

WATERING OF CROOK

Company Shows Land Board It Has the Money.

READY TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

Action Is Delayed Until Maps Showing All Contemplated Canals Are Ready for Inspection—Ohio Capitalists.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—That there is capital enough behind the Oregon Irrigation Company to carry out its projects was proven to the satisfaction of the State Land Board today, and the board indicated its intention to let the company proceed under modified plans for the reclamation of 50,000 acres of land in Crook County.

The Oregon Irrigation Company has not been making any progress with its reclamation work, and in pursuance of its policy not to let any company retain arid land without constructing canals and ditches for irrigation, the board called upon C. C. Hutchinson, of that company, to show that his concern is able to go ahead with the work. In response to that demand Mr. Hutchinson came before the board and set forth that his work has been delayed by the necessity of making changes in his plans, but that he has interested men in the enterprise who have money with which to carry on the construction work.

There also appeared before the board Messrs. W. E. Guerin, of New York, and H. M. Turney, of Columbus, O., who, with three other capitalists, have acquired a controlling interest in the Oregon Irrigation Company. The names of the stockholders had previously been submitted to the board, and an investigation had been made. Reliable banks in the East have given satisfactory evidence, showing that the men are abundantly able to carry out the contract for the reclamation of the land. Governor Herrick, of Ohio, sent a letter recommending the men as entirely reliable.

The irrigation company was before the board asking for the approval of amended plans.

"What we want to know is whether you are going ahead with the work," said State Treasurer Moore. "We want this land reclaimed and want settlers on it. What will you do to let us approve the amended application?"

"We will begin work immediately," was the assurance given.

"What about disposing of the land?" inquired Secretary of State Dunbar. "Do you intend to locate settlers first and build the canals afterward, or build the canals first and then get settlers? We don't like to see these projects handled in a speculative way."

"We propose to put the land under irrigation just as fast as it can be settled. There is no need of building canals for a large area not needed by settlers. We will always keep 10,000 acres ahead of settlement, so there will be land enough for homesteaders to select from," answered the board.

"When this matter was submitted to us we employed one of the best engineers we could find, and had him examine the land. We have been over it ourselves, and have discussed the enterprise in all its phases. We are convinced that the land can be reclaimed according to the plans that we have submitted, and we will go to work within a week after the papers are completed."

"All we ask is that we have assurance that the land will be reclaimed without unreasonable delay," added the Governor. "We won't permit any one to hold up the state by means of a contract for reclaiming land, and if a man has a contract and wants to go ahead, we will help him."

The members of the board and the representatives of the Oregon Irrigation Company talked straight to the point, and there seemed to be an understanding on both sides of the company's project, which will be pushed forward in the near future. As the plans submitted do not show the location of one of the newly surveyed canals, the board would take no final action, but deferred the matter for a few days. A special meeting will be held whenever the irrigation company is ready with its perfected maps.

The capitalists backing the Oregon Irrigation Company are: H. M. Turney and J. O. Johnston, of Columbus, O.; W. E. Guerin, of New York, and Major R. H. Elliott, of Birmingham, Cal. W. A. Mumby, of Portland, appeared as their attorney.

GRANT COUNTY SEAT CONTEST

Canyon City Makes a Strong Bid for a Change.

JOHN DAY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—Interest in the county seat contest now being carried on between Canyon City, the present county capital, and Prineville, which is trying to secure the location, is growing tense. The residents of the latter place have taken up subscriptions for building a new Courthouse, and removing the offices to Canyon City, and are confident they have secured ample funds to erect a new Courthouse exactly similar to the county building in Wheeler County.

Hon. G. W. McHale and J. J. Conant are circulating a petition in the northern and western portions of the county. A photograph of the building they propose to erect free of cost to the county in case the removal is voted at next general election in June is to be displayed whenever the petition is presented to the voters for signatures, and is said to be very effective in securing support.

The petitioners circulating the petition also state that further subscriptions are being made by the friends of the proposed change, which sum will be used in building and improving roads leading into Canyon City. They are said to have promised something in the way of reciprocal support to voters in Northern Grant and desire to be cut off from this county and transferred to Morrow, or other "sheep" county.

To counteract all this the Canyon City people have dispatched their most effective men into this seceding territory with remonstrances against the relocation of the county seat. These opponents often canvass the same part of the county at the same time as the peddlers of the petition, and secure many names on the remonstrance that are ready on the petition. In the valley below John Day it is not thought a dozen voters signed the petition, while as many as 70 names were secured on the remonstrance in a single precinct.

