

FEASIBLE PLAN FOR RAPIDS PROJECT

TWO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS ARE SUGGESTED

Rapids Project Can Be Built in Oregon and Washington Under Plan, Says Director

The Oregonian of Tuesday contains a dispatch from Washington, D. C., in which the director of the reclamation service gives it as his opinion that the Smith-McNary bill offers the means of putting through the development of the Umatilla Rapids Irrigation and power project. We reprint the dispatch herewith:

"There is no reason why the Umatilla Rapids Irrigation project in Oregon and Washington cannot be constructed under the McNary-Smith bill, the director of the reclamation service asserts in a letter to Senator McNary today.

"I see no difficulty in applying the provisions of the bill to a condition of this kind," the reclamation service wrote Senator McNary. "In such, two irrigation districts should be organized, one in each state. The total costs of the whole project would be allowed against the lands and each district would issue its bonds and make its contract with the United States to cover the lands embraced within its boundaries.

"The United States reclamation service has a similar situation in connection with the lower Yellowstone project, which is located in the states of Montana and North Dakota. An irrigation district has been organized in each state and we have made contracts with each district providing for the repayment of the district's proportionate part of the total project cost."

RAISE ALL YOU FEED FEED ALL YOU RAISE

The following is taken from the Reclamation Record:

Mr. L. E. Cline, government agriculturist on the Newlands project, has recently compiled definite figures on the cost of producing alfalfa hay in 1921 on the Newlands project. His study shows an average total cost per ton of \$9.91 in the production of alfalfa hay on the 465 acres of alfalfa represented in the six farms studied. Mr. Cline states that it is evident that the alfalfa grower who was obliged to seek a market outside the project failed to realize any net profit from his operations.

He points out, however, that the average returns from 13 dairy herds on the project showed an average gross return of \$28.40 per ton of hay used, and concludes that although it may not be possible to reduce materially the cost of producing alfalfa hay, it is gratifying to know that it is possible through the use of dairy cattle to secure a more profitable market than is generally found by exporting the hay to distant points.

BUTTERFAT IS UP GASOLINE IS DOWN

Cheer up Mr. Dairyman and Mr. Car Owner! Its a great life if you don't weaken. Gasoline took a downward slope of one cent a gallon last week and this week comes the good news of a one cent advance in butterfat.

Gasoline has been 33 cents at filling stations here for to these many moons but "Jawn D." has seen fit to charge one-half cent less to dealers and they in turn have "had a heart" and reduced it another half cent so now it stands at 32 cents.

Butterfat has shown a healthy gain. The price of two weeks ago was 41 cents and it has steadily climbed until today the local creamery is paying 44 cents.

FREE METHODIST NOTES

The first Quarterly meeting will be held at the Mission hall, beginning Friday night and lasting over Sabbath Rev. F. E. Pond of Walla Walla will be present and do the preaching.

Preaching Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock followed with the Lord's communion and preaching in the evening. All are invited to attend these services. Preaching at Irigton in the evening.

Fire Destroys O. W. R. & N. Boats

The steamers Lewiston and Spokane were destroyed by fire at their docks in Lewiston, Idaho. The crafts have been in service on the Snake river since 1895 and were valued at \$100,000. The boats were owned by the O. W. R. & N. which will take steps to secure other boats to handle the wheat crop.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT RANCH BOUGHT BY FORMER OWNER

Harry Klock Buys R. C. Challis 20 Acres; C. W. Gotchy Sells to Touchet Man

This week Harry Klock closed a deal with R. C. Challis and again becomes owner of a ranch which he sold (two years ago) to Mr. Challis. The farm in question is in Columbia district, three and one-half miles east of Hermiston on the Diagonal road. The twenty acres is nearly all in alfalfa and garden with the exception of a small acreage which has just been leveled. It is one of the good ranches of Columbia with good house, barn, garage and poultry houses. Otto Sapper was the original owner of the place selling out to Mr. Klock about three years ago. The land was transferred to R. C. Challis later for a consideration of \$4300. Now Mr. Klock is re-purchasing it at a figure of \$4500 it is reported.

