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RIVAL FORCES FIERCELY CLASH OVER UMATILLA EXTENSION

FRIENDS OF EXTENSION MAKE STRONG SHOWING BEFORE CLUB

COMMERCIAL CLUB, AS JURY, HEARS HOTTEST DEBATE IN HISTORY OF EASTERN OREGON

EXTENSION FOES WAGE FIERCE FIGHT FOR ITS ABANDONMENT

Adjudication Suits Will Proceed No Matter What Happens--Private Filing Becomes Effective if Government Abandons Extension

Declare Project Will Mean More Loss Than Gain to Umatilla County--Will Injure Welfare of Upper River Waterusers

Here is a Summary of the Arguments of those Favoring the West Extension: It means the expenditure of four millions of dollars within the state by the government.

Discussing the Andrew C. Smith filing upon the flood waters, made on the prospect the government might abandon the project, he declared that this filing will be kept alive in the event the government withdraws.

With the Oregon theatre packed to the roof with people filled with intense interest in the settlement of the controversy over the Umatilla Extension the Pendleton Commercial Club, sitting as a jury, heard both sides of the case last night and this evening the organization will convene at its club quarters to take such action as it deems proper.

Here is a summary of the arguments against the Extension of the Umatilla project. The carrying out of the Extension will mean taking water that should be used on the upper river and using it upon the extension.

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The rights of the Indians of the Umatilla reservation to water will be determined regardless of what happens to the Extension.

Touching upon the subject of governmental versus private irrigation, Mr. Johnson declared the Umatilla project to be the most perfect, from a standpoint of workmanship, of any in the United States and he strongly urged that Uncle Sam be allowed to do the work that that the extension not be turned over to private parties.

President Dan P. Smythe held the chair throughout the session and endeavored to bring forth the arguments both for and against the extension. Speakers were treated with courtesy by the audience and rounds of applause came forth from the adherents of the respective sides when telling points were made.

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Officials Favor It. Immediately after the meeting had been called to order in the Oregon theatre, Secretary Jack Keefe, of the Pendleton club, read a letter from State Engineer John H. Lewis wherein he expressed his regret he could not attend the meeting but urged the endorsement of the Umatilla extension.

Oliver P. Morton, attorney for the reclamation service, and the gentleman who brought the adjudication suits against the users along the Umatilla river and tributary streams, was the butt of much criticism last night and spoke briefly several times.

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At the Oregon theatre meeting last evening the opening in behalf of those fighting for the Umatilla extension was fired by I. E. Davis, formerly engineer in the reclamation service.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Although the count is proceeding slowly and returns are fragmentary, republicans admitted today that the democrats had probably won, by a small majority, every state office save possibly that of state treasurer in the state's first election yesterday.

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Why have the opponents of the Umatilla extension waited until this late hour to make known their objections to the move? was the opening remark of D. C. Brownell of Umatilla, one of the stalwarts in the extensionists.

Chairman Hayes of the republican committee said the democrats would carry probably the whole ticket by 500 majority. Chairman Bide of the democratic committee, estimated they would win by a majority of 3500.

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Vancouver, B. C.—Mrs. G. H. Woodridge, aged 26, a resident of Collingwood, a suburb of Vancouver, attempted to kill her baby daughter, aged five weeks, and then killed herself. She cut the child's throat and then her own. Her husband, returning to his home after a short absence found his wife dead and his baby barely alive.

Following Mr. Brownell, E. P. Dodd took the floor and served as the second speaker from Hermiston. His address in full is given below:

British Dukes, Duchesses and Princesses Barely Rescued from Death at Sea During Voyage.

Dallas O'Hara, for several years a resident of Pendleton, is in the city for a few days shaking hands with his many friends.

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Mr. Brownell was the sole speaker from Umatilla and when he cut short his remarks was notified he would be allowed to speak again later in the evening, but no opportunity arose for him to speak again.

Gibraltar, Dec. 13.—The British steamer Delhi, aboard of which were the Duke and Duches of Fife, Princesses Alexandra and Princess Maud, went ashore near Cape Trafalgar during a fierce gale last night. She was pounding to pieces and waves were breaking over her when the French cruiser Briant succeeded in reaching the ship and rescuing the passenger after lifeboats had failed and hope had been abandoned.

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Mr. Johnson declared, as did other speakers, that the adjudication of the water rights along the river will proceed regardless of what action may be taken with reference to the extension.

Two British cruisers spent the night trying to reach the ship. The passengers were becoming desperate and it was all the crew could do to keep some from jumping into the sea.

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