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MUST NOT IRRIGATE WITH HOT AIR

Something More Substantial Must Be Used

LAND BOARD CALLS A HALT

Irrigation Companies Must Make Good on Their Promises

The time has come when the State of Oregon will cease to irrigate its desert lands with hot air instead of water.

Loose methods of the past, with money squandered in lawsuits and other wasteful ways, are to cease and the companies directing the various reclamation projects must deliver the goods or quit. Business methods must be injected into these projects, and to see that the settlers are properly protected, the Desert Land Board has taken the initiative and has canceled the Paisley project of the Portland Irrigation Company. This forfeiture was declared one day last week after an all-day meeting of the Board at Salem.

The situation in the several projects is that the companies have sold more acreage than they have water for. Therefore, they irrigated the oversold land with conversation.

For eight years the irrigation schemes have drifted lazily in slipshod manner, without the Desert Land Board paying particular attention to what was going on. Hazy ideas regarding the Carey act, absence of proper water legislation and inexperience of engineers and projectors have grown a crop of troubles and litigation, dissatisfaction and disappointment until now, with a new Desert Land Board at Salem, a policy has been mapped out which aims to solve the problems and meet conditions existing and make things better for the future. This activity of the Board has only just started and before the Board is through, complete reorganization of these irrigation projects is hoped for.

Summed in a nutshell, irrigation companies must make good on their water promises, or the Board will know the reason why.

At present there is little complaint over conditions, but settlers are fearful of the future unless steps be taken to bring about a change, and this change the Board is striving to create. The one horrible example of irrigation in the state is the Columbia Southern. This feeling is due largely to the failure of former Boards to take reasonable precautions for the protection of settlers. The Columbia Southern is said to have disposed of about 20,000 acres at \$14 an acre, but the water supply is only adequate for approximately 4000 acres. If this project is canceled, which is probable, there will be 16,000 acres of land which have been oversold. This acreage is owned by non residents who are scattered from one end of the Pacific coast to the other. A new company is now trying to take over the Columbia Southern and has until fall to complete negotiations. In the event of forfeiture, those settlers on the grounds who have been using the water and putting it to beneficial use will be taken care of in some manner.

The Desert Land Board is between two fires and is confronted by a delicate problem, which demands skillful treatment so as not to jeopardize interests and inflict needless and irreparable loss on capital and the settlers. On one hand the Board, if it would enforce its rules to safeguard the settlers, would cause the forfeiture of much land, and the protection to the settlers would be doubtful. On the other hand, irrigation projects have not been successful investments for capitalists, as these projects require more money to finance than at first appears. Companies, although not living up to agreement, are struggling along, trying to increase the water supply, while being handicapped for lack of capital. If the Desert Land Board calls a halt, the companies will lose all they have invested, and the dams and canals will be abandoned and the settlers will be no better off than at present. This is the nut which the members of the Board are trying to crack.

One solution of the difficulty is for the Desert Land Board to act as a sort of anchor to windward for these projects. The plan is to have the companies managing the projects deposit with the state a certain percentage of the receipts from the sale of lands. This money is to be returned to the companies on the completion of their work, but if the companies fail, then the Board will take the money deposited and carry the enterprise to completion. The proposition seems reasonable to the Board members, but not to all of the companies. One company, however, has deposited with the state \$20,000 in cash and \$90,000 of settlers' notes, but this \$110,000 is insufficient to complete that particular project.

It has been demonstrated conclusively by the settlers on these arid lands that wherever water has been obtained the crops have been eminently satisfactory. One project which was in bad shape a year ago, managed to advance its work sufficiently to put under water a large tract last spring, with the result that the settlers are raising good crops this summer.

The Paisley project lay dormant for years and nothing has been done. The Portland Irrigation Company, which was holding the segregation, was a shoe-string affair and devoid of financial backing, according to the Board's investigations. The promoters held onto the claims speculatively, hoping to find some company or syndicate which would buy it. In the project was 12,000 acres, not one foot of which was ever sold. At the all-day meeting the Board declared all claims forfeited and after the usual advertising the company making the highest bid can get this tract. If no company appears, the land will be thrown open to homesteaders and the irrigation scheme abandoned. This action on the part of the Board will probably be followed in other cases within a short time. The contract with the state provided for the construction of an 80-foot dam which would flood 2380 acres in what is known as the upper Chewaucan Valley, and store 42,800 acre feet of the surplus water. The cost to the settlers was to be \$35 an acre and when 80 per cent of the land was sold, the management was to be transferred to the settlers, the company retaining a 20 per cent interest.

The Deschutes Land Company

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PRINEVILLE WINS TWO OUT OF THREE

O.-W. R. & N Grays Very Fast Team

CLASSY BALL ALL THE TIME

Prineville Lost One Game—The First Defeat Chalked Up For Them This Season

The baseball fans of Prineville and vicinity were treated to a league article of ball here Saturday and Sunday when the locals lined up with the fast O.-W. R. & N. Grays of Portland in a three-game series. Prineville won two of the three games, and met their first defeat of the season in the last game of the series.

