

## Hearing Held on Application of Irrigation Co. for Time

### Protestants Present Testimony Tending to Deprecate Standing of the Irrigation Company

Maupin was the scene of a protracted hearing, at which attorneys from Portland and The Dalles, as well as numerous water users, California capitalists, civil engineers and company officials were present as principals and as witnesses. The hearing took up Monday morning and was concluded about nine o'clock Tuesday evening, being held before W. F. Coshaw, representing the state engineer's office.

Attorneys Percy A. Cupper, estate engineer, and Harry Hoy of Portland represented the defendant company and Francis V. Galloway of The Dalles was attorney for protestants. Many witnesses were called in support of the contention that the company should not be granted another extension of time in which to perfect contemplated and started improvements of the system.

The hearing, which was instituted by some of the water users on Wapinitia Plains, together with some capitalists who were desirous of acquiring the water system, was prolific of much information regarding the status of the irrigation company. It had long been known the company was not living up to its promise to supply sufficient water to cover demands of outstanding contracts; that the company had failed in many instances to make improvements of its system and that there seemed to be a probability that such improvements would be a long time coming. It also was shown that the company had begun the construction of a dam at the mouth of Clear lake and also that an effort was evident to complete that feature of the system. Much dissatisfaction was evident and nearly every water user called to the stand testified that water had been a scarce commodity for each of the past several years.

### Extension Decree Made

In 1923 the Wapinitia Irrigation company petitioned the state engineer for an extension of the time in which to make contemplated improvements. After studying the matter for some time State Engineer Rhea Luper granted an extension of five years, stating in the decree that the company must complete its work in the time specified. Nothing but the preliminary work on the Clear lake dam was attempted, that work being done just prior to the end of the time granted.

The decree lapsed by limitation last November 30. The company made no effort for about six months to secure an extension of time, but learning that other interests were seeking control of the system made another prayer, asking for further extension of time. To this a protest was made, the hearing coming up as above mentioned.

At the hearing it was shown that the company had sold water contracts in the amount of \$100,000, those contracts calling for water on a total of 2,200 acres, for which an average price of \$45.00 per acre was received. Bonds to the amount of \$102,000 were also sold, these being held by investors and by some of the water users who had purchased water rights and who had turned some of the contracts back to the company, they receiving bonds in lieu. Besides the bonds and contracts the company collected many thousands of dollars as maintenance fees. It being estimated that better than a quarter of a million dollars and been received by the company in all.

During the time from 1923 until 1929 there has not been one year in which the water users have received a sufficient amount of water with which to irrigate their alfalfa fields. In some years the scarcity of water had been so pronounced that water for stock and domestic uses was greatly curtailed. One witness testified that he had paid in \$1,000 and all the water he had received was one pailful. The water contracts cover tracts from 10 to 270 acres.

The company showed it had done its best to supply water; that only the lack of capital prevented a complete renovation of the system, also that the officials had about concluded negotiations whereby the assistance of outside capital would be forthcoming and that with this the

work of improvement would be carried to a full completion. A California capitalist testified that his associates had gone over the plant, had dissected all its ramifications and that he believed that with the assistance he and his friends had considered lending the company, he was sure the system could be made a paying one. He said negotiations were being held up pending the outcome of the present hearing. That man, Mr. Teasdale, said that about 90 per cent of the irrigation systems of this country had been failures but, after viewing the Wapinitia plant, he was satisfied it could be placed among the successful systems of the country.

Among those present at the hearing were representative of a party of Portland capitalists, who were desirous of acquiring the property. One of them, Attorney L. D. Mahone, who has had an interview in another column of this paper, told the editor of The Times his company was willing and anxious to acquire the system; that they would take up the outstanding bonds, give due credit for each contract held, complete a real irrigation system and not exact one cent of money until the water was on each acre contracted for. He said his company would deposit \$25,000 in the local bank as a guarantee of the work and that work would be begun within 10 days after the time the system came into their hands.

Mr. Mahone also said his people had perfected plans whereby Wapinitia lands could be subdivided and that a large colony of settlers was ready to invest, settle on and improve the lands purchased.

The attorneys in the case have been requested to prepare and submit briefs according to their contentions and that such briefs be in the hands of the state engineer within 10 days from this week Tuesday. The outcome of the hearing will be awaited with anxiety by all concerned, for upon it depends whether or not the company will be permitted to go ahead with contemplated improvements or whether another company will secure possession of the plant and then inaugurate a complete renovation of the water system to the end that the Plain shall blossom like the rose and Maupin become one of the leading shipping points and business centers in Eastern Oregon.

