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MAY YET APPROVE OREGON PROJECTS.

Secretary Hitchcock is preparing to reverse himself in the matter of approving the Umatilla irrigation project, so intimates a dispatch to the Oregonian from the seat of government. The dispatch says also that one or more of the Washington projects, like those in Oregon that were recommended to the secretary by the reclamation service as being perfectly feasible, will be reconsidered. The secretary made the statement at his office to the effect that action on the Umatilla project would be taken some time next week which would be satisfactory to the people of Oregon. This announcement from the secretary's office was made after a conference between Mr. Hitchcock and Director Walcott, of the Geological Survey, who is the intermediary between the Secretary and the Reclamation Service. In as much as the Secretary styles the Malheur project a "steal," it is presumed he will divert a portion of the money allotted to that project for constructing other irrigation works in the state.

Reclamation Fund Badly Involved.

The recent announcement that Secretary Hitchcock would make no more allotments for irrigation brings to light the fact that the management of the reclamation fund has become badly involved in the last few months. According to official figures, Mr. Hitchcock has allotted \$31,000,000, when in fact there are only \$28,000,000 in the fund. Since the embarrassment became apparent, the figures have been changed, and Mr. Hitchcock has since declared that instead of a deficit he actually had a surplus of \$9,000,000. The only way this surplus can be reckoned is by wiping out allotments for all projects not under actual construction, including Malheur and the Palouse. But if this admission is made, then the department cannot reasonably refuse to build in Oregon and Washington on the ground that it has "no money."

Hitchcock Claims \$9,000,000 Surplus

The Secretary of the Interior authorized the Portland Oregonian to say, in consequence of what it previously said regarding the action of the secretary in refusing to make further allotment for irrigation in Oregon, that "the statements published in the Oregon and Washington newspapers to the effect that the reclamation fund has been exhausted by projects already approved are wholly unauthorized and untrue. The restricted funds of Oregon and Washington have not been and will not be used elsewhere. Some of the projects in these two states have been unavoidably delayed by the necessity of harmonizing the proposed agreements with the reclamation law."

The following allotments were made: The Malheur project \$2,800,000, for the Klamath \$1,000,000 and \$2,800,000 in Washington.

Cashed Bogus Check.

Some time ago a man, whose name we did not learn, went into Warner valley and represented that he was buying some bucks for T. J. Flook. He called at the Warner Valley Mercantile Co's. store at Adel and stated that such was his mission, and said that Mr. Flook had forgotten to give him any check book, and requested the Mercantile Co. to let him, have a few blank checks, which they did, giving him three of the First National Bank checks. The fellow filled out the checks, one for \$30 and one for \$70, and signed Mr. Flook's name to them. The \$30 check was given to some travelers in a horse-trade. The others were disposed of in Warner. The travelers came to Lakeview and cashed their check at the First National Bank. Assistant Cashier Wilcox noticed that "Flook" was not spelled correctly, and about the time he made this discovery the bank received a telephone message from J. A. Morris at Plush stating that there were some forged checks out and to watch out for them. Mr. Wilcox went to see people for whom he had cashed the check, but they "were sorry they had spent the last dollar they had, and could do nothing to relieve the situation."

Officers were put on track of the forger, but up to the time of going to press nothing has been heard of him.

This trick, and others similar have been worked time and again, but is comparatively new in Lake county. Since so many people in this country do most of their business with local checks, as a means of avoiding keeping any great amount of money about them, it would be good policy for everyone to familiarize themselves with hand-writing, and then be very careful to inspect checks very closely before accepting them second-handed. It is not going to violate a valid check to examine it very closely.

Lay on Macduff!

Pendleton East Oregonian.

No National irrigation, no Federal Judge, no Columbia River appropriation, no nothin' for Oregon.

"Lay on Macduff!" We are gully. We did it.

