Pendleton Commercial Association Approves Extension of Umatilla Project.

COE TO TRANSFER RIGHTS

Portland Physician Offers to Give, Free of Charge, Water Right Filings Made by Dr. A. C. Smith. Resolutions Sent to Capital.

PENDLETON Or. Dec. 12-(Special.)--Unqualified indersement of the proposed extension of the Umatilia project is contained in the resolutions adopted tonight by the Pendleton Com-mercial Association, after a full and free discussion and with only one dissenting vote. In addition to indorsing the proposed extension, the resolutions demand for Overon a full and equitable share of the funds and ask that the rights of the settlers along the Upper Umatilla Elver and its tributaries be

fully protected. The members of the local organiza-tion were of one accord from the start relative to the indersement of the plan. the only question discussed being an amendment which demanded the suits instituted by the Government to adjudicate the water rights along the Umaillia River and tributary streams be dismissed. This was lost by a vote of two to one.

Water Held Insufficient. advocates of the amendment held that the two and one-half acre-feet set ip as a standard in the pleadings of the Government were not sufficient. The opponents held that the Pendleton Commercial Association had no authority to sit as a critic and pronounce judgment in this matter. The issue was met fairly and squarely, there being no attempt to sidestep or dodge the

The meeting was the most important ever held by the club. Before the reso. Intions were put to a vote a communication from Dr. H. W. Coe was read, in which he declared that he would transfer, free of charge, to the Commercial Association, to be held in trust for the users of water from the Umatilla River, the water-right filing which was made by Dr. Andrew C. Smith. covwas made by Dr. Andrew C. Smith. cov-ering exactly the same territory in-cluded in the proposed extension, and which will be in full force if the Gov-ernment abandons the plan.

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At last night's meeting this secondary filing was held up as the real cause of the opposition to the proposed extension. It was declared at that time the question resolved itself into the alternative as to whether the people wanted the reclamation by the Government or by private speculative capital.

Coe letter by the association, Atterney R. H. Johnson declared the for-feiture of the filing to the Commercial Association would constitute an aban-donment which in event of the rejec-tion of the project by the Govern-ment would leave it open for seisure by other private interests. This he declared, would immediately ensue, as the prospects of the proposed exten-sion were too bright to be allowed to go unnoticed.

He pleaded for Government as against private reclamation. He declared the principal reason Oregon had not re-ceived her share of the reclamation funds in the past was because of lack of unity on the part of the people in the vicinity of the proposed extension.

Other States Play on Discord. He declared the strong Congressional representations from the other Western states seized upon this discord to ask atates seried upon this discord to ask large appropriations for their own states at the expense of Oregon. He therefore urged co-operation on the part of all the people of Umatila County as well as the state at large. The speaker also contended that with

the construction of the west extension to the Umatilia project the way would be opened for the building of the larger John Day project. He held this to be true by reason of the fact that the west extension is just as much a unit of the John Day project as it is the extension of the Umatilia. With this as a hasis, he insisted the completion of the entire John Day project could be justly urged though the expenditure of funds had been limited in future, as at present, to the completion of projects already under, way.

The following resolutions were adopted and were telegraphed tonight to President Taft and Secretary of the Interior Fisher:

Join Other Organizations. the construction of the west extension

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"We unqualifiedly and unreservedly go on record in joining with the 109 other commercial organizations of this

state, members of the Oregon Develop-ment League, in the appeal made to the United States Gov-rument for justice to Oregon in the allotment of reclamation funds to the end that something like a fair proportion of the fees collected from this state be ex-pended within its borders for irrigation and development on any of the numerous feasible and meritorious projects available in Oregon.

"The west extension of the Umatilla

irrigation project has been approved by as feasible and one of the most at-tractive, desirable and beneficent of all the existing projects of the Govern-ment. We are informed there are and vested will be funds which may be allotted by the Government for the construction of said west extension in the immediate future, and this is the only reclamation work for which funds can be allotted

to Oregon Pendleton Prime Mover.

The Pendleton Commercial Association several years ago became the prime mover in a state-wide campaign project, including the west extension, and continuously since has been the champion of this great cause.

"At a hearing before this association yesterday, December 12, at which large and substantial delegations were present, representing Pilot Rock, McKay and Birch Creeks, the Umatilia Indian Reservation, Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon, Heppner, Bla-lock, Arlington, Portland and other towns, districts and interests directly and indirectly interested in this project the entire subject was again considered, so as to pass upon new phases of this question recently placed before

After careful consideration the Pendieton Commercial Association reaffirms its faith in the west extension of the Umatilia project and recommends and orges its early approval by the President and the Secretary of the Interior, to the end that actual construction be initiated in the immediate future and be rapidly carried forward to completion. We respectfully urge that the decision relative to the undertaking be announced at an early date so as to dispel uncertainty e association."
After careful consideration the Per

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and in the event the decision is favor-able that the Government make prompt and adequate payment to settlers and land-owners for lands to be covered by the reservoir or damaged by virtue of its construction.

open up a great body of fine land, which would be sold for about \$75 per acre, as against \$300 per acre in the Stanfield private project, and whereas the Stanfield people claim that the building of the West Umatilla project

All Should Be Protected.

"At the hearing before the Pendleton Commercial Association relative to the indorsement of the west extension of the Umatilla project there was ex-pressed a fear of damage and possible ruin of reputable pioneer residents of Umatilla County possessing vested rights in waters of the Umatilla River and its tributaries above the site of the proposed reservoir for the west ex-tension; many of these settlers appretension; many of these settlers appre-hended that they were to be deprived of their rights and fruits of their la-bors during long years of struggle in making homes in this region.

