

TERRITORY NORTH OF PRINEVILLE IS TO BE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Grimes Flat People Vote 51 to 17 to Proceed With Organization of That Project,

TO INCLUDE 37,000 ACRES

Board of Directors Is Elected to Investigate Feasibility of Each Proposed Dam Site.

Prineville, Or., Feb. 7.—The organization of an irrigation district to embrace Grimes Flat territory north of Prineville carried Saturday by vote of 51 to 17.

This is the conclusion of years of planning and argument pro and con, during which time several investigations as to the feasibility of the project have been carried on by the government and by individuals.

The high cost of construction, as estimated by the government, has been used extensively by those opposing the organization of the district, and for a time favorable outcome of the election seemed doubtful.

Thirty-seven thousand acres of some of the best land in central Oregon are embraced within the boundaries of the district as established.

There were 15 candidates for membership on the board of directors provided by law, of whom the following five were elected: John Grimes, Fred S. Holsher, T. H. LaFollette, E. P. Slayton and D. T. Stewart.

As soon as the board organizes, steps will be taken to at once proceed to investigate the feasibility and cost of construction at each proposed dam site.

Charges Millionaire Alienated His Wife

Francis W. Reese of Los Angeles Sues W. Irving Trombley of New York for \$50,000 Alienation Damages.

Ferris Bill Views Are Given in Debate

Measure Would Safeguard Public Water Power Rights, Says McCulloch; Other Leaders Speak.

In the Ferris bill debate before the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce at noon, Claude McCulloch declared the measure will safeguard public rights in water power yet permit immediate development.

Branson on Trial At McMinnville

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 7.—The trial of William Branson, charged with the murder of William Booth, near Willamina on October 8 last, was called today in the circuit court.

PORTLAND CLEANEST CITY ON COAST, SAYS ABBEY, IN ADDRESS

Moral Conditions Are Improved, Declares Executive Before Ministers' Meeting.

FALSE ECONOMY SCORED

General Review of City Government's Activity in Solving Local Problems Is Presented.

Newspapers, the motion picture men, fire insurance agents and men who he believes failed to cooperate with the administration, came in for criticism at the hands of Mayor Albee speaking before the Portland Ministerial association meeting this morning in the Y. W. C. A.

"Very few realize what moral conditions in Portland are," he said. "You and I know that Portland is not perfectly clean, but I have talked with officials at the hands of Mayor Albee speaking before the Portland Ministerial association meeting this morning in the Y. W. C. A."

Additional Levy Needed

"We lost \$300,000 or \$400,000 in liquor and other licenses the first of the year, and the tax levy had to be raised. The council is justified in raising the tax levy. It should have been raised at least two tenths of a mill more."

FORMER FLORIST IS CALLED BY DEATH



James M. Wickizer

James M. Wickizer, who died at his home in Hillsboro on Wednesday, was born in Argos, Ind., March 13, 1869.

At the age of 18 years, he was united in marriage to Miss Florence Holland, also of Plymouth, Ind.

U. S. S. Oregon to Be Courtmartial Scene

Famous Old Ship Goes to San Francisco for Trial of Lieutenant Jones for Code Book Loss.

LAYMEN RALLY AND REGISTRATION LIST IS GAINING RAPIDLY

Missionary Convention Workers Meeting With Marked Success in Getting Names.

This was a big day for registration for the Laymen's Missionary Movement convention, which is to open in Portland next Sunday.

FIRST DEFENSE BILL IS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

"Isn't there any way of extending the present law and pokey (law of shipbuilding)?" Why hasn't the navy department decided which type is best and then proceeded to build on the same plan without wasting eight or 10 months to draw new plans each time?

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Party on Skis on Way to Aid Settler

A rescue party left Bridal Veil on skis at 6:15 o'clock this morning for Palmer, five miles distant in the mountains, for the purpose of assisting James E. Tompkins, a settler, who has been reported snowbound and ill in his cabin.

