

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—Umatilla County Delegation, With A. B. Thompson, of Echo, Prominent Member, Second From Left, Front Row. 3—Tri-County Delegation, With George B. Dukke, of Condon, President of Tri-County League, First From Left, Front Row.

MORSON ATTACKS GOVERNOR WEST

Irrigation Congress in Turmoil When Challenge Is Hurlled.

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 challenge that had been thrown out by Governor West on the preceding day when he said he would be willing to appear and answer anyone 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 series of the difficulties and delays he had encountered in dealing with the Federal authorities and the state officers in his efforts to secure his contract under the Carey act so that he might complete his project. Data by date he had recited the events of his ten years of litigation and embarrassment up to the beginning of 1910, when he suddenly broke off his speech in the midst.

Reply to Be Made. "I am going to reply to the criticisms that Governor West has made against me, and I don't want to criticize him except to his face." It was then that he boldly 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 23, 1912."

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

Personal Row Feared. "I believe this controversy 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 thrash the matter out, let us hire a hall and let them go to it, but gentlemen, I believe that it will be an extremely wise 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."

William Morfit, of Ontario, urged the congress to reconsider its action and prevent a possible meeting of the Governor and Mr. Morson at its 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 personal matter impair the efficiency of our work."

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, C. 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 to be elected at the close of the session. Dates of meetings shall be determined by the executive committee.

Stream Gauging Extensive. F. F. Henshaw, district engineer in the geological survey, told of the work that had been accomplished by Government engineers in mapping the country and securing data by stream gauging, upon which irrigation projects might be able to undertake their enterprises with success.

W. W. Patch, project engineer on the Klamath Falls project, reiterated the statements of the speakers of the previous day that farming on irrigated lands was not a get-rich-quick proposition, but showed by data secured from the Klamath project that farmers were making good on irrigated lands and that the value and productivity of their property was increasing the longer they worked the farms.

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." He spoke of the Ontario project described by L. J. Chapman, which puts land under irrigation at a cost of \$18 an acre, and described the work of the Arnold Company in the Bend district, which is able to irrigate at \$18 an acre, setting the stage 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.

Ben Selling, following Mr. Hunter's speech, read a telegram just received at the Republican headquarters from President Taft. "I fully appreciate the situation of Oregon with regard to the distribution of reclamation funds," it said, "and am disposed to encourage activity of Reclamation Service in Oregon to the extent that proper projects are shown and available funds permit. It is informed that the Interior Department has under immediate consideration with prospects of favorable action, the undertaking of the west extension of the Umatilla project."

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 settlers.

O. C. Lelter, introduced by the chairman as "the man who originated the plan for this irrigation congress," spoke upon "Settler-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.

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

George Young, a settler from near Burns in Harney County, recited the history of the fight between the settlers of his section and the Pacific Livestock Company, a California corporation.

Delegates at Session. Delegates registered at the close of yesterday's session were: C. C. Clark, K. J. Clough, Astoria—J. E. Gralk, Baker—George Chandler, O. C. Finkelnburg, Bend—H. J. Doerflinger, Clyde McKee, A. O. Hunter, F. H. Denzer, V. A. Forbes, J. E. Sawhill, H. C. Ellis, D. V. Mackintosh, Hilslock—William J. Mariner, Burns—J. J. Donagan, George W. Young, Whisman—Henry, Canby—W. J. Lee, Condon—George B. Dukke, H. C. Strickland, D. E. Parker, W. A. Canby, M. J. Fitzmaurice, Corvallis—W. J. Kerr, James W. Withycombe, L. Powers, Crescent—T. C. Robinson, L. T. Wakeland.