### Built Hay Rack

Everett Richmond completed a large hay rack this morning and left for the Flat where he will shovel hay for ranchers. The rack covers Everett's truck body and extends a long distance to the rear, there being hitched to a trailer.

### New Tire Shrinker

James Chalmers has received another piece of machinery with which to facilitate his shop work, the latest being a large power tire shrinker. With the machine Jim can shrink a tire in the least possible time and do the work just right.

### Californians in Maupin

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Greer from Los Banos, California, accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Dufur and Mrs. Chas. Clarke and daughter, Charlotte of Portland, surprised Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staats last night by driving in about midnight. Mrs. Clarke is a daughter of Mrs. Staats. The party remained until this afternoon when they left for Portland.

### Brother Held Up

J. G. Addington, brother of Mose Addington of Maupin, was held up in The Dalles Tuesday evening by two young fellows from Portland, the robbers getting \$14.00. They were apprehended and taken to The Dalles jail. They did not use violence in the perpetration of their crime, getting the money by threats only.

### Gunwaded at Stogdill's

Mrs. Rose Florer, sister of Mr. Don Stogdill, with her husband and daughter, Goodwin Johnson and family, all of Spokane, were week end guests at the Stogdill ranch on Juniper Flat. The visitors were on their way home after having made a trip up and down the coast.

## RAISING HOGS BEATS GOOD HAND IN A POKER GAME

### Newspaper Man Mixes Pigs and Poker and Shows the Former Beats Latter for Profit

The editor of the Blue Mountain Eagle, who lives close by "Whiskey Gulch" in Canyon City, mixes pigs and poker into a very interesting item as follows: "For quick, easy and fast money the pig business has a poker game beat. George Moore, who lives near Dayville, raised 32 pigs this year from one sow. The first litter of the year was seven, then came 12 and then 13 and that makes 32 pigs. Now, let's do a little figuring: 30 pigs at 300 pounds each is 9,000 pounds, or four and one-half tons of pork. That would be 60 nice big hams, and some butchers can get four hams out of a hog, or 120 ham, and you know what a ham is worth. Figuring this pork at 25 cents a pound it would make about \$2,250.00 revenue per annum from one sow like George Moore has. Figuring off 50 per cent for optimism it would leave us \$1,125.00 per hog per annum. Now, 100 hogs would produce \$110,000 per year, and if that hasn't got a poker game beat then we will never touch another card."

### U. S. TREASURY REPORTS SURPLUS OF \$185,000,000

### Public Debt Reduced First Time Since Beginning of the World War

The government closed its fiscal year June 30 with its finances in a "highly satisfactory state," and with its record of balanced budgets unbroken, according to a statement by the Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, issued at the close of business and summarizing the results of the year's operation. The surplus of receipts over expenditures was \$185,000,000. Mr. Mellon said in announcing the receipts at \$4,033,000,000 and the expenditures at \$3,848,000,000.

Public debt, retirement though somewhat less than heretofore, amounted to \$673,000,000 and carried the outstanding debt of the nation below \$17,000,000,000 for the first time since the World War.

### HOW LONG UNTIL WE'LL HAVE TO GO

We sent one our subscribers a bill for his delinquent subscription and this is our reward:

"I got your letter about what I owe you. Now be patient. I ain't forgot you. Pleez wait. When some fools pay me I pay you. If this was judgement day and you was no more prepared to meet your Master as I am to meet your account, you sure would have to go to hell. Trusting you will do this, I am yours truly."

### Game Warden Calls

"Larry" Gramse, deputy game warden, was in Maupin a short time last Saturday. Gramse reports that steelheads are beginning to run in the lower Deschutes. He has been busy looking over mountain streams lately.

### Portland Attorneys Here

Attorneys Harry Hoy and Percy A. Cupper, representing the Wapinitia Irrigation company, were here in the interest of their client at the hearing Monday and Tuesday.

### Graduate Barber

Louis (Swede) Mayhew has graduated from a Portland barber college and has a diploma which says that he is a full fledged tonsorial artist. Louis is the proud possessor of a state license and showed his skill this week by taking care of the Kaiser shop.

### Painting Pool Hall

Miller & Wilson are at work today painting the interior of the Rainbow pool hall and card room. When completed the light there will be much brighter and the walls show a greatly improved appearance.

Get rid of flies by using Flykoll, the sure killer. Fifty cents a bottle at the Maupin Drug Store.

