

AGITATION IS OVER NEW STATE

NORTHERN IDAHO AND EASTERN WASHINGTON AFFECTED

As Nearly as January 1861, a Memorial to Congress, Asking for New State was Made

SPOKANE, April 18.—Agitation for formation of a new state from counties of northern Idaho and Eastern Washington, to be carried on for the next two years in the territory affected by a commission of Idaho citizens under authority of the last Idaho legislature, has existed in one form or another for more than half a century.

As early as January, 1861, a memorial to congress, asking for the creation of the "territory of Walla Walla" from parts of the territory east of the Cascade mountains, was brought up in the Washington territorial legislature, but was lost. Two years later the legislature, in compliance with petitions signed by the people, considered a bill to submit to the voters a constitution for the proposed new state of Idaho. After "Idaho" in the bill, however, the legislature killed the bill.

Capital Location Argued.
This was followed by the creation by Congress of Idaho territory, giving Washington territory the present eastern boundary of the state. Agitation for separation of the northern counties of Idaho from the rest of the state was soon precipitated within the new territory, however, when the territorial legislature, in 1864, permanently located the capital at Lewiston, in the northern part of Idaho, in the southern section, and this has been continued intermittently to the present time.

Meanwhile, in the Washington territorial legislature, the agitation flared up on occasion. In 1868, the legislature adopted a memorial to congress which asked that the "panhandle" of Idaho, created by the formation of the territory of Montana, be returned to Washington. This memorial recited the geographical barriers between the northern part of Idaho and the capital, and declared that "the commercial, social and political interests of the people of said northern portion of Idaho are identical with those of the people of Washington territory."

Argument is Same.
This argument is, in the main,

the same as that advanced at the present time by advocates of the formation of the new state. Similar memorials were adopted by the Washington legislatures in succeeding years, and in 1875 it submitted to the people a proposal for statehood. This was approved, and in the constitutional convention which met three years later were two representatives of northern Idaho. Although the constitution was adopted by the people at the next election, congress refused to create the new state.

The nearest that advocates of "secession" of northern Idaho ever came to realizing their hopes was in 1888, when only the lack of presidential approval prevented it. The Idaho territorial legislature, in 1884 had memorialized congress for annexation of the northern counties to Washington, and in the following election both political parties in both Washington and Idaho declared themselves for such annexation.

A bill providing for the separation passed both houses of the Forty-ninth congress, but failed to receive the approval of President Cleveland.

Other bills introduced in the same session of congress, but which failed of passage, provided for division of the Idaho "panhandle" between Washington and Montana, by annexing that part of it north of the 47th parallel of latitude, included in the five present northernmost counties of the state, to the latter territory.

The present agitation provides for separation of the ten northern counties of Idaho and a part of Eastern Washington and their admission to the Union as the state of Lincoln. A memorial to this effect was introduced in the last session of the Washington legislature but failed of passage.

FARMERS DO NOT TAKE ACTION

UMATILLA COUNTY FARMERS WITHHOLD SANCTION

Northwest Grain Growers Seek Favorable Pledges But Are Not Favored; Two Plans Proposed

PENDLETON, APR. 18.—Umatilla county farmers, growing 27 per cent of the wheat in Oregon, voted last week to postpone action on the question of joining either the Northwest Grain Growers association or the United States Grain Growers

Corporation for cooperative marketing. Until all the facts had been presented in both organizations. Action comes as a result of the report of Fred Bennion, county agent here, who attended the national convention of Farm Bureau delegates in Chicago last week, and reported unfavorably on the national plan of cooperative marketing.

Representatives of the Northwest Grain Growers association, known to be seeking the endorsement of the Farm Bureau here and the leading farmers, so that they may come in and organize. This association calls for a 100 per cent compulsory pooling of wheat crops and Umatilla county, which has so far refused to endorse the association, is sought as the key county to the whole northwest movement. "If the Northwest Association can get us to join with them they feel that they have won over the leading county in Oregon," one leading local farmer stated after the big meeting Thursday.

Conflict is Predicted

With the sentiment here led by the Farm Bureau, and the Farm Bureau expressly in favor of the national plan as formulated at Chicago providing for either pooling or individual selling, but all through the National Grain Growers Corporation with option privileges the battle is predicted with the Northwest Grain Growers when they come into this county to reorganize. It is believed that the Northwest Association will place organizers here despite the attitude of Umatilla county farmers. "If this association attempts to organize this county without the consent and support of the farmers, there will be a conflict here which is not desirable," another farm bureau leader declared.

Favor National Plan

While not taking definite action on some specific contract, the sentiment of the big meeting of wheat farmers was decidedly in favor of some form of cooperative marketing. Bennion's report from Chicago was most favorably received and farmers after the meeting expressed themselves in favor of the national organization in preference to the northwest organization.

Seven hundred of the leading United States farmers attended the Chicago convention which Bennion described as the "most impressive meeting ever held." There were 107 delegates at the sessions called by the president of the American Federation of Farm Bureaus, said to be the "Sunup for the Farmer." The president declared in the convention "Let no man think this is a pink tea party, rather it is a Bos-

ton tea party." The contract outlined was termed the new bill of rights for farmers.

Protection for Farmers

"While recognizing and protecting the consumers of the nation, the cooperative marketing plan proposed assures adequate protection for the farmers whose crops have been the main subject of speculation," Bennion declared. The delegate remarked that all times even though there was a big fight over compulsory pooling which was finally rejected because of legal complications there was common ground upon which all stood. The U. S. Grain Growers body is incorporated under the Delaware statutes, Bennion reported, and the New United States Secretary of Agriculture has endorsed the plan.

Plan Outlined

The farmer has three choices under the national plan, Bennion pointed out. "He can seek outright to the national cooperative agency; he can consign his wheat to the agency; or he can either pool locally or in joint pools of larger size, and sell through the same national agency."

That there will be no difficulty in raising the money for the \$100,000,000 finance corporation, is the opinion of Bennion, who interviewed the leaders in the movement while in the middle west. "The success of the national movement sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation is practically assured," he stated in closing his report.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF FINAL ACCOUNT AND DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Union County.

In the Matter of the Estate of E. D. Salisbury, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alice Salisbury, administratrix of the estate of E. D. Salisbury, deceased, has rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in said court for her final account and petition for distribution of said estate, and that at 10 o'clock a. m., May 4, 1921, at the court house in La Grande, Union county, Oregon, has been duly appointed by said court for settlement of said account and the hearing of said petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file his objections thereto and show cause, if any, why a final distribution of said estate should not be ordered.

ALICE SALISBURY, Administratrix, La Grande, Oregon, Mar. 21-28, Apr. 4-11-18.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel Lane, Deceased.

Notice is by this given that the undersigned Hal Bohnenkamp has been appointed administrator of the estate of Daniel Lane, deceased, by order of the County Court of Union County, Oregon, and has qualified as such; that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them properly verified within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice to the undersigned at his place of business in La Grande, Union County, Oregon.

Date of first publication, March 28, 1921.

HAL BOHNENKAMP, Administrator, Mar. 28—Apr. 4-11-18-25.



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