

W. W. SLECHT NEW PROJECT ENGINEER

Government Will Resume Work if Land-owners Agree to Pay Cost of Water and Maintenance Charge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Director Newell, of the Reclamation Service, stated today that orders had been issued to shut down work on the Klamath irrigation project, pending adjustment of differences between the government and the settlers. This announcement follows a decision by Secretary Garfield that settlers must pay the annual maintenance charge of 75 cents per acre, beginning May 1 next, and must make ten annual payments of \$3 each per acre for the water right, the first water payment falling due May 1, 1910.

Many settlers have announced that they cannot pay \$20 per acre for water, but, as this is the actual proportionate cost of building the project, the Secretary cannot accept less. He requested the Water Users Association to inform him what it is willing to do under the circumstances, but as it has not made reply, he felt obliged to stop further construction until satisfactory agreement is reached. The settlers, under the first unit of the project, which is completed, will be furnished water this coming season, if they pay the maintenance charge, but, unless there is a speedy agreement, construction of the Clear Lake reservoir will not be carried forward and the second unit of the project will remain undeveloped.

Meantime, Engineer Murphy, in charge of the Klamath project, has been called to Washington and will be succeeded by W. W. Slecht.

F. W. Hanna, another reclamation engineer, has been sent to resume the preliminary work of the Malheur project, and, if the Klamath controversy is not adjusted, work may be concentrated at Malheur, provided the settlers under that project are able to meet requirements.

While it is possible that an order may be received to resume work on the Klamath Project, it is not believed that there is any possible show to get an extension of time or any relief on the payments for water rights. Secretary Garfield is strongly opposed to any change being made in the manner of payment as is shown by the following dispatch from Washington:

A comprehensive review of the work of the Reclamation Service of the Interior Department was given to the House committee on irrigation by Secretary Garfield.

Mr. Garfield said that in the construction of the big irrigation plants every attempt had been made so to construct them that the cost of re-

pair from year to year will be as small as possible. The Secretary dwelt upon the importance of the cooperation of the states and the Federal Government in the development of arid lands. He gave the committee some suggestions as to the future control of the irrigated lands.

"There should be no relaxation of the requirement that the money expended on those lands must be returned to the government, and there should be no permission granted for the postponement of the first payment," he said. "The time has arrived for the first payments to be made on some of the projects, yet many requests for an extension of time have been made. If payments are to be postponed or payments entirely abandoned, there will not long be a reclamation fund."

The Secretary approved in unequal terms the water users associations, saying that they are absolutely necessary in the successful management of an irrigation plant. He favored the small-sized farm unit in irrigated sections.

WILLIE MITCHELL UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Horace Mitchell returned this evening from San Francisco for a few days. He stated that Willie is still very sick. He is now at Lane's hospital and attended by the best specialists in the city. He only had two slight hemorrhages since being taken below, but it was necessary to perform an operation today and it is not known just what the result will be. Mr. Mitchell will be informed by wire and will return Wednesday. Since arriving here this evening Mr. Mitchell received a telegram from San Francisco stating that his son had withstood the operation and was getting along in fine shape with every indication of recovery.

WORKMEN WILL GIVE BANQUET.

There will be degree work at the A. O. U. W. lodge tomorrow night. After the initiation a big banquet will be given, and every member of the lodge is earnestly invited to be present.

K. of P. MEETING.

At Sanderson's hall at 7:30 tonight. Conferring of Knight's rank. All members of the order are requested to be present.

Provisions of the Crater Lake Road Law

The text of the Crater Lake road bill as passed by the House is as follows:

For an act appropriating \$100,000 to aid in the construction of a state road from the Pacific ocean via Crater Lake to the Idaho boundary, and to provide for the appointment of a commission to supervise the expenditure of such money and to superintend the construction of such road.

Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the any moneys in the hands of the treasurer of the state of Oregon, and not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000 to be expended for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a state road from the Pacific ocean to the Idaho boundary via Crater Lake; the first section of the road to be constructed to be from Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, to the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon.

Appoint a Commission.

Section 2. Whenever the governor of this state shall be advised that Jackson County has appropriated the sum of \$50,000 to aid the construction of a road in said county from Medford, Jackson County, to a point on the west line of the Cascade forest reserve, on the route to Crater Lake, he shall appoint a commission to be known as the Crater Lake road commission, to consist of seven members, two of whom shall be residents of Jackson County, Oregon, two of Klamath County, Oregon, and thereupon \$50,000 of the sum hereby appropriated shall be available for use in Jackson County, \$12,500 the first year and \$12,500 each succeeding year for three years; and upon Klamath County appropriating \$50,000 to aid the construction of a road from Klamath Falls to the east line of the Cascade forest reserve on the route to Crater Lake, \$50,000 of the sum herewith appropriated shall be available for use in Klamath County, \$12,500 the first year and \$12,500 each succeeding year for three years.

Work for Love Only.

