

KING AMENDMENT TO WATER CODE HAS MANY A FOE

Present Code Only Two Years Old, Is Good and Has Not Yet Had a Chance, Its Framers Argue.

If the King amendment to the water code is passed by the legislature the original framers of the code assert that it will undo all the work accomplished in Oregon for equitable distribution of water rights, transform the state water board of control from an administrative to an inflexible judicial body and add \$200 annually to the financial burden of Oregon without providing for corresponding benefits.

The government reclamation service in Oregon is also opposed to passage of the amendment on the ground that it will disturb the harmonious cooperation between federal and state water power and irrigation development and nullify much of the work already accomplished.

Although the amendment provides for an increase of \$1200 a year in the salary of State Engineer Lewis, Mr. Lewis is understood to be opposed to its passage for the reasons mentioned. It is at the same time so generally conceded that \$1200 a month is not adequate for the important duties performed by the state engineer that it is believed the \$100 a month increase will be provided for otherwise.

That there is no popular demand for the passage of the amendment and that the present water code has not been given full opportunity to show its working value in the two years since it was passed are other reasons assigned why the King amendment should be rejected by the legislature. Speaking in behalf of the framers of the water code, which was passed in 1909, Attorney Richard W. Montague said yesterday: "Let Well Enough Alone"—Montague.

"To change the water code at this time appears to me strongly as amounting to the same thing as pulling a healthy bush from the earth to see if by some means its roots cannot be made to grow a little faster. In two years the new water code has done wonderful things for Oregon. Controversies have been settled with little expense, water rights have been equitably apportioned, while as an administrative body the board of control consisting of the state engineer and two superintendents has proven itself highly effective. The amendment proposed by ex-Justice Will R. King adds to the board of control a new superintendent and makes its decisions have the finality of a court's. Its present powers are to ascertain the facts in any controversy and make report accordingly. The amendment, according to ex-Justice King, will make circuit court litigation unnecessary, as appeals will be taken direct from the board to the supreme court. As a matter of fact litigation and delays will be increased. The board now acts informally and without being subject to legal delays. Its findings are nearly always final because correct. Because the people interested feel that the board is impartial and that the controversy of whatever nature usually ends at once.

"The amendment also provides that the district superintendent shall number three rather than two, that the salaries of district superintendents shall be \$2500 a year instead of \$2000, and that the state engineer shall receive \$3600 instead of \$2400 a year. There is no particular complaint against salaries, because performance of the duties merits recompense, but a lessened effectiveness, an increase of red-tape, delays in settlement, are all to be complained of—and we do complain."

"The reclamation service has not the slightest political interest in the King amendment," said Oliver P. Morton, general counsel of the reclamation service in Oregon, California and Nevada, yesterday. "But we are interested in working out together the water right problems of this state. Our experience has been that the present water code is way ahead of laws in other states. It has been particularly beneficial wherever facts were needed to be ascertained, as in one notable case on Butler creek in Eastern Oregon, where a serious controversy was settled informally in a few months by the board when in litigation it would have required all the way from three years to eternity for settlement.

"As an administrative body the board of control gives splendid service. As a judicial body it will no longer seem a 'little cousin' to water users, a rigid, unbending court, where arbitration will be impossible, where all legal delays will be invoked and where bad feeling will rule. For these reasons we think it would be unfortunate for Oregon if the legislature were to adopt the King amendment."

Kaiser to Visit Pope.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Boston, Feb. 8.—Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany plans to call on Pope Pius during his visit to Rome in March, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung.

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ST. JOHNS VOTERS ARE GETTING BUSY

Some, However, Forgot to Give Party Affiliation in Registering Names.

The registration books are now open at the city hall and qualified electors are enrolling their names. The first primary elections ever held in St. Johns are scheduled for February 27. All candidates must circulate petitions securing the names of 25 legal voters before they can appear on the ballot. Under these conditions any qualified property owner can become a candidate for office. But one important point seems to have been lost sight of by those who have already registered in St. Johns. No request has been made to them to state their party affiliations. Recorder Eason, who has charge of the work of registration, has not entered this information against any of the 170 or more electors who have enrolled their names. "While the omission of this statement will in no way disfranchise any qualified elector who seeks to vote at the election, yet such a voter will be unable to cast any ballot at the party primaries.

Provisions of Law.
The procedure governing the primary elections is provided under the state law and not by the provisions of the city charter and this law is its very essence ordains that while it is not incumbent on any one to declare his party affiliation at registration and that such registration is valid for general elections, yet the failure to enlist himself under some party banner is a bar to that elector taking any part in the party primaries.

A party of engineers is at present engaged on the distant side of the river in making a preliminary survey for a cutoff for the United Railroads. The new trolley line would leave the present main track at Cliff Inn and following the steep incline at Whitwood Court connect with the Hill line again in the Tualatin valley. The laying down of this spur would mean a saving of about six miles on the journey and would enhance realty values in the neighborhood of the track even beyond their present high figures.

