

OREGON PROFITING FROM HIGH CAREY ACT

Desert Land Board Report to Governor Is Much More Favorable.

PAST MISTAKES CORRECTED

500,000 Acres of Land Now Affected by Irrigation Act—Present Conditions Good and Future Outlook Brighter.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Admitting that so far Oregon's operations under the Carey act have not been very successful, the sixth biennial report of the Desert Land Board to the State Legislature has been completed and approved so far by the Governor, but has not been examined by all the other members of the Board. The report shows that a little over 500,000 acres of land in Oregon are now affected by the Carey act.

"Part of this land has been satisfactorily reclaimed, part is under contract for reclamation and part is temporarily withdrawn for investigation. The average value of this land, when irrigated, is at least \$30 an acre. If the Board succeeds in having all of this area reclaimed it will add \$15,000,000 in land to the taxable area of the state, besides bringing in a large number of people who will make their homes on these farms. Moreover, the state is entitled to an additional 500,000 acres of vacant desert land under the Carey act," states the report.

It had started due to mistakes. "It must be admitted that Oregon's operations under the Carey act have not as yet been very successful. This is due to an unfortunate beginning. This state accepted the Carey act in 1901, but the act of acceptance did not give the State Land Board sufficient authority. Nearly all of our present projects were initiated between 1901 and 1905. There was no state engineer at that time to advise the Land Board relative to the engineering problems involved, and the parties initiating the projects did not seem to realize the importance of obtaining complete and reliable information relative to water supply, duty of water and cost of reclamation. It is believed that during the past two years the Board has been very successful in its efforts to readjust the earlier mistakes and that the Carey act projects of the state are now in better condition than ever before.

Board Had Busy Two Years. Briefly, the Board during the past two years, according to the report, relinquished 4000 acres in Harney County to the United States and closed another dead project; executed a contract with the Central Oregon Irrigation Company covering 14,000 acres which materially assisted the company, and at the same time protected the settlers; obtained a relinquishment of the Three Sisters contract on the Columbia Southern covering 22,000 acres; entered into a new contract covering the 50,000-acre Paisley project; obtained a contract with the United States for 44,000 acres in Baker County, and executed a contract with the Powder Land & Irrigation Company for reclamation of these lands. The Board held 62 meetings during the year, examined 290 projects of reclamation, held 146 deeded and approved 215 applications for entry.

In its recommendation to the Legislature the Board asks for an appropriation of \$10,000. The report states that a competent engineer for field inspection and work should be in the steady employment of the Board.

It has been the hope of the Board for several years to make this department self-sustaining, but that hope has not yet been realized.

ATHLETICS ARE FOSTERED

Intra-Collegiate Sports Will Be Under Student Board.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—In order to give more prominence to inter-collegiate athletics, the Oregon Agricultural College board of athletic control has been instrumental in the organization of a student board of management for inter-class athletics.

It is expected to have this newly created board assume entire responsibility for arranging inter-class contests in all branches of athletics and provide suitable insignia for the various championship teams. This will, it is hoped, get more students into athletics and relieve the board of athletic control of much superfluous work.

The four class managers which compose the student board are: Lester Tveer, '12, Brownsville; Harold Babbs, '14, Portland; B. H. Robertson, '15, Portland; and Martin Spaulding, '16, Goldendale, Wash.

"KISSING COPS" APPOINTED

Walla Walla Pastor Objects to "Sparking" During Service.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 22.—"Kissing Cops" have been appointed at the Central Christian Church, to them being delegated the work of meeting Cupid at the door and kicking him out. J. A. Rife and C. E. Lane, members of the board of trustees of the church, were sworn in by Mayor A. J. Gillis as special police officers at the request of Rev. W. W. Burks, and they will watch for spooners.

"The church is in a prominent place and many young people take occasion to talk and spar in the vestibules," said Rev. Mr. Burks. "No trouble has occurred at times other than when services were being conducted. We did not want a regular policeman, so asked for specials. In addition to their work as Cupid-chasers, the officers will watch for disturbers."

HIGH COURT SETTLES CASES

Oregon Supreme Bench Judges Pass on Appealed Actions.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Seven opinions were handed down by the Oregon Supreme Court today, as follows: Victor Land Company, appellant, vs. Charles Emmett Drake, respondent, appealed from Multnomah County, Robert G. Morrow judge; affirmed in an opinion by Justice Burnett. This is a suit to determine an adverse claim to real property. Thomas Crowley et al., respondents, vs.

Neillie E. Grant et al., appellants, appealed from Polk County, William Galloway judge; reversed in an opinion by Justice Egan. This is a suit for the partition of real estate. Charles C. Palmberg and G. C. Flavel vs. Alfred Kinney et al., composing the Reclamation and Sanitary Commission of the City of Astoria, respondents, appealed from Clatsop County, J. T. Campbell judge; reversed in an opinion by Justice Moore. The question to be determined in this case was whether or not the proceedings undertaken to amend the charter of the City of Astoria, initiated by petition and assent, have been adopted by majority vote of the qualified electors of that city, were such a departure from the mode prescribed by law as to invalidate the proposed measure. Failure properly to print matter prescribed by ordinance was found by the Supreme Court to be a want of notice, creating a fatal defect which caused the reversal of the lower court.

