

600,000 LIVE ON RECLAIMED LANDS--MEAD

\$135,000,444 in Crops Grown in Year on What Was Once Desert Land, Says U. S. Commissioner.

More than 600,000 people live on the federal reclamation projects that dot the thousand-mile zone of scanty and uncertain rainfall that once separated the humid East from the cities and farms of the

Pacific coast, says Dr. Elwood Mead, U. S. Commissioner of Reclamation, in an article in the April issue of the National Re-
public.

On these projects are 685 schools and 683 churches. The crops grown in 1928 were worth \$135,000,000, which amount is almost sufficient to pay off in a single year the entire indebtedness of the projects to the government, amounting to \$165,000,000.

The cheap local food products which these projects supply have helped open mining districts and keep mines in operation. The policy has strengthened the range stock industry.

"On 17 projects," says Mead, "between 92 and 100 per cent of all the operation payments have been made, and on none of them has less than half of the operation payments been made."

"Reclamation has justified itself by the wealth it has produced and

by the influence it has exerted to build up a sound and prosperous life on what, without it, would be unpeopled deserts," he says.

WANTS MORE WOMEN ACTIVE IN COURTS

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Mar. 26, (AP)—Men jurors are more likely to be swayed by their emotions than women, Miss Irene Nungesser, retiring assistant United States district attorney believes.

Furthermore she contends that more Fortias are needed in court-rooms. Women are reluctant to reveal their personal affairs to male counsellors, she said.

Miss Nungesser was admitted to the bar in 1920 after 16 years of study in night school and in a Cleveland law office. She attained national prominence in the case of Arthur Emery, 15-year-old mail robber. Through her efforts he was sentenced to undergo an operation for the removal of an abscess on his brain.

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

By HERBERT C. PLUMMER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26.—Solitaire may play an important part in the United States senate during the regime of Herbert Hoover.

For Senator Jim Watson, upon whose shoulders undoubtedly will fall Vice President Curtis' toga of majority floor leader, has worked out many of his problems in the past while going through the cards, and more than likely will continue to do so in the future.

Just as John Marshall was wont to turn to 'old sol' when threading his way through a legal maze to a court decision, so may the new leader of the republican forces guide the destiny of the administration through the many intricate stages of the senate by calm decisions arrived at while playing his game.

Solitaire is about the only form of recreation of the Indian senator. Winter or summer resorts never have him as a guest, for in the 12 years he has been in the senate he has never taken a vacation. He always is available and usually is hard at work.

Soerms Golf

Golf, for instance, is only a bore to him, and he takes delight in pooh-poohing those addicted to the game.

The story of how he would laugh as his friend, the late President Harding, one of the game's greatest devotees, is known to everyone in the capital. In the days when the two were in the senate, Senator Watson was constantly poking fun at Harding's golf. He even would go to the links with his friend, but he never could be persuaded to take a swat at the ball. Frequently he would walk around the links, just for the exercise, but that was as far as he would go. But Senator Watson does have a hobby and it is one that lies very close to his heart.

Likes Children

Just a few miles from his home in Rushville, Ind., there is a home for orphan children of soldiers and sailors. The senator is greatly interested in this institution.

For example, every so often he will go to the superintendent of the home with the request that he be given the name of the boy who stands out above all the others. Within a short while this boy is informed that he has been given an appointment either to Annapolis or West Point.

Once an orphan boy received an appointment in this manner, but failed to pass the physical examination for entrance. Refusing to return to the home, he joined the army.

In 1920, just before the republican national convention in Chicago, this boy appeared at the offices of Senator Watson with the request that he be permitted to "Senator," he said, "I am the see him.
chap you appointed to West Point a number of years ago. I failed but I joined the army after that and saw service in the Philippines. When my enlistment expired I remained there and went into the import business. Today I am a comparatively wealthy man.

"You are responsible. I am on my way to Chicago as a delegate from the Philippines to the republican national convention. It is for you that I shall cast my vote, and I trust you will be nominated for the presidency."

A site for the Lemmon, S. D., municipal airport has been selected just west of the city. According to plans drawn up, the area will be developed through construction of four runways, none of which will be under 3,500 feet in length. Added facilities, such as hangars and shops, will be added later.

BRIGHTNESS FOLLOWS WINTER'S DRAB TONES

By DIANA MERWIN

(Associated Press Fashion Editor) PARIS, Mar. 26, (AP)—Sunshine colors will be the aftermath of a long hard winter, people who make the styles are saying.

Advance orders show a marked preference for the yellows, greens, and reds in southern sport clothes, and flowery words like capucine, which means nasturtium in French, marigold, larkspur, and poppy are mixed up with clothes talk in the big shops.

Yellow promises to be the predominant sport color, with lots of brown and white to go with it. Red, blue and white, and yellow, green and white are other color combinations that are already established.

Even Paris street clothes of this advance date show the brown and yellow tendency, in contrast to the steady popularity of black in evidence all winter. Brown hats, with yellow, or beige and brown scarves, are seen on all sides as the accessories for brown fur coats. Parisians seem trying to cheer themselves up with the thought that not winter has come—and stayed longer than usual—spring cannot be far behind.

Transcontinental Air transport has leased or purchased sites for airports which it plans to develop at Waynoka, Okla.; Clovis, N. M.; Albuquerque, N. M.; Winslow, Ariz.; and Kingman, Ariz. These cities have been chosen as stops on the western division of the transcontinental line. Hangars 120 by 200 feet are under contract for the airports at Clovis and Waynoka.

Construction work on the new Omaha municipal airport will be started soon. Half a million dollars has been made available for airport development purposes and a federal airport expert has assisted in selecting a site. Actual planning and construction of the airport has been placed in the hands of a company specializing in airport engineering and design. Hangars, shops, and complete night lighting equipment are included in the plans.

An auxiliary landing field has been completed at Greenwood, S. C. Dedication exercises are planned for April.

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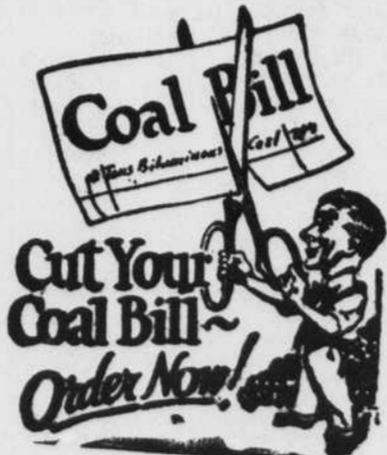
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