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EXTENSION FOES WAGE FIERCE FIGHT

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have the floor and he made an earnest argument in which he bitterly opposed the extension. He declared the assessed value of the reservoir lands on the Meadows to be in excess of one million dollars and he held this land will be lost forever to Umatilla county in the event the extension is made. He argued therefore that the loss from the extension would be greater than the benefits and that it should not be made. He upheld the John Day project as more desirable from every standpoint.

Other Speakers.
Other speakers during the closing hour of the session were J. P. McManus and George Brown of Arlington. McManus opposed the extension on the grounds that it would injure the settlers on Birch creek. Mr. Brown gave a further discussion of Judge Mariner's scheme for taking water from the lower portion of the John Day river.

COL. J. H. RALEY

Last speaker of the theater meeting was Col. J. H. Raley, who critiqued the government for the adjudication suits it has brought against settlers on Birch creek and other streams. He declared the government had gone too far in seeking water for the extension and that it should be content with taking the surplus water only and that the Commercial club should pass

a resolution demanding that the government withdraw its adjudication suits and if it carries out the extension do so with water that is left over after the welfare of the upper river settlers has been fully protected.

BY J. N. BURGESS

The residents of the upper Umatilla River and its tributaries, the principal of which are Birch and McKay creeks, are opposed to what is known as the West Umatilla project, for the reason that if the same is completed and the present rules and regulations of the reclamation service relative to the use of these waters by the settlers prevail, it means forever retardment of the progress of this vast territory to which these streams are tributary.

I shall speak of Birch and McKay creeks only, bordering on these two streams there are over thirty thousand acres of land that is now under cultivation for dry farming, on which crops are raised only on each alternate year, with winter irrigation from the flood waters of these streams, the crops of grain can be made to yield twice as much per season as under the present system and a crop can be grown every year, or two crops of alfalfa can be secured from this same land; this can be done as we know by actual experience.

If the settlers are given the opportunity, they will appropriate these flood waters so far as the same are available.

You will probably ask why we have not done so before. Irrigation, you must remember, is in its infancy in Oregon and a few years ago was virtually unknown except on the creek and river bottoms. Besides the past four years of exceedingly light precipitation has taught us the value of these waters.

There is under irrigation on Birch and McKay creeks probably three thousand acres of land which the reclamation service admits that we have a valid right to some water. We have, however, about one thousand acres that is under ditch which they do not recognize and for this land we have no water right and under the present ruling of the reclamation service never will have. If the West Umatilla project is completed,

Some of you will probably wonder why we will not be able to put water on this land. The reason is that on March, 1909, the government made a blanket filing on the Umatilla River and its tributaries of all the water appropriated at that time; little attention was paid to this, however, as the settlers felt that they would be allowed to use the flood waters that was flowing through their own land. Ditches were constructed and the progressive farmers continued to place new lands under irrigation as fast as possible, until about the middle of April of this year, when three hundred and sixty water users on the Umatilla and its tributaries were subpoenaed to appear before the state water board at Pendleton on June 12th in answer to a contest case against the various water rights, the contestant being Oliver P. Morton, assistant to the United States district attorney.

This contest seemed to be principally on the grounds that the settlers had applied for more water than was necessary to irrigate their land and stated that the government would not grant more than one-eighth of a cubic foot per second or about two and one-half feet per acre, this contest, mind you, was only on the lands that had water rights prior to March 9th, 1909, the hundreds of acres that had been put under irrigation subsequent to that period were ignored entirely.

No Compromise Possible.
Shortly after this a Water Users' association was organized and its members endeavored to compromise the case with Mr. Morton, whereby they might be entitled to use as much water as was really necessary to grow their crops, but were unable to get the representative of the reclamation service to grant any concessions whatever.

Now, gentlemen, it has been established by actual experiments made by experienced irrigators that it takes nine feet of water to grow three crops of alfalfa on some of these lands, although these reclamation officials who do all of their irrigating on paper, tell us that two and one-half feet of water is all that we can use.

The water users have employed competent attorneys. Our cases are now in the circuit court and we do not know where they will end. Thus thousands of dollars are being expended to protect our rights, some of which have been established for over forty years.

Now, Mr. President and members of the Commercial association, and you gentlemen who have journeyed all of the way from Portland to learn the facts of this case, do you think that we, the residents and home builders of this country, should be compelled to allow the waters to flow past our doors and on down the river for fifty miles and there to be turned on to a domain that is owned principally by two of the wealthiest corporations in our state, when we need and will utilize all of this water at home if this great and free government of ours will only give us the opportunity.

