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Wapinitia Plains Irrigation celebration was a marked success from every standpoint. A large gathering of people from every district of Oregon was present. Old men and women, pioneers of Wasco county were present to hear of the great era of prosperity that must come as the Wapinitia Irrigation Co.'s, various units of irrigation are added to its system.

The opening session was enjoyed by a spirited selection by the joint band from Wapinitia and Maupin.

The address by Senator S. B. Houston of Portland followed. Mr. Houston is the consulting attorney for Wapinitia Irrigation Co. and

explained that he had piloted the company through various legal difficulties successfully so far and was glad to say he could join Ex-U. S. District Atty. John Hall in the legal opinion that the Co.'s title to the water they claimed was absolute. W. B. Keen explained that he with a party of business men and farmers from Yukima investigated the title formerly with view to buying the property. They employed Judge Grey of Seattle, father of the famous Jones' Bill of Congress. He pronounced the title perfect.

Senator Houston spoke of the farmers' hour when food values were at the high mark and still the demand was keen. When conservation of these great food values

was being undertaken by the government in the U. S. in order that we would not feel the grip of want or famine due to the world war. When men of Europe have been forced to abandon the fields and crops go untended and soil untilled and women struggle to feed the hungry. Two of the senator's sons—all he has, are in the service of Uncle Sam. The eloquent voice of the senator wavered and his eyes grew moist as he spoke of the young men of the army and navy, who go so cheerfully to a great danger for their nation.

Gov. James Withycombe's address on "Oregon's Duty Agriculturally on the World War" followed the senator's speech. He spoke very forcefully on the need to grow every potato, onion and grain of corn possible, and that every hog and cow, chicken or sheep that could be raised was a direct aid to the nation and to the day of world victory in the war. As the governor rose to speak the cheers and hand clapping demonstrated the pleasure of the large audience in being thus honored by his presence. The governor also said Nature had done a wonderful part for Wapinitia Plains and that man must not lag but do his part to bring the water, soil and sunshine into proper relation so that the great wealth in the fertile soil might be realized.

Governor Withycombe is a veterinary surgeon who has had a long practice. He also held title in Vanhill county the first man in his state. He was placed at the head of the stock herd of O. A. C. for many years and by this experience is a qualified man to speak to the farmers of Wapinitia Plains.

A novel act entitled, "Uncle Sam Feeding the world," was staged following the governor's address. This humorous act convulsed the audience and added spirit to the forenoon session. Rev. Bevier and Rev. Wood staged the act.

Red Cross bandages and first aid material was urged as a patriotic duty of all women and that the need would far outstrip the supply no matter how many the good folks of the nation sent. It was decided by the finance committee that the surplus, if any after paying the bills for the celebration, should be sent to the Red Cross work.

J. W. Brewer's address followed. He spoke of the Progress of Irrigation in Oregon and the West. He made some very striking statements—that alfalfa land was valued at \$200 per acre. That the

onward march of irrigation was as sure to over run not only Wapinitia Plains and Central Oregon but the Willamette Valley as well. That the great insurance factor of the water was claiming the interest of all classes of soil and that as folks understood its real worth it would be embraced. He also touched on the discrimination against Oregon in the matter of our just proportion of the federal reclamation fund. That \$10,000,000 had been paid by Oregon and \$1,000,000 not yet spent in our state. This, Senator Houston adds must be laid to the door of Rep. and Dem. as well as both parties have trained a deaf ear to the appeals of Oregon for a fair deal. Mr. Brewer is ex-president of Oregon Irrigation Congress. He said a tendency of water users to 'scrap' with the men or company who furnish the water was often a great hindrance to the best results under irrigation and that the thing to do was to get along and co-operate that the work be done without friction.

J. W. Brewer's enthusiastic speech was cheered thunderously.

Atty. E. E. Miller of Portland spoke in the forenoon session following J. W. Brewer. Mr. Miller is general manager of the Wapinitia Irrigation Co. He told of its history and the history of the system from its first work. He told of the failure of McCoy and Keen and explained the principles of Wapinitia Irrigation Co. and why he felt that policy had prevailed. Also he touched on the need to do the development work this fall that a large volume of water

might be supplied to the soil next year. That farmers who intended to irrigate in the next season or two should see the Company now and make some definite arrangements so the Company may make proper arrangements and steps to provide the needed water. This is very important as the Company cannot anticipate the needs of any individual who does not speak to the officials. He spoke with great directness on the subject of each farmer's obligation to the community in which he lives and prospers. That each farmer must feel that it is not fair or right for any man to expect his neighbors to carry the work to his door free from expense to him. It is your project and your advantage with everything a gain and nothing to lose. Factories, creameries, stores, beautiful homes, good roads, churches, schools, etc., in abundance.

After the two hours of lunch period when beef barbecue was served with good coffee and heaps of cake and chicken the program was resumed.

Mrs. Wood took first prize and Mrs. Driver 2nd in the auto driving contest.

"Farmer" Smith Jr., spoke eloquently on the subject of corn, alfalfa, hogs, silos, etc. He is a natural orator and was applauded enthusiastically. He also predicted great things under irrigation on this flat, beyond the fondest dreams of the people.

Prof. W. L. Powers of O. A. C. spoke on the "Value of scientific knowledge as applied to use of water." He was received very

White River

Little Mary Muller is much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Muller brought her home last Saturday. To Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Conley, a son, born September 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kellogg returned to their home in Grass Valley the first of the week.

Mrs. Ethel Curtis came home for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Webb.

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well and found an anxious and attentive audience that had waited for such an authority to tell them the value of water. He positively asserted that Wapinitia Plains would be greatly benefited by water and that it was practical to grow alfalfa on 90 per cent of the farms. After the speeches the crowd was entertained for three hours by the races. Cash prizes were given for contests and races.

A revival of interest in irrigation on the Flat is contemplated as several prominent farmers and land owners disclosed their desire to buy water, during the day.

In behalf of the Wapinitia Irrigation Co., I desire to thank all persons who aided so splendidly in making a success of the celebration and assuring them that at all times the company is ready to serve the people on the Flat, in every way possible.

That I am personally very much interested in the revival of the commercial club and will do all in my power to urge its promotion.

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