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MEETING OF WATER USERS HERE SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Arrangements are now all made for a rousing big meeting of people living in the Redmond, Powell Butte and Tumalo Project sections to be held here Saturday, January 17, to meet Gov. West and hear him outline his plans for the state and Federal government to take over the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co.'s segregation and complete same at as early a date as possible.

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, which will be held in Ehret's hall at 3 o'clock, and show by their attendance that they are in accord with the governor's views in regard to completing the North Canal, which means the future prosperity of this part of the county. Gov. West will hold a meeting here on the above date and time and in the evening goes to Bend where he will hold another meeting along the same lines.

THE NORTH CANAL PROJECT IS NOW UP

GOVERNOR'S SUGGESTION FOR FEDERAL AID CONSIDERED

Department of Interior Is Planning to Investigate Central Ore- gon Irrigation Scheme

Governor West was notified last week by the Department of the Interior that his suggestion that the state and Federal Government buy and complete the North Canal Project of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. had been forwarded to the reclamation service.

An investigation of the Project will be made through that department and the Department of the Interior has instructed Supervising Engineer Hopson, according to information received by Governor West, to make a report upon the practicability of the scheme as soon as possible.

The Central Oregon Irrigation Co. has made a proposition to the state to relinquish control of the project if the state will pay for improvements it has made. It is estimated that the cost of the transfer will be about \$300,000 and the work could be completed for about \$400,000 additional.

FLOUR MILL AT METOLIUS

It is understood that a man named Seibert from North Dakota, was recently in Metolius and has made arrangements to build a flour mill and elevator there the coming spring. The intention, it is stated, is to erect a 4-story flour mill with a capacity of 200 barrels of flour a day.

SPECIAL AFTERNOON SHOW

There will be a special show at the Sparks Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30. This will give the visitors plenty of time to see the show before the speaking takes place at Ehret's hall at 3 o'clock, at which time Gov. West will address the people.

DECISION HITS ALL CITIES IN THE STATE

DENIES THEIR POWER TO FIX UTILITY CO. PRICES

The Court Says the Remedy Lies in Appeal to the State Rail- road Commission

Portland and every other city of the state of Oregon are absolutely shorn of all power to say what the people thereof shall pay for street car fare, for gas, electricity or for any public service which they use.

Such matters are all within the exclusive powers of the State Railroad Commission under the public utilities act.

Such is the effect of the decision handed down by United States Circuit Judge R. S. Bean at Portland Monday morning in granting an injunction against the city of Portland enforcing the six-for-a-quarter carfare ordinance passed some weeks ago.

It is the first time the public utilities act of the state has been put to a test, and the ruling of Judge Bean upheld the contention of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company through and through.

FAIR ASSN. HOLDS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural Association met Monday of last week to elect officers and transact other business, says the Prineville Journal. J. N. Williamson, J. B. Shipp and J. F. Blanchard were elected a board of directors. A vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Crook county and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., the Oregon Trunk, Great Northern, S. P. & S. and N. P. railroads for their splendid special premiums and generous support. The directors elected J. F. Blanchard, president; J. B. Shipp, treasurer; J. F. Cadie, secretary. Plans to make the 1914 Crook County Fair a hummer are already under way.

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THIS BILL WILL AID THE HOMESTEADERS

TEXT OF MEASURE THAT WILL BE BENEFICIAL

Representative N. J. Sinnott Work- ing in Interest of Oregon Homesteaders

Following is the full text of the bill recently introduced by Representative N. J. Sinnott in the interest of homesteaders in Oregon. Readers of the bill are asked to write Mr. Sinnott, at Washington, D. C., their opinion of the measure, and offer suggestions.

A bill to provide for a deferred residence homestead.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That any person who is a qualified entryman under the homestead laws of the United States may, on filing the affidavit required by Section 2296 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, elect to enter what shall be designated as a deferred-residence homestead and shall have three years from date of filing in which to establish residence on the same.

Section 2.—That the entryman on establishing residence on said homestead shall file a notice of the same in the local land office, giving date of establishing residence.

Section 3.—That no certificate, however, shall be given or patent issued therefor until the expiration of five years from the date of such entry; and if at the expiration of such time, or at any time within two years hereafter, the person making such entry, or if he be dead, his widow, or in case of her death, his heirs or devisee, or in case of a widow making such entry her heirs or devisee, in case of her death, proves by himself and by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have a habitable house upon the land and have actually resided upon the same for the term of three years succeeding the date of establishing residence and cultivated the lands applied for in compliance with this act, and makes affidavit that no part of such land has been alienated, except as provided in Section 2283 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and that he, she, or they will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States, then, in such case, he, she, or they, if at that time citizens of the United States, shall be entitled to a patent, as in other cases provided by law; Provided, That upon filing in the local land office notice of the beginning of such absence the entryman shall be entitled to a continuous leave of absence from the land for a period not exceeding five months in each year after establishing residence, and upon the termination of such absence the entryman shall file a notice of such termination in the local land office, but in the case of commutation the fourteen months' actual residence as now required by law must be shown, and the person commuting must be at the time a citizen of the United States. Provided, That when the person making entry dies before the offer of final proof those succeeding to the entry must show that the entryman had complied with the law in all respects to the date of his death, and that they have since complied with the law in all respects as would have been required of the entryman had he lived, excepting that they are relieved from any requirement of residence upon the land: Provided further, That the entryman shall, in order to comply with the requirements of cultivation herein provided for, cultivate not less than one thirty-second of the area of his entry beginning with the second year of the entry, and not less than two thirty-seconds of the area beginning with the third year, and not less than three thirty-seconds of the area beginning with the fourth year, and not less than four thirty-seconds of the area beginning with the fifth year, and until final proof, except that in the case of entries under Section 6 of the enlarged homestead law, double the area of cultivation herein provided shall be required, but the Secretary of the Interior may, upon a satisfactory showing, under rules and regulations prescribed by him, reduce the required area of cultivation: Provided, That the above provision as to cultivation shall not apply to entries under the Act of April 25, 1904, commonly known as the Kinkaid Act, or entries under the Act of June 17, 1902, commonly known as the Reclamation Act.

