

OREGON MUST STIR

May Lose Government Interest in Irrigation.

COMPLAINT OF STATE APATHY

Surprising Information Congressman-Elect Williamson Had to Face at Irrigation Congress—State Entitled to Millions.

Congressman-elect Williamson has returned from Colorado Springs, where he attended the Irrigation Congress. He went there to learn about irrigation matters. And he learned something that was not flattering to himself nor creditable to the state.

"I learned from the irrigation experts, both in and out of the Government service," said he, "that Oregon is clear down to the foot of the irrigation class. Of course that did not please me, and I did not accept such statements without evidence. But I was forced to recognize the truth. The other states having arid lands are clamoring for the Government to take hold of the reclamation projects under the new law, but I am told that Oregon is rather pushing the Government away. The authorities say nobody in Oregon makes any interest in reclaiming arid land, nobody makes suggestions as to where irrigation would be desirable, nobody tries to point out a way for the Government to help the arid districts of the state. There is no local organization to take hold of the matter. Officers come out to look into local conditions and learn the local desires, and can hardly find anybody willing to talk about the subject, much less give encouragement and support. Indeed, Oregon is regarded as almost hopelessly apathetic. And this in the face of the fact that Oregon has contributed nearly one-eighth of the money now available for irrigation works in 45 states. Nearly \$1,000,000 was paid by Oregon, more than by any other state, and yet Oregon seems content to sit with folded hands and see the reclamation enterprises go elsewhere.

"I was somewhat taken aback by the statement of facts I was confronted with, but I had to look them in the face. Then I resolved to take an interest myself in reclaiming arid Oregon, and I mean to do all that I can to the end that the state shall get its due in irrigation matters. It is not surprising, perhaps, that humid Oregon should not take much interest in irrigation, but it is surprising in mind that Portland has a large and important trade field in the arid region, which can be vastly developed by irrigation. There is the Deschutes Valley, for example, that is almost entirely tributary to it and it has one of the finest irrigation prospects in the United States. The Silver River country, in Harney County, is another similar tract. In these regions operations have been begun under the Carey act, but only a small fraction of the land has been applied for under those enterprises. Other districts hold great inducements for irrigation improvements. Now, we must do something to draw attention to these matters and get the Government aid we are justly entitled to.

"The question as to how much Oregon was entitled to in the distribution of the irrigation fund came up when we were at Colorado Springs, and I telegraphed Commissioner Hermann, of the General Land Office, to ascertain the facts. He answered:

Oregon contributed \$564,688, net, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921; for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1922, approximately \$546,025, net. Total net for two years contributed by Oregon, \$1,110,713.

"The entire fund is about \$5,000,000. I feel the need of getting at work immediately to use the irrigation privileges that lie open to us. Frank McCully tells me of an excellent opportunity in Walla Walla County, and I am going up there this week to see what can be done toward making such representation as will get the Government authorities to take up that project. I am also interested in investing in building a dam at the mouth of Wallawa Lake will make that body of water a reservoir that will abundantly supply many thousands of acres of the valley below. This dam is a very good place to put part of the irrigation fund Oregon is entitled to."

Mr. Williamson has been thoroughly awakened to the importance of irrigation for Oregon. His own practical experience in the semi-arid country brings home to him the force of the statements of the men who have made a study of the matter in its scientific and practical aspects. He believes that attention will be made of Eastern Oregon, and he is anxious that the state should invite rather than repel the Government's aid.

PAVILION DOES NOT SUIT

Board of Works Rejects Public Market Scheme.

The Board of Public Works held two meetings yesterday afternoon, one in conjunction with the Board of Health to hear the report of a committee appointed to examine the Mechanics' Pavilion as to the feasibility of its conversion into a public market. Owing to the presence of many members of the Board of Health at the street committee meeting, only Matthew Foeller and B. P. Cardwell represented that body. After the joint meeting, at which the committee adopted an unfavorable report on the pavilion question, the board convened in its regular session. A. K. Bentley, A. I. Fiegel and B. P. Cardwell, the committee appointed to inspect the pavilion, reported that the condition of the building was in such poor shape that it would cost more to alter and repair the old structure than its future value as a market would warrant. Mr. Bentley estimated that \$700 or \$800 would be required on the building alone. The committee recommended that the board advertise for bids to tear down the pavilion, and also for bids for a cement sidewalk to surround the entire block. This report occasioned much discussion. Mr. Cogswell thought that the site of the Mechanics' Pavilion was a poor location for a public market.