## SUGGESTS RULES TO APPLY TO DRIVERS OF AUTO CARS

### Ford Motor Company Promulgates Rules as Suggestions to Motorists

As a contribution toward greater safety and more pleasant driving conditions on the highways of the country this summer, the Ford Motor company recently listed twelve rules as suggestions to motorists and distributed them during June to dealers over the country.

1. Courtesy comes first. Consider the rights and privileges of others.
2. Keep your mind on your driving, and anticipate sudden emergencies.
3. Learn the 'feel' of having your car under control.
4. Obey all traffic and parking regulations.
5. Keep to the right, and comply with road marking and signs.
6. Signal for stops and turns. Watch the car ahead.
7. Slow down at crossings, schools, dangerous places.
8. Never pass cars on hill-curves, crossings.
9. Adapt your driving to road conditions—rain, ice, soft spots and ruts.
10. It doesn't pay to take the 'right of way' too seriously.
11. When you drive remember the times when you're a pedestrian.
12. Know the law. It was passed for your protection.

### HOOT GIBSON PICTURE NEXT MAUPIN OFFERING

### "Clearing the Trail" Showing at Legion Hall is Full of Thrills

Another highly amusing and wholly entertaining picture with the popular Hoot Gibson in the starring role is being prepared for the Legion hall Sunday night.

Gibson again is cast in the type of role that has made him a popular film favorite—that of the comedy cowboy, and "Clearing the Trail," the new success, makes a thoroughly diverting picture, without a dull moment from the opening scene to the surprise fade-out.

The picture is comedy and drama of the most amusing nature. It carries Gibson and Dorothy Gulliver, his leading lady, from adventure to adventure with a breezy manner productive of the highest type of entertainment.

The story is new both in plot and treatment. The star, in order to prevent a band of villains from stealing his younger brother's land, comes to the ranch in the a sumed character of a tenderfoot. In reality an Arizona sheriff, he manages to drive the thieves away after a fast gun duel. There is an unusual ending in which the star departs, leaving the girl to his brother, but this comes out right for him when the girl makes up Gibson's mind for him.

### HE AM DE FISH

De trout he'll sometimes loaf and wait,  
Den kinder wink at you;  
De bass he ketch right holt de bait,  
An' break your pole in two.  
De perch he am so dreadful small  
He scarcely makes a taste.  
An' he carp, when'er he bites at all  
Am only so much much waste;  
De eel am such a slippery 'ting  
A nigger 'fraid of him;  
While he turtle he am sho'ly king  
Of all he frauds dat swim.  
But de catfish wid de forked tail—  
De fish wid de yaller sides—  
De one what bites in calm or bale  
Am de fish to stuff our hides.  
He takes yo' bait and gulps it down,  
Clean down to his living place;  
He am de fish, fried good an' brown,  
Dat sho'ly fits my case.  
—Recreation.

### Bobby is Busy

Bobby Davidson's truck is earning its keep. Sunday he took a load of fat hogs to the Portland market, the porkers going from the Mayhew ranch. The price given for the load was \$12.50 per hundred.

## A. E. Gronewald Drowns In Effort to Save Only Son

### HAVE MONEY WITH WHICH TO IMPROVE WATER SYSTEM

### Capital Now Ready For Investment On Wapinitia Plains—Guarantees Water

Capital is now awaiting the decision of the State Engineer in the matter of an extension of the time set for the improvement of the Wapinitia irrigation system, a hearing on which was held in this city Monday and Tuesday of this week.

In an interview with the editor of The Times, L. D. Mahone, a Portland attorney, representing men of his city who are ready to make a deal whereby the system would be taken over by his clients, Mr. Mahone stated those men have capital to invest for the completion and maintenance of the plant. His clients had made a careful check of the system, had familiarized themselves with all its ramifications and had gone over the works with an engineer of national reputation, the result being that they were willing to assume payment of outstanding bonds, complete the dam at Clear Lake, put the main canals in shape to handle the water, and, if they acquired the system would have men at work on the job within 10 day after a transfer was made.

The gentlemen associated with Mr. Mahone have a colony ready to take over many acres of Juniper Flat farm lands. That colony has been ready for some time and as soon as a transfer was made, if it is done, some of them would come here immediately and begin making homes and improving their holdings. Mr. Mahone says his clients have plenty of money back of them, that they had investigated the possibility of the Flat lands and were satisfied this section could be developed into one of the best dairy sections of the state. The quality of alfalfa and other crops grown here had convinced his parties that with a small addition of water, and that distributed rightly, many more acres could be brought under cultivation. He envisioned a large creamery, cheese factory and large market for this place and a large increase in population and business for Maupin.

