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Status of Irrigation Projects in Crook Co

Although the progress of the work has been disappointing, the members of the Desert Land Board believe that irrigation projects in Central Oregon under the Carey act have passed the experimental stage, and that most of them will be completed within a few years. The state is in active charge of one of the projects—Tumalo, or old Columbia Southern, and the promoters of the others are sanguine as to the outcome. Several of them, however, face difficulties, but they are pushing ahead.

At the last session of the legislature \$50,000 was appropriated for co-operation with the United States in making comprehensive plans for the development of all feasible irrigation projects, and particularly those in the Deschutes Basin. An equal amount has been contributed by the Department of the Interior and joint work is actively under way. Much information has been obtained, which will be compiled for submission to the next legislature. The last legislature also provided for submitting to a vote of the people in 1914 a constitutional amendment through which bonds may be issued for the construction of irrigation projects, and for the development of cut-over timber land.

Completed Project One

Governor West, who is a member of the Desert Land Board, made the following statement of conditions: "So far Oregon has but little to show in the way of results through the Carey act. The only completed project is a small one of about 1000 acres near Redmond, controlled by a few old settlers.

"The Columbia Southern project was a dismal failure, and has been taken over by the state. The Morson project on the Upper Deschutes, while having been under way for a number of years, has as yet no watered land.

"The Central Oregon Irrigation Company has the largest project in the state. The company has spent perhaps \$1,250,000, and has done much good work, but it will need to spend perhaps \$750,000 more to complete the desired units of its project. The project has passed the critical stage, and its completion, in my opinion, is an assured fact, if not by the company, then by the state.

"Other projects are in initial stages. Some of them undoubtedly will be carried through, but others will blow up. In my opinion the state should take over and complete all these projects in the same man-

ner it has taken over the old Columbia Southern, or Tumalo project. If no bad luck comes the latter project will be completed and the lands will be thrown open for settlement not later than next fall."

1800 Acres Are Sold

The Carey act provides for the reclamation of land owned by the Federal Government. Promoters of the state segregate the land, the work of irrigation is started, and, in some instances, the settlers pay the promoters on the installment plan. In other instances settlers are excluded until the work is finished. The work completed, the Federal Government deeds the land to the state, which in turn deeds it to the settlers at a price of \$1 an acre. The promoter holds a lien on the property until the settlers pay for the water rights, which approximate about \$40 an acre. In the case of the Tumalo project \$450,000 was appropriated by the state with which to do the work, the state expecting to get its money back with interest when the land and water rights are deeded to the settlers. The Tumalo project comprises 27,000 acres in Crook county.

Secretary Lane, of the Interior Department, has intimated that after the state has selected the lands to be irrigated with the \$450,000 appropriated for this work the Federal Government will give a like amount for the extension of the project. About 1800 acres in this tract were sold by the old company of 275 settlers, 35 of whom moved off the land when it was found that the water supply was sufficient for only about one-fourth of the land sold.

The Sisters Company Initiates.

The work was started in 1902 by the Three Sisters Ditch Company, which was soon succeeded by the Three Sisters Irrigation Company. That company in turn assigned to the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, and later the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company took over the project. That concern being unable to fulfill its contract, an unsuccessful suit was brought by the state to cancel the contract. Then an assignment was made to the Oregon-Washington & Idaho Finance Company, which being unsuccessful in financing the proposition, deeded all the rights back to the state. The bill appropriating \$450,000 for completing the enterprise was passed at the last session of the legislature. A reservoir site has been purchased by the state and preliminary work carried out on the dam site. A feed canal to conduct

water to the reservoir has been almost completed and the first unit of the distributing system planned. It is expected that construction work will be started within 30 days, or as soon as the people pledge their land as security for the money expended.

A project embracing 31,000 acres is that of the Deschutes Land Company. This work was started May 15, 1902, by the Oregon Development Company and at that time embraced 67,000 acres. According to last report 9.6 miles of canal had been completed, 1.3 miles of canal had been partly completed and the right-of-way for 17.2 miles had been cleared. One lateral, known as the Pratt lateral, has been improved sufficiently to supply water. The Desert Land Board has never authorized the sale of land in this project, but options redeemable in land have been sold. The company has a reservoir at Crescent Lake and the machinery is there ready to begin work next spring. It also has a right to use water from the East Fork of the Deschutes river. The land is in Crook and Klamath counties. J. E. Morson is at the head of the company and he is confident that he will complete the work.

Company Has Three Canals

The largest reclamation undertaking in the state is that of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company which is making substantial progress with the irrigating of 139,000 acres in Crook county. The tract is composed of several withdrawals, among them being one by the Pilot-Butte Development Company and another by the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company. Water is obtained from the Deschutes river and flows through the following canals:

Oregon Canal, diverting water south of Bend, thence flowing east towards Prineville, skirting Powell-Buttes Hills.

Pilot Butte Canal, same intake as other, flowing east of Bend, near towns of Deschutes, Redmond and Terrebonne.

North Canal, diverted by dam across Deschutes river below Bend, built only to intersection of Pilot-Butte Canal.

About 60,000 acres of this project have been sold and about 25,000 acres deeded to settlers. About 35,000 acres have been patented to the state and during 1912 about 16,000 acres were cultivated. The Central Oregon canal has been found to be of insufficient capacity to water all the land and the company is enlarging it. It has completed one-half mile of the work since October. With the enlargement of the canal, it is expected that all lands sold will be certified for patent to the state.

