

CO-OP RES CONTEST

Chewaucan Basin Land, in Lake County, Becomes Contested Prize Because of Advent of Railroad—Ball Asks Time Extension.

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PAISLEY, Or., Oct. 9.—With the seeming certainty that Jim Hill intends to build a railroad into Central Oregon, there has been precipitated a contest for the possession of 12,000 acres of land in the Chewaucan basin that may rival the famous case in Warner valley between the settlers and the swamp company.

It is a four cornered fight, and the parties involved are the Portland Irrigation company, the Oregon state land board, certain residents of Lake county and J. B. Haggin's Chewaucan Land & Cattle company. And if the matter goes into the courts, which seems inevitable, it may reach upon the administration of Governor Chamberlain and President Roosevelt.

The immediate incentive for writing this account is the report in the Salem papers that the Portland Irrigation company through its president, C. K. Haggin, and Attorney Sawyer had made application to the land board for a four year extension of time within which to begin the construction of irrigation works for the Chewaucan valley. The report states that the reason for this extension is the fact that the Portland Irrigation company, for the purpose of securing the rights of that company and the Chewaucan Land & Cattle company of California, the California company has purchased several thousand acres of land in this district, and now claims the right for the whole flow of the Chewaucan river to water its stock and irrigate its lands.

Motive Back of Claim.
This information is indefinite and unsatisfactory. Haggin has owned the 12,000 acres of the Chewaucan marsh for many years. It was purchased in the early days under the swamp act for \$1 an acre, and along with the Syrian and Silver Lake marshes in a part of the range. Instead of claiming all the flow of the Chewaucan river, Haggin has for years been spending thousands of dollars digging drain ditches to get rid of the surplus. This excess water from the marsh equals each year the evaporation from 40,000 acres of Lake Albert. Instead of being an injury to the marsh the Portland reservoir would be a benefit. However, we know that the wolf killed the sheep by muddying the water in the stream, although the intake of the dam was below that of his enemy. There is something else back of this alleged claim.

This 12,000 acre is destined in time to prove very valuable. It was at one time covered by water 200 feet deep when the Chewaucan basin was one big body of water 75 miles long. It is fine grazing land, and a railroad through the valley would cut it in the middle.

C. H. Ball, while passing through the country as a postoffice inspector, was attracted by this fine body of land, and as early as 1893 laid plans for its reclamation. It was not, however, until February, 1907, that Governor Chamberlain, as head of the land board, signed the contract with the Portland Irrigation company. September 11 of that year the contract was approved by President Roosevelt, and the company was to begin work within six months from that date.

Fourth Extension of Time.
As stated, the fourth extension of time is being asked for. Three extensions have been made, each for six months. The third was on the ground that the United States government had not approved the right of way for the distributing canal across the Fremont forest reserve. This approval was given last June. The other extensions were granted upon trivial pretexts.

We all know that the real reason why work has not been commenced is the lack of capital to build the works. Ball himself is not a moneyed man, but he has made an earnest endeavor to enlist capital in the enterprise, and has spent considerable sums in advertising and promotion. The question is can this capital be secured before the advent of a railroad? Will an irrigation project cost of \$1,500,000, if it is to be a railroad, prove to be ample security for the issuance of bonds?

Let us look at the matter calmly and study the rights of the respective parties to the controversy. The estimated cost of the works, approved by State Engineer Lewis, is \$1,500,000. The settler is to pay \$35 an acre for his water right, with 6 per cent interest on deferred payments. This would bring in \$240,000, the estimated profit being \$180,000.

These figures look nice enough on paper, but what are the realities here in actual practice? The way to measure such things is by the results.

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matters is to take the experience of other farmers. William Harvey located one of the first ranches on summer lake in 1872. He died very wealthy, but made his money in sheep. Gilbert Woodman came out from Iowa and took a lease for five years on the estate at a cash rental of \$2,000 per annum for 1,500 acres. He had barns and houses, peaches in the orchard and strawberries in the garden. But the only thing he could market was hay. After paying rent for two years he has thrown up his lease because there was no profit in it.

What It Costs the Farmer.
The Carey act farmer can not have as good a layout as had Woodward. In the first place it is all scrubbrush and will cost \$5 an acre to clear the land. Another \$5 must go into fences, and still another \$5 into buildings. Even then he is not ready to cut hay, which is the only possible product he can market without a railroad, and the land stands him \$30 an acre.

The farmer's fixed charges are \$2.19 interest, \$2.50 to the sinking fund and \$0.60 annual maintenance, \$5.29. He can think of buying clothes for his family or bring home a sack of sugar that has been enhanced by a \$60 a ton freight charge.

If Woodward with all the appurtenances of a well appointed farm could not stand a rent of less than \$30 an acre how is the Carey act farmer to make both ends meet and pay out \$5.29?

