

NEEDS OF DRAINAGE IN DEVELOPMENT OF LAND POINTED OUT

Frank J. Miller, of Oregon
Public Service Commission,
Presents His Views.

VALLEY PROSPECTS RICH

Drainage and Irrigation Men Should
Work Hand-in-Hand, Declares
the Land Expert.



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Frank J. Miller, member of the Oregon public service commission, sees in the forthcoming State Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits conference, the hope of reward to the man who has courage, with small capital, but with ambitious energy, to make a home on the land.

Commissioner Miller is unusually qualified to speak of the proposal to put the state substantially back of its own reclamation, particularly from the viewpoint of drainage.

He has been 40 years here; he has served in many capacities. He has been owner and operator of farms in the Willamette valley and southern Oregon; he has been a member of the state conservation commission, and a member of the legislature and shared in the authorship of the state water code, one of the most equitable and satisfactory codes possessed by any state.

Willamette Valley Considered.

"Do you realize," he began, "that in the Willamette valley not more than 25 per cent of the lands are cultivated. It is for lack of drainage.

"I can buy you land with a railroad running right through the heart of it for \$25 an acre, priced so low because without drainage it is only fit for pasture.

"With drainage the remaining 75 per cent of arable lands can be put under cultivation. The Willamette valley can be made to support in great prosperity 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 of people. There are other valleys of equal area where greater populations are supported in comfort, yet these other valleys have not the advantages possessed by the Willamette valley in good water for every community, genial and mild climate and naturally fertile soil.

Plan Is Suggested.

"Go down through the Willamette valley and you will find the white lands of Linn and the sour lands of Marion, lower Lane, parts of Linn and upper Clackamas. With drainage and

O Well, Cheer Up, Bad as It Is It Might Be Worse

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 23.—Pendleton is today experiencing one of the most freakish storms in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. It is in the form of dirty snowfall.

A terrific sand and dust storm along the Columbia here yesterday evening, filled the air with a thick fog of sand and dust, and these are carried down by falling snow. This morning more than two inches of this dirty snow lies on top of the previous fall. Many people are wondering at the cause.

The snow is very fine and dry, and is drifting before the wind.

A crop of two of clover the productive value of these lands would be tremendously increased.

"The time has come for the people of Oregon to take up these problems and proceed with organization and determination toward their solution.

"The time has come for those who believe in drainage to work with those who believe in irrigation. And I believe a third class should be called in—those who are interested in the clearing of logged-off lands.

"We have got to acquire a broad view and a generous spirit. We have got to lay aside the narrow and restricted viewpoint. We must have constructive statesmanship.

To Encourage Homeownership.

"We must give encouragement to the man who wants to make a home on the land. It must be remembered that it takes courage and ambition for a man of small capital to get out on raw lands. The state should get back of him. He must be able to get money on long time and at a low rate of interest. He must have a chance to make the land pay back the investment. To do this presupposes all edge securities. What could be better than the guaranty of the state.

"We have one of the best school systems in the United States. We have good climate, soil and many other natural advantages. Let us add this essential of state backing and Oregon will present one of the most attractive of home making opportunities to worth while people.

Real Estate Man
Called by Death

Alvin W. Bagley Suffered From Malady Caused by Fall When He Was Laid—Internment Near Salem.

Alvin W. Bagley, who died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Field, at Chestnut farm, Salem, Oregon, on January 23, aged 48 years, left a widow and three children, Mrs. Edith Field Bagley, and Ferris, Grace and Ambrie, of 1804 Woolsey street of this city; also two sisters, Mrs. Viola B. Collamore of East Eleventh and Alder, and Mrs. Clara B. Connor of Sheridan.

For several years Mr. Bagley was engaged in the real estate business at University Park, Portland. About five years ago his health began to fail since then he spent much of his time at the home of his mother-in-law.

A post mortem examination revealed that his sickness was brought on by adhesion of the brain, caused by a fall sustained when he was only 15 years of age.

The funeral was held January 25 at the Odd Fellows' cemetery, near South Salem. Services were conducted by Rev. Richard N. Avison, of the First M. E. church, Salem.

Collector Harries Exhibitors.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—(P. N. S.)—J. O. Davis, collector of the port, has notified all customs brokers representing exposition exhibitors that all exhibits in bond not removed from the exposition by February 15, will be seized and sent to the storehouse for unclaimed goods.

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ESCAPE OF PRISONER FROM PENITENTIARY CLEVERLY EXECUTED

Guards Wake Up One Morning
to Find Jailbird Missing;
Cellmate Surprised.

LOWERS SELF BY A ROPE

Inmate Had Worked Doggedly With
Manicure File Until He Sawed
Way to Freedom.

George Clark has gone—vamosed—slipped by the light of the moon. No one knows whither, but only when George had for some months past been a guest of the Hotel Minto at Salem. He had been found guilty of burglarizing a Lane county store in the night time and was committed to the aforesaid hostelry during the management of Colonel Lawson.

George Clark was listed as a bad egg. In prison parlance he was a "hard bolt." A Siwash inmate of the institution once remarked that he was "hyas kultus." He refused absolutely to work, was insulting to the officers and guards and was continually stirring up trouble.

Clark's conduct led to his being placed in the "bull pen," where he had the companionship of Joe Marinos and a few other incorrigibles and degenerates. The bull pen being an outdoor yard about 100 feet square, afforded the few prisoners every opportunity for light, air and exercise. At night its inmates were locked as other prisoners in their cells.

Fake Story Given Out.

Some time after Governor Withycombe had changed the prison management through removal of Colonel Lawson and the appointment of Warden Minto, a Portland newspaper published a false story to the effect that Clark had been kept for months in solitary confinement and that the new management had discovered him to be a splendid fellow and that he was being given the freedom of the prison yard. It further stated that he was responding nobly to the new treatment and was proving himself worthy of the new confidence bestowed. This same newspaper now speaks of him as a most desperate character.

Plans Well Laid.

Clark evidently laid his plans well. After gaining the confidence of the officials whom he seemed to have completely hoodwinked, he devoted his long winter evenings to cutting through the bars on the door of his cell with his manicure file. Having completed this task he on Monday evening packed his grip and quietly slipped from his cell to the corridor.

After making the rounds of the cell house to see that the officers were all safely under lock and key and that the guards were all on duty he pushed apart the bars protecting an outer window, squeezed through, and Charlie Chaplined himself to the roof of the cell house. Crossing over to the other side he lowered himself by the aid of a rope to the prison wall.

Prisoner Gains Freedom.

Having reached the prison wall and finding no guard on duty he passed through the tower and down the steps to the outer world and.

From the home of those who knew him, passing silent through the forest. Like a smoke wreath wafted sideways, slowly vanished Clark.

Where he passed the branches bent not; where he stood the grasses bent not; Made no sound beneath his footsteps.

Clark's departure was discovered when a prisoner in an adjoining cell awakened in the night and wishing to take a smoke asked him to hand him a match. Getting no response the word was passed to the chapel guard, who sounded the alarm.

Pursuit Is Commenced.

The guards soon assembled and after phoning for Dog Steiner's coon dog started in pursuit. When morning broke it found the pursuing guards empty handed as they gathered for consultation at the headgate of the old mill race. Then as the sweet tones of the prison breakfast gong sounded in the distance the guards turned their faces homeward, and as they trudged cold and weary single file along the bank of the mill race they all joined in singing:

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