

ASKS FOR PROTECTION OF RECLAMATION FUND

Sinnott Asks House to Have Money from Lands Secure Water. Amendment Offered Would Have Public Lands Funds Spent for Reclamation. It Was Rejected by the Committee

A Washington dispatch to the Journal says: Representative Sinnott precipitated a lively debate in the house committee on irrigation and public lands today by proposing the following amendment:

That it is hereby declared to be the duty of the secretary of the interior in carrying out the provisions of the reclamation law, as far as the same may be practicable and subject to the existence of feasible irrigation projects, to expend the major portion of the funds arising from the sale of public lands within each state (and territory) contributing thereto for the benefit of arid and semi-arid lands within the limits of such state (or territory); provided that the secretary may temporarily use such portion of said funds for the benefit of arid or semi-arid lands in any particular state (or territory) contributing thereto as he may deem advisable, but when so used the excess shall be restored to the fund as practicable to the end that ultimately and in any event within each 20 year period after the passage of this act the expenditures for the benefit of the said states (and territories) shall be equalized according to the proportions and subject to the conditions as to practicability and feasibility aforesaid.

Sinnott submitted an argument showing the unfairness of the present system by which Oregon has paid in \$10,000,000 and received only \$3,000,000 Sinnott paid a compliment to Secretary Lane, who, he said, was doing the best he can with the limited funds at his disposal; but Lane, he declared, will not be secretary of the interior always, and it was important to have the statutory law corrected to control future secretaries of the interior. Members of the committee acknowledged the justice of Oregon's claims, but took the position that passage of the bill would be hampered by Sinnott's amend-

ment. Sinnott will offer it of the house.

School Rally Featured By Dairy Demonstration

The public schools of Oregon are beginning to teach what the people want taught. Practical dairying has been incorporated in the school system as one of the ten projects of industrial club work, and is receiving the attention its importance demands. Fourteen clubs were organized in Polk county last fall and their members have carried on the work of testing milk and keeping dairy herd records for three months. Results are very gratifying.

Babcock testers were placed in these fourteen schools by the school boards, and their use demonstrated by Professor W. A. Barr, the Agricultural College specialist in charge of the work. About 600 cows are on test in these fourteen schools. Their milk is weighed every day, and taken to school on the fifteenth of each month to be tested. The tests are supervised by the teacher to act during vacation. Records of the amount and butter-fat contents of each cow's milk for one year are kept by the contestants.

A cow demonstration was given by Professor Barr at a school rally in Airlee Saturday, February 28. Five cows had been led to the school house by members of the school board and other persons, and were used for scoring and judging by the teachers, pupils and parents assembled. Some very good judging was done by a number of boys, who excelled their teachers in scoring and placing.

The effect of the dairy school work is already quite noticeable. There is great interest in types of cows, purebred bull, balanced rations, sanitary production, and cow records. Many residents expect to see the dairy industry grow rapidly.

Common Sense Comment On Present Tax System

The Portland Telegram offers the following pertinent suggestions regarding the tax question: Paying taxes this year is causing more howls and complaints than usual.

In the first place they are too high.

In the second place, there is a pyramiding penalty for every month that they are not paid.

In the third place, money is scarce.

And in the fourth, fifth, sixth and other places, it is not contended that there is really any need of dumping all the tax money into the County Treasury in a lump when the county doesn't need the money for immediate use.

There is steadily increasing demand that taxes be paid quarterly or semi-annually, instead of citizens being forced, under penalty, to pay the taxes in a lump.

Consider the poor taxpayer. Persons who have not ready money to pay their taxes and yet who wish to avoid the heavy penalty, must borrow from the bank. The average individual in this position must pay the highest rate of interest, 7 or 8 per cent, for instance. The borrower may get the money from the bank in the morning and pay the taxes, and this money may be back in the bank by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The County Treasurer takes the money which Mr. Taxpayer has borrowed at 7 or 8 per cent, and puts it back in the bank a few hours later, and the bank pays 2 per cent to the county for the privilege. So the bank makes 6 per cent, or something like that, for allowing a few dollars to be taken out of the vault for less than a day. If the transaction is by check it may never leave the bank at all.

