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FISHER WANTS TO DO RIGHT THING

HEAD OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT GOES OVER PAYETTE-BOISE PROJECT.

Speaks Encouraging Words to Settlers on the Project—Greatly Impressed with Enterprise—Promises to Keep Cost Down to Lowest Point Possible.

Secretary Fisher of the Department of the Interior and Frederick H. Newell, head of the reclamation service, have been in Idaho looking over the government reclamation projects. They visited parts of the Payette-Boise project and also the Muddoka project. Both gentlemen expressed themselves as highly pleased with the progress of the work of the reclamation service. Mr. Fisher stated that he would do everything in his power to promote the interests and welfare of the man on the land. He also stated that it would be his aim to keep the cost of the reclamation at the lowest point consistent with good, substantial work.

Secretary Fisher and Director Newell visited the big dam at Arrow Rock above Boise and also the Deer Flat reservoir. They were greatly pleased with the work accomplished. While in Idaho Mr. Fisher gave out extended interviews. At Boise he said, in his address to the commercial club:

"I recognize that Boise and Idaho and the entire west and its people have a legitimate interest in the secretary of the interior and his policies. and I know they have so much at stake that they have a perfect right to know what kind of a man they have to deal with and what his ideas are. I realize, too, how important to you are the vital questions of administration that come up before the secretary of the interior. And I mean to tell you where I stand, so that the people may know.

"I am very sorry that I can't stay here longer with you. I wish that I could spare the time right now to make minute and more thorough investigation of the various problems that confront you here, so that I could get your whole point of view and know why you want certain things and how you want them done.

"But let me tell you now, I am exceedingly anxious, sincerely anxious, to develop the resources of the west for the west. I believe in the development of natural resources, development along right lines and sane policies, first, last and all the time.

"But you can put me down right now as a conservationist; a thorough-going conservationist. There has been so much quarreling over the word 'conservation,' and all it has stood for, that it is hard to arrive at a strict definition. But by thorough-going conservation, I mean wise, though vigorous development. Looking at the problem of conservation in this country as I do today, I think that the sole and only question is, how can we best develop the natural resources as a whole, for the country as a whole, for the benefit of the people as a whole, rather than for any small group of special interests or for any small part of the community.

"But no matter what views we may hold as to conservation, no matter how various our opinions may be as to the law affecting these matters, we still have differences as to administration. I believe, though that you'll find that most of us agree in the end as to fundamental principles, even if we do differ as to the way of doing a certain thing and another way of doing another thing.

"For instance, you want this country developed. You have a great territory in forest and mineral lands. But I say too, that you have a vast expanse of rich lands, susceptible of cultivation, and that it is more important to you to have these lands settled and developed for agriculture than that a single acre embraced in any forest reserve be released.

"Let us forget the quarrels of the past, get down to concrete facts and face actual present and future problems and solve them. There has been too much bickering over what

has been done, and too little constructive work for what is being done and what should be done.

"First of all, let it be known that it is the man on the land who interests me. If you understand what that means, you will understand my position as briefly as I can state it.

"It is the man on the land who is essential. It is he that builds up the country and develops the resources and produces wealth and makes everything else possible for a community. I believe that you should make it easier for him to get the land. And I believe just as hard, on the other side, that you should make it harder for the man who holds the land and won't develop, but just waits so that he can get a higher price from the man who is the actual settler and is the actual man on the land.

"I say plainly that I haven't any regard for the interests of speculation. I don't think speculation does a country any good.

"And, furthermore, I want to say that I and my department, while I am in it, will do everything in our power to accomplish the realization of these two principles: Help the man on the land; make it harder for the speculator.

"I think that we should give the settler title under the reclamation act as soon as we give the man on the land title on the homesteads. I think the settler should get title to his homestead just as soon as he has shown good faith and has convinced the government that he sincerely means to develop the land and help build up the community. I don't believe in making him wait and wait for years.

New Thing in the World.

"We are engaged in an experiment. The United States has started out to do a new thing in the world—to open up the public domain and bring in settlers and put water on the land. The law is an experiment and we find in some places that it doesn't work right, and we will have to make some modifications to suit the conditions.

"But the thing to do now is not to waste any more time in fighting over the past and criticizing. Let's do things now!

"Let us find out what changes we want in the law—then let us go down to Washington and get them—that's the way you should all look at this question. We all know there are things in the law that aren't good. But you shouldn't blame the reclamation service. I can tell you that I know that even the ultra conservatives among the reclamationists don't defend this law, and they admit its bad points.

Where Wrong Rules.

