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THE IRRIGATORS ARE IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY

Sixty-eight Delegates Assemble in a Furious Rain for the Second Annual Meeting of the State Association.

With a fierce rain beating down upon the irrigators at the second annual session of the State Irrigation Association of Oregon met at the parlors of the Commercial Association at 10 o'clock this morning.

The meeting was called to order by President Devers of the State association, who briefly addressed the delegates on the objects of the meeting.

Opening Exercises. The session was opened with a delightful vocal solo "The Wind is Awake" by Mrs. J. A. Borie, accompanied by Miss Corbi Riley.

Remarks by President Devers. President Devers then briefly addressed the convention, saying this number on a program was evident by mistake, as the president was not a speech maker.

Address of Welcome. Mayor Thomas G. Halley then delivered the address of welcome, in which he opened the doors of the city of Pendleton to the assembled delegates, and said the motto of the state in the irrigation faith, should be that selected by the state assembly in its colonization scheme, "Give to the landless man the landless land," and thus complete the civilization of the West.

Governor Chamberlain Has the Floor. Governor Chamberlain was then introduced, and amidst an outburst of hearty applause, addressed the convention.

He referred to the published news that Oregon has not shown a proper interest in irrigation and in answer eloquently referred to the great enthusiasm manifested at the first meeting of this state association at Pendleton, at the Ogden meeting, and lastly, at this meeting.

He believes the state should accept the benefits of the money derived from the sale of public lands to the benefit of the entire state.

Referring to the appointment of the state irrigation commission, as provided by the last legislature, he said that it had been the aim of the state board to select men of experience and hoped that the law framed by this commission would meet with the approval of the people of Oregon, and the legislature.

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In the cause of irrigation. Umatilla county is well represented, there being 30 delegates from this county in attendance. Mrs. Borie and Miss Halley, of this city, are the only women delegates in attendance at the meeting.

More delegates are expected to arrive in the morning, and it is expected that the membership of the meeting will be swelled to 100 delegates at the opening session tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Fruit and Vegetable Exhibit. The fruit exhibit sent to the irrigation convention, while not as large as it might be, is diversified, and shows well the capabilities of the county, and especially of the soil under irrigation.

One of the chief features is an eight-pound potato grown on the Oliver ranch, a couple of miles below town. The potato exhibit is good, and shows large specimens.

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Committee on Resolutions. On motion, a committee on resolutions consisting of one member from each county represented, was ordered appointed by the president, but was named at the time of going to press.

Committees on legislation, publicity and an executive committee of five members, were then ordered appointed, but will not be named until later.

A discussion then followed on the appointment of the executive committee. It was finally decided that the chair should be given to the committee of five to which are to be added the vice-presidents of the state association.

Before listening to the address of A. King Wilson, of Portland, on "Oregon Laws on Irrigation," the convention was favored by "Annie Laurie," sweetly sung by Mrs. A. J. Borie, accompanied by Miss Corbi Riley.

Responding to an encore, Mrs. Borie rendered "Mighty Like a Rose," in a charming manner.

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He made an able exposition of the old laws adopted by supreme court decisions, and the new laws now in force, and the question of riparian rights, he reviewed very ably the supreme court decisions, which now constitute practically the entire irrigation code of the state.

He said there had been 60 decisions rendered by the supreme court in that line, and that in many of these decisions had been detrimental to the appropriator of water, who was using the water of the ditch or water company in a manner for the development of land.

He favors changing the words "miner's inches," in the code of Oregon, to "miner's feet," and that never used in relation to irrigation.

A general discussion on the status of water as merchandise was engaged in by Judge G. C. Chandler, of Baker county, A. King Wilson and others.

Mr. Wilson recited some of the just features of the Utah laws on irrigation, and comparing them to the present status of the question in Oregon.

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Germany Was Expected to Be an Obstructionist, But Declares "America's Action is Reasonable and Legitimate."

France is Satisfied Because it Secures Protection of French Interests—American Cruisers Beginning to Arrive at the Isthmus—The Provisional Government of the Isthmus Has Officially Declared its Independence—Great Excitement Prevails at Bogota.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—The German foreign office has authorized a statement as follows: "Germany approves America's action as to Panama, which is reasonable and perfectly legitimate. Every great power would act similarly in the same circumstances."

"Germany recognizes the new republic as practically an American dependency. She welcomes the change and prefers that the canal be under the control of America rather than of an unstable South American state, whose whims might lead her to block the canal and bombard the passage of ships."

France Stands Pat. Paris, Nov. 7.—The news that America has recognized the new republic of Panama favorably impressed the French officials.

The government has now definitely decided to follow suit provided Panama guarantees the maintenance of the rights of the French Panama Canal Company and the protection of French interests.

Excitement at Bogota. Bogota, Nov. 7.—A belated dispatch from Minister Beaupre at Bogota, dated Nov. 4, says great excitement prevails at Bogota on account of a serious disturbance on the isthmus, tending toward a movement for independence.

The state department has advised that Bureau Varilla has been chosen by the new republic as its diplomatic representative at Washington. He is a prominent financier and one of the most important stockholders in the French-Panama Company.

Company Responsible for an Illegal Rate of Speed. Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—The coroner at noon, after hearing more evidence, sentenced for six years the railroad for the fatal Purdue wreck, forecasted his verdict by criticizing the big four officials. He said the engineers were not altogether to blame, as the superintendent allowed only nine minutes to go two miles into the heart of the city, whereas the law only allows a four-mile speed.

SIX-YEAR SENTENCE. Harold Haynie, of Seattle, Will Go to the Penitentiary. Seattle, Nov. 7.—Harold Haynie, the notorious "spotted horse" bandit, was sentenced for six years this morning. Haynie did several hold-ups, using a horse and buggy and a revolver, and was arrested at the time of the kidnapping. He is a hard drinker.

