

STATE MAY TAKE C. O. I. PROJECT

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GOVERNOR

Unless Katz Closes Permanent Contract, West Wants Legislature to Provide Funds for Completion of Laidlaw Enterprise.

SALEM, Aug. 20.—The State having come into possession of all the rights, title and interest of the defunct Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, and its successors, in the Carey Act project near Laidlaw, Oregon, and the question being up as to what steps should be taken by the State to give relief and protection to the settlers and purchasers of water rights on said segregation, the following plan, briefly stated, is suggested by Governor West as a solution to the problem and will be presented to the Desert Land Board and to the Legislature for consideration, to wit:

That unless Alma D. Katz, in accordance with the terms of preliminary contract entered into with the Desert Land Board, on or before December 31, 1912, enters into a permanent contract for the reclamation of the lands covered by segregation list No. 13 and No. 34 and containing about 31,730 acres, no other such contract be entered into with anyone by the Desert Land Board, but that the State itself undertake the reclamation of these lands through its own agents and with its own funds.

The funds to be provided by direct appropriation, loans from the common school funds or in such other manner as the legislature may deem proper. The amount so advanced, of course, to be recovered through the sale of the lands reclaimed and to be returned to the source from which it came.

The work of construction to be carried on under the direction of the Desert Land Board through the State Engineer or such other engineer as may be employed by the Board for that purpose.

The lands reclaimed to be sold at cost, or, if deemed wise, with a small added profit which could go to the common school fund. Settlers to be given ample time in which to pay for the lands purchased.

Settlers now on the land and en-

joying water rights adjudicated by the State Board of Control would be fully protected in the rights and advantages which they now enjoy and would be furnished such water as they might need for the irrigation of additional lands at the prevailing price fixed by the Board after the reclamation of the land and the determination of the cost.

Other holders of old contracts to be given consideration through the refunding of the amount paid on the said contract or the receiving of credit for such amounts if the lands are repurchased from the State and at the then prevailing price or cost of reclamation.

HOG PRICES HIGH.

The receipts for the week at the Portland Union Stock Yards have been: Cattle, 733; Calves, 47; Hogs, 1495; Sheep, 4004; Horses, 63.

The hog market showed an advance of 15c. The extraordinary high line of prices as applied to the hog market as compared with what the raiser of the middle states secures for his efforts in swine production has brought about the increase in the production in the Pacific Northwest that shows in the increased receipts from local territory. The supply is nothing like what it should be and too much stress cannot be laid on the opportunities for money making that exists in raising hogs for market.

REDMOND MAYOR

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the lid dusted, put back in place and tightly screwed down.

Jones is Arrested.

Then troubles began. Last Thursday Mayor Jones was arrested, charged with gambling. F. A. Dillon, private detective by vocation and poker player by avocation, was the complaining witness. That he had ample evidence to sustain his charges is shown by the verdict: Jones was found guilty, and fined \$200 and costs.

The case has been appealed to the Circuit Court.

The trial is said to have been a red hot one. G. A. McFarlane, the Republican nominee for the county judgeship, was attorney for Jones, and fought desperately to prove that his mayor client was guiltless. Willard H. Wirtz, of Prineville, assistant district attorney, led the prosecution, assisted by J. F. Burke of Portland and A. P. Hewitt of Redmond. The trial occurred before Justice of the Peace John Tuck. The jurors were: F. A. Woods, J. O. Hanson, and Messrs. Oakes, Euston, Landis and Barry.

Was Detecting, Too.

The chief defense put forward, it is understood, was that Jones alleged he was playing poker for the same reason that Dillon played, namely,

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to collect evidence for the purpose of effecting a clean-up himself. In support of this defense he cited his order the following morning that gambling be stopped. According to J. N. Crenshaw, in an interview yesterday, the prosecution met the allegations by inquiring why it was necessary to play cards all night to get evidence, and how it came that in his order the mayor had said that gambling was to cease "after this date," if he had not been fully aware that it had been progressing in the past.

Six other charges of gambling were preferred. All the others pleaded guilty, and were fined from \$25 to \$50, and costs.

West Wants Resignation.

As soon as Jones was convicted, Governor West was notified, and forthwith demanded the resignation of the mayor and of the city marshal. Jones took no action on the Governor's request. It was then that Governor West got mad.

"If I do not get the resignation of Mayor Jones tomorrow, the town will be put under martial law," said West at Salem. He had arranged to send a detachment of soldiers Monday.

Monday Jones still remained firm. Finally, it is understood, a deal was offered to the leaders of the reformers: Jones would quit providing Dr. J. F. Hosh was made mayor. This Crenshaw and his followers refused to countenance.

"We won't let him name his successor," said Mr. Crenshaw. When asked if he had any preferences, he named either Ben Gotter or Carl Ehret. Both are well known Redmond merchants.

Sunday evening, it is understood,

there occurred a secret session of the council. Monday Governor West received the following telegram from that body:

"Resignation of Mayor Jones in hands of City Council," stated the telegram, "who are holding same until a thorough investigation can be made. We would like a disinterested committee to make an investigation of local conditions. You name one man. Council will name another, and the two will choose a third. We believe you are not informed as to conditions here."

In response to this message Governor West sent the following telegram:

"Replying to your telegram, the investigation already made and evidence which it seems sufficient to cause a jury of your citizens to convict Mayor Jones is enough to convince this office, and should be enough to convince anyone, that Jones is unfit to hold the office of mayor. Contrary to your belief, I am fully informed as to the conditions in Redmond, having acquired information while your local officials were sitting idly by neglecting their duty. Unless you have made a change your City Marshal is totally unfit for such position. His retention is an insult to the decent people of your city. Unless the City Council takes immediate steps toward giving the citizens of Redmond relief in the way of clean officials and law enforcement this office will feel obliged promptly to take a hand in the matter."

Finally, on Monday afternoon or evening, the resignation of Jones was accepted. Also the city marshal resigned. So Redmond has neither

mayor or marshal nor the threatened soldiers.

It is understood that the council, under the circumstances, does not care to take the responsibility of choosing a new mayor, and that the new official head of the government will be elected by the people. However, there appears to be some doubt as to the legality of such action, under the provisions of the charter. It may be that the voters will simply select a candidate by ballot, and then the council will appoint the man so selected.

"Altogether, we have between 40 and 50 cases," said Mr. Crenshaw. "Thus far we have attempted no prosecution against disorderly houses, but we have plenty of cases

and lots of evidence. We will begin on that when we get a new mayor."

"Then the fireworks aren't over yet?" Mr. Crenshaw was asked. "No indeed. When we get the new administration we'll probably do a little more cleaning." When asked if any of the present council might be proceeded against, Mr. Crenshaw admitted that there was a probability of such action, but that the chief object of the movement had been to displace Jones from the mayorship.



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