

TWIN FALLS NEWS

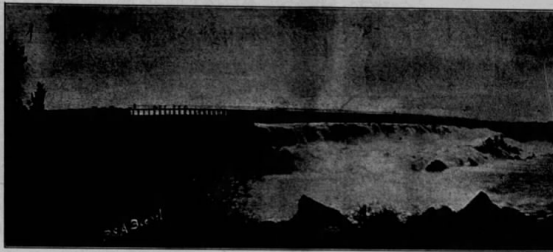
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CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS PRAISE THE TWIN FALLS PROJECT

Representative Mondell Declares it is the Best Private Enterprise of its Kind and Age in the Country—
Other Members of Congressional Party Pronounce it a Wonderful Achievement—
Make Thorough Inspection of Canal System.



The Twin Falls Dam at Milner, as it Looks from the North Side of the Snake River. From a Photograph by Engineer F. C. Horn of the Government Reclamation Service.

"The Twin Falls irrigation project is by far the grandest private enterprise of the kind we have seen since we began our journey through the end sections of the great west, and we have seen practically every project of note in the country."

Such was the unanimous statement of the members of the congressional committee on irrigation and reclamation who visited Twin Falls on Tuesday, June 20. The members and their guests drove from Milner to Twin Falls by way of Shoshone falls. They saw every phase of the mammoth project, beginning with the gigantic and spectacular dam at Milner and ending with the bustling city of Twin Falls, surrounded by waving fields of grain and bustling young fruit trees throwing out their green leaves responsive to the magic effect of water. It was the most effective demonstration of practical irrigation they had witnessed and they did not hesitate to express their unqualified approval and admiration of the project.

Congressman Mondell's Views.

"You may say for me that the Twin Falls project is decidedly the best of its age I have ever seen," said Congressman F. W. Mondell of Wyoming, who is conceded to be the best posted man in congress on matters pertaining to irrigation. Mr. Mondell was at the head of the congressional party. In fact the tour of inspection of government reclamation projects originated with him and he was looked up to by his associates as the superlative authority on irrigation and reclamation. "You have a magnificent stretch of land," continued Mr. Mondell. "Your water supply is illimitable and the methods of diverting and distributing are superb. I haven't a single criticism to offer. Judging by the hundreds of farms I saw on the way from Milner to Twin Falls I should say you had a superior class of citizens. They are reclaiming and cultivating their land

in splendid style. Some of them have made mistakes, no doubt, principally in not leveling their ground. These errors will be quickly rectified. The idea of having a competent and reliable farm instructor appeals strongly to me. That was a clever stroke of business on the part of the Twin Falls Land & Water company. I am informed that your instructor is a man of wide experience and a splendid organizer. He can do a vast amount of good and the farmers can accomplish big things if they work in harmony as a unit. We expected to see something out of the ordinary in Twin Falls. That is why we set aside an extra day for this section of Idaho. We were not disappointed, I assure you. Continue on the lines you are now following and you will soon have a compact empire of your own, peopled by the most desirable settlers."

What Congressman Cooper Thought.

"All you need is Pennsylvania Dutchmen to farm your lands," declared Congressman A. F. Cooper of Pennsylvania. "We have seen many private projects on our journey but none of them suits me like this. It seems ideal for the people who live in this temperate zone. The soil, the climate and the water supply are all first class and your citizens are evidently people of brains and capital. They had to have some capital to invest here and the same brains that enabled them to acquire that capital will win fortunes for them here. I am not an authority on irrigation but I did not need to be in order to appreciate your magnificent project. A school boy could do that. I am glad we devoted the time we did to Twin Falls. You are a fortunate people and I congratulate you."

Congressman Reeder Enthusiastic.

"As an old irrigator it was easy for me to become enthused over the Twin Falls project," said Congressman W. A. Reeder of Kansas. "It is an enterprise I want to remember and I am carrying away

some literature. Here you have the real thing. Your water supply is secure and ample; your land is fertile and easy to irrigate and your climate such that people may live here in comfort all the year. Bring some of our good Kansas farmers out here and turn them loose with Mr. Cooper's Pennsylvania Dutchmen and you will have an invincible combination."

Senator Dubois Surprised.

"I knew what to expect," said Senator Fred T. Dubois, "consequently I was prepared for a surprise. I must say that Twin Falls has exceeded my expectations. You are further ahead than I thought possible. You certainly must have progressive citizens. Just to think that this entire city has been hauled over the Blue Lakes grades. It is wonderful. Do you know that Idaho has as much irrigated land as California? We will soon bootstrap them all. You have a magnificent project and you are developing it on correct lines. Keep it up."

Governor Gooding Surprised.

Governor Gooding and Congressman French were the most serene members of the delegation. They were not obliged to point out the superiority of Idaho projects. The latter showed for themselves.

