

NO PROGRESS MADE ON IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE MEASURE

Committee Appointed to Draft Constitutional Amendment Makes No Report.

CREDITS MEN ARE ACTIVE

Men Chosen by A. L. Mills to Draw Plan for State Backing Are Non-committal; Committees Active.

Expectation lessens that a measure putting the state back of irrigation and drainage development will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the November election.

The special committee of the Oregon Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits conference which accepted the responsibility for drafting the measure and putting it on ballot, has not reported any formal meetings nor has it submitted to public discussion any formal draft of an irrigation and drainage measure. Members of the committee while inclined to be noncommittal, admit there is little likelihood of definite action.

Rural Credits Men Busy.

The committee authorized by the Oregon Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits conference to draft a rural credits measure has practically completed its work and announces that it will organize the campaign for signatures to the petition and to organize the campaign for its adoption. The measure, which has been submitted to a number of public discussions and in which its framers have sought to adapt to Oregon needs the best rural credits systems elsewhere successful, is to be issued within a few days in printed form, according to committee announcements.

Irrigation Conference Held.

When the Oregon Irrigation Congress was held in Portland, December 27, 28 and 29, it brought from irrigation projects throughout the state men convinced that there must be uniform organization of projects, that uniform securities must be issued and that the state must put its

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credit back of feasible projects. The little homes on the projects, it was agreed, would never be prosperous and happy otherwise, nor would entirely meritorious projects be properly financed under present conditions without the aid of the state's approval. While the subject of drainage has been less discussed as a public question, it was similarly agreed that drainage should be state backed. Since rural credits is another farmers' necessity it was concluded that the three questions should be taken up together at the conference authorized by the irrigation congress and held at Salem, March 9 and 10.

Mills Appoints Committee.

When the appointment of special committees—one to draft a rural credits measure, the other to draft an irrigation and drainage bill—was authorized, the rural credits committee was named from the floor, the chairman of the conference, A. L. Mills, however, was empowered to name the members of the irrigation and drainage committee. On the rural credits committee, named from the floor, C. E. Spence, master of the state grange; J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' union, and T. H. Bur-

chard, then president of the State Federation of Labor, were appointed. Mr. Mills named as members of the irrigation and drainage committee J. B. Kerr and C. C. Chapman of Portland, and Asa B. Thomson of Umatilla county. The latter represents the irrigation men of eastern and central Oregon.

Increase Capacity Of North Bend Mill

George Stephenson, Manager, Returns From Portland With Announcement of Improvements, New Machinery, Marshfield, Or., May 25. — George Stephenson, manager of the North Bend Mill and Elevator company who has returned from Portland announces the addition of new machinery and improvements to be made at once which will increase the capacity of the plant and make a daily output of about 150,000 feet.

John Craig, son of J. F. Craig of Long Beach, Cal., who is interested in the company, has been made assistant manager.

Industrial Welfare Position Is Unfilled

Term of Office of Miss Bertha Moores Has Expired and She Has Not Been Reappointed by Governor.

The term of office of Miss Bertha Moores as a member of the Industrial Welfare commission, expired January 1, last, and so far she has not been reappointed by Governor Whitcomb, or a successor named to take her place.

The fact that nearly five months have elapsed since her term of office expired, and that she has not been reappointed, is causing a little concern to the friends of Miss Moores who are anxious to see her continued in the service. The inaction of the governor's office through this long lapse of time is not understood by those who are close to the affairs of the commission, who are wondering whether the fact that Miss Moores was appointed to her place in the commission by Governor Whitcomb, and administration, has had bearing on the case. It is pointed out, on the other hand, that Miss Moores is a sister of Charles B. Moores, and the argument is made that the governor's inaction would probably be inclined to overlook the fact of the West appointment because of his long standing friendship for Mr. Moores.

Circuit Court in Session at Dalles

Number of Criminal Cases as Well as Batch of Important Civil Actions Will Be Heard During Term.

The Dalles, Or., May 25.—The May term of circuit court opened here Monday, with Judge William L. Bradshaw presiding. The grand jury is in session, but no criminal verdicts have been returned. The court is hearing civil cases now.

