Governor Submits Report on Sewage Disposal

The state reconstruction advisory board Saturday made public the report of the board of consulting engineers on sewage disposal in the Willamette river valle" This board, consisting of Ray E. Koon, chairman, John W. Cunningham and Robert G. Dieck, was appointed by Governor Meier on June 5 and the report now released is the result of two and a half months of investigation and study of the sewage disposal problems of the valley.

The work of this board was requested by resolution passed at the conference of mayors and city officials which was held in Portland at the call of Governor Meier on June 1.

A copy of the report, in the form of a printed pamphlet, was mailed to the mayor of each city in the valley on Saturday and while the supply of copies is somewhat limited they may be secured by interested public officials and civic organizations upon application to the state reconstruction advisory board, Spalding building, Portland.

A brief review of the report indicates that the engineers have delved into considerable detail in studying the problems of each community. The board visited the cities and by personal inspection ascertained such general facts as would enable them to prepare specific recommendations for each locality. These recommendations are summarized in a single table in the report. Each city is also named separately in alphabetical order; a brief statement of recommendations with pertinent comment and discussion follows such special mention. Other drawings and tables serve to illustrate the report and to present special information in condensed form.

The report states that the area of Willamette river watershed is 11,300 square miles, of which more than three quarters is timbered and mountainous; the total population is approximately 610,000, of which 418,804 (1930 census) live in the 65 incorporated cities, about 20,000 in unincorporated communities and the remanider is represented by rural population; about 64 per cent of the total population of the state resides in this valley.

A clear picture of the value of a clean river system is given as an introduction to a discussion of the problem of stream pollution. In connection with this, the report states that "because of the normally long period during which little or no precipitation occurs (usually about 100 days each year) many of the smaller watercourses become entirely dry except for the contributed flow of sewage. This condition has produced serious local pollution and even so far reduced the dissolved oxygen content of the main stream (Willamette river) as to jeopardize all but the lower forms of fish life.

The report proceeds with an outline and discussion of the problems of disposal of both domestic sewage and industrial wastes. The fact is stated that industrial wastes, in the aggregate, have a deleterious effect on fish life at least equal to that of all the domestic sewag.

The board, in its studies, held conferences with officials of the pulp and paper industries, the canneries and state institutions. Although these interests are responsible for considerable amounts of industrial pollution, the report states that officials have shown a distinct willingness to do their part in a program leading to the removal of a serious contamination from the waters of the Willamette watershed. A spirit of cooperation by all the interests affected was very evident throughout the period of investigation, according to the report.

In discussing the practical aspects of the problem, the report says: "It is evidently impossible to restore Willamette river water to a state of purity that existed before the white man came to defile it. Unsightly and otherwise offensive wastes are a by-product of his existence and activities. It is as impossible utterly to remove these wastes from the stream as it is to remove his unsightly structures from its shores."

An evident tendency toward moderation in the board's recommendations appears throughout the report. While pointing out the serious consequences of neglect to recognize and to cope with the problem in an intelligent manner, the engineers have insisted that on adoption of a rational program, toward the execution of which all interests will cooperate, rests the success of the movement to clean the streams of sewage and industrial wastes.

The engineers assert that the carrying out of the recommendations made in the report will effect the following results:

"1. All sewage discharged into watercourses which provide dilution less than seven cubic feet per second per 1000 population contributing, will be passed through complete treatment plants before discharge into the stream, or the effluent from primary treatment plants will be so heavily chlorinated as to insure its complete disinfection.

"2. Complete treatment and disinfection of effluent will be provided for all sewage discharged into streams used extensively for swimming or for playgrounds for children.

"3. Treatment will be provided for sewage and industrial wastes discharged into streams having adequate dilution, such that—

"(a) No sludge banks will be formed;

"(b) No local nuisance will be created;

"(c) No unsightly floating substance will be delivered to the stream;

"(d) Under no combination of circumstances will there be an exhaustion of the dissolved oxygen content of the stream to such an extent as to become deleterious to the highest forms of fish life, and

"(e) No primary treatment installation will be made except with due consideration to possible necessity for further sewage treatment at a later date when and if the valley develops and popular sensibilities demand more thorough treatment of its sewage."