The loop as planned at present would pass the 20 acre tract which the authorities of the Episcopal church have bought for the splendid buildings they intend to erect to house the St. Helms academy.

Fine Structure Planned.
The work on these buildings will be begun early in the summer and when completed will stand as one of the finest school structures in the northwest. The survey party were busy yesterday in the region of Mansfield street and from present indications actual construction work will be put in hand on this extension in the early spring.

The realty board held their usual weekly meeting yesterday in the offices of F. W. Valentine, the secretary. O. P. Wolcott, president, was in charge. The general public campaign was again discussed and it was decided to fix some definite data for a general meeting at next week's session. Meanwhile the board is busy gathering valuable data about the peninsula generally, which it is intended to publish in leaflet and pamphlet form for general distribution, both by mail and to all visitors and interested investors.

Dr. R. A. Jayne has let the contract for his new residence on Willamette boulevard for \$2000. The site he has chosen is next to the fine residence which J. S. McKinley has just completed.

A. S. McCarty of Cheyenne, Wyo., was in the city yesterday and reported that the city had greatly improved since his last visit five years ago, having nearly tripled her population in that time.

HUMANE SOCIETY HAS ANIMAL AMBULANCE BUT NO EQUIPMENT

To discuss means of equipping and maintaining the animal ambulance, officers of the Oregon Humane society will hold a meeting this afternoon in the office of A. Berg, Commonwealth building. Mr. Berg is president of the society. The ambulance, money to purchase which was raised by subscription, is at Kramer's riding academy, lying idle. Members of the Humane society have petitioned the city council for the loan of a team of horses for it, and the appropriation of \$1200 a year for its maintenance. "Other cities provide for the equipping of animal ambulances and their maintenance," said Mrs. F. W. Swanton, vice president of the society. "Why should not Portland? Five calls were sent in last week for the ambulance, but it could not be used. Through the efforts of the Humane society the ambulance has been purchased. Now it is time for the city to do its share and equip and maintain it."

LAND DEAL SHOWS GAIN OF \$12,500 IN 2 YEARS

Floyd J. Campbell closed a deal yesterday afternoon through the agencies of Mail & Von Borstel and J. M. Leiter for the purchase of a 90x100 foot parcel of ground located at the southwest corner of Grand avenue and East Ankeny street. Mr. Campbell purchased the property from J. C. Ainsworth, paying \$40,000 for it. The quarter block was acquired by Mr. Ainsworth about two years ago for \$27,500. His profit of \$12,500 is equal to a gain of 45 1/2 per cent.

THIS SENATOR GOES LIMIT ON LORIMER

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Fletcher of Florida came to the defense of Senator Lorimer yesterday when, in addressing the senate, he declared the election of Lorimer was a "dark horse" proposition and was brought about by the combination of personal and non-partisan feeling.

Crank Claims British Throne.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
New York, Feb. 8.—With the idea of protesting against the coronation of King George, John De Guelph of Brooklyn, who claims that he is John Edward Rex Wittin, Prince de Guelph, eldest son of the late King Edward and right-

ful King of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India, has issued another proclamation to the British people. He calls upon them to hail him as

their rightful ruler. There has been, however, no great popular response to his plea. De Guelph claims that King Edward VII. was married to his mother

prior to his alliance with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark. As the first-born son of Edward, therefore, he claims the right to the throne.

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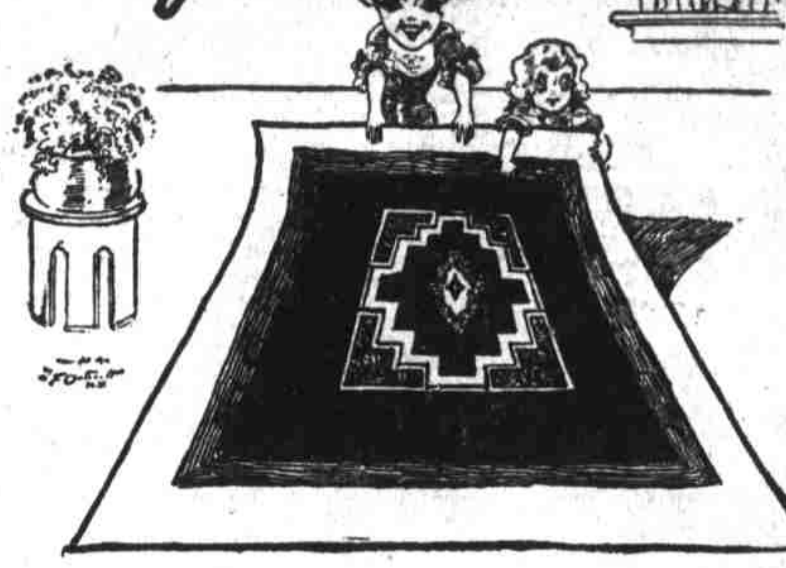
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