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JUDGE WILL R. KING LECTURES ON IRRIGATION

Condemns Malheur County Settlers For Doing Nothing but "Sucking Their Thumbs" for the Past 20 Years--Thinks The Jones Bill Will Be Amended and Passed.

Judge Will R. King was in Vale Monday night and made a talk at the Court House on irrigation with reference to some plan by which the government might build storage and distribution systems for all worthy projects.

The sum and substance of the plan as outlined by Judge King, is for the government to guarantee the interest and principle of irrigation districts after proper examination and report by government reclamation officials.

Condemning the Jones bill as a farce the Judge stated that it had passed the Senate and it was understood generally that after amendment it might pass the House.

Settlers Scolded.

The Judge condemned the settlers of this district for sitting still and sucking their thumbs while the plums were being distributed to other states. "If you will not present your claims to Congress," said Judge King, "Congress will do nothing for you. There are more than fifty other large projects, many of which are being pushed by their promoters, and which will receive consideration from Congress and some of them probably favorable attention. You must send a delegation down to Washington to represent your district and to show just what you have. You have to my knowledge the best and cheapest project in the United States, and I am acquainted with all of them.

Cannot Make Promises.

"Of course," continued the Judge, "I cannot speak for the department, for the Secretary nor for Congress, but personally I want to see the project built by the government and the load of interest taken from the farmers, and it is well worth while for you to send a well informed and determined representative, like Judge Davis or C. W. Mallett down to Washington."

Judge King reverted to the past failures which were caused by government demands being first too severe and later by the supineness of the people. Asked if the refusal of the department to give us any encouragement meant anything the Judge replied that: "You can expect nothing but the formal statement of conditions from Washington in reply to letters. There is no one able to promise anything. It must be by personal effort on the ground. Others get their wants recognized and why not you when your wants are worthy?"

Well Represented.

"Again," continued Judge King, "while you have as good representatives in Congress as any state in the Union, they have a thousand demands on them and it is simply impossible for them to give their time to any one matter. They work continually and faithfully but every demand from Oregon must have their attention and you must do as others, send someone down there to help them and they will give you every opportunity to present your claims."

There were a number present and the meeting was presided over by Col. R. G. Wheeler who first introduced Mr. Burr, one of the agents of the Reclamation department now located at North Yakima.

Mr. Burr spoke a few minutes on the necessity of unity of effort and organization in carrying out irrigation projects and greatly favored the district organization in conformity with the desires of the department. Disclaiming any but cursory knowledge of the Warm Springs project, Mr. Burr was confident that it was one of the best in the country.

The fact that there are many things that money won't buy isn't much of a consolation to a man who is broke.

Much of the procrastination in this world is devoted to the postponement of writing letters.

Women excel in certain respects; no man could get as much in a refrigerator as his wife does.

A man who carries a key ring usually carries a lot of useless keys.

Brothers Scrap Bound Over

Joseph and John Conselmo, brothers owning the Idanha Orchards, got into a row down on the Boulevard the other day and shooting took place.

One bullet penetrated the rear end of an auto and wounded a young lady in the thigh.

Taken before Judge King at Ontario, Joseph was fined \$50 and John bound over to the grand jury.

PROGRAM AT M. E. CHURCH

The M. E. Church will give a concert and musical program on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A silver offering will be taken. Following is the program, as arranged:

Selection by the choir.
Recitation, Margaret Humphrey.
Piano Duet, Misses Helen and Vina Mueller.

Solo, Where the Four Leaf Clover Grows, Mrs. H. E. Young.
Recitation, Bernice Cole.
Piano Selection, Mrs. Arthur Moody Solo, (Selected) Mrs. H. R. Dunlop.
Reading, Ella Betterly.
Instrumental Selection, Miss Wildman.

Reading, Scotch Jean's Story, Mrs. M. H. Doolittle.
Solo, (Selected) Mr. Kimball.
Selection by the choir.

