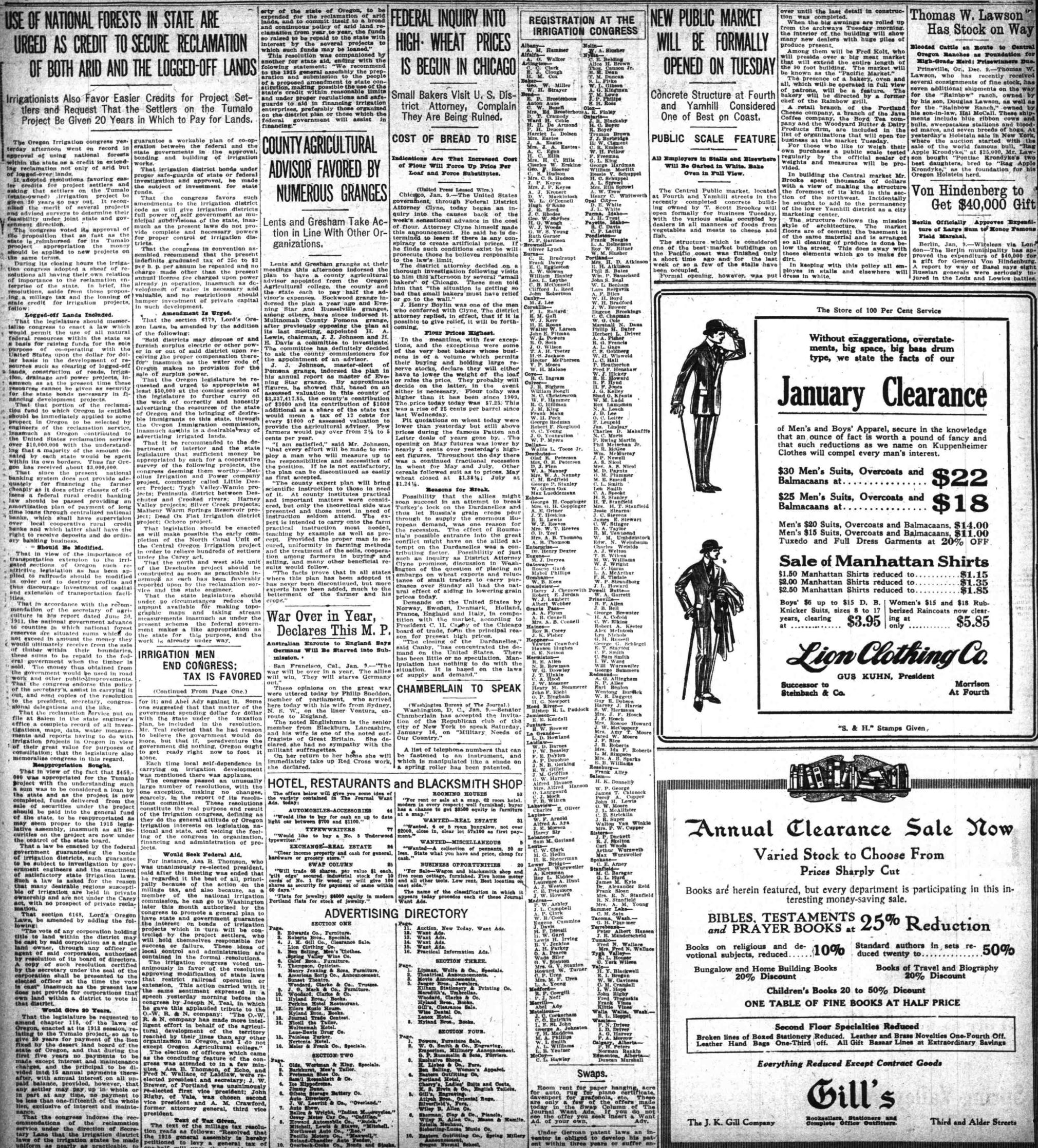
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Irrigationists Also Favor Easier Credits for Project Settlers and Request That the Settlers on the Tumalo Project Be Given 20 Years in Which to Pay for Lands.