A study of the board's detailed recommendations indicates that cities discharging sewage directly into the Willamette river fall into the third classification, with the possible exception of the cities above Eugene, where detailed study of local conditions must be made before definite classification can be made. Cities dischargng sewage into very small streams and, generally, into such streams as the Yamhill and Tualatin rivers fall into classes 1 or 2 above.

The report is accompanied by informative appendices in which is presented "A Brief Resume of Sewage Treatment," a discussion of "Methods of Distributing Cost of Sewage Works" and "Definitions of Terms Used in Sewage Disposal Practice."

In Governor Meier's letter acknowledging receipt of the report, he says in part as follows:

"I am fully cognizant of the strained financial condition of the cities existing in many points throughout the Willamette valley. On the other hand, the mental and financial distress of a great number of our citizens weighs foremost upon my mind. They must be and will be cared for and no effort is too great for the accomplishment of this responsibility. The typical American citizen does not want dole nor charity. But, as in the past, when work was not available, it is the duty of organized society to see that he is fed, even if charity has to be used to do it. I feel, however, that it is the responsibility of every representative of the great American public, of which I am one, to bend every effort toward finding honest work at honest pay for these stalwart citizens of ours. It is by the returning tide of employment that the homes of our state will be preserved and the ever-present potential energies of our people released to a kinetic return of our state and our nation as leaders in an advancing civilization.

"It is with these thoughts foremost in my mind that I commend the program which you have placed in concrete form, by means of your report, to the people of the Willamette valley. The social needs and the future benefits of this work are unquestioned and Oregon may well lead the way for the other states in this enlightened advancement. The present aid to the return of normal times by the undertaking of work to the extent of $10,000,000 dollars, of which I am told 60 per cent will go directly to labor and an additional 20 per cent to labor locally employed for material, can not be overestimated. Under the recent ruling of the federal government, whereby each state must furnish two dollars for each dollar provided by the government for direct relief, it is obvious that any funds spent for actual labor on construction work which will have continuing future value will serve a far better purpose than money spent only for direct relief. I would like to call attention to the fact that with 80 per cent, or $8,000,000 going to local labor, this type of project involves the highest percentage of labor of any type of project that may be undertaken. I would also like to observe that with public works being undertaken with a 30 per cent grant and the balance of 70 per cent loaned at 4 per cent interest, the state is actually obtaining a dollar gift for each two dollars, roughly speaking, that it obligates itself to repay. Obviously, then, it is to our advantage to try to obtain for a beneficial purpose all moneys that can judiciously be used for the furtherance of improvement to our state and thereby reduce the required amount of bonds or an additional tax for direct relief."

KINTON NEWS

By Mrs. E. L. Cox

George Hawley has been quite ill at his home on Tile Flat road during the past week.

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Several flocks of wild geese were seen flying over this place last Wednesday.

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S. H. Pomeroy spent Saturday in Portland where he was transacting business and shopping.

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Mrs. Herman Metzentine and Donna spent the day Thursday at the home of Mrs. Lilly M. Bierly.

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J. J. VanKleek went to Vancouver, B. C., last Friday, where he is attending a fair being held there.

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Miss Amy Anicker has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Roy Hensley, of Troutdale.

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Mrs. George Newell of Portland spent the week end with her father, S. H. Pomeroy, Tile Flat road.

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A new woodshed was built last week on the Mrs. Lilly M. Bierly place, the work being done by E. L. Cox.

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Mrs. Richard Joyce of Mountain Home, trained nurse, has been at the Wright home during the past week.

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Pat Brooks of Salem spent last Thursday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Everett D. Wright, Cooper mountain.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Herrick and son, Donald, of Sellwood, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cox.

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A number of the young people around here were employed last week picking beans for some of the Scholls growers.

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Mrs. Marian Dayton of near Wilsonville is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Aten, being the nurse who is caring for Mrs. Aten.

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Mrs. Mary Kershaw, who has been visiting for the past week or so among some of her old friends and neighbors, returned to her home in Portland last Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Stiles of Los Angeles, Cal., have been visitors during the past week at the home of Mrs. Stiles' sister, Mrs. J. H. Aten, Pleasant Valley road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emery VanKleek and family went to the coast the first of last week. Much of the time was spent at Netarts. They returned home Friday evening.

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Mrs. Myra Weston of Waldport, Or., is stopping at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wright during Mrs. Wright's illness. Mrs. Weston is a niece of Mrs. Wright.

