NATIONAL IRRIGATION

CONGRESS DISCUSSED.

Second Meeting Held in Utah-State Cession of Public Lands for Irrigation Purposes-Private Reclamation Not Successful in Large Tracts, The approaching session of the National trrigation Congress which will he held at Ogdon, Blah, in September

is the second Ulah congress, the

held at Los Angeles, Denver, Albu-

The first irrigation congress was

Los Angeles in 1893, was internation-al in character and included special

ropresentatives from Russia, France Great Britain, Canada, Mexico, Poru and Australia. The subsequent sessions varied considerably in interest and attendance, but all nave contrib uted something to the growth of the

The list dozen years have wrought a great change in public sentiment on

1851 the problem of Loe public domain was regarded as one peculiar-

belonging to the people of the

West. They had already assumed charge of the water supply, making

laws under which it was appropriat-ed for irrigation and in two in-

stances providing elaborate systems of administration to distribute it among a multitude of users. But the

public lands were still administered from Washington. It was felt that this dual control of land and water was anomalous and that no harmonious and orderly scheme of development could be planned until both ele-ments of production were placed un-

Furthermore it was generally thought that the construction of irri-

gation works must be less wholly to

private, or at least to local enter prise Such was the feeling at the time of the first irrigation congress and its conclusions were shaped in

State Cession of Public Lands. The convention unanimously adopt ed a resolution in favor of the cession of all public lands, except those valu

able for mineral, to the several states and territories in which they were lo

cated. Little opposition to this policy

was anticipated. It was believed that the West would be glad to get the

lands and the nation glad to get rid of

them. But contrary to expectations, there was wide dissent from the prop-

It speedily appeared that the peo-

ple lacked confidence in their legis-latures and were unwilling to trust

them with the disposal of areas which, in most cases, constituted the larger portion of the states. The vig-

orous expression of this sentiment de-

layed the presentation of the plan of

cession at Washington. In the mean-time things happened which no one had anticipated and the whole ques-

tion took on a totally different aspect

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Congress in 1894, passed the Carey law, tendering one million acres of agricultural land to each of the arid states. Most of them declined or neglected to accept the grant, which was another disappointment to the friends of local development,

Then a new view of the whole sub-ject arose in the public mind. It soon found expression in the Irrigation Congress and in reports of government experts.

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