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Church Announcements.

Sunday School at Harney the first Sunday of each month at 10 o'clock, A. M. On the second, third and fourth Sundays of each month at 3 o'clock P. M. Preaching services every second Sunday at 8 P. M.

At the Presbyterian church Burns, Rev. A. J. Irwin pastor. Divine services the third and fourth Sundays of each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. every Sabbath morning.

Preaching services at the Baptist church every 1st and 2nd Sundays, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

Services at Christian Science Hall, corner east of the Bank, every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Service Wednesday evenings at 8. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

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Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

FIRST IN OREGON

Butter Creek Scene of National Irrigation Work.

Oregonian News Bureau, Washington, Feb. 27.—Representative Moody has secured the withdrawal from entry, save under the homestead law, of 200,000 acres lying along Butter Creek, in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, in Eastern Oregon, with a view to its reclamation under the National irrigation act, passed last session. Immediately on Mr Moody's return to Washington, at the beginning of the present session, he had an expert irrigation engineer directed through the Geological Survey to examine the arid lands along the south bank of the Columbia from Wallula, Wash., to a point near Willows, in Gilliam County, Or., with the view of reclaiming, if possible, a stretch of country along the Columbia between these two points for from ten to 15 miles back from the river.

It was hoped that it might be possible, by building a canal from Snake River, in the neighborhood of Riparia, Wash., not only to reclaim the arid flats around Wallula, but also the sage plains along the northern portions of Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Upon careful examination, the engineer reported that, in order to get water enough out of Snake River to cover any considerable portion of the public lands in these plains, the length of the canal required would necessitate an expense that would not be warranted for the limited amount of public lands there available, as much of this territory is in private ownership.

The engineer was then directed to examine all sections in that vicinity where there was any considerable amount of arid public lands and report on the practicability of reclaiming with the waters of the Umatilla and tributary streams along that spur of the Blue Mountains. His report on this latter investigation results in the order just issued by the Secretary of the Interior.

It is the purpose of the Geological Survey to build a dam on the Umatilla River at a point a short distance below Pendleton, and, by a ditch approximately 30 miles long, convey the water in a south-westerly direction to the head of Butter Creek Valley. On the route the line of canal passes through several natural depressions, which it is proposed shall, by means of earth dams, be converted into storage reservoirs. The limited volume of water in the river to some extent governs the area that can be reclaimed, but it is roughly estimated that the 200,000 acres now withdrawn, which is fertile, but dry, can be readily made productive at \$10, or, at the outside, \$12, per acre.

Already J. G. Camp, a department irrigation expert, has been sent to the withdrawn lands, upon which there is very little settlement, and in a few days will be joined by D. W. Ross. Together they will survey the proposed route of canal to determine the best location, and will formulate plans for damming the Umatilla River and completing the system of storage reservoirs. When the most economical and practical plan has been devised and the project approved by the Secretary of the Interior, the work of construction will be commenced immediately.

The withdrawal of these lands was ordered to prevent speculators or corporations from rushing in and getting control of more than 160 acre tracts. Bona fide home-

steads may be made at any time, as elsewhere.

This Butter Creek project is not on as large a scale as some others that will be initiated under the irrigation law, but, in view of the failure of the Oregon irrigation committee to act and give the department or the delegation the benefits of its suggestions, it was necessary, in order that the state be recognized, that Representative Moody act on his own responsibility.

Chief Hydrographer Newell, of the Geological Survey, who has charge of the Government reclamation work, has promised Representative Moody that he will send and maintain throughout the Summer a force of experts, who will examine all feasible projects in Eastern Oregon. This work will be done with a view to future operations, but actual construction cannot be undertaken until the Butter Creek work is well under way.

ROOSEVELT HONORS MOODY.

Would Give Him Appointment, But He Would Not Accept.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Several days ago, when the Congressional delegation visited the President personally to indorse Representative Mercer, the retiring member from Omaha, for a Federal appointment, the President stated to a California member present that there was one retiring member he would like to do something for and that was Representative Moody.

When this was reported to Mr. Moody he took occasion the next day to thank the President for his kind and complimentary consideration, but assured him that he did not desire any Federal appointment. He told the President that he should, as soon as his Congressional term expired, return home and resume active business life again, which, on account of Congressional duties, he had had to abandoned during his terms in Congress.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean is the only weekly newspaper published in Chicago in connection with the great daily papers. It contains a judiciously selected summary of the news of the nation and world, the best stories, home, farm, woman's, and other special departments, and fair, patriotic, able editorials, written from a Republican viewpoint. It is by far the best general newspaper of the Western States. The regular price for the Weekly Inter Ocean is \$1.00 and for the Harney Valley Items \$1.50, but subscriptions will be received at this office for the two papers in combination for one year for only \$1.50.

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A pair of full stock B&H, Royal Cow Boy Boots reduced to \$5.25. N. Brown & Sons.

MORE ABOUT THE SALTBUSH

Letter From Professor W. J. Spillman, Government Agrostologist.

Prineville Review: Mr. James A. Boggs of this city has received an interesting communication from the agricultural department relative to the saltbush, which we publish as being of interest to those who are making a study of this obscure but hardy and nourishing "weed."

Dear Sir:—Your very interesting favor of January 29th, also that of January 21st, both addressed to the honorable secretary of agriculture, has been referred to this office. I am very much interested in the experience of Mr. Furr, related in the clipping you enclose. There is no longer any doubt of the value of the Australian saltbush over much of the Western country. There are two drawbacks to it. One is that the hay is so heavily charged with mineral matter that it is inclined to give stock the scours if fed unmixed with other hay; and the plant is rather tender as regards frost. I will ask our division of publications to continue to send you whatever may be published on saltbushes. You speak of the alkali bottoms in the Yellowstone Valley. Is this the name of some local valley in Eastern Oregon, or do you refer to the valley of the Yellowstone river in Montana? If you mean the latter, I fear the climate would be too severe for the saltbush.

Regarding your request for seed of the Australian saltbush, I will say that I am placing your name on our list of experimenters, and within the next few weeks will send you some seed of this plant. The quantity will of necessity be small, but should you wish more of it I think you can secure it of E. J. Bowen, of San Francisco, Calif.

Yours very truly,
W. J. Spillman,
Agrostologist.

A Lawful Fence.

Wire fences east of the Cascade Mountains must, after the middle of next May, be constructed in the following manner: They shall have posts 6 1/2 feet in length and not less than four inches in diameter, set in the ground two feet, and shall not be more than 32 feet apart. There shall not be less than three wires, of the ordinary kind, the lower wire to be two feet from the ground, the second 15 inches above the first and the upper wire 15 inches above the second, making the top wire 4 1/2 feet above the ground. At the distance of every eight feet from the posts, false posts, 4 1/2 feet high, must be placed, resting on the ground and securely fastened to the wires. A pole two inches in diameter or a six-inch board may take the place of the middle wire and false posts.

Natural Gas.

Ontario Argus: It has always been claimed that natural gas and plenty of it is in and around Ontario even on the surface, but this time it has been found 210 feet below. Mr. Boyer, resident and merchant of this prosperous city, has his dwelling house lighted with gas from a well 210 feet deep he had put down for the purpose of getting better water. The well also is flowing at present about one inch of water perpetually, and the same is proving to be good for all kinds of use. Gas appeared in sufficient

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

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