No urgent necessity of the county demands the immediate use of the tax money. The tax money is rolling in, and will remain, for the greater part, in bank for months. There is an agitation on foot that the taxes be paid quarterly, so the burden will fall more lightly on the taxpayers by giving more time to meet the rates, and the county, receiving its tax fund in four installments, will not be inconvenienced, but will have the money as it is needed. Quarterly payments will not work a hardship on anyone, and will do away with the necessity of borrowing by the taxpayers.

County Court.

County sealer of weights and measures given \$5 per day for every day actually engaged in work.

J. L. Caldwell appointed an extra deputy of the assessor for three months at a salary of \$100 per month.

County surveyor instructed to re-locate certain portions of county roads.

Final report of Chas. Wilson, roadmaster of district No. 3 approved.

High school building insured for \$2500.

P. H. Atkinson, who was hurt while employed on the county roads, was awarded \$198.85 in full for his injuries.

Board of road viewers ordered to view county road petitioned for by E. B. Moon and others.

Same order on road asked by W. R. Byram.

Same order for C. P. Jewett road.

John Smyth given license to sell liquor in Andrews precinct.

A. S. Whitney appointed constable for Valley View precinct.

Bert Stillson appointed janitor at court house and yard at a salary of \$60 per month.

Salary of stock inspector increased from \$350 to \$400 per annum.

Maurine Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, was selected to represent Vale in the forthcoming contest between Vale and Ontario. At the tryout held at the High school auditorium Friday night Maurine showed such marked and phenomenal ability that no doubts exist as to the result of the Ontario contest to take place March 27.—Vale Enterprise.

FORM ORGANIZATION FOR ELECTRIC ROAD

Drewsey People to Promote Line From Riverside up Malheur to the Logan Valley. Estimated Billion Feet of Timber Tapped. Only Practical Route to Bring it to The Markets

A large mass meeting was held at Drewsey last Saturday for the purpose of promoting an electric railway from Riverside up the Malheur past Drewsey, to tap the timber belt near Logan Valley.

A permanent organization was formed with the following officers elected: President, J. L. Sitz; Vice-president, I. M. Davis; Secretary, W. D. Baker; Treasurer, C. W. Drinkwater.

A committee of finance was elected consisting of the following members: J. Edwin Johnson, B. E. Dunten and John Ott. This committee will commence immediately to raise funds by stock subscription for the purpose of making preliminary surveys and incorporating an organization to be known as the Malheur Valley Electric Railway Co.

Steps will now be made to interest capital in the building of this road. The large timber owners are already interested in this undertaking, and the sentiment here is that the large timber owners are expected to furnish the capital for the building of this road.

It is estimated by competent men that one billion feet of timber can be tapped by this road. As this is the only practical route

by which this timber can be marketed, there is absolutely no doubt but that this road will be built in the near future.

John E. Johnson & Sons, the promoters of the large power project on the Malheur River, have agreed to furnish the necessary power to operate this road. This will be a cheap line to maintain, as the tonnage will all go out on a water grade, which will require but a comparatively small amount of power.

Mr. John E. Johnson will have charge of the engineering of the road, and it is expected that arrangements will be made by the date of the next meeting, March 21st, for surveys to be made.

P. L. S. Co. Shipping Cattle.

Walter M. Glenn returned the first of the week from Echo, Ore., where he superintended the feeding of 1,650 head of Pacific Live Stock company beef cattle the past winter 1,000 of which were shipped to the Portland market last week. He returned to Echo Tuesday to assist with another shipment and the culls that are left over will be shipped with 1,000 head that will be shipped from Huntington to California next week.—Ontario Democrat.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE NOTES

(From Our Portland Correspondent)

A campaign in which all the states of the Pacific Coast are actively joining is that now being made to secure an amendment to the present parcel post regulations affecting the mailing of seeds, bulbs, plants, cuttings, etc. Under present provisions, these must all take a flat rate of one cent for two ounces, which means that the man who mails some plants to his neighbor five miles away pays exactly the same postage he would if mailing them to New York.

This is such a manifest discrimination against the farmer, the gardener and the seedsman who hopes to build up a business in his own locality that commercial clubs, granges and hundreds of individuals are addressing spirited protests to their congressional delegates in Washington. Every additional letter will help, and it is hoped that readers of this paper will use their best efforts toward securing this amendment.

