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Crook County Must Be Well Represented

Crook and Malheur counties will send big delegations to the Irrigation Congress in Portland next week for the express purpose of urging the passage of resolutions recommending special appropriations from the legislature, says the Oregonian.

Crook county wants enough money to complete the Central Oregon irrigation project near Bend and Malheur county wants enough to finish the Owyhee project near Ontario.

Efforts will be made to secure indorsements for both projects from the congress, but in view of the stand already taken by members of the legislature it is considered possible that one or the other will fail.

If the usual political maneuvering is resorted to, it is probable that the Malheur delegates and the Crook delegates will trade votes and combine their forces in the interests of both appropriations.

Many members of the legislature also are members of the irrigation congress and it is anticipated that the action of the congress will have a powerful influence on the legislature.

Now that Secretary Lane, of the Federal Interior Department, has

consented to recommend an appropriation of \$450,000 to match a similar amount already expended by the state on the Tumalo project in Crook county, the Crook county delegates want the Irrigation Congress to recommend to the Federal authorities where that expenditure is to be made. They have several worthy enterprises within their own borders that they will present for recognition.

Among them is the Agency Plains project, which provides for the reclamation of more than 25,000 acres of semi-arid land north of the Crooked river. A big delegation is coming to press the merits of that particular section.

Another section that wants recognition is Lower Bridge. This also is in Crook county and embraces approximately 20,000 acres. Its representatives will tell the Irrigation Congress why this particular project should be held up to the Federal authorities as the most deserving of \$450,000 that Secretary Lane wants to spend.

But the greatest effort on behalf of Crook county will be put forward by the delegation in the Redmond and Bend districts, who want relief for the settlers on the Cen-

tral Oregon Irrigation Company's land.

It appears that the company has not been able to complete the third unit of its enterprise, which was inaugurated under provisions of the Carey Act. About 400 miles of main canals and laterals already have been completed, but some of them need enlargement and improvement. It is reported that if all the land under these ditches were to be developed, the canals would not be large enough to carry all the water required.

The company has completed two units—one, the Central Oregon canal, extending from Bend to Redmond, and the other, the Pilot Butte canal, which circles around the mountain of similar name. About 40,000 acres of land have been reclaimed. Approximately 400 farms have taken up land in these two tracts.

The original plan of the company provided for a third unit, to be known as the North canal. The dam for this canal has been built near Bend at a cost of \$125,000. About 34,000 acres would be reclaimed. Now the company is unable to go ahead.

Moreover, the state engineer has refused to certify to the improvements already made by various farmers under the Pilot Butte canal and the Central Oregon canal, and they are unable to get patents for their land.

All these particulars will be laid before the irrigation congress with the idea of carrying them on up to the legislature. It is probable that

the congress will be asked to urge the legislature to make a direct appropriation for the relief of the settlers under the completed ditches and for the completion of the third unit of the project.

It is estimated that it will require about \$750,000 to do all this work. The Crook county folks plainly admit that they want to ask the legislature for the money—or for some of it, anyway.

"It's going to be a hard blow for me," sighed old Uncle Eke O'Nomical when he heard of these Crook county ambitions yesterday. "And right when all these boys who are going up to the legislature had arranged to save so much money."

But that is not all. The Malheur county people want some financial assistance for the Owyhee canal that was started a few years ago and only partially completed. This contemplates the reclamation of more than 10,000 acres of arid land in the vicinity of Ontario.

Crook county will have a delegation of at least 125 irrigationists and Malheur county may have half that many.

Inasmuch as the legislature convenes at Salem on the Monday following the adjournment of the irrigation meeting, there is much political significance in the plans of the irrigationists. It is certain that many of the irrigation delegates will go right up to Salem and lobby in the interest of their respective districts before the legislature.

Prineville Delegation.

The following delegates will attend the irrigation congress in

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A Mighty Good Santa Claus for Crook County

Thomas W. Lawson, who is now at the McCall ranch, has given his children a Christmas present that is in reality a present to Oregon and the entire northwest, says the Portland Journal.

After traveling all over the world many times, he picked out Central Oregon as the ideal location for a home. He has given his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McCall, as a Christmas present this year a foundation herd of 100 of the choicest white faced two year old Hereford heifers to calve in the spring. They have been bred to the best bulls. He also gave them two choice bulls to head the herd.

To his youngest daughter, Miss Bunny Lawson, he is giving a Crook county ranch, for which he has just paid \$30,000.

To his youngest son, Douglas, for whom he recently purchased a ranch in Crook county, he is giving 20 of the finest young Percheron brood mares bred to noted stallions. The mares cost from \$750 to \$1000 each. He is also giving his son, Douglas, 20 registered jennets, for which he paid \$250 each, and a champion jack, "King Boy," for which he paid \$2000. In addition to this he is giving Douglas his

favorite trotting stallion, "Dreamwold Dugald," which was bred by Mr. Lawson at Dreamwold, Mass., and which is a son of his famous stallion, "Proem," which was also bred by Mr. Lawson and which he sold in Austria for \$12,500.

"Proem" is the son of "Prodigal," raised by Marcus Daly, and whose mother, "Emily," was a champion on the track with a record of 2:11. "Emily" heads Mr. Lawson's brood mare band at Dreamwold. "Proem's" dam is the famous daughter of "King," also at Dreamwold, and whose sire, "Mambrino King," was said to be the best trotting stallion in the world in his prime. "Proem," who is only five years old, is expected by those in the know of the racing world to get close to the world's record. Ed Geers, the well known developer of famous race horses, drove him as a 3 year old in 2:14, the last half in 1:04 and the last quarter in 31 seconds. Those who have seen "Proem" consider him one of the most beautiful stallions on the track today. The animals, upon arrival in Redmond, created a sensation, as they are the finest individual specimens that have ever come into Central Oregon.

At Mr. Lawson's Dreamwold

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