CAREY ACT BACKERS SHOW CONFIDENCE

More Money Is Forthcoming as Needed for Further Work on Central Oregon Project.

SPECULATORS ARE BLAMED

Only Trivial Complaints Received from Bona-Fide Settlers, While Every Chance Is Given Those Who Develop Property.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

DESCHUTES, Crook County, Oregon, May 11.—(Special.)—There have been at least six Carey act segregations in Crook County, three of them being the old Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company's projects, one the Columbia Southern or Laidlaw project and two private or co-operative undertakings. These latter projects have been carried to completion by the settlers and are successful in every particular, the area reclaimed being about 3000 acres, but it is not my intention to discuss them now for the reason that I did not take the time to get full data concerning them. They are both gravity systems, one taking water from the Deschutes just below Bend and the other from the same stream a few miles south of that town.

To go into a history of the old Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, the name under which the present Central Oregon Irrigation Company started its career, would be to recapitulate more lawsuits, trials, tribulations and failures than could be embraced in one article of ordinary length. Anyhow, let the dead past bury its dead. It would serve no good purpose to go into details and rake up the bitterness of the contests waged to and fro between the State Land Board, the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, the settlers and the communities. If the whole story were to be told it would probably sift the matter down to failures caused by faulty engineering and bad management at the beginning. By the former the company undertook to reclaim a vast area at something like $15 an acre, whereas the cost was, or would have been if carried to completion, three times that.

Complaints Are Examined.

The present Central Oregon Company finally took over the three segregations, known locally as the North Canal, the Powell Butte and the Benham Falls projects, embracing all told about 237,000 acres. Nothing more than such preliminary work necessary to protect the water right has been done on the latter project, embracing 74,198 acres, so I will not discuss that at the present time.

I was sent out here to take up the work of the two former projects, the Powell Butte and North Canal segregations, and for several days I have pursued my investigations, much of which time has been devoted to listening to complaints against the company, its managers, its employes and its treatment of settlers, i. e., those who have taken up land under the project. And I really think I am pretty well qualified to give the reader a fair idea of the situation. These projects have an area of approximately 162,000 acres, which includes the waste or non-irrigable land, which will average something like 5 per cent of the total. That leaves about 155,000 acres to be watered.

The Central Oregon Company as the successors of the old Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company began its career with an indebtedness of close to $1,000,000, of which approximately $800,000 was represented by 5 per cent bonds, which were held principally in Columbus, O., and Portland, Or. It was the default on the interest of these bonds that caused the receivership and finally the utter collapse of the old company. That occurred three or four years ago and no interest has been as yet paid.

Bondholders Are Confident.

The present local head of the Central Oregon concern is Roscoe Howard, and after listening to the complaints mentioned above I came here and spent sufficient time with him and his cashier, W. W. Howard, to pretty fully dig down to the facts as to what has been done, what is being done and what the company intends to do. However, before going into that it is best to say that the company is really managed by a committee of three representing the bondholders, called the bondholders' executive committee. F. Ewing Martin, of Columbus, O., the attorney and representative of the executive committee, has taken up his residence at Bend and I had a long and pleasant interview with him.

The position of the bondholders can be readily understood. They hold $800,000 worth of worthless securities—worthless unless the projects are carried to completion. If this is done they think they will get the face value of their bonds and all interest charges. They think this so hard that last year they put in something like another $100,000 to build a dam below Bend, which supplies the North Canal, and they will put in more money as it is needed to do other construction work.

Now as to the complaints, which include those sent by mail to The Oregonian, and which, as a matter of fact, were responsible for my trip and my investigations. Who were and who are the fault finders? Let's go into that a trifle. In the first place the company pays its bills promptly—save its interest to bondholders. Locally the credit of the company is good. The company pays its men good wages and also pays them promptly.

Explanation Lies in Two Classes.

Now let's divide the people of Crook County into two classes—those who take water from the company and those who do not. I have shown that the latter seem to get a square deal, for their only interest it would seem is for the upbuilding of the country and honest treatment financially. They certainly get the latter. The former can be had if the settlers on these lands are successful. But stick a pin right there. Make a wide but a sharp distinction between the settlers on these lands and those other owners who do not live upon them. Do not for a single instant lose sight of that distinction. Remember I made it at the beginning of this paragraph by dividing the community into water-users and non-users.

I think I interviewed 200 water-users, patrons of the Central Oregon Company, land owners or lessees dealing directly with the company. And in only two or three cases were there any complaints whatever, and these were trivial, trifling and mere matters of detail that can and will be arranged at the cost of a few dollars. As to the water supply there was not a single word implying a shortage, they all get all the water they want and get it when they want it.

