

OREGON'S SHARE WATERWAY BILL TO BE \$579,175

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—More than \$53,000,000 is estimated for improvements and maintenance of the nation's waterways and harbors during the fiscal year of 1916, which begins July 1, 1915.

The great waterways require the larger part of the money. The total of the works, is made up of a comparatively small number of large items and a comparatively large number of small items. The Mississippi river estimate is \$30,500,000; the Ohio, \$9,884,000, and the Hudson, \$3,670,000; the Tennessee more than \$3,000,000; the Columbia and the Missouri, \$2,500,000 each; the Delaware, \$1,500,000; the Cumberland and the St. Mary's (Michigan), \$1,000,000 each.

Estimates of appropriations for the Columbia river are: Mouth, \$1,750,000; Columbia and lower Willamette, \$600,000; at Cascades, \$10,000; at Three-Mile Rapids, \$80,000; Upper Columbia and Snake rivers, \$65,000.

Oregon—Coos Bay harbor, \$80,000; Nehalem Bay, \$116,175; Coquille river, \$76,000; Siuslaw river, \$117,500 (provided an equal amount is appropriated by the port of Siuslaw or other agency); Willamette and Yamhill rivers, \$42,500; Tillamook Bay and bar, \$207,000.

Washington—Grav's Harbor and Chehalis river, \$15,000; Cowlitz and Lewis rivers, \$22,000; Skagit river, \$10,000; Puget Sound, \$25,000; waterway, Puget sound to Lakes Union and Washington, \$5000.

Hawaii—Honolulu, \$200,000; Kahului, \$10,000.

WHEAT ABROAD SHOWS RISE

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Bullish cables today strengthened wheat. Liverpool reported that supplies going to the continent were below requirements as to quantity. There were also assertions that exports from India would be prohibited. Rains in the domestic winter crop belt, where drought has recently been complained of, tended, however, to check bullish sentiment. After opening 1/4 to 1/2 higher, the market eased off a little from the top figures at the start.

Adverse weather gave only temporary firmness to corn. Buying was only of a scattered character. The opening, which ranged from 1/4 to 1/2 higher, was followed by a sag that offset all of the advance. Oats fluctuated with other grain. Changes, though, were narrow and trade light.

Business in the provision pit was virtually at a standstill. Quotations held steady.

SECRETARY SHELDON'S PLAN CHARTER VOTE

Secretary Sheldon of the charter commission has revived a suggestion that seems to meet with approval. It is in the interest of economy and simplicity in making the change from the present regime to one under the new charter.

The suggestion was brought up in the drafting committee's work but tabled, probably because of the fact that the committee contained one member of the council who would be affected thereby and it might put him in a false light if the charter was reported with that provision.

Briefly, Sheldon's suggestion is this: Have the new charter submitted at the regular municipal election to be held under the present charter January 12th. Let nominations be made for the three places on the council whose terms expire this year, and for mayor as though no charter was to be voted for. Let the new charter, specifically provide that the three members of the council whose terms do not expire this year, hold over under the new charter for two year terms. Let the three members elected at this election, be considered elected under the new charter for the long term. Let the mayor elected be the seventh member of the board and the president thereof. These provisions will be effective by the people's voting in the new charter.

The plan is in the interest of economy as only one election will be necessary for carrying the charter and also electing the first set of officers thereunder. It will also be fair to any members of the present council who might not care to be legislated out of office before the expiration of their terms, by the adoption of a new charter. The plan will be brought up at the meeting of the charter commission and council early next week.

SWISS CASH BOX EMPTY, TOURIST TRADE ALL GONE

ZURICH, Dec. 7.—Switzerland's lot since the war began has been a hard one. The cost of maintaining the army in a state of mobilization is estimated at fully \$400,000 a day. The loss to the hotel keepers in three months is figured at \$25,000,000.

The hotel keepers probably suffer more than any other class, especially as they had lean years in 1912 and 1913, owing to bad weather. They had looked forward to 1914 as likely to make up all deficits; the weather from the beginning of the summer was excellent, and the rush of tourists in June and early July was unprecedented.

The few tourists who remained after the war cloud appeared were frightened away by the panic among the Swiss bankers, which caused the refusal of all letters of credit and even foreign money.

At present many of the big hotels are closed, and the number of guests in those which remain open is almost negligible. Nor is there much likelihood of any improvement in conditions in time for the winter sports season.

As a matter of fact, living conditions in Switzerland have changed very little. There is a shortage of coal and petrol, but food prices have probably increased not much more than 10 per cent.

SOVEREIGNTY OF AIR NOT RECOGNIZED

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 7, via London, 1:50 p. m.—In connection with the alleged violation of the neutrality of the air over Switzerland, it became known here today that when Great Britain expressed to the Swiss federal council regret that her aviators had inadvertently failed to observe their instructions and avoid Swiss territory when flying to Friedrichshafen in Germany, the British authorities expressly declared that this must not be interpreted as a recognition on the part of the British government of the existence of a sovereignty of the air.

TO TAKE MOVING PICTURES OF ROGUE RIVER COUNTRY

A movement has been launched to take extensive moving picture films throughout the Rogue River valley with views of the prominent landmarks and scenic points and of prominent citizens engaged in their characteristic pursuit. Crater Lake, the Oregon caves, the fishing of Rogue river, the forests and mines, and a consecutive narrative will be made out of it all by the travels of a beautiful young lady to be known as Medfordina, a prototype of the Mutual Girl and Universal Girl.

The views will contain the pictures of most of the prominent people in the valley and will be shown at the Oregon building at the Panama fair. The matter has been presented to the members of the county court and if the expense is not too great the taking of the pictures will start as soon as the weather is considered favorable.

CAN'T DENY IT

If This Had Happened Elsewhere Instead of Medford You Might Doubt It

The average man is a doubter. This is not surprising—the public have been humbugged so frequently they are skeptical. Proof like the following will stand investigation. It cannot be disputed.

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RELIGIOUS DAYS OBSERVED THOUGH GRIM WAR RULES

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The government, in arranging facilities for the religious services of the sects in the army, as previously announced, did not forget the Mussulmans. For the fete Al Louch, or Feast of the Lamb, which fell on Saturday, October 31, the military authorities arranged for the installation of provisional mosques wherever practicable. At each place a live sheep was provided for the rites where it was possible, and when no live animal was available a quarter of mutton was furnished. A great many wounded Africans in Havre and Saint Brieux were thus able to celebrate the great Mussulman fete as usual. After the ablutions the faithful knelt barefoot, according to the rites, on carpets spread in schoolhouses or in the courts of buildings, wherever premises were available, and after long prayers, returned to the hospitals where the fete continued with the participation of those whose condition prevented them from leaving their beds.

GRAFT GRAND JURY FEAR FOR LIVES

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Measures to protect members of the grand jury that returned indictments against Captain James Halpin, of the detective bureau, Lieutenant Tobin and Walter O'Brien, a former detective, charging them with having accepted bribes, were taken today. Letters threatening their lives have been received by three members of the grand jury, according to States Attorney Hoyne. Telephone calls to their residences, carrying similar threats of death, also have been received by the men.

The state's attorney announced that he had obtained evidence against twenty-five more members of the detective bureau, formerly in Captain Halpin's charge, and that "boobymen were falling over themselves to confess in return for immunity."

Increase Ice Rates Pends

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Proposed increased charges for re-icing of shipments of butter eggs and other perishable freight, moving under refrigeration from points in the east and middle west to destinations in the north Pacific states, today were suspended by the interstate commerce commission until July 29, pending investigation.

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