

**GOVERNMENT  
IRRIGATION.**

**Professor Newell Will Inspect  
Eastern Oregon.**

A press dispatch from Washington, D. C., says that Congressman Moody has finally secured the consent of Professor Newell to visit Oregon during the coming summer and, by personal examinations, determine just what localities in eastern Oregon offer the best opportunities for developing the department's irrigating plan. He says that preliminary reconnoissances, such as have been asked for in other states, have already been made in Oregon, principally along the Deschutes and other rivers of Malheur, Harney and Crook counties, and that Hood river, the Deschutes and Umatilla rivers have already been gauged, so that the amount of their discharge is practically known. In fact, he says, previous investigations have greatly encouraged the department to make further experiments in Oregon and, if appropriations are hereafter made for construction of experimental reservoirs, it is thought some of the money will be expended in eastern Oregon, where exceptional opportunities are offered.

Mr. Moody thinks that inasmuch as Professor Newell is to make a personal investigation of the irrigable lands in Malheur, Harney and Crook counties this summer, much good will result in the near future, more good, in fact than if subordinates were sent into the field to make a cursory examination. It is his hope to have Mr. Pinchot, the forester of the department of agriculture, visit eastern Oregon while Professor Newell is there, that the two may tour that part of the state together, and both get the same idea of the conditions among the sheepmen. He thinks that by coming in actual contact with the sheepgrowers and rangers, these department officials will appreciate the true conditions better than they can through correspondence, and at the same time the stockmen, when they have met and talked with these officials, will learn that there is some good in the rules and methods of the department, and that these officials are men of practical ideas.

Mr. Pinchot, at the personal solicitation of Mr. Moody, has consented to make this visit to eastern Oregon, although his planned tour for the summer did not reach so far toward the west. He assured Mr. Moody that he anticipated no change in the pasturage policy of the department already adopted on the Cascade reserve. He will make no special investigation in this reserve, since that territory has been thoroughly covered in the past, particularly by Mr. Colville, of the agricultural department, who made a full and comprehensive report upon his return to Washington.

When he called on Professor Day, in charge of the mineral division of the geological survey, Mr. Moody was informed that investigation in Baker county had progressed rapidly, and that satisfactory results had been obtained. Based on last summer's investigations, a report on the Sumpter quadrangle will be placed in the hands of the printer in a short time, and in the course of a month, will be ready for distribution. This document will be a valuable aid to those making mineral investigations in the Sumpter district.

**Machinery for Dan Jaeger's Mine.**

Information reaches Butte that Dan Jaeger, who is now operating a group of gold properties of Oregon, is busy this week getting his sinking plant ready for operations. The machinery has been in transit nearly a month from Butte, Montana, and comprises a 25-horse power en-

gine, 50-horse power boiler, 500 feet of 3/4-inch cable, 1500 feet of pipe, the latter being 500 feet each of 1 1/2, 2 and 3 inch pipe for steam, exhaust and water column purposes, and a No. 7 Knowles sinking pump, with a capacity of 100 gallons per minute. The machinery is all in first class condition and a force of men is employed in the work of sinking the shaft 500 feet. When 300 feet depth has been obtained, a station will be installed and two shifts of men will be employed drifting on the ledge. The properties are located at Gold Center, about five miles east of Granite, on the Sumpter road, and the group comprises eleven claims. The company is a close corporation, composed of Montana capitalists. Mr. Jaeger believes he has the biggest thing in the Granite gold fields, as on the surface the ledge was at least eighty feet in width, with very good assays.—Western Mining World.

**O. R. & N. Hauling Coeur d'Alene Ore.**

An important change has been made with reference to the handling of ores from the Coeur d'Alenes. It has been kept quiet all along, but was divulged here yesterday. Hitherto practically all the ores from that section have been transported over the Northern Pacific. Since some time last month the larger proportion of these ores have been handled by the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Oregon Short Line. No information was given as to the cause for this change. It is true, however, that the bulk of the ore from that famous section now goes east via the Short Line and that it has right of way over all but perishable freight. This business gives a great increase to the traffic of the Short Line, as the output of concentrates from the Coeur d'Alenes is very large.—Boise Statesman.

**More Machinery for the Iron Dyke.**

The Iron Dyke mine, owned by the Northwest Copper company whose principal stockholders are Erie, Pennsylvania, people, suspended operations last week in the mine for the purpose of enlarging their working capacity and installing new machinery, which is now on the way to the mine. This property cost the owners \$100,000, the last payment being made about four weeks ago to the former owners, and involved the payment of \$23,000. It is situated on the Oregon side, opposite the River Queen, a promising mine of the district, and will be fifty rods distance from the railroad. The railroad will pass within a stone's throw of the River Queen, the property of the Haas brothers, of Weiser, which is also doing some extensive development work.—Weiser Signal.

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