The Portland Commercial Club is co-operating with the Oregon Civic League in an attempt to relieve present conditions in Portland in regard to the unemployed, and on request can secure the names of a considerable number of people who are anxious to secure employment on farms throughout this state. Any inquiries in this connection addressed to the Portland Commercial Club will be given prompt attention.

Dates for the International Livestock Exposition have been fixed for December 7-12, 1914 at the Union Stockyards in Portland. The announcement is made thus early in the season in order that stockmen and ranchers may have a long season in which to prepare their exhibits. General Manager Plummer states that this will probably be the only first class stock show in the country at which no entry fees are charged to exhibitors or admission fee to the visiting public. The premium list is the largest and most comprehensive ever offered in the Northwest.

The first annual short course for farmers conducted in Crook County by the Oregon Agricultural College has just closed an extremely satisfactory session. The registration for the course was 250 and the average attendance 180. Farmers attended from all parts of the county, some coming a distance of 60 miles and remaining throughout the week. The Crook County High School and the Prineville Commercial Club are given much credit for the success of the course.

Market Report.

Receipts at the Portland Union Stock Yards for the week ending March 7 were: Cattle, 2962; Calves, 26; Hogs, 5386; Sheep, 4016.

Cattle run Monday was the largest in the history of the yards, 2700 head being received. Prices eased off but almost regained their former level Tuesday. The receipts the latter part of the week were light. Best steers selling throughout the week at \$7 65 and remain steady at that price.

Swine liquidation was also large, choice light stuff closing at slightly less than last week. Tops dropped to \$8 50 and \$8 60 Monday in bulk with three loads at \$8 70 week's range averaged \$8 60 which is about ten cents under February level.

Sheep house activity was limited by a short run and the trade absorbed everything in sight greedily. Both wool and sheared stuff was offering with prime fat wool lambs selling around \$6 80 wethers \$5 75, yearlings \$6 00 and ewes \$5 00. A differential of 50 cents was made for sheared stuff. Sheep market has a decidedly upward trend.

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STOCK RANCH HOME- STEADS OF 640 ACRES

Bill Introduced Making This Possible for Stock Raising Purposes. Ranges May be Leased, but the Homestead Laws Shall Remain Operative Within Such Districts, is Report

A bill has been introduced in Congress which proposes to authorize the President to establish grazing districts upon the public land of the United States which, when established, can be modified or revoked only in five year periods, the districts to be under charge of the Secretary of Agriculture and leased for grazing with right to the lessee to fence the tract leased. The bill provides that the homestead laws shall remain operative within such districts, except that the 40 acres upon which the lessee shall have his improvements, shall not be subject to settlement without the consent of the lessee.

It is proposed to enact a bill whereby a citizen of the United States may take 640 acres of land for stock-raising purposes. The bill is called "A bill to provide for stock-raising homesteads." The land will be subject to entry only after the land has been selected and designated by the Secretary of the Interior, says the Enterprise.

Homesteaders who are in a stock-raising country may take an additional amount to what they already have to make a total of 640 acres.

Instead of requiring a portion of the land to be cultivated, the government will require a certain amount of permanent improvements to be made.

Under the proposed act homesteaders in the country designated by the secretary shall have 90 days after said designation to select contiguous land.

The government proposes to retain all mineral and the land is to remain open for prospecting. There are a large number of minor provisions, but the main object is to permit the taking of grazing land in tracts of 640 acres.

Stockmen see their ranges broken into and the possibility of

raising stock on a large scale vanishing with the proposed new laws.

Public School Teachers Elected for Coming Year.

At a meeting of the school board held Tuesday afternoon the following teachers were elected for the coming year: W. M. Sutton, principal; Miss Lena Harkey, 7th grade; Miss Neva Hodder, 6th grade; Miss Enid Cawfield, 5th grade; Miss Swearingen, 4th grade; Mrs. Frankie Clark, 3rd grade; Miss Graham, 2nd grade; Miss Helene Swain, second primary, Mrs. Frances Kelsay first primary. The primary grade has become so large that it is necessary to have two teachers. All the teachers with the exception of Misses Cawfield and Swain were re-elected, as they have been teaching in the school, but they have been changed around in the grades. Miss Graham and Miss Swearingen remain in the same grades they have taught during this year.

