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DELAY MEANS LOSS

Riparian Rights and Easements in Umatilla Project Forfeited If Year Goes By.

Oregon's senatorial delegation will join in urging President Taft to make changes in the allotment of \$20,000,000 for irrigation, so that Oregon can get \$2,925,000 for reclamation work, instead of the \$925,000 apportioned.

George F. Johnson, chairman of the promotion committee of the Portland commercial club tells the Journal that prospects for an additional appropriation seemed bright. Not only did Mr. Johnson and other members of the committee telegraph to President Taft, urging him to change the allotment, but sent dispatches to J. J. Hill, head of the Hill system; Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific and Judge Lovett, head of the Harriman system.

That delay will be fatal to the west extension of the Umatilla project, for which the additional \$2,000,000 is asked, is one of the strongest arguments advanced by business men of Portland and Oregon. They assert that even a year's delay would mean the forfeiting of thousands of dollars worth of riparian rights and easements obtained when the project seemed assured.

"Two erroneous impressions have gone abroad regarding the Umatilla project," said Mr. Johnson. "One is that the board of army engineers rejected the project. As a matter of fact, each member of the board approved and favored the scheme. With the army board it was a question of money; there was not enough to go around, so they cut Oregon short."

"Then it has been erroneously given out that the Umatilla project is a new work, and is therefore held up because the law prohibiting the starting of any new reclamation schemes applies to it. In truth, the project in question is merely an extension of the project now under way."

"The Umatilla project is one of the greatest and most important in the country. By the expenditure of \$2,000,000, land worth \$12,000,000 which is now being held by the government, will be turned over to the public. Not only will the land immediately under the west extension be affected, but about 40,000 acres on the high lands of the Columbia river basin and possibly about 800,000 acres in the John Day section might later be put under water."

"The money appropriated for reclamation in Oregon would do no more than about complete the Klamath and Malheur projects and would leave the west extension of the Umatilla project abandoned."

"We believe it most important that work on the west end of the Umatilla project proceed with all possible rapidity. The project would be of immeasurable benefit to Portland and to all Oregon. Produce from the Umatilla section comes into the market from two to three weeks before that from other regions. That is a great advantage."

Series of Sermons.
A series of sermons will be preached in the Methodist pulpit on Sunday mornings, on "Bible Standard of the Christian Religion." We firmly believe that scriptural methods will bring scriptural results, and that God, who wrought mightily in the past will do so as well in this age of the world. The series will begin Sunday morning with a sermon from the topic, "The Bible," evening, "Exodus." Thomas Lawson.

Who Wants to Go?
Every year Phil Bates, publisher of the Pacific Northwest, at Portland, takes a car load of young ladies west to advertise the state and he is now trying to complete a party that is to leave Portland on February 15th. He writes us stating that if any of our

readers desires to go with him they will be welcome. The party will be gone three weeks, going east over the Canadian Pacific Railway to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Madison, Wis., Cincinnati, Louisville, Birmingham and arriving at New Orleans in time to enjoy the three best days of the Mardi Gras, the finest pageant of its kind in the world. This is not a subscription scheme, but a trip which Mr. Bates makes every year to advertise Oregon. The cost is \$300, which covers every expense from start to finish in a private car. Mr. Bates states that if any one would like to go from this county he will expect them to bring as much descriptive literature of our resources as our commercial organizations will furnish for distribution, as the main purpose of the trip is to advertise our resources and on former trips he has obtained thousands of dollars worth of publicity for Oregon which has resulted in hundreds of homeseekers locating in the state.

UMATILLA COUNTY MARRIAGES

They Overwhelmingly Outnumber the Divorce Decrees During 1910.

If anyone says the East Oregonian, thinks that the institution of divorce is becoming more popular in Umatilla county than is the institution of marriage, they have but to consult the records in the office of the county clerk to be undeceived. These records show that during the year 1910, 32 decrees for divorce were handed down in the local court while 348 couples successfully applied for licenses to be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. This would seem to indicate that the god of love still holds the balance of power in this section of the state and that the divinity of marital discord, despite the new ally he has found in the affinity germ, is still but of secondary influence. These figures show that during the past year there has been a decided falling off in the number of divorces and a decided increase in the number of marriages. Lawyers in the city do not attempt to explain the reason for the former fact, but they do declare that the stringency of the Washington law has greatly swelled the marriage fees of this county and it is a fact that a considerable number of Walla Walla people have secured their licenses in Pendleton. December was the banner month for the culmination of romances, as there were 33 licenses issued during that month, an average of more than one each day. This would seem to disprove the theory so popular among poets and bards that the amorous passions and emotions of mankind hibernates during the winter to awake from their long slumber with increased activity in the spring, which theory was responsible for those oft quoted lines, "In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." However, there is some substantiation for that theory in the fact that May ranks second in the calendar in the number of passports issued to the port of conjugal felicity, 25 having been granted. November is the third with 24 while June and October tie with 23 apiece. The following are the numbers granted in the other months: January, 14; February, 15; March, 15; April, 18; July, 19; August, 18 and September, 21.

