

GENERAL SCHEME IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF IRRIGATION IS URGED

With Plan Well in Hand Details of Local Nature Can Be Settled Later

PRESIDENT GIVES VIEW

One Favors Issuance of Bonds to Provide Money; Development Matters Are Discussed.

Among the delegates to the Irrigation congress, now in session here, there is a general expression of a desire to formulate some general plan of procedure and then strive to carry out the plan, leaving local matters for future consideration. This statement was voiced by Asa B. Thomson, president of the congress, when he said: "We ought to get together on a general scheme and then go to work on it."

J. R. Roberts of Redmond expressed the same idea, saying: "The first consideration is the general development of the state through irrigation." Mr. Roberts is in favor of raising money for irrigation purposes by a bond issue. While he would accept all the federal aid that can be obtained, he thinks better results can be obtained when the money is expended by the state. The increased tax that bonds would impose on the property owners of Portland or other sections of the state not directly concerned would, he contends, be more than offset by the increase in assessable wealth created.

Development Is Discussed. Speaking of the development that has followed irrigation in his section, Mr. Roberts said: "Before we began to irrigate we had to depend on money from the outside. We did not have much to sell. "With the coming of the railroad it became necessary to develop our resources and the first essential was getting the water on the land. As a result we have begun to create our own wealth and our products shipped outside are bringing in additional money all the time."

When the point is reached as to what local project should receive first aid, Mr. Roberts said: "The development ought to be a logical one where each piece of new work would dovetail in with that already done so that there would be no waste but a constant growth. The interest of the greatest number should always be kept in view."

J. W. Brewer of Redmond said: "We should look at the question first from a state-wide viewpoint and in seeking aid take into consideration the best interests of the state as a whole."

Federal Aid Favored. "National projects can be regulated afterward," Mr. Brewer has a preference for federal aid. J. R. Fisher of Haines, superintendent of the Klamath and Rock Creek Irrigation company, contrasted the value of the land in their tract. Be-

fore the water was placed on it, it was worth \$1.25 per acre. "Now," said he, "it is worth \$100 per acre. That demonstrates the importance of this irrigation question."

Mr. Fisher is principally interested in action looking towards the better adjudication of water rights in the state.

J. R. Blackaby of Ontario, vice president of the congress, said: "There is no county in the state that has made the progress in irrigation that Malheur county has. We have the Warm Springs reservoir project but are willing to leave the matter of the selection of the project that shall be first improved by state and federal aid to the determination of the competent authorities."

KEEN RIVALRY

MARKS AIM OF IRRIGATIONISTS

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point thing to be considered by the congress:

Mr. Walker made what was undoubtedly meant to be the keynote speech of the meeting. He urged development of irrigation projects, that Portland and the Willamette valley might soon cease to pay the lion's share of the state's expenses, and to this end exhorted the convention to stand together for those things that would help Oregon as a whole, putting the good of the many before the good of the few.

Mayor Welcomes Delegates. Mayor Albee made a brief speech welcoming the delegates to Portland and extending to them the freedom of the city.

The mayor received an enthusiastic welcome from those representing the recently formed Jefferson county when he mentioned that he owned a little property on the water proposition.

C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland Commercial club, made a speech of welcome on behalf of the commercial club, inviting the delegates to make free use of the club's quarters while in the city and affirming the desire of the club to be of service to every section of the state. President Asa B. Thomson of Echo made the president's annual address and report for the past year. He appealed to the convention to get together with a definite plan and a certain object and then to go after it. The congress must adjourn Saturday night, he stated, with some fixed program to lay before the legislature.

Committee Appointments were announced as follows: Resolutions—J. W. Brewer, Portland, chairman; Clark Leiter, Portland, secretary; John Rigby, Vale, A. W. Trow, Ontario; Frank Sloan, Stanfield; C. S. McNaught, Hermiston; H. W. Gard, Madras; E. B. Williams, Powell Butte; L. A. Hunt, Lower Bridge; O. Laurgaard, Laidlaw; William Hanley, Burns; Abel Ady, Klamath Falls, and C. C. Chapman, Portland.

Credentials.—Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo, chairman; L. A. Hunt, Lower Bridge; O. A. Pearce, Madras; W. W. Caviness, Vale; J. B. Bell, Prineville. H. W. Turner of Madras, A. E. Griener of Echo and R. H. Atkinson of Portland were appointed assistant secretaries of the congress.

Among the prominent visitors are F. H. Peters, Dominion commissioner of irrigation at Calgary; Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture for the province of Alberta; and Norman

RUBBISH TO GO

Fire Marshal Causes Arrest in New Crusade to Clean the City.

