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IRRIGATION FIGHT WON

Secretary Ballinger Orders Survey of The Umatilla Project

ALLOTMENT WILL BE CHANGED

Representatives Given Credit for Securing The Funds to Begin Work--Secretary Agrees State's Claims Are Strongest, But Other States Will Pull Hard.

The following is from the Oregonian Washington correspondent:—Four hours after Representatives Ellis and Hawley protested personally to Secretary Ballinger against the way Oregon has been discriminated against in the recent apportionment of the \$45,000,000 irrigation fund, the Secretary formally approved the West Umatilla project and issued instructions to the Reclamation Service to make at once final surveys, with a view to begin construction work.

This means that the West Umatilla project will be built by the Government and practically assures an increased allotment to Oregon from the reclamation fund to defray the cost of construction. No apportionment of funds has yet been made, however, aside from \$30,000 which is needed to complete surveys. Instructions to the local engineer of the Reclamation Service probably will go forward by telegraph.

The first round of the fight for a square deal for Oregon has been won, but complete victory has not yet been attained, and will not be until funds adequate to build this entire project have been actually allotted by the President. It has become apparent, however, in the past few days, that apportionment made on December 26 will have to be generally revised and, when this is done, it is hoped and strongly believed by Oregon's two Representatives that funds ample for Umatilla will be credited for that project.

However, demands are being made from other states for the readjustment of this fund, and it will be incumbent upon influential citizens of Oregon to keep up their demands until they get whatever money is needed, not only to begin but to complete this project.

Mr. Ballinger has not yet committed himself to the Klamath project, though he spoke favorably of it and seemed to be of the opinion that more money would be available after the money now available is expended. There is expended of the former allotment \$400,000 and the \$600,000 apportioned from the \$20,000,000 fund. It will take practically \$500,000 additional to complete the approved units of this project, but Mr. Ballinger pointed out that no emergency exists at Klamath and work can proceed slowly without working any hardships.

In his talk with Messrs. Ellis and Hawley, Mr. Ballinger said that from the standpoint of equity, Oregon had a better claim than any other Western state for additional allotment of funds for irrigation and, while other states had appealed to him for increased allowances, he had determined that Oregon's claim should be considered ahead of all others. Not only because of Oregon's heavy contributions did he feel that the state was entitled to more money, but because the state in the past has reaped but slight benefits under the reclamation law.

OREGON SHEEP MAKE GOOD.

Oregon made a wonderful showing at the midwinter sheep show which closed at Portland last week. In competition with sheep of the very best grades from England and all parts of the United States and Oregon animals came out victorious in most instances. Not only did the western shepherms who attended the show voice their astonishment at the remarkably high standard that has been attained in the science of breeding sheep in this state, but men from the east, too expressed their surprise without reserve.

"The sheep shown here certainly illustrate that Oregon has breeders who understand their business," said R. A. Ramsay, associate chief of the inspection of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, to a Portland paper. "Oregon sheep are not taking second place to any sheep that I have seen, and I have seen many. You have good breeders here who breed scientifically. They run a good deal to long and medium wool and these sheep do well on the range. The cross is a very fine mutton producer and gives a heavy wool, though perhaps not so fine as some others, but for all purposes intended here the breeders are doing right."

"The sheep industry should be encouraged, and I think every farmer should keep a flock of sheep to clean off the rough ground and fertilize the soil. Sheep will be found a valuable asset to the farm, once the farmer gets to see it."

Oregon Starts Prosperous Year.

Baker county has an irrigation project on foot involving the expenditure of \$4,000,000.

About 200,000 apple trees are being planted in Douglas county this season.

An oat meal mill is being established at Baker.

Eugene is to have a match factory.

Polk county is to have the largest English walnut orchard in Oregon. Recent purchasers of the Hart ranch near Falls City will plant 6,000 walnut trees.

Oregon produced this year 615,034 bushels of corn and 17,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Oregon shipped green fruit during the past season amounting to 3,500 cars.

Orchards in the Ontario district

WHAT SHOULD HELP HARNEY COUNTY.

In response to a demand from western governors, immigration officials and commercial organizations for an association which will devote its energies to turning the tide of immigration into the western states, a call is being sent out from Omaha this week for a meeting to be held between January 18 and 20 for the purpose of organizing a Western Development association. As the meeting is called

RAILROAD WORK BEGIN NEXT MONTH?

Report Hill Has Purchased N. C. & O. and Will Extend North to Pendleton.

Railroad news of the first of the week is more or less optimistic as it effects this section. Just how authentic these statements are we can not say. That it is possible they may be correct is not questioned by those who have studied the situation and watched development.

