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UNAUTHORIZED SAYS COMPANY

MAKES SCAPEGOAT OF HOWARD

C. O. I. Co. In Letter to Desert Land Board Finally Makes Its Position Clear on Matter of Audit—Had Waited for Board.

The Central Oregon Irrigation Co. has at last made its position clear on the subject of the audit of its books, and its interpretation of the Howard offer to permit the audit is announced. The announcement is made in a letter to the Desert Land Board under date of November 23.

As a reading of the letter indicates, the company has up to this time refrained from making its position clear because it has had no official communication dealing with the audit requested by the Water Users' Association. To those interested on behalf of the water users this idea seems somewhat amusing. If the company, they point out, had the slightest consideration for the settlers it would have long ago taken notice of the situation and stated its intentions. That it waited until the Desert Land Board happened to address it a letter on the subject and only then stated its views of the Howard offer is a step regarded with little approval by settlers.

Another aspect of the situation developed by the company letter is its willingness to leave its manager to be the scape goat when the company gets into hot water. In the present instance the water was heated by the manager and in a way, it is pointed out, the whole trouble rests on his shoulders. What the company says now shows that it is perfectly willing to leave it there.

The company's letter follows: Portland, Ore., Nov. 23, 1914. "Desert Land Board, Salem, Oregon.

"Gentlemen:—We are in receipt of the communication of your secretary enclosing copy of the following—namely, letter of Vernon A. Forbes, dated August 20th; Resolution of your Board, dated August 21th, and your letter to Mr. Ferguson of August 27, all relating to an audit of the books of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. "This is the first communication we have received from your board in reference to the matter, otherwise we would have made our position clear earlier.

"No offer has been made by this company, or by anybody with authority to permit an audit of the books for the information or benefit of the Water Users' Association. The directors of this company have been informed that a meeting of the Water Users' Association was held at Bend last summer for the avowed purpose of authorizing an application to the courts for the appointment of a receiver of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company. That Mr. Howard, the General Manager of this company, was present at such meeting, and during the discussion stated that the expense of operation and maintenance of the irrigation system was more than the maintenance fees collected by the company, and that he would show the truth of his state-

ment from the books to anybody who would come to Deschutes where the records are kept. This statement of Mr. Howard may have been construed into the offer stated by Mr. Forbes, upon which your Board acted; but even if Mr. Howard had made the offer stated, which he did not, he would have exceeded his authority, and such an offer would not have been ratified by the directors of this company, who do not feel inclined to afford assistance to any person or association avowedly hostile to that a peg may be found on which to hang a lawsuit against this corporation. It is useless to attempt to convince a man against his will and prejudice; therefore, we prefer to leave the Water Users' Association to take such action as they deem advisable—and we trust that you will see the reason and propriety of our refusal to permit our books and the various transactions shown thereby to become a matter of public discussion, and accessible to persons avowedly hostile to the company.

Yours respectfully,
JESSE STEARNS, Secretary."

GOOSE SHOOTING IS GOOD THIS YEAR AROUND BEND

Time Geese Stray to River and Hunter Bags Them Just as the Owner Comes Along.

Goose shooting is good this year. Oh, very good. Especially on the river close to town. If you don't believe it, ask Rene West. And if you're not inclined to take his word, ask Nig Pringle.

Anyway, Rene shot six big geese on the river right beside the mill last week. Some folks say he was only a few yards from them at the time of the massacre, but the fact remains that he bagged 'em.

The story commenced at Silver Lake. Last spring a friend of Pringle's down there secured a bunch of eggs from a goose nest and hatched them under a hen. About Thanksgiving time they were brought up to Pringle by a freighter—nice fat tame wild geese, with their wings clipped. Nig kept them in his yard, which has a wire fence about it and a gate. But the other day he forgot to close the gate. So the geese departed and went swimming. For their clipped wings prevented flying. Then Rene saw the strays and decided a miracle had happened. But just after the execution was over Pringle happened along, and it is understood that he managed to get most of the geese back, dead.

WEST HERE SATURDAY

Governor Will Speak at Laidlaw in Afternoon and Here at Night.

(Special to The Bulletin.) SALEM, Dec. 2.—Governor Oswald West will reach Bend Saturday morning and will devote the day to inspecting the Tumalo Project, in company with Project Engineer Laurgaard. The first water will be let into the big reservoir then.

In the afternoon he will talk to the people of Laidlaw, and in the evening will attend a meeting at Bend.

The Bend meeting Saturday night will be held early, probably at seven o'clock, in the Commercial Club room. It is understood the Governor will leave on the night train.

MILL MACHINERY DAMAGED.

The saw mill machinery belonging to F. E. Dayton of Laidlaw and stored near Sisters was damaged by fire last Wednesday. The cause of the fire is not known nor the amount of the loss.

UNITED EFFORT IS AGREED UPON

REDMOND AND BEND CLUBS MEET

Join in Resolutions Urging Allotment of \$450,000 to a Crook County Irrigation Project—Decision As to Which One Left To Service.

