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IRRIGATION IS TOUCHED UPON

WITHYCOMBE'S MESSAGE OF INTEREST

Urges the Policy of Safeguarding the Rights of the Man on the Land—Recommends Appropriation to Combat Rabbit Pest in State.

SALEM, Jan. 12.—In Governor Withycombe's message delivered here today, the following paragraphs are of special interest to Central Oregonians:

"Irrigation is a matter of vital importance to large areas of Oregon. The extent of its beneficial possibilities is hardly beginning to be realized, while at the same time its problems are becoming better understood. With the experience of the past to draw upon, and by following a policy of careful development with strict safeguarding of the rights of the man on the land—until recently considered too little—there is every reason to hope for the establishment of an irrigation situation reasonably satisfactory to settler and investor.

"Under the supervision of the Desert Land Board, Oregon has just completed, with considerable credit, the first irrigation project ever built by a State. It is now for you to provide legislation governing the maintenance of that project. I earnestly hope that the rules devised will insure business methods, and to me it seems desirable that so far as feasible the affairs of the project be left in the settlers' hands rather than have them become a minor detail of some governmental department. I further suggest that the funds received by the State from the sale of Tumalo lands be segregated in a revolving fund, to be utilized at some future time for further irrigation aid, under State supervision; interest at all times, however, to be paid the State for the \$450,000 originally advanced.

"In many of our eastern counties, agricultural development is being seriously threatened by a growing pest of rabbits. To those affected, this is a matter of great importance and it deserves serious consideration. I would recommend that a small appropriation be provided for devising ways and means of scientifically combating the rabbit pest.

"The feature of the prison policy of the past which probably has most concerned the general public has been the tendency toward exaggerated leniency. I desire at this time to state emphatically that it will be the policy of the Governor henceforth to entertain all due respect for judicial decisions, and where Judge and Jury have passed upon a case and sentence has been pronounced, only under the most exceptional circumstances will I feel warranted in setting aside or seriously modifying such sentences. The establishment of the death penalty coupled with a growing disposition to regard lightly the binding nature of judicial sentences, instills in me with the belief that a more sparing use of the pardoning power will have a salutary effect upon the crim-

inal element, and is demanded in justice to the community at large."

HIGH LIGHTS IN FIRST MESSAGE OF OREGON'S NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To prove worthy of the confidence reposed in me is my sole desire. Let the record of this session be one of forward-looking legislation.

A short, sane session, with a few good laws, at this time infinitely preferable to a lengthy assembly, replete with drastic changes and burdened with many enactments carelessly devised.

The principle upon which we should set when State money is concerned is the same as if that money were our own; we should insist upon receiving one hundred cents of value for every dollar expended.

I deem it wise to express the opinion that Oregon's legislation in the future should be guided by the general rule that centralization is desirable in the administration of State government.

It becomes your duty to provide laws that will effectively prohibit the sale and barter of intoxicants. These enactments must neither be so drastic as to be non-enforceable, nor so lax as to be ineffective.

Therefore, you are earnestly urged to provide the Governor with the means of properly enforcing the prohibition laws.

It is generally conceded that agriculture is our basic industry and if we are to realize a truly Greater Oregon we must lay the foundation by means of constructive legislation for the agricultural development.

SHEVLINS BUY INTEREST IN DESCHUTES LUMBER CO.

Transaction of Considerable Interest Locally is Reported Closed in Minneapolis—Was Cruised Recently

One of the biggest timber deals ever known in this section has just been closed in Minneapolis, according to messages received here yesterday. By its holdings of the Deschutes Lumber Company are transferred to a group of capitalists understood to be headed by the Shevlin timber interests.

Through the timber blocking which was flashed last spring the holdings of the company were collected in a compact body and soon it became known that the Weyerhaeusers were considering the purchase of the timber lands. Surveyors representing both parties spent many weeks in cruising the lands and estimating the amount of timber and at one time one of the Weyerhaeusers, representing the prospective purchasers, and the Prince Brothers of St Paul and Minneapolis, representing the owners, visited here. Although this deal finally fell through it is understood that it had more or less to do with the sale that is now reported in providing accurate estimates of the timber and in other ways.

The chief owners of the Deschutes Lumber Co., are the S. S. Johnson estate of San Francisco, F. M. Prince of Minneapolis, and George H. Prince of St. Paul. John E. Ryan of Bend is associated with them. Mr. Ryan went east a few weeks ago in connection with the sale which is now reported closed.

It is not known just what rearrangement of ownership is involved in the present transaction beyond the fact that the Shevlins enter the company. It is believed, however, that the Johnson interest is sold and possibly that of the Princes. No information as to the plans of the new owners is yet available.

WITHYCOMBE IS NOW GOVERNOR

New Executive Inaugurated Yesterday With Simple and Impressive Ceremonies—Ambition is Satisfied and Now Wishes Only to Make Good

SALEM, Jan. 12.—James Withycombe, of Corvallis, was this afternoon inaugurated Governor of Oregon. The ceremonies attending his official occupation of the Governor's chair were simple and impressive.