The Malheur Enterprise says that a meeting of Harriman railroad men was held in Ontario last week when the Malheur Valley railroad was taken over by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. and that it was gleaned from officials who were present that work would begin on the east and west line about the middle of February. It also says that feeders are to be constructed tapping territory as far south as the California line to make connections with the line running from the Short line on the east to Odell. The Deschutes line will also be extended south to a connection with this line.

No doubt that such are the plans of the Harriman system and that eventually it will be accomplished. Whether the work will begin next month remains to be seen. One consolation is we will not have to wait long.

The following press dispatch from Reno gives some news that means much for the interior of this state if it is right:

"Three thousand tons of steel rails for the extension of its line from Alturas, Cal., far into Oregon, with Pendleton as the probable terminus, were ordered today by the Nevada, California & Oregon Railroad.

"The rails will begin to arrive within the next 60 days. Within 30 days the contract for the construction of the extension will be let. J. J. Hill has secured control of the road, it is generally supposed."

This road has been suggested by local men who have looked into the situation and feasibility of such a road. Dr. Maraden of this city has contended for years that such a road would be built. However with Hill backing it we may expect early action and that it will be first class in every respect.

These projected lines mean great development of a large territory, with possibilities almost beyond conception. With untold water power sites throughout the section to be developed and irrigation projects possible it offers opportunities for railroads that are most flattering.

FAIR BOARD DISBURSED THAT SUM FOR BENEFIT OF HARNEY COUNTY

IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED

Additional Pavilion Space, Larger Stock Barns and Good Board Walk From City to Grand Stand Are Among The Improvements Contemplated This Year.

The annual meeting of the Harney County Fair Association was held last Monday afternoon at the secretary's office. The business of the last year was shown in the secretary and it was quite flattering. Last year was the sixth annual fair under the management of the Association and the books show that during that period about \$35,000 was received and disbursed among Harney County people. The year just closed has seen all the indebtedness of the Association paid and now the fair grounds and all the property of the Association are free from debt with a small balance in the treasury.

The board plans some needed improvements during this year. A committee has been empowered to build additional stock barns and also an addition to the pavilion. Both are needed and can possibly be erected at a cost that can be met during the year without any additional stock being sold or interfering with financing the exhibition to be held in the fall.

The old board had decided to quit and give some other stockholders the manager of the fair but lack of interest shown and the urgent demand of several that they continue finally prevailed. It is no light task to look after the details and finance the annual fair, even though they are not pretentious. To secure attractions that will entertain and provide necessary funds for such and the general expense of a fair from a limited source of revenue takes some thinking.

The old board with Ben Brown an I. S. Geer to take the places of F. S. Miller and V. J. Hopkins, both of whom have moved away, will again take up the burden. And it is a burden. The board and officers work without compensation and are prompted only by a desire to promote the good of the country.

Besides paying all premiums and running expenses the past year the Association stood the expense of preparing, boxing and shipping 3270 lbs of Harney county products to the railroad for use in the Hill advertising car. This cost in the neighborhood of \$130. The Burns Commercial Club assisted in gathering exhibits at a cost of about \$100 and generously offered to assist in the expense of shipping but as the Association had sufficient funds the board considered it the proper thing to expend it in that manner.

The improvements contemplated will include a good board walk from the city to the grand stand. This has long been needed but lack of funds has prevented its being built. In this piece of work the property owners near the fair grounds will be asked to co-operate in so far as the necessary petitions and requirements to go before the city authorities. This walk is needed and desired by the people in that portion of town and should be extended to the cemetery. This latter extension can be made by popular subscription from the end of the residence district.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

The Hill system of railroads has expended during the past four years in Oregon and Washington no less than \$80,000,000, according to compilations just made, in extensions, betterments, acquisitions of holdings and equipment, exclusive of fixed charges and operating expenses. The North Bank alone cost nearly \$53,000,000 and \$27,000,000 was spent on Hill properties in this state, over half of it during the past year.

Construction work mapped out for properties in Oregon in 1911 involves the expenditure of \$15,000,000. Coupled with the big expenditures the Harriman system is making in building new lines and extensions and the effort both big railroads are putting into exploitation work to advertise the state, Oregon has a great asset in its railroads.

Ashland will hold a mining congress on January 17. The rich mining region extending from Grants Pass to Yreka, Cal., will be represented by delegates and it is expected to form a permanent organization that will assist in the development of the mineral resources of this district.

