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POWELL BUTTE

Joe Mathene returned last week from a two-months' visit to Coos county.

Miss Mats, a sister of Mrs. Wallace Smith, is here from Washington on a visit.

About a week ago Mrs. Earl Forrest and her sister discovered a coyote in a trap. As it has been their desire for some time to kill such a beast, they returned to the house and procured a .22 rifle and went forth to do the execution. After using all of their cartridges and wounding him in numerous places, they used the gun as a club and succeeded in ending his misery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Smith, Miss Mats and Miss Mable Smith took Sunday dinner with the Allens.

Last Saturday evening Mrs. J. J. Chapman entertained at a valentine card party for her sister, Miss Lucy Poore of Lewiston, Idaho. Owing to the day, hearts were made the evening's entertainment. The rooms and tables were decorated with hearts of all sizes, from the smallest to the size of the hearts that thanked the hostess for the evening. At midnight a lunch was served and the remainder of the time was spent in good fellowship. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Truesdale, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Van Dorn, Miss Mable Allen, Miss Edna Morse, Herman Allen and Clark Morse.

Dr. Beletski, the Redmond veterinarian, made several professional calls at Powell Butte Friday.

Next Friday is the day of the sale and supper of the Sorosis Club. It is to be held at the Wilson school house, for the improvement of which the returns are to be used. Everyone is welcome and everyone is expected.

On February 14 Mrs. Henry Tweet was presented with a valentine in the form of a fine baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Tweet are just a little bit the proudest people in these parts at present.

On Friday afternoon Miss Smith entertained the pupils of the Wilson school with a valentine box.

Claude Christ was at Powell Butte on business Tuesday. He stopped four minutes with George Hobbs and made a horse trade.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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\$5.40 each, and fifty meters with 3/4-inch connections at \$8.60 each, to be paid for as follows: June 1, 1914, one-tenth of the total price of said meters and one-tenth of such price on the first day of each succeeding month until paid for. Carried.

Communication of Glenn & Co. relative to the purchase by them of bonds of the city in the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of taking up the outstanding warrants and improving the streets, read. On motion the same was referred to Councilman Phoenix for further investigation.

Moved and seconded that in the opinion of the council such bonds should be issued. Carried.

G. W. Farris elected president of the council.

No further business appearing, council adjourned.

J. A. WILLCOX, Recorder.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS DID MUCH FOR COUNTY

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Whereas, the company now controlling said Carey Act Project is financially embarrassed and acknowledges its inability to complete said project, and

Whereas, owing to the fact that the above project is a Carey Act Project, and the state and federal governments are both interested in the same, by virtue of such fact,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the state or the federal government or the state and federal government through co-operation should take over from said Central Oregon Irrigation Company said Carey Act Project as soon as possible through such agencies and upon some equitable basis, and fully reclaim the lands embraced within the segregations of said project, and be it further

Resolved that such action be taken in such manner as to place every protection around the interests of the state and federal governments and the settlers now upon the project.

Secretary of the Interior Urged to Proceed With Tumalo Project

E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer of the Reclamation Service, objected to the passage of the resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Interior to proceed at once in the development of the Tumalo Project, but it was passed by a strong majority. It reads:

Whereas, the State of Oregon has and is engaged in the construction of the Tumalo Project in Oregon, and

Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior has already set aside \$450,000 from the federal fund on a co-operative basis for construction in the Deschutes valley, and

Whereas, it is feasible to extend this same Tumalo Project to ultimate complete reclamation, and

Whereas, considerable vacant government land or Carey Act withdrawn land is embraced in the Tumalo Project extension,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Third Oregon Irrigation Congress in regular session, that the Secretary of the Interior be urged to authorize the immediate construction of the Tumalo Project extension to complete the work already commenced and in process of construction by the State of Oregon, by virtue of the \$450,000 appropriation of the last State Legislature.

Proposed Irrigation of the Deschutes Valley Favored

Pending the report on the feasibility of irrigating the Deschutes

basin the Irrigation Congress passed a resolution favoring the project, using these words:

Whereas, by the co-operation of the United States Reclamation Service and the State of Oregon a survey is being made of the Deschutes valley to determine the feasibility of irrigating the same, and

Whereas, from the information now at hand the reclamation of a vast and fertile area seems exceedingly practicable,

Therefore, be it resolved, that should the same prove feasible, the third annual session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress does indorse the Deschutes valley irrigation project and more especially that branch thereof affecting the lands north of the Crooked river and situated in Crook county, and petitions the Secretary of the Interior to consider this project at an early date on a co-operative basis or by the reclamation service direct.

Resolution for Change of Board Rules Adopted

One of the most important acts of the Irrigation Congress was the adoption of its "speculator banishing" resolution relative to the need of a change in the rules of the Desert Land Board. J. E. Morson of the Deschutes Irrigation Company, opposed this resolution, as did others who have water rights on irrigated lands to sell. It was dramatically sustained by J. W. Brewer of this city, who spoke in the name of the state and of the settler who has been hurt by the speculator's practice of scratching up a little soil, sowing a little grain, staying on the ground a week, then returning to Chicago or New York or some other city to wait for the land to increase to a price where handsome profit may be made by its sale. The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, the desert land board's rules under which land owners under the Carey Act projects obtain certificates of proof have not been satisfactory, and worked greatly to the detriment of the actual settler and to the localities where the projects are located and to the state in general,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Irrigation Congress recommend to the Desert Land Board that it speedily make a ruling that no certificate of proof be granted to any settler or land owner until at least one-half of the irrigable area of the tract involved be completely cleared and cultivated, reclaimed, formed and a crop actually harvested therefrom.