C. H. Gotchy, who owns 10 acres just off the Diagonal road and a mile and a half east of this city, has closed a deal this week with W. T. Buck of Touchet, Wash., whereby Mr. Buck becomes the owner and takes possession at once. Mr. Gotchy has erected a tent house on the Floyd Knerr lots on Gladys avenue and expects to remain here for some time.

HEALTH CLINIC SHOWS CHILDREN'S DEFECTS

Out of 118 Examinations at Pendleton Meeting 108 Dental Cases Were Found

Out of 118 school children examined in a health clinic arranged in Pendleton by Mrs. Edith Van Deusen home demonstration agent, 108 were found to be in need of dental attention and many other physical defects were brought to light. Physical examinations were conducted by a local physician, a Hermiston dentist, and a Portland specialist on eye, ear, nose, and throat. The Umatilla County Home Bureau co-operated in making arrangements for this work.

Fifty-four cases of enlarged or diseased tonsils were found; thirty-two children had faulty posture; eleven had defective eyesight; four had ear trouble and sixty-eight were more than two pounds underweight. On the basis of the findings of this conference Mrs. Van Deusen will undertake nutrition follow-up work with the parents of the children examined.

TOURIST BOOKLETS FREE FOR THE ASKING

This office has received copies of two folders just issued by the Pacific Northwest Tourist association entitled "Automobile in the Pacific Northwest" and "The Pacific Northwest for Your Vacation." They are finely printed and show many interesting spots along the highways of the state of Oregon.

They also publish other booklets, namely "Fishing in the Pacific Northwest," "Golfing in the Pacific Northwest," "Mountaineering in the Pacific Northwest," and "Yachting." They have a plentiful supply of all these booklets on hand.

Any one wishing a copy of these either for themselves or for friends in the east can obtain them with out charge by addressing the Pacific Northwest Tourist association, 1617 L. C. Smith Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

POWER SEPARATOR INSTALLED AT THE STONE RANCH

Sappers' Inc. have completed the installation of an Empire power separator on the Frank Stone ranch. The machine has a capacity of 1000 pounds per hour. Mr. Stone is now operating an "al power" dairy farm as this spring he put in an Empire milking machine.

HAY CROP GOOD ACROSS THE RIVER

The second cutting of alfalfa on lands under the Western Irrigation project ditch is now in progress and is reported as being the best second cutting for several years, some going one-half again as much as the usual crop. The cool spring and the ability of the ground to retain the winter moisture, together with the late run of water in the Umatilla river which continued up until the middle of June are facts which have made for the big showing in this crop.

GETS NEW TRUCK

A. D. Crosland and David Leek left for Portland Monday to drive back a new truck purchased through George Elliott. The truck is a Denby 3 ton and the same make and capacity as the one now used by Mr. Crosland in the transfer business, with the exception that the new truck is of the very latest design with special wheel base. Mr. Crosland also operates one other Denby truck in his transfer business.

BEARS AGAIN BEAT ECHO BALL TEAM

WALLA WALLA TAKES SECOND GAME

Rich Lays Down Bunt Scoring Bridgewater From Third With Winning Tally

Walla Walla Bulletin Coming back with a vengeance in the tenth after Swartz had tied the score with a homer with two on in the eighth, Walla Walla took the long end of an eight to seven score on the local field yesterday from Echo, champions of the Irrigation league.

Swartz's clout came when it looked as if everything was in the Bear's favor. The hit, the longest to be made here this season, cleared the center field fence, scoring Mitchell and F. Hoskins.

Although weakened by the loss of Harmon and Olson, the locals started the scoring in their half of the first. Bridgewater doubled for an opener and Comrada came through with a single. Rich fell a victim to Swartz's curve. Lind, next up, singled to right, scoring Bridgewater and putting Comrada on third. Swartz struck out, getting Blackman on strikes and forcing O'Rourke to fly to second.

Echo made two in the second on Hanley's and F. Hoskin's hits and an error. F. Hoskin's hit and three bases on balls accounted for another in the third.

Two in Third Walla Walla tallied twice in the third on five hits after Swartz disposed of Lind by the strikeout route. Another run tallied in the sixth when Rich singled and came home on infield outs.

