

FEDERAL IRRIGATION WAYS CRITICISED

Red Tape Attacked by Oregon
Irrigation Congress—Carey
Act Is Assailed.

ARRAIGNMENT IS BITTER

Government Has Incompetent Men
In Charge, Say Delegates, and
Farmers Are Victims—250 At-
tend Meeting in Portland.

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ported the reclamation of two units,
one of 10,000 and the other of 20,000
acres.

Equal hostility is entertained against
the Carey act, although the opposition
is not so general. Some of the dele-
gates are quite friendly to the Carey
act. They say that it has worked suc-
cessfully. In Klamath Falls and in
some parts of Central Oregon where
land has been redeemed under the
Carey act at a reasonable figure the
farmers seem to be well satisfied.

Act Found Hindrance.

On the other hand A. O. Walker, of
Albany, comes forward and says that
development of that part of Crook
County in which he lives actually has
been retarded through the operations
of the Carey act. He says that he has
bought up the land and is holding it
for higher prices. He represents the
Central Oregon Irrigation Company
Water-Users Association.

Members of this association want the
state to adjudicate the water rights of
the Albion project. Demands for
adjudication also are coming from other
parts of the state. The delegates
declare, will knock out the speculators
and open the country to the
legitimate settler.

"Our country is being held back by
the speculators," said Mr. Walker.
"They are acting the dog in the
manger," and are preventing many
farmers with good intentions from set-
tling water. Adjudication of the water
rights would deny them of their
water titles unless they actually used
the water. As the land is worthless
without the water they would be forced
to improve their land, sell out or lose
their investment."

McConnell Due for Blow.

Mr. Walker and others of his per-
suasion will try to force a resolution
through the convention asking for an
adjudication of water rights on all
public irrigation projects. As the senti-
ment against the speculator and the
"land hog" is strong, it is not likely
that they will have to "force" their
resolution. It will pass easily.

The proposed McConnell irrigation
project near Burns is due for an awful
hard knock, too. McConnell and his
associates want to build a dam across
the Silvers river and irrigate 150,000
acres. They want the affected farm-
ers to pay for the share of the work.
But George W. Young and others who
are here from Burns are prepared to
oppose the scheme. They want the
state to take a hand. They believe it
can be done more cheaply than by private
enterprise.

Mr. Teal's address yesterday after-
noon was easily the feature of the first
day's meeting. His discussion received
the close attention of every man and
woman in the room. His suggestion
for state and Federal co-operation in
the Deschutes development project
meets with the approval of the dele-
gates in general, but in some particu-
lars there is question of unanimous in-
dorsement.

Address Arouses Discussion.

Many delegates participated in the
discussion that followed Mr. Teal's ad-
dress. His announcement that the in-
terior department will give \$50,000 to-
wards a fund to be used in surveys on
the upper Deschutes brought forth this
good-natured inquiry from M. J. Lee,
of Canby, known as "the father of ir-
rigation in the Willamette valley":
"Is that money a part of Oregon's
\$13,000,000 that the government has in
the reclamation fund?" Laughter fol-
lowed.

J. E. Morson, of LaPine, expressed
the idea that the gigantic scheme sug-
gested by Mr. Teal cannot be carried
out successfully by private capital or
by the state and declared that the only
way to accomplish it is through the
Federal Government.

D. C. Brownell, of Umatilla, asked
Mr. Teal a number of questions re-
garding the Deschutes project. He ex-
pressed general approval of it.
Mr. Teal came to the defense of the
Government and its methods. He de-
clared that the departments have in
charge of the work in the West are
not intentionally slow and that the
men are not generally incompetent,
but that they are bound by rules and
by technicalities that sometimes do not
work for the best interests of the state.

He called attention to the fact that
the Federal Government is well
equipped to serve the states and the
individuals in substantially every phase
of human activity.

"These bureaus are not only willing
but desirous to co-operate to lend as-
sistance," he said. The extent to which
information thus can be obtained really
is marvelous.

Bureaus for People.
"These bureaus are yours. Their
service is at your command. The Na-
tional Government has gone further.
Certain departments in which we are
profoundly interested now co-operate
with the states in the work under their
jurisdiction."