The Paisley project, in charge of the Portland Irrigation Company,

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City Council Meeting Wednesday Evening

The city council met in called session Wednesday evening. Present—Mayor Clifton, Councilmen Ward, Shipp, Cooper, Lafollette and Zevely; Recorder Bowman and Marshal Coon.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved. W. H. Wirtz addressed the council in behalf of the Prineville Band. He asked for an appropriation of \$25 a month for an instructor. After some discussion the council agreed to allow \$25 from month to month to terminate at its discretion. This places the matter squarely before the band boys. The council will help them if they show any willingness to help themselves. The boys have a first-class leader and if they show the interest they should they will be encouraged in every way.

Treasurer Gerardo extended an invitation to the mayor and council to attend a good roads meeting at the Club Hall this evening. Prineville is pledged to make good certain promises to Samuel Hill and the meeting tonight is called to take some definite action in the matter.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance increasing the amount of the bond of the city treasurer from \$2000 to \$8000.

The sawdust house back of the Brosius saloon was declared a nuisance and ordered torn down and removed.

It was moved and seconded that Councilman Ward confer with the city engineer and others to take any action necessary to change crosswalks so as to provide for drainage.

Councilman Shipp, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that he had examined the quarterly report of the city treasurer and found it correct.

The reports of the marshal, night-watch and recorder were accepted and placed on file.

The following bills were ordered paid:

C W Elkins, mdse	\$ 1 60
W H Wirtz, services	5 00
John Curtis, meals	50
A H Kennedy, printing	5 75
Journal printing and adv	28 75
R S Price, work	8 50
Wade Huston, salary Oct	75 00
Clinton Huston, work	6 25
Harry Hudson, work	6 25
Wade Huston, setting pipes at block corners	18 75
P. G. Glaze, special police	5 00
Widd Barnes " "	5 00
Deschutes Power Co, light water and lamps	154 25
A R Bowman, witness fees	3 00
" " recorder's fees	17 30
Ed Harbin repairing sprinkler	5 00
W F King Co, nails	25
T L Coon, taking up and keeping 38 dogs	38 00
T L Coon, salary Oct	75 00
P G Glaze, helping city engineer	56 25
H A Kelley, services city	187 50
Shipp & Perry, lumber	60 57
A R Bowman, special work	25 30

Very Light Vote Polled at Tuesday's Election

The election Tuesday was a very quiet one in Crook county. Not 50 per cent of the regular vote was cast. Returns received from the county precincts show that all the referendum measures carried with the possible exception of the sterilization act. The vote on it is close. The county good roads bonds went down to defeat. Metolius went wet by a vote of 18 to 12.

The election in Prineville did not awaken much interest. Only 233 votes were cast. Out of this number 75 were cast by women. Last year at the city election 376 votes were cast. The indifference of the registered vote this year is further shown by the fact that about half of the 233 ballots cast Tuesday 115 were sworn in.

The Prineville vote was as follows: University repairs, etc., yes, 149; no, 73.

University building, yes, 152; no, 73.

Sterilization Act, yes, 98; no, 126. County attorney act, yes, 184; no, 40.

Workmen's compensation act, yes, 170; no, 51.

Crook county bonding proposition, yes, 69; no, 154.

Salmon was voted dry. The Dalles went wet by a small majority.

The Columbia river bridge bonds carried by a 4 to 1 vote.

Outside of the state we noticed that John Purroy Mitchell, the fusion candidate for mayor of New York, was elected by 115,628 majority.

William Sulzer, the deposed governor of the state of New York, was elected assemblyman by an overwhelming majority.

The Tammany organization in New York was knocked to smithereens.

Wheeler County Boys Outclassed at Football

The superior speed and teamwork of the Crook County High School on Tuesday afternoon was too much for the high school boys of Wheeler county who went down to defeat with a score of 56 to 0.

The game started with a rush when the home team made a touchdown in the first minute of play. After the first score there never was any doubt about the outcome.

Quarterback Estes and the Crook County back field started a driving attack that tore the Fossil defense to shreds. Snappy forward passes and good open football completely puzzled the visitors and proved that the new game had been successfully adopted in Central Oregon.

Wiegand, Farnsworth, Lister, Roberts and Estes played brilliant offensive football and planted the oval behind the Fossil goal line seven times. Estes' kicking came fully up to what was expected of him. He kicked a pretty goal from the 35-yard line and otherwise acquitted himself creditably. Captain Claypool and Cantrill were towers of strength to the Crook County High line, holding the visitors to no gains and frequently

Deschutes Power Co, installing water meter, making tap for park, etc. 109 50

The recorder was instructed to have duplicate receipt books made for water rentals for 1913.

The city engineer was instructed to establish a uniform grade on Third street from Main east. Council adjourned.

throwing the man with the ball for a loss. Hodges played a great defensive game for the victors.

Five hundred people witnessed the game from the grandstand and the side lines of the Commercial Club grounds.

In the evening both teams enjoyed a reception at the high school. The assembly hall was beautifully decorated and a clever program made the evening as successful as the gridiron battle.

Lamonta Man Married

Charles Ridgeway of Lamonta was recently married to Miss Loree Santo of Pomeroy, Wash. In speaking of the wedding the Pomeroy Herald says:

"The bride was elegantly gowned in embroidered net over silk, and the couple stood under an arch of green foliage and pink chrysanthemums. The rooms were tastefully decorated with myrtle and roses. Mrs. E. R. Santo played the wedding march. A delicious wedding dinner was served by the Misses Lenore and Birdie Kuykendall. Only relatives and the immediate friends of the bride were present. Following the dinner the couple left for their home, a farm on Meadow Gulch, which the groom recently purchased of the bride's brother, Emil Santo. The groom comes from Culver, Ore., and is a young man of excellent traits of character. The happy couple are receiving merited congratulations and good wishes from many friends."

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