

MONEY FOR OLD PROJECTS

Immensity of Work Now Under Way Stagers Officials of Reclamation Service.

The conference between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, Director F. H. Newell, Chief Engineer Arthur E. Davis, and the supervising engineers of the various reclamation districts throughout the country was concluded at 11 o'clock Tuesday, after an executive session beginning at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. No definite conclusions were reached by Secretary Ballinger as a result of this conference, he having taken the entire matter under consideration, although it is probable he may give out a public statement on the subject before his return to Washington, D. C. Immediately after the adjournment Secretary Ballinger stated that while he had as yet reached no definite conclusion on the subject, it would be the policy of the government to complete the reclamation projects now under way, rather than take up any new ones. He admitted that Oregon has suffered considerably heretofore through past allotments, and intimated an intention of remedying the unfairness as much as possible.

Demand Exceeds Supply

"The data submitted to me by the supervising engineers of the reclamation service indicated that we would require fully \$25,000,000 to carry the various demands into execution," said Secretary Ballinger. "It is simply another question of the demand exceeding the supply, because we have about \$11,000,000 available, and must be governed accordingly. My trip throughout the States interested in reclamation projects has been a great educator in many respects, enabling me to canvass the situation with extreme care and deliberation. It is possible that I shall make my findings public before returning East. It is a matter that requires the utmost consideration, as nearly all the different projects now in process of construction were inaugurated by former administrations, only about three of them of the thirty-one, however, being started during Mr. Garfield's term as Secretary of the Interior. I have no criticisms to make concerning the work of any of my predecessors, but it naturally involves extreme care and consideration in reaching a proper determination of the situation."

Director Newell declared that the immensity of the different irrigating schemes as presented by the various supervising engineers was simply overpowering. "We are not wholly at sea," he said, "but every step taken must be deliberate. We shall probably go along pretty much as we have done heretofore in conducting operations, and next September the quarterly reports will be submitted to Secretary Ballinger and approved by him the following month. The estimates sent in will be the basis of the budget for 1910, and the idea is to study the situation more carefully. Secretary Ballinger expressed himself as being quite favorably impressed with those reclamation projects he had inspected, while those he had not seen will be further considered. The Secretary paid flattering compliments to the members of the reclamation service for the work they have performed, and seemed well satisfied with their accomplishments."

No Individual Action

"The demands from the territories as well as the States were important as indicating the extent of development being accomplished on the arid lands of those sections by the reclamation service of the government. There was some talk of suspending work in the territories, but this idea was abandoned when it was considered that the work of the service is fast converting the territories into conditions making them eligible for admission as States by reason of the increased population incident to development of this character."

"No individual action was taken relative to any of the projects, as that is a question of allotment to be considered later. The estimates submitted by the different supervising engineers called for more than \$20,000,000, and we have less than \$8,000,000 to meet those demands. This was cut down considerably in order to meet present needs of projects now under way, but even at that the demand far exceeds our supply of money. The question of cutting out Idaho was also considered, that State having received more attention than Oregon, but everything is uncertain as to just what steps will be taken, as it seems unwise to stop the work in one particular section with the idea of advancing the interests of another."

Plea for Oregon

"We are confronted with the normal conditions that are liable to face any large business enterprise, and results from the work initiated in 1903 to 1906, which was expected to be completed in ten years, but the extraordinary growth of the country has necessitated quicker action on account of increased public demands."

The whole situation can be compared to the rapid growth of some city which makes its improvements without taking into account the tremendous increase of population and finds itself in a position to be unable to meet all the requirements incident to unexpected development."

ROAD SHOULD BE REOPENED

Would Save Miles of Travel and Much Time to Northern Neighbors and Bring Money Here

L. D. Hoy, owner of 5,000 sheep in the Silver Lake section, is in the city. Mr. Hoy is hauling his wool to this point for shipment, and states that his output of wool this season will amount to about \$6,999. In speaking of roads and trade relations between this city and his section, he said:

"There is no reason why Klamath Falls should not get the entire trade of our country on account of the shorter haul as compared with Medford and Shaniko. This result, however, will not be accomplished until your county fixes the roads, which a good deal of the way between here and Silver Lake are little better than Indian trails. Fallen trees are across the road and the limbs of the standing timber extend out so far that it tears our wool sacks to pieces."