Russians Are Repulsed

Berlin, Feb. 7.—(U. P.)—The war office statement today told of heavy artillery battling between La Bagee canal and Arras, a new British bombardment of Lens probably not return to Bridal Veil till Wednesday.

Scott Inman Takes Own Life at Eugene

Former Steward of Bailey Gatzert Leaps From Bridge into Willamette; Dependent Boatmen of Lack of Work.

Floods Threaten at Baker; Thaw Sets In

Danger Anticipated From Melting Snow in Mountains But No Trouble Yet; Waters, Etc., in Grave Danger.

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Representative Henley, a "little navy" man, said that the government is at sea with no information concerning the increase of the navy of the belligerents since the war started, and he declared that rating the American navy as fourth is therefore only guesswork.

To Build Ship Building

"If what the president has said is true," interposed Representative Kelly, "and I do not believe he is misleading the people in this time of profound danger, we should rush our 65 ships, now building, to completion."

Spain Could Have Licked U. S.

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NORTH BANK IN OREGON CUSTOM DISTRICT NOW

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years ago, when the Oregon senators were first importuned to seek, through official channels, a change in the customs boundary between Oregon and Washington.

The questions involved should be made clear. The channel of the Columbia was the established line, dividing the customs district of Oregon from that of Washington.

Seattle Tried to Hang On. It was Seattle's effort to maintain her grip on half the Columbia, if not for the express purpose of scuttling the commerce of going 150 miles inland, without cost to herself, for so much of it, as went out from the north bank.

"Seattle was against disturbing the established boundary," the wisdom of which she contended, was proven by this years it had remained unquestioned. One other contention Seattle had, and only one, so little commerce was going out from the north bank of the Columbia that the government was not justified in making any change.

It is a tribute to Seattle's skill, tenacity and unity of purpose that for nearly two years she was able to prolong such a fight with such weapons.

On the other side, if there was any shortage, it was not in war munitions. Efficiency, economy, common sense, reason, justice and all the other virtues were as plentiful here as elsewhere. Historians have stressed over our defeats and boasted of our victories."

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ing the river to carry it; that the material interests of Seattle are so frankly in the hands of a man who has in Columbia that she has never spent a cent to develop it. Her regret seems to be that she cannot block the Columbia river by pushing all foreign commerce to the sound.

"Portland insisted that the long established boundary requiring all foreign exports to enter and clear at any time they passed from one bank of the river to the other in assembling a cargo, was killing foreign commerce on the river by pushing all foreign boats both in time and money to the extent, in many cases, of hundreds of dollars before they could escape again to sea."

Portland held as a nuisance a situation which required all officers and documented boats on the Columbia to be licensed out of Portland, while the owning boats in towns on the north bank were put to the inconvenience and expense of going 150 miles inland to Seattle for their ship's papers.

"Common sense came in at this point with the suggestion that it should be done here, in short, Portland contended that by changing Portland's established boundary, sanctified by years of such procedure, and extending the limits of the Oregon district to include all the ports on the Columbia, the stranglehold which Seattle maintained, as a gratuity, on the commerce would be broken, and the Columbia, to that extent at least, would attain freedom as a commercial highway."

"Without going into details, it is interesting to look back through the twists and turns of this long contest from the time the Journal discharged on the subject the first public broadside from a Portland battery, until Secretary McCaddoo, with the sanction of President Wilson, decided the fight in Portland's favor. Nearly everybody here finally came in, including one of the other papers. But it is the fact that no generous notice to review the case."

"All the towns on the Columbia from Portland to the sea are to be congratulated in a very large sense on the outcome. The incident is closed and should be forgotten. Portland and the entire river should now fix their merry eyes on something else worth fighting for. If they find something that is right, they will win. If they keep on fighting, for when a proposition is right, the more difficulties there are the better the fighting."

Files Closed in 6 to 14 Days. The files of the Oregon district are closed for one month, beginning on the 15th of this month. Applications for review of files. First application given priority.

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