The Portland players were a gentlemanly bunch of fellows and fully lived up to their reputation as being one of the fastest teams in Portland and of the state by their classy all-around playing.

They were more than pleased with Prineville and their treatment while here and expressed their desire to return again for another series in the near future. The first game Saturday was a very exciting contest and was not decided until the last man was retired in the ninth inning. The first man up for Prineville received a free pass to first, advanced to third on a sacrifice and scored on a pass ball. The Grays got busy early in the game and shoved a couple across on two hits and an error. Prineville evened it up again and the Grays added another, which the locals duplicated, and in the eighth inning Prineville put across the winning run. Score—4 to 3.

Tetherow pitched the opening game for Prineville and although the Grays outbit the locals yet "Jesse" was steadier in the pinches and pulled out of several tight places in fine shape.

The second game Sunday forenoon was also an exciting encounter and ended with the same score—4-3, with Prineville again on the winning end. Zeek pitched a good steady game for the locals, as did Scott for Portland, the latter retiring in order the first sixteen men that faced him.

Portland led 2 to 0 during the greater part of the game, but the locals got busy in the 7th and pushed two scores across on hits and cinched the game in the ninth with two more counters.

The Sunday afternoon game was hardly up to the standard of the two previous games, but was an interesting exhibition. Langdell, Prineville's new shortstop, who played classy ball the first two games, sustained a sprained ankle which prevented his playing with his usual speed in this game, and was a material factor in the loss of the game.

Thomson was in the mound for the Grays and the big fellow pitched a good game. Tetherow worked again for the locals and with an even break of luck would have had two games to his credit in as many days. The hits were evenly divided in this game but the locals outfielded the visitors.

Prineville's showing against the fast team entitles them to rank as one of the fastest amateur teams in the state, and the local fans will back their team against all comers. It is possible another fast Portland team will be brought out to cross bats with the locals during the summer, and baseball enthusiasts of all degrees will be treated once more to good games of the national pastime.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

City Treasurer Makes Report

ACT ON ORDINANCES TUESDAY

Poplar Trees For City Park Are Offered At So Much Per Dozen

There was a regular meeting of the city council Tuesday evening. Present—Mayor Edwards, Councilmen Yancey, Lippman, Ward, Noble and Winnek.

The meetings of the previous regular and special meetings were approved.

Mr. Walker, a nurseryman, appeared before the council and made an offer to furnish Carolina poplar trees for the city park at so much per dozen. The matter was referred to the proper committee.

City Treasurer Smith made his report for the months of April, May and June. The city cash in the various funds is as follows:

General fund	\$ 673 94
Fire fund	1265 62
Park fund	404 36
Road fund	381 21
Total	\$2725 13

From the general fund should be deducted \$300 interest which was checked out the day after the city treasurer made his report.

Councilman Ward, chairman of the Health and Police committee, made several good recommendations that will be acted upon later.

The following bills for June were ordered paid:

P. L. & W. Co.	\$ 91 65
Mrs. Maling, 3 mo. rent	25 00
E. S. Hillard, 22 days work	57 50
W. F. King Co., mdse.	19 80
Attorney Duffy, fees	12 50
R. W. Brees, fees, etc.	24 45
Tom Conn, labor	28 75

The following bills for July were ordered paid:

P. L. & W. Co.	74 60
W. F. King Co.	5 00
C. S. Hillard, nightwatch	75 00
Geo. Noble	28 20
A. J. Weston, salary	100 00
A. W. Yancey, special officer	13 25
C. E. Smith	15 00
C. E. Smith, 2 mo. salary	50 00
B. F. Jones, spl. officer	15 00
I. W. Ward, care water	60 00
R. W. Brees, fees	11 60

Permission was asked to move the old school building from its present site to a location on Fourth street. Referred to Streets and Public Improvement committee.

City Engineer Brewster called the attention of the council to the fact that no plats were filed with the county clerk regarding certain 10-foot strips on First street that had been vacated. The city attorney was instructed to look into the matter.

Mr. Hoover was granted permission to use the streets to move a small house on the north side.

Several ordinances were before the council but they were deferred for final action until next Tuesday evening.

Strayed

Blazed-face sorrel mare strayed from Fort Rock; branded Cross with rings on the four points; has lump on left jaw. Address J. E. Walsh, Fort Rock, Oregon. 8-3-imp

Poland-China Hogs

I have a choice lot of pure-blood pigs of both sexes for sale now at reasonable prices, some old enough for service now. 7-27 C. M. ELKINS, Prineville, Ore.

Baby Lost Near Alkali Butte

The people in the Alkali Butte country got quite a scare the first of the week. Mrs. Ben Hinderman left home Monday with a team and two-year-old child to haul water from a spring for household use. While at the spring the horses took fright and ran away. Mrs. Hinderman started after the horses calling to the little one to follow. Instead of doing so the tot started in the opposite direction and could not be found until the next day at noon. The whole neighborhood took part in the search and kept it up all night. The youngster had traveled three miles in the opposite direction. It had fallen over a ten-foot rimrock but received only a few scars from the experience. Clarence Ferguson ran across the little girl Tuesday noon not much the worse for the outing. It was not half so badly scared as its parents.

