

## IRRIGATION WELL APPEARS SUCCESS

Experimental Drilling By State College Gives a Heavy Flow.

Oregon State College.—Supplemental irrigation from wells for the Willamette valley is another step nearer realization with the completion of the first such well on the Senator Sam Brown place at Gervais. This is the first of a series of wells to be sunk by the Oregon Experiment station by using the new revolving fund raised by Portland and state business interests for this purpose.

The well was "brought in" early in March with a satisfactory flow after sinking an 18-inch hole 155 feet. A 29-foot stratum of water bearing gravel was found at the 117-foot level. When the casing was put in it was perforated throughout this gravel stratum, making this the first irrigation well in that section of the state provided with other than an open bottom inlet.

Senator Brown is making plans to use the water this year on his 35 acres of blackberries and on his loganberries and other bush and tree fruits. Experiments of the college have shown that both acre production and quality can be improved with supplemental water.

A second experimental well is contemplated at once on a dairy farm near Monitor where the water will be used in establishing permanent pastures.

### Steelheads Jam Fish Ladder

Hundreds of steelheads are jamming over the fish ladders at the dam in Lewiston, obstructing their journey up the Clearwater river. Friday the race was so heated that the ladder was jammed tight with wriggling fish and an added step had to be placed near the top to allow the big fish to get through without holding back the others. The run started Monday, but increased suddenly Friday.

## The State Will Receive Publicity From the Old Oregon Trail Centennial

Portland.—Cognizance of the nation-wide celebration of the 100th anniversary of the genesis of the famous Oregon trail has been taken by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, which intends to give national prominence to the part played by Portland and Oregon in the history of the trail.

The celebration, to be known as the Covered Wagon centennial will open April 10, 100 years from the day the first covered wagon left St. Louis and headed west over the Rocky mountains, thus inaugurating emigration over the trail.

The celebration will close December 29, 100th anniversary of the birth of the late Ezra Meeker, pioneer, whose life in large measure was devoted to memorializing the trail.

Meeker followed the trail in pioneer days. Later he covered it again in a covered wagon after it had been paved, and he traversed it also by automobile and as a crowning achievement, after his 80th year, he traveled in an airplane high above the approximate course of the trail.

Beginning at St. Louis, the trail passes through such historic places as Fort Bridger, Fort Laramie, Walla Walla, Fort Kearney and South Pass, and through Portland to the rim of the Pacific at Seaside.

George D. Pratt, New York capitalist, is chairman of the executive committee of the Oregon Trail Memorial association.

In telegrams sent Friday by the Chamber of Commerce, through Herbert Cuthbert, manager of the advertising and promotion department, passenger traffic managers of leading railroads are asked to feature the Oregon Trail and Oregon in their advertising and literature.

President Hoover has issued a proclamation asking for general participation in the celebration.

### Boys and Girls' Clubs

Much interest is being manifested in boys and girls club work in the Pilot Rock section this year with active plans for the year's work now under way. Three clubs have been formed, a calf club with six members, a sheep club with six members and a poultry club with 12 members. A pig club is expected to be formed soon.

## Indians Getting Ready To Spear Seals As They Swim Their Way North

Olympia.—When the sleek hordes of fur-bearing seals arrive off the Washington coast within the next 10 days on their annual migration to the Pribilof islands, their progress will be disturbed by the only lawful man-made attack of the entire journey.

Ancient federal treaties permit the Quillayute and Neah Bay Indian tribes to take toll of the valuable fur bearers. The white man is restrained by treaty between the United States, Canada, Russia and Japan.

Mustered on the western coast of Clallam county, in Northwestern Washington, the Indians will paddle out to sea 25 or 50 miles in their small canoes to intercept the cruising seals, their only weapon a spear and line. The government has ruled that their hunting rights must be exercised in the ancient manner. Firearms and power boats are barred.

The great seal herds, moving with clock-like precision, appear off the Washington coast at practically the same time each year. Since becoming government wards, coast guard cutters convey the animals to their breeding grounds and protect them from poachers.

As they approach the Washington coast their progress is slowed and they appear to rest a great deal. This enables the canoeing hunters to slip up on the seals as they sleep on the surface of the water.

The annual fur seal hunt is the last primitive adventure left for the Washington coast Indians. It taxes their hardihood and often takes toll from their ranks, as the coast is subject to sudden storms at this time of the year.

## Brave Weston Boy Saves Little Girl From Creek

Melvin, the eight-year-old son of Andy T. Barnett, isn't out to qualify for the Carnegie medal, says the Weston Leader, but he displayed considerable grit the other day for a boy who is ordinarily afraid of water.

Thursday of last week, when Pine creek was running rather high because of melting snows, a number of children essayed to cross it on a footlog near the Frank Jackson residence. As is the manner of children, they seldom go near the footlog when the water is low, but when the creek is up the perilous crossing seems to exert a sort of fascination for them, in spite of repeated warnings against it from their parents.