United effort toward getting the appropriation of \$450,000 definitely allotted to a Crook county irrigation project was agreed upon at a joint meeting of the Bend and Redmond Commercial Clubs in Bend Monday night. The decision as to which project, the North Canal or the West Unit, should receive the fund, was left to the United States Reclamation Service.

Several weeks ago when it was believed the existing situation as to the money made immediate action necessary, telegrams were sent from Bend to members of the Congressional delegation urging that the money be allotted to the West Unit. Then the Central Oregon Irrigation Company came forward with a new offer of the North Canal and a strong campaign in its behalf was begun.

As a result people in touch with the conditions in the Interior Department feared that if the Oregon communities interested began cross hauling for the two projects the Department would withhold the money altogether and that neither one would be constructed. They therefore advised that all efforts be put on getting the money definitely allocated.

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ROGERS SAYS BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD FOR LUMBER

Minneapolis Timberman Predicts a Wave of American Prosperity Through European War.

"We have seen the worst of the lumber industry. Henceforth there will be improvement."

So said A. R. Rogers, of Minneapolis, this morning. Beside being one of the best known figures in the national lumber world, Mr. Rogers has the distinction of being reckoned "Crook County's biggest tax payer," its timber holdings here totalling about 60,000 acres.

"Everywhere there are signs of improvement in business," said Mr. Rogers. "The Great War means much to us of America. It will give our commercial life a remarkable stimulus, or at least temporarily. Whether or not we continue to prosper depends upon ourselves. And I think that with the unprecedented wave of economy, in private and business life, evidenced everywhere, we will come out in remarkably strong shape. This economy, coupled with great money-making possibilities while the war lasts and immediately after, will place us in a commanding position in world's finances."

Mr. Rogers arrived Monday and leaves tonight. Much of his visit was devoted to trips in the woods with his local representative, Paul Garrison.

NEW STRINGS ON THAT \$450,000

LANE WANTS MORE FROM STATE

Secretary Takes Stand That Legislature Must Contribute Further—Oregon Men Say Our Obligations Have Already Been Fulfilled.

PORTLAND, Dec. 2.—According to official announcement from Washington, Secretary of the Interior Lane has now taken the stand that the \$450,000 set aside by the Department for irrigation work in Central Oregon will not be available until Oregon contributes another \$450,000 by legislative appropriation.

In other words, Lane now says, "in effect, that the dollar-for-dollar basis upon which the Federal Government offered the money was not sufficient," as stated by the Tumalo appropriation. However, this stand is reckoned grossly unfair by all familiar with the situation, it being maintained that the state fulfilled its part of the bargain in making the Tumalo appropriation.

Strenuous efforts will be made by Oregon commercial bodies, prominent individuals and the state's representatives at Washington to get the matter adjusted and bring the money here, as originally pledged.

Teal Gives Opinion.

Statements giving Oregon's side of the question as they appeared yesterday's Oregonian, follow:

"As I understand the situation, Oregon has fulfilled her obligation already by appropriating \$450,000 to finance the Tumalo irrigation project," said J. N. Teal, chairman of the Oregon Conservation Congress, yesterday. "The Department of the Interior set apart \$450,000 for cooperative work then contemplated in Oregon. This was done in March, 1913, and my understanding is that this was meant to match the \$450,000 appropriated by the state, just as the Government appropriated \$50,000 and the state \$50,000 to survey the Deschutes territory relative to a prospective improvement."

"The whole thing is a nutshell is that the Department at Washington is pretty hard up and wants to get out of this obligation by contending that Oregon must donate another \$450,000 if she is to get the benefit of the \$450,000 already set aside by the Government for expenditure in Oregon," said C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Oregon Development League.

"Promised," Says Chapman.

"The whole thing may be summed up in a letter written by Director Newell in March, 1913, and approved by Secretary Lane in June, 1913. These recommendations, copies of which we have in Portland, clearly show that the \$450,000 is already due Oregon. When Secretary Lane was in Oregon in August, 1913, he told the people of the Deschutes country that the \$450,000 was to be spent in Oregon by the Government. Now to say that Oregon must put up another \$450,000 before the Government money is available is ridiculous."

"So long as we talk about the possibility of getting a \$450,000 appropriation through the coming Oregon Legislature we will lose out, for we

all know that such a thing would be impossible at this time when everyone is crying economy. The promise has been made to us and it is up to us to see that it is fulfilled."

DELINQUENT TAXES.

Advertisement of delinquent taxes for the year 1910 has been begun in the Crook County Journal. A full page of the issue of November 26 is devoted to publication of the summons in the proceedings against delinquents.

RELIGION IN OKLAHOMA PROFITS MAN IN BEND

Man Who Stole N. E. Gilbert's Horse in 1902 Repents and Will Now Pay for the Nag.

Because a man in Oklahoma "got religion," N. E. Gilbert of Bend is ahead of the game \$100. That is, he expects to be. The religious Oklahoman is an ex-horse thief, who now repents and wants to pay Gilbert for the nag he annexed 12 years ago.