The parts of the county that have so far taken no decided stand are John Day and the Granite section. The action of those two places will determine whether the petition will succeed or fail.

WANT TO JOIN BAKER COUNTY

Citizens of Northeastern Grant Are Too Far From County Seat.

BAKER CITY, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—There is a movement on foot to annex a portion of Grant County to Baker County. The proposition comes from the people residing in the northeastern part of Grant County, who have more or less business to transact at the county seat. They are so far removed from Canyon City that they cannot reach that place in less than two days by traveling over a mean mountain road, which at times during the winter months is not to be passed.

Most of the trade of the people in this part of Grant County is with Sumpter and Baker City, and at all times of the year they can reach this city in less than a day over the Sumpter Valley Railroad.

So far as known the officials of Baker County have not taken any steps to bring about the annexation of this territory, but it is very probable that they will not discourage the efforts of the people to secure the passage of a law by the Legislature annexing a part of Grant County to Baker County.

Four years ago the Legislature annexed a portion of Union County to Baker County. The people of Union County fought hard to prevent the passage of the bill, but the Baker County people managed to get the bill through despite all opposition. The constitutionality of the act was challenged by Union County and the case was carried up to the Supreme Court before the matter was finally settled.

It cost Baker County over \$50,000 to get possession of the panhandle, as the new territory was designated, and while it is worth the money it is very doubtful if the county would care to make a contest to secure a portion of Grant County. If there is any objection to the annexation of a part of Grant County people and the Legislature sees fit to annex the new territory, the newcomers will be made welcome.

PRUNES IN SMALL DOSES

NEW PLAN TO WORK OFF OREGON PRODUCT.

Fruit May Be Packed in Paper Cartons for Family Use If Carload Sales Cannot Be Made.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 9.—(Special).—The prune market at Salem seems to be exceedingly dull, with no appearance yet of the activity which was expected to come after the holidays. The Williamson Valley Prune Association is making very few sales and outsiders are offering only a 14-cent basis, at which figure a few sales are made by growers who think it best to take the price than to wait. The sales committee of the association held a meeting last Saturday and, after discussing the situation, could not advise any change in

EXPERT BASKET-BALL PLAYERS



MONMOUTH NORMAL SCHOOL TEAM. The team in the above picture has an unbroken record for the past three years. The members of the team are: Back row—Left, Miss Dooley; center, Miss Foster; right, Miss Hammon. Second row—Left, Miss Baird; right, Miss Leader. First row—Left, Miss Reece, captain; Mr. Forbes, physical trainer; right, M. Leader.

the waiting policy. In order to get an expression of the views of growers generally, a stockholders' meeting has been called for 1:30 P. M. Saturday, February 13. The meeting will be held in the association office in this city.

The association has been making strenuous efforts to move its holdings of cured prunes, and new plans are already being carried into operation. The association has employed N. J. Damon, of this city, formerly a retail merchant, to go into Middle Western cities and arrange a house-to-house canvass for the sale of fruit in 25-pound boxes. This is an entirely new venture in the marketing of a great fruit crop.

The plan is not for Mr. Damon to conduct the canvass personally, but he will employ agents who will carry samples of the fruit and take orders, which will be filled later. The price fixed is 10 cents per pound, delivered, making the cost of a box of prunes \$2.50. The plan includes the payment of 50 cents per box to the agents. Mr. Damon is already in the East and is supposed to be working out a report of results have been received. If the plan will work out, it will give the growers a fair profit on their fruit, but there are prominent growers who have little hope for the success of the venture.

Whether city people, who are in the habit of buying provisions on the installment plan, can be induced to buy \$2.50 boxes from sample, is doubtful. There is a probability, also, that when the growers begin to cut into the market of retail dealers, the merchants will take some measures to protect their business.

Believing that a 25-pound box, selling for \$2.50, is too large to handle readily, the association is planning to procure pasteboard boxes holding from 3 1/2 to 10 pounds, to be used in putting prunes upon the market in popular-sized packages. Manager H. G. Gile, of the association, has gone to

San Francisco to see what can be had in the way of paper cartons suitable for the purpose mentioned. If his investigation leads to the belief that the plan is practicable, the association will put up prunes in 35-cent and 50-cent packages, and put them on the market. The packages will bear an attractive association label, with printed directions for cooking, etc.

It is expected that reports will be received from Mr. Damon before the stockholders' meeting next Saturday, and that Mr. Gile will be back from San Francisco with full information regarding the carton project. Mr. Gile will also investigate the prune situation in California and give the growers the result of his observations.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

In Store for Those Who Doubt.

