

DISTRICT LAW IS EXPLAINED AT MEETING OF WATER USERS

Claude McColloch Shows Possibility of Collective Financing When Settlers on C. O. I. Segregation Assume Control in June.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Nearly 150 members of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company Water Users Association, with others interested, gathered this afternoon in Sather's hall to hear Claude McColloch, of Portland, explain the possibilities of the irrigation district law as applied to the Central Oregon segregation. Eighty-two invaded Bend this morning in a special train, 52 coming from Redmond and the remainder from Terrebonne.

Mr. McColloch's address was devoted chiefly to a contrast between the district system and the association plan now in use. "In June of the present year the control of the segregation will pass from the company to the settlers and the company," he said. "This will necessitate a decision on your part whether or not the district plan will best serve your needs."

System in Bad Shape.
"Many are deceived by the name 'irrigation district.' It is merely a method of procedure. There have been as many failures under this as under the Carey act plan. The question is, will the district plan meet your case?"

"You will assume the responsibility in June. You will no longer be able to criticize without criticizing yourselves. Can you run things better than the C. O. I? The system is in bad shape now, and big improvements will be needed, and needed soon. I have asked whether three districts should not be formed, one for each of the units of the project. This does not effect our discussion, but personally I am of the opinion that three would be worse than one."

Repairs Needed.
Mr. McColloch outlined the local situation, showing the advantages of the district plan, and mentioning

that a \$50,000 flume would soon have to be replaced, failure to do so inviting a \$100,000 crop loss. "Where will you get the cash?" was his query.

"In attempting to borrow money, all you can give is your personal notes and those are valueless unless the loan is floated locally. This would be extremely difficult. Mortgages on the land are also an obstacle. You can't handle the problem as a water users' association, but as a district, you will have the opportunity for organized collective financing. This will allow you lower interest and longer terms. Ten years of labor are at stake. You must erase the past, and look to the future. A child has been left on your doorstep, and it's up to you to take care of it, and at the same time take care of yourselves.

Possibilities Larger.
"Possibilities for the future are the buying out of the company holdings, and the reconstruction of the canal in the north unit."

Mr. McColloch was present this morning at an informal meeting of water users in Redmond, and this evening will address a gathering similar to the one held in Bend. Ex-Governor Oswald West, who was also scheduled to appear, was detained in Portland by business matters, Mr. McColloch explained.

Following his address, Mr. McColloch took his seat, but answered a variety of questions put to him by the water users present.

Discussion of the relative merits of the association and the district plan followed, and a motion was put by Chairman P. G. Young, and carried, showing the sense of the meeting to be in favor of the latter. On the request of Mr. McColloch, who advised against hasty action until the matter had been thoroughly investigated, the vote was not considered final.

GRANGE URGED TO COOPERATE

GREATER CREDIT MAY BE REALIZED.

C. M. McAllister Points Out Benefits That Can Be Obtained in Cooperative Shipping, and Offers to Assist Farmers.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Cooperative shipping, as one of the avenues open to the farmer on a small ranch, to bigger profits, was outlined at length by C. M. McAllister, special representative of the Portland Union stockyards, of Portland, Saturday evening before the members of the Eastern Star Grange, at the Grange hall.

Pointing out that it was to the mutual interest of packer and farmer that the farmer obtain a reasonable profit for his livestock, Mr. McAllister urged the members of the Eastern Star Grange to organize upon a firm basis and become more active in dealing with a community with the livestock market.

Farmers Should Organize.
"One of the most difficult problems that the farmer has to contend with is that he is in need of ready cash on demand, and in order to obtain a little money to meet an emergency, he goes to town and sells a steer or heifer for almost any figure that is offered. This should not be the case. The farmers can be organized on a cooperative basis that will enable them as a community to get together a shipment of beef and command a reasonable price for it, and obtain a profit. If there is profit for the buyer to go into the field, there ought to be a bigger profit for the farmers to cooperate in selecting the market that will command the best price," he said.

Other granges in the state, Mr. McAllister pointed out, are accomplishing splendid results along the line of cooperative shipping and are being recognized as a powerful factor in the meat distributing centers.