"If a force of ten men were put to work on this road for two weeks, say from the Agency landing east, it would put the road in good passable shape. This would enable us to make connection with the heat at the Agency landing, and I believe would be instrumental in securing all of the trade of Silver Lake section for your city, which amounts to considerable."

PORTLAND WHOLESALE HOUSE TO OPEN BRANCH

Sacramento and San Francisco Wholesalers May Follow Suit.

The predicted movement of wholesalers to this city is about to start, the first being a Portland house which will, within the next few weeks establish here a branch with a stock of about \$30,000. The purpose in view is to command the trade to the east. The proposed construction of railroads through Central Oregon has turned the eyes of the wholesale merchants of the coast to Klamath Falls for the reason that it occupies a strategic position. Its location is such that it most naturally become a distributing point for all of Eastern Oregon, and it is this fact that has caused the Portland firm to open negotiations for warehouse accommodations. For business reasons the name of the firm will not be made public at this time, for it is the desire of the parties interested to complete all of their plans before any definite announcement is made.

In connection with this comes the information that two firms in Sacramento and one in San Francisco are contemplating a similar move. They have not gone beyond the preliminary stage of investigation, however, and whether they will finally decide to locate a branch here remains to be seen.

UPPER LAKE NOTES.

Messrs. Parker and Taylor have taken the contract for moving 200,000 feet of lumber from Fort Klamath to this place.

Lumber for Captain Wickstrom's new barge arrived from Portland a few days ago and is being hauled from the depot to the lake to-day. We understand that the Eagle has the contract for moving a large quantity of wood from Crystal to Modoc point for the Southern Pacific company.

The mill had to shut down on Saturday, being out of logs. The Hoopigan, however, will be in port with an immense raft before night.

The water front of the boat landing is being cleared of all kinds of obstructions, principally sunken logs, many of which were removed during the past week.

The steamer Hornet brought down two barges of sand from Modoc point on Saturday.

D. M. Griffith came down from Eagle point, his new resort, on Saturday. He talks of installing a wireless apparatus at his resort. If he does, one will be placed at St. Cloud and communication between Buena Vista heights and Eagle point is just possible in the near future.

Someone left a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas and carnations on our center table last week. They were tied with Woodcraft colors and a complimentary note attached, but no name signed.

They will fade—the sweet peas and carnations—

But your letter lies here on the stand.

And I very much cherish and prize it—

It was penned by a friendly hand.

THE COMMODORE.

John Short and Burrell, his son, were in the city Saturday.

PEACE IN DESCHUTES

In Due Time He Will Tell Public the Names of Re-Rail Owners of the Oregon Trunk Railroad.

MORO Ore., August 4.—Following up the tentative victory of the Harriman forces last night, when by force of numbers they overawed the Porter men in charge of the gate blocking the disputed Harriman supply road, Attorney Littlefield, representing Harriman's contractors, Two-by Bros., left in an automobile last night for Condon to secure Circuit Judge Butler's signature to several papers filed late last night against Porter Bros.

The Porters, it is said, will be cited to appear in court to show reason why they should not be punished for contempt in ignoring the injunction secured against them last Saturday by the attorneys for the Harriman forces.

Harriman's Wagons Moving

Pending the circuit judge's action, apparently, both sides have assumed quiescent attitudes. The most important development to-day is that Porters are allowing Two-by's freight wagons to pass through the contested gate.

Sheriff Freeman and his twenty deputy sheriffs are stationed at the Guriz farm to-day. They are well armed, and this accounts, no doubt, for the peaceful aspect which the war in the Deschutes canyon has taken on.

