

# CONTROL OF STATE IRRIGATION CONTROL IS URGED

Bend, Oct. 7.—Unless state supervision of irrigation financing and development is continued it will lose public confidence, but with state supervision it will be put on an absolutely sound footing, State Engineer Percy A. Cupper asserted this morning at the Oregon Irrigation congress, which will end its session here this afternoon.

A new era began in irrigation in Oregon when the district law was passed, Cupper said. Changing crops because of market furies was advised against in a paper on production and marketing of vegetables. Selection of crops by field trials which will determine their fitness in accordance with natural conditions was advised.

## HOT FIGHT EXPECTED

Providing that all reclamation contracts in excess of \$1000 in amount be approved by the state securities commission, one of the most important resolutions ever brought before the Oregon Irrigation congress, it is expected to be hotly contested in committee.

Another resolution which may be reported calls for the creation of a state reclamation board, which would supersede the existing system. Resolutions which will be reported include common use of the Central Pacific railroad by any line wishing to enter and develop the Western country, an Oregon label for Oregon agricultural products, continuation of Fred N. Wallace and James M. Kyle on the Oregon development board, legislation giving the state water board control of underground waters, indorsement of the Smith-McNary bill and thanks to Congressman N. J. Sinnott for his participation in the session of the congress.

Sixty persons attending the Oregon Irrigation congress Friday made a trip through the projects of Central Oregon, seeing irrigated land or land which is included in proposed projects during most of a 200-mile drive.

Following the paper trail left by the pilot car driven by O. C. Henkle, they first visited the Grange hall district, east of Bend, and then doubled back and across the river to the Tumalo project. Roads all the way were in excellent shape. From the Tumalo the 15 cars went to Redmond, then crossed Crooked river to the proposed Lone Pine project and the north unit, making a trip across Agency plains and back to Madras, where they were entertained at luncheon.

## MADRAS GIVEN CREDIT

Congressman Sinnott, the only speaker at the luncheon, declared that irrigation in Oregon will not be completed until water is running and alfalfa is growing on the fertile lands of the north unit.

He gave credit to A. D. Anderson of Madras for securing a \$400,000 appropriation for reclamation on the Deschutes, the first government fund provided for this territory. This was later withdrawn in favor of Baker, but another appropriation will come soon, Sinnott declared.

## OCHOCO LAND VISITED

From Madras the party went south-east, crossing through more large wheat fields, to the Ochoco project just north of Crooked river. Long stretches of fields sown to alfalfa since the Ochoco dam was built, as well as some older development, were viewed with surprise by many of the visitors, who had not realized that there is so much irrigated land in this part of the state.

Some of the cars visited the Ochoco dam, while others spent some time at the interstate fair at Prineville. The trip back was made by way of the Powell Butte section and Redmond. Practically every car had returned to Bend by 6 o'clock, in time for those making the trip to stay at the banquet Friday evening.

## RILEY MAKES TALK

"The East is coming west, not because it wants to come, but because it is being dragged west," declared Frank Branch Riley, famous lecturer, at Friday night's annual banquet of the Oregon Irrigation congress. Riley's address was full of sprightly humor, for which he is noted.

Scenery, America's last forests, water power of which only 20 per cent is now being used, the changing of the theatres of politics and trade to the West, all these are being seen by the Easterner, Riley declared.

The tourist is usually a business man, trained to see business opportunities, but after he comes he cannot help seeing the opportunities, and as a result great development throughout the Northwest and particularly Oregon, will be seen in the next few years, he declared. Two hundred persons attended the banquet.

Prospects for more and greater irrigation by government appropriation are bright, Representative Sinnott said at the banquet.

Land included in government projects on which \$130,000,000 was expended is now valued at \$500,000,000. Crops worth \$650,000,000 have been harvested from these lands. A population of 450,000 has been settled on them and 223 towns have been built as a result of the expenditure of this sum, said Sinnott.

Three or four million acres of land are susceptible of irrigation, he said, and when this area is watered the value of its products cannot be estimated.

Fred N. Wallace, president of the Irrigation congress, was presented with a gold watch as a gift from the congress, by James Kyle of Stanfield.

# Charge of Perjury Is Aftermath of Booze Conviction

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then placed charges of possession and transporting liquor against Freas. He was found guilty of the charges Thursday.

# Lad Runs to Meet Father, Is Killed In Motor Accident

Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 7.—Phillip Delanty, age 9, son of H. M. Delanty, manager of the Grays Harbor Stevedore company, was run down and killed Thursday by an automobile driven by Neil Tebb, son of T. W. Tebb, sales manager of the Pacific Lumber agency.