For 25 years political rings have ruled the state. The will of the people has been bent and twisted out of shape so often by the politicians that it has grown to be a wobbly limberjim of a thing that nobody respects any more.

It is nasty, but we will have to take the dose that we have prepared for ourselves. Umatilla irrigation project, Malheur irrigation project, river and harbor appropriations, chances for a Judge—all go a-glimmering. This is political pay-day in Oregon.

The debt has been accumulating for a long time, and we are getting the pay all in a lump—a lump that is about to make the people sick at their stomachs.

Heretofore we have fought among ourselves over postoffice and land-office jobs, over Senatorships and Governorships, and let the State's business go to the bow-wows.

We have packed political conventions, and "fixed" precinct primaries and parceled out patronage to heeled, as liberally as if it were wind. We have sent corporation counsel to the Senate and shielded dirty politics in the most flagrant violations of decency and public honor, and now we are getting back the sort of a crop we planted.

We won't wince while the lash is falling!

We have been running wild for a quarter of a century, and now we must not flinch nor kick as the red-hot branding iron of public decency is being pressed into our toughened hide.

Thanks to Roosevelt and Hitchcock that the punishment is no greater.

GROWTH OF FIVE YEARS.

Every Step Has Been One in Advance.

WATCH THE EXAMINER GROW

Advertisers Have Learned Its Value as an Advertising Medium

On Thursday morning, October 18th, 1900, The Lake County Examiner was first issued as an eight-page five-column newspaper. In that issue was contained the following article:

"With this issue The Examiner goes out to its readers as an eight-page newspaper, and it is the purpose to make it in the future a local interior paper second to none in the state of Oregon. Our purpose is to enlarge our subscription list to such an extent as to justify still greater improvements, and give our patrons a newspaper that they may feel proud to call their 'home paper.'"

Since that day when Bench & McGarrey made that promise to the readers of The Examiner many changes have taken place, and many times it has been very hard for The Examiner to reach out a little further the next step than it did the last; many times it seemed that The Examiner had gone the limit of a country newspaper, but it strove on and on and was never satisfied with good enough, and every step has been one in advance.

The management has changed, but nevertheless, the progress of the paper was not lost sight of, and it has been with pardonable pride that each successor has been able to say that The Examiner continues to improve, not because he possessed more ability in himself than his predecessor, but because the energy exerted in making improvements gave stimulus to the paper in its onward march.

From an eight-page, five-column paper, The Examiner in five years has grown to a twelve-page six-column paper, equal to the best country weekly newspaper on the Coast. The circulation of The Examiner has so increased that its space has become valuable, and we have been refusing cheap advertising for several months. Foreign advertisers say they are "paying The Lake County Examiner more for space than they pay any other weekly paper they advertise in."

This week we issue The Examiner as a six-column, 12-page newspaper. The statement made by the publishers of this paper on October 18th, 1900, is a good slogan, and we take it up and repeat it. We endorse the motto, only changing it to correspond to the increased size and efficiency.

"Watch The Examiner grow."

Will Visit Old Home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mikel started last Sunday for Montesello, Kentucky, where they go to visit Mr. Mikel's folks. They will also visit Mrs. Mikel's folks in Missouri. Mr. Mikel says he has been away from his old home for 30 years, and he expects the place will not have the familiar look that he pictures in his mind from boyhood remembrances. They will be away from home all winter.

Mr. McElhinney, brother of the late John McElhinney, Alford McElhinney and Mrs. Kee, of Ireland, arrived here Tuesday night from Philadelphia, where he has been on the police force for many years.

Report of the Condition

No. 7,241.