MOOREVILLE HOMESTEADER IN TOWN

J. E. Young, of Mooreville, was in town Friday on business. Mr. Young is well pleased with that country but complains that there are some vandals frequently passing through that section that pick up everything that is loose.

Election Returns From Official Count

Below may be found a summary of the official count in Malheur County. The complete returns published last week, that Malheur county has gone democratic. Mueller and Weaver being the twin republicans elected.

The Tax Limitation Amendment lost in the county by 67 votes but won in the state. This means that whatever the amount of money raised this year it can be exceeded next year by only six per cent, except by holding a special election.

Should there be a desire to build the connection with the John Day Highway care must be taken this year to provide funds in such an amount that the work will be kept up as rapidly as in other counties. The cost for Malheur will be light. Grant and Wheeler counties will have the heavy work and Baker will spend a large sum in branch connections in order to retain her hold on the interior trade which might slip to Malheur county.

The state is "Bone Dry" by a large majority. Thrifts will remain unquenched unless the legislature fails to perfect the bill which is unlikely. There seems to be no penalty attached to violation and alcohol may be imported for other than beverage purposes.

Lora C. Little failed to convince the electors that smallpox was a good thing and the Anti-vaccination law fell into the scrap heap.

Oregon will have none of the U'Ren single tax scheme. Nevertheless rumors are abroad that a new bill will be framed at once. Malheur county hit it hard.

Lack of understanding caused Negro Suffrage bill to be beaten. Hundreds of voters thought they were voting on the right of Negroes and American born Chinamen to vote. Sufficient explanation was not given and the electors failed to read the book sent out by the state. The fact that it was merely to clear the statutes of dead timber was not dwelt upon by any of the press to any great extent.

It is also generally admitted that voting on the Sunday Closing Law was also at cross purposes for the same lack of understanding. Word-of-mouth of repeal laws is ambiguous generally. Should the question be put: "Shall the bill be Repealed?" Vote Yes or No. Understanding would be less uncertain.

- President.
Hughes, 1689.
Wilson, 1987.
Hanly, 54.
Benson, 294.
Callahan, 8.
Wilson beat Hughes, 248.
Representative to Congress.
Barkley, 498.
Sinnott, 2606.
Secretary of State.

COONS TO CELEBRATE AT 'RISTOCRATIC CLUB BIG MEETIN' PLANNED

Posters are being printed announcing the meeting of the "Conville 'Ristorat Club" at the home of Rastus and Mandy Johnson, popularly known as The Rex, on Friday evening, Nov. 24. It is also made known that the "meetin" will be called to order" at 8:15 p. m. promptly by Rev. Ward Bleacher Jenkins.

That the Vale High school has a good amount of talent for a negro and musical entertainment, has been demonstrated in long ago, and it is hoped the people of Vale will turn out and give the students the audience they deserve. There will be plenty of music, and the Jolly Pickaninies will be there. Seats can be reserved at the Vale Drug Store at 50c for adults and 25c for children.

Sleep is also essential, and no after dinner speaker should try to talk until breakfast time.

PARENTS DIE IN SHORT TIME

Surveyor elect, B. F. Farmer, has received word from Mrs. Farmer that both her father and mother have passed on.

Mrs. Farmer left Vale some time since for the home of her parents upon receipt of the news that her father was not expected to live. A day or two after her arrival her mother died and later the father also passed. Their home is in California near Colfax.

