

IRRIGATIONISTS SEE NEED OF STATE AID

Criticism of Tumalo Project Deplored by Speaker, Who Tells of Progress.

SCHOOL FUND USE URGED

Plan Broached at Irrigation Congress to Divert Half of Irreducible Fund for Purposes of Dry-Land Development.

Inadequacy of the state's present policy of reclamation and the need of state aid in financing proposed irrigation development projects in Eastern and Central Oregon supplied the chief topic for discussion by delegates at the Oregon Irrigation Congress at the Imperial Hotel yesterday.

The expressed opinion was unanimous that without this financial aid prospective projects, as well as those already launched for this state, would be seriously retarded, if not entirely defeated.

State Policy Reviewed.

This discussion was introduced by H. H. De Armond, chairman of the executive committee of the congress, who prefaced his address with a review of the reclamation policy of the state, which included its acceptance of the terms of the Carey act, the enactment of a water code by which valuable water rights in the state have been adjudged and its effort to costly litigation, and the passage by the 1917 Legislature of the district irrigation code.

The speaker pronounced the Carey act a failure except to the extent that it had stimulated interest in the arid lands of the state and their productive possibilities under a practical scheme of reclamation. He characterized as the "broadest piece of constructive legislation" the action of the 1913 Legislature in appropriating \$450,000 for completion of the Tumalo project, but deplored the attitude of some newspapers in declaring this project a failure.

Development Is Shown.

"In discussing what irrigation means to Oregon and what it already has done for the state," added Mr. De Armond, "I can do no better than refer to the Central Oregon Irrigation project, which proposes the reclamation of between 100,000 and 200,000 acres. Fifteen years ago this vast area was a desert, inhabited only by jackrabbits and a few horses and cattle; it was covered with sagebrush and juniper entirely undeveloped and non-productive.

"In 1915 40,000 acres of this tract had been sold to settlers, 20,000 are under irrigation and in crops. This acreage consists of 700 individual farms and two years ago represented a population of 1532. Today these irrigated lands have an aggregate valuation of \$2,500,000, and the value of crops last year was \$500,000.

Plan Is Suggested.

"There is only one solution to the situation. We must have state aid, and I have a plan that appears entirely feasible. I would have 50 per cent of the irreducible fund of the state diverted to irrigation development. The state could well afford to loan these school funds to a district irrigation project, when the feasibility of that project had been ascertained by the State Engineer or a commission of other competent engineers, sufficient for completing the ditches and placing water on the lands to be reclaimed."

At the opening of the morning session President Hinkle announced the appointment of the following committees:

Credentials—Fred F. Hoelcher, of Prineville; John Dubuis, of Grants Pass; and Fred N. Wallace, of Tumalo.

Resolutions—C. C. Clark, of Arlington; G. W. Orfield, of Klamath Falls; H. W. Turner, of Madras; Leonard Carpenter, of Medford, and W. B. Keen, of Portland.

Delegates Go to Corvallis.

Between 50 and 60 of the delegates left in a special train over the Oregon Electric at 9:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Corvallis, where they will today hold a joint meeting with the Oregon Drainage Association. The irrigationists will return to Portland tonight for the concluding session of their convention, which will be held tomorrow, beginning at 9:30 A. M.

Saturday morning B. E. Stoutemyer, of Boise, Idaho, United States reclamation attorney, will discuss the Chamberlain bill. The feature of the closing session will be reports from the various projects, which will show the extent to which crop production in this state has been increased as a direct result of irrigation development. The annual election of officers will take place Saturday afternoon. Three names have been suggested for president—H. W. Gard, of Madras, first vice-president; H. H. DeArmond, of Bend, chairman of the executive; and J. H. Upton, of Prineville, chairman of the legislative committee.

Filipinos to Serve in War.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Approximately 27,000 Filipinos are expected to be mustered into the United States Army under a bill passed today by the House, taking in the Philippine National Guard and Scouts.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

MILLIONS USE IT TO STOP A COLD

"Pape's Cold Compound" Ends Severe Colds or Grippe in Few Hours.

Relief comes instantly. A dose taken every two hours until three doses are taken will end grippe misery and break up a severe cold either in the head, chest, body or limbs.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and air passages in the head, stops nasty discharges or nose running, relieves sick headache, dizziness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and sniffing! Ease your throbbing head! Nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only a few cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, causes no inconvenience. Be sure you get the genuine.—Adv.

FLOOD WRECKS RAILROAD BRIDGE NEAR ELLENSBURG.



—Photo by Pautzke.

MILWAUKEE SPAN OVER YAKIMA RIVER DROPS INTO TORRENT.

WATER SUPPLY CUT

Tacoma May Have to Depend on Wells for Present.