The Oregon Irrigation congress yes. | guarantee a workable plan of co-op eration between the federal and the erday afternoon went on record in state governments in the approval, approval of using national forests eithin the state as a credit in extendworks. ing reclamation not only of arid but

It adopted resolutions favoring cas-ter credits for project settlers and

esking that settlers on the Tumalo funds. (state-owned) irrigation project be riven 20 years to pay out. It recognized the merit of several projects and advised surveys to determine their feasibility under joint state and gov-The congress voted its approval of

the proposition that as fast as the state is reimbursed for its Tumalo apprepriation the money prooject should be applied to new projects on the same terms.

of logged-over lands.

ernment direction.

During its closing hours the irrigation congress adopted a sheaf of resolutions all having their own relation of importance to the reclamation enterprise of the state. In brief, the resolutions, aside from those proposstate credit for irrigation projects, follow:

Logged-off Lands Included.

That the legislature should memorfalize congress to enact a law which would permit the use of all natural resources within the state as a basis for raising funds for the sole surpose of co-operating with the United States upon the dollar for dollar basis in the development of resources such as clearing of logged-off a lands, construction of roads, irrigation, drainage and power projects, inasinuch as at the present time these resources cannot be given as security for the state bonds necessary in financing development projects.

That that portion of the reclamation fund to which Oregon is entitled should be immediately applied to some propect in Oregon to be selected by engineers of the reclamation service inasmuch as Oregon contributed to the United States reclamation service over \$10,000,000 with the understand ing that a majority of the amount denated by each state would be spent within its own borders. Thus far Oregon has received about \$3,000,000.

That since the present national banking system does not provide adequately for financing the farmer cheaply as it does other classes of citizens a federal rural credit banking law should be passed providing an amortization plan of payment of long time loans through centralized national banks, which shall have supervision over local cooperative rural credit banks and which latter shall have the right to receive deposits and do ordinary banking business.

. . Should Be Modified.

That in view of the importance of transportation extension to the irrigated sections of Oregon such restrictive legislation as has been applied to ratiroads should be modified

bonding and building of irrigation That irrigation district bonds under proper safe-guards of state or federal investigation and approval, be made the subject of investment for state

That the congress favors such amendments to the irrigation district code as will give irrigation districts full power of self government as mu-nicipal subdivisions of the state, inasmuch as the present laws do not provide complete and necessary powers

for proper control of irrigation districts That the congress in convention as sembled recommend that the present

indefinite graduated tax of 25c to \$2 per h. p. per annum be repealed and no charge made other than the present annual license fee charged upon power already in operation, inasmuch as development of water is necessary and ing a millage tax and the loaning of valuable, and no restrictions should hamper investment of private capital in such development.

Amendment Is Urged.

That the section 6179, Lord's Oregon Laws, be amended by the addition of the following: "Said districts may dispose of and

er in or out of said district upon receiving the proper compensation therefor" inasmuch as the water code of Oregon makes no provision for the sale of surplus power. That the Oregon legislature be re uested and urged to appropriate at east \$50,000 at the coming session of the legislature to further carry on

advertising the resources of the state of Oregon and the bringing of desirable immigrants to this state, through the Oregon Immigration commission nasmuch as this is a desirable way of advertising irrigated lands. That it be recommended to the devartment of interior and the state legislature that sufficient money be appropriated by each for a cooperative survey of the following projects, the

ongress deeming them worthy-Metolius Irrigation and Power company project, commonly called Little Desert Project; Tygh Valley-Wamic projects: Peninsula district between Deschutes and Crooked rivers; Harney Valley projects; Silver Creek projects; Malheur Warm Springs Reservoir project; Dead Ox Flat Irrigation district project; Ochoco project. That legislation should be enacted

as will make possible the early completion of the North Canal Unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation project in order to relieve hundreds of settlers

under the Carey act.

in order not to destroy profits and thus discourage investment of capital and extension of transportation facil-

That in accordance with the recom mendation of the secretary of agriculture in his report dated June 20, 1911, the national government advance to counties in which national forest reserves are situated sums which do not exceed in amount the money they would ultimately receive from the sale of timber within their boundaries, these sums to be repaid to the federal government when the timber is The money thus obtained from the government would be used in road work and other public improvements. That the congress endorse this policy of the secretary's, assist in carrying it out, and send copies of the resolution to the president, secretary, congressional delegations and the like.