"Look at the vegetable wagons around the park blocks every morning, if you do not think that there would be business there," said Richard Williams. Mr. Cogswell raised the objection that it was too distant from the car lines, but Mr. Williams answered that people no longer went marketing with a basket, but sent their orders by telephone. Previous to this Mr. Williams had said that he thought the pavilion could be rented in the present state for \$100 or more per month. The opinion generally held by the members was, however, that it would cost more to repair the old building than to put up a new one of the necessary size and the report of the committee was laid upon the table.

Owing to the absence of Chairman A. L. Mills, William MacMaster continued as chairman of the regular session. The auditor was instructed to advertise for bids for improvement work on Vancouver avenue. All the bids received for asthore avenue improvements were

SOUTH PORTLAND ANGRY

BAD CONDITION OF BRIDGES STIRS UP PEOPLE.

Council Asked to Have Them Repaired—Hot Debate on Extension of Car Line.

Feeling ran high at the meeting of the South Portland Improvement Association last night. It was held that the Common Council had neglected the citizens of the southern part of the city, and resolutions were passed calling its attention to this fact. The meeting expressed itself in favor of granting a franchise to the Portland Railway Company that would enable it to build a streetcar line to South Portland. There was much difference of opinion, both as to the advisability of granting this franchise and as to the responsibility of the city officials in regard to the fatal accident that occurred on the Corbett street bridge a short time ago. In regard to the railway company, some held that the company should be made to pay liberally for the franchise, while others held that the greatest advantage was to be reaped by the citizens of South Portland, and that it was policy to offer the company all possible encouragement, while it was in the mood to build. The most lively discussion was in regard to the responsibility of the city officials for the bridge accident, and the speakers held the Mayor, City Engineer and Common Council to blame in all degrees, even to criminal negligence in neglecting to have finally disposed of by instructing the secretary to address a communication to the Council, demanding an immediate repair of the First-street bridge and calling the attention of the officials to the deplorable condition of bridges in the community and referring to the fatal accident on Corbett street as an example of the danger to which citizens are exposed.

The meeting was called to order by President Judge John P. Caples, with Ed Werlein as secretary. The general business of the meeting was informally discussed and an outline of the evening's work presented. Dr. W. H. Saylor spoke for the condition of bridges in the community and urged the advisability of getting the Portland Railway Company to extend its lines into South Portland. The discussion began to wax warm when Judge Caples called on one of the speakers to the chair and took the floor himself.

"I have traveled over a large part of the world," said he, "and I have seen some of the grandest views in the world, and there are none that exceed the picturesque beauty of South Portland. Yet we do nothing toward attracting attention to our advantages and making our homes more beautiful. I am suspicious that we are not being treated fairly. Other parts of the city have organizations that are doing active work, while we only talk and pass resolutions. Our bridges are either barricaded or are in such condition that our lives are in danger when we cross them. We do not know when they start our children to school but that they will fall through some flimsy bridge and be killed. Other organizations in other parts of the city make it their duty to get a concession from the Council, and by gracious they get it. I believe that if the citizens of East Portland would make up their minds to have another bridge across the Willamette river, they would get it through, yet we cannot get the Council to repair our bridges so that we can go to the business part of the city in safety. The condition here should put both the Council and the citizens to shame. I have a house near the end of one of those broken-down bridges," continued the Judge. "The street is in such a condition that a wild bull could scarcely make his way across it, yet the other day I received notice that I would have to put down an asphalt pavement in front of my property. I have let the contract, but if the house falls over on the walk, I am going to make the contractor pay damages."

After the Judge had again taken the chair, the business of the meeting was called for. The first motion was that it be the sense of the meeting that the Council should grant a franchise to the Portland Railway Company, allowing it to build into South Portland. J. W. Sherwood and others took issue with this.

"The new charter makes special provisions for granting franchises," said the Judge, "and if we let the company come in now we will give it advantages which in a very short time it would have to pay the city for."

"Yes," argued the champions of the motion, "but the money will go to the city, and the Council will forget all of the advantages that ought to go to South Portland. We will have to look out for ourselves a little. If we wait until the new charter is passed, the restrictions may be such that the company will not want to come, and we will lose the railway altogether. The company is in a hurry to get in now before the new charter is passed, and now is the time to let it come."

"If we make a concession like that," said the opponents, "it means that we give a corporation a right to do as it pleases with us as long as it holds the franchise. We should look into the situation thoroughly and see what concessions we are to ask in return. We will be in a position to ask anything after it has been granted."

A vote was taken and the motion carried. The members were well worked up by this time, and the advocates of the men who called for a division. "I want the men that oppose this to go on record," said one, whereupon his opponent sprang to the floor.