- Cannon, 443.
Olcott, 2835.
Justice Supreme Court.
Bright, 443.
Burnett, 1660.
Hosmer, 445.
Moore, 1519.
Oliver, 1254.
Food and Dairy Commissioner.
McKinnon, 508.
Mickle, 2412.
Rempel, 276.
Public Service Commissioner.
Corey, 2417.
Start, 588.
Judge Circuit Court.
Dalton Biggs, 3047.
Joint State Senator.
Graham, 1474.
Hurley, 1836.
Joint State Representative.
Crandall, 2501.
District Attorney.
Duncan, 1721.
Swagler, 1866.
Sheriff.
Bean, 263.
Brown, 2022.
Cole, 1627.
Clerk.
Moody, 1911.
Sears, 285.
Slaples, 1669.
Treasurer.
Mueller, 1818.
Sears, 397.
Soward, 1480.
Assessor.
Carlile, 1926.
Hill, 1617.
Keller, 281.
School Superintendent.
Fay Clark, 1958.
Estelle Conklin, 1627.
Surveyor.
Farmer, 1611.
Johnson, 427.
Miller, 1426.
Coroner.
Payne, 2823.
Winterwood, 407.
County Commissioner.
Green, 336.
Lamberson, 1433.
Weaver, 1688.
Justice of the Peace.
Basin, C. C. Quackenbush.
Beulah, Geo. Love.
Bib Bend, John Holly.
Bully, Henry Hyde.
Grange, F. M. Vines.
Jamieson, C. H. Zevely.
Jones, G. F. Friesz.
Jordan Valley, J. E. McDonnell.
Juniper, W. G. Thomson.
Juntura, E. J. Reed.
Malheur, Geo. H. Bodfish.
Nyasa, J. A. Boydell.
Ontario, Cairo, Fair, G. L. King.
Owyhee, E. M. Blodgett.
Riverside, H. Fairman.
Riverside, A. E. High, Constable.
Rockville, Clarence Mullinix.
Rome, W. T. Stone.
Skullsprings, Sam Gould.

HOW THE MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS WOULD DEFEND US

Imagine, now, an attempt to invade the United States. Two hundred miles at sea our fleet is engaging the enemy's battleships in an effort to stop him from reaching our shores. The outcome of the battle is at least doubtful. Meanwhile his transports steam on. A motor scout sees them. At once the wireless telegraphic key of a radio operator flashes to the nearest boat station the number of the transports and their bearing. The news is wired from station to station. A veritable swarm of motor torpedo boats sets out. Their commander employs regulation torpedo tactics; a dozen boats are sent against a single vessel; one at least will strike a telling blow. The boats lie low; they are difficult to hit. The enemy's transports, on the other hand, are large and very distinct. Moreover, the range is a mile and a half. The pistols in the war heads are set. A half dozen torpedoes are launched at once against the broadside of the transport. There is the thunder of an explosion; a troopship dives head foremost into the waves; three regiments perish.

BUDGET COMPLETE

Court Will Meet on December 8, Will Listen to All Advice and Make Final Levy--Brichoux Case Cost County \$2500--People Will Demonstrate Their Wants

LISTEN TO COMPLAINTS

Tax Limitation Law Was Passed--Next Year's Budget Can Be Only Six Per Cent More Than The Amount Raised This Year Except By Election.

On another page will be found a Budget which shows the proposed expenditures of Malheur county for the ensuing year.

The divisions are made in this publication showing those items, over which the County Court has no jurisdiction; has no power to change. The items for Circuit Court are of course estimated and the fund proposed may be ample or insufficient as the business of the Court can be only partially foreseen.

The Brichoux case cost the county about \$2500. Two or three such cases would absorb the entire appropriation. Special school taxes, special road taxes, head tax on school children, widow's pensions, high school tax, all officials, state tax, are beyond the jurisdiction of the County Court.

Care of the indigent, expense attached to juvenile court, can only be approximated, but money not spent in the treasury subject only for the purpose appropriated.

Now is the time for examination of the Budget; investigation of the needs of the county; and upon the time set citizens interested should appear before the court and state their opinions and desires.

Those who have complained of extravagance have now an opportunity to show the Court what is proper for them to lay off; what to reduce; where to save.

The people in council demanded a low roll, and it is now only fair and right for them to show the Court how to make a low levy.

They afterwards repudiated the low roll, it is true, but it is now up to them to demonstrate to the Court that they know just what they want, and how to get it.

The Nestor of Kingman Colony who opposes taxation of mortgages, but in other respects upholds all law, and, demanding the roll be allowed to remain at \$6,000,000, refused to serve on a committee of investigation of the roll and stated before a Grange meeting that the roll was all right, should now come forward and specifically point out wherein a low levy will produce sufficient funds to pay bills.

