

BOARD REFUSES TO MAKE ORDER

SETTLERS DEMAND IS TURNED DOWN

C. O. I. Company Officials Appear Before Land Commission and as Result State Decides Against Forfeiture of the Bond.

A Salem dispatch of the 3rd to the Portland Oregonian says:

By a vote of three to one the State Desert Land Board refused to comply with the application of E. B. Williams, of Crook county, calling for the forfeiture of a \$25,000 bond given by the Central Oregon Irrigation Company to insure the enlargement of the Central Oregon canal of the project, and also to insure the state as to a flume constructed by it.

Williams announced after the vote that he would institute mandamus proceedings to compel the board to declare the bond forfeited.

Charging that the company had failed to comply with its contract in enlarging the Central Oregon Canal of its project, and that because of lack of water settlers were unable to secure patents to their lands, Williams, an owner of land in the project and representing a number of settlers, appeared before the board a week ago and asked for a hearing. The board directed the company to appear before it and show cause why its bonds should not be forfeited, and today Roscoe Howard, manager of the company, and Jesse Stearns, of Portland, secretary, appeared before the board for that purpose.

Flume's Condition Good.

The afternoon was consumed with the introduction of evidence to show the soundness of the flume and it was all to the effect that it was in good condition. During the afternoon the board devoted itself to the question as to whether the central canal could supply sufficient water. Howard admitted it ought to be enlarged, but said that it would be impossible at the present to secure money to do the work. He contended, however, that for the present it was large enough and declared that if the company is not further har-

assed that it will be in a position to enlarge it or complete the north canal.

"All these complaints to the board come from a few dissatisfied settlers like Mr. Williams here, who is in arrears with his payment, and injure the company and do not benefit them," said Howard. "Back of much of it also is State Engineer Lewis, who sent incompetent men into the field and whose source of information is incorrect as to the canal and our flume. The flume is in good condition and we are doing our level best to reclaim the lands in the project and if we can get rid of this continual agitation from a few disgruntled settlers we will be all right. They are not farmers, but law artists, and being unable to make any progress in farming, they exercise their laws. None of the real farmers are here presenting any grievances, but are at work."

"To make an order directing that our bond be forfeited or directing us to pay now would be futile," declared Stearns in addressing the board. "You cannot make a bankrupt pay. You can force us to the wall, but neither the state nor settlers will be benefited by that. It is practically impossible to secure money on irrigation securities now. The company is doing its best."

"Now that you have granted the company everything that it wants, I would suggest that you allow it to withdraw notes amounting to \$40,000 on deposit with a trustee," sarcastically declared Williams, after the board had ruled against him when the question of allowing the company to substitute notes with the trustee for cash it had collected from settlers.

"Turn them all over to the company. This is just horse play to keep them with the trustee as a guarantee fund. If you are going to do anything with them at all, turn them over to the company and let it use them in securing money to invest in the project."

Howard Protests Further.

Mr. Howard protested, however, against such a procedure and after discussing the subject it was finally decided to allow the company to substitute with the trustee notes for about \$2700 of cash collected by the company.

The company represented that it intends to sue on a \$25,000 bond given by one of the contractors on the project, and this, together with the further fact that the board desires to give it every opportunity to finance the project and was unable to see where any benefit would flow by reason of the forfeiture of the bond, refused to declare it forfeited. It also granted the company an extension of time to complete its north canal. The company represents the largest irrigation project in the state.

The Greek Figure.

Greek figures of men appear taller and more graceful than those of moderns. Modern artists make the upright figure seven and one-half times the length of the head. The Greeks made it eight times, lengthening the shin, and the longer sweep from knee to heel gave the figure increased grace and dignity. The same plan was frequently adopted by Lord Leighton, in whose paintings the same effect is obtained.

His Method.

"I always did make a hit with the women," bragged Henry VIII. "With your wit, sire?" murmured the obsequious courtier. "No," answered the monarch, with a sly smile, "with an ax."—Baltimore American.

She Was Anticipating.

"When he proposed to her she knocked him down." "Gracious! What did he say to that?" "He yelled 'Hold on hold on! We ain't married yet!'"—Houston Post.

Words With the Teacher.

First Pupil—What makes you so late? Second Pupil—I had words with the teacher. First Pupil—Yes? Second Pupil—But I could not spell them.—Judge.

CHURCH NOTICES

Methodist Episcopal.

Rev. E. C. Newham, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. on Sunday. Choir practice Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Sunday.

Baptist.

Sunday services—Bible school 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; brotherhood at 3; young people's meeting at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 and choir practice Thursday at 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian.

Special services Sunday, May 11, at Star Theatre, 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m., conducted by the pastor. Subject morning, "Keeping the Heart." Subject evening, "Esther and the King of Persia." There will be one or two special musical numbers. Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Church of the Brethren.

There will be no services Sunday, May 11, as announced before. Services will be held in the Methodist church, Sunday, May 18, at 3 p. m. Cordial invitation to all. Ira H. Fox, minister.

Catholic.

No services Sunday.

OCEAN DERELICTS.

Floating Perils That Drift With Winds and Currents.

