

CALLS IRRIGATION MEETING

Subject to be Considered at Conference in Denver April 9.

Announcement has been made of a conference called by secretary of Interior Lane to consider the subject of irrigation in the arid west. The announcement in full is as follows: "Secretary of the Interior Lane has called a conference on the general subject of irrigation for the arid west to meet in Denver on the 9th of April and has requested the governors of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming to send to this conference those who are interested in the further extension of irrigation in the west. This conference will be devoted especially to consideration of methods of co-operation between states and federal government, building and managing of irrigation projects and in consideration of ways and means of financing such work.

"Secretary Lane will be represented by several members of his staff, including those most familiar with irrigation matters, and invitations have also been extended to the representatives of financial interests interested in the flotation of irrigation bonds and to the representatives of Carey act projects."

COST OF ARID LAND LAWS

Statement Shows Amounts of Appropriations Since 1901.

Urging his proposition for the curtailment of the expenses of the state in the administration of its arid land and water laws Governor West has sent out a statement of the cost of the administration of these laws since 1909 when the state accepted the provisions of the Carey act.

To make these figures available to any who are interested in this subject The Bulletin reprints a portion of the statement herewith:

Appropriation In 1909 the State passed a law accepting the provisions of the Carey Act, providing for the reclamation of our arid lands and placing its administration in the hands of the State Land Board. Being placed in the hands of the State Land Board, no appropriation was necessary.

1901-2 0
1903-4 0
Appropriation for Land Board for Carey Act Project 0
Office of State Engineer created, salary of \$2400 per annum.

1905-6. Salary and expenses ... \$ 10,000.00
Hydrographic maps 5,000.00
\$15,000.00

1907-8
Land Board for Carey act Project 0
State Engineer's Office: Salary and expenses... \$ 10,000.00
Hydrographic maps 5,000.00
\$15,000.00

1909.
Desert Land Board created to take over Carey act work.

1909-10.
State Water Board of control created to take over adjudication of water rights \$4,000.00
State Engineer's Office .. 20,000.00
State Engineer's salary raised to \$2,000 and certain fees collected to be paid into a survey fund and spent by him 25,000.00
Total \$49,000.00

1911-12.
Desert Land Board \$ 8,000.00
State Water Board 20,000.00
State Engineer: Standing appropriation 20,000.00
Special surveys 13,800.00
Topographic and Hydrographic maps 45,000.00
\$ 78,800.00
Total \$106,800.00

1913-14.
Desert Land Board \$ 10,000.00
State Water Board 40,000.00
State Engineer's office: Standing appropriation 20,000.00
Special surveys 13,800.00
Top. and Hyd. maps 45,000.00
Co-operative survey 15,000.00
Cello investigation 15,000.00
\$143,800.00
\$193,800.00

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
(Issued by Crook County Abstract Company.)

Bend Park Co., to Elizabeth Rasmussen its 25-24, blk. 105 1st Add Bend Park, \$290.
U. S. to Lemuel A. Brandenburg patent W 1/4 SW 22 NW NW 27 NE NE 28-16-12.
W. M. Wilson to L. A. Brandenburg easement d l ac in SW SW 21-16-12.
The Bend Co., to Mrs. Jennie Nixon it 9, blk. 18, Bend Park Add. Bend.
The Bend Co., to Jennie Nixon it 10, blk. 18, Park Add Bend.
La Pine Townsite Co., to La Pine Com. Club, it 6, blk 33 La Pine.
Estate of John W. White, to R. V. Poindexter SE NE, NE SE 33, SW NW NW SW 34-17-12, \$1000.
Newlon-Koller Co., to L. D. West it 16, blk. 5, its. 3-7-8, blk. 9, its. 6-7-8, blk. 10, its. 1-2, blk. 22, Wiestoria.
H. N. Laurie, to Rose B. Schlattman, it 2, blk. 21, Culver, \$180.
Nancy A. Hills to La Pine Townsite Co., NE SE 15-22-10.
Alfred A. Aya, to Frank W. Tomes it 32, blk 34, its. 21-22, blk 22, La Pine \$1000.
U. S. to Frank V. Swisher patent

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WAY PAVED FOR PROPER AUDIT
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Deputy Sheriff Van Allen before a body of taxpayers, I take it that the office is not going to comply with an order of the court for immediate action on said roll because he, Van Allen, claims the office is over-worked.

"I am writing you if this order is not obeyed action will be ordered for forfeiture of bond.

"Yours truly,
"G. SPRINGER,
Prineville, Feb. 18, 1914, Judge."
The expert, Mr. Van Allen said, had had the 1907 tax roll in his possession some 22 days and was apparently no nearer an end than ever.

"Now that this thing has started," he said, "I want a full and complete investigation but I want one made by a competent auditor who will know what he is doing."
The same position was taken by other officials and finally the attention of the meeting was called to section 10 of chapter 284 of the 1913 session laws, which reads as follows:

"From and after January 1, 1914, the state insurance commissioner shall at least once each year make a careful and accurate audit of the books and accounts of each institution or officer, expending state money, and of the books and accounts of each county of the state."
This section made it clear that an audit of the county books by the insurance commissioner was due to come and that money spent for any other examination was thrown away and resolutions were adopted calling on the county court to discharge Springer's "expert" at once and request the insurance commissioner to make the audit. Judge M. E. Brink was delegated to present the resolutions to the court, and all trooped up stairs to the court room.