School Report.
Following is the report of school District No. 52, for the month beginning Dec. 5 and ending Dec. 30: Number of days taught, 15; Number of pupils enrolled, 10; pupils who were neither absent or tardy and are especially noted for good scholarship are as follows: Oneita Jackson, Elsie Walker, Ralph Richmond, Roy Richmond, Clay Jackson, Henry Zealand and Ellis Hopper. Visitors for the month are, F. J. Jackson, E. H. Koepke, Harold Jackson, Ruth Jackson, E. H. Richmond, Lowell Richmond, Mrs. E. H. Richmond, Mrs. F. J. Jackson, May Richmond, and Kathleen Stevenson. Lillian Downs-Dobson, Teacher.

New County Officials.
"Jim" Maloney is now county judge. He assumed the duties of the office Tuesday morning. The first term of court under the new judge began Wednesday morning, when H. M. Cocksburn, the newly elected county commissioner was sworn into office. Ben Burroughs, the new county recorder, was at his office ready to transact business, Tuesday morning. The new officials have been receiving congratulations from their many friends during the week.

Weston Works for Project.
Estimates to be secured for irrigating 5000 Acres Near Pine Creek.
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The matter of the cost was considered a vital one, in order that it may be approximately determined just what the pro rata cost per acre shall be to the land-owners under the canal. The project as originally planned called for a larger average than has since been found to be advisable, and an estimate for a smaller area will be necessary. About 5000 acres is the amount of land now in view, and to supply the water will require a small dam than at first contemplated. The committee desires figures as to

PHELPS IS NAMED

Appointment to Judgeship Comes to Present District Attorney—His Successor Not Yet Named.

District Attorney G. W. Phelps has been appointed judge of the Sixth judicial district, by Acting Governor Bowerman. It has been known for some time that Phelps stood the best chance of receiving the appointment over others entering to the office.

The new judge was elected district attorney in 1904 against J. H. Raley, having defeated John McCourt, present United States district attorney for the nomination in the republican convention. Previously, Mr. Phelps served in the legislature as joint representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties, defeating W. F. Matlock, the democratic candidate in 1902. He was re-elected district attorney in 1909 and had two years to serve when appointed judge.

There are several applicants for Mr. Phelps' unexpired term of district attorney, prominent among whom is Homer I. Watts of this city. It is said that the fight waged by the aspirants for this appointment has become so hot and complicated that Bowerman is on the eve of being forced to give the plum to a democrat.

Sam Van Vactor, of Heppner, a leading democrat and a lawyer of considerable ability, who is a personal friend of Bowerman's, is liable to be the compromise candidate through whose selection the acting governor would endeavor to quell the strife now existing among the republican aspirants.

POSTAL BANKS IN OPERATION

Forty-six Experiment Offices Opened For Business This Week.

Reporting but slight business, the first postal savings bank in Oregon opened at Klamath Falls Tuesday morning.

Following years of public agitation and discussion, postal savings banks in the United States became an accomplished fact Tuesday with the opening of forty-six trial banks, one in each state and territory of the Union.

These banks are of experimental character and are intended to try out the system. The results will be closely followed by the officials of the post office department with a view to making any changes in the regulations and forms as may be deemed necessary before the system is generally introduced throughout the country.

All of the experimental banks are in postoffices of the second class and in localities where the conditions are believed to be exceptionally favorable for the development of a postal savings business.

Several of the offices selected are in communities inhabited by foreign-born Americans who are remitting annually considerable sums of money to their native country by postal money orders. Much of this money, it is believed, will be kept in the United States through the medium of the postal savings bank.

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the approximate cost per acre before proceeding with the work.