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Miss Grace McCormick and Miss Blanche McCormick spent the week end with relatives and friends in Hillsboro. They returned home the first of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Doss of Milwaukee, Wis., who are spending the summer in Oregon, spent a few days last week at the home of H. J. Valentine and wife. Mr. Doss is a cousin of Mr. Valentine.

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The heavy rain of last Monday and Tuesday was much welcomed and did lots of good. It delayed the threshing of the grain somewhat, but nearly all are threshed out now and some are baling their straw.

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The next regular monthly meeting of the Men's Brotherhood of the churches in this district will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Mountain Home church Tuesday evening, September 19.

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The following have been guests during the past week at the home of George Hawley and sister, Mrs. Mattie Lawler: Mrs. Nettie Smith, Mrs. Murl Starof, Multnomah, and Leo Adams and Miss Maxine Foster of Portland.

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Stanley Beck of Portland, who has been spending part of his vacation at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Robert Pomeroy, returned home the first of last week. David Beck, his brother, has been spending the past week with his aunt, Mrs. Pomeroy.

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Francis Dupre of Portland passed away at his home in the city last Friday. Mr. Dupre was a cousin of J. J. VanKleek, Mrs. Lilly M. Bierly and Mrs. Lida Ward of this town. He made frequent visits here and was well known. His relatives who reside here have the sympathy of their neighbors and friends.

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Two new arrivals in town during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Everett D. Wright are being congratulated upon the birth of a daughter, Patricia, born to them Wednesday evening, August 30; and a son, Jack Frederick, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Aten Thursday morning, August 31. Both Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Aten are doing well at their respective homes.

THRONGS ATTEND OPENING OF OREGON STATE FAIR

Thrills, Thrills and More Thrills Keep Spectators on Edge

Oregon's seventy-second annual fair got off to a flying start at Salem this week, with Labor day crowds setting a new attendance record. The holiday date and a 25-cent admission to the fairgrounds aided in breaking old-time marks.

The presentation of the world's largest bouquet was attended by thousands, with many thousands clamoring to get into the Agricultural building. Mrs. Meier received the bouquet from J. O. Holt of Eugene, chairman of the board of agriculture.

Exhibits this year also set a new high mark. A new interest seems to permeate every department of the fair.

And then, of course, every afternoon so far has seen capacity crowds at the horse races. With pari-mutuel wagering being tried at the fairgrounds, interest ran high. Thrilling races have been won and lost, with a long shot coming in first every once in a while for a large payoff for the lucky ticket holder.

The parachute race preceding the horse racing has been more than bargained for in thrills. The sight of seeing two men drop through space has been too much for several women spectators and first-aid has had to be administered.

Jim McCleave and his highly educated horses continue to thrill at the big free night gymkhana. Special lights have made the grandstand and surroundings as bright as daylight Sandwiched in between McCleave's acts have been three competitive rodeo events—bronc riding, buildogging and Brahma steer riding. Cowhands from all sections of the west are here for these nightly contests.

More than 25,000 watts of light have made the midway, from the grandstand building to the machinery building, one dazzling fairyland. The carnivals are more crowded than ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Robinson visited Tuesday with Miss Letty McKay of Whitford. They had just returned from their wedding trip, which had extended as far north as Alaska. They left the next day for Seattle, where Mr. Robinson is connected with the aviation corps.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

In the matter of the estate of Henry E. Hunt, deceased:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been duly appointed by the above-entitled court as the adminitratrices of the estate of said deceased and have duly qualified as such.

Now, therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, together with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hare, McAlear & Peters, in the Shute Savings Bank building, in Hillsboro, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated ths twenty-fifth day of August, 1933.

ELIZABETH C. MASTERS,
ELSIE M. OLSON,
Administratrices of Said Estate.
HARE, McALEAR & PETERS,
Attorneys for Administratrices.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

In the matter of the estate of Matilda Jane Peterson, deceased:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned administratrix of the above-named estate has filed in the above-entitled court and cause her final account and report as such and the court has fixed the twenty-fifth day of September, 1933, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and the courtroom of the above-entitled court in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections to said final settlement of said estate.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of August, 1933.

ANNA MAE BARNES,
Administratrix of the Estate of Said Deceased.
HARE, McALEAR & PETERS.
Attorneys for Administratrix.
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