for Construction of Permanent Highways.

Lionel R. Webster has resigned as judge of the Multnomah county court and Thomas J. Cleeton will be appointed as his successor, says the Journal. Judge Webster's long expected letter of resignation reached Governor Benson at Salem this morning and shortly thereafter came the announcement that Mr. Cleeton will be appointed. Judge Webster will retire from office on March 1.

Judge Webster quits the judgeship to take up the work of general manager of the Good Roads Association of Oregon. For a long time he has taken particular interest in the subject of good roads, he has given practical illustration of what can be done by his administration of a little over three years as county judge, and he became the logical choice of the good roads men when they looked about for a leader in a statewide movement.

"The Oregon Good Roads Association," said Judge Webster, "was organized through the enterprise of a number of Portland business men who have subscribed in the aggregate of about \$700 a month with which to support the organization and to prosecute its labors. The operations of this organization, with which I have decided to give considerable of my time, will be state-wide. Its purpose is to secure the construction of roads on a systematic basis. It is probable that I shall visit every county in the state in order to energize and enthruse the people and organize the present agitation for better roads into a concentrated effort which will insure results."

"It will be my plan to make every county a unit of the state organization. In this way I believe the best results will be well attained. By it local antagonisms will be largely eliminated and every county organization will operate as a part of the state organization and in the furtherance of the purpose of its organization--the building of better roads all over the state."

"Legislation will also be needed if the purposes of the organization are to be carried out successfully. We will propose a constitutional amendment authorizing counties to issue bonds for the construction of permanent highways. We will also ask for the enactment by the State Legislature of a bill modeled after the Johnson measure which proposes as an aid to road building that the expense of these improvements be divided equally among the state, the county and the abutting property. The association will also seek to have enacted another bill which will permit the employment of convict labor in the construction of public highways. It is our purpose to have this measure so framed that county and municipal authorities will be enabled to work all prisoners in county and city jails on public roads."

"The importance to the state of the work to be undertaken by this association is great. There is urgent need for some systematic plan of road construction in Oregon. We hope by enlisting public sentiment and through the enactment of necessary legislation to convince even the most skeptical that the results of our labors will fully justify the endeavor."

ADVOCATES STATE GAME PRESERVES
A system of state game preserves, voluntarily provided by the owners of the land throughout Oregon, will be advocated before the next Legislature by E. A. Parsons of this city. Mr.

Parsons is probably the most enthusiastic sportsman in Portland, if not in all Oregon, when the returns for his expenditures are considered and the plan of state game preserves has been hatched out by him only after long thought on the subject.

It is his idea to have the Legislature pass a bill by which the owner of any tract of land may file it with the state game warden as a game preserve. That filing will be placed on the public record and for the terms of years designated in it, not even the owner himself will be allowed to hunt the specified game on it. At the expiration of one, three, five or ten years, any tract so set apart ought to be well stocked with game birds and the owner will then have a valuable preserve for renting or leasing purposes and at the same time the sum total of the game birds in the state will be greatly increased.

There is always a great deal of difficulty in getting game legislation that will appeal to the land owner and the hunter alike, but the above plan probably will. The farmer will find in it a refuge from the horde of hunters who assault him every Autumn, for the proposed bill will carry a provision for the game warden to thoroughly post every tract set aside and a heavy penalty for infringement. The land owner will also have a valid reason for refusing friends with whose requests he is overwhelmed now.

The tracts would be a great haven for the birds. Hunters all know how soon the birds discover the out-of-way places and flock to them. They would soon know the preserves as well as if they could read the filings.--Telegram.

HOW THE SYSTEM DEBAUCHES.

The case before me continued. There continued also a general exodus from Denver that became one of the jokes of the newspapers. "Bill" Evans, president of the tramway company, had gone East. Freuauff, the manager of the gas company, has taken an early train. Bill Davoren, chairman of the Democratic City and County Central Committee, had flown, and a friend of his came to my chambers to ask that I grant him immunity on the promise that the organization would back me as a candidate for the governorship. Scores of young clerks made off, their traveling expenses paid (as some of them have since confessed to me) by the gas company. The mothers of others--or their wives--came to my chambers with pitiful tales of poverty and lack of employment, and told me that their sons or their husbands had been compelled to cast fraudulent votes or lose the work on which they depended for their daily bread. (The victims of the Beast!) One of the guilty clerks was the son of a Denver bishop, and I was besought for the sake of his father, for the sake of the congregation, for the sake of religion and public decency, not to put him on the witness stand. (He finally escaped the process server and got out of town.) A young man came to confess to me that he had committed perjury in Judge Johnson's court, believing that the corporations would "square it"; "for," he said, "it's been common talk that the corporations control the Supreme Court and wouldn't let us get into trouble." All day in my chambers, every evening in my home, these trembling slaves of corporation government besieged me with their petitions for

clemency; and the pitiful moral degradation of it all made life a nightmare. These people were not the "lower classes" of the slums whom you are accustomed to think are born to shame and suffering. They are not the workmen who are "cattle" to such as freeman, and in his opinion "not fit to govern themselves." They were those whom you, "gentle reader," are accustomed to consider as good as yourself, and yet they were dragged through the mire of fraud and perjury just as you and your children and your wives and your mothers will be dragged, if the Beast in your community ever finds the need to drag you. Never doubt it!--Judge Lindsey in Everybody's.

2000 Wild Horses are being Rounded.

Two thousand wild horses, scattered over an area of 100 miles in length and 40 miles in width in the hills and valleys in Grant County, Wash., are being rounded up for Thomas Bergen and William Thorpe of Ephrata, to be sold in Dakota, Montana and other western points. Johnny Smith, chief buckaroo of the riders, says the work will occupy from 30 to 45 days. The best horses in the bunch will be sent to the ranges in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota to be broken for polo and will then be shipped to New York, Boston, Chicago and other points, where they command high prices. Two hundred of the horses have been sold to Montana parties for delivery in April. The cost of good horses is higher today than at any time in the history of the state of Washington, though it is only 10 years ago since Tony Richardson sold 3,000 head of animals at Ephrata at \$2.50. The district, which was formerly part of Douglas county, has been noted since territorial days for its horses, there being good grazing most of the year, the animals requiring little or no care until the roundup.

RAILROAD MEETING AT PRAIRIE.

Dr. Belpap has issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at Prairie City next Saturday, when the officials of the Sumpter Valley railroad will be present to discuss the right-of-way and terminal facilities for the extension of the road into the valley this spring.

It seems that the people of the upper John Day valley in order to assist the railroad in the extension of the line and to show some substantial interest in its building, subscribed to a bonus pledging \$10,000, a right-of-way into or near the town and terminal facilities as consideration for the completion of the extension by next June. The railroad officials at this time have built the road and laid the rails to a point three miles south of the summit at Dixie and are now making preparations for the resumption of work in the early spring, and before anything further is done it is necessary for them to be advised as to the Prairie City end of the agreement.--Blue Mt. Eagle.

Waive Examination.

Emmett and Earl Shields, Bert Green and Ben Hinton, who are charged with the killing of Ollie Snyder last Christmas near Hamilton, and who are now confined in the county jail at Canyon City, waived their preliminary examination before Justice of the Peace M. Dustin last Monday and were bound over to appear before the grand jury next May when the circuit court will convene.--Blue Mt. Eagle.

Two Oregon Agricultural College Students, Joseph Hallock and John Cook have rigged up a wireless telegraph, station and are receiving messages daily. They catch messages from all stations south as far as San Francisco and north as far as the middle of British Columbia. These young men made practically all of their instruments and constructed their station unassisted.

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