The Barnett boy and Marilyn, the five-year-old daughter of Marvin Adkins, were with this party, and the little girl fell into the stream. The other children ran away with the exception of Melvin, who plunged in after the girl and dragged her out of danger. About a year ago, at the same spot, Melvin rescued his younger brother, Donald, in a similar manner.

Since his exploit the Weston community has rung with praise of the young hero, who is a modest lad. A movement is on foot to see if recognition can be secured for him in the way of a Carnegie award.

## Educational Survey Will Begin Soon In This State

The survey of Oregon's institutions of higher learning, as provided for in the law creating the combined board of education, is well under way at present even though the specialists from the federal bureau of education will not come to Oregon until later in the year.

Questionnaires covering many phases of the work have been received by officials at Oregon State college and are being filled out and returned to Washington, D. C., where the material will be compiled and turned over to the survey committee before it comes to Oregon.

The latest questionnaires supplied all institutions in the state were answered personally by each student registered. Questions covered concerned the students' courses, population of home towns, occupational plans, economic condition of family, amount of money spent for education, and other information tending to indicate the type of training demanded by the students at the various institutions.

Regatta Plans Shaping Up  
Plans for the second annual regatta to be held on McKay lake, sponsored by Pendleton post 23, American Legion, on June 14 and 15, are nearing completion. The legion is working to make this year's event outdo the initial regatta. The executive committee and the regatta committee met Friday night and discussed plans for the prizes. While no definite decision has been made, plans were discussed at the meeting for a bathing beauty contest in connection with the annual regatta dance.

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## BONUS FIGHT IN SENATE, EXPECTED

Cash Payment To All World War Veterans Proposed By Barkley.

Washington.—That the fight for payment of cash bonus to World war veterans will soon be seriously resumed in congress is indicated not only by the promise of Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, to press his bill for this purpose, but by prompt assurance of support given him by other senators when he mentioned his purpose on the floor of the senate.

Barkley is a member of the senate finance committee, which has jurisdiction of this question. He has announced that as soon as the tariff bill is out of the way he will ask the committee to take it up. Senator Smoot of Utah, Republican, chairman of that committee, already has sounded a note of alarm. It would cost \$3,000,000,000 or \$4,000,000,000, he said. Proposal of expenditures on this scale will, of course, bring Secretary Mellon to the front, as on previous occasions, to oppose the measure on financial grounds.

Back of the present movement to revive the bonus issue is the question of unemployment, which the bonus senators believe is connected with an astonishing increase in applications by veterans for loans on their adjusted compensation certificates.

It will be remembered these certificates, having certain loan values, were issued in lieu of cash bonus when the matter was fought out a few years ago, the only exception being that cash was paid when the bonus certificates amounted to only \$50 or less.

"I think the recent increase in application," said Senator Walsh, "reflects somewhat the extent of unemployment and the financial distress now prevailing throughout the country among those of meager incomes."

Senator Bratton of New Mexico, Democrat, in discussing the new Barkley bill, observed:

"I think each soldier should determine for himself whether he wants to retain his compensation certificate or take the cash. I have no sympathy with the argument that the government of the United States must not pay that obligation, an obviously just and meritorious one, because it will cause an undue strain on the treasury. It is unworthy of congress to take such an attitude."

Senator Copeland of New York, Democrat, likewise pledged his support to the cash bonus bill. Republicans in the senate, except Senator Smoot, remained silent as the discussion proceeded.

The trend of debate showed a hooking up of the cash bonus with unemployment, the sort of issue the administration will surely wish to avoid.

President Hoover recently warned against bills introduced in congress which, if passed, would authorize the expenditure of over \$300,000,000 and asked congress to resist all appeals involving any substantial increase over the budget figures. The Barkley bill was not in the president's list. If he had included that, his figures would have been doubled.

Congress realizes there is already considerable discontent over the administration of the World war veteran act, arising out of complicated rules and regulations, disputes over degree of disability, battles over insurance, delays and like causes of complaint. Addition to this of a cash bonus movement, should it become formidable, will force an embarrassing issue for many senators and representatives in the approaching campaign.

## Vancouver Barracks Scene of Citizen's Training Camp

Vancouver, Wash.—Historic Vancouver Barracks, one of the oldest and most picturesque military reservations in the United States, is to be the scene of the 10th annual Citizens' Military Training Camp, June 20 to July 19, when several hundred young men from Oregon and southwestern Washington will be "soldiers for a month" and will combine military, citizenship and athletic training with thirty days of camp life at Government expense. Nearly one half of the authorized quota have already enrolled for the camp, according to Brigadier General Paul A. Wolf, U. S. A., who has been designated to command the camp.

Any young man 17 to 24 years of age, of average intelligence and physique and good moral character, is eligible, advises General Wolf. All necessary expenses—travel, food, shelter, uniforms and equipment, are borne by the Government, in pursuance of the broad policy laid down in the National Defense Act of 1920 for insuring peace by inculcating in its budding citizens a real understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship and an appreciation of the needs of the country for national defense.

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