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LAND BOARD'S NEW PLAN

Water Users Will Get Representation.

COMMITTEE OF THREE MANAGE

Central Oregon Development Company Will Make Strong Objections.

That there will be objections from the Central Oregon Development Company to the Desert Land Board's plan to place control and management of the company under a committee of three, on the ground that it will interfere with development work on the project and jeopardize chances for finishing the rest of the project, now seems likely.

The company is expected to take the stand that the broad, liberal policy of letting it go ahead with its work and completing the entire system should be followed.

The company takes the attitude that one of the most important factors in the Carey act development is the factor of sales and that no project can live without it. It is declared that the project will live or die solely on this one factor. It is further asserted by representatives of the company that the plan to place the whole project in the hands of a committee of three and to stop all new work and consequently all new sales, will mean much harm to the future welfare of the segregation.

Representatives of the settlers and members of the board, however, say the company should complete its work up to date rather than attempt further development along new lines. They take the stand that at present the system of using money from sales to complete the work has been more or less of a failure because lands have been sold and the work not completed, while at the same time many lands on the project have been sold for which water is not available.

The board is also squarely up against the problem of making a new contract for itself in connection with taking over the Paisley project by the Northwest Townsite Company. Heretofore all the difficulties of the present board have arisen over contracts made by past boards, and the members have asserted that whenever a new contract comes up to them for signing, they will know that it is not full of holes before they sign it.

Now they have torn to pieces and relegated to the background a contract offered by the Northwest Townsite Company and have made three efforts to prepare a contract of their own without success. The last contract, prepared under direction of Claude C. McCulloch, State Senator from Baker, who has been here for the board during the consideration of the reclamation projects, was completed and submitted to the board members.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Governor Mann of Virginia refused to aid Henry Clay Beattie, the youthful wife murderer, and set Nov. 24 as the date on which he must be electrocuted. Henry Sienkiewicz, the noted author, was shot in the forehead while hunting pheasants in Russia. Nine of the indicted Chicago meat packers surrendered to the federal authorities and obtained writs of habeas corpus from Judge Christian G. Kohlsaat. The Italian troops at Tripoli were forced to entrench themselves in order to successfully withstand the attacks of the Arab tribesmen, who pressed them closely. Re-enforcements and ammunition were landed and preparations for a prolonged campaign started. The football teams of Yale and Princeton met at New Haven in their annual game. Arthur Howe captained the Elis, while Eddie Hart was the leader of the Tiger forces.

Semi-Annual Statement of the Treasurer of Crook County, Oregon, from April 1, 1911, to October 1, 1911.

Table with columns: Receipts (Balance, Clerks fees, Taxes, Fine & Mis., State, Transfer, Total) and Disbursements (Paid out, Bal. on H'd, Total). Rows list various funds like General Fund, School Fund, Road Fund, etc.

STATE OF OREGON, ss I, Ralph L. Jordan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct statement of the amounts received, paid out, and remaining on hand, in the County Treasury of said county, for the six months ending on the 1st day of October, A. D. 1911. Witness my hand this 1st day of October, 1911. RALPH L. JORDAN, County Treasurer Crook County.

Land Board and lets that board take such control or management out of the hands of the development company at any time that it sees fit and yet allows no writ of review of the board's action. He says that such a plan is satisfactory to the board, but it means that no set of sound-headed bus-

ness men would even attempt to finance such a scheme. "If you want to block the project entirely, you might as well block it right now and refuse to enter into any contract as to put up that one," said Mr. Kay. The contract will be forwarded, however, for consideration of

the company and further conferences are expected. Bazaar. A 35c chicken supper will be served by the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at their Bazaar in Odd Fellows' Hall, Dec. 8th. Crook County Journal, county official paper. \$1.50 a year.

Wanted to Buy. Span of mares from 1200 to 1600 lbs. Must be sound. Address this office, 11.30-21-pd. For Sale. White Leghorn cockerels, \$2.50 each. White Wyandott cockerels, \$3.00 each. S. L. VANDEVERT, Bend, Oregon. 11.30-1mp. Call for Packages. A couple of packages unclaimed at Stroud & Stroud's. Parties please call and get same. 11-30

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

Some History Gathered by Our Side-Kicker.

OBSERVED MANY YEARS AGO

Jews Quit Work to Make Merry Three Thousand Years Ago.

The Thanksgiving thought is not a new one nor is it peculiar to our own country. Three thousand years ago millions of people gathered in and around Jerusalem to observe the Jewish feast of the tabernacle. For eight days these people ceased their work to "eat, drink, and be merry."

We find also that the Greeks held the grandest feast of all the year in honor of Demeter, the goddess of the harvest. The Romans, who borrowed most of their customs from the Greeks, also held a grand celebration in honor of the same goddess, whose name they changed to Ceres. They went in long processions to the fields, where they engaged in rustic sports, and crowned all of their household gods with flowers. Both of these feasts were held in September.

The first Thanksgiving in our own country was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621 for the purpose of thanking Almighty God for their abundant harvest. During the Revolution the Continental Congress recommended days of Thanksgiving annually. The first National Thanksgiving was ordered by this same congress when in the fall of 1777 General Burgoyne surrendered to General Gates. Thursday, December 18, was designated, and, in compliance with this order, the army at Valley Forge duly observed the day.

Washington, as President of the United States, issued his first Thanksgiving Proclamation in the city of New York on October 3rd, 1789, setting apart Thursday, November 26th, for Thanksgiving.

Since 1863 the Presidents have always issued proclamations appointing the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, but it was not until 1865 that this day became in any sense a national one. In the New England States this day ranks as the great annual family festival, taking the place which in England is accorded to Christmas. While the early New Englanders introduced Thanksgiving Day into this country and while their descendants deserve admiration for their careful observance of the day, we all observe it as the one national festival which turns on house life. It is a day of nature, a day of Thanksgiving for the year's history. It is the one great festival of our American life that pivots on the household.

On this day the children, the grandchildren, the friends and the strangers gather about the hearthstones to enjoy the hospitality of other loved ones and are made a bit better, more thoughtful and thankful to the All Wise Father who has bestowed these blessings in abundance.

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