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NORTH CANAL OFFER—WEST PLAN

Governor Discusses Carey Act Results in Oregon and Outlines His Plan to Settle C. O. I. Difficulties—The Company's Offer to Land Board

The North Canal dam of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, built in the Deschutes river a mile below Bend, was completed in the fall of 1912, and the canal leading from it concrete lined for a mile. Since that time no further work has been done on this portion of the system, the company being without funds to complete the work.

In December, 1913, Fred S. Stanley, president of the company, addressed a letter to the Desert Land Board offering to turn over to the state for completion the North Canal unit in return for reimbursement for the amounts spent on it.

The proposition aroused the immediate interest of Governor West, who called meetings in Bend and Redmond on January 17 to propose a plan by which the offer might be availed of, and at these meetings received the approval of all interested.

Governor West has outlined the Carey act situation in Oregon in the following article written especially for The Bulletin and described anew his plan, while the salient features of the company's offer are shown in the extracts from Mr. Stanley's letter printed below.

PLAN PROPOSED TO FINANCE IRRIGATION WORK STATED BY GOVERNOR OSWALD WEST.

In 1894 Congress passed what is known as the Carey act, which granted one million acres of unappropriated government lands to each state in the arid region, on condition that the states would provide for its reclamation, and sell it in small tracts to actual settlers.

The means of reclamation adopted by several states was that of entering into contracts with private corporations. When a project is discovered by some promoter, a request is usually made by him for the withdrawal of the lands. Later contracts are entered into between the state, the federal government and the company offering to reclaim the lands. In order that the company may be reimbursed for the cost of reclaiming the lands, it is permitted to sell water rights at a price fixed by the state.

Oregon's Experience with Carey Act. The Carey act was passed by Congress in 1894. It was accepted by an act of our legislature in 1901. The first withdrawal was made in April, 1902. Since that time, or during a period of 14 years, temporary and permanent withdrawals aggregating 750,000 acres have been made. And while there are 385,000 acres still standing withdrawn, but two small concerns (Brownell Desert Reclamation Association and the Deschutes Reclamation and Irrigation Company) have fully completed their projects. The total acreage involved in the two completed projects is but 1520 acres. While, as has been shown, hundreds of thousands of acres are withdrawn from entry for the purpose of reclamation under the Carey act, practically all work is at a standstill and little or nothing is being done towards the ultimate reclamation of the lands.

How Shall the Lands be Reclaimed? Three avenues only appear to be open for the reclamation of the Carey act lands in the state: First—Through private corporations. Second—Through the state. Third—Through the federal government.

Experience has shown that as a rule reclamation through private corporations is a dismal failure, and such method should be abandoned. It has been demonstrated through the experience of the state in reclaiming the lands taken over from the defunct Columbia Southern Irrigation Company that the state can do far better work in less time and at less cost to the settler, than can a private corporation. If the state can successfully construct these irrigation projects, there is no reason why

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OFFER MADE LAND BOARD BY IRRIGATION COMPANY BY F. S. STANLEY.

We offer to turn over to the United States or the state of Oregon, or both, part of our project, some 24,000 irrigable acres, known as the North Canal system, which will cost only about \$24 per acre to reclaim and which can be cleanly cut away from the balance of our lands now being watered by our Central Oregon and Pilot Butte canals.

As you know, we have built a concrete dam, arch type, 33 feet high, in the Deschutes river, one mile north of the city of Bend, and about one and one-half miles of 1000 cubic second feet capacity canal running toward the east, for the purpose of reclaiming the 24,000 acres above mentioned, and also to increase the flow in our Pilot Butte and Central Oregon canals. The North Canal is partially concrete lined, and we will complete the lining as far as the intersection with the Pilot Butte canal, a distance of about one and one-half miles.

We have built the works and the first one and one-half miles of canal (when lining is completed) to carry 114 cubic second feet of water for our Central Oregon canal, and 307 for our Pilot Butte canal; also 579 cubic second feet to irrigate the 24,000 acres under the North Canal system.

We will relinquish our contract to the North Canal lands and turn over the North Canal and dam, and the deliveries mentioned above to be provided for in the construction of the extension of the system, for the sum of \$500,000. This is less than our cost of this part of the project, and we make this offer for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to pay our indebtedness on this work and to complete the work under our Central Oregon and Pilot Butte canals, so that we may turn them over to the settlers; and further to secure under the auspices of the state or United States, a more rapid settlement of the lands than we could accomplish.

The cost of completion, in accordance with the separate reports of Engineers C. M. Redfield and O. Laurgaard, is approximately \$450,000. We believe these estimates to be conservative, but should the cost of completion be \$500,000, the total cost would not exceed \$900,000, including the amount paid us for more than three-eighths of the work which we have completed. The reclamation of 24,000 acres would thus cost less than \$24 an acre.



NORTH CANAL DAM WHICH COMPANY ASKS STATE TO TAKE OVER, AND COMPLETE THE SYSTEM.

"NOT GUILTY" IS VERDICT IN BILLIARD-HALL CASES

Action Brought Under Direction of Law and Order League Fails—Big Crowds Attend Both Trials.

"Not guilty" was the verdict in both cases brought under the direction of the Law and Order League against the proprietors of local pool halls. That against Dennis Carmody was heard Friday, lasting all day, before a jury in Justice Eastes' court, and that against Joe Innes, J. D. Davidson and Ralph Bartlett of the Metropolitan, on Monday and Tuesday, this hearing lasting for two days.

These cases attracted more attention than any in a justice's court in Bend in a long time, the court room being crowded throughout each hearing. The audience included a good sprinkling of women.