"Why not try a shipping day," suggested the Portland stockyard man. "The arrangements can be made in town, where there are rail facilities to have stock to be made for shipments cared for, marked so there will be no conflict. It takes the average farmer on a small place a long time to collect a car, or even a half car, of hogs or beef for the market. Often one or two head may be ready, but have to be held over. Take a half dozen farmers and it would not be any trick to get a car of stock for shipment."

SEARCH PARTY BACK IN BEND

MEN WHO FOUND BODY OF J. RUSSELL CHRISTENSON ARE UTTERLY EXHAUSTED BY THE HARDSHIPS ENDURED.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Utterly exhausted after their search in the Crescent country for Forest Guard J. Russell Christenson, the finding of whose body was reported yesterday, V. V. Harpham and Ed. Mahn, of the Deschutes forestry service, returned to Bend at 7:30 o'clock last night. From the time the two left Bend Friday afternoon until they left the inquest at midnight Sunday, the two had gone entirely without sleep, and Mr. Harpham reported that one member of the original search party which set out more than a week ago, was ill as a result of the hardships undergone.

Mr. Harpham told of the finding of Christenson's body, and how the forest guard's own skills were used in making a sled on which to transport him to Crescent. From the position in which the body lay, it was thought that Christenson had attempted to rise from the ground, and had been too exhausted to succeed.

Every man in the party, Mr. Harpham stated, put himself to the limit. He gave great credit to the members of the party who originally started out, as well as to those who joined the search later.

Shearings

Many Rabbits Killed.
At the rabbit drive in the Terrebonne district last Sunday 54 persons took part and killed 750 rabbits. The cottontails were allowed to escape but the jack rabbit, the pest of the district, was killed with satisfaction.—Redmond Spokesman.

Crook Draws Line.
At the meeting of the county court last week, all bills for labor and services performed in what is now Deschutes county were paid up to the date of the proclamation of the governor, which was December 13, and those originating after that date were refused, or referred to the Deschutes county court at Bend.—Crook County Journal.

Black's Position.
Ex-Sheriff Ira Black is still retaining in his possession the current 1915 tax rolls and will continue to hold the same until he and his bondsmen are either exonerated and released or until a complete check and audit is made and all books and equipment taken from Mr. Black's office is accounted for.—Deschutes Valley Tribune.

Consolidating Telephones.
Representatives of the new telephone people were here yesterday, working on a consolidation of the existing neighborhood lines.—Jefferson County Record.

Team Haul Mail.
The mail from Bend has been hauled a part of the distance from the railroad by team for the past few days. The roads are in poor condition north of La Pine.—Fort Rock Times.

Many Filings Made.
The homestead filings on the 640 acres stock-raising act is drawing a lot of land from the government. Commissioner Turner is having all that he can do to keep up with the rush, and from reports, the land office at The Dalles is working a large force of helpers as well.—Madras Pioneer.

Rabbits Are Killed.
Whether or not Lake county's rabbit bounty will ever be paid there is one thing certain, Lake county is getting rid of its rabbits. County Clerk Payne is being swamped with rabbit cars. They are coming in by the gunny sack full from all directions. In some parts of the county men and women are making a business of killing the long-eared bunnies—and are making good wages at it, too. It is reported that some are realizing an average of \$5 per day for their work. Warrants are being issued by the county clerk for all rabbit cars turned in, but whether or not these will be cashed has not been determined. The general assumption is that the money will be forthcoming but that their payments may be delayed until next year.—Chewanacan Press.

Rural Credits to the Fore.
Temporary organization of the Rural Credits association of the Silver Lake country was effected last Saturday afternoon at the city hall by the election of a temporary chairman and secretary. Twelve members enrolled. Another meeting occurs tomorrow afternoon, January 13, at the city hall at which time permanent organization will be perfected by the election of a president, secretary-treasurer, board of directors and a loan committee. After the meeting tomorrow all others are closed.—Silver Lake Herald.