The following criminal cases will come before the grand jury: A. Walton, colored; John O. Hill, O. N. Reese, W. W. Lines, W. O. Hook, Frank McGuire, T. Poland, A. G. Eubanks, C. C. Jones and D. A. Grayless, all of whom are charged with perjury for swearing falsely to liquidate affidavits; C. M. Hall, obtaining money under false pretenses; Ed Crossen, larceny of gelding; George Miles, larceny by bailee; Peter Telle, larceny of gelding; McKinley Wesley, Indian, charged with rape; Sam Williams, Indian, and R. H. Napier, illegal fishing and George Lepke, charged with larceny from a dwelling.

Besides the criminal cases, a number of important civil cases will come before this term of court.

Choice of Chairman Before Progressives

Position Lies Between Oscar Straus, Governor Johnson and Raymond Robins of Illinois.

New York, May 25.—(U. P.)—In session yesterday the executive committee of the Progressive party look upon toward naming a temporary chairman for the national convention, selecting a keynote speaker and arranging plans for the seating of delegates.

Secretary Davis has plans of the convention hall to the executive session. The temporary chairmanship is understood to lie between Oscar Straus, Governor Johnson of California, and Raymond Robins of Illinois.

The Progressive committee arranged for two special trains of 24 cars to carry delegates from New York and other eastern centers to Chicago. The trains leave June 2.

Fourteen carloads of Republicans have been already provided for, and applications from others are still coming in.

Presbyterians Vote Against All Doubts

General Assembly Decides That Candidates for Ministry Must Believe in Immaculate Conception.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 25.—(U. P.)—No candidate for the ministry who expresses disbelief in the doctrine of Christ having a virgin birth, can hereafter be licensed to preach, according to a resolution adopted yesterday by the Presbyterian general assembly.

The resolution was voted without debate with the report of the committee on rules declaring that candidates for the ministry must accept all tenets of the church.

This ended a serious controversy over the alleged action of the New York Presbytery in licensing Union Seminary graduates who doubted the doctrinal statement with regard to Christ's birth. The Cincinnati Presbytery particularly protested, and urged expulsion of the New Yorkers.

Big Fair Planned at Ontario.

Ontario, Or., May 25.—Preparations are already under way for an attractive week of the Malheur County Fair association to be held in this city next fall. The fair will be held September 19, 20, 21 and 22. The organization is a member of the Intermountain Fair and Racing circuit, and will have the greatest string of race horses for its four day fair in its history.

ORGANIZATION MADE FOR PROMOTING NEW NORTH YAKIMA LINE

Local Representatives Meet With Delegates From Other Territory Interested.

COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

President Gilman's Statement That Work Will Not Be Undertaken Is Characterized as 'Narrow Policy.'

Goldendale, Wash., May 25.—A permanent organization was perfected at the railroad meeting held at Goldendale Wednesday for the promotion of a direct rail connection between the Yakima valley and the city of Portland.

Delegates were present representing Portland, Goldendale, Toppenish, North Yakima, Howell, Mabton, Harrah and other sections of the Yakima valley. The delegates and boosters numbered 150.

An executive committee was elected with power to represent the organization in all matters and to gather statistics upon which a proper showing of the question can be made to railroad officials and to raise funds for carrying on the campaign.

Executive Committee Named.

Edgar B. Piper of Portland, W. A. McGowan of Toppenish, A. A. Nicol of White Swan, A. B. Fosson of North Yakima, T. W. Howell of Mabton, N. B. Brooks of Goldendale, J. T. Harrah of Harrah and Ben B. Olney of the Yakima Indian reservation were selected as the executive committee.

Ben Olney is an Indian and the president of the Indian chamber of commerce on the Yakima reservation. He believes that the day of tribal customs is over and that the red man must learn to compete with the ways of the white man.

Statistics were presented by different committees of the Yakima valley and by the Goldendale committee showing that the total of present outgoing freight shipments is now 26,000 cars of freight annually and that 15,000 cars of freight are received in the Yakima valley annually.

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John Barrett Says Missouri Man Will Get Strong Backing for the Vice Presidency at Chicago Convention.

Chicago, May 25.—(U. P.)—John Barrett, delegate to the Pan-American congress, en route from St. Louis to Washington, stopped off here yesterday long enough to say that German-Americans were planning to boom Charles Nagle of Missouri for the vice presidency.

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