And not a single water user had a word to say against the company of a financial nature. No man complained of sharp practices or harshness in enforcing payments. On the other hand, dozens and dozens of these people told me they were far behind in their payments of principal, and some of them had not paid their interest for two or three years—and some of them were behind in principal, interest and maintenance, the latter being from 80 cents to $1 per year for each irrigable acre.

Real Settlers Given Every Chance.

Just a concrete example: While in Deschutes I saw a man approach and enter the general office of the company. A short time later he came out and I met him down on the platform. Here is his story: Two years ago this Spring he bought land and paid one-fourth down. Since then he has paid the company not a cent, his arrearages amounting to over $1000. But, and mark the but, he has remained on the land, has kept improving it, has fenced and cross fenced it, is in reality making a home of it and on it, and what is more, he says he can, during the next two years, pay up what he owes and what will become due, for he has three good milch cows and a good start in hogs, and plenty of clover and alfalfa to keep three times as many.

He came to the company's office discouraged, ready to throw up the sponge, expecting to pack up and leave, down and out. Mr. Howard told him to go home and forget all about the principal and pay the interest and maintenance as soon as he conveniently could. "You stick to the land and we will stick to you." Those were the parting words of the manager, "You stick to the land and we will stick to you."

Who, then, are the complainers, the kickers, the knockers? As a rule they are people who bought land from the company, expecting to make some quick and easy money by selling out at a fabulous profit before the second payment became due. In other words, they are shoestring speculators, who stand between the settler and the land. There you have it in a nutshell, and there is the whole trouble that we hear so much about on the Central Oregon Company's segregations. Had the lands originally been sold only to actual settlers Crook County would today be so far in advance of what it is—well, there would be ten prosperous farmers where there now is one.

MURRAY RETURNS TO PLEAD

Denver Man Admits Having Pawned Miss Kline's $350 Ring.

Constable Weinberger arrived in Portland last night from Denver, where he went to secure Frank Murray, a Denver man wanted here to answer to an indictment sworn to by Emma Kline, a young business woman who has charge of the cigar stand at a local hotel. Weinberger brought Murray, who was making preparations to return to Portland when placed under arrest. He said that he intended to restore the ring which Miss Kline said he had failed to return to her and which he said he pawned when not mentally capable. He said he did not intend to steal it.

Miss Kline charged that Murray, who is an employe of Kniffen & Co., mining brokers, failed to return the ring, valued at $350, and that she later found it in a pawnshop. Murray is well known in Denver, but made no fight on extradition, saying that he was willing to return to Portland and clear the matter.

ANTI-ALIEN LAW DEFENDED

Corean Missionary Says Japanese Have Little to Complain Of.

Dr. J. Hunter Wells, who has been in Corea for 18 years as a medical missionary and who will return there to resume the work in about two months, lectured at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon on "The Japanese in California." He compared the attitude of the people of California to that of the Japanese toward foreigners in their own country and in Corea, and said that they should have little to complain at the treatment that California proposes to give them.

Dr. Wells told of his relations with the Japanese in Corea, and said that he had always been on friendly terms with them. He has charge of a hospital which is supported by Portland contributions.

The fourth of the social series of pictures was shown, treating of dance-halls and public amusements. The pictures were accompanied by an explanatory lecture, which was read by Richard R. Perkins.

800 Go to Hillsboro; 30 Invest.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Eight hundred Portland excursionists arrived on the Oregon Electric today, for the purpose of looking over suburban property. Thirty invested. All were pleased with the appearance of the city, which was severely taxed for their entertainment, owing to the inclement weather.

Nine Women on Grand Jury.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—The jury list for the June term of the Lewis County Superior Court, drawn yesterday, contains 42 names, nine of which were women. Mrs. J. E. Lease, wife of a Centralia banker, and Mrs. N. B. Coffman, wife of a Chehalis banker, were among those drawn.

RAYMOND HAS GUESTS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET IN STATE COUNCIL.

Large Class Taken in and Banquet Held Opening Day—Sightseeing Trips to End With Ball Tonight.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Raymond is host to a body of visitors from all parts of the state, who are here as delegates to the State Council of Knights of Columbus.