OFFICIAL SURVEY ORDERED

Floods in Mountain Streams Contaminate Reserve in City Reservoirs and Experts Are Working to Meet Emergency.

YAKIMA RIVER RISES AGAIN

Railroad Operation Still Hampered and Rain Begins Anew.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 3.—(Special.)

The City Council today discussed the serious water condition which is now facing Tacoma and decided to investigate the water supply in the wells at South Tacoma.

W. A. Kunigk, city water superintendent, was called into conference with the Council. Mr. Kunigk said that the South Tacoma wells would relieve the situation there would not be enough there to supply the city. Flooding mountain streams have contaminated the waters in the city reservoirs.

WOMEN RAID COAL CARS

Railroad Detectives Powerless Before Mob in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Coal riots, which began here yesterday, were resumed today when several hundred men, women and children raided cars on a Pennsylvania railroad siding and stole more than 150 tons of anthracite.

Railroad detectives were powerless before the women who risked their lives when an attempt was made to move eight of the fuel-laden cars.

For three hours the raiders carried off coal in buckets and push carts and could not be dispersed until a riot call brought a detail of police who arrested the ringleaders.

OBERRAMMERGAU IS SHAKEN

Serious Earthquake Reported in City of "Passion Play."

GENEVA, Jan. 3.—The Zurich Observatory reports that a serious earthquake, which was recorded recently, has been located at Oberrammergau in Upper Bavaria, and also in the Upper Valley of the Lech River.

Oberrammergau is noted for the "passion play" performed every 10 years by the peasants in fulfillment of a vow made by the inhabitants in 1634. Anton Lang, the Christus of the passion play, was reported last June to have been called to the colors.

HORSE SOLD FOR \$150

Stray Animal Will Be Killed and Hide Sold and Meat Fed to Hogs.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—A horse was sold at auction here today for \$150. The animal strayed into the city limits and was impounded, kept the legal length of time and advertised, and the sale set for today.

Carl J. Leuschner bought the horse. The fees and advertising and feeding the horse amounted to \$12. Mr. Leuschner will kill the horse, sell the hide and feed the meat to hogs.

CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED

B. F. Boynton Chosen President by Light and Power Employees.

At the first annual meeting of the Employees' Social Club of the Portland Railway Light & Power Company, held last night, the following officers were elected for the year 1918: President, B. F. Boynton, claim agent; first vice-president, A. B. Gottschalk, planning department; second vice-president, J. P. Roach, instructor of motormen and conductors for the interurban line; secretary and treasurer, R. R. Robley, operating engineer.

Coal Yards Are Raided.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 3.—Hundreds of citizens today raided the Chesapeake & Ohio coal yards, taking away two carloads of coal in small quantities. Railway officials were unable to stop the citizens, and it was not until military police were called that the people were driven off.

Woman Reported Missing.

Florence Granrod, waitress in a restaurant at 273 Burnside street, reported to the police last night that her sister, Mrs. Lottie Smith, of Hillsboro, had mysteriously disappeared. Dan McBride, a brakeman who took Mrs. Smith to the Union Station in a taxicab, was arrested by Sergeant Geisner and had an investigation of the woman's whereabouts.

FIRE MARSHAL IS NAMED

Edward Grenfell Outlines Plans for Fire Prevention Campaign.

With the appointment by City Commissioner Rigelow of Edward Grenfell to the position of Fire Marshal, the fire prevention work started in 1915 by former Fire Marshal Stevens is to be pushed along on a bigger scale than ever. Announcement of this effect was made yesterday by Commissioner Rigelow.

Mr. Grenfell assumed charge of the office yesterday and forthwith laid plans for activities. He says school inspection will be pushed right away, and as soon as the fire bureau is reorganized in accordance with changes to be made March 1, when new apparatus is received, all the rest of the activities of Chief Stevens will be resumed energetically and extended wherever possible.

2 AMERICANS AMONG DEAD

Others of 36 Killed in Raid on Train Were Mexicans.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 3.—H. J. Poe, of Los Angeles, and Miguel Martinez, of Nogales, Ariz., Americans, were among the 26 persons killed yesterday when Yaqui Indians attacked a Southern Pacific of Mexico train south of Empalme, Sonora, according to messages reaching the railroad's offices here today.

Traveling Auditor Ralph Snowel, an American, with headquarters at Mazatlan, was wounded. Alberto Joffroy, another American of a border trading company at Nogales, was shot three times, but will recover. Among the trainmen killed were Conductor Paredes and an express messenger.

LABORER KILLED BY AUTO.

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NAVY RECORD AT TOP

Portland Again Leads All Cities of the Nation.

NEW YORK IS SECOND

Enlistments for Duty at Sea, in Year Just Past, by Station in This City Numbered 5214 Acceptable Men—Few Are Rejected.

