

STAND ON BIRD BILL DAILY BY CONVENTION

Harney County Delegates Give Explanations.

PROMISES NOT PLEDGED

Representatives at Portland Meet Say No Word Given Not to Vote Against Measure.

Charles W. Ellis and Dr. L. E. Hibbard of Burns, have written the Oregonian in explanation of the stand of the Harney county residents on the bird refuge bill that will appear on the November ballot. Mr. Ellis and Dr. Hibbard were a committee that met with the framers of the measure in Portland for the purpose of having some objectionable features removed from the original measure.

Dr. Hibbard states that he is yet favoring the bill while Mr. Ellis states that he did not promise not to vote against the measure only pledging no organized opposition. The delegates to the Portland meeting from Burns state that the measure met with the approval of their constituents on their return last June, but that there have been a number of minor changes since then.

Mr. Hibbard writes as follows: "Owing to health conditions I came to Harney valley 21 years ago and entered into ranching. My interest and what I have invested in the ranch, I want to see the country go ahead and prosper, as my boys are following my footsteps in this respect. I have no objection, I might know my relations, to the country."

The Burns commercial club, of which I am an active member, called several meetings in May, and, working with Mr. Harney, wrote an amendment to the original bird bill, which we all agreed would be safe and satisfactory to the people of this valley. Charles Ellis and I were asked to go to the bird bill committee and try to get the bill changed. With the help of Mr. Corbett, who represents large interests here, we prevailed on them to make the change in the bill we wished. We certainly said many things to them leading them to believe we would not oppose the changed bill, but rather help pass it. If they now feel but at our present attitude toward the bill, I say, no wonder, for at our commercial club meeting last Friday, called to vote our attitude on the bill for the benefit of the state chamber, one man after another for the bill—one person that tried to remind them we would not vote against it. They would have gone one of it. Said Mr. Finley had made too many misrepresentations to the people.

Many Misstatements Found.

There have been many statements made that were not true. Both sides of the question. After reading all that has been printed carefully and checking up, I would say to you, you have found far more misstatements from the opposition than from the sponsor. Nine-tenths of the people in this irrigation district will vote against the bill. Over one-half of the country will vote against it. Both our town papers are fighting it bitterly. They have dubbed it "birds versus babies." "A mistake, and in all fairness to the voters of the state should be written birds versus dollars."

Now we have reached the issue. The most of the people here that are fighting the bill, from C. H. McConnell right down the line to Jimmy are doing so for the chance of a little personal gain. There are some here who have advanced views, thinking that birds, however beautiful and rare, have no place in this matter-of-fact civilization, and must give way.

In this big state of ours, isn't there room for both? Might not the value of some of these beauty spots in this state, such as Mount Hood, Crater Lake, Malheur bird reserve, be greater to our school children than the school fund—after the lawing with the riparian owners was over and the engineers got their rake-off?

As the most of the voters of the state may want to decide on the dollar value, I would like to say to them that this bird preserve handled by our government will be far more valuable to our state and to this county than used as a grain or hay field. When it is known what can be seen there and these cross-state roads are completed, thousands of eastern people will be attracted here and spend money and tell other thousands where none would come to see hay fields.

As to the possibility of hay and grain fields there, I want to tell you the facts. It is approximately 1000 feet from the border of the preserve. The rise and fall of the water wets up and produces a heavy growth of coarse sedge grasses. This is added to by many islands and shoals. By permission of the government and without any charge, this is cut and stacked for the cattle, and then when it freezes up is cut and stacked and a great deal of stock is wintered. I think more so, valley of any immense dimensions, than our two small streams entering it cannot, when used for stock raising, begin to serve with water the good land that is practically free from alkali, leaving some for the use of the stock, as it has all been appropriated for lands of a better class and some distance from the lake. But as there is no outlet from this valley the seepage water and the drainage ditches will, we think, as in the past, keep enough water there for the bird life and the stock. The immense tonnage of cheap coarse hay. There are some fertile spots such as the Amussen tract, where the large oaks were grown, and the Springer tract, where splendid riparian land has been secured. These are exceptions, as they have been partly washed of their mineral success by the incoming water, and will be misleading to the voters, as these spots are not representative of the whole valley. For untold ages these two streams have washed this alkali country, carrying the mineral down to these lakes, where the water to evaporate; the mineral, of course, stays. If the water is ever drained away, we will have some more dusty alkali flats to mar our valley.

