

NATIONAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS ATTRACTS A GATHERING OF NOTABLE MEN



WARD HOUSEWELL

Irrigation Congress Sends the President Greeting.

MORMON CHOR SINGS ODE

Evening Session of Delegates Given Up to Addresses and a Fine Musical Programme by the Organ Singers.

MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON.

The President, Washington, D. C.: The National Irrigation Congress thanks you most heartily for your kindly remembrance, and hopes that your good services will be continued in helping forward the irrigation of arid and the semi-arid West, and thus furnishing many thousands of homes for our people.

Not since President Roosevelt touched the golden key that opened to the world the Lewis and Clark Exposition has such an occasion been tendered any individual or number of individuals as was last night accorded the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, of Ogden, which rendered the Irrigation Ode before the assembled throng.

Miss Emma Lucy Gates, the sweet-voiced singer, sang the words to the magnificent musical arrangement of John A. McEllan, the talented and modest accompanist of the choir, with such ease and perfection as to thoroughly rivet the attention of the audience.

Secretary Tom Richardson with some difficulty suppressed the demand for continuance of the entertainment, that the programme of the evening might be taken up.

Gifford Pinchot, Forester of the United States, was then introduced, and said: "The Reclamation Service is one of the best bodies of men under the Government."

"As you will see on the wall Oregon's part in the reclamation fund is \$4,200,000. I am not quite sure of the figure."

"The reclamation act, as most of you are aware, was passed mainly for the purpose of reclaiming public lands, but the portions added make it available for private lands in measure."

"It is absolutely necessary that the service have the co-operation of land owners and those who own the water, in order that the government can successfully carry forward the work."

"The day has passed when it is possible to find any section for reclamation that does not present obstacles to its accomplishment. It is the purpose, not to make owners of land wealthy but to divide the land into small tracts and establish homes thereon where families may enjoy the homes to which every American citizen is entitled."

"The acreage of lands which can be reclaimed under any project is necessarily small, and therefore necessary that practically all of the landowners must combine and come into the enterprise—at least nine-tenths of the land area must be included."

"In Oregon and Washington, unfortunately, the holders of lands where projects are possible have not been ready to agree to the conditions and divided up between small holders. If the farmers will not do this it is practically impossible for the government to proceed."

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CONGRESS FOR THE ARID LANDS

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H. M. Cake's Remarks. H. M. Cake, president of the Portland Commercial Club, replying to the criticism advanced by ex-Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, concerning the hospitality of Portland and enterprise of people of the city, declared that there must undoubtedly have been some misunderstanding on the part of the visitor and assured the delegates and their friends that the doors of the Portland Commercial Club are always open to them.

Nebraska-Vice-president, F. M. Rathburn; resolutions, George W. E. Dorsey; executive, G. L. Shumway; nominations, George L. Loomis.

Wisconsin-Vice-president, W. W. Potter; resolutions, A. J. Cobban; nominations, W. W. Strickland; executive, A. J. Cobban.

Idaho-Vice-president, Governor Frank R. Gooding; resolutions, C. E. Brainerd; executive, A. E. Moss; nominations, Nevada-Vice-president, G. S. Nixon; resolutions, Harvey Thurlitt; executive, E. L. Williams; nominations, H. B. Maxson.

Arizona-Resolutions, Dwight B. Heard; nominations, G. G. Keating.

Indiana-Resolutions, W. H. Tamme; nominations, Cortes Knight.

When the Administration Band sounded the notes of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Auditorium yesterday forenoon the assembled delegates of the National Irrigation Congress

and accompanying visitors showed their patriotism in a demonstration of applause, rising to their feet while the ladies waved their handkerchiefs.

Governor George C. Pardee, of California, president of the congress introduced Father C. E. McDevitt, representative of Archbishop Christie, who opened the proceedings of the 13th annual session with an invocation for divine guidance in the proceedings.

Father McDevitt declared that the benefits of action by this congress would be felt by coming generations yet unborn. He closed with the Lord's prayer, in which the assemblage joined.

Governor Chamberlain's Guests. Governor Pardee then introduced Governor George E. Chamberlain, who delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the State of Oregon. He declared that the interests of Oregon and California are mutual and these states are grasping hands in the great irrigation movement.

Governor Chamberlain deplored the lack of harmony that has existed in some sections between the Reclamation Service and owners of property, especially with reference to the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company has been an obstacle to progress of the Reclamation Service. He expressed the conviction that Congress should enact legislation by which the obstacles thus presented may be removed by acquiring the lands, not by condemnation but in exchange for reasonable compensation.

The Carey act, he regards as having accomplished its object in a large degree and having been of vast benefit, but the Reclamation Service is of far greater consequence because of the magnitude of the work it contemplates in any large section of the West.

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PROGRAMME FOR TODAY.

Congress meets in sections, at Chapman School building, 9 A. M., sharp, with the exception of the engineering and mechanical sections, which meet in the American Inn.

Forestry Section. Clifford Pinchot, chairman. "Irrigation and Forestry," F. H. Newell; "Forest Fires and State Laws," Victor H. Beckman; "Forestry and the Railroad," Charles W. Eberlein; "Is Forestry Practicable?" R. L. McCormick.

Climatological Section. Edward A. Beas, chairman. "Climate," Edward A. Beas, observer; Weather Bureau; "Relation of Droughts to Forest Fires," Arthur B. Wollner, local forecaster; Weather Bureau; "Rainfall and Irrigation in Foreign Countries," Edward A. Beas, district forecaster; Weather Bureau; "Precipitation on the Pacific Slope," George N. Salisbury, section director; Weather Bureau.

Rural Settlements. C. W. Eberlein, chairman. "Possibilities of Community Life on Reclaimed Lands," William H. Miles, San Francisco; "Duty of the State Regarding Colonization," C. E. Wantland, Denver, Colo.; "Development of the Willamette Valley," W. W. Cotton, Portland; "Mormon Colonization Methods," Major Willard Young, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Production by Irrigation. Dr. A. C. True, chairman. "Soil Management—Professor Samuel Fortier, University of California; Professor O. L. Waller, Washington Agricultural College; C. G. Elliott, Irrigation and Drainage Investigations, United States Department of Agriculture; "Water Management—Dr. Elwood Mead, United States Office of Experiment Stations; Hon. J. Stephenson, State Engineer, Idaho; Hon. C. T. Johnson, State Engineer, Wyoming.

Field Crops and Horticulture—Professor E. J. Wilcox, University of California; A. McPherson, superintendent of agriculture, Twin Falls Land & Water Company; I. D. O'Donnell, Billings, Mont.; Hon. N. G. Blacklock, Walla Walla, Wash.

Section Engineering and Mechanics. F. H. Newell, chairman. "Irrigation in Idaho," C. T. Johnson, State Engineer of Wyoming; "The Engineer as an Administrative Officer," A. L. Fellows, State Engineer of North Dakota; "Relation Between State Engineers and Federal Authorities in Irrigation Matters," John T. Wheeler, "Reclamation Features of the Matlock Project," E. A. Sterling, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; "Tree Planting About Reservoirs and Along Canals," Morris Bien, legal adviser, Reclamation Service; "Recent Progress in Adopting State Codes of Water Laws."

Afternoon Session. Discussion of papers at morning session. Receive delegation from State of Washington to discuss paper by Christian C. Johnson, State Engineer in that state.

Receive delegation from Oregon. T. H. Humphreys, on "Klamath Project."

Receive delegation from State of California. J. B. Lippincott, "Work in California."

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