"I want to go on record," said he. "We want to be recorded as standing for the welfare of South Portland, and not as laying down and calling. Here we are, run over us. We will give you what you ask if you will only come." and again the discussion waxed warm until the speakers were exhausted.

WILL NOT RELAX EFFORT

Union Committee Believes Coal Miners Still Need Relief.

Something of a damper was thrown on the efforts of the coal miners' relief committee yesterday by the report of the prospective settlement of the strike. But few of the men who were canvassing reported, but those who did state that they met with many who were not willing to give in case the strike was to be settled soon. The union men declare that they will not lessen their efforts, and that they will send as much as they intended from their organizations. They expect, however, that the prospect of an early settlement will make a great difference in the number of subscriptions received from those outside the unions. When asked in regard to the benefit that he had planned, George Baker said:

"I will make no difference with my plans. I know from the reports that the miners are in need, and if they were to go to work tomorrow, they would still be as hard up as ever. They would not get immediate relief out of the work. Think," he continued, "of those men who have large families, and have been working for less than \$1 a day, and now have been out of even that for so long a time. What a condition they must be in. I will make the offer good, and my only hope is that the prospective settlement will not have any influence upon the number of tickets sold. I want the donation to be as large as possible."

The union men held about the same position as Mr. Baker, and say that they will not change their plans in regard to the donations that they will make. "If the strike is settled, however," they say, "we may not ask any more from the outsiders. We may be content with donations from those that want to help without being asked, and from the unions."

NO LOG-ROLLING FOR FAIR

Senator Williamson Goes on Record Against Hold-Up.

"I have heard intimations that Eastern Oregon would hold up the Legislature for a lot of special favors before letting the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Fair go through," said Senator Williamson, of Crook County, last night. "Now, I wish to say that I know of no such disposition on the part of Eastern Oregon, and wish to go on record as being emphatically opposed to it. I want the Lewis and Clark appropriation to stand squarely on its merits, and I, for one, will not consent to yoking it up with extraneous matters. There should be a liberal appropriation for the Exposition, and I do not believe the other parts of the state will regard it as a local matter to be bought with log-rolling."

He also has been in an attempt would be made to subject the Lewis and Clark appropriation to trading for votes for United States Senator; that outside candidates might demand support from the national delegation in return for votes for the Fair appropriation. If I should do all I could against any candidate adopting these methods, I would not believe in log-rolling practices, anyway. Whatever matters I shall have to present to the Legislature, I shall put upon their merits and expect them to be treated accordingly. I hope there will be nothing to mix up with the Lewis and Clark appropriation, and that it will be dealt with squarely and above board. At any rate, I give notice now that I will not be a party to any act that will put that appropriation on a plane of anything but local project. You cannot make this too emphatic."

BARGAINS THURSDAY.

On Thursday only of this week we are going to present every person who buys a pair of ladies' or misses' shoes in our store with a 25c bottle of Whittmore's "Gilt Edge" shoe polish. Stockings given free with all shoe sales, same as usual. We think we have the best values in the city, and want the public to know it. M. Billings, 229 Morrison, between First and Second.

Dysentery Cured Without the Aid of a Doctor.

"I am just up from a hard spell of the flu," (syntus), says Mr. T. A. Finer, a well-known merchant of Drummound, Tenn. "I used one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and was cured without having a doctor. I consider it the best cholera medicine in the world, and I would not hesitate to recommend a doctor when this remedy is used, for no doctor can prescribe a better medicine for cholera, and it is a safe and pleasant to take. For sale by all druggists."

To Select Port Hall School Site.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 14.—The Oregon Construction John Charles has been ordered to Port Hall, Idaho, to make final selection of a site for the new Port Hall school, for which \$75,000 was appropriated last session.

PYTHIANS ELECT OFFICERS

Grand Lodge, Uniform Rank and Rathbone Sisters Meet. Yesterday was election day for the Knights of Pythias. The grand lodge met in the morning and elected the following officers: James W. Maloney, of Pendleton, grand chancellor; Emil Waldman, of Portland, grand vice-chancellor; L. L. Carl, of Albany, grand prelate; L. L. Stinson, of Salem, grand keeper of records and seal; E. M. Sargent, of Portland, grand master of the exchequer; Marion F. Davis, of Union, grand master of arms; J. M. Wall, of Hillsboro, grand inner guard; G. C. Moser, of Portland, grand outer guard; J. H. Attkin, of Huntington, grand trustee.

