

NO STATE AID TO IRRIGATION

MEASURE WILL NOW BE ABANDONED

House says Support Falls to "Come From Quarters That Had Been Counted on For Assistance"—Proposed Law Found Faulty.

The Government.

Congress voters will not have the opportunity next September of passing as a proposed constitutional amendment providing for state aid to irrigation and drainage projects.

J. W. Rowan, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress which initiated the movement for the proposed amendments, said yesterday that the plan will be dropped for the present, owing to the lack of support from some quarters that had been counted on for assistance.

The educational campaign in the direction of state aid will be continued, however, and it is probable that the amendments will be introduced at the general election two years hence.

At its session last December the irrigation congress authorized a conference to draft amendments providing for state aid to irrigation and drainage projects and for a system of rural credits for the state.

This conference met at Salem on March 5. It was composed of 24 delegates representing 26 different organizations.

County Guaranty Proposed. The conference committee on rural credits was composed of C. E. Spence, member of the State Senate; J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers Union and T. H. Hayward, president of the Oregon Federation of Labor. They have completed their labors and the petitions for a rural credits measure are now being circulated.

The committee on irrigation-drainage, composed of J. B. Kerr, C. C. Chapman and A. B. Thompson, has made its report. Two amendments are proposed, the first providing for the state purchase of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness issued by irrigation or drainage districts vested with the power of taxation, provided the interest on such bonds or evidences of indebtedness shall first have been guaranteed by some county or counties. The second amendment authorizes counties to guarantee the interest on such bonds or evidences of indebtedness, the annual liability not to exceed 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the county.

Valuations are Too Low. "The plan looks good on paper, but will not work out in practice," said President Rowan yesterday. "A study of the assessed valuation of those counties in which lie the large bodies of bend-irrigated land and the cost of construction of the proposed projects, shows conclusively that the plan outlined will not prove satisfactory." Figures from six of the Eastern Oregon counties show that only one of the authors has sufficient assessed valuation to guarantee the interest at 2 per cent on the projects now proposed.

"If these counties had sufficient assessed valuation to guarantee the interest on bonds as outlined in the amendment proposed, there would be no need for a state guarantee, as bonds would sell readily and at reasonable rates with the county back of them."

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