"We feel that such opposition as de-veloped to the west extension is the re-

voloped to the west extension is the re-suit of these fears; we urge that the Government take such action as will re-assure the settlers in the preservation of their water rights. We believe the interests of the Umatilia irrigation project and the west extension thereof would best be served if the settlers and land-owners on the Upper Umatilla River and its tributaries, especially Mc-Kay and Birch Creeks, should be protected by the Government in allowing them to irrigate their lands. It is a well-known fact that irrigation on lands tributary to the upper waters of a stream provides more water for use by the users on the lower part of the stream during the extremely dry parts of the Summer and in a manner acts as a secondary reservoir to hold back the flood waters for use when most

"We urge and recommend that the vested rights and welfare of the plo-neer settlers and land-owners on lands above the Government projects tribu-tary to said Umatilia River be pro-tected and subserved by Government in the reclamation work."

HEPPNER INDORSES PROJECT

Morrow County Booster Club Sees

Ulterior Motives in Stanfield. At a special and largely attended meeting of the Morrow County Booster Club, held at Heppner December 11, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 13 .- (Special.)-

"Whereas. The State of Oregon has contributed to the National reclamation fund of the United States about \$9,600.000, but has profited less than has any other state; and whereas, after many years of effort on the part of our patriofic citizens and much labor on the part of our Reclamation Service, a portion of this great reclamation fund is about to be expended upon the West Umatilla project, which embraces some 50,000 acres of Morrow County irrigable land,

reservoir would ruin land on which is run some 4000 head of cattle and 10,000 head of sheep, we claim that after the completion of this project enough attained to feed 20 times this number of stock and enough land could be raised to feed 20 times this number of stock and enough land could be residued to support from 1000 ould be reclaimed to support from 1000 to 1250 families and would add millions of dollars in taxable property to Mor-row and Umatilla counties as against the ruination of a few farms on the

"Therefore, be it resolved that we. the Morrow County Booster Club, volcing the sentiments of all Morrow Coun ty citizens, hereby deplore and de-nounce the selfish and misguided and unpatriotic attitude of the said oppo-sition toward this reclamation work. and resolved that we urge the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior to approve at once the same West Umatilia project, and resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the club, that copies be forwarded to the President of the United States, to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, and to the press of

### 'LIFE-TERMERS' TO WED

COURTSHIP IS CONDUCTED BY PRISON "UNDERGROUND."

Both Sentenced for Murder Long Ago and Both Are Regarded by Guards as "Cranks."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13 .- (Special.)-The two inmates of San Quentin State Penitentlary who have known the inside of that institution's walls longer than any one else-a man and a woman-are to be paroled at the same time next Saturday. Both are under sentence of life imprisonment for murder. Their acquaintance with each other is slight, the prison rules that segregate the women not permitting of any intimacy.

Nevertheless, each has heard of the other by the mysterious "underground" of the penal institution and it is expected that following their release next Saturday they will be married.

The woman is Mary Von, who has

SOLDIER ADMITS CRIMES

Spirit of Revenge Declared to Have Prompted Preacher, Who Was Court - Martialed, to Work Havoc at Military Post.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 13.— Army officers at Fort Riley declared tonight that the Federal authorities had under observation several persons implicated in the recent dynamite ex-plosions at Fort Riley, and that addiional arrests might be expected at any moment. It was declared that the per-sons under surveillance were prominent and their arrest would cause a sensa-

The investigation has been going for some time, but it was not until to-day, when Rev. C. M. Brewer, former Army chaplain at Fort Riley, but now pastor of a church at Olustee, Okla., and Mrs. Anna Jordan, of Kansas City, had been arrested by Federal authorities, that Eli D. Hyde, commandant at Fort Riley, gave out the confession of Private Michael Quirk.

Pastor Accused by Soldier. In this confession Quirk declared he performed the werk of dynamiting at the instigation of Rev. Mr. Brewer, who sought revenge because he had been court-martialed and discharged from the Army for conduct unbecoming an

officer.

Quirk, in his confession, said he blew up the bridge across the Kaw River, June 4; blew up the cavalary stable, June 30, when 27 cavalry horses were killed or burned to death, and also blew up the water main which supplies the Army post with water.

Brewer was chaplain of the Sixth Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Riley, until he was dismissed from the Army on June 21, after conviction by courtmartial of charges of having been intoxicated at an enlisted men's dance at the fort, and with behaving in an ungentlemanly manner in the presence of gentlemanly manner in the presence of enlisted men and their wives on March 31.

Brewer is a native of Alabama. He is 34 years old. He became chaplain in the United States Army in 1907. He is married and has several children.

Mrs. Jordan, implicated by Quirk, is the wife of a convict in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

She was arrested several months ago for aiding her husband to escape from for aiding her husband to escape from

on a charge of stealing. He was recap-tured and sent to the Federal peniten-Mrs. Jordan was released from

PASTOR ARRESTED AT HOME Officers Find Man Implicated in

Fort Explosion in Oklahoma. OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 13 .-Rev. Charles Brewer, charged with implication in a series of recent dyna-mite explosions at Fort Riley, was ar-

MRS. TAFT LISTS WOMEN

World Leaders Include Two Queens and Suffrage Promoter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—In the opin-ion of Mrs. William Howard Taft, the President's wife, the list of the greatest

en the world has produced should

the guardhouse where he was confined rested at his home in Olustee, Okla., of Arc, Maria Mitchell, Cecile Chamin-on a charge of stealing. He was recap-late today. In the frances willard, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Florence Nightingale, Susan B. Anthony, George Eliot, Mme. Curie, Elizabeth Harriet Browning, Lucretia Mott, Margaret Fuller, Queen Eliza-beth, Queen Louise of Prussia.

Dr. Ellot Shows Gain. COLOMBIA, Caylon, Dec. 13.—Good progress is reported today by the physicians in charge of the case of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, who is recovering read as follows:

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