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Most failures in life come from a lack of discernment in valuing the little things. Little things are the units which make up the sum total of life or success or failure. The man who can seize the true value of little things, eliminate by instinct or training the essential little things from the non-essential little things, always moves forward in a practically straight line. It is a rare ability, this which can separate the little things which count and the little things which don't count; and cut out the latter and meet the former. It is the foundation of all success.—Carrie C. Van Orsdall, in Pacific Echo.

THE IRRIGATION RESOLUTIONS.

In the opinion of the East Oregonian, the Irrigation Association passed some of the most vital resolutions ever passed by a body of men in Oregon.

That resolution introduced by Walter M. Pierce, and unanimously adopted, urging every political party to insert a plank in their platforms, asking for legislation on the subject of irrigation, and pledging every candidate for legislative office to work, vote and fight for irrigation legislation, is the beginning of the educational campaign on irrigation in Oregon.

When you take the subject into every political convention, regardless of the color of the politics of those conventions, and pledge your candidates to make irrigation law one of the chief aims of the terms of office, you lay the foundation for work that counts.

The referendum amendment was taken up in this manner. Every political convention of the state adopted this as one of their planks, and every paper in the state, circulated the information that this amendment was universally adopted, with the result that it was accepted by the people, by vote of five to one.

The subject of wise and just irrigation laws must be agitated in the same manner. The press of the state must keep this subject prominently before the people. The politicians must not forget the recommendations of this convention, when the time comes to build state platforms next spring.

Another good resolution adopted, and the only one which provoked any discussion, was the one favoring the repeal of the timber and stone acts, and the commutation clause of the homestead law.

While it was ably argued that it was not policy for this state association to resolve contrary to the vote of the Oregon delegation at the Ogden congress, it must be remembered that the membership of this convention was made up of almost the identical men who composed the state delegation at Ogden, and that the sentiment of this meeting must be taken as the sentiment of the state on the subject of the repeal of these laws.

If Oregon does not show some disapproval of the highhanded manner in which the public domain is being exploited in this state, and if the reclamation department of the government does not receive some assistance in checking the bold disregard of these laws, it will be discouraging to that department, in pushing the work of reclamation in Oregon.

The revenues of the reclamation department will be replenished through the homestead law. There is no fear that the irrigation fund will suffer from the repeal of these laws, for as fast as government works are completed, there will be ready buyers for the land reclaimed.

On the other hand, if the government does not repeal these laws, and place the public domain beyond the reach of the land shark, it will be but a very few years, until the irrigation fund will cease for want of land to sell.

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under laws of this character, without leaving the chance for fraud. Where actual residence and actual settlement is not required, and the purchase of public land, for a fixed price, without other provisions to the acquisition of title is allowed, there will always be abuses through dummy filings and hired entrymen, and the only sure manner in which the irrigation fund can be maintained through the future, is to make actual residence and cultivation one of the provisions for securing government land.

UMATILLA COUNTY FINANCES.

The Oregon Daily Journal has written letters to the county clerk of every county in the state of Oregon, in regard to the financial conditions of the different counties, and has already received replies from about half of the number.

Although the East Oregonian published a statement from County Judge Hartman, in regard to the excellent financial condition of Umatilla county, on the day following the decision of the supreme court, making a special session of the legislature possible and probable, the communication of County Clerk Chamberlain to the Journal will be of interest to every taxpayer in the county, and it is herewith published. Mr. Chamberlain writes:

"Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 7.—To the Editor of The Journal.—In reply to your telegram concerning the financial condition of Umatilla county, and the probable effect of no tax levy for the current year, I would say that the financial condition of the county is good. Umatilla county warrants are, in many cases, selling above par at the present time, and it is not probable that they would go below par if they were to run another year without a levy.

"Failure to make a levy for this year would have no detrimental effect on the county other than increasing the amount of interest by about \$6,000 for the year, but the cities and the school districts would be crippled by the failure of a levy.

The county court, who have been endeavoring to wipe out the county debt, are averse to increasing the interest payments which the county has to meet, and are in favor of a special session of the legislature, as they believe it to be the better policy to decrease the debt of the county while the times are prosperous.

W. D. CHAMBERLAIN, County Clerk."

The announcement that Senator Mitchell will introduce a bill today for the establishment of a federal building at La Grande, to cost \$105,000, should give the people of Pendleton a new impetus to work for this needed addition to this city. Baker City has already secured this recognition from the government, and now that La Grande is to be considered by congress, it stands to reason that upon proper showing, Pendleton could secure a federal building.

President Roosevelt shows one worthy trait in calling congress together in special session for the consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. When he believes in a thing, he enters into it with a commendable earnestness. He doesn't waste much time in talking, but acts. A right kind of activity in a president, although he may make mistakes, is better than a sluggish caution, which never moves until the emergency is past.

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