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Services Will be in House--Hermann's Plans--Northern Pacific Land Grant.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The federal party which accompanied the body of the late Representative Tongue to Hillsboro reached Washington yesterday. Arrangements will be made in a few days for holding memorial services in the House in honor of Mr. Tongue. It is expected that the exercises will be held some Sunday in February, according to the new policy of the House. Representative Moody, Chairman Burton and other members of the rivers and harbors committee, and of the committee on irrigation, will deliver addresses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Land Commissioner Hermann said today that he will go home as soon as he is relieved from his duties here. He said also that he has not seriously considered being a candidate for Congress in the First District to succeed Mr. Tongue.

Seattle is a tough proposition but the toughest part of the neck steak is the fact that the Japanese have organized a regular band of murderers and many of the mysterious offenses, it is said, has been traced directly to the band.

The United States Supreme Court on Monday, rendered through Justice Harlan an opinion affecting the Northern Pacific land grant.

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IRRIGATION WORKS IN THE NORTH WESTERN STATES.

Extent of the Arid Lands to be Reclaimed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29, 1903. Special to the PLAINDEALER. The acceptance by Congress of the principal of federal aid in the construction of irrigation works in the western states has given a great impetus to every industry in that section of the country. The people of the eastern states are just beginning to realize the opportunities offered in the territory to be opened up. As the proposition develops, a tide of immigration will inevitably set in and this region will become one of the most populous and prosperous in the country. With large areas of reclaimable land and plenty of available water, Oregon especially will be benefited by the measure.

The actual work of surveying, locating and constructing reservoirs and other irrigation works will be done by the Geological Survey. In order to obtain a better understanding of the present extent of irrigation, the location of the areas irrigated, and to gain other information useful in this work, the Fifty-seventh Congress authorized the Director of the Census to bring down to date the irrigation statistics obtained in 1900 by that office.

It is interesting to note in this connection how much it will mean to the country at large to have the arid lands of the West reclaimed. According to the census of 1900 the total improved farm area of the United States was 414,980,000 acres. It is conservatively estimated that the reclaimable area is not less than 57,000,000 acres. Its reclamation, therefore, will add nearly one-eighth to the actual crop producing area of the country and will exceed by a liberal margin the tillable land of all the states, excepting New York, on the Atlantic Coast from Maine to Florida. Allowing 40 acres, the average size of irrigated farm, this area will make 1,280,000 farms or a little less than one-fourth the number in the United States in 1900. The occupants of these farms will add directly to the population 6,250,000; and indirectly, in the accompanying mercantile professional, manufacturing and industrial classes at least 3,125,000 more, a total increase in the population of the United States of 9,375,000, or nearly twelve and one-half per cent.

The total value of all the farms in 1900 including all improvements except buildings, was \$13,115,000,000. At \$2.50 per acre, the average value of irrigated land, the 50,000,000 acres to be reclaimed will add to the value of farm land \$1,250,000,000. If buildings are included, the value will be increased \$775,000,000, while the augmented wealth through railroads, cities, mills and factories, is beyond estimation.

The annual value of all the farm products in 1900 was \$4,379,000,000. The average value per acre of products of irrigated lands was \$14.82. At this rate the area to be reclaimed will add products worth \$740,500,000 an addition of nearly one-sixth of the life sustaining powers of the country.

The number of irrigating ditches and canals in operation in the United States exceeds 20,000, and their combined length is not less than 50,000 miles. If joined end to end they would reach twice around the world. Formed into one they would constitute a navigable canal, such as the Erie, thirty feet wide and five feet deep, extending from San Francisco to New York, a distance of over 3,000 miles.

The figures of the last census show that the works required to irrigate 7,303,293 acres cost \$64,289,901, an average of \$8.85 per acre. At this rate the expenditure required to reclaim the area proposed would be at least \$450,000,000. After the Government has performed its part there will be no delay by the farmers in carrying on the work. While the initial expense is enormous, it is not comparable with the value of the crops which will be grown on the lands reclaimed. The total cost of all the irrigation works in use in the country is only three-fourths the value of the crops produced each year on irrigation lands.

Thirty years ago a Canadian farmer invested in a good but not fashionably bred Shorthorn cow. He bred her and her descendants to good bulls. This year he sold his herd, and bred by himself except the herd bull and all descended from the original cow. The only redeeming trait about the man is the size of his gall.