Nothing exciting happened until the eighth when Swartz got his homer. From the eighth until the last of the tenth King and Mardia pitched great ball.

Walsh, first up in the tenth was out on an infield grounder. Bridgewater, next up, singled and went to third on Comrada's double. Here Rich crossed up the Echo infield, laying down a perfect bunt that went through Swartz and clear to center, scoring Bridgewater on third, with the winning run.

The summary: R H E Walla Walla Bears..... 8 18 4 Echo..... 7 9 2 Batteries: Walsh, Mardis and O'Rourke; Swartz, King and Hanley.

SMALL FIRE IN REAR OF CHEZIK STORE

A small blaze, starting from a fire in a rubbish heap in the rear of the Chezik store on the west side, called out the fire department about 12 o'clock Friday noon. Little damage was done by the fire which caught from the rubbish blaze and spread to an outside cellar that had formerly been used in connection with an acetylene lighting plant, where it was allowed to burn itself out.

Senator Introduces Bill

A bill introduced by Senator Poindexter has passed the senate to appropriate \$100,000 for a federal investigation of the Columbia Basin Project. It is believed the bill will similarly pass the house of representatives soon after it reassembles on August 15.

STATE SCHOOLS INCREASE OUTSIDERS' TUITION FEE

Yearly Rate to be \$105 Next School Year at University of Oregon

Non-resident fees for students in the college and university were increased from \$60 to \$105 a year, effective with the opening of the next fall term, by action of a joint committee of regents of both institutions in Albany.

The two Oregon institutions by this action, taken as a means of reducing the burden of state taxation, puts the two Oregon institutions on a par with the state universities of Washington and California in respect to non-resident tuition. In each of the neighboring states the differential between the charges paid by the residents and those paid by students from outside the state is equal to the \$105 to be charged in Oregon.

Graduate students in both institutions will be exempt under the new fee. The committee of regents emphasizes that the increased fee is not retroactive; any non-resident who has entered the university or the college under the present fee of \$60 a year will be permitted to finish his course at that rate.

LEASES FOR OIL DRILLING COMING SLOWLY

C. O. Bacheller Reports That Only About 400 Acres Were Signed This Week

Leases for land for oil drilling are not coming in as fast as they should according to Mr. Bacheller.

"I should like to start drilling by the middle of August, as my papers have all been filed with the state, and I have a letter from the people who are to supply the drilling equipment, and everything is in readiness to go, I am waiting now only on the signing of enough acreage to warrant the drilling. I sincerely hope the good people of Hermiston fully appreciate the value of an oil well in this vicinity," said Mr. Bacheller.

Leases are coming in every day in small acreages but this process is slow. They expect to make a trip throughout the project the latter part of this week, when the acreage signed, it is hoped, will be materially increased.

FORMER PORTLAND MAN DIES AT IRRIGON

The death of Alonson Lamoreaux occurred at Irrigon Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The cause of the death was paralysis. Deceased was 66 years of age and leaves a widow and 5 children to mourn the loss. The funeral was held at Irrigon Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. Wann of the Hermiston M. E. church.

CAR OF FORDS FOR HERMISTON AUTO CO.

The Hermiston Auto Co. received a carload shipment of Ford cars last Tuesday. The shipment consisted of four touring cars, one runabout, one truck and one Ford chassis.

To Accept Applications for Loans

The Hermiston National Farm Loan association has just received word from the Federal Land Bank in Spokane and are now in position to accept applications for federal farm loans on all lands patented since August 9, 1912, also any lands patented prior to that date. Any application can be taken by S. C. Lochrie, First National Bank.

FRANK E. PAYNE IS CALLED BY DEATH

WAS 67 YEARS OF AGE AND A PIONEER OF HERMISTON

Deceased Was at One Time Associated with the Hermiston Produce and Supply Company

Frank E. Payne, an early pioneer of the Hermiston project, died Tuesday evening, July 18, death being caused by heart failure. Mr. Payne was a true pioneer of the best type and was always interested in the development of the unproductive lands. This much can be truly said that he was as reliable and straightforward a man in all his dealings as ever lived. His word was as good as anybody's bonds.