The boy, who had been expecting his father, mistook the machine thinking it would turn into the Delanty home grounds and ran directly in front of it. Tebb was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

# Medford to Vote on Charter Amendment

Medford, Oct. 7.—Council Friday night passed an ordinance calling for a vote November 7 on an amendment to the city charter creating a municipal water board of five members. If the amendment is adopted by the voters a board will be appointed after January 1.

# AHOLA IS FREED OF CHARGE OF SLAYING AGENT

Stevenson, Wash., Oct. 7.—Harold Ahola Friday night was found not guilty of the murder of Richard Ross, Clarke county deputy sheriff, who was killed two months ago while assisting federal prohibition officers in raiding a still on Nelson creek, east of here. The jury retired at 6 o'clock and returned its verdict two hours later.

Ahola's acquittal was expected after the state finished the introduction of its evidence, as no proof was offered that Ahola did the shooting. The prosecution tried to prove that the murder was the result of a conspiracy between Ahola and Paul Hickey, alleged partners in moonshining, to kill any officers who tried to arrest them. Hickey was killed in the battle which followed the finding of the still by two federal officers and Ross.

Raymond C. Sly, prosecuting attorney, was in charge of the prosecution during the trial and Judge A. L. Miller of Vancouver was leading counsel for the defense. Ahola's father and mother sat beside him during the trial. The defendant, who is 22, did not testify. The state examined 20 witnesses and the defense 15.

It developed during the trial that the raid on the still was the result of information given federal authorities by Arthur Davidson, who lives near the scene. Davidson accompa-

nied Robinson, James Morgan and John Ploest, the last two United States prohibition officers, to Nelson creek and told them where the still could be found. When the three officers approached the still they met Hickey, who was armed with a rifle. They failed to aim that they were federal officers and advised him to submit to arrest. Instead Hickey opened fire and a battle followed in which Hickey and Robinson were killed and Morgan seriously wounded.

# Thefts of Building Materials Reported

Wholesale thefts of building materials and supplies in Alameda, where a large number of homes are under construction, were brought to the attention of the police department Friday. Cement, lumber and tools have been carried away by thieves in large lots, it was reported. H. P. Capell, No. 875 East 23d street north, a contractor, reported to the police Friday seven barrels of cement was stolen from a house he has under construction at 29th street and Alameda drive.

## MRS. HATTIE GARDNER

Mrs. Hattie Gardner, 62, resident of Portland for 20 years, died Friday night at her home, No. 104 East 64th street. Surviving are her widower, George M. Gardner; two sons, Charles H. Clark of Portland, and Morton J. McQuoid of Denver, and one daughter, Mrs. Luella Thomas of Portland.

# Ordinance Would Make Physicians Report Accidents

Physicians will be required to report sudden deaths to the city health office on special cards that at once designate their character and report treatment of all persons who have suffered in accident except where such treatment takes place in a hospital, if an ordinance is adopted which Dr. George Parrish, city health officer and city registrar, has announced he will frame and send to the city council next week.

This is an outcome of the comment caused by Coroner Smith's published statement that he had withheld from the public information regarding sudden deaths in physicians' offices in Portland. The proposed legislation is approved by members of the city council.

# West Ditches Bed, Sleeps on Trains

Bend, Oct. 7.—Requirements placed upon his time in both Portland and Bend have caused Oswald West, former governor, now secretary of the North Canal company, to form the habit of sleeping on trains rather than in his Portland home or at a hotel here. West has spent four nights this week on trains between Portland and Bend.

## GREENS HAVE NEW SON

Oregon City, Oct. 7.—A son was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Green of Gladstone.

# Walter M. Pierce On Taxation

(From an Address Made at Albany, Oregon, October 4, 1922)

I came into this State 40 years ago, a wandering boy, working as a farm hand. For 30 years I have been in public office. I have never deliberately misled or deceived anybody. In public life I have tried to play absolutely square.

When I was nominated last May, I said to my friends: I will carry the message of lower taxes to the people of this State. I have no money, but I expect to make a hundred speeches. Five times I have touched the ocean, and gone from California to the river in Idaho three times. I have gone wherever the invitation was extended; wherever I could meet a little group and talk to them about what I think is a startling state of affairs. I am trying to do it fairly, honestly and in the open.