Former Secretary of State, W. R. Day, has been tendered by President Roosevelt the appointment of Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and accepted the same.

THE PORTLAND \$500,000 STEAL

Lieutenant Governor Tillman, Cowardly, Cold Blooded Murderer of Editor Gonzales, Resigns.

The Coast Mail of Marshfield is opposed to the \$500,000 Portland steal. In a recent issue it says: "Owing to their situation, Coos and Curry counties are practically out of it, compared with the rest of the state so far as reaping proportionate benefits from the fair are concerned, and to ask this county to contribute \$10,000 seems somewhat out of reason. However, if the powers that be can find no way of ignoring the referendum provision of the constitution the people will have a chance to vote on whatever appropriation be made, and if it carry by popular vote we will simply have to stand it."

Let every paper in Oregon believing in the pure principles of republicanism or democracy join hands in urging the referendum to settle the issue. The graft has been made as a non political steal and as citizens and not politicians we should demand that the voice of the people be heard and not stifled by the dough thrust down the unwilling throats of our public servants.

Portland financiers and boasters on Sunday caused several labor and socialist meetings to endorse the Lewis and Clark steal and to vote against the referendum proposition. Boogie among the leaders of such organizations too often steal away the liberty of the people and make dupes of the honest members of such organizations.

The unorganized Workmen of Oregon are in favor of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and opposed to invoking the referendum on the law, and most of the rest of the people agree with them. The enterprise should not now be delayed by a popular vote, but if it is, the law will be sustained by an overwhelming majority.—Portland Telegram.

A union meeting of laboring men in the state has been held outside of Portland and even there the boasters had to get in their work to help along the steal.

Tillman Resigns
Columbia, South Carolina, Jan. 27. Lieutenant Governor Tillman, the murderer of Editor Gonzales, has tendered his resignation to the South Carolina legislature, which was formally accepted, and his successor will soon be named and Tillman was just ready to enter on a second term when he tendered his resignation.

Public School Building Destroyed by Fire on Last Saturday Morning.
The public school building at Jacksonville, a large frame two story structure, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour, Saturday morning, involving a total loss of \$6,000, upon which there is held an insurance of \$5,000, or covering no more than half the direct loss.

The fire was discovered first at 5:35 o'clock and burst out in great flames from the lower and central part of the building and soon enveloped the whole structure, which burned very rapidly, and no efforts to stay the progress of the fire could avail, the building being in ashes in a remarkably short time. There had been no fire in the building since Friday, when it had been occupied as usual in the regular school work. Saturday some carpenter work was done in the building but no fire was kept.

The public school building was a large frame two story structure and occupied a slightly location in the southeastern part of town. The main part of the building was quite old, having been built about 45 years ago, but it was kept in good repair and was well preserved. A wing was added to the main building in later years.

HON. BINGER HERMANN HAS A FRIEND IN COURT.

Justice Writes a Letter Citing the Good He Has Done.

Among the people who have dug the stumps and broken the sod of Oregon there is no name which is spoken with more heartfelt regard than that of Binger Hermann, says a correspondent to the Eugene Register. During all his long service as congressman from this state he was fought by a certain class of the politicians who, year after year, gave out a thousand good and sufficient political reasons for his retirement and after each election found themselves buried in the ruins of their elaborate plans, because, all the time, the great warm heart of the people refused to forget, that, during the year when the world pressed down the hardest upon them, when they were in the bitterness of that tremendous struggle which every new state is obliged to pass through, the struggle to subdue and direct the powers of nature into channels where those tremendous forces shall minister to the welfare of mankind; Binger Hermann was never found wanting whenever called upon, by even the humblest or poorest of them, for any assistance which was in his power.

He was of the people more thoroughly than any man that has ever walked the floors of congress. The best interests of the state which he so well represented, were always appealing to him and his heart was always open to hear the desires and to relieve, if possible, the needs of the people of Oregon, in the heart-breaking struggle to win for themselves, and for their children, honors, a struggle in which he has fought with them, side by side, and every hardship of which he knew so well. Oregon has reason to be very proud of that list of names which represents her record in the affairs of the nation. In the list of recent ones, Dolph, Mitchell, Hermann, Moody and Tongue she loses nothing of the glory which she had won through those who had preceded them. Amongst them all no name calls up a warmer feeling of heartfelt gratitude and affection in the breast of those who are building homes upon the mountains and in the valleys of our state, than that of Binger Hermann. While in congress, those measures which would make for the best interests of the farmers and working men, the empire builders of the state were first in his attention.