Citizens might well note that the tax limitation amendment has passed and will soon be a law. Under that law next year's budget can be only six per cent more than the amount raised this year except through an election.

A MAGIC WAND WHICH CHANGES COLD WATER INTO HOT ALMOST INSTANTLY

The variety of uses to which the little immersion-heater may be put will insure its popularity. It is a cylindrical tube about seven inches in length, having a flexible cord with a plug at the end which may be attached to any electric-light socket. Inside of the nickel case microhm resistance wire is wound about a mica coil, and when current is passed through this wire a white heat is obtained in a few seconds, so that it heats a small vessel of water almost instantaneously. The cylinder is immersed in the shaving mug, for instance, and in less than a minute the water is ready for use. A few seconds longer and it will boil. In warming the baby's bottle, however, it is best to heat a larger vessel of water, and set the covered bottle in it, which will take a little longer time. This special use will be most appreciated during the cold winter nights.

ENGINEER VISITS VALE ON JOHN DAY SURVEY TO START WORK EARLY

J. H. Scott, engineer in charge of the John Day Highway survey under supervision of the State Engineer's office, was in Vale Tuesday and reported the survey as practically complete from Mayville, in Wheeler county to Ironside in Malheur.

The route will be up the John Day, meeting the Malheur county division at Unity. The entire route will have no grade exceeding five per cent.

It is expected that Baker will build south and then east and west, which will develop a great territory now without adequate communication. The Forest reserve corps have completed a preliminary survey through the reserve and it is now up to the several counties to provide the necessary funds with which to complete this connection with the Columbia Highway.

It is hoped that work can be started on this road construction in the early spring.

VALE WEATHER SOME COLD!

Snake River Valley and Malheur county have had some cold spell. The thermometer has indicated 7 below two or three nights.

Many pipes have been frozen and the city plumbers have been busy. Days have been clear and beautiful and the afternoons warm and pleasant. Thursday the weather moderated somewhat.

Remonstrance From Far Away Kansas

(From the Oregon Voter.)

Which will you have trifled with by politicians—the heads or the feet of your children?

Shall their little brains be exploited in order to give some officeholder the cheap glory that may win him his election?

A movement to have the state manufacture shoes for school children, while it would be silly and socialistic, would merely injure the children's feet if they had to wear the shoes.

How about the move to have the state write and print the text-books which are the foundation upon which the child's educational welfare rests? Is not such a move far more pernicious than a state shoe-manufacturing scheme?

Today Oregon can command all that is best in the world's school text-book production. Her educators, in the manner and form prescribed by law, may choose the best from all that are produced.

Yet, for the sake of getting some jobs in a state printing office, some printers have started a move to have the state quit taking the best that can be obtained for the children's educational texts, and go into the business of writing, printing and binding such inferior publications as a state can produce.

A lot of politicians, ever ready to grab at an issue that may give them a bit of popularity because of an appeal to uninformed popular prejudice, at once take up the cry. They are parading themselves as doughty champions of Oregon Labor, and are vying with each other in strong language aimed at the supposed school-book trust.

These reflections are brought about by an article we have just perused in the Kansas Teacher, published monthly by the Kansas State Teachers' Association, at Topeka. The article is an editorial, printed in large type, and evidently reflects the intensity of feeling of the teachers after having been compelled to teach from state-manufactured text-books. They have had the experience, and have observed the political text-book in use among their little pupils. Mark what they say:

"It has been charged that teachers do not approve of the law that provides for the publication of text books for use in the public schools by the state. To this charge the most progressive, most thoughtful, most representative, and most independent members of the teaching profession in Kansas would, and do, plead guilty. And it is to their credit that they do not approve of the present law.

Easy Money Is Coming

An attempt to get the tourist travel through Oregon by means of a combined advertising campaign financed by the States of Oregon, Washington and assisted by British Columbia, is to be made this coming year.