He declared that the Geological Sur-
vey, as a rule, will spend dollar for
dollar with the state. The state thus
secures the services of highly trained,
efficient men and secures results with-
out cost that are valuable.

Mr. Teal outlined at considerable
length his much-discussed plan of ir-
rigating 500,000 acres in Central Ore-
gon and of developing power from the
Deschutes River. The territory included
in this project extends over parts of
Crook, Wheeler, Morrow and Gilliam
counties. Construction of dams, reser-
voirs and other works are involved
as well as the reclamation and utiliza-
tion of large bodies of public lands.
Federal jurisdiction, property and
service are involved. Mr. Teal said
the project was called to his at-
tention by John H. Lewis, State En-
gineer. Other engineers have recom-
mended it.

Oregon Possibilities Pictured.

"The greatest and most potential
single scheme of development in the
United States lies in the center of our
state," declared Mr. Teal. "Nothing
like it exists anywhere in the country.
It is worthy the thought of a states-
man, and only the poet's imagination
can do it justice."

While he described adequately the
possibilities of the irrigation project
alone, he held none but the most opti-
mistic view of the power develop-
ment features of the
scheme. Mr. Teal told of the corre-
spondence he has had with the Govern-
ment officials and of the visits he has

made to the Secretary of the Interior
at Washington in connection with this
enterprise, and of the promise he secured
from Secretary Fisher to appro-
priate \$50,000 from the reclamation
fund to be used in carrying on research
work.

He spoke, also, in favor of the John
Day irrigation project, and then took
up his discussion of the Federal recla-
mation service, declaring that it is un-
wise for the American public to aban-
don the present methods of conserva-
tion and of development "because some
young gentlemen from the East, or
from the West, for that matter, is en-
dowed with some little authority and
swells up until he finally blows up."

Meeting Well Attended.

Although the delegates began arriv-
ing as early as Wednesday morning,
the meeting did not open formally until
yesterday afternoon. C. C. Chapman,
promotion manager for the Portland
Commercial Club, called it to order.

Edgar B. Piper, president of the Port-
land Commercial Club, delivered the ad-
dress of welcome in behalf of the city.
He declared that the work before the
congress is among the most important
duties to be performed by any body that
gathered in the state, and pointed to
the increased attendance over that of
a year ago as evidence of the inter-
est among representatives of other
parts of the state.

"Our lands are here now," he said.
"and are ready for use. They are not
for unknown or unborn generations.
How to use them is the problem before
the Oregon Irrigation Congress."

He referred humorously to the fact
that the development of the country's
resources is considered so important by
the people of Oregon that two of its
citizens—Mr. Teal and Judge King—
now are candidates for a position in
the next Cabinet, and predicted the ap-
pointment of both.

Farm Population Needed.

William Hanley, of Burns, president
of the congress, responded. He referred
to the state as "big farm," and said
that it should be worked accordingly.
"Population is what we want," he
declared, "and we want the population
on the soil. The cities are too far
ahead of the growth of the rest of the
state for their own safety."

He urged that the work of the Agri-
cultural College be brought into the
homes of the farmers and onto the
farms where the young men will have
the daily benefit of the knowledge and
information disseminated at the school.
Nearly every county in the state is
represented, among the delegates being
several women. Mrs. Robert W. Mitchell,
of Burns, traveled a greater distance
than any of the other women.

Committees Are Named.

Members of the resolutions commit-
tee appointed by President Hanley are:

SCYTHE MAY SWING ON APPROPRIATIONS

Economy in Governmental Af-
fairs Cry of Washington
Legislators.

STATE SCHOOLS TARGETS

Objections to Manner in Which In-
stitutions Have Been Conducted
Promise to Precipitate Some
Lively Clashes.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 9.—(Special.)

Objections to the manner in which
some of the state schools of higher edu-
cation have been conducted during the
last two years will result in lively
fights at the coming session of the
Washington State Legislature when
bills are presented providing appropri-
ations of \$3,000,000 for the maintenance
of the institutions and for the erection
of new buildings.

The Socialistic tendencies of Dr. J.
Allen Smith, head of the department of
economics of the University of Wash-
ington, and two other professors in the
institution will result in several of the
county legislative delegations standing
bodily against any school appropri-
ations whatsoever, unless these profes-
sors are discharged.