Friends, if we save Oregon from the auction block, if we save our property from confiscation by taxation, we have got to do some very hard thinking. To my mind, the tax question is the foremost problem in Oregon today. It rises above all else. The question is: Are you going to own your own homes and your own farms in future years, or are they going to be taken from you by the rising tide of taxes?

The rental value of all property in Oregon is too high according to the value of the property, caused by the high taxes. It doesn't cut much ice in the money markets when the property passes away from the man who thought he owned it. He is left with the husk; the kernel is gone.

When I went to the Senate the first time it took about 15% of the rental value of property to pay taxes. That year Umatilla county raised 3,000,000 bushels of wheat. Our State taxes were \$100,000 in that county; 3 1/2% of the wheat crop paid its taxes. This year that county produced 4,000,000 bushels of wheat, while her taxes are \$1,549,000, of which \$433,084 is State tax, while the whole is 40% of the value of the wheat crop taken for taxes. The population of the State then was about 313,000. Now it is not quite 800,000.

When I entered the State Senate 20 years ago, \$1,000,000 was the total State expense. When I returned to the Senate six years ago it was \$2,500,000 per year. Today \$15,000,000 or more is collected from us in taxation. Can this tide continue to rise if we keep our property? How high is it going to go?

There is collected \$6,000,000 in fees now, six times as much as we spent 20 years ago; more than twice what we spent six years ago.

In knots and in groups I have been carrying this message to the people: "THIS MUST STOP!" I shall continue to carry it until election day.

I asked Mr. Day, as Secretary of the Tax Investigation Committee, to collect some figures for me. According to these figures, there are only five or six States in the Union that have more bonded indebtedness than we have. In wealth and population, we rank down about thirty-sixth. The figures show we are spending more money for State government than the State of Kansas. Kansas spends \$8,500,000; we spend \$15,000,000, while Minnesota spends only \$1,600,000. You ask, "Why is Minnesota away down there?" It is because Minnesota has raised from indirect sources the larger part of her revenue for State purposes, while we have raised it from the farmer, the cattle man and the sheep man. They thought these men could not kick, but they ARE kicking today. If I

do not miss my guess, they will show still more kicking in November.

Minnesota collects 5% upon all public service corporations in that State. California pays her State taxes in the same way. That should be done in Oregon. You may say this tax comes back upon the people. Just the same, it is spread out on more people. It is not on a few scattered farmers.

Today we are confiscating property and ruining the people of this State who are feeding us. They cannot operate their farms at a profit, and they cannot pay the heavy taxes levied upon them.

Minnesota collects 25 cents from every ton of ore dug up and taken from the State. This is done by a severance tax. When you take a product from that State, you must pay for the privilege. I was at a place in Oregon where they showed me a mine from which a company had taken out a million dollars in gold. It was owned by citizens of England. They had not paid a dollar in taxes to the State of Oregon for removing this great wealth.

A severance tax has been levied by several States in this Union. It is something for us to talk about and consider. In a few years Oregon's beautiful forests will be blackened stumps. Here we allow the Government to set aside great forest reservations, from which no taxes are received. From forests in the reserves Easterners cut the timber and ship the lumber to Oklahoma. Thus from Oregon's great forests in the reserve there come no taxes to support the State.

We have \$10,000,000 in bonded indebtedness for the soldier boys. I don't regret the money we gave them. It was Senator Smith of Coos and I who introduced the bill. Two and a half million dollars have been raised to encourage the boys to go back to school. I am glad we have given this money to them. We can never do too much for the men who went down on the fields of France to do and to die.

We have on the ballot a measure to impose a flat income tax. I am opposed to that, but I am in favor of a graduated income tax, because I believe the man who has the large income should pay more than the man who has the small income.

A gross earnings tax would be another source of revenue.

The cattle grower certainly needs relief. Cattle are selling cheaper than they have sold in 30 years in proportion to cost of production. A million head of cattle in this State are going to the butcher's block. They simply cannot be produced for the money that is paid for them today. The burden upon the farm and ranch has become unbearable.

There is no question in this campaign but that of taxes. There is no other thing to talk about. If I don't do anything else, I am going to do this to the end of time. You can in six years drive this State into bankruptcy. I have done and am doing the very best I know how to carry this message of lower taxes to the people of Oregon. Extravagance must stop! Expenses must be reduced! Taxes must come down!

It all depends upon you who read these words. You can say by your ballot in November whether you want to go on paying this terrific cost, or whether you don't.

My pledge is this: If elected Governor, I will do every proper thing within my power to reduce taxation in Oregon. On this basis I ask your support and vote.

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