"If we had more projects like that of Twin Falls in Idaho, our high appreciation of the splendid government reclamation works might be dulled," said Governor Gooding to Congressman Mondell.

"Idaho is a lucky state, governor," rejoined Mr. Mondell. "You have the Twin Falls project here to show what reclamation on a large scale really is and what the Mindoka project will be in the future. The two should go hand in hand."

No Fairy Stories Needed.

One feature of their visit to the Twin Falls tract made a deep impression upon the visitors. This was the entire absence of gaudy tourism or "hot air." They were

greeted cordially, but the usual brass band and set speeches of welcome were missing. Nor were the praises of the district sung in the ears of the committeemen and their companions. They were not told of the remarkable fertility of the soil. The miles of growing crops informed them on that point. The giant canal, with the headgates half closed, showed them how the water was supplied and the sweeping falls formed at the wastegates was all the information they needed regarding the liberality of the water supply. It was unnecessary to drench the visitors with wine in order to arouse their enthusiasm. The abundance of water and the appearance of the land over which it was distributed was a sufficient stimulant.

When the visitors viewed the magnificent Shoshone falls and heard their attention directed to the huge power plant of the Shoshone Falls Power Co., Ltd., which is now nearing completion, they declared in chorus that nature had been extremely kind to the Twin Falls section and that the capital invested in reclaiming the tract had been wisely spent. It was a climax for which they were not prepared and it amply repaid them for their long journey.

Said one of the congressmen: "You don't need to tell fairy stories about this district. All you need is to bring people here to see for themselves. What we have seen today is convincing proof. You have every element of prosperity."

Personnel of Party.

The visiting party included Representative F. W. Mondell of Wyoming; Representative and Mrs. W. A. Reeder of Kansas; Representative and Mrs. A. F. Cooper of Pennsylvania; Representative and Mrs. W. L. Jones of Washington; Judge J. I. Parker, representing the secretary of the interior; Senator Fred T. Dubois; Addison T. Smith, private secretary to Senator W. E. Heyburn; Representative and Mrs. Burton L. French; Governor Frank R. Gooding; Chief Engineer F. H. Newell of the reclamation service; D. W. Ross, engineer in charge of reclamation work in Idaho; State

Engineer James Stephenson; C. J. Blanchard of the reclamation service; Elwood Mead, chief of irrigation investigations; General Manager Walter G. Filer of the Twin Falls Land & Water company; John McMillan and C. R. Shaw, representing the Boise Chamber of Commerce; Arthur Rule of Collier's Weekly; E. B. Critchlow of Twin Falls; H. G. Brown of the Portland Oregonian and Idaho Daily Statesman. C. G. Rowley; General Passenger Agent D. E. Burley and General Superintendent E. Buckingham of the Oregon Short Line; Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Blanchard accompanied their husbands.

Senator Heyburn was to have joined the party in Salt Lake but found at the last moment that he could not make the trip. He was represented by his secretary, Addison T. Smith of Twin Falls.

Colonel J. H. Brady and George N. lift of Pocatello; Major Fred R. Reed and George F. Redway of Butte and H. Adams of Heyburn accompanied the party to Milner.

The special train bearing the visitors arrived in Milner shortly before 1 o'clock in the afternoon. The morning had been spent in an inspection of the government reclamation works at Mindoka, concerning which the members had many complimentary references to make. They declared it was an excellent enterprise and unquestionably the most attractive of all government reclamation works. They were more firmly convinced of this after seeing what had been accomplished at Twin Falls which showed them the possibilities of Mindoka.

At Milner Assistant General Manager M. M. Murtagh and Chief Engineer Paul S. A. Bickel of the Twin Falls Land & Water company met the visitors and showed them over the dam and headgates of the big canal. An hour was well spent in this work and then the visitors started on the drive to Shoshone falls, wherewith they arrived at p. m. The ladies were taken to Blue Lakes for dinner while the gentlemen dined in Twin Falls, starting for Shoshone just at dusk.

ORDINANCE NO. II.

To Amend Ordinance No. II, An Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Defining Offenses Against the Peace and Good Order of the Village of Twin Falls and Providing Punishment Thereof."

Be it Ordained by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Twin Falls that Ordinance No. 11 Entitled: "An Ordinance Defining Offenses Against the Peace and Good Order of the Village of Twin Falls, and Providing Punishment Thereof," Passed April 24th, 1905, be and Hereby is Amended to Read as Follows:

ORDINANCE NO. II.

An Ordinance Defining Offenses Against the Peace and Good Order of the Village of Twin Falls, and Providing Punishment Thereof.

Be it Ordained by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Twin Falls:

Section 1. Any person discharging an air gun, flipper or other similar contrivance within the limits of the village of Twin Falls, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.

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Sec. 9. Any person, excepting peace officers, who shall carry any sling shot, or any concealed deadly weapon, without the permission of the chairman first had and obtained, within the village of Twin Falls, shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Sec. 10. Any person who shall wil-