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## BETTER FOR OREGON

### Congressmen From This State Fare Well.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Under the new committee assignments, Oregon now holds more advantageous places than it has had in the house for several years, and is much more fortunate than Washington. Representative Tongue retains his position on rivers and harbors, and remains chairman of irrigation of arid lands. Mr. Moody holds his position on public lands, mines and mining, and is promoted from expenditures of the Interior Department to the committee on Indian affairs, which, considering the number of reservations and large schools of Oregon, is an important assignment for the state. Representative Jones merely retains his old committee, public lands and merchant marine and fisheries, while Cushman holds his place on coinage, weights and measures and territories, having an additional assignment to private land claims.

The greater part of legislation important to Oregon will necessarily be referred to the committees to which its members are now assigned, and under the present Administration it is expected that more prominence will be given to public land and irrigation legislation than ever before. The appointment of Representative McLaughlin of California, to the committee on rivers and harbors has removed one obstacle that has been in the way of Senator Mitchell's appointment to the committee on commerce, as Senator Perkins promised the Senator that if a California man was appointed to rivers and harbors, he (Perkins) would withdraw from the race for a place on commerce.

General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, is in favor of a canal and locks to overcome the obstructions at The Dalles and Celilo, whenever Congress authorizes any improvement to be made. Like most of the engineers who have investigated the subject, he believes that the most satisfactory arrangement will be a canal rather than a boat railway or any other scheme. Owing to the position which General Gillespie occupies, he would not be quoted on the projects contemplated but it is known that he and nearly all the other engineers believe in a canal.

The sentiment of Senators and Representatives in the Pacific Northwest is universally in favor of the early passage of the Grouse oleomargarine bill. Not many object to the sale of "oleo" as such, but they object to having it unadulterated and sold as butter. In the interest of the farmers and the dairy interests of Oregon and Washington, these men believe the bill should become law. The vote of these two delegations in the last Congress was in support of the bill, and will be again this session. Senator Mitchell, who was not in the last Congress, says he strongly favors legislation of this character.

The Secretary of the Interior has sent to the Senate the treaty concluded by Indian Inspector McLaughlin with the Klamath Indians June 19th last, by which the Indians surrender to the United States all claim to that part of the Klamath reservation lying between the boundary described in the treaty of 1861 and the boundary as established by the survey of 1888. The tract of land so ceded comprising 621,824 acres. For relinquishing this

land, the Indians are to receive \$537,007, over 80 cents an acre. The agreement is in intent substantially the same as that completed a year ago.

A rather interesting story is afloat here to the effect that President Roosevelt is making an effort to reconcile ex-Senator Wolcott and his wife, who separated last Spring. Mrs. Wolcott is now visiting at the White House. It is said that such reconciliation will tend to strengthen Wolcott's political fortunes in Colorado.

Representative Moody has presented to the House a memorial from Bricklayers, and Masons' Union, No. 1, of Portland, asking that the Secretary of the Navy recommend the employment of union bricklayers and masons to those having charge of the construction of the Naval drydock to be constructed at New Orleans, and that the eight-hour work day be strictly enforced.

The members of the Oregon delegation have all taken permanent quarters for the session in Washington. Though somewhat scattered about the northwestern section of the city, they are all near direct car lines to the Capitol and to the business part of town. Senator Mitchell has engaged a bright suite of three rooms at the Dewey Hotel. His daughter, Mrs. Helmbold, expects to come on from New York and remain with the Senator for the greater part of the session. The senior Oregon Senator has gone back to the Raleigh Hotel, where he stayed during the second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress. For the present session, Representative Tongue will have with his daughter Miss Bertha and his son, Thomas H., Jr. Mr. Moody resumes his former apartments at the Shoreham Hotel.

If there should be a new Cabinet position created, known as the Department of Commerce, there is a general belief that William R. Merriam, now Director of the Census, would be appointed to that place. Merriam is very popular with the President, and especially with all who have observed the satisfactory manner in which he has taken the census.