In the summer of 1902 Mr. Gilbert lived at Snyder, Oklahoma, where he owned a number of fine horses. One of them was stolen, and Gilbert never secured any trace of either horse or thief. Yesterday he received a letter from B. Bryan, of Snyder, in which said William Bryan informs Gilbert that the ex-thief, who is a friend of his, has joined the church and repented of his past sins. More important, he wants to square himself with the world, and offers to pay Gilbert for the horse. So Gilbert wrote at once that he will be glad to accept \$100, call the account square, and ask no questions.

Bryan said the man with the horse has been trying to locate Gilbert for a couple of years, and only recently discovered he lived in Bend when H. G. Rainey of Bend visited Snyder.

WEST APPROVES APPOINTMENT

Present Governor Says Familiarity With Irrigation Will Assist

(From Portland Telegram.) SALEM, Nov. 28.—Governor West today gave out the following statement commending Dr. Withycombe's selection of George Palmer Putnam of Bend as the governor-elect's private secretary:

"Mr. Putnam will make Governor-elect Withycombe a splendid secretary. His services will be particularly helpful to the governor because of his familiarity with irrigation matters in Central Oregon. The state has a number of difficult irrigation problems to solve and much of the work will fall to the governor's office."

"During the past two years the old Columbia Southern project has been placed completely upon its feet, and some disposition of the affairs of other concerns will have to be made during the next few years. Being in touch with actual conditions, Mr. Putnam should be of the greatest help to the governor in outlining a plan for bringing about the completion of these projects. Through his paper, and otherwise, he has given us his help in making the Tumalo venture a success."

"Mr. Putnam, realizing the fact that it is futile to look to the promoters of our Carey act projects for a completion of their work, is favorable to the policy of state and federal aid. The governor-elect is to be congratulated upon his good fortune in selecting one who is in so close touch with this great construction problem and who can be of such great assistance in bringing about its solution."

BEND MAN GETS IMPORTANT JOB

CENTRAL OREGON IS HONORED

George Palmer Putnam Appointed by Dr. Withycombe for Private Secretary—New Executive Says Efficiency Will Be His Guide.

(From Portland Oregonian.)

George Palmer Putnam of Bend, yesterday was named by Governor-elect Withycombe to be his private secretary. Announcement of the selection was made by Dr. Withycombe yesterday (last Friday) in Portland and at the same time the selection was made public of Miss Esther K. Carson, of Salem, as assistant secretary.

Mr. Putnam is editor and owner of The Bend Bulletin, and correspondent of The Oregonian at Bend, and his name is familiar to readers of The Oregonian, in which his signed articles have appeared for a number of years. Miss Carson is the daughter of John A. Carson, of Salem, and a senior in the law school of Willamette University.

Mr. Putnam's selection as private secretary was made from a field of more than 20 applicants. Dr. Withycombe had the matter under consideration for several weeks and arrived at his decision yesterday, after a thorough canvass of the available material.

Appointment is important. "In many respects," said Dr. Withycombe, in announcing his choice, "the appointment was one of the most important at my disposal. It is not the most important. I looked into the qualifications and desirability of each of the candidates, and while many of them were acceptable, but I reached the conclusion that Mr. Putnam was perhaps the best equipped from every point of view for the place. I have known him for several years and feel certain that he will measure up to the requirements fully."

As to the selection of other members of his official family, Dr. Withycombe said no announcement would be made at this time.

"It will be time enough to consider appointments aside from my personal staff after I have taken the oath of office and gotten the situation in state affairs firmly in hand," he said. "In the meantime, I believe I have matters of importance to occupy my time and attention. When I arrive at the point of making my selections, however, I shall be guided wholly by efficiency. I want the best available man for every place. No other course would be fair to the people of Oregon, who have placed in my hands a tremendous responsibility, to which I aim to measure up."

Mr. Putnam will report to the governor-elect at Salem December 2, and the remainder of the month will be devoted to familiarizing himself with the duties of his new position and assisting Dr. Withycombe in various work. He will be back in Bend over the holidays.

GUN CLUB NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Rod and Gun Club Friday evening at 8 o'clock at J. N. Hunter's office. All members are urged to attend.

Little Talks on Banking

Letters of Credit

Letters of credit are generally used by travelers. They obviate the risk of carrying large sums of money, as holders of such letters have no difficulty in obtaining cash in places where they are total strangers. Banks will always cash letters of credit if they are in order.

The person desiring a letter of credit deposits the sum for which he wishes the letter drawn with the bank. The letter then issued contains a request that the bank where it is presented will pay to the person or his order any amount desired but not to exceed the amount for which the letter is drawn. It also requests that the paying bank enter whatever amounts are drawn in the proper spaces provided in the letter.

As a means of identifying the holder of the letter the bank who draws it has the holder write his signature on the face of the letter. The paying bank requires a duplicate of this signature when an amount is drawn, for comparison with the original signature. Sometimes the letter contains a description of the individual.

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On Nov. 16th, 1914, the Reserve Banks in twelve of the principal cities of the U. S. opened for business. This law means there will never be any more panics in the United States. Every Member Bank can at any time convert its notes into exchange or actual currency. The power of the Federal Reserve Banks to issue currency is almost unlimited; this currency is now printed and may be obtained at any time by Member Banks.

The First National Bank of Bend is member of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, California, and is entitled to the full benefit of this new law.

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