Irrigation Congress in Turmoil When Challenge Is Hurled.

#### PERSONAL ROW IS FEARED

La Pine Man Says He Will Prove Executive Is Maliciously Untruthful, Unjust and Dangerous. Letters Held as Evidence.

"I purpose to show that Governor West is using his position to fight out a personal grievance: I intend to prove that he is maliciously untruthful, unjust and dangerous, and I intend to prove it by his own handwriting."

In these words J. E. Morson, of the Deschutes Land Company of La Pine, took up before the Oregon Irrigation Congress yesterday afternoon the chal-

took up before the Oregon Irrigation Congress yesterday afternoon the chal-lenge that had been thrown out by Governor West on the preceding day when he said he would be willing to appear and answer snyone who thought he had a grievance against him as a member of the State Land Board. Mr. Morson's declaration came like

a thunderclap in a clear sky. He was in the midst of a narrative of the difficulties and delays he had encoundifficulties and delays he had encoun-tered in denling with the Federal au-thorities and the state officers in his efforts to secure his contract under the Carey act so that he might com-plete his project. Date by date he had recited the events of his ten years of litigation and embarrassment up to the beginning of 1910, when he sud-danly broke off his speech in the

Reply to Be Made.

"I am going to stop here, for I intend to reply to the criticisms that Governor West has made against me.

Governor West has made against me, and I don't want to criticise him except to his face."

It was then that he boidly stated what charges he intended to bring against the Governor.

"I move," he said, turning to the chairman, "that the secretary be instructed to communicate with Governor West and inform him of what I intend to bring before the meeting tomorrow, and that he be invited to appear and answer the accusations and also to read a letter written by himself to the Secretary of the Interior on March 8, 1911, and also one written on January 26, 1912."

A unanimous vote carried the mo-

on January 16, 1912."

A unanimous vote carried the motion of Mr. Morson, and Secretary Hinkle called another delegate to his place and left the room to prepare a telegram bearing Mr. Morson's challenge and invitation to the Governor. Suppressed excitement throughout the assembly sapped away the attention to the succeeding speaker, and men gathered in small groups about the room in earnest conversation.

As soon as the other speaker had finished his address Mr. Hinkle appreciated the second of the speaker had finished his address Mr. Hinkle appreciated the second of the second of

peared, requesting a reconsideration of Mr. Morson's motion.

Personal Row Feared

"I believe that this controversy will develop into a personal row that will develop into a personal row that will injure the effect of the other actions of the congress," he said. "If Mr. Morson and the Governor desire to meet and thresh the matter out, let us hire a hall and let them go to it, but, gentlemen, I believe that it will be an extremely unwise thing to let this matter continue further on the floor of this congress. I ask to be relieved of the necessity of sending this challenge to Governor West."

"If a row will bring out a broad principle that needs to be disinfected," said Chairman William Hanley, when

principle that needs to be disinfected, said Chairman William Hanley, when called upon to give a decision on the question, "then let us have the row. If not, let's avoid it. I leave it up to the members of the congress to decide whether the principle involved warrants us in letting the matter continue."

William Morfit of Ontario, urged to insure settlers against loss in projects carried out by insecure companies.

Large Population Awaited.

"Get the land in Central Oregon under irrigation," he said, "and it will support a population larger than what is now the entire population of this state."

William Morfit, of Ontario, urged the congress to reconsider its action scribed by L. J. Chapman, which puts and prevent, if possible, a meeting of land under irrigation at a cost of \$16 the Governor and Mr. Morson at its an acre, and described the work of the nor and Mr. Morson at its This is the first time I've

### Motton Is Reconsidered.

Half a dozen speakers were earnest in their demands for reconsideration, and a motion from C. C. Chapman, of the Commercial Club, was carried unanimously, deciding that personali-ties should be eliminated from the meetings and the discussion confined to principles. Mr. Morson's former was reconsidered and voted down and his personal accusations against Governor West were expunged m the minutes.

"And ask the representatives of the press to expunge it from their reports," suggested M. J. Lee, of Canby. After the motion had been carried Mr. Chapman announced that someone had telephoned to Governor West im-mediately after the motion had first been carried and that he had sent back the reply that he would be in Port-land this morning prepared to thresh the matter out with Mr. Morson. The secretary was at once instructed to wire him of the later motion and tell him that there would be no need for him to appear.

Meeting Chiefly Constructive. With the exception of the storm that centered around Mr. Morson's speech and motion, the meeting yesterday was chiefly constructive.

