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CANAL CASE MAY BE COMPROMISED

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GOVERNMENT ENGINEERS, ONE OF RANCH OWNERS, AND LAWYER'S COUNSEL, HAVE SETTLEMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT

There is a possibility of the suit of the United States vs. M. P. Mickler and William Albright being settled out of court. Interested parties on both sides are understood to have gone over the right of way last week with a view to seeing if an agreement could not be reached by which the matter could be amicably arranged and the trouble of a suit in court avoided. Not only would a compromise save both sides the cost of litigation, but it would avoid a delay to the work which might be considerable and expensive to the government especially. The reclamation service is understood to be ready to go ahead with the canal construction identified with the dispute as soon as the differences can be adjusted.

The interested parties who made the personal inspection of the land in the Albright and Mickler ranch, which is about twelve miles southwest, near Oles, were supervising engineer E. C. Hopson, of the Pacific district of the reclamation service, of Portland; project engineer W. W. Smith, of the Klamath undertaking, representing the government, and M. P. Mickler and Attorney Charles P. Jones, representing the defendant in the case. It is in contention of the owners of the ranch property that not only in the government unwilling to give them the amount that they claim their land is worth (about \$55 per acre) for the amount which must be shown for canal purposes, but that there is a considerable proportion of the remainder of the ranch which will be damaged for which the government offers no adequate compensation. It could not be learned today what offer, if any, had been made by either side as a compromise, but the fact that the two engineers of the government and the land-owners and their attorney are in a mood to consider a proposition to handle the matter out of court makes it look much as though there is a possibility of a settlement. The property in dispute is wanted for canal purposes for the Falls Lake branch of the Klamath project.

In the meantime, in order to reach an early termination of the case as possible, it must be finished in court. John McCourt, of Portland, United States District Attorney for Oregon, is endeavoring to arrange with Federal Judge Wolverton to have an early special term of the United States court at Medford in which this case and others may be disposed of.

STEAM PLOWING OUTFIT AT WORK

MOODY STOCK

J. W. McCoy returned from Medford, where he has been for the past few days winding up his business interests in the Wood River valley. Mr. McCoy recently sold his extensive stock ranch to Utter &

Burns, the sawmill men of that section. He states that Messrs. Utter and Burns have already started plowing on their ranch with the large steam plowing outfit they recently purchased in San Francisco. It is the intention of these gentlemen to average at least fifteen or twenty acres of plowing each day on their ranch, planting the ground mostly to timothy and oats. As soon as their plowing is completed it is more than likely that they will receive contracts from the many ranchers in that vicinity for fall plowing. Heretofore at the ranch the plowing of the soil was comparatively small, being done with a single furrow plow with horses, but since the arrival of a complete steam plowing outfit in the valley the use of horses for plowing will be done away with to a certain extent.

The snow is practically all gone, states Mr. McCoy, and the meadows present a green appearance, as though spring had arrived upon the scene in full glory. While a few are still feeding their cattle in the upper end of the valley, many have turned their stock out in the lower part. The supply of hay was more abundant this winter than last, which will add greatly to the spring market for beef cattle for the owners of herds. Prospects for a good harvest this season is anticipated with much enthusiasm throughout that part of the country, and from present prospects their thoughts will come true.

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Probably the next thing in order in the court house muddle will be an injunction suit against the county court from building the structure on the Hot Springs site, for the court has declined the offer of block 21, made sometime since by the Klamath Falls Commercial Club. Just when the next feature in the controversy will arise cannot be forecast, but it undoubtedly will just as soon as the court starts building on the land tendered by the Klamath Development company, for the members of the Commercial Club have let it be known that the fight is only begun, and will be a long and strong one before the building is put up so far away from what they maintain is the center of the city and the logical place to build it.

The county court's letter declining to build where the Commercial Club would like to have it was dated on Saturday last, and reads as follows: "Klamath Falls, Oregon, March 30, 1918. "Mr. Hiram F. Murdoch, representing Klamath Falls Commercial Club: "Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter of January 24 to the Honorable County Court of Klamath county, Oregon, presented to the court by you in person, accompanied by a delegation of citizens, the court, after due consideration, has to say as follows: "It is pleased to signify its appreciation of your effort in offering to Klamath county any site free of charge suggested by you on March 23, 1918, the court wrote an open letter to the taxpayers relative to the location of a court house site, asking for suggestions as to some other site than that offered by the Klamath Development company. On April 25th following, another letter was written, reiterating the same thing, and requesting information which would lead to the requirement of a suitable site. Soon after, the Henley block was suggested by the Klamath Chronicle, and the court thereupon agreed to construct a court house thereupon without delay should you acquire title thereto, and remove the obstacles. The court is informed that Mrs. Henley was willing to sell at that time, and made an offer at a fair price for the property concerned. The writer had a personal discussion with Mr. Hurn, who informed him that he would be glad to sell his property for a reasonable sum; thereupon, as before stated, the court agreed to accept this site and build thereon provided you would acquire the title thereto and remove the Ankeny ditch. "Nothing was done. The court waited until December 8, 1917, for some acceptance, and then notified you that it would build upon the Hot (Continued on Page 4)

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CANCER PROVES FATAL AILMENT

CHARLES SILVERS, EX-COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DIES AT THE BLACKBURN HOSPITAL AFTER OPERATION BY PHYSICIANS

Charles Silvers of Dorris died at the Blackburn sanitarium at 2:45 p.m. yesterday afternoon, after undergoing an operation for cancer of the bowels. Mr. Silvers was brought to this city Saturday evening by Dr. Atkinson of Dorris, and the operation was performed with the assistance of Dr. L. L. Trux of this city.

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