

HAS DONE MUCH TO UNITE SENTIMENT

PRESIDENT DEVERS OF IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION, SAYS THAT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS REGARDING IRRIGATION ARE AT VARIANCE.

President A. H. Devers of the irrigation association said this morning that the convention just closed at Pendleton had done much to unite sentiment as to the best course for irrigation men to pursue in securing their desires. The entire state situation was discussed from every aspect and though no definite action was resolved on, owing to peculiar state conditions, matters were so shaped that what opportunity does come to irrigation workers will understand just what to do.

PRESENTS FAIR BILL

Senator Hanabrough, chairman of the committee of public lands, introduced a bill which is intended to repeal the timber and stone act and to cure defects in the existing law.

Under the law as it now stands, land is acquired at \$2.50 per acre regardless of its value. If the new bill is passed all timber land on the public domain will be withdrawn from entry and the government will dispose of the timber at its market value, reserving the land.

The new land section is amended in the second section of the bill so as to provide that when a settler whose entry falls within a forest reserve and selects another piece of land in lieu of the original entry, it must be more valuable for agricultural purposes than for timber or stone.

Urged Kernmann's Appointment. Ureged Mitchell and Fulton last night called upon Speaker Cannon and urged the appointment of Representative Hermann to a place on the rivers and harbors committee, and Williamson to a place on the irrigation committee.

PRISONERS STRIKE IN COUNTY JAIL

REFUSE DUTY ON THE ROCKPILE BECAUSE ONE OF THEIR NUMBER IS CONFINED IN THE DUNGEON—AS A RESULT THEY JOIN HIM.

Angered that one of their number should be confined in the dungeon, 12 county prisoners went on strike this morning and refused to accompany the guards to the rockpile. As soon as the men had announced their ultimatum they also were ordered into the dark cell, where they will be confined until they signify their willingness to return to work.

Thomas Stevens, Jr., is the cause of the mutiny among the men, according to the statements of the guards. He was insubordinate, they declare, and was ordered to the dungeon for five days.

But Stevens occupied a warm place in the hearts of his fellow-prisoners, who decided to strike until he was released. A similar strike was inaugurated by the prisoners several days ago, when the notorious "Chick" Houghton was put in the dungeon. The men demanded his release under penalty of refusal to work, and the demand was complied with.

The officers will take a determined stand this time, and declare that Stevens must stay in the dungeon five days. The men, however, will be given an opportunity to go on the rockpile tomorrow morning.

Stevens, who is little more than a boy, has enjoyed an exciting life since he was committed by the police court a few days ago on a petty charge.

Monday night it was decided to place him in the dungeon. The men at once demanded his release and today refused to work until it was forthcoming.



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MASTER OF DUNSLAW DID RIGHT THING

CAPT. PORTER SAYS HE ADOPTED PROPER METHOD BY RETURNING TO ASTORIA — INEXPERIENCED LANDSMEN SCORED FOR OBSTINACIOUS NAUTICAL MATTERS.

Portland, Nov. 12.—To the Editor of The Journal: I notice an article in yesterday's Oregonian, "The ship Dunslaw" making suggestions as to how the master might have brought his crew into discipline and have saved the expense of returning to port. The Oregonian does not show how the ship would be handled, sails that were blown away replaced, and the ship held off a lee shore, in the teeth of a terrific gale, while the crew were being starved into submission. There is nothing so unstable as public sentiment, except it be newspaper comments upon nautical matters.

Then again, let the opposite be the case. The cry goes forth that there appears to have been a lack of discipline, which will cause heavy expenses to the owners and underwriters. The whole thing reminds one of an old fable of a man, his son and an ass. The first person reprimands the father for riding while his young son has to walk. A second reprimands the son for riding while his old father has to walk, and a third suggests the man is better able to carry the ass. Hence, out fabled man concludes, as he is not able to please all the world, he will please himself. There is no one but a seaman who is capable of judging the merits of a nautical case, and even then one may make a mistake. One cannot be too careful, therefore, in censuring the conduct of a shipmaster upon duty on the high seas. Such censure may be unjust, and do the man great injury. In the present case, "the Dunslaw," I consider from the facts known, that Capt. Nicol did exactly what any other sensible shipmaster would have done. I am yours faithfully, M. L. PORTER, Master Ship Red Rock.

