

HON. WILL R. KING URGES BETTER IRRIGATION CODE

The following able address on the subject of irrigation and the need of a comprehensive irrigation code for state of Oregon was delivered by Hon. Will R. King, one of the commissioners or associate justices of the Oregon supreme court, a well known attorney and popular citizen of Ontario, Malheur county, at the opening of the headgates of the Umatilla government irrigation project at Hermiston, Oregon on Wednesday, May 27, and that the readers of the East Oregonian may enjoy his excellent sentiments, the address is printed in full as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with much pleasure and satisfaction that I have the distinguished privilege of being with you on this occasion.

We have met to solemnize, for the first time in Oregon, the completion of irrigation canals, constructed, not by the corporations, whose motives may be the enrichment of its members by means of a perpetual tribute, to be levied upon the water consumer, but canals constructed by and under the direction of that great and always reliable trustee of the people—the government—making the project the creation of the people, by the people and for the people and built not for the good of any person in particular but for the general good of all those who may become the home-builders upon the lands to be watered by them.

A Monument to Engineers. Especially do we feel honored by the presence here, today, of those who, under the reclamation act, have been instrumental in the carrying out and completion of the work. And while they honor us, they in return are honored; for they have here erected, and leave in commemoration of their names, these grand works, these embodiments of industry, patience and skill, so conducive to the general welfare of our commonwealth to serve as perpetual monuments to their memories.

It is not the great statesman, the great warrior, nor those occupying the high stations among the affairs of state, who alone are entitled to be crowned with the emblem commonly termed "success," but the one who whatever his calling or vocation in life may be, can, at the close of his career, truthfully say, "I left the world better than I found it."

The completion of this immense system of canals, and irrigation enterprise, constitutes another mile post in the progress of the civilization of the age. History will so record it. Every celebration of the completion of an irrigation enterprise of this class marks the successful outcome of one of the many battles in the peaceful conquests, so characteristic of our day, age and government.

War Upon Elements. By these munificent acts of our people, acting through the government, as their trustee, in the employment on such works of legions of its industrious citizens, are making war, not as in the days of the ancients, upon one another, but upon the elements, upon the obstructions which preclude the deserts from yielding the vegetable life so essential to man's subsistence, heretofore lying dormant within their soil. Every battle thus

won represents the conversion of barren wastes into fruitful fields and happy homes, unaccompanied by the evils, distress and misfortunes of former systems of warfare.

This new method of warfare, these peaceful conquests, mean progress. It assails the inanimate, not the living; attacks the hill and mountainsides, removes the rocks from its pathway, and tunnels the obstructions which have for ages precluded the parched soils from quenching their thirst from the mountain streams. By these great engineering feats rivers are checked in their hitherto irresistible march to the sea, and through the immense trails, called canals, created by these peaceful armies in their steady marches, diverts the bubbling waters to the once barren wastes, making what had, for long ages, been deemed the worthless and unproductive lands, put forth with life and under the morning sun glisten with beauty.

Destruction Means Life. This kind of destruction means construction; it gives life, not death; progression, not retrogression; peace, industry and happiness, not extermination or distress. It signifies that the future generations will from year to year, devote less and less time to that inhumanity toward man, characteristic of the conquests in the historical past, and, in lieu of such wasted ambitions, devote their surplus energy to the industrial contests so essential to the general good of all, and the victories thus achieved shall take the foremost rank among the achievements of the nation, an object lesson of which we here have one worthy of any country or nation.

When, but a half century ago, the emigrants passed down and near this valley, with their slow trains, moving at the rate of from one to two miles an hour, had they been told their children would live to see these plains covered with waving fields of grass and grain, school houses, churches and other symbols of civilization, the sanity of the prophet would have been seriously questioned.

And when Lewis and Clarke, with their little band of explorers were winding their way through the desert, and along "where rolled the Oregon" toward the unexplored coast, little could have been made to realize that within half a century from that time the soil traversed by them would become one of the great states of the union. Far less, then, would it have been deemed within the range of possibilities that the many deserts traversed would develop into prosperous, long since formed, states.

Lewis and Clark Little Dreamed. Again, it is doubtful if any of that valiant party ever realized, or even dreamed that their ventures would be recorded in history as one of the leading achievements of the century in which they lived, or that as a result of their efforts they were giving to the nation a territory destined to excel that from whence they came. They "built wiser than they knew." Applying this example in carrying to completion such works as those here begun.

The adoption of the reclamation act marked a new era in our advancement; and they, who were instrumental in its adoption, also "built wiser than they knew." Especially can this be said of those from the humid states, who gave the cause the benefit of the doubt, insuring the passage of the law from which these projects spring.

By their votes in congress, they gave to the west an additional vitality by which the already prosperous and growing inland empire received an impetus, the beneficial outcome of which can only be surmised. These blessings come not alone to the so-called arid lands, but in time to all, for it will be seen that even in the regions blessed with copious rains, irrigation during the hot summer months will double the productiveness of their soil.

Wonderful Development Already. In former times irrigation was, in this part of the state, deemed impracticable. No soil above the valleys was thought productive. In the early seventies, when I passed my boyhood in this county (near Weston) over the hills and prairies only the bunch grass, the Indians and their ponies, the curlew and jack rabbits, could be seen, where now we find the immense wheatfields for which this county has long been noted throughout the civilized world.

I am reminded of a story told of Patrick Henry when on an outing in the Alleghany. While nearing their summit he was noticed to pause and listen. A friend observing his meditative attitude, inquired the cause. "I am listening," said the great patriot, "to the footsteps of the millions who are soon to be the hosts that shall tread upon, and people the soil, of the now unexplored country west of where we stand."

It does not need the prophetic ear of a Patrick Henry in these days to hear the footsteps of the hosts to people the unsettled and unclaimed lands constituting the so-called arid and semi-arid west.

It needs but the man of common observation, common sense and every day experience. He has only to look back a few years to be able to raise the curtain and peer into the future, when he will see the flood waters, which for long ages have been accustomed to flow at will in torrents through the fertile valleys, carrying the richest soil to the ocean's waste, conserved in the recesses of rugged mountains, with their destructive powers of the early spring converted into the constructive and fruitful elements of the summer season.

He sees the rivers, in place of winding their way through the rugged canyons where nature would have

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Fifteen years ago the lands along the extensive Snake river valley, the Nile of the west, were practically unsettled and unknown; and well do I remember the time when the Owyhee canal upon its completion was not deemed worth its cost; and that when it was attached for the unpaid indebtedness of \$30,000, incurred in its construction, its owners were inclined to surrender it for the claim.

This I urged them not to do and maintained that while the canal cost them but \$75,000 it would soon be worth five times its cost; that lands

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(Present Incumbent.) DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR SHERIFF. At election to be held June 1, 1908.

John Q. Peebler

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR RECORDER OF CONVEYANCES. At election to be held June 1, 1908.

Homer I. Watts, A. B., LL. B. DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. STATEMENT NO. 1 MAN.

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J. Hudeman

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER. At election to be held June 1, 1908.

I am a native of Oregon.

Joseph N. Scott

Independent Candidate for JOINT REPRESENTATIVE for Morrow and Umatilla Counties. I subscribe to Statement No. 1.

Ralph Folsom

(Present Incumbent.) REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR COUNTY CORONER. At election to be held June 1, 1908.

C. A. Barrett

(Present Incumbent.) REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR REPRESENTATIVE. At election to be held June 1, 1908.

C. P. Strain

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