OREGON IN THE LEAD

Reclamation Service Finds Large Sum of Money for Irrigation of Arid West.

From the annual report of the Assessment Board of Oregon, the following facts relative to the reclamation service in the several public land states and territories of the West:

The proceeds of the sales of public lands in these states beginning July 1, 1917, were appropriated by the act of the State legislatures for the maintenance and construction of the reclamation works or the reclamation of arid lands in said states and territories.

The fund accumulated under this act and set apart in the treasury as funds of surplus or accrued, amounted to approximately $25,000,000. The secretaries of the several states have estimated that from $40,000,000 to $50,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, will be required by the several states for the purpose of reclamation. An appropriation of this amount will increase the fund approximately to $50,000,000. The secretary of the treasury has announced that it is their firm purpose to construct the operations necessary to the accomplishment of the work of reclamation in which the large and increasing fund is appropriated, through the officers of the several states and territories.

The accounts of many general assessments presented for payment, will be examined and settled with this service, and claims arising under contracts for the construction of canals, reservoirs, tunnels, dams, and various other works necessary to the prosecution of an understanding of such magnitude, are settled.

The settlement of these claims and assessments presents a problem of such magnitude that consideration and result in material increase in the amount of work performed in the several states. The total number of district offices in the interior department was 257,000. District offices in the southern states for 10, 1916, which are not to be used, and 50,000,000 of the 257,000,000 were under contract and performed. Oregon's share of the funds appropriated for reclamation purposes is approximately $4,000,000.

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Dead of Heart Trouble After Brief Illness.

Rose E. Trowbridge, 39, One of Yaquina Valley's Loyal Care Takers, Dies.

The body of Miss Rose E. Trowbridge, 39 years of age, was removed from the Trowbridge home on Monday morning by the Corvallis undertaker, and taken to the morgue. Her death, which occurred at the Corry home on Thursday night, was due to heart trouble, it was stated. Miss Trowbridge was a teacher at the Corry school for several years, and was also employed as a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office, thereby being known to a large number of people in the area. She was always a popular and beloved member of the community, and her passing will be deeply felt by all who knew her.