

Irrigation Congress at Boise Idaho.

SEPTEMBER 3.—The fourteenth annual Irrigation Congress opened here to day with a large attendance from all parts of the United States. Representatives of every state government, of the government of the United States, delegates appointed by mayors of cities from all parts of the country, representatives of commercial, industrial and financial organizations, of agricultural and horticultural societies, of the various societies, etc., and many other prominent persons, interested in the subject of irrigation are among those attending the congress which will be in session until September 8, inclusive.

An interesting program has been arranged for the congress. It will embrace a consideration and discussion of the following main features: Saving the forests, storing the floods, reclaiming the deserts, establishing of homes on the reclaimed land. The congress is held in the midst of irrigation projects showing every state of development. Two of the greatest enterprises of the Reclamation service of the United States government, the largest Carey Act project in the United States, and smaller propositions of private and co-operative enterprise, ranging from the first year of operation to fifty years of constant use, will be taken as object lessons, teaching practical irrigation from a practical standpoint. Ample arrangements have been made for the use of the division of the congress on engineering and mechanics, which will hold meetings of special interest throughout the congress. Stereopticon views of work under construction and completed will be used in illustrating addresses and reports. A comprehensive exhibit of the products of irrigation, including grains, grasses, fruit of all kinds, vegetables, and especially sugar beets has been arranged in quarters adjoining the convention hall where the congress is holding its sessions. The session today was opened by Vice President Fairbanks and there were about 1,500 delegates present.

President Roosevelt Sends Message.

The following is an extract from a message read to the convention from President Roosevelt:

To the Officers and members of the Irrigation Congress, Boise, Idaho.

Operations under the reclamation act, which I signed on June 17, 1902, have been carried on energetically during the four years since that date. The reclamation service, consisting of over 400 skilled engineers and experts in various lines, has been organized, and it is now handling the work with rapidity and effectiveness. Construction is already well advanced on twenty-three great enterprises in the arid states and territories. Over 1,000,000 acres of land have been laid out for irrigation and of this 2,000,000 acres are now under ditch; 800 miles of canals and ditches and 30,000 feet of tunnel have been completed; and 16,000,000 cubic yards of earth and 3,000,000 cubic yards of rock have been moved. Detailed topographic surveys have been extended over ten thousand square miles of country within which the reclamation work is located and twenty thousand miles of level lines have been run. Three hundred buildings, including offices and sleeping quarters for workmen, have been erected by the reclamation service and about an equal number by the contractors. Over ten thousand men and about five thousand horses are at present employed.

The period of general surveys and examinations for projects is past. Effort is now concentrated in getting the water upon a sufficient area of fertile land in each project to put it on a revenue-producing basis. To bring all the projects to this point will require upwards of forty million dollars which amount, it is estimated, will be available from the receipts

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SENSATIONAL CHARGE MADE.

Former Superintendent of New Mexico Pen Accused Of Shortage in Accounts.

In a report by a firm of Colorado expert accountants to Governor Hagerman of New Mexico, on the condition of the finances of the New Mexico penitentiary at Santa Fe, charges of the most sensational nature are made against H. O. Bursum, chairman of the New Mexico Republican Territorial Committee and former superintendent of the penitentiary, and evidence and affidavits produced to sustain the charges.

Bursum has been a leader in New Mexico politics for ten years is wealthy and has been chairman of the Republican committee for four years. He is now mayor of the town of Socorro. The report has caused a profound sensation throughout New Mexico.

Bursum is charged with direct shortages aggregating nearly \$7,000 and with failing to account for about \$23,000 more of penitentiary funds.

He is also alleged to have shipped thousands of brick out of the penitentiary for which no funds were received by the institution, with entering into personal contracts with the penitentiary for furnishing supplies, with misappropriation of funds during the entire period of his administration, with gross mismanagement and destruction of records.

Several of the ledgers, journals and other important books are missing from the prison and are said to have been destroyed.

It is understood the report will be used as evidence before the grand jury in Santa Fe county. Bursum was superintendent of the penitentiary from July, 1899 to April, 1900 or during the entire period of Governor Otero's administration. He was displaced when Governor Hagerman came into office. Bursum is now at his sheep ranch in Socorro county.—Albuquerque News.

Promising Copper Mining District.

Active development of copper district in Union county now in progress. Raton company has rich holdings.

For some years it has been

the belief of mining men and others that a great copper ore district existed in the eastern portion of Union county extending into Beaver county, Oklahoma. The section abounds in rich float which assays from seventy-five per cent. to ninety-five cent copper. This float has been, from time to time, gathered up by the natives and prospectors and after being freighted by wagon for fifty to seventy miles sent by railroad to smelters and gave handsome returns.

Throughout this copper zone there are massive chimneys of sandstone which have been forced up through the earth by some subterranean action. These chimneys, it is believed, through the action of the elements, have furnished the great quantities of float throughout the district.

Prospecting on this theory in a desultory way has been in progress for several years past, many of the prospectors making expense money by shipping out a few tons of the float.

Gerod Sater, a prospector, finally induced some Pittsburg, Pa., and other eastern capitalists to furnish the means with which to do extensive development work. The company now has a good shaft down about two hundred feet and has developed a body of ore running from twenty to forty per cent. in copper and some mines in silver. The properties of this company, The Sater Copper Company, are located in Union county about 48 miles east by south of Folsom.

Several Raton business men including Fred Rohr, Robert Vogt, T. G. Gregory, Geo. R. Engledow, Chas. Rohr, together with J. E. Geddes and Jason Mackey, have secured a large group of claims in this district situated in Peacock canyon about forty miles southeast of Folsom. They have formed a company to be known as the Rohr-Geddes Mining and development company and will proceed without loss of time to develop the same.

J. E. Geddes is a mining engineer and has had many years experience in copper mining. He has made an exhaustive examination of the district with the result that he is fully convinced that it will make one of the largest copper producing districts in the world. Mr. Geddes has mined at Bisbee and prospected the entire district as well

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Loans and Discounts	\$102,429.27
Overdrafts	339.61
U. S. Bonds	68,400.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,375.92
Cash and Sight Exchange	49,954.82
	\$313,499.62

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$75,000.00
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	177,708.38
Other Liabilities—Including Surplus and Profits	10,791.24
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