What Happened in Court.
Here the fireworks began. Judge Brink told of the meeting that had just ended and read to the court

the resolutions that had been adopted, ending by asking that all who were in favor of the resolution to say "Aye." The chorus that came showed the feeling of the taxpayers present and showed Springer that he had finally run into a snag. He rose to reply, however, and tried to suggest that the resolutions were intended simply to end the inquiry into county affairs, paying no attention to the insurance commissioner end of them. He also made reference to the 1907 tax rolls and criticized Deputy Van Allen for a letter he had sent out to delinquents. Later the deputy vehemently answered that the letter referred to the matter of double assessments and demanded that the rolls be returned to him by Bell that he (Van Allen) might finish his work.

G. P. Putnam, answering the Judge's insinuation that the resolutions were intended to put an end to the audit of the county books, denied that those who were in favor of the resolution favored the stoppage of the investigation. They wanted the investigation carried on, he said, and all county offices examined by the insurance commissioner as provided by law.

Following this, Springer tried to belittle the affair by saying only a few had answered "Aye," whereupon Judge Brink called on his supporters to rise, and nearly everyone in the room got upon his feet. "That's quite a little handful, to be sure," said Judge Springer, "but as many last week voted to have the expert keep on."

"Who brought them here?" a voice called out, and then several voices cried, "You did."
Here Judge Brink again called attention to the words of the resolution urging that the insurance commissioner be asked to make the investigation and Ball be discharged forthwith, and while he was still talking Commissioner Bayley said: "I make that motion." Commissioner Brink said: "I second it," and the motion was passed with Judge Springer still clapping his air.

The Meeting Springer Packed.
Exactly how Springer packed the house at the previous meeting of the court, when his friends stood behind him in bluffing the commissioners into continuing the "expert", is shown by the following letter. It was sent out to scores of voters in the north end of the county.

Prineville, Ore., Feb. 3, 1914.

"Dear Sir:—
At the request of the County Judge the County Court employed an expert to go over the tax rolls."

"The Sheriff after office hours at night broke into the Circuit Judge's Office where the work was being done and stole away the rolls and refuses the expert the use of them except by piece meal, evidently endeavoring to prevent a thorough investigation."

"I telegraphed the fact to Circuit Judge Bradshaw and he says he is powerless to act in the matter. I called his attention to the fact that a very large sum, nearly \$7,000 of delinquent taxes were very suddenly handed in after this work began."

"I am calling the Commissioners together next Monday at 1 o'clock a. m. There will be a large number of

taxpayers to urge the Commissioners to stand by me and force an investigation.

"If you appreciate my efforts in behalf of honesty and economy, if you want to stop the graft, come in and tell your neighbors to do likewise."

"(Signed) G. SPRINGER."

Bend Delegation.

The Bend delegation in attendance at the court included H. C. Ellis, E. M. Thompson, Ralph Poindexter, T. H. Foley, W. W. Faulkner, C. S. Hudson, H. Ferrell, P. C. Garrison, C. M. McKay, R. W. Sawyer, V. A. Forbes, Frank May, C. I. Boxell, Charles Erickson and G. P. Putnam.

CREAMERY PLAN IS ADVANCING
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and announced that \$1000 had been subscribed toward the construction of the plant by business men of the town. In addition, he said, he had pledges from others that would bring the amount up to about \$1300. The agreement of the subscribers, as explained by J. P. Keyes, was to put up this money and take repayment from the farmers with interest at 6 per cent, whenever they were able to take the stock over.

In a general discussion following ways of insuring a constant supply of milk were considered and the state dairy laws as well as the possibilities of the adjacent country in the dairy-line, among the speakers being R. M. Smith, O. C. Cardwell, Dr. Ferrell and J. W. Brown.

It was finally decided that Dr. Dencer's suggestion of further investigation be adopted and the president authorized to appoint a committee of five for this purpose. Following the meeting the committee was appointed as follows:

P. H. Dencer, J. P. Keyes, P. A. Eastes, P. H. Pinkstaff and W. G. Waugh.

It was voted to hold the luncheons weekly.

Those in attendance on Saturday were H. Ferrell, F. O. Minor, John Reid, A. H. Horn, U. C. Cose, R. C. Colver, P. C. Garrison, E. M. Thompson, T. H. Foley, H. J. Overturf, Robert B. Gould, E. M. Lara, G. Ed Ross, J. A. Eastes, Hugh O'Kane, H. C. Ellis, P. H. Dencer, R. M. Smith, Cole E. Smith, Tom Merchant, J. P. Keyes, E. M. Foss, H. W. Akuse, Julius Kortman, H. E. Allen, C. L. Mansheimer, A. L. French, W. W. Faulkner, H. H. DeArmond, M. G. Danielson, O. C. Cardwell.

Dencer Urges Attendance.

The Bulletin has been asked by Dr. Dencer to urge especially good attendance by farmers at the next luncheon to be held Saturday at the Wright Hotel. A meeting of farmers is planned to follow the luncheon and a large attendance is desired.

It is possible that at the luncheon a representative of the dairy department at Corvallis will be present. A request has been sent to Corvallis for some one informed on the subject of organizing co-operative creameries and arrangements with farmers,

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