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## WHERE INTERESTS CLASH.

A complaint from the farmers on Eagle Creek, in Baker county, that miners on the creek above are polluting their water so it is unfit for stock and household purposes, reminds us forcibly of the great need of a just and equitable spirit among residents of this resourceful state. Where the occupations are so diversified, and interests of individuals following different vocations go conflicting, it stands every man in hand to be unflatteringly fair and just. Laws cannot be made to cover special cases. Legislation cannot go to the extreme of saying that one industry shall suffer for another. In the wondrous districts of the West, so rich in a multitude of resources and enterprises, men must meet on a broad fraternal basis, and mutually, to the interest of all and to the honor of the state, meet the questions of intercourse and citizenship, which the law of the land falls to cover.

Mines and farms are fixtures in Oregon. Miners and farmers must be just, where the law is not plain. Sheep and cattle are in Oregon, and always will be two of the most prolific resources of the state, entitled to the freedom of the public domain, and the clashing interests of these two vast industries should not end in acrimony nor bitterness. The resources of Oregon are so varied that interests are bound to conflict at certain places. Only be fair. Do the right thing and remember that we are all entitled to a place on earth. In the matter of railroad building, people often object to selling the right of way. Yet railroad building is as potent a factor in civilizing the country as home building and land owning. The water right question, the road and land laws and usages often cause a clash of interests, but it is a large country full of large enterprises and large men. Let us meet the difficulties like men and by a measure of thoughtfulness, fairness and sound business sense, supply the deficiency of short-sighted laws. In the mountain districts, the sawmills and logging industry conflict with irrigating and the preservation of the fish in mountain streams. In the great wheat belts the Oregon hog and the Oregon fence are in continual combat. Meet the case like men. Don't go to law. Like neighbors and members of one undivided household, meet and make a law among yourselves, until legislation covers your case. These clashing and little wars are not best for you nor for Oregon. Our laws are imperfect. Let reason supply the needs.

## OREGON CERTAIN OF SUCCESS.

The gathering together of the business men of Oregon, in an irrigation convention, means that irrigation will be treated in a business way. Its romantic phase can be handled by the poet and the press writer, but the subject itself, as it is connected with the vital interests of Oregon, will be handled with the unerring system and the plain rigidity of a business transaction.

The appointment of practical men, who have made a success in their own vocations, and whose judgment and sagacity underlies our present splendid business institutions, means that irrigation will also be a success. The same mailed hand that has made Oregon what she is, by sheer labor and skill, will make Oregon what she ought to be under irrigation. This

subject is now assuming an organized and systematic appearance. We are in shape to begin actual work at the foundation of the enterprise.

The irrigated area of Oregon, comprising 388,000 acres, should be doubled in two years more. Let us lay aside our creeds and parties, and until the desert blossoms, do nothing but dig ditches and talk irrigation. The other industries are not infants and will thrive while we are building up the wastes.

Senator Spooner says: "If we could elect a president and a congress for a term of 20 years, it would be better for the country. I believe the demagogic tear-up comes too often for the good of the people."

Bryan's home-precinct went republican and Roosevelt's went democratic. We will call it square and hope for the best.

## IRRIGATION IN OREGON.

"What does it mean to the nation to have millions of people gradually pass from service over to the sovereignty of the country? It means, my friends, the enlistment of a new army for the defense of the republic. Give a man a home upon the soil and you have made him the patriot who will defend your institutions at the ballot-box and on the battlefield. Let the people have access to the land and most of our troubles will settle themselves. The property owner is a conservative man, who loves his family and his country. Then let the property owner be as numerous as possible."

After quoting the above creed of the Western irrigationist, written by Geo. H. Maxwell, executive chairman of the National Irrigation Association, A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the O. R. & N. writes the following ringing letter on the subject of irrigation, as it applies to this state, and to the Pacific coast. The subject is now engrossing the attention of every citizen in the Arid Belt and Mr. Craig's timely and thoughtful expressions, coupled with his active services, mark an epoch in the progress of the work in Oregon. He says in part:

"Oregon is behind in the development of the practicable irrigation propositions within her borders.

"Since 1894, the Carey Act, which was intended to make irrigation enterprises attractive to capital, has been on the statute books of the United States, but it was not until 1901 that the Oregon state legislature passed the necessary auxiliary legislation which would make it possible for anyone to proceed under the Carey Act in this state.

"The Carey Act provides that the United States government will convey to any state, free of cost, desert lands not exceeding 1,000,000 acres in that state which the state may cause to be irrigated, reclaimed and occupied. The contract between the United States and the state of Oregon is drawn on printed forms said to be uniform in all cases and with all states. Under its provisions Oregon may sell or dispose of not more than 160 acres to any one person, and then only to bona fide settlers who are citizens of the United States. The act further provides that as soon as an ample supply of water is actually furnished in a substantial ditch, the state may make proof thereof according to the rules and regulations prescribed by the secretary of the interior, and as soon as such proof shall have been examined, and found to be satisfactory, patent shall be issued to the state.

"In the legislation providing for Oregon's acceptance of the Carey Land Act, the state land board is authorized to enter into such contracts with corporations and assume such obligations as may be necessary to induce and cause reclamation of arid lands. No appropriation was made under this law, and the state is prohibited from assuming any liability for work under same, the intention being for the state to assign its authority or rights to individuals or corporations. Under the foregoing, the state land board has, I believe, already entered into contracts with three or four corporations, but sufficient time has not yet elapsed, I understand, to enable any

of these corporations to begin the actual work of constructing of the ditches, but a considerable amount of money has been expended by them for surveys and other necessary preliminary work. Under the contract between the state and these irrigation companies, the latter is compelled to thoroughly irrigate and reclaim the land in accordance with the requirements of the secretary of the interior.

"The irrigation companies have a lien on the land for the cost of reclamation, the amount being fixed in the contract with the state. The land must be sold to bona fide settlers in tracts of not more than 160 acres to one person. Any person purchasing a tract of this irrigated land secures from the irrigation company a release of the lien for reclamation, files the same with the state, and deed of conveyance is executed to the settler from the state. It will be noted the title to the land under the Carey Act passes from the United States government to the state, then directly to the settler, and is never in the name of the irrigation company.

"Despite the fact that this state is materially behind some of our sister states in irrigation works, Oregon presents some of the most favorable fields for such enterprises. The Powder river valley in Baker county, the vicinity of Wallowa lake, in Wallowa county, and Umatilla county as well as Malheur, Harney and Crook counties, present practicable and profitable fields for work of this kind. Along the Deschutes river the best districts have already been set aside under the Carey Act, and that section bids fair to be promptly reclaimed therefore, by private enterprise. The entire state east of the Cascade mountains presents many practicable irrigation projects only awaiting the introduction of capital to bring them into a condition where they will support a large population. Population of a desirable sort is the most crying need of this state today, and every project which will tend to add to the number of our citizens, particularly to the number of producers, should be welcomed and assisted."

Emerson Etheridge, who died recently at Dresden, Tenn., was one of the last if not the last of the whigs who sat in congress. He was one of Tennessee's most powerful orators 50 years ago. He fought "Old Hickory" long and well and stumped his state for Clay in 1844. He fought for General Taylor in 1848 and for General Scott in 1852. He was in the Thirty-third congress as a whig leader. When he died he was a republican.

During the campaign of 1901-1902, France extracted 503,844 hectoliters of alcohol from sugar beets. The output during the preceding campaign was 941,283 hectoliters. The price of alcohol was 31.50 francs August 19, 1902.

## A MILD CASE

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