In the General Land office he has taken that miserable jumble called "land laws" which never did and never can fit such a country as this is, and knowing the necessities and misfortunes of the people of the state, has tried to administer them with the common sense idea of giving to the poor and struggling farmers of Oregon the same advantages that were obtained by the great railroad which has, under the same rulings, been able to obtain absolute possession of over a half a million acres of the choicest timber lands of the state, and which is now said to be demanding that every law by which a poor man can get a piece of land shall be repealed and then double or treble the value of the timber which it has thus obtained. Oregon needs Binger Hermann in congress now. If the people of the state can have a chance to express their desires in the matter he will go there.

Drain News.
Fred Sanders of Roseburg, was a Drain visitor the first of the week.
Mr. Geo. Nennar, of Days Creek, arrived last Friday to enter the Normal.
Mrs. Elam Wilson who has been sick for the past months is much worse at present writing.
Miss Leona Mathews, who has been attending the Normal, left Monday for her home on North Deer Creek.
Milton St John is in town again, from Wendling.
Mrs. Lula Bradley Bond, of Cottage Grove, came over on Saturday last returning Sunday.
The Y. M. C. A. entertainment, which was announced for last Saturday night was postponed on account of the high water, until Jan. 31.
Mr. Robert Hatfield and sister, Miss Bessie, of Dixonville, were the guests of their cousin, Miss Edie Hatfield, from Friday till Monday.
Mr. Rallo Dray, who has been attending the Portland Business College, came home Sunday night quite sick, Rallo has a case of blood poison, caused by vaccination.

The high water caused considerable damage to fences and sidewalks in the southern part of town. The approach of the bridge leading to the Normal was slightly damaged, so that it is unsafe for the crossing of teams.
The stage between Drain and Elkton is laid off this week owing to the damage done to the road and bridges by the high water. In the meantime the mail is being carried on horseback.
An epidemic of distemper is killing many horses around McMinnville.
Smelt which are small are so plentiful in Portland that they sell at 2 1/2 cents per pound.
Hops are high these days and choice Oregon hops are selling in New York at 32 cents per pound.
Grants Pass has another mining bonanza. This time it is gold bearing quartz of high grade in sight of town.
There should be a strict quarantine enforced against San Francisco as the bubonic plague is epidemic there. Because it is a city and a seaport that is no reason why the disease should be allowed to spread all over the United States.

Notice of Stock Holders Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Douglas County Agricultural Association will be held at V. C. London's office in Roseburg, on Monday Feb. 2nd 1903, at 1 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven directors for the ensuing year and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.
F. A. McCall, Sec.

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ANOTHER FLAT SALARY MEASURE

Proposes to Abolish Boards of Trustees of State Institutions--Fulton Short 14 Votes.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—Senator Kykendall, of Lane, introduced in the Senate this morning two measures which together are calculated to keep the salaries of Governor, Secretary of State and the State Treasurer strictly within the provisions of the constitution and yet provide them with sufficiently liberal compensation for their services. The first of these measures provides for abolition of the boards of trustees of the State Reform School, the Blind School, the Deaf-Mute School, and the creation of a state board of control composed of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, which shall govern and control the State Insane Asylum, the Penitentiary, the Reform School, the Blind School, the Deaf-Mute School and the Soldiers' Home, and this board of control shall exercise all the functions and fulfill all the duties of various boards and officers now governing these institutions. An annual appropriation of \$10,000 is provided to compensate the board of control for its services.

The second bill provides that the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer shall receive annual salaries of \$1500, \$1000 and \$800, respectively, these being their constitutional salaries, and that they shall receive no less whatever in addition thereto. Should the two bills pass, the total income of the Governor from the state would be about \$4800, that of the Secretary of State the same, and that of State Treasurer about \$4800 a year. It is proposed that the new order of things take effect at the entry to office of the officers to be elected in 1906.

SALEM, Jan. 27.—The ballot of the joint convention of the Oregon legislature for United States senator at noon today resulted as follows:
Fulton 32
Clegg 17
Wood 17
Scattering 28
Total 94
Senator Teller has been re-elected U. S. Senator from Colorado. The election is claimed was a fair and will be contested in the United States Court.

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