WILLAMETTE STUDENTS, LED BY PRESIDENT, ARE ACTIVE.

Miss Jessie Young.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—At a recent meeting of the members of the freshmen class, every member in it, led by the president of the student body, Miss Jessie Young, joined the Williamette University Campus Improvement Association.

This organization has for its object the beautifying and improving of the university campus. The first aim now is to continue the work already well under way to make the athletic field the best in the West. In arraying oneself with this society each member agrees to contribute at least two hours of hard manual labor with pick or shovel each week upon the campus. It is the custom to report each afternoon in squads of from six to fifteen as the work may demand. Each squad is in charge each day of a different head, who keeps the time worked and the record of every member. This association is doing a great deal of practical boosting for Old Willamette, and not a student at the university has refused to help out the project.

Jan. vs. Northwestern Warehouse Company, defendant and respondent, appealed from Multnomah County, Robert G. Morrow judge; affirmed in an opinion by Chief Justice Eakin. This is an action to recover rental for dock.

W. F. Williams, plaintiff and respondent, vs. Pacific Surety Company, et al., appealed from Multnomah County, Henry E. McGinn judge; affirmed in an opinion by Chief Justice Eakin. This is an action on the bond of a defunct corporation.

John G. Lais vs. registered title to real property, applicant and respondent, vs. W. R. Smith and others, et al., appellants, appealed from Marion County, Robert G. Morrow judge; affirmed in an opinion by Chief Justice Eakin. This application was founded on alleged adverse possession of a tract of land in Polk County.

VANCOUVER HAS GROWTH

IN YEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT INVOLVES \$231,103.

Cost of Construction Shows Decrease Also—Fire Department and Light Service Are Augmented.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The last year has been the greatest for improvement in the history of the city, all things being taken into consideration. In ten months 429 blocks of concrete sidewalk have been laid; 73 1/2 blocks of sewer constructed, at a cost of \$21,731; 56 blocks of macadam streets have been laid, costing \$30,000; 155 blocks of streets have been graded at a cost of \$111,000, and 21 blocks of hard-surface pavement have been laid, costing \$70,000.

Improving of streets and sewers and laying pavement involved \$231,103. It is interesting to note that a drop in the cost of construction has taken place. The cost of cement sidewalk in 1912 was .099 a square foot, compared with .104 in 1911. The hard-surface pavement averaged \$1.77 a square yard in 1912 and \$1.95 in 1911.

In 1911 the monthly light bill was about \$300, while this year it is \$600, so greatly increasing the city's indebtedness. Public drinking fountains have been installed in the business section; a new auto-chemical wagon has been added to the fire department at a cost of nearly \$6000; the street lighting has been done by the city itself, instead of by contract; and a special action has been taken in connection with the city to build a new city hall to cost about \$50,000.

Dr. Charles S. Irwin has been Mayor of Vancouver during 1912, and he is one of the three candidates now in the field. J. P. Kiggins, who was defeated by Mayor Irwin last year, is again in the field, and N. E. Allen is the new candidate.

VOTING MACHINE REJECTED

Court Restores Paper Ballot After \$450,000 Purchase Is Made.

STORM TERRIFIES SHIP PASSENGERS

Gale More Feared Than Snapping of Propeller on Camino.

MANY PUT ON LIFE BELTS

Mrs. W. E. Allison, of Portland, Puts Off Trip to Escape Starting October 13, Then Finds 13 Women on Imperiled Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—That the 75 passengers on the steamer Camino, Captain A. H. Ahlin, were more frightened during the storm late Friday afternoon and night than just after the propeller was disabled early Saturday morning was the story they told upon arrival here today in tow of the steamer Watson.

The Camino sailed from Astoria at 7 o'clock Friday morning and was struck by a heavy southeast gale which began soon after reaching the open sea. By night the storm was blowing a hurricane, with the decks awash and a foot of water in the cabins on the port side, due to the list of the vessel. From 10 o'clock until midnight the gale was at its worst and many of the passengers donned life preservers for safety. The steamer rolled in an alarming manner to the landmen on board and the screw was racing nearly half the time, due to the fact that one blade snapped and carried the others with it. This, they assert, is not unusual with castron propellers when subject to unusual stress by racing in heavy weather.

Aid Comes Quickly. At the time the accident happened the Watson was in sight and answered the first call sent out for help, as did the President. Less than five hours after the accident the Watson was alongside, and within a short time a line was fast and the steamers started for San Francisco. The gale had been moderating from midnight on and the seas began to go down by the time a line was passed from one vessel to the other.

Thirteen Plays Big Part. With the arrival in the bay this morning, when the line was dropped from the Watson and two red-stacked tugs took up the tow and berthed the steamer at the upper end of Meigs wharf, the passengers found out just what had caused their trouble. It was the fact that there were just 13 women among the passengers on board.