Oregon found a brick in its Christmas stocking when the reclamation apportionment was announced, giving this state but \$925,000 to carry on uncompleted irrigation projects out of the appropriation of \$20,000,000 despite the large contribution of Oregon to the reclamation fund. The Oregon Development League and

FAIR HANDLES \$35,000.00

Fair Board Disbursed That Sum For Benefit of Harney County

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The proposed addition to the pavilion will be for the particular benefit of the ladies. Heretofore the needle work, art, pastry and like divisions have been given scant attention because of there being no suitable place to display. The new portion will be erected with such provision in view.

The unusual large entry in the livestock lists last fall has shown to the management the necessity of more barn room, especially strong stalls for stallions:

A GOOD ROADS COMMISSION.

"Oregon's bad roads fund is big enough. The State's hampered development, the unpopulated areas that should be producing wealth for busy communities, the difficulties of vehicle transportation, and the excess in wear and tear on everything that travels the roads, including people, are to be charged to this bad roads fund."

This statement of Oregon's condition has been issued by the Oregon Good Roads Association. It is the reason assigned by Judge Lionel R. Webster, chairman of the association's executive committee, for a determination to enlist every progressive Oregon citizen, every man or interest to be benefitted by good roads construction, and every legislator who desires to serve the interests of the people, in the effort to reduced road building plans in Oregon to a permanent, definite and effective system.

Lack of system is charged by all conversant with the situation as cause for Oregon's poverty in good roads. The constitutional bar to road building that existed until lifted by the people at the last election shares the blame.

The Oregon Good Roads Convention recently held approved five good roads measures drafted by Judge Webster, because of the belief that if these measures are adopted by the legislature the system of construction desired will be instituted.

All were agreed that the most important of the five measures is the one creating a good roads commission. The members of this commission are to be three in number. When appointed their services cost the state nothing. They will serve the cause of good roads for the good of the people, as a public duty. Their executive officer is to be the State Highway Commissioner. The bill requires that the State Highway Commissioner must be "thoroughly skilled in scientific road construction." His authority is to help build roads in every part of the state. He must know how. He must serve the people and the cause. Any failure to fulfill requirements will mean his dismissal. Authorities are agreed that his proposed salary of \$4,000 a year will be but a small portion of the real financial advantage to be realized by the state and its counties because of the commissioner's service. He will be exponent of system, the system that is expected to show tangible results in the form of actual miles of permanent good roads.

VERY HAPPY FRATERNAL GATHERING

Joint Installation of Odd Fellow Bodies Followed by Banquet Last Saturday.

Last Saturday evening at the Odd Fellow Hall the annual joint installation ceremonies took place in the presence of a large gathering of members.

Mrs. W. Y. King acted as installing officer for the Rebekahs with Mrs. J. M. Dalton as marshal. The following officers were installed: Myra King, N. G.; Delta Dillard, V. G.; Nina Wiseman, R. S.; Mrs. Hattie Hastie, F. S.; Mrs. Cortes Elliott, Treas.; Mrs. D. A. Cawfield, Con.; Mrs. W. A. Goodman, War.; Mrs. Frank Harrison, Chap.; Mrs. W. Y. King, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. J. M. Dalton, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. Geo. Hagey, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. A. Dunn, L. S. V. G.; Byron Terrill, I. G.; Will Gould, O. G.

District Deputy Grand Master B. W. Hamilton installed the following officers for the Odd Fellows, assisted by Archie McGowan as marshal: Dr. J. W. Geary, N. G.; James Smith, V. G.; A. Horton, R. S.; Byron Terrill, F. S.; H. M. Horton, Treas.; Cortes Elliott, War.; D. A. Cawfield, Con.; A. Dunn, R. S. S.; Will Gould, L. S. S.; B. W. Hamilton, R. S. N. G.; Prior Barnes, R. S. V. G.; J. Kribs, L. S. V. G.; Rev. C. W. Holloman, Chap.; Ora Hill, I. G.; B. F. Siler, O. G.

Mrs. C. H. Leonard and Ora Hill, furnished music for the installation ceremonies.

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J. L. Sitz, one of Drewsey's prosperous merchants and farmers, passed through Vale Saturday on a business trip to Boise. —Vale Oratio.

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Frank Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Buffington and Miss Lela Wustard of Westfall attended the Wool Growers' Convention Friday, returning Tuesday. —Vale Oratio.

ESTRAYED—From the Settlemeyer farm in Sunset last summer a bay mare with white spot in forehead, weight about 1150 lbs branded 760, the six being a continuation of the stem of the seven on left stifle, black sucking unbranded colt following her. Suitable reward for her return or information leading to her recovery.

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