The First National Bank of Lakeview at Lakeview in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, November 17th, 1905.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 80,501 36
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....	3,283 27
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	600 00
Bonds, securities, etc.....	13,793 98
Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	12,707 68
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)....	1,114 93
Due from State Banks and Bankers.....	8,834 41
Due from approved reserve agents.....	103,491 47
Checks and other cash items.....	1,419 05
Notes of other National Banks.....	80 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....	75
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie.....	\$8,357 70
Legal-tender notes.....	8,287 70
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....	625 00
Total.....	\$256,339 62

LIABILITIES	DOLLARS
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund.....	233 94
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid....	2,385 76
National Bank notes outstanding.....	12,500 00
Due to State Banks and Bankers.....	55
Individual deposits subject to check.....	179,245 08
Demand certificates of deposits.....	10,140 29
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1,834 00
Total.....	\$256,339 62

STATE OF OREGON }
COUNTY OF LAKE } ss.

I, S. O. Cressler, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. O. CRESSLER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of November, 1905.

J. M. BATHFIELD, Notary Public, for Oregon. [SEAL]

CORRECT—Attest:

S. P. MOSS }
W. H. SHUK } Directors.
DICK J. WILCOX }

Were Married Last Evening.

Just before going to press last evening an important message was released, that of the marriage of Miss Charlotte A. Ahlstrom to Mr. John D. Venator, at the home of Miss Ahlstrom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Ahlstrom. For weeks past, months, this event has been looked upon as "the next on the tapis." Yet the many friends of the happy couple have been disappointed Sunday after Sunday.

But a few of the most intimate friends of the bride and groom were to be present, and as we had no reporter there, and as we went to press before the event occurred, we are unable to state just how John looked while the ceremony was being performed, or how he was dressed.

However, we feel perfectly safe in saying the bride looked handsome, in a beautiful gown.

Miss Ahlstrom is a Lakeview raised girl and admired by everyone who ever knew her. She has the good wishes of many, many warm friends.

J. D. Venator is an attorney of this city and enjoys a good practice. He graduated in the Ann Arbor Law School, Michigan. He also was raised in this valley, being the youngest son of Mrs. J. Venator. Mr. Venator has prepared a neat little home for his bride on South Main street, where they will take up their abode at once. He will be congratulated by many friends.

Judge Daly performed the ceremony at six o'clock p. m. Wednesday, November 22d, 1905.

Will Benefit Modoc and Lake.

We understand that parties at Reno have taken a contract to furnish meat for the Western Pacific's construction crews between Oroville and Beckwith Pass, and that 70 head of beef cattle per day will be required to supply the demand. Big slaughtering houses and refrigerators are to be built in Reno. This ought to make a good market for Lake and Modoc county beef, at better prices than our stockmen received from outsiders this fall. Most all the beef from Lake county has been driven out but if needs be, and a good price should be offered, no doubt, enough could be scraped up here for a few days feed for the boys in the railroad camps.

Wool Going at 20 Cents.

W. A. Massingill returned from a trip through Surprise valley, where he contracted for several clips of 1906 wool at 20 cents. He has contracted for a few clips on this side.



JOSEPH RAMSEY, JR., AND HIS WAR WITH GEORGE GOULD.

For ten years Joseph Ramsey, Jr., has been largely identified with the growth of the Wabash railroad, and his contest with George Gould over the control of the road has attracted much attention. He was born in Pittsburg fifty-five years ago and has been a railroad man for over a third of a century. He became president of the Wabash in 1901 and quarreled with George Gould a few months ago over the management of the road.

The Seventh Annual Report of the BANK OF LAKEVIEW of Lakeview, Oregon.

At the Close of Business November 10th, 1905.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....	\$292,408.04
Real Estate.....	13,028.31
Cash and in Banks.....	181,178.36
	\$486,614.71
Capital Stock paid up.....	\$ 90,000.00
Surplus.....	74,509.71
Deposits.....	322,105.00
	\$486,614.71

State of Oregon }
County of Lake } ss.

I, F. M. MILLER, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. M. MILLER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this November 20th, 1905.

L. F. CONN, Notary Public for Oregon.

Attest

B. Daly }
W. P. Heryford } Directors
Wm. Harvey }