Porters Losing Sympathy

It is generally believed that Porter Bros. will lose in the courts of Sherman and Gilliam counties. Their aggressive campaign has aroused antagonism in certain quarters, especially as regards their action in ignoring the injunction restraining them for ten days from interfering with construction work on Harriman's Deschutes railroad.

Oregon Trunk Is Assured

John D. Porter of Porter Bros., contractors for the Oregon Trunk railroad, was in Portland yesterday and will confer with his attorneys, Carye & Kerr, concerning the course to be followed in the fight for the possession of the Deschutes route to Central Oregon.

Mr. Porter said that the charges that he was attempting to hold up the Deschutes railroad—the Harriman line through the canyon—were obviously being circulated in the interest of the Harriman road, and said he was anxious that the people of Oregon should realize that the building of the Oregon Trunk was assured; that it was a matter of more than ordinary importance to the State, and that when the time came for a statement concerning the interests back of the proposed line that he felt certain it would be entirely satisfactory to the public.

Will Name Backers

When asked how soon the identity of the backers of his road would be made public he said that he couldn't tell, but that the announcement would be made in "due time."

Since it was rumored that the Milwaukee might be behind the Oregon Trunk line it has become known that a little over two years ago the Milwaukee did have a route surveyed through the Deschutes canyon. The actual survey work was done by Portland engineers, whose names, of course, cannot be made public, but these men were paid by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in checks bearing the name of that railroad. The men in the surveying party were cautioned to maintain the strictest secrecy regarding the nature of their expedition and the identity of their employers. The interesting part of the matter is that they staked out the same route that is now being followed by the Porter Bros.

The well-known friendly relations existing between the Harriman lines and the Milwaukee would not indicate that the two roads would go to such lengths to secure rival lines through the Deschutes, but it is certain that an original survey through the Deschutes was made by the Milwaukee two years ago, and that this survey is being followed by the Porter Bros. to-day.

PIE FOR THE FAITHFUL

Although the new tariff bill has not been finally passed, there are several candidates for the positions created by the new law, says a recent dispatch from Washington. Col. Peter Hobburn, former member of congress from Iowa, wishes to be judge of the new customs court at a salary of \$7,000 a year. For the position of assistant attorney general to have charge of matters before the customs court, and which pays \$5,000 a year, there are two candidates. They are David C. Reeves of St. Joseph, Mo., and William K. Payne of New York.

Mrs. Voss has received the appointment as postmistress at White Lake, and the site of the office has been removed to the Voss ranch.—Record.

HAS CHANGED HIS MIND

Wouldn't Give Six Bits for the Old Town Three Years Ago, but Concludes He Undervalued It.

"I lived here over thirty years, and I would not give six bits for the whole town; I would not give two bits an acre for the land." To the passerby catching these words would be conveyed the impression that the gentleman giving utterance to them was ripping this whole section up the back, and was glad of the opportunity. But such an impression would be erroneous. The author of this expression was none other than James Tobin, formerly a resident of the Merrill section of the county, but now a resident of Santa Rosa. His remarks were only the opening of a statement that will prove interesting to many residents of the county, especially to some who, like Mr. Tobin, lived here over thirty years. In discussing the change that has taken place during the three years of his absence, Mr. Tobin said:

"I used to think that if I could sell out and get away from here that I would be making the one business stroke of my career. When the opportunity to sell came along it did not take me long to reach a decision. I would not give two bits for all the land in the county, nor six bits for the whole town of Klamath Falls. I was disgusted, tired of it all, wanted to get out and felt as if I never wanted to see it again. There were many then who thought as I did, and I guess there are some still remaining who would feel just about the same way. But it was a mistake. I guess I made a mistake. Things have changed and the country that I thought would never amount to much is the coming section of the Pacific coast. It is talked about wherever you go, and those who are here and those who will come will never be sorry that Klamath county is their home. I have seen a good deal since I left here and learned a whole lot more, and I feel that ten years from now there will not be an acre of cheap land under irrigation."