A. M. Crawford, W. Lair Thompson, K. Smith, M. J. Lee, C. C. Chapman and J. W. Brewer were appointed on the committee on resolutions. The temporary chairman and secretary-treasurer were elected to preside over the permanent organization, and three vice-presidents will be elected at the close of the session. Dates of meeting shall be determined by the executive

W. D. B. Dodson, the first speaker, declared that this congress was the first step that Oregon had taken toward securing her just share of appropria-tions for reclamation work, and outlined the years of disappointment that had been passed through when, with-out organization, the state was unable to accure recognition at Washington in its requests for appropriations for

Stream Gauging Extensive.

P. Henshaw, district engineer in geological survey, told of the work that had been accomplished by Gov-ernment engineers in mapping the country and securing data by stream gauging, upon which irrigation proj-ects might be able to undertake their

w. W. Patch, project engineer on the Klamath Falls project, relterated the statements of the speakers of the previous day that farming on irrigated

DELEGATES TO OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS, IN SESSION HERE, POSE FOR CAMERA-MAN







1—Crook County Delegation—J. W. Brewer, of Redmond, and J. E. Sawhill, Bend, in Center, Front Row. 2—Tunatilla County Delegation, With A. B. Thompson, of Echo, Prominent Member, Second From Left, Front Row. 3—Tri-County Delegation, With George B. Dukek, of Condon, President of Tri-County League, First From Left, Front Row.

lands was not a get-rich-quick propo-sition, but showed by data secured from the Klamath project that farm-ers were making good on irrigated lands and that the value and produc-

to insure settlers against loss in projects carried out by insecure companies.

He spoke of the Ontario project de

session. This is the first time I've seen all Oregon get together in the interest of the development of its irrigation resources. Do not let a period sonal matter impair the efficiency of our work."

Amould Company in the Bend district, which is able to trrigate at \$15 an acre, setting these up in comparison with the Carey act projects that do not do the work for less than \$40 an acre, and usually for a much larger amount.

Hen Selling, following Mr. Hunter's speech, read a telegram just received at the Republican headquarters from

Tort Promises Aid.

"I fully appreciate the situation of Oregon with regard to the distribution o' reclamation funds," it said, "and am disposed to encourage activity of Rec-lamation Service in Oregon to the extent that proper projects are shown and svailable funds permit. It am informed that the Interior Department has under immediate consideration, with pros-pects of favorable action, the underaking of the west extension of the

Umatilla project."
W. Lair Thompson, of Lakeview w. Lair Thompson, of Lakeview, urged that the State Land Board should see that no company begins work on an irrigation project until it is able amply to carry it through thus insuring against failure of companies and consequent injury to the

panies and consequent injury to the settlers.

O. C. Leiter, introduced by the chairman as "the man who originated the plan for this irrigation congress," spoke upon "Bettler-Getting Publicity." He said that the cardinal premise of any exploitation was to "have the goods to deliver," and urged that no project be advertised until it was under irrigation and ready for the settler to begin farming it.

begin farming it. Exploitation Based on Facts.

John J. Whistler spoke on "Irrigation Securities" and J. W. Brewer, of Redmond spoke upon metaods of getting settlers upon the land, emphasizing the danger of exploitation of irrigation projects until they were fully ready for settlement.

for settlement.
George Young, a settler from near
Burns in Harney County, recited the
history of the fight between the settiers of his section and the Pacific
Livestock Company, a California cor-

Delegates registered at the close of esterday's session were:

Baker George Unander.

Burg. Bend-H. J. Duertry, Clyde McKay, A. O. Hunter, P. H. Dencer, V. A. Forbes, J. E. Sawhill, H. C. Ellis, D. V. Mackintosh.

Blaiock-William J. Mariner.

Burns-J. J. Donegan, George W. Young.
William Hamley.

Canby-W. J. Lee,
Condon-George B. Dukek, H. C. Strick-

Condon-George B. Dukek, H. C. Strick-land, D. E. Parker, W. A. Campbell, M. Fitzmaurice. Corvaille-W. J. Kerr, James W. Withy-combe, W. L. Powers. Crescent-T. C. Robinson, L. T. Wake-field

Dale-Oliver Lynch. Echo-Zoe Houser, A. B. Thompson, D. Teel. Preswater—L. D. Howland, Gladstone—E. P. Carter, Grass Valley—L. W. Baker, Haines—J. R. Fisher, Hillsboro—William Hunterman.