Section 4.—That if at any time after the filing of the affidavit, as required in Section 2296 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and before the expiration of the five years above mentioned, it is proved, after due notice to the settler, to the satisfaction of the register of the Land Office, that the person having filed such affidavit has failed to establish residence within three years after the date of entry, or abandoned the land for more than six months at any time or failed to cultivate the same as herein required, then and in that event the land so entered shall

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HOT FIRE BURNS HOME

Wilson House Near Sisters Completely Destroyed

The W. T. E. Wilson house, one and a half miles east of Sisters near the Wilson mill, burned to the ground with all its contents about 11 o'clock last Friday, says the Sisters Herald. The fire is supposed to have originated in the ceiling where the pipe from the stove passed thru it. Mrs. Wilson had just arrived home on the stage and a hot fire was built to warm her up, which is supposed to have been the cause of starting the fire. It had gained such headway before being discovered that it was impossible to extinguish it or save but little out of the building. Mr. Wilson was preparing to move to his farm for the rest of the winter and had laid in quite a stock of provisions which, with everything except a little bedding, was burned. The loss will be quite heavy as there was no insurance on either house or furniture.

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revert to the Government: Provided, That the three years of residence herein fixed shall date from the time of establishing actual permanent residence upon the land.

Section 5.—That in case of the abandonment or the relinquishment of said land or the cancellation of said entry in a collusive contest with the entryman neither said entry nor any part thereof shall be subject to entry by any person who, either directly or indirectly, was a party to said collusive contest or who, for a valuable consideration, secured or caused said abandonment or relinquishment.

Section 6.—That the provisions of this act may apply to all unperfected homestead entries at the option of the entryman within one year after the passage of this act by the entryman giving notice by registered letter to the register and receiver of the local land office of his desire to exercise said option, in which event the date of the receipt of said notice by the register and receiver shall be considered for the purposes of this act as the date of the homestead entry: Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed as extending the time for final proof where the same has expired.

SUMMER RESORT ON METOLIUS DESTROYED

HEISING HOTEL AND CONTENTS COMPLETE LOSS

Fire Burned So Rapidly That There Was No Time to Save Any of the Furniture

Sisters Herald: Fire which broke out at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Heising, located near the head of the Metolius river. The fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue as Harry Heising had gotten up a little before 6 o'clock and built the fires. Leaving the kitchen for a few minutes he was soon attracted by seeing smoke issuing from the room and found that a portion of the walls and ceiling of the kitchen were on fire. So quickly did the flames spread that it was impossible to save anything in the building, and the family only had time to escape with what they had on.

"Heisings" is a well known and popular resort, being visited every summer by many pleasure seekers from all parts of the northwest. The house has been built less than two years and was of sufficient size to accommodate quite a number of guests.

The loss is hard to estimate as their bedding and furniture used in the summer tents together with winter supplies and quite a number of furs secured through trapping by Mr. Heising during the winter, were stored in the house, which, together with all their clothing and many priceless articles were destroyed.

The building was insured for \$800 the policy having been taken out less than two months ago.

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CLAIMS NEW TAX LAW WILL WORK HARDSHIP

GOV. WEST'S ATTENTION CALLED TO MATTER

Portland City Council Points Out High Penalty and Interest Rates

That the public is unaware of the provisions of the new tax law and as a result will be subjected to hardship is the statement made in a set of resolutions adopted by the members of the city council of Portland recently and which were forwarded to Gov. West. A part of the resolution follows:

"Your attention is directed to the provisions of this statute providing for penalty and interest in the event a taxpayer does not pay any taxes on April 1—the day set for the payment of taxes—or if he has paid one half of the taxes April 1, should fall to pay the remaining part on September 1, 1914. These provisions, as we understand them, impose a penalty of 10 per cent and interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum when the entire sum is delinquent, and if one half of the taxes should be paid April 1, then penalty at the rate of 1 per cent per month until September 1, and then 10 per cent penalty thereafter, plus 12 per cent interest per annum, and at the expiration of one month from the date of delinquency, a certificate of delinquency may issue to the speculator in these securities, bearing the high rate of 15 per cent per annum, in addition to the penalties and interest accrued at the time of the issuance of this delinquency certificate."

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