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West to Be Shorn of Vetoing Power

THREATS TO PROVE BOOMERANG IS PREDICTION, QUIET AGREEMENT IS REACHED; BOTH HOUSES MAY CONCLUDE TO ADJOURN FOR WEEK AT END OF SESSION—THOUGH PER DIEM SALARY HITCH IS IN WAY IT WILL NOT PREVENT ACTION IF GOVERNOR SHOWS DISPOSITION TO BE ARBITRARY.

Governor West is to be shorn of executive veto power by the present Legislature Assembly. His loud threats are to react and result in leaving him an almost negligible factor.

A quiet agreement has been reached among members of both houses which the Legislature will have opportunity of passing on every bill which the governor applies to bills of this session. There is a silent backing in each House to see this move a success.

The plan is simply to take an adjournment for a week at the end of 40 days of the session. The governor has five days in which to sign, veto or automatically allow to become a law.

Adjournment Not Limited
The Legislature is given power to turn from time to time as it sees fit unless it adjourns sine die. Under the constitution it cannot adjourn a longer period than three days any one time without adjourning sine die, but by a concurrent resolution of both Houses this rule can be changed and the Legislature may adjourn for a week, 10 days or any other period it sees fit and can remain in session as long as it desires.

The only drawback is the fact that legislators will receive their per diem only for the 40 days of the session. This will not stand in the way of the plan, however, in event the Governor shows any disposition to be arbitrary in the use of his veto power.

Revenge Talk Fatal
Immediately when the Governor stood that he would resign himself on those members of the Legislature who failed to back his vetoed bills came the plan to circumvent him in his plan to destroy legislation.

At the Legislature is now in a position to defy the Governor was apparent on the result of the vote last Friday on the vetoed bills. At the most conservative estimate there are 25 members in the Senate who can be depended upon to take the executive to task any time he gives an indication of bolting the traces.

The House the most conservative estimate of the lineup can be depended upon to show 55 votes against the Governor on two of the measures. Some of these votes may not be absolutely solid against the program of

the Governor, but there are 44 votes in the House, a sufficient number to dictate practically any move that is desired, that will stick together as though glued.

Issue With West Not Taken
At the same time there is not the slightest disposition on the part of the majority in the Senate to take issue with the executive on the question of legislation as long as he adheres in his actions to the merits of a bill.

This sentiment has been expressed all along, although at times there have been straining points when it appeared as though this situation could not continue.

The outbursts of the executive, however, started the game, the first hands of which have gone decidedly against the Governor. Both the House and the Senate majority still express no desire to slaughter or lacerate any of the Governor's measures which may have merit. But if the executive continues his bulldozing tactics his program will be so riddled as to become unrecognizable even to its author.

Five Vetoed Bills Passed
Lined up with an invincible front, both houses of the Legislature last Friday administered a severe rebuke to the Governor for the attitude he has taken toward House members in connection with the passage of the Thompson bill. Five vetoed bills were passed over his head. The vote was overwhelming in both bodies.

In the House the first vote was 55 to 4 against the Governor; the second, where some switched on a matter of principle, 46 to 9, and the third swung around again to the original showing of 55 votes against the Governor. On this vote there were but two with him, others being absent. On the fourth measure the vote stood 45 to 13.

In the Senate the Thompson bill, which caused the Governor to become infuriated because of the actions in the House, when that body passed the bill over his head, was passed by an enormous showing against the Governor.

Trio Stand by Governor
A crowd that packed the lobby surged into the Senate chamber to hear the debate on the bill, and after the smoke cleared away 27 Senators went down the line against the Governor, while a bare showing of three—McColloch, Miller and Von der Hellen—stayed with him.

passing the house in an auto at the time and ran to the house to see if they could be of any assistance. The fire in the closet was quickly extinguished, and it was thought all danger was over, but in a few moments the fire broke out overhead where it could not be reached, and soon the whole roof was ablaze and the place doomed. A strong wind was blowing at the time.

The chemical engine and a number of firemen went to the fire but arrived too late to be of any assistance in saving the building.

Mrs. Rodman's hair on one side of her head was singed. Mr. Rodman was out of the city at the time of the fire. The family has moved into the Alex Brown house on 8th street between D and E streets.

THE LOCAL VOTE CAN CREATE COUNTIES NOW

One of the bills passed over the governor's veto last Friday, and which is now a law, is Senate Bill No. 151, introduced by Sen. Wood of Washington county. The bill enables people effected to create new counties by their own vote. The bill carried over the governor's veto by a vote of 54 to 5.

EXCESS ACREAGE CLAIMANTS WANT WATER

URGE THE STATE TO COMPEL IRRIGATION COMPANY TO RECOGNIZE LEGAL RIGHTS OF PERSONS HOLDING CONTRACT—WANT SUFFICIENT WATER FOR THEIR LAND

At a meeting held January 18 by the excess acre claimants in this segregation, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that we respectfully request and urge the State Desert Land Board to take steps to require the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, as successors in interest of the Pilot Butte Development Company, and the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, to recognize the legal rights of persons holding contracts effected by what is commonly called "excess acreage," and to furnish sufficient water to thoroughly reclaim and irrigate all the irrigable land on tracts held under such contracts.