Hermiston-C. S. McNaught, J. T. Hin kle, E. P. Dodd, L. Offenburg, H. G. Huri wrt. Klamath Falls-W. W. Patch.

La Grande-P. C. Cramwell, George T.

ochran.
La Pine-J. R. Morson.
Lebanon-A. M. Reeves.
Lorane-Charles E. Reed.
Medford-William M. Colvig. I. WorthRECORD OPEN, HE SAYS gton. Moro-O. J. Coffin, L. Barnum, W. H.

Ragodale.
Olex.-W. T. Wade.
Ontario.-H. C. Boyer, Leon J. Chapman.

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Pendleton—Stephen A. Lowell, E. S. Swartzlander, J. E. Montgomery, Robert C. Paddock, bishop of Eastern Oregon.
Pilot Rock—J. N. Burgess.
Powell Butte—George F. Beckman.
Portland—E. T. Allen, C. P. Chamber-lain, J. I., Camp, W. E. Chase, W. D. B. Dodson, F. W. Gotham, F. W. Gillett, E. G. Hopson, W. E. Herring, Jacob Kanzler, D. C. Lively, H. B. Miller, William Morfitt, A. A. Morse, C. T. Prail, F. W. Bobinson, W. S. Shaw, C. L. Smith, J. C. Stevens, D. M. Watson, Phil S. Bates, C. C. Chapman, A. C. Callan, William H. Daughtrey, Julius J. Eng. W. H. Graves, C. R. Gay, M. T. Henshaw, W. T. Jenkins, S. D. Kiger, O. Laurgaard, R. B. Miller, William Mc-Murray, E. J. Moore, Tom Richardson, J. Riser, John M. Scott, J. J. Sayer, A. P. Tiffi, John T. Whistler,
Prineville—George Brewster, A. L. Mackentosh, W. Wurzweller, W. T. King, C. T. Smith.

Smith.

Redmond—C. T. Chaifare, J. W. Brewgr.

W. A. Beiden, Roy A. Bush, H. T. Jones.

Riddle—F. W. Beyer.

Roseburg—E. B. Barber, John C. White,
H. G. Wilson.

Salem—W. L. Benham, James T. Chinnock, P. A. Cupper, R. C. Wygant, H. C.

Brodle, A. M. Crawford, John H. Lewis,

Scapposes—J. J. Havilk,

Stanfield—Henry W. Coe, J. C. Hoskins,

Frank Sloan, W. J. Haney, James W. Kyls,

Terrobonne—T. W. Taylor,

The Dalles—J. S. Rorick, E. N. Strong,

Vale—Edward L. Clark, Lionel R, Webster.

Wolf Creek—W. G. Smith.
Washington:
Centralin—J. E. Barnes.
Maryhil)—Samuel Hill.
Opportunity—R. A. Hutchinson.
Pasco—J. C. Murphy.
Vancouver—A. L. Moody.

### MRS. ANN POWELL IS DEAD

Pioneer Portland Resident Dies at Daughter's Home at 77 Years.

At the age of 77 Mrs. Ann Powell widow of the late David Powell, succumbed to heart failure yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Nettie King, at 396 Saimon street.

Mrs. Powell was a pioneer Portland resident. Her husband came to this city in 1847. He was married five years later to the late Mrs. Powell, who was then Miss Ellus Greer.

Two sons and one daughter survive Mrs. Powell. They are Edward L. Powell, of the Associated Press, Chicago, and formerly a correspondent of that news agency here: D. C. Powell

Powell, of the Associated Press, Chicago, and formerly a correspondent of that news agency here: D. C. Powell and Mrs. Nettle T. King, of Portland. The funeral will be held from the East Side undertaking room at 1 o'clock tomorrow and the interment will be in Central Grove Cemetery. Rev. W. H. Fry, of the Sunnyside Methodist Church, will officiate at the funeral.

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# WEST OFFERS HELP

Governor Sends Message to Irrigation Congress.

Extension of Experimental Work Recommended - Hanley Scores Conservation Plan of East as Harmful to West.

Governor West sent a message to the congress at the evening session, which was announced at the close of which was announced at the close of the meeting by Secretary Hinkle, in which he repeated his declaration of the day before that he is willing to come before the congress and explain anything the delegates might think requires an explanation. He declared requires an explanation. He declared all the records in any case in which the Land Board had been interested were at the disposal of the public at any time for investigation. Aside from Mr. Hinkle's announcement no further reference was made to the incident of the afternoon.

the afternoon.