Dale—Oliver Lynch, Echo—Zoe Houser, A. B. Thompson, O. D. Teal, Freewater—L. D. Howland, Gladstone—E. P. Carter, Grass Valley—L. W. Baker, Haines—J. K. Fisher, Hillsboro—William Hunterman, Hermiston—C. E. Mays, J. T. Hinkle, E. P. Dodd, L. O. O'Brien, H. G. Hyrburt, Klamath Falls—W. W. Patch, Laidlaw—W. M. Wilson, Lakeview—G. W. Rice, W. Lair Thompson, La Grande—P. C. Cramwell, George T. Cochran, La Pine—J. E. Morson, Lebanon—A. M. Reeves, Lewiston—C. E. Smith, J. C. Stevens, Madras—Charles E. Reed, Medford—William M. Colvig, I. Worthen, Merom—O. J. Coffin, L. Barnum, W. H. Hagdale, Olney—W. T. Wade, Ontario—H. C. Boyer, Leon J. Chapman, La Adam, Portland—Stephen A. Lowell, E. S. Swartzlander, J. E. Montgomery, Robert C. Paddock, Bishop of Eastern Oregon, Pilot Rock—F. W. Beyer, Powell Butte—George F. Beckman, Prineville—E. T. Allen, C. P. Chamberlain, J. L. Camp, W. E. Chase, W. D. H. Dodson, F. W. Gorham, F. W. Gilbert, E. O. Hopson, W. Herring, Jacob Kanaler, D. O. Lively, H. B. Miller, William Morrill, M. A. Morse, C. T. Prall, F. W. Robinson, W. Shaw, C. J. Smith, J. C. Stevens, D. M. Watson, Phil S. Bates, C. C. Chapman, C. C. Callan, William H. Daugherty, Julius J. Eng, W. H. Graves, C. R. Gay, M. T. Henshaw, W. T. Jenkins, E. D. Klenz, O. Laurgard, R. E. Miller, William Murray, E. J. Moore, Tom Richardson, J. Riser, John M. Scott, J. J. Sayer, A. P. Tibbels, T. Whistler, Prineville—George Brewster, A. L. Mackintosh, W. Wurzweiler, W. T. King, C. T. Smith, Redmond—C. T. Chaffare, J. W. Brewer, W. Holden, Roy A. Bush, H. T. Jones, W. Little, F. W. Beyer, Roseburg—E. B. Barber, John C. White, H. C. Willson, Salem—W. L. Busham, James T. Chittcock, P. A. Cupper, R. C. Wyzant, H. C. Brodie, A. M. H. Lewis, Scappoose—J. J. Havik, Stanfield—Henry W. Coe, J. C. Hoakins, Frank Stone, R. E. Feltner, James W. Kyle, Terrebonne—T. W. Taylor, The Dalles—J. S. Rorick, L. N. Strong, York—Edward L. Clark, Lionel R. Webster, Warm Springs—C. C. Covey, West Stayton—John H. Hartog, W. W. Phillips, Woodville—T. N. Chapel, Wolf Creek—W. O. Smith, Washington: Centrals—E. E. Barnes, Maryhill—L. M. O'Connell, Opportunity—R. A. Hutchisson, Passo—J. C. Murphy, Yacouver—A. L. Moody.

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 the meeting by Secretary Hinkle, in which he repeated his declaration of the day before that he is willing to concede before the congress and explain anything the delegates might think requires an explanation. He declared "all the records in an case in which the Land Board has 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."

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 to help the natural resources that are being depleted by the depletion of the water after it is put on the land. Carl R. Gray, of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway, supplemented President Kerr's speech with a talk on "Experimental Farms" and urged the support of the state to the Agricultural College in maintaining experimental 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 would take up the natural resources that they become unavailable to the settlers in the West. "They have squandered 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 concluded, "I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat; I am for Oregon and the West."

Judge L. R. Webster described the development of private irrigation projects in Malheur County and touched upon the struggle between the settlers and the livestock men in Harney County. He declared that the direction the opinion of the Irrigation Congress was taking, as it had been emphasized in the different speeches, bade fair to sweep away all the differences that have given rise to so much irrigation and grazing land litigation in the past.

WEST OFFERS HELP

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

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Porter, Miss Margaret Porter, at the Blackstone, Miss B. Wagonhart, at the Congress, were questioned closely as to their sympathies with or prejudice 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 hotels Monday as follows: Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Porter, Miss Margaret Porter, at the Blackstone, Miss B. Wagonhart, at the Congress,

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