Extension of Time for Benham Falls Project Disapproved

The Irrigation Congress ruled that the Benham Falls Project in Crook county has had enough time and extensions of time and ruled that the state and federal government should take over the project in this resolution:

Whereas, in 1904 what is known as Benham Falls Segregation in Crook county, Oregon, comprising approximately 75,000 acres of land, was segregated and a contract entered into with individuals for the reclamation of land embraced in the segregation, which contract expired in 1910, and was thereafter extended by the Desert Land Board for a period of two years and was thereafter extended by the Desert Land board for a further period of three years, which period will expire in October, 1915, and whereas during the entire lapse of time since the forming of said segregation, absolutely no work has been done thereon, with the exception of a few preliminary surveys which were necessary to obtain data in order to segregate said lands, and

Whereas said segregation comprises and embodies one of the largest, most important and valuable tracts of land in Central Oregon, and

Whereas said segregation is pronounced by engineers to be one of the most economical in the state, considered from the point of amount of money necessary to reclaim the lands embraced within the same,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that no further extension of time should be granted to the holder of said segregation or its successors in interest, and be it further

Resolved, that said segregation be reclaimed by the federal government or state and federal government working under some feasible co-operative plan.

O. A. C. Urged to Establish Stations on the Projects

The delegation from Canada gave strength to the Oregon belief that an agricultural experiment station on every irrigation project will insure the success of irrigation and add millions of dollars' worth of cultivated farms to the taxable properties of the state. The congress accordingly adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, the magnificent results that have been realized throughout the State of Oregon, in all agricultural and stock raising pursuits from the passage of the senate bill 72 of the Oregon Legislature of 1913, fully demonstrate the wisdom of said measure in the development of the great resources of our state, we most heartily commend the action of the Legislature in the passage of the said act and extend our hearty support and co-operation to any and all persons and enterprises carrying on work along these lines within the state; and

Whereas, irrigation is one of the great problems of our country, therefore we recommend that the Agricultural College of the State of Oregon, in co-operation with the Agricultural Department of the United States, be asked to establish small experiment farms or sub-stations on each irrigation project, at which place all the problems of soil analysis, plant growth and similar demon-

J. W. BREWER IS TO VALUE LANDS IN STATE

WILL TRAVEL THROUGH THE STATE FOR SIX MONTHS

Information Will Be Gathered to Prevent Colonists Paying Excessive Prices

Portland Journal, February 18.—J. W. Brewer, Redmond banker, was appointed head of a state locating bureau by the Oregon Immigration Commission and Immigrant Agent at a meeting yesterday afternoon. For six months, probably, he will travel throughout the state, securing, through co-operation with local communities, listings and appraisals of lands offered for sale to colonists.

Gathering of dependable information about lands in each community, about transportation, markets and conditions peculiar to each locality, will be preliminary to the establishing of a central information and locating bureau which will be opened on the ground floor of a centrally located office building before the beginning of next year and previous to the opening of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco.

The intent is to learn about lands upon which actual settlers may build homes, raise crops and make a success, and to direct them to such lands after meeting them personally and learning their desires.

The appointment yesterday was a part of an enterprise jointly undertaken by the Immigration Commission, Oregon Development League and State Bankers' Association to defeat the real estate speculator in Oregon.

Mr. Brewer has lived on a farm for 25 years and his banking experience has been in Washington and Oregon. He is secretary of the Central Oregon Development League, and vice-president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress.

strations may be carried on, and where the young people may be taught the scientific as well as practical sides of irrigation and the use of water, along with the study of agriculture and stock raising.

The congress also adopted resolutions commending the organization of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs throughout the state.

Attention Is Called to Discrimination Against This State

The plea of Malheur citizens for recognition of their rights in connection with irrigation projects there was joined with a resolution which called attention to the fact that Oregon has not been receiving her just share of the federal reclamation apportionment. This resolution reads:

Whereas, it appears that the state of Oregon has contributed a larger sum to the United States reclamation fund than any other arid state, and

Whereas, the apportionment of the reclamation fund to Oregon is so inadequate as to constitute actual discrimination against the people of Oregon; and

Whereas, it appears that the Owyhee and Malheur Projects are among the earliest investigated by the reclamation service and by said service found feasible, and

Whereas, the early reclamation of the lands of the Owyhee and Malheur districts is desirable both to the sections to be developed, and to the State of Oregon, in securing an equitable apportionment of the United States reclamation fund; therefore

Be it resolved by the Oregon Irrigation Congress that the United States Reclamation Service be, and it is hereby petitioned to again take up the projects of the Owyhee and Malheur districts with a view to the early reclamation of said lands, and that copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, Hon. Franklin K. Lane, and to each of the senators and representatives of the State of Oregon in Congress.

Whereas, the State of Oregon has to date not received its just share of the reclamation fund in the actual construction of irrigation projects within its borders, and

Whereas, the Third Oregon Irrigation Congress in regular session realizes the importance of the recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior to Congress in regard to the \$100,000,000 loan for the construction of irrigation projects in the West, and

Whereas, the Oregon Irrigation Congress recognizes the justice of the recommendations of the Secretary in regard to the 20 years deferred payments on already constructed projects, and

Whereas, the Secretary has shown he is favorable to the policy of co-operation between the federal government and the state governments,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that this congress does hereby heartily indorse the policy of the Secretary in regard to the \$100,000,000 loan and hereby pledges their support and urge their passage in Congress. The Secretary is also commended on his attitude toward co-operation.

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