Mrs. W. E. Allison, of Portland, who was called "Mother" by all the passengers, by whom she was held in much esteem, said that her husband and she did not sail on the Rose City October 13 and then found yesterday that unlucky number applied to the number of women on board the Camino.

During the evening before arrival in port a testimonial was prepared by Mrs. Allison and Mrs. W. L. Loudy and signed by all the passengers. It read: "Captain A. H. Ahlin: We, the undersigned, wish to express to yourself and your crew our deepest appreciation for your care of our treatment and thoughtful care during this perilous voyage."

LIQUOR CASES ARE ARGUED

Supreme Court to Consider Contests From Crook County.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Eleven bootlegging cases coming up on appeal from Crook County, which were argued in the Supreme Court today, present a question which may have a vital effect on "wet" and "dry" conditions in that county. Attorneys for the defendant bootleggers allege that the order of the County Court declaring the county "dry" prohibited the sale of alcoholic liquors for "beverage purposes." The statute, in the event local option carries for the "dry," prohibits the sale of liquor for all purposes, save those specifically set out in the law, such as medicinal, sacramental and purposes of necessity.

Should the attorneys for the defense be that the order of the County Court is invalid, because of its failure to cover the ground set out by the statute, should this be upheld by the Supreme Court it is probable the convictions of the lower court would not stand. These cases originally came up in 1908.

VALE NEWSPAPER IS SOLD

Malheur Enterprise Passes Into Hands of Portland Man.

VALE, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The Malheur Enterprise, owned by A. M. Stone, and one of the largest and best papers of Malheur County, was recently sold to John O. Rigby, of Portland.

Mr. Stone came to Vale about three years ago, and through his efforts the Enterprise became one of the best papers in this part of the state, and much good has been accomplished through its columns in the way of developing Vale and Malheur County at large. Mr. Rigby, who is connected with D. M. Brogan in the promotion of the Bully Creek irrigation project, will conduct the paper in connection with his other work. Mr. Stone expects to leave Vale in the near future for Los Angeles, where he will pass the winter.

WORK HALTS FOR PRESENT

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LARK LEADS TO JAIL

Boys Involved With Girl Who Committed Suicide Guilty.

EACH SENTENCED TO YEAR

Oregon City Youths to Pay Penalty for Alleged Folly That Drove Valeria Proffitt to Poison After All-Night Trip.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—John Finucane and Harry Timmons, accused of contributing to the delinquency of Valeria Proffitt, 14 years of age, who committed suicide last Friday morning following an all-night automobile trip to Portland, were declared guilty today by County Judge Beattie and sentenced to serve one year in jail each. The men, who were released the day following the tragedy on \$500 bail each, were immediately locked up. Judge Beattie intimated when sentencing the prisoners that he might during their term of service parole them.

Frank Proffitt, father of the dead girl, testified that she was 14 years of age last September. Finucane, Timmons and Clara Johnson, who also was a member of the automobile party, told about the same story. Finucane and Miss Johnson arranged the automobile trip, it being the original intention to attend a Portland theater and return to this city about 1 o'clock Friday morning. The automobile got out of order shortly after

they left this city, but they were able to reach Gray's Crossing before being stalled. About two hours and a half was spent at a garage in that neighborhood, the machine being temporarily repaired.

The party broke down again on Hawthorn avenue and was pushed by the young men to a garage. The machinist there said it would take several hours to repair it, and the young men and girls went to West Portland. They testified that they ate in a restaurant on Third street and when they returned to the garage the machine had been repaired.

They arrived in Oregon City about 7 o'clock, and after sitting at a Main-street restaurant, Miss Johnson was taken to her home at Fourteenth and Center streets and Timmons started up the hill with Miss Proffitt. He said he left her at Shively's Theater at her request. It was immediately after this that she bought the carbolic acid, which she drank just before entering her home, when she fell dying in her mother's arms.

REBEKAHS VISIT ASHLAND

Jackson County Convention Well Attended and Interesting.

ASHLAND, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—Oregon Rebekahs of Jackson County have just held their district convention in this city. Preliminary to formal business a purely social time was taken to repair it, and the young men and girls went to West Portland. They testified that they ate in a restaurant on Third street and when they returned to the garage the machine had been repaired.

Medford, vice-president; Mrs. D. Per-ozel, Ashland, secretary; Mrs. Dodge, Ashland, conductor; Mrs. Oatman, Talent, marshal; Mrs. Ueber, Medford, inside guard; Mrs. Taylor, Jacksonville, outside guard.

CLATSOP BUYS POOR FARM.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The County Court of Clatsop County has purchased 50 acres of diked idle-land in the Wallula River district to be used as a poor farm, the considera-

tion being \$7000. The court intends to have the improvements made so that the persons who are supported by the county may be transferred to the farm early next Spring and thus become early self-supporting. While this matter has not been definitely determined, the court probably will have plans prepared for a large building, but erect only so much as is required for immediate use and then add to it as the necessity arises. The person in charge of the poor farm will also act as tender of the drawbridge.

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