MARINE NOTES. Astoria, Nov. 11.—Left up at 7 a. m.—Steamer Rosecrans. Left up at 9:30 a. m.—Schooner W. F. Jewett. Left up at 1 p. m.—Schooner W. F. Garms.

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TWO HOLD UP FOURTEEN MEN

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business and feared to do so, or experts who thought discretion the better part of valor. Most of the Italian laborers in the place are employees of the City & Suburban railway and were paid off Tuesday. All of the loungers had more or less money on their persons and the highwaymen would have secured several hundred dollars had they searched the pockets of the party. The party which is situated in the front office, also contained a considerable sum, but the robbers made no attempt to tamper with it.

Nicholas Casciato says that he at first thought the affair was a joke, but when he saw that business was meant he told the "boys" that their hands had better go up. He had about \$125 in his pockets which was not touched. Casciato says that he does not care for the loss of the money from the register, but he is glad that no one was killed or injured. But had he been compelled to open the safe, he says, he would have attempted to capture the bandit. He believes that the robbers were afraid of being captured had they delayed. It is the general opinion among the witnesses of the holdup that a third man stood guard on the outside although none saw him. It is also thought that the hold-ups knew it was an opportune time for the crime.

The only American in the crowd was J. McKew, who lives at Fifth and Sheridan streets. He was sitting at one of the tables interested in the card game. He gives a clear account of the affair. "The first I knew I heard the command or 'hands up.' I thought it was a josh put up by some of the proprietor's Italian friends. But I soon saw that they meant business and my hands went into the air as did those of the others. We stood still while the slim fellow, who took a crouching position, held the gun on us. The heavy set man also crouched over as he stood behind the bar and nervously glanced into the mirror to see that no one made a move towards him. They made us all get up and hold our hands up before he went to the register. No one in the crowd had a revolver and we could make no resistance."

These present in the saloon besides the two proprietors and McKew were: Candido Diyuilis, Evangelist Diyuilis, Giuseppe Ragnone, Camillo Tarantini, Domenico Tarantini, Fiorini Salvatore, Vincenzo Dellacrocce, Giovanni Dantonio, Bruno Santoro and two other men unknown.

This is the first saloon holdup in Portland in a month and to all appearances was the work of a new gang of crooks. It is possible that there are the men who terrorized San Francisco several weeks ago.

DREAD A DEADLOCK.

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vasion of the rights of the legislative department by the executive. If the legislature is to be convened, it is highly important that this should be determined as soon as possible. Special elections must be called in three legislative districts to fill vacancies, and this will take considerable time. The levy of 1903 taxes, if it is to be made, should take place in January. Only seven weeks remain before January 1. There is no time to lose in reaching an adjustment of the difficulty that has arisen.

VETOED BILLS TO COME UP.

Law Provides That They Must Be Acted On. Salem, Nov. 12.—Several letters reached the governor's office yesterday from members of the legislature and prominent men in the state concerning the proposed special session of the legislature to revise the tax law.

C. B. Watson of Ashland wrote to the governor, commending his action in issuing his circular letter to the members and expressing the hope that no legislation would be attempted except that required to provide revenue for next year.

J. N. Teal of Portland urges the special session. He calls attention to the deplorable condition in which Portland and Multnomah county were left themselves if revenue were not provided promptly.

The Portland Taxpayers' league also urges action, sending resolutions, adopted by unanimous vote of the league, urging the calling of the special session. State Senator Squire Farrar of Marion county is the first one addressing the governor who expresses himself as being opposed to the special session. Mr. Farrar says that he is ready to support any meritorious legislation that may be presented at a special session.

Several bills, passed by the legislature, were placed in the hands of the governor during the last few days of the session and vetoed within five days after the close of the session. These bills which the veto will be presented to the legislature at the special session if one is called, for action. The constitution, article 5, section 15, provides that the secretary of state "shall lay the same (vetoed bills) before the legislative assembly at its next session in like manner as if it had been returned by the governor."

Regarding special elections to fill vacancies it is being urged that such a move is unnecessary, as there are but few vacancies, and it has been suggested that the governor correspond with the county judges and chairmen of the county central committees, asking them whether or not they prefer special elections to being unrepresented at the special session, if one is called.

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