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## TO TURN ON WATER

### Deschutes Irrigation Up To The Promoters.

### Contract Is Approved.

### Crook County's Protest Is Ignored And The Retiring Congressman Wins a Point.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Roosevelt this afternoon advised Representative Moody that he today approved the map and contract with the State of Oregon permanently segregating 84,707 acres of land in the Deschutes Valley, which it is proposed shall be reclaimed under the Carey act by the Pilot Butte Development Company, of which A. M. Drake is president.

This action ends the long controversy, and so far as the General Government is concerned, gives this company the right to proceed with the immediate construction of its irrigation system, according to the approved plans. Government officials here regard this as the most important and most promising Carey act proposition in the state, and see no reason why the project should not be carried through in the ten years allowed by law to successful completion.

Under the terms of the contract with the state, the Pilot Butte Company will be allowed to charge an annual water rental on reclaimed lands of \$1 per acre, the total of the company amounting to \$848,557.

This case is the first one in Oregon under the Carey act to be approved by the President. It has been hung up in the Land Office since early last summer. Representative Moody, throughout the session, has been urging immediate action on all Carey act cases in Oregon, but it was not until Commissioner Richards took hold that he was able to get the case "jarred loose."

When he came to investigate, the Commissioner found the adverse report of Special Agent Greene, holding the lands covered by the Pilot Butte contract to be timbered land because of a sparse growth of juniper trees. He therefore recommended that the selection be canceled. President Drake, when in Washington last fall, contemplating such a report, filed with the department overwhelming evidence to show that the lands were desert and that the presence of juniper did not warrant their classification as timber lands. Among the affidavits were statements from Chief Forester Pinchot and Hydrographer Newell, who had personally been over the lands and these showings were backed up by Representative Moody, who had traversed the disputed area with these Government officials. Being a practical Western man, thoroughly acquainted with the arid regions, Commissioner Richards at once recognized the fallacy of the special agent's conclusions and disregarded his recommendation, holding the lands to be properly subject to irrigation under the Carey act.

During his visit to Washington last fall Representative-elect Williamson represented to the department that the Pilot Butte selection was irregularly made for the purpose of "cornering" or controlling a large area of Government lands not proposed to be irrigated, but with a view to speculation. This charge, as well as all others made against the Pilot Butte Company was waived aside, for on close examination they proved to be un-

warranted. There has been every evidence of good faith on the part of this company, and the department is fully convinced that it will live up to the terms of its contract with the state. There is, furthermore, a general belief that this Deschutes project offers better opportunities for success than most works under the Carey act in other states where the law has proven a success.

The fact that the Pilot Butte Company is to be permitted to reclaim the Deschutes Valley means that no Government project will be undertaken in that locality. Whatever sites are later recommended by the Oregon committee must be in other localities. Hydrographer Newell said today he had heard nothing from the Oregon irrigation committee, and in view of the lateness of the date and the great pressure for consideration of projects already examined in other states, intimated that it was at least very doubtful if one of the original general irrigation works could be undertaken in Oregon.—Oregonian.

### Search For Underground Waters.

A new division, to be known as the division of hydrology, has recently been organized in the hydrographic branch of the United States Geological Survey. The work of this division will include the gathering and filing of well records of all kinds, the study of artesian and other problems relating to underground waters, and the investigation of the stratigraphy of the water-bearing and associated rocks. In addition to the gathering of statistics relating to the flow, cost, etc., of the wells, it is hoped in the future to give special attention to the geologic features which govern or which are related in any way to the supply of water.

The division will be subdivided into two sections, the eastern and the western, the first embracing the Gulf and Mississippi River States and the States to the east, and the second embracing the remaining ("reclamation") States and Territories, or those having public lands. The charge of each section has been assigned to a geologist, the western section to Mr. N. H. Darton, and the eastern to Mr. M. L. Fuller. The office details are in charge of Mr. Fuller.

The sections will be still further subdivided so that each State or group of adjacent States shall constitute a district in which the work of collecting data and of investigating the problems relating to underground water will be in charge of a geologist employed for the purpose.

In the western section it is expected that the study of the geologic structure will be followed by the sinking of wells by the survey, the aim being to test such of the arid or semiarid regions as appear to present conditions favorable for artesian water, with a view to their ultimate development for agricultural purposes.

### Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Cornett & Elkins, doing a general blacksmithing business in Prineville is this day dissolved by mutual consent, the business, stock and fixtures having been sold to J. H. Wigle. All accounts due the late firm will be collected by Frank Elkins and all accounts owing by said firm will be paid by said Frank Elkins. All accounts now due the late firm have been placed in the hands of M. R. Elliott for immediate collection.