Today was given over to religious devotions in the morning, followed by an exemplification of the degrees of the order, in the course of which a large class of candidates was received into the order. Tonight a banquet was served in the Commercial Club Annex, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Tomorrow will be devoted to the entertainment of the visiting delegates. The day's sight seeing will begin at 8 o'clock with an automobile trip up the Willapa Valley. At 10 A. M. a steamer will leave Ellis-street dock for an excursion to the ocean. Returning, the party will reach Tokeland in time for dinner at 1 P. M., and will spend a couple of hours there. Returning to South Bend at 5 P. M., the visitors will be shown over the Pacific County Courthouse, the new Carnegie Library and the home of the Commercial Club. At 6 P. M. they will return by street-car to Raymond, and the day will wind up with the second annual Knights of Columbus' ball in the Commercial Club Hall.

Tuesday will be devoted to the business sessions of the state council.

M'GAW HAS UNION SERVICE

Vancouver Churches Will Hear of Citizenship Conference.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—No prayer meetings will be held in the Vancouver churches Thursday evening, but instead a union service of all the Protestant churches will take place in the First Congregational Church, at Fourteenth and Main streets, to hear Dr. McGaw speak. He is general field secretary of the Christian Citizenship Conference, to be held in Portland in June. Last week he was here and delivered an address and planned for the union service Thursday.

Two laymen from each of the churches in the city were elected to serve on a big committee to work up interest in the coming conference, and W. P. Connaway was elected chairman and N. W. Merrifield secretary, at a special committee meeting last night.

Raymond May Get Mail Delivery.

RAYMOND, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Robert Barclay, postoffice inspector, of Tacoma, spent a couple of days here with Postmaster Turner for the purpose of making a report on the advisability of installing mail delivery service here. Mr. Barclay said he would recommend a delivery service for the business district, the island and that part of Riverdale and Riverview having sidewalks.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, May 11.—Maximum temperature, 55 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees. River reading at 8 A. M., 11.8 feet; change in last 24 hours, rise of .9 foot. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), .20 inch; total since September 1, 1912, 38.59 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 40.80 inches; deficiency, 7.21 inches. Total sunshine, none; possible sunshine, 14 hours, 48 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 30.06 inches.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Maximum temp.	Precipitation past 24 hours	Wind Velocity	Wind Direction	State of Weather
Baker	58	0.06	8	SE	Cloudy
Boise	64	0.00	6	NW	Cloudy
Boston	56	0.60	16	NW	Cloudy
Calgary	62	0.00	12	NE	Cloudy
Chicago	52	0.00	6	E	Clear
Colfax	64	0.00			Pt. cloudy
Denver	78	0.00	12	NE	Pt. cloudy
Des Moines	64	0.00	8	S	Clear
Duluth	58	0.00	4	S	Cloudy
Eureka	58	0.40	16	SW	Rain
Galveston	76	0.00	8	S	Clear
Helena	58	0.04	12	SW	Pt. cloudy
Jacksonville	74	0.18	14	NE	Pt. cloudy
Kansas City	62	0.01	10	SE	Clear
Klamath Falls	55	0.00			Cloudy
Laurier	59	0.20	4	S	Cloudy
Los Angeles	76	0.00	8	SW	Clear
Montreal	50	0.00	16	N	Clear
New Orleans	58	0.04	4	W	Rain
New York	54	0.00	24	NW	Clear
North Head	52	0.60	30	S	Pt. cloudy
North Yakima	64	0.00	8	SW	Cloudy
Pendleton	70	0.19	4	N	Pt. cloudy
Phoenix	92	0.00	4	NE	Clear
Pocatello	62	0.00	6	W	Cloudy
Portland	55	0.20	9	SE	Rain
Roseburg	62	0.02	4	E	Rain
Sacramento	72	0.00	4	SE	Cloudy
St. Louis	66	0.00	10	S	Clear
St. Paul	64	0.00	24	S	Cloudy
Salt Lake	66	0.00	14	NW	Clear
San Francisco	62	0.00	12	W	Cloudy
Spokane	60	0.22	12	SW	Cloudy
Tacoma	58	0.36	10	SW	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	50	0.40	6	SE	Cloudy
Walla Walla	66	0.12	4	NE	Cloudy
Washington	58	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Weiser	74	0.00	4	W	Pt. cloudy
Wenatchee	55	0.00			Cloudy

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Eastern high-pressure field has contracted in area but is still central over the Lake region. Moderately high pressure obtains over much of the Pacific Slope. Over Western Canada, the Basin, Rocky Mountain and Plains states, and the North Atlantic states the pressure is low. Within the last 24 hours precipitation has occurred in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, the Dakotas, Missouri, South Carolina, Florida and Western Canada, but in most cases the amounts were small. Thunder storms were reported from Northern Montana and the Dakotas. Light frost occurred this morning at Baker, Or. Much cloudiness obtains over the greater portion of the Pacific Slope and in the Northern states as far east as the Lake region.