Receiver Appointed. Reading, Nov. 7.—A receiver was appointed today for the great Carpen Steel Company.

TWO GREAT STRIKES ARE IMMINENT. Chicago, Nov. 7.—The street car employees by five to one, voted to strike. The officers of the International Association of Street Car Workers immediately prepared to hold a conference with the street railway officials.

Chicago May Not Be Affected. Chicago, Nov. 7.—No official notice of a general strike has been received here of the structural iron workers. Officials say the building season is nearly over and that less than 125,000 men are employed in the industry.

LIVES LOST IN MONTANA MINE HORROR. Butte, Nov. 7.—The Kearsage mine at Virginia City, is burning. Eight lives are reported lost, including R. B. Turner, the superintendent, and one of the most prominent miners of the West. Six others are in the mine.

WM. J. BRYAN VINDICATED BY COURT. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 6.—Judge Cleveland in probate court this morning rendered a decision in the matter of admitting to probate the will of the late Philo Bennett, in which \$50,000 was given William J. Bryan and family. It is summarized as follows: The Camorra is a secret society organized in the early part of the 19th century by politicians.

Superintendent Turner gave his life for his men. He was at breakfast when the alarm came, and rushed to the main tunnel, finding everything ablaze. He and one miner groped their way down and dragged out five. They then made a second attempt at rescue, and failed to come out. Later they were taken out dead.

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LUMBER PRICES ADVANCE. Boise Experiences a Ten Per Cent Rise in Prices of Material. Boise, Nov. 6.—Local lumber dealers have advanced the prices of lumber, and other building material which they handle to a sum approximately 10 per cent from prices which were prevailed for the past several weeks.

No excuse is given for the advance. Local contractors say there is nothing in the situation to warrant the advance, and that it was made no one seems to know.

The contractors say they don't know. The dealers simply say the advance was made. And that seems to be about all there is to it.

The new price list which was sent to contractors Monday shows an advance for lumber for them had already been contracted. However, the raise is likely to put a stop to building operations in the future.

NEW FIRE APPARATUS. La Grande City Council Adopts the Plan of Fire Chief, and Improves the Department. La Grande, Nov. 5.—(Special to The Oregonian.)—The city council last night voted to put in the fire alarm system, to buy the chemical engine and team of horses, and put in a new fire house, as recommended by Fire Chief J. J. O'Connell. The bill will amount to about \$4,800 and the Fire Insurance Underwriters' Association has agreed to reduce insurance rates 10 per cent in the city, whenever the new system is installed.

APPLES ARE SCARCE. Walla Walla Produce Men Invading Other Fields. Walla Walla, Nov. 5.—The apple situation is such in the Walla Walla valley that local producers have been compelled to invade other fruit sections of the state to obtain sufficient stock to fill their orders.

Yakima and Wenatchee fruit is being shipped by Walla Walla producers in large quantities and a further drain on these sections will be made to fill large Eastern orders being constantly received.

Will Consider Stubblefield Home. Walla Walla, Nov. 5.—At the regular meeting of the county commission yesterday Joseph McCabe of Walla Walla, which was approved by the commissioners, is to be considered for the purchase of the Stubblefield home.

DEBT IS UNKNOWN. SHERMAN COUNTY IN GOOD FINANCIAL CONDITION. No Vacant Lands Left in the County—Farming Lands Selling at \$25 Per Acre—Wheat Yield and Price Good.

Good prices and the rate of crop the present psychological moment when all things combine for the farmer's good, has almost completely routed the mortgage man in Sherman county, says a Portland banker.

There is no longer any vacant land in Sherman county, and even the "scab" lands of the southern portion have been taken up. By "scab" land is meant the rocky hillside facing the north and west, where the constant winds have blown the soil away.

These lands are well fitted for grazing purposes, but not for wheat raising. "Farming lands cannot be bought now for less than \$25 an acre, and at this rate they will pay good interest on the investment for many years."

Idaho Renters Anxious to Extend Leases on Reservations. Lewiston, Nov. 6.—The town was crowded yesterday with farmers who were anxious to extend their leases on reservation land to pay rent on the Indian land and secure leases for the coming year.

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With the closing of the leasing season it is assured that no uncultivated land will be left on the reservation. It is believed that the high spot price has now been reached, and that in a few years the rents will again be lower. The large crops of the past season have brought farmers to the reservation from all parts of the inland empire, and all are anxious to secure some of the rich reservation land regardless of the high rents that are asked.

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LEAVES OREGON'S SERVICE. Dr. Williamson, Asylum Physician for 17 Years, Resigns His Position. Salem, Nov. 6.—Dr. W. T. Williamson, who has been head physician for Oregon Insane Asylum for the past 17 years, has resigned his position to live in quiet for a time, after which he will resume his old practice. The resignation takes effect on November 15.

This will result in several promotions in the asylum force of physicians. Dr. J. P. Griffin, second physician, will be promoted to the first place, Dr. W. A. McNary will become second physician, and Dr. Tammie will be third assistant.

The salaries paid in the respective positions, are as follows: First physician, \$1,800 per year; second, \$1,200; third, \$1,200; fourth, \$1,020.

ONE-THIRD LESS COTTON. Much Less Ginned in 1903 Than in 1902. Washington, Nov. 7.—The census bureau this morning issued a bulletin showing the quantity of cotton ginned from the crop of 1903 up to October 15. It is approximately 3,000,000 bales, as against nearly 6,000,000 ginned up to the corresponding date in 1902.

Loaned the State Money. Salem, Nov. 7.—The state board of education today received a large number of applications for loans on account of the irreducible school fund and of the many applications received for the purpose of raising the aggregate \$25,000, while but two were rejected, amounting to \$2,100.

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Yesterday