It is understood that William MacKennis will visit North Yakima to consult with the engineer, H. F. Marple, in charge of the project, in order to secure the modified plan and estimate. When this is done another meeting of the committee will be held and the nature of the contract determined.

Church Officials Elected.

The Sunday school board of the M. E. church met December 29 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected are as follows: Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Worthington; assistant, Miss Mattie Coppock; secretary, Ruth Stewart; assistant, Ruth Dickenson; Treasurer, Miss Coppock; librarian, Wesley Tompkins; organist, Emory Worthington; assistant, Mrs. Charles May. Teachers elected were: Bible class, Fred Koontz; young people's class, Hugh Worthington; intermediate class Mrs. Thos. Lawson; primary, Mrs. B. E. Stewart. Ruth Stewart, Sec.

B. C. KIDDER PASSED AWAY

The End, Caused By Pneumonia, Came Saturday Night.

After having been ill for several days with pneumonia, B. C. Kidder died at his home in this city Saturday night, aged 70 years.

The old gentleman has been in ill health for some time and complications incident to old age made his battle for life a feeble one when he became afflicted with a severe pneumonia which soon developed into pneumonia.

Mr. Kidder had been a resident of Athena for over a year, coming to this city to reside from his home in Pendleton. He was born in the state of Ohio, and was a member of the United Brethren church. His wife, Mrs. George, was born in the state of Ohio, and was a member of the same church. Mr. Kidder devoted his time to sketching and illustrating, and Harpiss, a national weekly, during the war of the rebellion, employed him on its staff of artists and many of that journal's best illustrations were sketches from his pen. He was also a writer of more than ordinary ability, and at one time in his early life conducted a newspaper. He served through the war and with his family came to the coast in 1888.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Monday afternoon by Rev. Thomas Lawson, of the M. E. church, interment taking place in Athena cemetery.

Machinery Men to Meet.

The threshermen, combine harvesters and hay balers of this county will meet at the Commercial Club rooms in Pendleton Monday, January 9th, at 1:30 p. m. to arrange for the passage of a new law governing power machinery on the public highways. It is their desire to eliminate undesirable features of the present law now on the statute books and substitute a law more in accord with new conditions. This meeting is open to all machinery men who utilize the public highways and will be addressed by Philip S. Bates, secretary of the State Threshers' association and good roads enthusiast.

Miss Jeanette McKinnon a Bride.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKinnon, formerly residents of this vicinity and now of Alberta, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Jeanette Louise, to George Gibson Coats. The ceremony was performed Dec. 19, at Calgary, and Mr. and Mrs. Coats are now at Nanton, Alberta. The Press joins the many Athena friends of the bride in extending good wishes.

Russian of Russia's Title.

The general allusion to the ruler of Russia as the czar is, strictly speaking, incorrect. His official title is "emperor and autocrat." Czar is the old Russian word for lord or prince and was abandoned by Peter the Great on his triumphal return from Poltava, his crowning victory over Charles XII of Sweden. Since then the Russian monarch has been officially entitled emperor, and at the congress of Vienna in 1815 his right to the imperial term was admitted by the powers, with the proviso that, though he was emperor, he had no precedence over the kings of western Europe.—St. James' Gazette.

The Modern Idea.

Roman Guide (Impressively)—The ruins of the Coliseum! Seattle Man (astonished)—Well, what do you think of that? Why, I saw photographs of that heap twenty years ago. Roman Guide (softly)—Quite likely, sir. Seattle Man—But why do thunder aren't those ruins cleared away and a modern Coliseum erected?—New Orleans Picayune.

Unless.

Townsend—Can a man live on \$1 a day? Beers—Certainly, unless he's so prodigal as to lay something aside for a rainy day, keep up his insurance, eat when he's hungry, buy clothes and pay his bills.—Chicago News.

C. C. BAKER, PRINCIPAL, HAS TO RESIGN

Due to the serious illness of his wife, C. C. Baker, principal of the Athena High school, finds that he is compelled to resign his position at once. His resignation has not yet been placed with the board, but it is known that he will sever his connection with the school at once, possibly today. Mr. Baker has been very successful in his work here and every one

in the community will regret to hear of his enforced resignation. The board will probably secure the services of M. S. Fate, at present an instructor in the Pendleton high school. Mr. Fate has had ten years' experience in high school work and has held the principalship of schools in Nebraska. He is the husband of the new teacher who took charge of the 4th and 5th grades this week.