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Have you ever bought shoes from us?—If not, you don't know what satisfactory shoes are—Satisfactory in wear, satisfactory in service, correct in style are points entailed in every pair of ladies' shoes in this collection—For 20 years we've been selling J. & T. Cousins' shoes without finding fault—They have kept pace with the times in style and are always far in the lead in quality—The Fall variety include styles for all occasions, and with every pair goes the manufacturer's guarantee as well as our own for complete satisfaction in every respect.

\$3.50 and \$4.00 pair Sole Portland agents for French, Shriner & Urner shoes for men—All leather—Best style—\$5 and \$6 pair.

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The proper corset for women who desire style and grace combined with comfort—A French corset for American women specially modeled for the American figure—The "La Grecque" is a sensible corset—Does not interfere with the breathing or digestion or ease of movement—Models for every figure, and an expert fitter to attend you—(2d floor).

\$2.25 to \$15.00

Silk and Velvet Shirtwaist Suits



Ideal garments for Winter wear—Besides being stylish you get a waist and a skirt for practically the same money either one would cost separately—Made and trimmed in the newest fashion—You'll find these "Du Barry" shirtwaist suits in silk and velvet to be the most serviceable and satisfactory dress in your wardrobe—For street, dress or theater wear—Have stylish and rich appearance, and very moderately priced at \$18, \$20, \$22 and \$25.

We would like to show them to you—(Second floor).

Lamps

Our stock of lamps is by far the largest and most complete that it was possible to gather—From the smallest night lamp, at 10c, to the most elaborate parlor lamp, at \$50.00. You'll find styles and prices to just meet the taste of every individual want—(Basement).

Clothing

We're selling more Men's Clothing today than for years past—It's been a hard pull to get the average man to come here for clothes—Seems to have run against the grain—You come here for hats, for shoes, for furnishings; why not for suits and overcoats? Getting mixed up with throngs of women shoppers seems to have been the obstacle to men who didn't know how easy of access our men's clothing is—Elevator one flight, turn to your right and you immediately land in the clothing store, and feel at home—These values may encourage a few men to take a chance—An opportunity for saving usually tempts most anyone.

\$15.00 Suits for \$11.58 \$22.50 Suits for \$17.85 \$16.50 Overcoats \$13.35 Special Suits at \$7.15 \$2.50 cassimere Trousers \$1.85 Men's Raincoats all prices. Men's fancy Vests and plain white dress Vests. Men's Smoking Jackets and Bathrobes. Barbers' and Barkeepers' Coats. You'll make a great saving on every purchase in our men's store—(Second floor).

Garments

For Misses and Children

We haven't said much about jackets and suits for young misses—We have not felt warranted in saying anything because it has been almost impossible to serve non-almost demands from day to day—Then it's been difficult to get garments as well—But now we have more than caught up with our orders and can supply almost every need—This children's garment department is the largest and best in town—(Second floor).

Millinery

\$4.98, \$5.98 Hats



We can't talk too much about our showing of \$4.98 and \$5.98 dress shapes—The styles are so elegant, the trimmings and qualities so durable that it's hard to find any difference between the \$7.50 to \$10 line and our \$4.98 and \$5.98 styles—Attractive shapes trimmed with very latest trimmings and shades—Fashions that immediately find favor with everyone in search of popular-priced headgear—(Second floor).

Basement

Bargains for the economical housewife. Decorated Lamps, globe, and base to match \$2.67 Nickel Lamp with white dome shade \$1.29 5-inch and 6-inch fancy glazed Jardinieres at 19c, 38c \$7.50 Nickel Chafin Dish, great value, at \$5.89 Special values in 60-piece and 100 piece Dinner Sets. Chamber Sets at low prices. New Cut Glass just received—Very large variety. New Silverware ready. Of every description at the very lowest prices—Our \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 kitchen outfits always please those contemplating going housekeeping—They include every kitchen necessity.

Flannels



Have you bought your share of the waist flannel bargains? Hundreds are buying every day—The more they buy the greater becomes the enthusiasm—Here it is early in October and you've a chance to buy new, desirable waisting flannels in an immense variety of patterns and colorings at a ridiculously low price—How we can do it or how we did it in this particular case won't interest you—All that's necessary—50c and 60c values

39c yard

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A warm, comfortable and healthy underwear for boys and girls from 1 to 14 years of age—It's best because knitted—Gives with every movement of the body—Strongly taped, and the buttons can't come off—Millions of children are wearing them—Yours should.

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To your order is done here in a manner that cannot fail to please the most critical—A variety of mouldings, all new, so large that you can't possibly go wrong in coming here—Two expert framers and two assistants to do the work properly and execute orders promptly—Prices the very lowest—(2d floor).

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