

BY RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION 1919

Major Fred E. Reed, Secretary, Reviews Accomplishments Showing Its Activity in Behalf of State.

FOUNDED AT POCATELLO

Membership Now Numbers 14,000 Including Men of Prominence in All Parts of State—Given National Prominence.

SECRETARY IDAHO RECLAMATION ASSOCIATION



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The personnel of the Idaho Reclamation association consists of the following well known Idahoans: S. E. Brady, Pocatello, president; O. O. Hagg, Boise, first vice-president; E. M. Whitel, Dubois, second vice-president; Hon. Frank R. Gooding, third vice-president; J. H. Keefe, Twin Falls, treasurer; S. L. Reese, Pocatello, acting treasurer; Fred E. Reed of Pocatello, executive secretary; Ethelyn Glasser, assistant secretary.

The association was founded at Pocatello, Feb. 21, 1919, and began its activities on March 15. The association now has 14,000 members who pay an annual membership fee of \$1. The mission of the association is to boost reclamation and assist in every manner possible, the government, the state and private capital in building storage reservoirs to conserve the millions of acre feet of water that annually flows out of Idaho and no benefit to our millions of arid acres that only need irrigating to become prosperous farms.

DELEGATION HELPS.

To assist our delegation in congress to secure appropriations from time to time to construct dams and canals and reclaim by irrigation and drainage Idaho's vast acreage now valueless except for range purposes. To conduct a campaign of advertising of Idaho's resources so that capital making investments may be attracted by our opportunities and assist in the constructive era the association is trying to create. To conduct a campaign of education among our home people so that they may fully realize that by team work and co-operation, the problems of each county may be solved. To assist the counties in making commercial

surveys of their assets and needs and to organize the state so that the human power of the people where, in harmonious action, can reach any goal it may determine to reach. To lend its support to any clean, honorable, intelligent undertaking that is of advantage to Idaho and Idaho's people. The Idaho Reclamation association is not in politics and has no pets or hobbies. It was honorably born and can be made a mighty power for good, if the people so say.

DOING STATEWIDE WORK.

The association, though only 10 months old, has by intelligent, persistent and consistent effort, forced its presence into the arena of Idaho's activities and is recognized as an institution of dignity, power and achievement. The association has no affiliation with state or government and receives no appropriations or support except from counties and individuals. So far, owing to a lack of understanding of the interests and purposes of the association by the people, the association has not been well-supported or its purposes understood. A few counties have responded nobly but only a few. However, the association has gotten by and Idaho is slowly coming into her own. The association has this advantage, it is working on a righteous principle for the benefit of a noble state and a splendid people, and such principles never die. Men may come and men may go, but a just effort based on the above will go on forever. How broad, powerful and useful the scope of activities and accomplishments may become in the future, is up

U. S. L. REELS BIG TONNAGE LAST YEAR DUE TO HEAVY CROPS

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By JOEL L. PRIEST, General Agent of the O. S. L.

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IDAHO HAS LARGEST PINE TREE IN WORLD

THIS White pine tree, in Clearwater county, Idaho, is so far as known, the largest tree of that variety in the world. It is 23 feet and 4 inches in circumference, and is located on the southwest quarter of northwest quarter, section 9, township 39 north, range 2 east. The men in the picture are Attorney General Roy L. Black, Ben E. Bush, north Idaho timber cruiser and state land appraiser; a forest service agent, and I. H. Nash, state land commissioner. The picture was taken last summer while Attorney General Black and Commissioner Nash were inspecting some of the state's fine timber land which adjoins the land on which this big tree stands.

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FARM LANDS WITHOUT CROPS

About one-fifth of a billion acres of the cut-over land and woodland in the United States might be cleared up and the stumps removed so that the land would be available for productive farming. If all this agriculturally suitable forest and cutover land could be made into farms averaging 160 acres, it would provide 1,250,000 farms, an increase of about 20 per cent over the present number. It is believed unlikely that more than 50,000,000 acres, or enough for perhaps 300,000 farms, will be cleared up by the government assuming responsibility.

Venustiano Carranza of Mexico began his present term as president Jan. 13, 1915, but had previously held the post for three months in 1914.

A Happy New Year

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Milled from selected home-grown wheat

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Happy and Prosperous New Year

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