Mr. Payne was born in Virginia, December 25, 1855, and lived his early life in West Virginia, Ohio and Louisiana. As a young man he went to California and lived there for two years, then he moved to Salem, Oregon where he remained for several years. He then went to Eastern Washington in 1880 and stayed there for 17 years developing lands. In 1898 he moved to Medford, Oregon, where he developed a 40-acre orchard sold out in 1904 and went to San Diego, California, remaining there until 1910 when he came to Hermiston and stayed until 1914 during which time he was a member of the firm of Hermiston Produce & Supply Co. He then left here and went to San Diego but returned to Hermiston in 1917 where he has remained.

Simple funeral services were held today at 4 p. m. at the Thomas Campbell home.

STILLINGS REPORTS GOOD DEMAND FOR PIGS

H. J. Stillings reports a good demand for pigs for breeding stock this season. The demand for weaners and pigs has been exceptionally good and he has had hard work to supply the call for these. Last week he shipped three pigs, one to Naperville, Wash., and one each to Richland, and Oregon City, Oregon.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday school 10 a. m. Class for all. Morning service 11 a. m. Subject of sermon "Christianity Related to the Ancient Landmarks" Special music, duet by Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Haneline. Columbia: Sunday school 2 p. m. Preaching 3 p. m.

"CONFLICT" STARS PRISCILLA DEAN AT THE PLAY HOUSE

Priscilla Dean appears on the screen of the Play House next Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22 in "Conflict" her first picture since the highly successful "Reputation." In the screen version of Clarence Budington Kelland's story "Conflict," which appeared in the Red Book Magazine in serial form. Miss Dean has established herself as one of the screen's leading emotional actresses. The story concerns Dorcas Remalle a daughter of wealth and luxury, who, upon the death of her father, is forced to go to her uncle's home in the Big North Woods.

MISS CATHERINE SKINNER WEDS HOWARD E. ILLSLEY

Both Are Former Residents of Hermiston; Will Make Future Home in Portland

Miss Catherine Skinner and Howard E. Illsley of Portland were married Monday, July 17 at 4 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Skinner, who live north of town. Rev. J. T. Dowell officiating. The near relatives and friends of the bride and bride-groom were present for the ceremony, after which a delightful wedding luncheon was served.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Skinner, who are early pioneers of Hermiston. She attended her first public school in Hermiston and was a member of the first class to graduate from this high school. She later attended Whitman and McMinnville colleges and also graduated from the Idaho State Normal school. She has been employed in Portland for the past six years.

Mr. Illsley is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Illsley of this city and was formerly in business in Hermiston, as he owned the first jewelry store here. He now has a position with the Staples Jewelry company of Portland.

POSTOFFICE INSPECTOR CHECKS LOCAL OFFICE

Local Postoffice is Found to be in First Class Condition; New Routes Examined

R. C. Knox, of Portland, postoffice inspector was here this week checking over the local office and found everything in first class condition. Mr. Knox was to have been here some time ago but was called to Washington, D. C., in consultation with the postoffice department. He was also looking over leases for new quarters but nothing will be done with this for the present. In company with Postmaster Skinner he went over the proposed changes in routing of the rural delivery systems out of here and will doubtless recommend the changes proposed but only after certain bridges are constructed, three being over the A line canal and one over the feed canal.

MISS HATTIE GRAHAM LEAVES FOR PORTLAND

Neighborhood Club Discontinues Meetings Until Second Wednesday in September

The Methodist Ladies Aid held an ice cream social on the Leather's lawn Thursday evening.

Miss Hattie Graham left Friday for Portland. After a few days visit there, she expects to go on to Tacoma for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Utterback and her brother, W. Graham.

Miss Edna Gould is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ray Fisher.

Rev. and Mrs. Wann were Sunday dinner guests at the Waugaman home.

Because of the hot weather and the difficulty members are finding in being able to attend the Neighborhood club has discontinued meetings until the second Wednesday in September.

Mrs. C. M. Edmonds was a Pendleton visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Mathews and Hugh Harvey of Spokane are spending a few weeks at their farm home in Columbia. While here Mr. Mathews is busy laying new floors in the house and giving the wood work a fresh coat of paint.