G. M. Cornett  
Frank Elkins.

Dated December 9, 1902.

## THE COUNTY NEWS.

### Our Correspondents Are Punctual.

### News From All Quarters.

### The Journal Has the Best Correspondents Of Any Paper In Interior Oregon.

#### Howard Items.

We have had zero weather for the past week. Roads are in a very bad condition.

A. C. Knighten and Clyde Hon have been gathering horses. They say that horses are in a very poor condition, and that many will die unless they are soon fed.

John Hogg came up to his ranch on Upper Ochocho on last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dyer will move up to the upper Ochocho neighborhood this week.

PROF. BILL BANKS.

#### McKay Creek Notes.

There were only two days of school this week.

Freddie Grimes was absent from school last Monday.

Miss Jennie and Belva Templeton visited the Prineville school last Wednesday afternoon.

The sad news reached here last Thursday that Marion Powell of Moro, was dead. Mr. Powell was a former resident of this place and leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Miss Ora Andrews spent Friday evening with R. M. Templeton and family.

There is to be a Valentine party at the home of R. M. Templeton Saturday evening.

Cell McCord returned home from Shaniko last Thursday.

T. J. Powell and R. M. Powell started to Moro last Friday morning.

A PUPIL.

#### Rosland Items.

The thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero last night.

The snow is still staying with us to depth of about twelve inches.

D. A. Findley and wife went to Prineville last Monday, to make final proof on their timber claims.

Mr. Taylor of Upper Deschutes, says there is an abundance of deer of all kinds up where he lives.

Frank Bogue is hauling hay from R. H. Caldwell's on Paulina creek.

D. Wilhelm and wife made a flying trip to Bend, and back this week.

Ora Poindexter returned from Lakeview Wednesday having had a very rough trip.

John Atkinson came up Tuesday from the Big meadows, with a crowd in search of timber.

R. H. Caldwell and wife paid William Bogue a visit the fore part of the week.

Mr. King, the Bend timber locator, was doing business in Rosland this week.

Geo. Townsend left here for the Bend yesterday morning.

Range horses are beginning to look like haystacks here.

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### Crooked River Happenings.

The sore throat disease is going its rounds in this valley.

Beautiful weather is being enjoyed at present. The three cold nights last week put the thermometer down four below zero, it being the coldest weather we have had in this locality.

Mr. Forest has sold the remainder of his cattle to Mr. Phillips, of Bend but formerly of Shaniko. He received \$23 for heifers and dry cows and \$28 for cows with calves. He will feed them here till the first of March.

Mr. McCalister and family have moved to their home in this neighborhood.

The "Red Ribbon Library Society," as it is now called in honor of the prize won at Crook County's first fair, has adjourned for the present.

Mr. Merrill's family, who have been sick for the past three weeks, is well again.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilhoit, who was dangerously ill last week, is slowly improving.

Miss Lottie Montgomery is absent from school, being a victim of the sore throat.

B. F. Wilhoit returned home Friday evening from the city and took up his duties in the school room Monday morning.

Mr. Merrill's freight team arrived home from Shaniko Monday.

The school children are preparing a program for the last day of school.

The Hash brothers were visitors in this neighborhood Sunday.

Mr. Forest went to the county seat last Tuesday. XAX.

### Ashwood Gleanings.

From the Prospector.

A. V. Warren, of Hay creek was a visitor in Ashwood last Monday.

Thron Thronson left on today's stage for Antelope, enroute to The Dalles.

Charles Hamilton came over from Prineville last night to make final proof on his timber claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Black were down from Blizard Ridge today, for purpose of making proof upon their timber claims.

Miss Frankie Taylor has been quite ill for several days past, but we are glad to report her convalescence at this time.

J. W. and J. C. Robinson have their new shaft on the Gold King claim down about thirty feet with flattering prospects.

Charlie Swanson has finished the cross-cut in the shaft on Dexter group, and is now sinking the shaft. At 115 feet he is getting some very fine looking rock.

Alex McLennan has moved his band of sheep from Pine creek over to the John Day river. His hay ran short at the McCollum place, and for this reason he was compelled to move the sheep.

Gus and Ike Hixson were in town several days ago, on their way to the Morning Star Camp, the former with a load of passengers and the latter having a load of household goods and supplies.

The dance at Stanton Black's home last Friday evening, is reported to have been a very enjoyable affair by those who attended from this place. One of the decidedly pleasant features of the evening was the splendid supper prepared by Mrs. Black, to which ample justice was done by all present.

## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

### Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

### Some Stolen, Others Not

### Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

The first Cecil Rhodes scholarship at Oxford has been awarded to an American, Heitler Lehman, a Yale graduate, son of a wholesale tobacco dealer at Pueblo.

The coal strike has resulted in a wonderful development of the lignite fields of North Dakota. The miners will receive 35 cents per ton and earn from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per day.

The United States produces nine-tenths of the world's cotton, one-half its coal and copper and one-fourth its iron. These industries have been developed by the protective policy.

The school will give an interesting program in honor of Washington's birthday on Friday afternoon at the Union church. The bell will be rung thirty minutes before beginning the program.

Senator Frye says that the passage of the Ship Subsidy bill would mean that from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000, which will be expended in wages by the new shipping combine, would go to American workmen.

Grandpa Snyder today celebrates his 90th birthday. He is well and spry for a person of that age. His wife is 83 years old and is in reasonably good health. They have been married nearly 69 years. They probably have been married longer than any other couple in Linn county—Lebanon Express.

An Antelope woman cured her husband of staying out late at night by going to the door when he came home and whispering through the keyhole "Is that you Willie?" Her husband's name is John, and he stays home with one eye open and a revolver under his pillow.

The following going the rounds was composed by a student in Harvard College: "Dirty days bath September, April, June and November. From January up to May the rain it raineth every day. All the rest have thirty-one without a blessed gleam of sun, and if any of em' had two and thirty they'd be just as wet and twice as dirty."

The new cruiser "Baltimore" will be the first warship to be fitted with steel furniture. Naval Constructor Capps and his assistant Constructor Nutting have found that all the essential furniture of a man-of-war can be made of steel. The reason for the use of steel furniture is to be found in the fact that serious damage was done during the war with Spain by the furniture on the ships taking fire.

In the last twelve months American quarter-blood wools advanced in price a little over 14 per cent, while the average advance abroad on similar wool was 46 per cent, the minimum foreign advance being 27 per cent and the maximum over 82 per cent. The world's supply of wool has decreased in consequence of the great falling off in the product of Australia, where a succession of years of terrible drouth has destroyed the flocks and obliterated the wool business.

Reports of great losses of stock come from Northern Utah and Southern Idaho, where they are experiencing one of the most severe winters ever known in that section. Some cattle men are reported as having killed their stock and stripped the carcasses of the hides, which will be disposed of in the spring. This shows that the conditions must be very bad, and makes a stock man glad that he lives in Crook county.

The supply of school teachers has been diminishing every year in the State of Oregon for several years, until at present it is impossible to supply all of the districts. The reason is readily found in the fact that the wages usually paid a teacher in this state are not sufficient to cause him to make it a permanent business. The same might be said of the school ma'ams; the wages are insufficient and the prospects of marriage are much more flattering during such prosperous time. A few years ago it was claimed that there were so many school ma'ams because they would not give up a \$40 job for a \$20 man; but now the conditions are different. The wages of the teachers have not increased perceptibly, and the school ma'am readily gives up a \$40 job for a \$50 or \$75-man. The wages of school teachers have not increased in proportion with the increase in other lines of business.

Last Saturday being a cold day W. F. Nelson built a fire under his large sheep shed for comfort for himself and his children that were with him. When he went home in the evening he put out the fire as he thought he had, but a smouldering fire remained in the manure. When the herder came in at night he found the fire burning and dug out the fire with a shovel and he thought he had it completely extinguished. A spark still remained in the manure, which was fanned into a flame during the night by a heavy wind, and burned the shed over the sheep burning about 400 to death and about 200 were so badly burned that they were dying and had to be killed. Out of his flock of 1500 sheep his loss in sheep and damage to wool will be over \$1500.—Mitchell News.

### John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is so Poor.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is supposed to be about the richest young man in America, and owes \$400,000 and has only \$30,000 worth of personal property, according to the statement filed with the Department of Taxes and Assessments. Mr. Rockefeller was assessed at \$500,000. From what could be learned at the tax office Mr. Rockefeller called there and stated that he had \$400,000 in debts and that his personal property above his debts was worth only \$30,000, but he was willing to pay taxes on an assessment of \$50,000. The commissioners accepted Mr. Rockefeller's figures.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have sold the Crook County Journal to S. M. Bailey and W. C. Black, and that they will collect all bills and pay all indebtedness pertaining to said paper and plant and will perfect all advertising contracts, save and except such accounts as were contracted by Fogle & Parker in the matter of advertising timber land final proofs prior to the first day of October 1902.

Dated at Prineville, Oregon this 15th day of January, 1903.

W. T. FOGLE.

Approved by Bailey & Black.