Starting a crusade against persons who refuse to clean up their places of accumulations of debris and rubbish, Fire Marshal Jay Stevens today had a John Doe warrant issued in the municipal court for the proprietor of the saloon at Second and Main streets. The city commissioner yesterday afternoon found in a back room a pile of ashes, papers, discarded bottles and other stuff, much of which was highly inflammable.

Fire Marshal Stevens is making the inspections now, and warrants will follow the discovery of flagrant violations.

HANDCUFFS ALLOWED TO BECOME BURIED IN FLESH OF HIS ARMS

Fugitive Italian, Apparently Half-Wit, Taken by Umatilla Sheriff Taylor.

(Special to The Journal.)

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 7.—With a metal handcuff grown into the flesh of each forearm, his hair and beard long and matted, his clothes in rags and his whole person filthy dirty, an Italian giving the name of Roberto Battista, was picked up last night just north of Pendleton by Sheriff T. D. Taylor. For five months he had been a fugitive from the officers, after escaping from them near the Canadian line, and rather than surrender himself he kept away from mankind as much as possible, while he watched the iron bands about his arms slowly eat into the flesh until his hands were so swollen and sore that they were almost useless.

After the man had been bathed, his hair and beard trimmed, his clothing changed and his picture taken, he was taken to St. Anthony's hospital where Dr. Guy Boyden, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Joe Blackely, sawed the manacles from his arms with a steel saw, after Battista had been placed under an anesthetic. The physician believes he will be able to save both arms.

On the right arm the steel circlet had eaten its way to the bone on one side and the flesh had grown completely over it. The other band had cut into the flesh all the way around and was half concealed, while the flesh was raw about it.

No statement of the manner of his escape could be secured from him. He indicated that he broke the handcuffs apart by striking them over something hard.

Rankin, secretary of Western Canada Irrigation association.

The Portland Commercial club will act as host to delegates to the congress and the members of the Oregon legislature which is to convene Monday at a banquet to be held in the commercial club tonight. Edgar E. Piper will serve as toastmaster and the Hon. Duncan Marshall will be the principal speaker of the evening.

THEATRE LICENSE FEES WOULD BE LOWERED BY NEW AMENDMENT

Indiscriminate Posting of Advertising Signs and Placards May Be Prohibited.

TRAVELING SHOWS HIT

Some Exceptions Are Provided For; Candidates' Cards Would Come Under the Ban.

Indiscriminate posting of advertising signs and placards are prohibited and reductions are made in the license fee for theatres in the amendments to the license ordinance to be proposed at the council meeting tomorrow. These amendments are the results of conferences held with theatrical men.

One of the amendments will prohibit traveling shows and advertising agencies from posting signs unless in compliance with the billboard ordinance which requires a heavy license fee. The amendment will also bar the posting of candidates' cards and similar advertising material.

There are to be some exceptions to this, however, which will allow posters to be placed inside of buildings or in windows, or on the outside of buildings when contained in glass frames. It is also proposed to allow the distributing of handbills from house to house, but their distribution on the streets is barred, and to allow the posting of open placards only on theatrical buildings. Those posting signs are to carry a numbered badge.

At present the license fee is \$20 a quarter for theatres with 250 seats or less, \$30 a quarter for 250 to 799 seats, \$40 for 800 to 1399 seats, \$50 for 1400 to 2099 seats, and for those having more than 2100 seats, the fee is \$60 a quarter.

The amendments as prepared by License Inspector Hutchinson provide for a license fee of \$10 a quarter for those places having under 200 seats, \$15 a quarter for those with between 201 and 400 seats, \$20 for 401 to 601 seats, \$25 for 601 to 801 seats, \$30 for 801 to 1001 seats, \$35 for 1001 to 1200 seats, \$40 for 1201 to 1401 seats, \$45 for 1401 to 1701, \$50 for 1701 to 2099, and more than 2100, \$60 a quarter.

A number of provisions for the regulation of advertising cards and material on the street were suggested at a meeting of a committee of theatrical men yesterday afternoon.

Bridge to Be Protected.

The west approach of the Broadway bridge, where it passes over frame buildings, is to be covered with fireproof material. Members of the department of public works are drawing plans for this work, and it is expected to place a cover of corrugated iron underneath the structure. About 200 feet of the approach is to be so protected.

To Retire Improvement Bonds.

To retire \$873,000 in improvement

bonds which are redeemable March 1. City Treasurer Adams proposes to sell approximately \$410,000 in bonds now used for investments of the bond sinking fund. The remainder necessary to give enough money to redeem the bonds is to be taken from the available cash on hand which has been paid in installments on bonded assessments.

Bills to Be Studied By Business Clubs

Better Idea of Value of Laws to Be Brought Before Legislature Will Be Purpose.