"To become Governor has been my ambition; that ambition is now gratified, and I am satisfied. My only desire is to do justice to the honor of the people of the State have conferred upon me, and to give a just and business-like administration."

In approximately those words Governor Withycombe more than once outlined his position; he enters his new office with no other motives than his wish to make good.



JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

After the organizations of the House and the Senate had been perfected, a joint session was held in the House of Representatives. Early this afternoon, with the Supreme Court in attendance, and the room crowded to capacity by the members of the two houses, their friends, and a large audience, Dr. Withycombe was administered the oath of office by Justice Frank A. Moore. Thereafter Governor Withycombe read his inaugural address.

In the past, the outgoing Governor has read his farewell message, as well as the new executive his inaugural address, on this occasion; but today Governor West dispensed with this privilege, his message being presented to the members in printed form.

Message is brief. A feature of Governor Withycombe's message was its extreme brevity, the whole document including little more than 5,000 words, it being approximately half the length of the shortest message ever before presented. In this connection, it was pointed out that the conciseness of his message coincides with Governor Withycombe's wish for simplicity and business-like procedure.

After thanking the people of Oregon, through their representatives, for their support at the polls and acknowledging the responsibilities as well as the honor conferred upon him, Doctor Withycombe launched into the body of his message, which, in essence, was as follows: He urged that legislation be for-

ward looking, and recommended the desirability of a few carefully considered laws, rather than many at this time.

In alluding to the fact that he would have at this session no "pet measures," he allowed it to be understood that the new administration would in no wise attempt to unduly dictate to the Legislature, while, at the same time, it would retain its prerogative as a balancing power. He urged that important legislation be not postponed until late in the session, and pointed out the dangers of the Oregon tendency toward decentralization in overment, recommending that hereafter centralization should be the watchword.

For County Economy. With the exception of the state educational institutions, he expressed his disapproval of annual, or continuing, appropriations, and suggested that state receipts, instead of being segregated under special funds, should be placed in a general fund to save interest charges.

Under the head of economy, which was a dominant note of the message, the Governor called attention to the wide field for economy legislation in county administration, showing that three dollars of the taxpayer's money goes to the county for every one which is expended by the State. He also made allusion to the possibility for economy in the conduct of the Legislature itself.

Next, he took up prohibition, dwelling on the importance of enforcing prohibition laws which "must neither be so drastic as to be non-enforceable nor so lax as to be ineffective."

He suggested the advisability of referring to the people a constitutional amendment which would give the Governor power, as in New York, to remove delinquent officers. The tenor of this paragraph indicated that it will be the Executive's plan to insure the strictest enforcement of the anti-liquor amendment.

Suggests Consolidations. "With the end in view of economy and higher efficiency, the following changes" were recommended in state departments: Abolishment of the State Tax Commission, and transferring the work to the Railroad Commission; one commissioner instead of three in the State Industrial Accident Commission and placing the work of the Bureau of Labor and the Industrial Welfare Commission in the Accident Commission Department, the labor commissioner to remain the head of his department; merging the duties of the State Sealer of Weights and Measures with those of the State Dairy and Food Commissioner; the consolidation of the State University and city medical laboratories in Portland; dispensing with the State Architect at Salem and giving the work to the State University Architectural Department; placing the office of State Bank Examiner under the jurisdiction of the State Treasurer; merging the offices of State Engineer and State Highway Engineer under the former, with an unsalaried board on road matters.

While mentioning "the need for reform is especially apparent," in the instances cited Governor Withycombe suggested that the complicated subject demand further investigation, and that a committee for such investigation be appointed.

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HOMESTEADERS ORGANIZE

Settlers in the Millican Valley Plan Development Organization.

The homesteaders in the Millican valley met yesterday afternoon at P. B. Johnson's store to form a commercial and development organization for the promotion of the interests of the valley. Temporary organization was perfected yesterday. On January 23, in the afternoon, a meeting to complete the organization will be held at the Haselwood ranch.

At yesterday's meeting P. B. Johnson was appointed temporary chairman and two committees were selected to consult with the Bend Commercial Club on the subject of roads and dry land farming as follows: roads, Vernon Clevenger, Lloyd Owens and Wm. Spencer and dry farm, P. B. Johnson, A. D. Horton and George Roberts.

TAX ROLLS EXTENDED

Assessor Foster Probably First in the State to Finish Work.

County Assessor H. A. Foster is coming in for considerable well-deserved praise just now for the manner in which he has completed the work of extending the 1914 tax rolls and getting them into the hands of the county treasurer for collection. Less than three weeks after the date fixed for determining the county levy he had the books in Treasurer Jordan's office. It is believed that he was the first assessor in the state to complete this work.