That the reclamation Service put on file at Salem in the state engineer's office a complete record of all investigations, maps, data, water measure-ments and reports having to do with irrigation projects in Oregon in view of their great value for purposes of consultation; that the legislature also memoralize congress in this regard.

Reappropriation Sought.

That in view of the fact that \$450 .-000 was appropriated for the Tumalo project with the understanding such sum was to be considered a loan by the state and as the project is now completed, funds delivered from the sale of securities under the project should be paid into the general fund of the state, to be reappropriated as may seem proper to the 1915 legislative assembly, inasmuch as all securities on the project are now under the control of the state board.

That a law be enacted by the federal government guaranteeing the bonds f irrigation districts, such guarantee to be subject to investigation by government engineers and the enactment of satisfactory state irrigation laws. Such a law is asked for the reason that many desirable regions susceptible of irrigation are held in private ownership and are not under the Carey act, with no prospect of private recla-

mation. That section 6168, Lord's Oregon Laws, be amended by adding the following:

"The vote of any corporation holding title to land within the district may be cast by said corporation as a single land owner, through any officer or agent of said corporation, authorized by resolution of its board of directors. A copy of such resolution certified by the secretary under the seal of the corporation shall be presented to the elected officer at the time the vote s cast" inasmuch as the present law does not provide for corporations that own land within a district to vote in that district.

Would Give 20 Years.

That the legislature be requested to amend chapter 119, of the laws of enacted at its 1913 session, re- tural development of the territory lating to the Tumalo project, so as to reached by their lines than any other give 20 years for payment of the lien fixed by the desert land board of the except Oregon Agricultural college." state of Oregon, and that during the first five years no payments to be as the concluding feature of the con-made except interest and maintenance gress was attended to in a few mincharges, and the principal to be di-wided into 15 annual payments there- Fred N. Wallace, of Laidlaw, were reafter, with annual interest on all un-paid balance, provided, however, that Brewer, of Portland was unanimously any settler may pay up in whole or re-elected first vice president; John in part at any time, no payment to be less than one-fifteenth of the whole vice president and A. M. Crawford, in, exclusive of interest and mainte- former attorney general, third vice

That the congress indorse the rec-ommendations of the reclamation service under the direction of Secreommendations of the reclamation service under the direction of Secre-tary Lane that the irrigation district is we of the irrigation states be made uniform as nearly as practicable, to Text of Tax Given,

lice and the state engineer. That the state legislature should under no circumstances reduce the crops."

amount available for making topo-graphic maps and taking stream resent scheme the federal governent makes a like appropriation as the state for this purpose, and the work is already under way.

IRRIGATION MEN END CONGRESS:

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for it; and Abel Ady against it. Some

one suggested that that matter of the government spending dollar for dollar with the state under the taxation plan, be included in the resolution. Mr. Teal retorted that he had reason to believe the government would do more, but that if, peradventure the government did nothing, Oregon ought to get ready right now to foot it alone.

Each time local self-dependence in carrying on irrigation development was mentioned there was applause.

one exception, making no changes, scarcely, in the report of its resolutions committee. These resolutions constitute the real purpose and result of the irrigation congress, defining as they do the general attitude of Oregon irrigation interests on legislation national and state, and voicing the feeling of the congress in organization, financing and administration of pro-

jects. Would Seek Federal Aid.

For instance, Asa B. Thomson, who was unanimously re-elected president. said after the meeting was ended that he regarded it the best of all, principally because of the action on the millage tax, and also because, as a member of the national irrigation commission, he can go to Washington later this month authorized by the

congress to promote a general plan to have state and government guarantee the interest on bonds of irrigation projects which in turn will be controlled by the project settlers, who

will hold themselves responsible for success or failure. These ideas of local control and administration are contained in the formal resolutions. The irrigation congress voted unanimously in favor of the resolution approving modification of state laws that restrict railroad operation or extension. This action carried with it the same sentiment expressed in a speech yesterday morning before the

The election of officers which came

president.

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