Newsy Notes of Pendleton

Divorce Is Granted.

A divorce was granted yesterday to Ozeta M. Darrin of Freewater from William Darrin.

Will Help Boys and Girls.

The schools of Adams have raised \$3 for the support of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society of Portland.

Indian Accused of Theft.

A warrant was issued today for the arrest of John Crow, an Indian, who is accused of stealing a horse and saddle from a farmer near Weston.

Lost Grain by Fire.

E. B. Shafer, who resides near Pilot Rock, lost 85 acres of barley last Friday by fire. The insurance on the grain was paid today by Bentley & Leffingwell.

Moose Will Dance Tonight.

The first social session of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held tonight in the Eagle-Woodman hall. The lodge has planned a dancing party and indications are that there will be a large attendance.

Will Continue Campaign.

The Woodmen of the World will continue their campaign for new members until the first of the new year. Their present membership is 546 and they hope to have more than 500 members before the campaign closes.

Divorce Case Argued.

The arguments in the divorce case of August Zeuske versus Emma Zeuske were made yesterday before Judge Phelps. The case has attracted much attention because of the character of the charges and the prominence of the parties involved.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Mrs. Dolly Pierce, the wife of Wm. A. Pierce, was operated on last Friday at Spokane for appendicitis. Immediately after the operation the doctors did not think she would live but she is a little better now and may recover. She was born and reared in Pendleton, being the daughter of J. M. Bentley.

Directors of County Will Meet.

A meeting of all the school directors of Umatilla county will be held in the court room at the court house Saturday, beginning at 10 a. m. A splendid attendance is expected, as nearly 400 men will be present. L. R. Alderman, state superintendent, and Dr. Calvin S. White of Portland, state health officer, will be here for the

meeting. Music will be furnished by a ma elquartet.

No Council Meeting.

There will be no council meeting tonight, owing to the absence of some of the councilmen from the city.

Pioneer Woman Very Ill.

Mrs. Sarah Beale, one of the pioneers of Pendleton, is very ill at the home of her son, Chas. Beal. She is suffering with heart trouble and owing to her advanced age may not recover.

Mayoralty Cost \$40.

It cost W. F. Matlock just \$40.15 to be elected mayor of Pendleton according to the statement filed with City Recorder Fug Gerald. Of this amount \$20 was paid for challengers in the four wards, and \$20.15 for printing and distributing his platform. He also filed his oath of office. The charter provides that successful candidates must file their oath of office within 20 days after the election, or the office will be declared vacant.

No Council Meeting.

Owing to the importance of the Commercial club meeting this evening Mayor E. J. Murphy has announced that no meeting of the city council will be held this evening, this action is taken in order to permit city officials, who are members of the Commercial club, to participate in the Extension meeting.

J. M. Ferguson Very Low.

J. M. Ferguson, well known pioneer resident and local property owner, is lying critically ill at his home on Lewis street. He was thought to be recovering from his illness but yesterday was stricken with diabetic gangrene of the arm and it is feared he cannot recover. His son, Dr. Ferguson of The Dalles, has again been summoned to his bedside.

Artisans Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of Alpha Chapter No. 9, United Artisans, which was held last night, the following officers were elected: C. E. Bolsby, master artisan; James C. Neal, superintendent; M. L. Warren, inspector; Mrs. L. F. Lampaikin, secretary; Wm. Houston, treasurer; Anna Smith, senior conductor; T. T. Hunter, master of ceremonies; Clarence Howley, junior conductor; Mary Knight and Fred Liddell, field commanders.

VILLAGE OF MARION IS IN GRIP OF SMALLPOX

Salem, Or.—According to Dr. Van Winkle, health officer of the little town of Marion, 13 miles south of this city, that place is now under quarantine for the reason that the entire community is infected with smallpox. The Marion schools have been ordered to suspend operations and all religious organizations warned to cease holding meetings until the danger is over. Three severe cases were found last night, while the physicians say several other cases are appearing in different sections of the town. Dr. Van Winkle was in this city today to confer with the county authorities as to what steps to take to prevent the spread of the disease throughout the county. He states that the three cases discovered are of a serious nature, and many people in the town have been exposed to the malady. Both town and county officials will compel the citizens of Marion to respect the quarantine rules laid down by the health officials. Dr. Van Winkle and many people may be refused the privilege of visiting that place for a time.

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