When you read that a sufferer of many years' standing has been completely restored to health by using Smith's Cure, you are inclined to doubt the statement, and in fact have no belief in it whatever. The reason for this is that so much is claimed for the Cure—all it is impossible for any one to believe it; if the advertiser confined his claims to the curing of one disease, as do the proprietors of Pyramid Pile Cure, readers would have more faith in published testimonials. Those familiar with this great remedy know that testimonials as to its merit may be relied upon implicitly, also that the cures brought about by its use are little short of marvelous. The genuineness of the testimonials here given is vouched for and is but one of thousands received.

"I wish to write you and tell you what your Pyramid Pile Cure has done for me. I have been troubled with piles for the past five years, and used every remedy that was recommended to me. While some would give me relief for a while they never cured. I was so bad this Summer I could not get up or down without pain; could not attend to my household duties. Finally I got a 50-cent box of your Pyramid Pile Cure at the drugstore, and it is now two months since I used the last of the box, and have had no trouble since. I can say it is really and truly a good remedy."

"I am so thankful I tried it as I know it cured me, and if at any time I should have any such trouble again I would use it at once. Since I am cured I have recommended it to my friends, whom I know to be afflicted as I was, and I know they will use it too. I am so thankful I ever learned of your cure." Mrs. F. Huitt, 430 2d street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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This is not a sudden decision on the part of Haines & Sons. They have studied over this matter for years, and two or three times been almost at the point of making the change. The past season, however, the shipping facilities have been such that they felt unwilling to endure the conditions longer. For instance, they have been getting back from hemlock forests in the Cascades along the line of the Corvallis & Eastern Oregon Railway.

Eugene it was almost impossible to get cars for shipment and the tannery was unable to get bark for its business. At the same time it was quite as impossible to get cars when required for shipment of leather, most of the product of the tannery going to San Francisco markets.

These conditions are deeply regretted by the business public in general, and an effort will be made to bring about arrangements between the railroad company and Haines & Sons so that the latter may be induced to reconsider their decision, although there seems at present little prospect of success.

Japanese Expect to Be Called Home. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—The Japanese of San Francisco, who are members of the reserves, are busily making preparations to return to their native country and take up arms in her defense. H. Yoshio, Secretary to the Japanese Consulate, said today that it is probable that all members of the reserves will receive their home orders in a few days. These orders to not come when they are called, but directly to each individual.

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WILLIAMS' GOODS WERE BEING PACKED AT BELLINGHAM.

Alleged Murderer of Women at The Dalles May Make a Fight Against Extradition.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 9.—Norman Williams, the man under arrest here for the murder of Miss Nesbitt and her mother near The Dalles, Or., several years ago, and under indictment in Portland, Or., for complicity in the United States land frauds in that state, still refuses to make any statement for publication. Yesterday he signed an agreement to return to Oregon without extradition papers, but today it is reported that he will refuse to carry out the promises he made in the past.

When asked if he had ever served a term in the Iowa Penitentiary for criminal assault or had had two wives die of poisoning, or had three living wives, as reported, he refused to either affirm or deny the stories, though visibly affected by the news that they were current.

One of the physicians who examined the stomach of his late wife after her death stated this morning that she died of strychnine poisoning, either administered to her, or taken with suicidal intent, the latter theory obtaining with him. No trace was ever discovered of the bottle from which it came. Her life was insured in her husband's favor in a fraternal order, but the amount is not ascertainable.

A good deal of interest attaches to a mysterious woman who is interesting herself in Williams' behalf. When Williams was arrested late Sunday night the woman was at his home packing his effects. He said that he was preparing to break housekeeping and commence boarding, as he had no home since his wife's death. Mrs. Nesbitt, however, is probable that they intercepted him on the eve of flight.

Decided Into Bogus Marriage. THE DALLAS, Or., Feb. 9.—It develops upon examination of the court records that Norman Williams secured a divorce from Katie B. Williams in the District Court November 12, 1900, on grounds of alienated affections and desertion. His wife's answer through lawyers at Ontario, Malheur County, alleges she had discovered herself deceived by Williams into a bogus marriage at Omaha, Neb., December 24, 1898; that the supposed clergyman brought by Williams to perform the ceremony proved to be a faker, and that no record of marriage existed in the county records.

Upon learning of these facts Mrs. Williams left Williams, joining her brother at Ontario, keeping their infant daughter, which this court granted Williams the custody of. Mrs. Williams preceded her husband to Oregon one month, awaiting him at Dufur. Meantime he persuaded Anna Nesbitt, under promise of marriage, to come West.

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