Section 3. That said commission shall receive no compensation for their services, except their actual expenses when engaged in the business of said commission. The business of said commission shall be to cooperate with the county courts of the several counties through which said road passes, and the proper federal authorities in the selection of a proper and feasible route for a road that may be constructed by the federal route through the government reserves surrounding Crater Lake, and to supervise the expenditure of said sum of \$100,000 appropriated by the state, the \$50,000 appropriated by Jackson County and all other moneys provided for the construction of said road not in the boundaries of government reserves. Said commission shall have entire charge of construction of said road.

Commission's Duties.

Section 4. That such money shall be expended only upon a county road legally established, and no part shall be expended for securing a right of way for said road.

Section 5.

That said commission shall elect a president, who shall preside at all meetings, and a secretary, who shall keep a record of all proceedings of the commission, and accounts of all moneys received and expended by the commission, and shall make a quarterly report of all transactions of the commission to be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

Section 6.

That all money appropriated hereunder shall be paid out by the treasurer of the state upon the orders or vouchers of the commission, signed by the president and secretary.

Section 7.

The commission shall make all needful rules or regulations for the transaction of business, and its places of meeting shall be Medford, Jackson County, Oregon, or Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 8.

If a vacancy occurs in said commission the governor shall fill the same by appointment.

and was followed by the game of whist. Much merriment was caused by the unique place cards, which were comic valentines. The home was prettily decorated with hearts and carnations, pink being the predominating color. Mrs. George Noland was winner of the lady's prize, it being a beautiful heart-shaped cut glass sappy. The gentleman's prize was a sterling silver match safe and was won by C. F. Stone. The consolation prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. B. St. Geo. Bishop.

MIKE GALLAGHER DEAD.

Believed to Have Taken an Overdose of Laudanum—Had Been Drinking Heavily.

Mike Gallagher, a contractor, who has been in Klamath County since early last summer, died this morning at the Klamath House. Mr. Gallagher was about 50 years of age and worked for Maney Bros., and later had a sub-contract under W. H. Mason on the government ditch. He is said to have been an experienced railroad and ditch contractor.

Dr. Hamilton attended the man just before his death, and states that death was due to opium poison, probably from taking an overdose of laudanum. Mr. Gallagher, who was an expert workman, had one great fault, drink. He had saved up about a thousand dollars during the summer, but for a number of weeks has been drinking heavily and squandered nearly all of his savings. He had the delirium tremens a number of times, and yesterday he requested the attendant to give him some laudanum so that he could go to sleep, which was refused. It is believed that he feared another attack, and must have persuaded some one to get the laudanum for him. No bottle or other evidence was found, and although a diligent inquiry was made, no knowledge was gained as to where the opiate was secured.

PASSED EXAMINATION.

The following were successful in the teachers' examination last week in securing grades for county papers: R. H. Dunbar, A. E. Elder, W. A. Boudnot, B. E. Lee, Ernest Burnham, B. P. Alexander, Archy Kirkendall, Cora Griffith, Veda Mulkey, Alice Lytle, Jane Given, Rachael Applegate, Ida Grimes and Ruby Nichols. There were 14 passed out of 18 who took the examination.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REPRESENTATIVE

Many Misunderstandings As to Purpose of Directors Sending R. S. Smith Back to Washington

President Alex. Martin, Jr., of the Klamath Water Users Association, received a telegram Saturday evening from Attorney R. S. Smith stating that Secretary Garfield knew nothing about the work being suspended on the Klamath Project. Mr. Martin was asked if the Association had any knowledge of the work being stopped, and replied that the Association had no official knowledge whatever of any action of the Reclamation Service stopping work on the project.

Secretary Chastain, of the Association, stated that no notification had been received by the office and that the only knowledge he had of the matter, further than the letter from Garfield, was from a personal conversation he had with Mr. Murphy, who told him that he had been ordered to stop work.

The news that Garfield did not know anything about the work being ordered stopped is not significant, as all orders pertaining to the Reclamation Service would naturally emanate from Mr. Newell, the head of that branch of the Interior Department. In fact all of the correspondence received by the Association, which was sent out under Mr. Garfield's signature, came from the head of the Reclamation Service, and the only way Mr. Garfield would be liable to have knowledge of any particular order, would be by his special attention being called to the matter.

This was the purpose, which is given by some of the directors of the Association, for sending a representative to Washington. The Reclamation Service has made its decision and order, and there is not much hope to get this changed unless Secretary Garfield should order otherwise.

There has been considerable misunderstanding among the people as to just what Attorney Smith was ordered to do in Washington. The resolution authorizing sending him there reads he is to go to Washington as the representative of the Water Users Association "for and on behalf of said Association to secure some relief from the charges for water rights." The letter received from the Department in regard to the probability of stopping work if the Association intended to repudiate their contracts, called for a reply, and Mr. Smith was sent to Washington to make the reply in person.

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VALENTINE PARTY.

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