Again Portland leads all cities of the Nation.

The Rose City sent more Navy recruits to the colors during the week ending December 29 than any other city. More important still, Portland led in the number of Navy enlistments for the 14-day period terminating on that date.

New York, which spent \$1,000,000 in the recruiting campaign, must be satisfied with second rank for the two-week recruiting period that included the remarkable rush of registered men before the bars went up against them, while St. Louis and Chicago trail far behind.

During the final fortnight of the recruiting rush, Portland's district Naval Bureau stood first with enlistments totaling 1350. The New York district bureau ranked second, with an aggregate of 1113. In the St. Louis district the total was 1020, and at Chicago 753.

Portland Enlists 508 in Week.

For the week's efforts which ended December 13, Portland's station enlisted 536 men, ranking next to New York, where 725 men were accepted for the Navy. In the second week, however, ending December 20, the local bureau enrolled 714 recruits, while New York dropped to 281.

These figures, showing Portland's astonishing record, are taken from the official Navy recruiting bulletin, received here yesterday.

The record achieved here is all the more remarkable because of the fact that 51 of the 57 Naval recruiting districts have populations greater—some of them immensely greater—than that which Portland represents. The New York district has a population of practically 7,000,000. The Atlanta district has 3,500,000 and numerous others have over 3,000,000 population. The Portland district has an accredited population of 993,428.

Few Are Rejected.

Another record is won by Portland because of the small number of rejections of applicants. The Nation-wide average of rejections is 54 per cent. The Portland average is 34 per cent. In the record week's recruiting here 295 applicants of 919 were rejected. In St. Louis, for example, there were 577 rejections from a total of 1088 applicants.

In the year just passed the Portland station mobilized for the Navy a grand total of 5214 acceptable men. Records for other cities of the Nation have not been compiled. The total at Seattle, however, is computed as 3228.

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To Thrifty Men! Buffum & Pendleton Co. Announce a Clearance Sale of \$25 and \$30 Suits and Overcoats \$18.50

There will be no general mark-down sale of clothing this season, owing to the advancing prices and the scarcity of woollens, but we are grouping together all single garments left from large lots, together with such few garments as were carried from last season, and offer them at the above irresistible price in order to leave us nothing other than complete lines at the time of our annual taking account of stock, February first.

As our regular prices practically begin at \$25, this price of \$18.50 means an unusual opportunity for thrifty men.

While there are but one or two garments of each pattern in the entire grouping, one can find a fair assortment of nearly every size, including longs and stouts.

We believe it to be well understood by the public that woollens are advancing so rapidly that the ordinary prices of today will seem like very great bargains another year, if war conditions continue.

Your inspection is invited.

Buffum & Pendleton Co. Clothiers, Hatters and Haberdashers 127 Sixth St., 30 Easy Steps From Washington

35 Belted Overcoats are included in this sale, prices of which were as follows: 12 were \$25, 13 were \$30, 10 were \$35. Now Priced at \$18.50!

59 Young Men's Suits including many nobby belted effects will be found in this lot. 22 were \$25, 23 were \$30, 14 were \$35. Now Priced at \$18.50!

4 Trains Only BETWEEN Portland and Puget Sound Cities. This reduction made necessary by flood conditions. Until further notice, passenger trains for Tacoma, Seattle and all intermediate stations will leave Portland, UNION STATION ONLY, as follows: 8:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 4:15 P.M., 10:30 P.M. ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES IN SEATTLE WILL BE AT THE KING-STREET STATION. The three daylight trains will consist of coaches, dining car and baggage car. NO OBSERVATION OR PARLOR CARS. The 10:30 P. M. Express train will carry four standard sleeping cars for Seattle and one for Tacoma. No advance reservation will be made. Purchase sleeping car tickets at City Ticket Offices or at Union Station. 8:30 A. M. train will make connections for Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor cities, also for Olympia and American Lake (Camp Lewis). 4:15 P. M. train will make connection for Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor and run via American Lake. Leaving time from Seattle for Portland and intermediate points same as from Portland, 8:30 A. M., 12:30 P. M., 4:15 P. M. and 10:30 P. M. Tickets of any issue, whether Northern Pacific, Great Northern or Union Pacific (O-W. R. R. & N.) will be honored on any of these trains. For more detailed information inquire at the City Ticket Office of the Northern Pacific, 3d and Morrison Streets; Union Pacific, 3d and Washington Streets; or Great Northern, 348 Washington Street. A. D. Charlton Asst. Gen. Pass. Agent Northern Pacific Railway Portland, Oregon. Wm. McMurray General Passenger Agent Union Pacific System Portland, Oregon. M. J. Costello Asst. Traffic Manager Great Northern Railway Seattle, Wash.