Here we find that a man comes on the land, puts his money into necessary buildings and sheds, and buys implements, then starts to clear his land. He comes in good faith, meaning to do everything the government asks of him and he works ahead and pretty soon his money is all gone and he is up against it hard. There's no mercy for him. He faces ruin and the loss of everything. His hard years of toil and effort and sacrifice and privation and struggle have netted him, what? Nothing! Tell me that's right? Tell me that's just? I say no! It's wrong, dead wrong, and the fact that the United States government does it and allows this sort of thing to go on, knowing the terrible injustice of it, makes no difference to me. I've come that far to the western view.

The Payments Too High.

"I say that the payments are too high. The fact is, the settler has too great a burden to bear in the first place, during the early years. The government should only want a guarantee of continuous and progressive cultivation. The law should only require what should reasonably be expected from an ordinary man. But I do think that before he gets title the government should make him show that he intends to stay.

"I have no sympathy for the 'hardy pioneer' who sits in his mahogany chair in his office in Chicago or New York or Cleveland, and talks about the 'awful hardships of the early pioneer on a homestead.' That kind of talk doesn't sound good to me.

"But the man who goes on the land deserves all consideration and he will get it from me.

Problem of Drainage.

"Then, again, there is this great

RAINMAKER'S FESTIVAL.

The efforts of the Directors of the Inter Mountain Fair Association in striving to make the fair this year one which will go down in the history of the State as the biggest and best ever given, have already borne fruit, and the assurance which the Secretary of the Fair Association has received from outside farming communities, makes it possible to predict that the greatest agricultural and horticultural exposition ever shown in the West will be in Boise during the week of October 9th. Every available inch of space in the agricultural building has been taken. Every inch of space in the industrial building has been taken. Additions will have to be built to the agricultural hall, as this building cannot adequately take care of the exhibits.

In the past years the Association had to depend largely on the exhibits from the farming and orchard sections tributary to Boise, but this year the Fair will be State wide in its scope, from the Southeast, that vast irrigated farming community, exhibits by the carloads will be sent to the Capitol city.

The finest grain grown on the Pacific slope and in quantities to surprise the most successful farmer of the east, will be seen here. Potatoes of a quality unexcelled in any section of the west will also be brought and placed in competition for the premiums with other sections of the state. In addition there will be oats and barley and hay in quantity and quality not to be excelled. This is the first time that the southeast has ever looked upon the Inter Mountain Fair as a state-wide institution, but thorough advertising given to the Fair and Festival has awakened these prosperous farmers of our state and they are now aroused fully to the importance of such a state fair and are mindful of the benefits which will accrue as a result of this fair to the state and to them.

From the North side and South side Twin Falls tracts exhibits will come, and many of them. The county fairs which are being held in the south and southeast are merely preliminary to the big state fair. All of the premium-winning products will be assembled and sent to the Capitol City.

Lincoln county, which made such a wonderful showing last year, will be very much in evidence this fall. The real live wires of that county are determined to send an exhibit which will make the eyes of the farmers from other sections of the state open their eyes with amazement.

In the past years it has been Canyon county which has swept the boards of all the premiums and which has carried away the county sweepstakes premiums almost without an effort. This year all is different. Lincoln county is after the county sweepstakes. The farmers there say they are going to take it away with them.

In any event, it will be a very keen and close competition, as Washington county also will strive to secure the prize.

In order that there might not be any controversy or discussion over Ada county competing for the sweepstakes, the directors have eliminated Ada county.

The livestock will attract wonderful attention this year, as formerly. The sheep industry, one of the largest in the state, is always interesting to visitors. All the different breeds will be seen here. The individual breeders of the high-class sheep will have them, as it were, on parade. The cattle and horses will be here, and some of the finest to be found anywhere in the Northwest.

In the industrial building there is not a single inch of space left. The wonderful strides in an industrial way in the state are never so clearly shown as during a fair of this character. The booths and the stalls will be unique, novel and interesting, and visitors will find much here to satisfy them while taking in the sights of the fair grounds.

The irrigated farm, in miniature, the result of the ingenuity of Don Bark, the government irrigation expert, and B. F. Hurst, the well known Boise valley agriculturist, will be a feature which will attract thousands of people to the use of its uniqueness.

Mr. Bark has arranged for the scientific part of the farm, the reservoir, the spillway, the headgates and the lateral. To those to whom irrigation is still a thing almost

mystical, this miniature farm will certainly appeal, for through the combined efforts of Mr. Bark and Mr. Hurst, the eastern and skeptical farmer of the middle west will be given an object lesson in how the western farmer makes his own rain and laughs at drouth. The seed has already been planted in the small farm and it is expected that it will be blooming and full of life and will be in every particular a model Idaho farm.