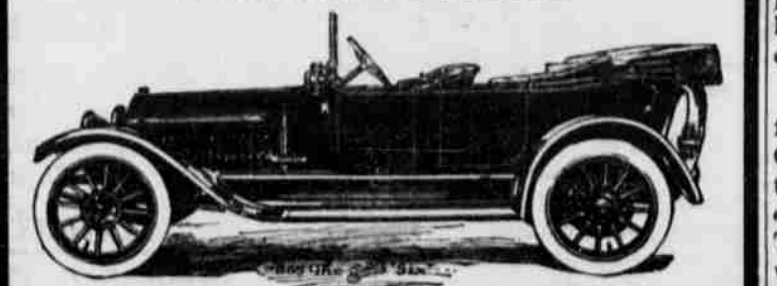
Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. Is it not surprising that any suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Wakelee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers.

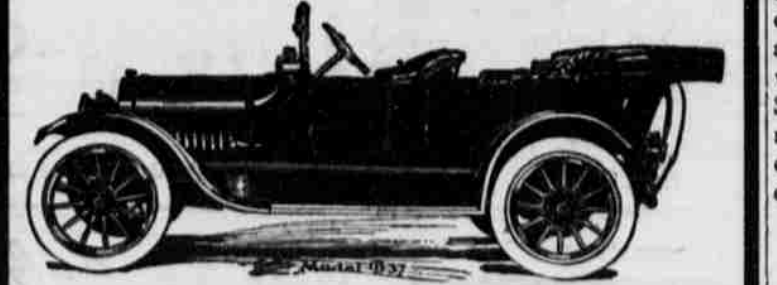
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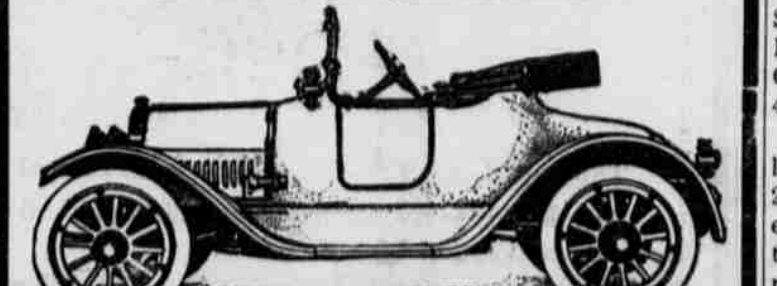
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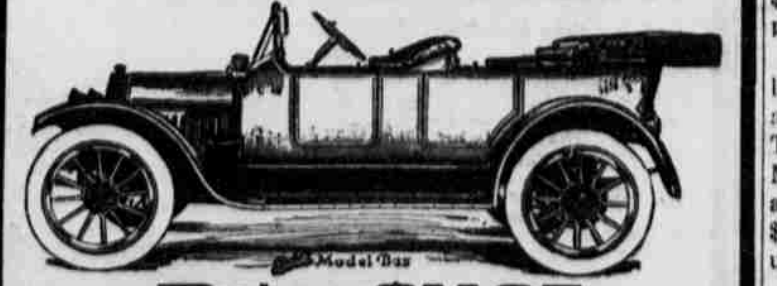
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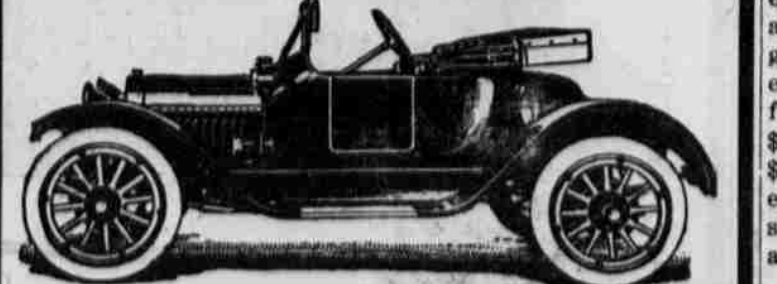
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