The legislature is to be asked for \$25,000 at Salem this winter. Washington will furnish a like amount and British Columbia a like less. A bureau will be established in eastern centers and information furnished prospective tourists as to routes and scenery together with such other items of interest which may be needed to bring the tourist through Oregon, etc.

Here is the advantages and necessity of the John Day Highway made apparent. No route in America will equal that from Ontario, Va. Brogan, via Unity and down the John Day to the connection with the Columbia Highway at The Dalles.

Five hundred dollars per day would be a small estimate for the money spent in Vale alone should this route be immediately established.

The organization will be known as the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association. The President, A. E. Todd, and Secretary, H. C. Cuthbert, are both residents of Victoria, B. C. The Oregon members are H. A. Latta, Medford; R. E. Scott, Hood River; Tilford Taylor, Pendleton; W. J. Hoffman, Phil Metachan, Mark Woodruff, Portland; Emery Olmstead, Vice-President for Oregon.

California gets \$200,000,000 per year from tourists. Oregon might easily get some of this and some of her own, while Malheur county would certainly get her portion.

WARMSPRINGS HISTORY IS REVIEWED

Organization Is Now Ready --Time Is Left For A Lot To Be Accomplished--Matter is Now in the Hands of Congress, Subject to Secretary's Will.

The Hon. Will R. King, one of the three commissioners and also attorney for the reclamation department at Washington, whose talk is given in another column, made some remarks which cause us to believe that he is either not conversant with the trend of irrigation matters in this section or has reason to think the people have been slow in taking advantage of their opportunities. His expressions call for a little historical sketch of the events leading up to the present:

Something like twenty years since the government, under the direction of Supt. Newell, attempted to do something in this district. Mr. Newell, a very able engineer but utterly unable to deal with a farming population, favored the Warm Springs or rather the Malheur project, but made demands on the owners which were so unreasonable that no one of them would agree.

In the discussion much bitterness was shown and ill feeling engendered and the project practically abandoned by Newell. Through irrigation and engineering inexperience many of the government projects, started in other states, proved more expensive than estimated and it was found that the payment demands of the government could not be met by settlers. They have been modified and through the light of investigation and experience they are all about to prove successful.

One main cause of failure to rapidly develop was found to be lack of irrigation farmers and irrigation knowledge. These matters cannot be cured in an instant but are being cured and successful project farmers are now the rule rather than otherwise.

Many Failures.

Now as to Warm Springs: For years desultory attempts were made to carry out some reclamation plan in the Malheur valley. In some of these failures Judge King was connected. At least so we are informed. Idaho, just over the line was able to get help and money in vast quantities. Oregon, contributing more than any state under the provisions of the law, received less than any state. The proposition languished until about two and one half years since a large committee was formed to organize a district.

The committee failed to get the attention of the farmers and it was practically abandoned.

Meanwhile we were informed that there would be no possibility of obtaining government aid unless we did organize. In fact the commissioners frankly stated that no unorganized project would be considered by the department. It was also apparent that no bonds could be sold on a private project and that any attempt to float bonds without organization would result in expensive failure.

Successful Method Used.

Last February the writer determined to find out for a certainty whether the farmers desired organization or not. Petitions were prepared and circulated by J. W. Lynd, C. W. Mallett, A. W. Trow and the writer. Some eighty signatures were obtained and the proposition went to vote on the 27th day of May, 1916, carrying by a vote of 84 to 11. The district was organized.

Memorial.

C. E. S. Wood and C. W. Mallett had prepared a memorial to the department reciting many of our advantages and necessities as well as our right to petition which was universally signed by owners, it being presented for signature to none but owners. This memorial brought forth the reply that the funds of the department were all taken up for the present, but that we would receive consideration when funds were available. The matter was taken up with Senator Chamberlain and the Senator addressed Secretary Lans as to our wants. The Hon. Secretary replied succinctly as above stated. Recognizing the worthiness of our proposal and the rights of Oregon generally, the secretary advised that there were no funds available in the department at present.

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