

ARID LAND LAWS

IRRIGATION COMMITTEE HAS A MEASURE.

Would Restrict the Privileges of Irrigation Companies—Amendment to Give Bona Fide Settlers Chance to Acquire Homes.

Samuel White of Baker City, chairman of the legislative committee of the State Irrigation Association, will present through Eastern Oregon Representatives, some important changes in the Arid Land act, having for their purposes the restriction of the privileges of the reclamation companies, working under contract with the state.

The first amendment will apply to section 3288 of the Bellinger and Cotton code, which gives to reclamation companies the exclusive right to the possession and use of the lands covered by the contracts from the date of the contracts until the liens are paid off. Mr. White thinks that the companies should not have the possession and use of the land all this time, to the exclusion of all other persons, at the same time that they are holding liens which draw six per cent interest and he proposes to have this privilege limited to such occupancy as is necessary for the construction of irrigation ditches and canals.

Section 3292 of the code provides that any settler desiring to purchase any unsold quarter section of desert land on which there is a lien for the cost of reclamation shall pay to the holder thereof such proportion of the amount of the entire lien as the true value of the tract bears to the true value of the whole tract, which amount is determined by the state land board.

Upon payment of the lien to the holder thereof, the purchaser is entitled to a deed from the state land board. Mr. White thinks this section gives the reclamation companies an opportunity to get the title to the best of the lands getting "dummies" to make the purchases and then transfer the title to them or some person of concern controlled by them.

In order to prevent this, Mr. White thinks that on making the purchase a settler should be given a receipt, the same as the government gives to homesteaders, and when they have lived on the land for five years and put not less than one-fourth to one-third under cultivation, they shall receive a deed. Proof of residence and cultivation will be required.

Mr. White will also propose an amendment to the arid land law which will permit settlers on arid land to make their payments in installments, instead of in one sum.

This he thinks will make it possible for a larger number of bona fide settlers and homeseekers to secure land and assist in reclaiming it. He would make the purchase price payable in 10 annual installments, reserving to the landholders the right to foreclose at any time when the purchaser had become two years delinquent in his payments.

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TO PLAY "IL TROVATORE."

Gordon-Shay Grand Opera Company to Appear Here January 28.

Seldom does a traveling company present so many of the greatest grand operas as are in the repertoire of the Gordon-Shay organization which is to appear at the Frazer Wednesday, Jan. 28. One reason the company is unique in this respect is the versatility of Rose Cecilia Shay the prima donna. This young mezzo-soprano, with her marvelous vocal range and tonal purity, can sing equally well, roles supposedly only for high sopranos

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RAILROAD SPOTTERS WORKING.

Schemes Adopted by the Men Who Are Looking After the Cutting of Railroad Rates.

Word comes from Seattle that that city is at present enjoying a surplus of railroad spotters. There are also a number of the craft loose in Tacoma, taking notes of what they see and hear in the local ticket offices, says the Tacoma News.

January is the spotter's favorite month. He blossoms into a multitude and is the "ever present crisis" with the local ticket men.

Occasionally a man drops into one of the ticket offices. He enquires about rates and is deeply interested in scenery and excess baggage. He takes a small library with him and says he "will call again tomorrow."

Maybe the next day he comes back with the information that some other road is trying to sell him a ticket for a few dollars less than the price made him yesterday. Could it be returned to meet the other line's rate? No? Well, he'll take the other line. The man is a spotter and every full fledged railroad man knows him the minute he sets eyes upon him.

Many of the transcontinental lines have abolished the spotter system. Some announce that they have done so, while in fact they have doubled their supply of spotters. The spotter is persona non grata to a legitimate transportation man, but he has reasons of being "it," and January is his favorite month.

Fable of the Wise Youth.

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