The conditions are favorable for generally cloudy and unsettled weather, with local showers Monday. Changes in temperature will be unimportant, and southwesterly winds will prevail.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Monday, showers; southerly winds.

Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Monday, showers; not much change in temperature; winds mostly southwesterly.

THEODORE F. DRAKE,
Acting District Forecaster.

Newport to Aid Visitors.

NEWPORT, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—So that persons visiting here for short periods may be readily located by inquiring friends and in order to facilitate the delivery of messages, registering stations are to be placed at convenient points about the city. There will be a register at the Bay front, one near the Postoffice at the top of the hill, and one at Nyebeach. The books will be placed conspicuously and will have notices asking everyone to write his name and place of abode while here.

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Captain Z. Elliott, formerly of Truck 2, has been transferred by Chief Dowell to have charge of the Rose City station. For the present the station is equipped with horse trucks, but it is planned in the future to install automobile apparatus.

AUCTION SALES TODAY.

At private residence, 255 13th st., near Jefferson st. Furniture, etc. Sale at 10 o'clock. Geo. Baker & Co., auctioneers.

At Wilson's Auction House, at 10 A. M. Furniture. 166-8 First st.

Ford Auction House, 211 1st. Furniture, carpets, etc. Sale at 2 P. M.

MEETING NOTICES.

HARMONY LODGE, NO. 12, A. F. AND A. M.—A stated communication will be held tomorrow (Monday) evening, May 12. A large attendance is desired and urged. An able address will be given by Wor. Bro. Wright on "The Two Pillars and Their Lost Significances," which will be both interesting and instructive. We also decide about amending our by-laws. All Master Masons welcome. Do not miss this meeting. J. W. A. MANCUR, W. M.

WILLAMETTE LODGE, NO. 2, A. F. AND A. M.—Special communication this (Monday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Work in M. M. degree. Visiting brethren welcome.
W. S. WEEKS, Sec.

MULTNOMAH COUNCIL ROYAL ARCANUM meets at K. P. Hall, 11th and Alder streets, the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 8 P. M. Visitors cordially welcomed.
P. LLOYD COVER, Secretary.

MARTHA WASHINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 14, O. E. S.—Stated meeting this (Monday) evening, East 8th and Burnside. Official visit of Worthy Grand Matron, Degrees. Order W. M. BELLE RICHMOND, Sec.

PORTLAND COMPANY, 107, W. O. W., will give a whist and dance at W. O. W. Temple, 128 Eleventh street, Wednesday, May 14. Union music and refreshments.

DIED.

SEMPLE—Helen J., infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Semple, May 11, at 775 Montana ave. Remains at A. R. Zeller Company's parlors, 592 Williams ave. Funeral announcement later.

SAMMONS—Charles R. Sammons, in this city, May 11, aged 32 years. Remains at Dunning & McEntee's parlors, where they have been prepared for shipment to Spokane, Wash.

CULLINS—John Cullins, in this city May 11, aged 78 years, father of Richard Cullins. Remains at Dunning & McEntee's parlors. Funeral notice later.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

ANDERSON—In this city, May 10, John A. Anderson, of 397 12th st., aged 58 years. Beloved husband of Mary J. Anderson and brother-in-law of Mrs. C. D. Tooley, of Vancouver, Wash., and brother-in-law of Arthur and Charles William, of Portland, Or. Remains will be at the new parlors of J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th st., until this morning, at which time they will be taken to the residence of Mrs. C. D. Tooley, 712 West 12th st., Vancouver, Wash., where funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends invited. Interment in family plot, Vancouver, Wash.

TIERNEY—May 10, Ann Tierney, aged 80 years, wife of the late Michael Tierney and mother of M. F. and Joseph J. Tierney. Funeral will take place from Dunning & McEntee chapel Monday, May 12, at 8:45 A. M. Services at St. Mary's Cathedral, cor. 15th and Davis sts., 9 o'clock. Friends respectfully invited. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

STEELE—The funeral services of the late Willard J. Steele will be held Tuesday, May 13, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the new chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Montgomery at 5th st. Friends respectfully invited. Interment Mount Scott Park Cemetery.

HAGLUND—Baby Haglund, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Haglund, in this city, May 11. The funeral will leave the parlors of F. S. Dunning, East Side Funeral Directors, at 1 P. M. today (Monday). Interment Mount Scott Cemetery.

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