In support of this resolution we respectfully call the attention of the Board to the following facts and reasons:

The former State Land Board after careful hearing, at which the D. I. P. Co. were present, decided that the Irrigation Company was bound by law and its contracts to furnish water for what is termed excess acreage, and the Attorney General advised to that effect, and we are informed that such is the view of the law taken by the present Desert Land Board.

We have brought two test suits in the Circuit Court of Crook county which have been decided in favor of our contention, and no appeal has been taken and the time for appeal expired last November.

Last August our committee wrote your honorable Board requesting you to proceed in our behalf, and you then decided that you could not act until the question had finally been disposed of by the courts. At that time you inquired of Mr. Jesse Stearns, attorney for the Central Oregon Irrigation Co., about the condition of the test suits, and he made the false and impudent statement that the company would appeal the cases to the Supreme Court of the United States. The company had no intention to appeal, and made no attempt to do so. Since that time Mr. Rosco Howard, manager of the C. O. I. Co., has several times stated that the company had appealed those cases, though no appeal has been taken nor attempted.

Last September one of our claimants tendered the maintenance fee for excess acreage, which the company refused, and then locked his headgate. The claimant then broke open the gate and took the water. Mr. Howard, by a one-sided statement to the District Attorney's office, procured the arrest of the claimant, but he was discharged at the hearing before the Justice of the Peace, and the District Attorney dropped the matter; so that the law of the case has been settled, so far as possible, both by the civil and criminal side of the Court.

Your Board will recall that at the meeting held at Redmond about two years ago, when the excess acreage matter was brought up, Mr. Howard stated that the company was as anxious as the claimants to have the matter settled by the Court, and that if the question was decided in favor of the claimants, the company would cheerfully abide by it.

It seems to be the purpose of the company to delay and dilly dally with the matter until it shall have sold and disposed of all the water controlled by it, and leave the claimant without any practical redress.

The State took title to these lands as an express trust from the United States in favor of settlers upon them and as such trustee made the contract with the Pilot Butte Development Co., and we believe that the

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A FEW DOLLARS deposited in the bank to open a bank account does not seem much, but by continually adding thereto the result will be eminently satisfactory in the end.

While the present may look bright none know when the sky will be overcast, and it is the duty of the wise man to prepare for the future.

Open an account today with the

Redmond Bank of Commerce

and see what a few dimes saved each week will amount to in a year.

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REDMOND IS LEADER OF ALL

NO WHERE IN CENTRAL OREGON IS THERE SUCH A CLEAN AND PROSPEROUS LOOKING TOWN, WITH BIG STORES AND BIG STOCKS OF MERCHANDISE

Redmond has the reputation of being the cleanest, most up to date looking town in Central Oregon and showing an air of prosperity. Traveling men who make every town in the interior of the state, have said the above, and Redmond people who have visited all the other towns, are proud to confirm what the traveling men say.

Redmond has more concrete sidewalks in the business section than any other town in Central Oregon.

Redmond has larger and better stores, with larger and better stocks of goods than any other town in Central Oregon.

The merchants here make better prices on their goods than any other town in Central Oregon.

And the most important fact of all, from a future growth standpoint, Redmond is located in the center of the best irrigated section of Central Oregon, where dairying and diversified farming is carried on to a larger extent than in other sections of the state east of the Cascades.

Redmond does not have to "fake" any of her claims—she has the goods to show to back up her claims first, last and all the time.

COMMERCIAL CLUB TAKES UP MATTER OF DEMONSTRATION FARM

At a meeting of the Commercial Club last night the following resolution in regard to the demonstration farm located near this city, was introduced and warmly indorsed:

Redmond, Jan. 29, 1913.
Hon. Vernon A. Forbes, Representative, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir: Believing that the work of the Demonstration Farm has been of much benefit to the people of Crook county, and that the continuation of such work here will be of inestimable value, the Redmond Commercial Club at its regular meeting held this 29th day of January, 1913, urges upon you the necessity of prompt action in getting before the present Legislature a bill for the establishment of two demonstration farms, one dry land farm and one in the irrigation district, and calling for sufficient appropriation for the maintenance of said farms.

We have noted that other counties of the state have introduced, through their representatives, bills in the Legislature for the establishment of demonstration farms, and we trust that you will give attention to the needs of your constituents and prepare and introduce such a bill at an early date.

The matter of good roads was taken up and discussed at some length and the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

Redmond, Jan. 29, 1913.
To the Judge and Commissioners of the County Court of Crook Co., Oregon, Prineville, Oregon.

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OUR WEATHER CAN'T BE BEAT

THIS SECTION ENJOYING AN EXTREMELY MILD WINTER ALTHOUGH OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE ARE BURIED IN HEAVY SNOWFALLS

While the Willamette Valley and other portions of Oregon that usually have a mild winter are shoveling themselves out of snow drifts from 18 inches to six feet deep, the weather in this section of Central Oregon has been as good as if was made to order.

No heavy snows so far this season have visited this section, the heaviest snow fall being but three and a half inches, and that remained on the ground but a day or so. No high winds have prevailed, and no extreme cold weather has made the climate uncomfortable.

Taken all through the season the winter in the Redmond District has been of a "winter resort" kind compared to what Portland and the Willamette Valley people have been having.

Moral: Come to the Redmond District—the garden spot of Central Oregon where there are no extremes of heat and cold.

A woman wore mourning only two weeks, and some of the neighbors protested. "Well," she said, "I did not have as much to mourn about as some; Bill wasn't much."