Cooper at Los Angeles.

C. W. Cooper has gone to Los Angeles to represent the Caldwell Socialists at the McNamara trials which are soon to take place in southern California. Mr. Cooper intends investigating labor conditions at Los Angeles. We are told he will head an agitation propaganda for the release of the accused labor leaders.

Entertains Friends.

Harry Jones entertained a number of his young gentlemen friends Tuesday evening. Progressive solo was played, after which refreshments were served. All present had a most enjoyable evening.

C. B. Steunenberg has returned

from a trip of inspection of the Wyoming oil fields near Rawlins. He went as a sort of "doubting Thomas," but returns an enthusiast on the subject. The field which he inspected is about 33 miles from Rawlins toward the southwest. It lies in a natural basin surrounded on three sides by outcroppings of sandstone which is so thoroughly impregnated with oil that when a match is touched to it, it will ignite and burn like coal, leaving nothing but sand. The exterior surface of this sandstone appears to be just ordinary sand, but even the slightest penetration beneath the surface where the air and sun have not combined to entirely evaporate it, the oil appears. The sandstone ridges are believed to be "blowouts" from the oil vein beneath and act the same as a wick within a lamp, drawing the oil to the surface.

A marriage license was issued Friday at Boise to James A. March of Caldwell and Lorena Moore Alton of Henrysburg, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hice with their son and daughter arrived in Caldwell last week from Monroe, La., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Taylor. Mr. Hice reports a fine trip and is much impressed with the Boise valley. He says it looks more like old Iowa than anything they saw on their trip. He is one of the big cattle feeders of Jasper county, Iowa, and we hope he will locate here.

Chas. Coon is in from Caldwell looking after his band of thoroughbred bucks which came in Tuesday morning. The bucks presented a fine appearance when they passed through town. Mr. Coon has them in the Weir pasture adjoining town where those desiring bucks of the best grade can select them.—Jordan Valley Express.

The delivery team which Floyd Harrington was driving ran away Friday throwing him out and injuring his arm by tearing the ligaments about the wrist and dislocating the arm at the elbow. The arm was dressed and Mr. Harrington is able to be about.

Thomas Walsh and family have moved to Caldwell from Roswell in order to give the children the advantages of our superior school facilities. He purchased a home in the city about two weeks ago.

The members of the Caldwell Fire Department decided at their last regular meeting to give the regular fireman's grand annual ball Thanksgiving eve, November 29, this year. The place will be announced later.

E. A. Clore will leave in a short time for Brownlee in Boise county where he has traded for a 120-acre piece about one mile south of the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Huethe of Pendleton have arrived in Caldwell and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Huethe is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Quick.

Hot soda, cold soda, the way you want it at the Botkin-Harmon Drug Co., Ltd.

For the latest thing in ladies' tailored suits see Mrs. Harris at the Vogue Millinery.

Maine is Officially Wet.

Complete official returns from the election of last Monday, when Maine voted on the repeal of the constitutional prohibitory amendment, as canvassed by the governor and council, showed a majority of 26 votes in favor of repeal.

Various discrepancies were found in the official reports as compared with the tabulations compiled by the secretary of state's office. The latter indicated a majority for repeal of 136.

Some doubt remains as to the correctness of the returns and Governor Plaisted announced that city and town clerks would have twenty days in which to check the results.

Taft Will Attend the Fair.

W. H. Redway, president of the Commercial Club, and H. R. French, president of the fair association, are confident that President Taft will find a way of attending the fair at Caldwell. They are in communication with Secretary Hills and the outlook is most encouraging.

Leave for St. Paul and Other Cities.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dorman left for Omaha, St. Paul and other eastern cities Tuesday afternoon. Col. Place will leave in a few days and will join Mr. Dorman at St. Paul.

Chicken Pie Supper Saturday.

The Baptist Young People's Union will serve a chicken pie supper to the public Saturday evening, September 23, beginning at 5 p. m. in the Lavinger building, below Idaho Hotel.

Frank J. Tierney, the well known Boise newspaper writer and politician, was a business visitor in Caldwell Saturday. Mr. Tierney at present has charge of the publicity bureau of the Inter-Mountain Fair and Rainmaker's Festival which will take place next month at Boise. He says that preparations have been made for one of the biggest fairs and carnivals ever pulled off in a western city.

Miss Loren Baker is quite ill at her home. Several weeks ago while going up the stairs at Oakes Bros. she fell and was injured it was thought but slightly, and no consideration paid to the matter. But instead of getting better, Miss Baker kept getting worse and last week she was forced to take to her bed. It seems that her spine was wrenched in the fall, and an operation may be necessary.