These protests allege that the land in dispute is not desert. It is said that many of them are stockmen who want free range and to keep out settlers. The fact is that on all six of this Carey act segregation homesteads have been taken up and on none of the land do they grow crops without a railroad.

It is alleged that the part of the petitioners that the cost of reclamation is too great, yet they have no part of the cost. The Carey act farmer, on the terms of the project has been applied for several times over.

But what the petitioners want is to have the land thrown open for free homesteads and then have the government inaugurate a larger project under the reclamation act. In this view of the matter there is much merit, and the government at one time took such a step and segregated 125,000 acres. The mistake was in abandoning the project, or Oregon erred in not having representatives at Washington, with influence enough to give the state's due share of the reclamation fund.

Others Would Take Project.
Under the terms of Ball's contract he can enlarge his works to cover this extra land. By building the reservoir 100 feet high instead of 80, it will hold three times as much water and reclaim 60 or 70,000 acres instead of 12,000, and the cost is very little greater. There is in this view of the matter an attractive proposition for capital even without a railroad.

It is known that other parties would take over Ball's project if the state should declare the land desert. Last spring the Oregon Valley Land company took an option on the 500 acres of the George Conrad ranch at \$2 an acre. This included the flour mill, store and all improvements. The Conrad ranch is the key to the situation, for the ditch to the Carey project must cross this land and the ditch is already constructed and could be enlarged. The sum paid Conrad for the option was \$1,000, but he felt sure of a sale. But the negotiations between the Oregon Valley Land company and the Portland Irrigation company came to naught, and the former threw up its Conn option.

The writer is informed from an authoritative source that the Oregon Valley Land company has secured the 22,000 acres in the Chewaucan marsh from Haggin at \$10 an acre. Whether this offers an explanation of the trouble that has arisen at Salem he does not know. President Martin of the Oregon Valley Land company stated to the writer that he did not want the Ball project under any consideration.

Whether or not the land board made a mistake in the first place in granting the contract is now too late to discuss. Whether President Roosevelt made an investigation of the ability of the company to carry on the work before approving the contract is not known.

Should Be Given Another Chance.
The fact is that under the circumstances Ball has not had a fair show. That land lay there for 30 years and nobody wanted it. No one ever thought of taking up a homestead on that land until after he had started his irrigation project. That Ball was too sanguine at the outset is not his fault. It is impossible to finance the proposition without the assurance of a railroad.

Now that there seems to be a definite prospect of a railroad, Ball should be given a chance. He is probably out on the thin end of a 7000 or \$8000, most of which is borrowed money. To refuse to give him an extension of time may be to confiscate his earnings. It can be but little benefit to Lake county to have that land homesteaded without irrigation. Even with another six months' extension there is still ample time for Ball to complete the work within the four years required by the contract.

Oshtosh, Wis., Oct. 12.—A large attendance marked the opening here today of the annual meeting of the Wisconsin synod of the Presbyterian church. The program provided for an address by number of noted Presbyterian clergymen and educators.

Decatur, Ill., Oct. 12.—An address by Secretary of the Treasury Franklin D. Roosevelt was the chief feature of the initial session of the Illinois Bankers' association here today. Many prominent bankers from all parts of the state were in attendance.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 12.—Nearly 1,000 business representatives met in annual convention in this city today.

Ashtabula, Wis., Oct. 12.—The Knights Templar of Wisconsin met in this city today for their fifty-first annual convention. The delegates will go to Superior there for the dedication of the Masonic temple in that city.

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LANE COUNTY FARMER KILLED IN RUNAWAY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal)
Juneau City, Or., Oct. 12.—Benjamin P. Clerk, one of the best known farmers in North End of Lane county, was

killed by being thrown from his buggy yesterday afternoon. He had gone to Monroe to attend a meeting of a threshing company, of which he was a member, and on returning home his horse became frightened at some logs and jumped suddenly, throwing him out of the buggy onto his head and shoulder. The horse continued to run and Clerk's daughter-in-law, who was riding with

him, climbed over the shafts of the buggy until she could reach the lines and then climbed back into the buggy and stopped the horse. She then returned to where Mr. Clerk lay and helping him into the buggy took him home. Mr. Clerk lived only about an hour after reaching his home. He had been affected with heart trouble and it is thought the

shock of the fall brought on an attack from which he died.
Mr. Clerk had just finished a fine new home on his farm near town and was moving into it this week. He leaves a widow and five sons.

Confederates' Annual Meeting.
Danville, Va., Oct. 12.—With the veterans and here fleeing from business buildings and residences throughout the city, Danville extended a hearty welcome today to the Confederate veterans, their families and friends gathered here for the twenty-second annual meeting of the grand camp. The season will last three days, and it is expected that the visitors will be abundantly entertained by the Cabell-Graves camp of Danville.

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