Dr. W. J. Kerr opened the programme of the evening, speaking on the "Duty of Water." He urged the value of extending experimental and demonstration farms in connection with the Agricultural College of the state that farmers might have their

state that farmers might have their assistance in solving the problems they encounter in using the water after it is put on the land.

Carl R. Gray, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, supplemente President Kerr's speech with a talk on "Experimental Farms" and urged the support of the state to the Agricultural College in maintaining expericultural College in maintaining experi-

mental farms.
"We do a great wrong," he said, "in bringing settlers on to the newly irrigated lands unless we are prepared to tell them what to do when they get on the land."

Hanley Scores Eastern Plan.

William Hanley dwelt on the need of increasing the population of the farms to balance that of the cities. In closing, he attacked the plan of the Eastern section of the United States to pass conservation measures which so the up the natural resources that they become unavailable to the settlers in the West. "They have sources." tlers in the West. "They have squan-dered their own resources," he said, "and would now make us criminals if we attempt to utilize those which are here in our own land and to which we have a natural right.

"When it comes to this," he con-cluded, "I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat: I am for Oregon and the Judge L. R. Webster described the

development of private irrigation projects in Malheur County and touched upon the struggle between the set-tlers and the livestock men in Harney County. He declared that the direc-tion the opinion of the Irrigation Congress was taking, as it had been ex-emplified in the different speeches, bade fair to sweep away all the dif-ferences that have given rise to so much irrigation and grazing land litigation in the past. C. L. Smith, of the O.-W. R. & N.

### Company, closed the session with an appeal for the small farm and the de-velopment of a home-making rather than a money-making sentiment in the

The congress will close with elec-

tions recommending proposed legisla-tive enactments for the improvement of irrigation conditions in the state.

#### STATION AGENTS ASK RISE No Trouble Is Expected in Getting 15 Per Cent Increase.

tion of officers and adoption of resolu-

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 .- The demands for a general increase in wages of 15 per cent which the delegates representing 2000 station agents and ticket agents have formulated at the biennial onvention of the Order of Railway Station Agents, now in session here, will be presented on April 1. No trou-ble over the adjustment of demands is xpected by the men in the railroad

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will be continued this morning, with Dr. H. W. Coc, of Stanfield; E. P. Dodd, of Hermiston, and W. J. Mariner as principal speakers. J. H. Lewis, State DEFENSE CHALLENGES ONE IN

TRIAL OF HICKS.

Engineer, will speak on "Water Rights and Titles;" G. T. Cochran, of La Grande, on "Practical Administration of Water Under the Code;" V. A. Forbes, of Bend. on "Legislation Needs of Central Oregon;" J. H. Hartog on "Irrigation in the Willamette Valley." Paying Teller in Ladd & Tilton Bank Is Third Accepted-All Asked on Union Sentiment.

George W. Gammie, venireman, a paying teller in the Ladd & Tilton Bank, was passed for cause by both sides in the trial of Burt Hicks, accused of the murder of W. A. Wort-man, in Judge Gatens' court yester-day. He makes the third venireman passed, William Canady and Ernest Balgeman having been accepted as to cause by both the prosecution and de-fense Monday. C. S. Sawer, profense Monday, C. S. Sawyer, prietor of the Cody Apartments at 431 East Taylor street, was under exam-

J. A. Walker, a delicatessen pro-prietor at 503 East Twenty-first street, was excused because he said he has was excused occause he said he has prejudice against the taking of human life in explation of crime. He was challenged by Dan J. Malarkey, chief of cour 1 for the defense.

E. H. Lampert, a contracting painter,

said he had heard considerable discussion as to a quick temper said to be possessed by Hicks, that he had dis-cussed the case a good deal and that he had formed certain impressions which it would be difficult to eradicate from his mind. He was acquainted with Hicks, he testified. He was ex-

closely as to their sympathies with or prejudices against labor unions, and, as on Monday, were required to express their views as to the rights of unions to picket industrial establishments during strikes. The courtroom was filled with sympathizers of both the defense and the prosecution.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 .- (Special.) -- Portland people registered at Chicago prietor of the Cody Apartments at 421 hotels Monday as follows:

East Taylor street, was under examination when court adjourned last garet Porter, at the Blackstone. Miss B. Wagoenhart, at the Congress,

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up. We are selling from our third carload since December first. See the Chicks Hatch In Our Electro-Hen Wednesday