The beautiful and commodious residence of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Dutton are building on the corner of Blain and Fourth avenue will be completed within a very few days. It has nine rooms, not counting bathrooms, closets and pantry. It is a substantial well built residence; and when completed will be one of the finest and most conveniently arranged dwellings in the city.

Canyon county will probably ship 2,000 cars of fruit this year. At an average of \$600 per car this will bring to the county the tidy sum of \$1,200,000. In ten years from now the returns from fruit shipped will be at least five times that.—Nampa Leader-Herald.

Ed. Price was in the city Sunday and Monday visiting friends. Mr. Price has just returned from Ketchum, where he has been the past six weeks visiting relatives and enjoying an outing. Mr. Price says there is considerable mining activity on Wood river this summer.

We neglected to mention in the last issue of the Tribune that Mrs. James Bissitt and daughter, Miss Lalla, had returned from Jordan Valley where they spent the summer. They had a most pleasant time in the Valley.

Mrs. C. E. Helman was here Monday morning on her way from Shoshone to Vale, where Mr. Helman has been appointed by the M. E. conference to take charge of the local church.—Ontario Optimist.

Samuel Kohn & Co.'s ladies' made to order suits, all the latest styles in man tailored suits. See Mrs. Harris at the Vogue Millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Steele will soon leave for Chicago where they will spend the winter.

Films developed promptly at the Botkin-Harmon Drug Co., Ltd.

FISHER MAKES A FINE IMPRESSION

SECRETARY FISHER IS A HORRIBLE LOOKING MAN IN HIS PICTURES.

The Counterfeit of Van Duyn Has Him Going Forty Ways from Sunday and that is the Limit—Newspapers Should Be Sued for Criminal Libel By the Government.

We get it from Mr. Jake Horn that Mr. Walter L. Fisher, the secretary of the interior, is not such a horrible looking cuss as it is in the newspapers would have us believe. We are glad of it, and hasten to give Mr. Horn's views on the distinguished gentleman. Our esteemed postmaster, accompanied by Mr. H. A. Griffiths and others, went up to Boise Saturday last for the purpose of seeing Mr. Fisher. We will quote from Mr. Horn:

"To look at the pictures published in the newspapers, one might think that Mr. Fisher was not always there, so to speak. One might imagine that his soul was drifting through the picturesque haciendas of Irid Mexico, while his body was snugly ensconced in the Owyhee. It is a mistake. You know how pictures deceive. There is Van Duyn. You know Van Duyn. He is as handsome a fellow as one would care to meet, but his picture looks more like a wilted turnip than anything with which I am acquainted. And there is Secretary of State Gifford and Judge Alishie. Look them in the eye and you are enraptured; look at their pictures and you would have little use for either. It pays to cultivate Snodgrass. He can make you look like Adonis, and he can make you look like a fiend incarnate. Select your photographer with infinite care and pay him well.

"Secretary of the Interior Fisher has been grossly libeled. He is no beauty, but he will pass. At any rate he has the appearance of being intelligent. The more you see of him the less you think of him, which next to vice versa, is the best trait in any man. He makes you forget and consequently he appeals. You go away thinking that you have met a bright, brainy man; a man who knows what he is doing and why he is doing it; a man deeply in sympathy with the people and thoroughly appreciative of his grave responsibilities. It does one good to talk to Secretary Fisher."

There it is. We do not know that Jake Horn ever qualified as an expert on manly beauty. We do not think much of his judgment along that line. But you, kind reader, may think differently. Be that as it may, Secretary Fisher seems to impress all with whom he comes in contact. Beauty is greatly to be prized, but Col. Place says it never won him anything. We don't know how it could have. This is Jake Horn's interview, and he is jealous of his prerogatives. Interference is not looked upon favorably. Transgressions may be forgiven although they are not forgotten.

The point is that Secretary Fisher is not so bad looking after all, and his discourse leads one to believe that he has good, sound sense. He is familiarizing himself with the conditions of the country. To the west the secretary of the interior is the most important man in the cabinet. He is final in all public land matters and he has under him the reclamation service. In both the west is vitally interested. He should be a western man. When that is impracticable he should be a man willing to learn. Such a man is Secretary Fisher.

Fort Will Attend the Fair.

Gerritt Fort, passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line railroads, will attend the Canyon county fair. Secretary Clark is in receipt of the price of a box at the grand stand for Mr. and Mrs. Fort, who will have as their guests Col. and Mrs. E. R. Place. Mr. Fort expects to spend two or three days in Caldwell.

Haynes ware, the medium priced decorated china, a good assortment past in at the Botkin-Harmon Drug Co., Ltd.

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