Mr. Ellis' letter is in part as follows: "The bird refuge bill is originally filed was framed without any consideration of the wishes or interests of Harney county. The original bill included a cession of the tributary waters of Malheur lake to the United States. Upon the filing of the original bill a number of meetings were held in Burns to discuss the matter, and we arrived at the conclusion that unless we could have some changes made in the bill we would be compelled to make an organized fight against it. Dr. L. E. Hibbard and myself were sent to Portland to meet with the committee having the bill in charge and see if we could obtain some concessions. I was delegated to first go to Enterprise, where the federated women's clubs of Oregon were to hold a convention and see if they would defer action on any resolutions which might be presented at their session. I attended the convention and the clubs took no action on the resolutions presented. The result of the Portland conference in Portland.

In Portland we called on Henry L. Corbett, who is interested in lands to the south of Malheur lake, and who told us that he had received a concession from the bird committee in the shape of the following clause (which appears in the bill now before the voters): 'that the water in the water rights, filings and applications to use, impound, or appropriate water made in conformity with the laws of the state of Oregon'; that he would assist us in obtaining further concessions. We could, but if we could not then he would be satisfied with what had been conceded to him.

Meeting Is Called.

Mr. Baker, vice-president of the bird committee, at our request called a meeting of such members of his committee as could get together and a conference was held at which were present Messrs. Baker and Messrs. Baker and Elliot of the committee, and Messrs. Corbett, Hibbard and myself. For concessions. The members of the committee decided that the original bill would be withdrawn and a substitute measure submitted carrying the concession al-

INDIAN GIRL WINS FIRST PRIZE AT FAIR FOR CANNING FRUIT.



Miss Dorothy Sim-tus-tus of Simnasho and the six quarts of huckleberries which she won a blue ribbon at Prineville, its from her first prize for fruit canning at the Interstate fair at Prineville October 6 to 9. Two weeks before the fair Dorothy, who lives at Simnasho, went up to Olalla mountain, near Mount Hood, and gathered a quantity of exceptionally large huckleberries, which she put up in jars. When the fair opened she entered six quarts in competition against her white sisters and carried off first prize for the best canned fruit.

This was not the girl's only achievement, for she captured first prize in the running horse race at the fair, competing with others of her tribe.

Particularly proud of her achievement is Miss Dorothy Sim-tus-tus, a Warm Springs Indian, 19 years of age, who won a blue ribbon for fruit canning at the Interstate fair at Prineville October 6 to 9. Two weeks before the fair Dorothy, who lives at Simnasho, went up to Olalla mountain, near Mount Hood, and gathered a quantity of exceptionally large huckleberries, which she put up in jars. When the fair opened she entered six quarts in competition against her white sisters and carried off first prize for the best canned fruit.

When I reached home the Burns people were pleased with what had been accomplished as the question of raising large funds with which the Burns people had been disappointed. The bird committee and I had been in the city for several days assisting in the change.

However, there has never been any organized fight against the proposed bill. The Burns commercial club has never raised on the lands within the meander line of Malheur lake to the state fair, for the purpose of showing the futility of a state-sponsor, and the engineering society, which Mr. Finley's heretofore mentioned. However, there has never been any organized fight against the bill. The Burns commercial club has never raised on the lands within the meander line of Malheur lake to the state fair, for the purpose of showing the futility of a state-sponsor, and the engineering society, which Mr. Finley's heretofore mentioned. However, there has never been any organized fight against the bill.

What has done the most to crystallize local sentiment against the bill is the article which appeared in The Oregonian on September 16, which is entitled "Harney Lake Land Held to Be Alkali," and in which Mr. Finley is quoted as having said: "The whole tenor of his quoted remarks is to the effect that Harney lake is alkali and therefore worthless. Now as this lake has nothing to do with the State, he is entitled to do with it as he pleases. Mr. Finley either was quoted correctly or he was not, and if he was misquoted then he should have been so corrected. Water on whatever merits it might have, but if it is to be carried on such statements as the above, it ought to be defeated."

Mr. Finley is at the head and front of the movement for the bill. As he has not seen to an honest presentation of facts we will not be returning to support the bill and by refusing to support it we are violating no pledge or promise. If the organization were to come any other local organized fight on the bill as we originally contemplated, I would oppose such action, although ethically I believe that Mr. Finley by his article of September 16 has made all pledges void.

Opposition Reasons Given.

Opposition to the bill locally is based on the following reasons:

First—Were the only opposition to the bill the fact that the common school fund would be depleted, then the bill should have been framed so that the state would receive an equal area of land in lieu of that ceded to the United States.

Second—The proposed bird reserve will not be a means of drawing tourists in any great numbers, and in any event tourists could not compensate for the development of Oregon which the proposed bill might stir.