"The human family is composed of one-tenth satisfaction and nine-tenths unrest. We are never satisfied with what we have, but always desiring something else, and it is this spirit of travel that is going to make many men wish they had remained in Klamath county, for when they go elsewhere they will more fully appreciate the advantages here."

"I do not know whether I will return here to live. I would like to, but other considerations have demands on my wishes. I have never felt so well as I did in Klamath county, and the same is true of Mrs. Tobin. Klamath county is all right, and its future is greater than any of us ever dreamed of."

Mr. Tobin is here on a business trip, and will remain about a week. His love for his former home is stronger than ever, and his old friends need not be surprised to see him back again as a permanent resident.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

Taft and Official Party Will Arrive in Seattle September 29th.

SEATTLE, August 9.—President William H. Taft, accompanied by an official party including his private secretary, Fred W. Carpenter, and Secretary of War Dickenson, will arrive in Seattle at 8:15 p. m., September 29th, to pay his official visit to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The president will remain until 10:40 p. m., on October 1st, when he will leave for Washington, D. C.

This is the report that has been received by President J. E. Chilberg from L. W. Thavis, eastern publicity agent of the exposition.

It is the plan of the president to pay a visit of a half hour in Tacoma in honor of the late Representative Cushman, who lived in that city. In the president's party will be a physician, two secret service men and two others not yet designated. In addition there will be six newspaper men, representing press associations. Mayor Miller of Seattle and President Chilberg of the exposition are arranging an elaborate reception for the president. Owing to the limited time of his visit every available minute will be taken. A special day at the exposition will be set aside for his reception. A banquet in the New York state building are among the features of the entertainment.

GUN CLUB SHOOT.

The Crater Lake Gun club held its regular weekly shoot Sunday. Following is the score made:

	Birds.	Killed.
Ankeny	75	43
Childers	75	61
Robertson	75	58
Childers, H.	25	20
McDonald	100	66
Hilton	75	43
Roberts	70	48

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE FIRST TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK

at Klamath Falls, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, June 23, 1909.

RESOURCES	DOLLARS
Loans and Discounts	\$ 50,969.55
Bonds, securities, etc.	2,304.27
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	450.74
Due from approved reserve banks	3,627.66
Checks and other cash items	55.48
Cash on hand	4,952.40
Total	62,360.10

LIABILITIES	DOLLARS
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	1,508.78
Due to banks and bankers	1,552.21
Individual deposits subject to check	15,945.54
Demand certificates of deposit	55.00
Time certificates of deposit	8,285.00
Certified checks	200.00
Savings deposits	9,811.57
Total	\$ 62,360.10

State of Oregon,)
County of Klamath,) ss.
I, J. W. Siemens, cashier of the above mentioned bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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WM. McMURRAY, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

DESERT WILL SEE

ARTESIAN WELL VENTURE

CLIFF, Ore., August 4.—An effort is being made to raise funds for the purpose of boring for artesian water in the Christmas Lake valley. In the Lake settlement subscriptions to the amount of \$598, at Astoria to \$1,465, at Cliff to \$125, at Silver Lake to \$325, making a total up to date of \$2,454, have been received. H. Van Gundy from the Ohio oil fields, stands ready to have a hydraulic machine here within ninety days from the date he is notified that \$2,500 is secured. This experiment will be watched with a great deal of interest not only by owners of the desert lands and by homesteaders here, but also by prospective settlers and investors. Should the finding of artesian water be successful at a reasonable depth and a consequent reasonable expense, the future of this desert country will be a good one.

L. H. Hay of Summer lake was in the city Thursday.

MAY RECALL NEW PENNIES

A dispatch from Washington informs us that although the new Lincoln pennies have been out only since August 2, that they may be recalled. The reason is that the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner of New York, appear on the coin in minute raised letters. The initials are close to the edge on the reverse side below the sheaf of wheat, and can be seen with the naked eye. Coin collectors will be asked to rule upon it.



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