Hoping by careful study to bring about a better idea of the value of the laws to be brought before the legislature, the business clubs of the city are to take up each proposed measure in turn. This decision was reached at a gathering of presidents and influential members of every booster club in the city at the Commercial club last night.

The sense of last night's meeting was that the "quack lawmaker" has had the platform long enough and that laws giving direct benefit to the business man of the state were necessary to the future of the state. It is to assist such legislation that the present study of impending legislative measures has been decided upon.

"Oregon is a young state, its population is yet to come, the taxes are heavy. We need legislation that will encourage the state's growth," said C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland Commercial club, in introducing the proposal.

K. C. Dickinson and Phil Metchan Jr., representatives of the Oregon State Hotel association, asked that the conference give aid to the measure to remove from the legislature any law allowing hotels to sell liquor to guests.

Rate for California Fairs Announced

Fares Apply to Expositions in San Francisco and San Diego; Southern Pacific Company Schedule.

Round trip rates to prevail between Portland and San Francisco and San Diego for the expositions were announced today by John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, in a telegram from San Francisco where he has conferred with the system traffic chiefs.

For \$35 the San Francisco fair visitor may spend 90 days on the trip, with unlimited stopovers at all points, going and coming. For \$30 the visitor may have 30 days, with unlimited stopovers within that period.

For special occasions, such as large conventions, a special round-trip rate of \$28.75 will prevail, with a two day going transit limit and final return limit of 15 days after date of sale. Sales will be daily between February 15 and November 30.

For the San Diego exposition, round trip rates from Portland will be \$52.25, with a 40 day limit, provided return is not later than December 31. For a longer stay a rate of \$51.50 will prevail, with a six months' limit. Stopovers will be allowed in both directions. A special round-trip rate of \$45.50 will prevail for conventions, with a three day going limit and 21 day return limit.

It is expected that other roads of the northwest will make rates based on these rates.

POISON OAK WINS

Workmen Sent to Clean Out Shrub Cleaned Out Themselves.

Only about half of the regular force of men of the park bureau employed at Mount Tabor park are working as the result of a poison oak epidemic which caught the park crews last week. Effort is being made to free the park of the shrub.

About 20 acres in the park had been covered with the poisonous shrubbery, but when the men started to eradicate it trouble began. By rotating the men, however, Park Superintendent Conville manages to keep a force at work and hopes to have the park free of the obnoxious vegetation in a short time.

CENTRAL OREGON IS OVERRUN BY RABIES INFECTED ANIMALS

Prineville City Council Takes Action Following Heavy Loss of Cattle.

Prineville, Or., Jan. 7.—Stringent orders have been ordered by the city council of Prineville to prevent dogs from roaming at large.

Mad dogs, cats and cattle have died within the city limits during the last week. Fully 35 dogs belonging on ranches near this city have been bitten by mad coyotes and are now roaming at large, biting cattle, coyotes and other animals and humans in their path.

Several horses have died with rabies and several persons have had narrow escapes from infection. To aggravate the matter the county court has suspended coyote bounties, thus cutting off the activities of the professional hunter and making the coyote more bold.

Cattle have died with rabies at the Mayfield, Cram and Rainbow ranches. One ranch man has lost 17 head of beef cattle within the last few days.

Citizens have been warned not to go into the country without a gun.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL FINED

For driving his automobile between a street car and the curb while the car was discharging passengers, Anderson M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy for the federal court, was fined \$2 in the municipal court this morning. The complaint was made by Harry P. Corfin, chairman of the public safety commission. The offense occurred New Year's day at Third and Gilean streets. R. Griffin, a salesman, was arrested this morning for driving his machine between a car and the curb. A warrant for a similar offense was also issued for C. E. Cree.

Caught Stealing Suit Case.

Bud Sterna, aged 52, was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail by Municipal Judge Stevenson today for stealing a suitcase belonging to T. J. Newhill of Pullman, Wash., at the Union station.

Wilson Uncertain Of His Trip Plans

Senator Chamberlain Heads Delegation of Northwestern Men to Invite Him Here; Will Come If He Can.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Headed by Senator Chamberlain, a delegation of northwestern senators and representatives called on President Wilson today to ask that he visit the north-west following his proposed trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The delegation obtained not a great deal of satisfaction. If the war continued, the president told his callers, it would be impracticable to have the executive department at sea for four weeks. If he should make the trip and it was within the realm of physical possibilities, he would include the northwest in his itinerary.

Those who presented the request included Senators Lane, Borah, Jones, Follinmer and Brady; Congressman Sinnott, Humphrey, La Follette and Congressman-elect Dill and R. W. Ray-

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