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BANQUET USHERS IN NEW CAMP OF WOODMEN; CHARTER MEMBERS MANY

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The entrance of a new fraternal organization into Bend was made last night, when a membership of some 60 was initiated into Camp No. 316, Woodmen of the World, Deputy Head Consul E. P. Martin presiding at the ceremonies attending the institution of the Camp, at Sather's hall. At 10 o'clock a banquet was served at the Emblem club, marking the event, more than 100, including the members, their wives, and guests, taking part. Dancing concluded the evening.

More Growth for Bend.
That Bend is the best advertised town in the northwest and, with its resources and the boosting spirit of its citizens, should grow to 15,000 in 1918, was the assertion of the Deputy Head Consul, when he spoke at the gathering at the Emblem club. Especially he praised the up-to-date spirit shown in the lumber industry in Bend, and declared that he had thought well enough of the town to have purchased property here.

Policy Change Seen.
He predicted that within a few years, women would be admitted to the Woodmen lodge rooms, then turned to a brief sketch of the history of fraternal benefit organizations in the United States. He declared that in the 26 years, ten billion dollars in insurance has been taken out in the order, and that 115,000 members are included. He declared that the Woodmen are looking for safe investments for their surplus, and asked that the order be given a chance at the next issue of Bend city or school bonds.

REVIVAL SERVICES PROVING EFFECTIVE

Fourteen Converts Made by Evangelist Dr. Elwood Lyon, last Night—"Old Homestead," Subject.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The effectiveness of the union services was shown last night, when at the meeting conducted by Dr. Elwood Lyon, 14 converts were made, the largest number at any of the meetings held so far. The evangelist spoke on the subject, "The Old Homestead," introducing his remarks by a description of a New England homestead.

He utilized the story of the Prodigal Son again in his sermon. "There are more people," he said, "to invite a young man to sin and shame than there are to help him to a life of purity and happiness."

Predicts Camp's Success.

J. B. Anderson presided as toastmaster. Mayor S. C. Caldwell delivering the address of welcome. N. P. Smith told "Why I became a Woodman," J. A. Eastes complimented the Camp on its membership list, and predicted a healthy growth for the Camp, and Organizer McEachern told of the hospitable treatment accorded him in Bend, and gave it as his opinion that the local organization would make rapid strides in the community.

Members are Many.

Those who became members of the local camp last night are:
James B. Anderson, C. C. Buchanan, Joseph T. Beesley, S. Louis Bennett, John F. Buzzell, S. C. Caldwell, George L. Cousineau, Floyd W. K. Crowder, H. H. DeArmond, O. P. Dahl, David E. DeArmond, W. C. Dottie, William P. Downing, John O. Dennett, W. H. Bond, J. A. Eastes, E. E. Ellis, C. H. Francis, Ross Farnham, Edgar D. Gilson, George S. Guss, O. C. Gunderson, A. Harrison, H. H. Hudson, A. Helgeson, R. W. Harrison, A. D. Hogue, J. F. Hallmeyer, C. E. Hamilton, Frank Inabnit, C. A. Jackson, F. R. Kelley, W. D. Keisur, C. H. Kelley, L. M. McReynolds, Fred McCormack, D. F. Miller, C. M. McKay, J. P. Markee, Marshall Macklin, Robert J. McCann, C. P. Niswonger, Axel E. Olson, M. A. Palmer, Frank T. Parker, Claude Russell, Leo P. Rooney, Edwin A. Rogers, John B. Rivers, Nicholas P. Smith, A. O. Schilling, J. A. W. Scoggin, C. C. Simmons, Myron H. Symons, William T. Shoultz, William H. Shull, H. M. Starkey.

In his afternoon lecture on the Book of Esther, Dr. Lyon emphasized the prominence of the Jewish people in world affairs. "Some of the most prominent places among all nations have been held by Jews," he declared. "The first 600 highest award medals given by Russia in the present war, went to Jews. They are learning the army tactics of the world, and will use them some time in self defense."

KLAMATH FUND BIG

(From Monday's Daily.)
Subscriptions with which to buy terminal property in Klamath Falls for the Strahorn railroad now amount to \$22,472.50, according to the latest report given in the Klamath Falls Herald. In addition, Charles W. Eberlin, of Klamath Falls, has given one and a half miles of right-of-way 100 feet wide up to the city limits, also all freight yards and land for roundhouses, shops and stockyards.

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