Third—If the reserve is created it will be administered from Washington. Have we any assurance that the biological department at Washington will honor the stipulation from the original bill of the tributary water clause? In the September number of the Reclamation Record appears an article by a government employee in which it is stated that the government owns all unappropriated water. I have a letter from Mr. W. S. Baker, first vice-president of the bird committee, under date of October 13, in which he states that immediately after our visit to Portland the federal government had ready an injunction proceeding against further irrigation development in Harney county and that if the proposed measure passes the government will be content, but if it does not we can expect government interference with our development.

Fourth—The proposed bill should have been framed at a conference in which all interests could have been represented. By so doing the bill could have been fairly worked out and relations and exceptions inserted which would have bound the United States to fair and uniform administration.

In conclusion I might add that local people have willingly granted leases where by miles of Harney county lands are in private game preserve. But small percentage of Harney county people are hunters. The bill having been framed without our having had a voice we were necessarily at a disadvantage in Portland, as we could only hope to have some matters stricken out. I never promised to vote for the bill, only pledging no organized opposition and that has been done.

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The "greatest mother of them all" is about to make her annual appeal for funds to carry on her work of after-care of former service men and their families, and promotion of public health. Portland chapter of the American Red Cross will join with the national organization in a fortnight's campaign, to open with Armistice Day, November 11, and continue until November 25.

Multnomah county is expected to raise \$50,000, compared with a quota of \$150,000 last year given to Portland chapter for the campaign in Multnomah, Columbia, Yamhill, Washington and Clackamas counties. It is not expected that any county but Multnomah will be included in the drive of the local chapter this year.

H. E. Witham, veteran director of numerous war drives, has been named campaign manager. The executive committee appointed for the fourth Red Cross roll call by the chapter is composed of Dr. J. Guy Strohm, Dow V. Walker and John H. Stevenson.

Headquarters for the campaign will be opened tomorrow morning at Broadway and Stark street, in a room lent by the Broadway bank. It will be in charge of Mrs. J. G. Gillingham, executive secretary of the drive. Lolita Bodman will be cashier and district supplies will be in charge of T. A. Harper.

Flying squadrons of American legionnaires, war nurses, business men, society women, Boy Scouts and others have yet to be organized. Active support of the women's motor corps has been pledged by Mrs. I. Aaronson. The Red Cross canteen workers, whose war service is recalled by all Portland residents, will be mobilized by Mrs. Harry Green.

Branches of Portland chapter of the American Red Cross have been encouraged to separate from Portland and to organize as independent chapters so the care of disabled service men and their families, centered in this city, and the public health work, which is growing in magnitude. New cases come into the Red Cross headquarters in the Platt building daily, that are but the aftermath of the world war. Educational work of the Red Cross through classes in home care of the sick and elementary hygiene is in constant demand, classes being held by Red Cross nurses in trade schools and neighborhood houses.

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Portland Retains War Status.

Portland chapter voted not to go on a peace-time basis because of the large amount of work remaining in the after-care of disabled service men and their families, centered in this city, and the public health work, which is growing in magnitude. New cases come into the Red Cross headquarters in the Platt building daily, that are but the aftermath of the world war. Educational work of the Red Cross through classes in home care of the sick and elementary hygiene is in constant demand, classes being held by Red Cross nurses in trade schools and neighborhood houses.

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HOSPITAL GETS LIQUOR

Request of Wine and Whisky Approved by Court Order.

Prohibition laws will not cheat Good Samaritan hospital out of a request consisting partly of three barrels and 12 fruit jars full of wine and whisky, for President Judge Maxwell yesterday signed an order to have 70 gallons of liquor delivered to the institution. The gift is valued at \$600, and is part of the estate of the late George Boschlin, who died August 14 from cancer. The hospital also will receive, on settlement of the estate, between \$37,500 and \$40,000, consisting of money, securities and rental properties.

The will provides for division of the household effects of Mr. Boschlin between Louis Jann and Hulda Jann, sister of Clarke county, Washington, and the hospital. The order was issued at this time to clear a residence property so that it may be rented. Mr. Boschlin had planned that his request would provide a free room and hospital service for persons in need of it, but unable to pay for it.

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Salvation Army Drive Success.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—With only seven out of 24 committees dismissed, and the manufacturers of the city still to be heard from, it was apparent that the Salvation Army drive for maintenance funds has been a success this year in Aberdeen. The seven committees brought in a total of \$1193 toward a quota of \$1700. The other committees are expected to make their turns within 48 hours. The drive in Aberdeen and the eastern end of Grays Harbor county was managed by the Aberdeen Elks lodge. Solicitations of the eastern county communities is under way.

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