Civics Chair Proposed.

Among these delegations are the rep-
resentatives from Skagit County, who
are said to be not only opposed to the
three professors, but also to maintain-
ing further the chair of political econ-
omy in the institution. They and
others will demand that a chair of
civics be substituted.

Objection is made to the number of
normal schools in the state, it being
the contention that they are too nu-
merous. There is opposition, also, to
the practice of the regents of the in-
stitutions not insuring the buildings.

PROMINENT DELEGATES ATTENDING OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS SNAPPED AT IMPERIAL HOTEL YESTERDAY.



(1) M. J. Lee, Canby; J. C. Hoskins, Echo. (2) J. E. Sawhill, Bend; A. B. Thompson, Echo. (3) J. E. Morson, La Pine; G. W. Rice, Lakeview. (4) W. O. Smith, Klamath Falls; J. J. Doegren, Burns. (5) William Miller, Burns; H. C. Lewis, Burns. (6) D. C. Brownell, Umatilla; James M. Kyle, Mayor of Stanfield.

C. S. McNaught, Hermiston; Frank Sloan, Stanfield; Leon J. Chapman, Ontario; William Miller, Burns; M. J. Lee, Canby; J. W. Brewer, Redmond; E. L. Thompson, Portland; W. O. Smith, Klamath Falls; and A. B. Thompson, Echo.

The credentials committee: Roy W. Rittner, Pendleton; W. W. Caviness, Vale; W. Young, Burns; A. O. Walker, Albany, and George H. Coppinger, Echo. The election of officers will take place on Saturday. There is a movement on foot to re-elect Mr. Hanley president.

There will be a particularly bitter fight this year on the proposition of funds, the contention being that one appropriation should cover all the schools, instead of there being separate funds for each.

In the face of these objections there seems to be some doubt about how the schools will fare in the matter of appropriations. It is said to be almost certain that important changes in the methods of conducting the institutions will have to be made before the appropriations asked will be made. The

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total amount asked is about \$3,000,000, the rebuilding of the normal school at Cheney, which was burned down. Reports of a long list of sweeping changes in state departments, which are to be sought at the coming session of the Washington Legislature, have caused general uneasiness among state employees. It is certain already that bills will be introduced at the session which, if passed, will cut the salary lists many thousands of dollars, and it is reported that still more bills of a similar nature are in course of preparation.

A bill will be introduced providing for the abolition of the State Tax Commission, which, if adopted, will eliminate many employees. The plan is to divide the work up between the Attorney-General, the State Treasurer and the Public Service Commission.

Another bill which is to be presented calls for the abolition of the state bureau of inspection and supervision of public officers. The ground for demanding the disorganization of this department is that it is not a necessary or needed part of the government, and is not properly conducted. It is likely there will be a keen fight over this, inasmuch as many of the legislators are said to be heartily in favor of the bureau.

An effort is to be made to cut the Board of Control down to one man, eliminating two of the present members. This would save the state \$6000 a year, the salary of the Board members being \$3000 each. It is planned also to merge the Labor Commission with the Industrial Insurance Commission in such manner as to bring about a material saving in salaries and other expenses. This plan is said to have the hearty support of a large number of legislators, and prospects are good for a lively tussle on the subject.

Financial Commission Proposed.

Another expense-saving scheme is seen in a bill providing for the creation of a financial commission to take over the collection of licenses. At present the licenses are taken in by various departments, and in practically all special clerical and bookkeeping help is needed for the handling of the license business. The proposed financial commission will take over all the license work and handle it with permanent clerks and bookkeepers.

In addition to these bills, which have bobbed up in various parts of the state, there has been a great deal heard about others of even a more sweeping nature. The uneasiness of state employees is increased by reason of the change of administration next week and the fact that the Governor-elect, Ernest Lister, has pledged himself to cut down state expenditures \$2,000,000 a year.

Cottage Grove to Have Fair.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Cottage Grove Grange will hold another agricultural fair this fall. A committee has already been appointed to take the affair in charge and plans are on foot to make it larger and much more comprehensive than last year. The school children will have exhibits the same as last year and it is proposed to add several new features. A committee from the Commercial Club will co-operate with the Grange committee.

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