A MENACE TO EVERY VESSEL.

These Vampires of the Sea, Some of Them Wholly Submerged, Are Dreaded by All Mariners—Methods of Locating and Destroying Them.

Today, according to Popular Electricity, there are about 2,000 derelicts in the waters of the world—floating perils that go where wind and currents bid them. Every sea is made hazardous by their presence. They have crashed into ocean liners and into junks of the China sea. To them all vessels are alike—something to be destroyed. They crash against them in the dead of night, when lanky blackness hides their coming. Wrecks themselves, they seem to strive to drag all others to their own fate.

No they go drifting on the seven seas. More particularly they seem to swarm eagerly in the gulf stream.

From Cape Hatteras reaching north to the Grand banks of Newfoundland is the "graveyard of the Atlantic." It is a rolling waste where many ships are buried. It is a place where derelicts borne by the sweep of the gulf stream and the counterstream of the Labrador current dart about like angry sharks, eager to fasten their maws on the hull of some ship.

In the hydrographic office at some seaport the wireless is sounding. A message is coming through the void. It is a message of peril coming from a steamship. It warns that a derelict has been sighted squarely in the path of ocean travel. For days the men at the station have been waiting for word of this derelict. Its position on the chart that all hydrographic offices keep has not moved for a week. They have lost track of it. Its driftings are as a mystery. The station men have been unable to wire back over the seas warning captains of its whereabouts. Any moment they may hear that it has attacked and wrecked.

But now the derelict has come into the light. The Baltic has sighted it and sent a warning humming over the seas. Now the men at the station are quick to act. At a word from their chief they relay the message to the commander of the revenue cutter Seneca, lying by. The Seneca has been waiting for this message—waiting for the derelict's whereabouts to be revealed. And now, knowing them, it gets up steam and sails forth, a purger of the seas, on destruction bent.

Of derelicts there are two kinds—those that float observed and those that float unobserved. Most people imagine that wrecked ships are ultimately driven ashore and that vessels reported sinking at the time of abandonment go down soon after. That is not true. Abandoned ships breed vampires of the deep. For months they float. Water-logged, half sunken, pitched and torn by storm, they yet somehow seem to survive. They will live in gales that send the sturdiest vessels to the bottom. Only time can destroy them—that is, unless electricity takes a hand. Too heavy to rise to the surface and yet not water soaked enough to sink to the bottom and remain there, they crawl along just under the riding swells. Their abiding place is nowhere. From the untraveled tracks of the seas they may be carried by a storm directly in the path of navigation. Whether they go no word goes before them. They descend unobserved, quietly, grimly. Not until they have struck is their presence known. Then they take their toll. They destroy a ship, and from it another of their kind is made. It is their way of multiplying and spreading the breed. That is why it is so important that they be destroyed.

But now the Seneca has steamed into the province of the derelict. High in the mast the lookout is casting his eyes on all sides. If he is not alert the derelict may attack those on board the Seneca. Self preservation is strong in a vampire.

But now the tip of a submerged mass rises above a distant swell. Caught in a sudden jolt of the sea, the derelict has revealed itself. From the lookout's nest the cry sounds. The speed of the Seneca is reduced. It moves slowly toward its quarry. And now the work of harnessing electricity for the destruction it must do begins. From the magazines are brought mines charged with sixty pound burdens of gun-cotton. From the storehouses are brought insulated electric cables and a hand magnet. A small boat is lowered, and the mines are taken on board. Then the boat rides over the sea toward the derelict, a risky ride if the swells are running high.

And the next comes the work of pinning the mines where they will create the greatest explosions. If the wreck is submerged the task is more difficult. More mines must be used. Exquisite care must be employed in their placing. Fluidly the explosive charges are connected by means of the insulated electric cables, and the wrecking party draws off to a safe distance. The man with the hand magnet provides the necessary current, the detonators of fulminate of mercury explode, the primers of dry gun-cotton are dealt a harsh blow, the explosion is sufficient to loosen all the heavy powers of the masses of wet gun-cotton, and then the derelict flies apart, its back broken, its sides flying through the air, a scraping and rattling of planks, the sodden splash as they hit the water again—the sound of a vampire dying.

TENNIS PLAYING BEGINS

New Court of Recently Organized Club Used First Time Saturday.

The new court of the Bend Tennis Club was christened Saturday morning when Prof. J. B. Shouse and Forest Supervisor M. L. Merritt began play shortly after sunrise. While a little rough yet, the court is a good one, surfaced with clay.

The membership of the club, which is limited to 20, was completed last Thursday evening by the

election of three members. There were applications from seven, but it was not possible to take them all in. The following is the club membership:

Clarence and Claude Maunheltgr, U. N. Hoffman, Donald C. May, L. C. Furst, J. Edward Larson, J. B. Shouse, M. L. Merritt, P. C. Garrison, G. P. Putnam, Louis Doonar, R. E. Koon, C. S. Hudson, Guy Mellegre, W. H. Coble, E. M. Lara, F. Ewing Martin, Ross Farnham, W. W. Faulkner, H. A. Miller, D. E. Hunter and J. P. Keyes are honorary members.

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