The defense in each case demanded a jury trial and it required much time to get six men to sit who were acceptable to both sides. In the Carmody case the jurors were J. P. Johnson, Arthur Proctor, E. M. Thompson, Floyd Dement, Robert B. Gould and N. P. Smith. In the other, those chosen were Elmer and C. P. Niswonger, Elmer Ward, Claude Brown, Ed Brosthorous and R. H. Dejarmond. Attorneys for the prosecution were C. B. Benson and Ross Farham and for the defendants Vernon A. Forbes and H. H. De Armond.

MEETING LAST EVENING; REPRESENTATIVES NAMED

Bend Commercial Club Will Send Five Representatives to Irrigation Congress—United Action Craved.

At a spirited meeting held last evening in the new Deschutes bank building the different propositions to come before the Irrigation Congress on Friday and Saturday were discussed and delegates elected to represent the Commercial Club at the congress. Representatives of the Water Users' Association were present and a number from Laidlaw who came up with Mr. Laurgaard, who was leaving on the evening train.

All the speeches indicated the feeling that has slowly grown in the community that the congress furnished an immediate opportunity of action on behalf of the C. O. I. Co. settlers. The plan proposed by Governor West was again endorsed as being the best immediate solution of the difficulty and at the same time it was urged that the proposed amendment to the constitution should be given strong backing.

The delegates selected follow: V. A. Forbes, C. S. Hudson, Robert B. Gould, E. M. Lara and Clyde M. McKay. As alternates were chosen H. W. Skuse, J. P. Keyes, R. M. Smith, J. A. Eastes and Barney O'Donnell. H. C. Ellis and Messrs. Forbes and Gould were appointed a proxy committee to see to it that all

the associations entitled to representation from this section are represented.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Gould read a letter and telegram from Governor West urging united action at the congress and reporting a convention proposed by Secretary Lane to consider the plan of co-operation for the completion of all unfinished Carey act projects.

BIG DELEGATION IS GOING FROM DESCHUTES VALLEY

The largest delegation from the Deschutes Valley, perhaps, that has ever attended any meeting held elsewhere will be at the Oregon Irrigation Congress in Portland on Friday and Saturday, when the reclamation of lands in this part of the state will be discussed. The railroads are giving reduced rates, and tonight there will be a special car attached to the Oregon Trunk train to handle the delegates. The complete list so far as The Bulletin has been able to get information is as follows:

Bend Commercial Club—C. S. Hudson, Robert B. Gould, V. A. Forbes, E. M. Lara, C. M. McKay. C. O. I. Co. Water Users' Association—L. E. Smith, J. W. Brewer, P. H. Dencer, A. O. Walker and E. A. Griffin. Redmond Commercial Club—W. S. Rodman, J. W. Brewer, J. R. Roberts, J. W. Howard, William G. Phoenix. Prineville Commercial Club—D.

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FIRST REPORT ON TUMALO PROJECT

ENGINEER LAURGAARD COVERS ALL DETAILS

Document Submitted to Desert Land Board Today Covers 63 Typewritten Pages—Results Accomplished to Date Are Set Forth.

Salem, Feb. 10.—Plans and estimates for the Tumalo Project dam amounting to \$157,524 were approved by the Desert Land Board at a meeting last week.

The first annual report of the Tumalo Project, made by Olaf Laurgaard as project engineer, was filed with the Desert Land Board at its



OLAF LAURGAARD Chief Engineer, Tumalo Project

meeting today. It is a document of 63 typewritten pages and covers in detail not only the activities on the project during 1913 but also its past history, showing the events that led up to the state's finally taking over the project for completion, and offering suggestions for future work by the state in the reclamation field.

The report shows that a total of \$170,507.38 had been expended on the project up to January 1, 1914.

According to the report, the first attempt to reclaim the lands now included in the project was made by the Three Waters Irrigation Company, which during its time of activity in 1904-06 executed contracts covering 17,925 acres. Late in 1905 a shortage of water developed and the company conveyed its rights to the Columbia Southern Irrigation Co., which in turn conveyed to the Columbia Southern Irrigating Co. This company soon fell into difficulties and after various attempts at reorganization and to get other parties interested all the rights in connection with the project were conveyed on December 15, 1911, to the State of Oregon.

At that time the Desert Land Board lacked the necessary authority

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STATISTICS CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION PROJECT. Furnished by Desert Land Board.

	Central Oregon Canal Sys.			Pilot Butte Canal System			Total Segregation		
	Irrigable	Waste	Total	Irrigable	Waste	Total	Irrigable	Waste	Total
Miles, Canals and Laterals (approx).....			185			155			340
Miles main canals (approx).....			39			32			71
Acreage total.....			49,896			32,074			81,970
Acreage susceptible of irri.....	17,450	5,002	22,452			21,348			43,799
Acreage ree'd med (certified).....	35,573	6,753	42,326	18,913	8,196	27,109	44,486	14,949	59,435
Acreage deeded.....			14,658			3,486			18,144
Acreage patented.....									20,260
Total contracts sold.....									324
Contracts in force (approx).....									1,600
Number of deeds issued.....									6,850
Number of people on irri gated land (approx).....									10,000
Acreage in cultivation 1913 (approx).....									6,850

Amount Principal price of contracts in force together with one-fourth principal price of cancelled contracts (approx) \$1,060,000.00

NORTH CANAL.		Irrigable
Acreage under North Canal.....		21,888
Lands sold in Pilot Butte Segregation but under North Canal.....		1,032

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