Western Senators and Representatives favor urging President Roosevelt to dispense with Secretary Hitchcock, and place Merriam at the head of the Interior Department. While not insistent upon Merriam for this place, they have been very insistent upon the removal of Hitchcock, who has not been able to get

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## RAILWAY INTO HARNEY

### Sumpter Valley Road to be Extended to Burns.

There is to be a new railroad built in Eastern Oregon next year, and it is sure to reach out into a part of the country that is much in need of a railroad. This new road is to be an extension of the Sumpter Valley railroad from Whitney in a southwesterly direction through Grant county into Harney, and will probably terminate at Burns the county seat of Harney county. A man who is well acquainted with David Eccles, the president of the Sumpter Valley road, is authority for the statement, and he quotes Mr. Eccles as his authority. Not long ago they were discussing the possibilities of Eastern Oregon and Mr. Eccles announced his determination to extend the Sumpter Valley road in that direction.

There is no railroad in the U. S. that pays so well for the amount invested as the Sumpter Valley, and this proposed extension will increase the earning capacity vastly out of proportion to the amount of money that it will be necessary to expend to build the road. The new road will open up a vast amount of timber, mineral and agricultural land, and promote the development of the country in a manner that will not be possible by any other means.

The mention of this proposed extension revives the story circulated last summer to the effect that the Sumpter Valley road was to be extended to Burns, where it would connect with a narrow-gauge road coming up from Nevada, where Mr. Eccles and associates already have a railroad which is slowly working its way upward Oregon.

Mr. Eccles and his friends are in close touch with the powers that be in the Harriman syndicate, and it is well known that he would not meet with any opposition from that source if he should undertake to build an extension to his road in this part of the state. The Sumpter Valley road is one of the best feeders that the Harriman roads have, and Mr. Eccles and his associates have no ambition to become transcontinental railway magnates, but are desirous of opening up the country in order that they may take advantage of its natural resources.

### Arid Land Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The irrigation advocates in Congress tonight agreed upon a bill for the reclamation of arid lands, which is to be introduced early next week and strenuously urged during the present session of Congress. The bill embodies the best ideas of all schemes heretofore proposed. It creates a reclamation fund to be made up of all moneys received from the sale of public lands in the 16 arid land states and territories, except moneys set aside for educational purposes, this fund to be used by the Secretary of Interior in the examination, construction and maintenance of irrigation works for storage, diversion and development of waters for the reclamation of arid public land.

To aid in this work, the Secretary is authorized to withdraw from or restore to entry lands required for irrigation. The Secretary shall let contracts for the construction of storage reservoirs, but no contract shall be let where the cost of the enterprise shall average over \$40 per acre of land to be irrigated, and no contract is to be let until sufficient

## Grant County News.

From Canyon City Eagle.  
John and Claude Biggs, of Burns, came over from that enterprising inland city last Saturday evening, taking their departure for home on Tuesday.

J. F. Klink took his departure early this week for Burns in the interest of the telephone company. Repairs are being and the line put in better condition.

C. E. Lyon, of Fox valley, has embarked in the mercantile business in Canyon City, having early this week bought a half interest in the building and mercantile stock of M. J. Cunningham, and will in the future be identified with the interests of the firm of Cunningham & Lyon.

The Elkhorn hotel in this city was sold last Saturday by Jack Chambers to Sam Baur, who has had the property leased for several months. The consideration was \$6000. Mr. Chambers will devote his attention hereafter to the development of his numerous mining properties.

A report such as might have been made by the explosion of a ton or so of dynamite, was heard in this city and vicinity on Thursday evening of last week about 8 o'clock. The noise seemed to have come from Canyon mountain and was caused no doubt by the falling and bursting of a large meteor.

The new town of Whitney has experienced its first disastrous fire, which occurred early Tuesday morning when the big livery and stage barn occupied by the Williams stage company and C. H. Gunstock & Co., laid to ashes. The barn was filled with hay and grain all of which was burned with eleven head of horses belonging to the two companies mentioned.

There occurred early this week in this city one of the largest ranch deals that has been consummated in this county for years, being the transfer of the large stock ranch of Judge Laycock in Bear valley to W. S. Brown and H. A. Summerville, of Izee, the consideration being \$7000. In addition to the land transfer, Mr. Laycock also sold a band of 400 head of cattle and 300 tons of hay. This ranch contains nearly one thousand acres and is considered one of the best stock ranches in this part of Grant county.

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