A number of Boy Scouts camped at Cold Springs Reservoir Friday and Saturday of last week. Among the Columbia boys in the group were Dick Upham, Dick Thomas, Robert Knapton and Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Waller and Gene returned last Friday from an outing at Bingham Springs.

The class of '21 of the Hermiston high school picniced at the reservoir Thursday.

Jessie Waugaman visited several days the first of the week at the Phipps home.

PRISCILLA DEAN CONFLICT CONTEST

Manager Morfitt of the Play House is putting on a guessing contest this week. To the first two persons guessing nearest to the number of pencils displayed in the Oregon Hardware company's window a week's ticket to the Play House attractions will be given and also a Roadpoint pencil. The next three will receive a week's pass to the show and the next five a pass each to this Saturday's show. Priscilla Dean in "Conflict."

ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE FROM A. B. FALL

TO PROJECT PEOPLE AND RECLAMATION EMPLOYEES

Inventory of Past 20 Years Successful Outweighs Failure; Substantial Benefits to Nation Shown

Secretary of the Interior, Albert B. Fall, has issued the following statement in the Reclamation Record which must be of interest to people residing on all government projects and we reprint it in full:

On this the twentieth anniversary of the reclamation act it is fitting that we should take inventory of the results which have followed the adoption of a unique policy of internal expansion. I take it that its advocates and the majority of its beneficiaries are agreed that success outweighs failure and that substantial benefits to the nation have been shown.

I am confident that question is no longer raised as to the ability of the Federal engineers to plan and construct efficiently the monumental works required. The public has accorded generous commendation to those who have rendered this important service.

The primary purpose of the framers of this law and of Congress in enacting it was not only to promote to development and use of arid lands but also to establish thereon compact and contented communities of small farm owners. If the thought of Congress had been merely to reclaim lands regardless of the size of holdings, authority to restrict the area in individual ownership would not have been conferred upon the secretary.

The lawmakers planned to create as many opportunities as possible for country minded citizens to obtain a foothold on the soil, recognizing that from such citizens the nation draws its strength. The success of the law must be measured by the extent to which the reclaimed lands are utilized in the making of self-supporting American homes and not by the accomplishments of engineers in constructing great hydraulic works.

Up to the present period of deflation the law has met the acid test of the repayment, and, notwithstanding the general depression in industry and agriculture, I believe the majority of irrigation settlers will meet their obligations to the Government when due. A study of those projects whence the greatest number of requests for deferment have come reveals conditions which should be given careful consideration by the project people and the department as well. The inability of the people to meet their payments may be attributed to many causes. The prime cause has been the depreciation in the price of farm products. It has also been necessary to readjust production to peace needs rather than to the exigencies of war-time demand. It is unnecessary to go into a detailed discussion of the results of deflation as applied, first, to the farmers' or long-time credits, second to the reduction of the per capita circulation increasing the purchasing power of the dollar and decreasing the value of the products of the basic industries, etc.

In some few instances other causes have the controlling factor and in many instances contributed to the inability of water users to meet their obligations. Among such controlling and contributory causes may be mentioned the following:

Purchase of land at speculative prices; too large individual holdings; leasing of lands to tenants; failure to diversify crops and neglect of dairying and poor farming due to inexperience or other causes.

Obviously it is not the policy of the government to encourage the use of its bounty in the enrichment of those who do not make use of the land or to extend relief indefinitely to those unqualified for farm life. To do either would be a distinct disservice to those who by industry and hard toil are meeting their obligations. The communities and the government are alike concerned in seeing that the lands which have been reclaimed by federal funds are put to the fullest and wisest use. Large holdings must be subdivided and sold to bona fide settlers. The contented farmer is an asset to the community, whereas the failure is a liability. It is the duty of those in the community to assist those who are not farmers or qualified to become farmers to find some other vocation to which they are better adapted.

It is cheering to note that project communities are awaking to the fact that a duty rests upon them to get together in working out plans for promoting subdivision and settlement and for a more intensive use

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A Bride of June in July