Teachers Receive Certificates

County Superintendent Ford has received from the State Superintendent of Education the certificates granted at the June examination. The following were given certificates:

One year—Ellen Brobst, Prineville; Minnie B. Taylor, Haycreek; Edna Pyatt, Bend; Vivian Allen, Suplee; Martha Burgess, Culver; Irene Barnes, Prineville; Dora Knox, Hood River; Clinton Colgrove, Mrs. Colgrove, Cline Falls; Myrtle Kinnear, Redmond; Angeline, Young, Florence Young, Bend.

Five-year certificates were granted to Helen Murray, Ashwood, and Lottie Montgomery, Prineville.

Miss Irene Barnes passed with the highest standing in the class.

Hunts Exhibits For Big Land Shows

Tillman Reuter was in Prineville the last of the week. Tillman is the exhibit collector for the Great Northern Railway and will look after exhibits from Central Oregon at the big land shows. He made several side trips from Prineville in D. P. Adamson's car, looking over the different valleys tributary to this place. From here he went to Powell Butte, Redmond, La Pine, Sisters, Laidlaw, Hillman, Opal City, Culver, etc. The object of the trip was to acquaint himself with the condition of crops so that he could report to the railroad officials about what to expect from this section in the way of samples. He is corresponding with the commercial clubs at Burns and Lakeview with the view of getting a line on crop conditions in Harney and Lake counties.

Mr. Reuter spent last Friday at the Prineville Commercial Club working over the samples collected by Jack Summers for the club.

Mr. Reuter requests our farmers and ranchers to save samples for exhibit purposes. The railroads are doing all in their power to build up this country but progress will be slow unless the people who live here do their part.

Lost

White English Setter dog, about 11 months old, goiter on left side of neck. Strayed or stolen from Bend about July 6th. Reward for return or information causing return. Communicate with Bend Bulletin, Bend, Ore. 7-27-2t

COUNTY FAIR OCTOBER 11 TO 14

Two Thousand Dollars In Purses

\$2500.00 CASH IN PREMIUMS

Fair Directors Getting Ready For a Big Display of County Products

Two-colored posters announce that the Central Oregon Fair will be held October 11 to 14. Unfortunately the place where the fair is to be held has been omitted. Prineville is, no doubt, the place but a stranger would have a hard time finding it out.

Two thousand dollars will be hung up in purses for the lovers of good horseflesh.

The premium list has been extended and over \$2500 will be offered in prizes. This is \$500 higher than ever before.

Baseball will occupy a prominent part as one of the chief attractions of the fair.

The racing program, which has been proposed under the direction of George Russell, is as follows:

Wednesday—Three-eighths mile dash, free for all, \$100. Trot or pace for Crook county horses, five to enter and three to start, best two heats in three, \$150. Quarter mile saddle horse race for horses that have not started for public money, \$75. Ladies' roadsters race, three to enter, two to start, entrance free, \$50.

Thursday—Indian race, \$25. Trot or pace for Crook county three-year-olds, best two in three, \$100. Half-mile dash free for all, \$100. Novelty race of one mile, one-fourth walk, one-fourth trot, and one-half run, \$25.

Friday—Bucking contest, \$50; 2:40-class trot or pace, free for all, best three in five, \$250. Running mile dash, free for all, \$250. Ladies' race, half-mile dash, entrance free, \$25.

Saturday—Squaw race, one-mile dash, entrance free, \$25. Free for all trot, heats three in five, \$500. Half-mile dash, handicap, free for all, \$200. Gentlemen's roadsters race, three to enter and two to start, owners to drive, \$50.

James J. Hill offers premiums for dry farm products in addition to a silver cup for the best individual exhibit.

A representative of the fair association is to be appointed for each precinct whose duty it will be to collect the precinct exhibit for his district. Save your samples. They will be needed more than ever this year.

Advertised Letters

List of letters remaining uncalled for in this office for the month ending July 31.

Mrs. Anna Muller (2)	F. Cross
J. Smith Tolladay	George Furness
Lonnie Garoutte	J. C. Goodkum
H. E. Butterfield	Frank Kelley
J. B. Kennedy	W. C. Litz
Commandore Morris	Joe Saunish
Tred H. Streeter	W. B. Marrison
Joe Maloney	

WILL LEDFORD, P. M.

For Rent

Very large, nicely furnished room, with use of bath. Inquire of Mrs. McMillan. 8-3-4t

Suit Case Lost

Friday, July 28, between Sisters and O'Neil, one suit case full of clothing, etc. Finder please send word to Nora Newbill, Grizzly, Ore. 8-3-2tp

Notice

Mrs. McFarland has closed her boarding house until October 1st, when she will be prepared to accommodate the public again. 8-3-2t