The total amount of taxable property is placed at \$11,565,627. Taxes to be collected total \$365,254. Of this amount the different funds are as follows: General fund \$272,157.50 Special school 70,271.21 City taxes for all towns 19,288.42 Madras high school 2,942.90 Fire patrol 594.74 Detailed figures are printed elsewhere in this paper.

BEND AT SALEM.

SALEM, Jan. 11.—Bend and Crook county are well represented at the Twenty Eighth Legislature. Vernon A. Forbes as usual is prominent in the House of Representatives, Chas. Erskine, in the face of hard competition, won the race for calendar clerk in the House, and G. P. Putnam is in the Governor's office. W. Lair Thompson of this district has been chosen president of the Senate, a conspicuous honor for a resident of an east-of-the-mountains county.

POWELL BUTTE ROAD.

George S. Young and Frank May yesterday explored on horseback the country east of town through which it is expected to run the new Powell Butte road on which a committee of the Commercial Club is now working. According to Mr. May, they have found a line on which a road can be built at comparatively little expense which will serve the whole territory very satisfactorily. Many of the farmers in the neighborhood will help in the work.

LAFOLLETTE TAKES CHARGE.

The first number of the Crook County Journal under the editorship of Guy Lafollette appeared on Thursday. Mr. Lafollette, in an editorial statement, says that in assuming the ownership and publication of the Journal he is realizing an ambition that he has carried for years—that of the publication of a good country paper in a good town. The prime object of the Journal is stated to be "to advocate and stand for the best interests of Prineville and Crook county and the irrigation and development of all parts of interior Oregon."

OVERTURF MADE COMMISSIONER

BEND GETS PLACE ON COUNTY COURT

Commissioner Brown's Seat Declared Vacant on Formation of Jefferson County and New Appointment is Made—Officials Visit Bend.

H. J. Overturf of Bend was named county commissioner by the county court on Thursday to fill the unexpired term of Willis W. Brown. Mr. Overturf qualified and took his seat with the Court on Monday.

The county court met for its first session of the year in Prineville on Wednesday. Commissioner-elect Blanchard took his seat at once and the question then arose as to Commissioner Brown's position on the court. As was expected he was absent from the meeting because, it was assumed, of the recent death of his son. There was no message from his son as to his resignation.

After considering the situation it is understood that the court was advised that on the formation of Jefferson county Mr. Brown's office was vacant automatically because of his residence in the new county and that a new commissioner should be appointed living in Crook county. Mr. Overturf's appointment followed on Thursday and he was requested to appear in Prineville on Monday to take his seat.

Mr. Overturf has lived in Bend for nearly ten years and has been connected at different times with many of the important interests of the town. At the present time he is associated with the Miller Lumber Co. He is also clerk of the school board in District 12.

Mr. Overturf is one of the youngest men to serve on the county court of Crook county. In the recent county division campaign he was active on the side of the divisionists and at a mass meeting at Sisters was spoken of by an opponent as a bearless school boy.

On Saturday Judge Springer, Commissioner Blanchard and other county officials paid a visit to Bend to be taken about by the new commissioner and to learn the needs of the section.

BANK INCREASES SURPLUS.


The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank was held yesterday and the officers and directors re-elected for the coming year. The bank's surplus fund was increased from \$12,000 to \$25,000, making the surplus the same as the capital and being the third increase in surplus announced by the institution in slightly over a year, all accumulated in addition to dividends which have been paid. According to C. S. Hudson, cashier of the bank, it has had a prosperous year as usual.

COUNTY WARRANTS CALLED.

County Treasurer Jordan has given notice of the calling of all general fund warrants up to and including registered number 518 and road fund warrants up to registered number 13. Interest stops January 14.

SMALL ACCOUNTS SOLICITED

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- Paints or Oils,
- Doors or Windows,
- Pumps and Pipe,
- Engines and Windmills,
- Light and Heavy Hardware
- Auto Supplies and Sporting Goods,
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C. S. HUDSON, Cashier
Capital fully paid - - - \$25,000
Surplus - - - - - \$25,000

WAR TAX

The public's attention is respectfully directed to the following important provisions of the new War Revenue Bill, effective December 1, 1914.

NOTES—Notes must bear stamps when not exceeding \$100.00, two cents; for each additional \$100.00 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$100.00, two cents.

DEEDS—When the consideration or value of the interest or property conveyed, exclusive of the value of any lien or encumbrance thereon, exceeds \$100.00 and does not exceed \$500.00, 50 cents; and for each additional \$500.00 or fractional part thereof in excess of \$500.00, 50 cents.

MORTGAGES—Mortgages given to secure the payment of promissory notes are exempt, but the notes which such mortgages secure must bear the required amount of stamps.

CHECKS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX—For our own use and the accommodation of the Public we have secured a supply of documentary stamps. Copy of laws may be inspected at our banking room.

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