Mr. Mahone and The Times editor were brigaded together at Chicamaus, Tennessee, during the Spanish-American war, remaining there until one went to Cuba and the other to Porto Rico.

### OREGON NEWS NOTES

Medford—Blue Ledge mine will be developed in near future.

Oregon City—\$35,000 arena recently dedicated.

Mt. Angel—Machinery being installed in newly constructed Libby, McNeil & Libby plant.

La Grande—Union Pacific will construct \$130,000 depot here in future.

St. Helens—New Texaco oil plant opened to public.

State Highway commission authorized survey of highway between Harper and Burns.

Baker—Construction of Baker hotel progressing rapidly.

Klamath Falls—Bids opened for construction of four paving and macadam jobs in this place.

Daily star route mail service established between Bend and Burns.

Klamath Falls—Remodeled dance pavilion of Moose lodge opened to public.

Oakland's municipal electric and water systems purchased by California Oregon Power company for sum of \$25,000.

Gresham—Construction will start soon on Dowsett & Pateneau building for occupancy by post office.

Chiloquin—Plans underway for paving Main Street in this city very soon.

New lumber town located two miles west of Pinehurst on Ashland-Klamath Falls highway fast as uming appearance of modern town with recent completion of more than a score of dwellings, business and public buildings and sawmill.

Blackberry juice makes a very appetizing punch, combined with other fruit juices, lemon and gingerale.

### County Superintendent For 10 Years and Member Many Societies at The Dalles

Alvin E. Gronewald, superintendent of schools, with his son, Gerold, aged 10 years, drowned in the Deschutes river one mile above Sherars on Sunday evening, the accident occurring at 7:30 o'clock. Up to the time of our going to press neither of the bodies has been recovered.

Mr. Gronewald, his son, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cook and their daughter, had gone to Sherar after trout. The two men and boy went to a favorite rapids a mile above the bridge. While fishing in the rapids the boy slipped into the water and his father, in an attempt to bring him ashore, also went into the treacherous current, both being carried over the rapids and to death. The father reached his son, but both were sucked down by an undercurrent and carried down the river.

Word was brought to Maupin of the drowning and a number from here went to Sherar Sunday night-Monday morning and searched the banks of the river for some distance below the scene of the accident, looking for the bodies. Corporal C. M. Zell with a number of men from The Dalles also assisted in the search. An experienced boatman and grapplers from the county seat were at Sherar on Monday. In order to stop the bodies from floating down the river a net was stretched at a place some distance below the falls at Sherar, it being the belief that the bodies would be caught therein, but to date nothing has been seen of either of the victims of the river.

On Tuesday a large force of men went to Sherar and remained over until yesterday. The grapple boat was lowered over the falls by ropes and they worked all stretches of the river below that point. Fully 35 men were engaged in the search. Another net was stretched across the river, that one being above the first one placed.

**Biography of Mr. Gronewald**  
Alvin E. Gronewald was born at Faribault, Minnesota, November 4, 1886. He attended the public schools of his native city and afterward attended Baldwin college, Berea, Ohio, graduating therefrom in 1905. That fall he taught school at Pendleton academy, remaining there until 1907.

That year he came to The Dalles as a teacher, instructing in German, English and mathematics. He also coached the basketball and baseball teams. He remained with The Dalles schools until 1919, coaching all athletics during the last two years, turning out many winning teams.

When Clyde T. Bonney resigned the office of county superintendent of schools, Mr. Gronewald was appointed to the position, and has officiated as superintendent ever since. He was reelected to the office at last fall's election, having no opposition on either ticket.

His early church affiliation was with the Methodist church, although he joined the Congregational church about nine years ago. He also was a member of the Kiwanis and sang as a member of the quartet of that society. He was an accomplished musician and his services were always donated for worthy objects.

Mr. Gronewald was an ardent fisherman. It had been his habit to visit the Deschutes, which stream he visited whenever occasion offered. On July Fourth he, with Paul Weigelt and The Times editor, fished together at Frieda, and that was the last occasion for the editor and superintendent to meet.

Remaining to mourn his loss are his wife, Mrs. Hazel Gronewald and her daughter, Marilyn; deceased's mother, Mrs. Rosina Gronewald of Mosier; a brother, A. J. of Walla and a brother, W. F. of Mosier; three sisters, Mrs. E. J. Beckley of Salem, Mrs. H. E. Wilson of Port Orchard, Washington, and Mrs. Lillian Jaklin of Tacoma. A twin brother, J. A. Gronewald, died October 22, 1928, after a long illness.