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GOVERNOR OF OREGON DIES AT CAPITAL

HEART FAILURE ENDS USEFUL CAREER.

WAS PIONEER OF '71

Work for Farmers and Stockmen of State Invaluable—Death Makes Necessary Election of Successor in Less Than Two Years.

SALEM, March 4.—James Withycombe, governor of Oregon, died suddenly last night of heart failure. Secretary of State Ben Olcott automatically succeed him as the state's chief executive, at the same time retaining his own office.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Born in England, James Withycombe came to Oregon in 1871, and resided in this state for the rest of his life. At the time of his election as governor, he had been in charge of the Oregon agricultural experiment station for 16 years, and is generally conceded to have done more than any other citizen in Oregon to introduce scientific methods into agriculture, horticulture, dairying and stock raising.

When a candidate for the nomination on the republican ticket in the spring of 1914, it was not believed that he had any chance for the nomination. His wide acquaintance, however, among the graduates of the Oregon Agricultural college, who had known him and studied under him while in school, gave him a consistently good vote all over the state, thereby winning the nomination for him.

At the fall election he easily defeated his democratic opponent, Dr. C. J. Smith.

Successor to Be Chosen.

Governor Withycombe's death, at the very beginning of a four-year term, will bring to the state of Oregon a gubernatorial campaign in two successive general elections.

Nominated in May, 1918, and elected in November, Governor Withycombe, had he lived, would have served for four years, or until January, 1923. As a result of his death, however, it will be necessary to elect a successor at the next general election in 1920.

MUCH LIQUOR CACHED AWAY

(From Friday's Daily.)

While the thirsty in Bend are lamenting the shortage of alcoholic liquors, a cache of approximately 10 cases of whiskey is securely hidden about 25 miles below Crescent, while another store of wet goods has been concealed the other side of Lava Butte, is the belief of Sheriff S. E. Roberts. It will be impossible for bootleggers to secure the stuff until the passing of the heavy snow makes the roads passable, and it is known that the men who concealed the whiskey have left the country.

In the Crescent neighborhood two cars were stalled in the snow nearly two weeks ago and finally dragged into town by teams, it has been learned. Both are known to have contained quantities of liquor and one of them was later secured by the Deschutes county officials when its owner, William Cole of Vancouver, Washington, attempted to reach Bend with his cargo of whiskey. His car was stalled in the snow before he reached Lava Butte, and the fact that only three cases of whiskey were found in the auto is the basis of Sheriff Roberts' theory that much more was hidden when the driver found that it would be impossible for him to reach Bend with his heavy load.

The car left at Crescent is outside the jurisdiction of the officers of this county.

TRIBUTE PAID OREGON CHIEF

DEATH IS MOURNED IN CENTRAL OREGON.

Efficient, Loyal and Sincere Friend of Interior Part of State, Agree Men Who Knew and Loved Governor.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Sincere tribute to the memory of Governor James Withycombe was paid today by Bend residents, many of whom were personally acquainted with the executive. Regardless of personal political preferences, the opinion was general that in the death of Governor Withycombe Central Oregon has lost one of its best friends, and that Oregon at large has been deprived of an efficient leader.

"No one who knew the governor could help having a very kindly feeling toward him," declared Mayor J. A. Easton. "He was a fine old gentleman, conscientious, making it his first object to serve the state. His acts were prompted not by politics, but by his desire to do the right thing. We have lost a most efficient governor."

Served State Well.

C. S. Hudson, president of the First National bank, asserted that in the death of the governor the farmers and live stock men of the state had lost their best friend. "He had devoted the better part of his life to the upbuilding of the farming and stock industry in the state," Mr. Hudson said.

"Governor Withycombe did his duty by the state, regardless of politics," was the declaration of H. H. De Armond, first district attorney of Deschutes county. "He was one of the most conscientious and hard working executives the state ever had."

That the governor's death was the result of a nervous breakdown, aggravated by the excitement of the last session of the Oregon legislature, was the belief of E. P. Mahaffey of the Central Oregon bank, a personal friend of the governor during the last 15 years. "He was a real governor for the farmers, and for the people of the interior," Mr. Mahaffey said, "and possessed to a high degree the sterling quality of loyalty to his friends."

Was Irrigation's Friend.

Fred N. Wallace, manager of the Tumalo irrigation project, was greatly shocked when informed by The Bulletin of Governor Withycombe's death. "Governor Withycombe," said Mr. Wallace, "was a true friend of Central Oregon and will be greatly missed. As a member of the desert land board he consistently worked for the best interests of the Tumalo project. In my capacity as manager I had frequent occasion to consult with him and I found him at all times eager to help us solve our problems. His sudden death comes as a great surprise and shock and is sad news for all his friends."

BEND BOY RECEIVES RELEASE FROM NAVY

BEND R. F. D. No. 1, March 5.—Oliver P. Young, nephew of Mrs. Leo Young, who has been serving in the naval aviation in Italy, received his discharge at Bremerton and arrived here Sunday morning.

Mrs. R. E. Grimes was a visitor at the A. Neff home Friday.

The following were Sunday visitors at Virgil Cook's in Bend: Myrtle and Eunice Neff, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Russell, Mrs. Paul Henderson and Fannie Moore.

J. W. Wornstaff from Oswego is here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coffey called at L. C. Young's Sunday.

Mrs. G. L. Moore, Dorothy Moore, Mrs. Paul Henderson, W. L. Coffey, Eunice and Myrtle Neff attended services at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening.

Leroy Smith visited Ray and Roy Neff Sunday.

There were no services at the school house Sunday on account of the bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Snelling moved onto the John Thyen place Sunday.

DISTRICT NO. 18 IS PLANNING SCHOOL

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

To plan for the construction of a two-room school house, the school board of District No. 18 will come to Bend tomorrow for a meeting with County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson.

Farmers Show Interest In the Irrigation School

PERCY CUPPER TALKS ON WATER RIGHTS.

State Engineer's Office to Give Information to Farmers—New Code Issued—B. M. Biggs Advises Purchase of Shorthorns.

A marked interest in the sessions of the second annual Central Oregon irrigation school, in session at Redmond this week, was shown yesterday by the attendance of more than 50 Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson county farmers. The principal speakers at yesterday's session were Percy Cupper, state engineer, and B. M. Biggs, a well known Crook county stockman.

With the increased interest in Central Oregon in irrigation with prospects of the opening of new lands and the adjudication of water rights on the Deschutes river, the informal talk by Percy Cupper, state engineer, before the irrigation school Wednesday morning on "Adjudication and Administration" was of unusual interest to those attending.

Mr. Cupper assured the irrigationists present that changes which have been made in the engineer's office as a result of laws passed by the recent legislature would place at the disposal of irrigationists in the state more valuable information than heretofore. In this particular Mr. Cupper stated that all matters concerned with the distribution of water would now come directly under the administration of the state engineer's office, having been transferred from the control of superintendents. Legal phases connected with water rights would be handled by the legal department. These changes, he pointed out, would place at the disposal of the irrigation farmers more valuable information and would expedite the solution of their problems. Farmers were urged to use the engineer's office as an information bureau, and urged, whether cultivating small areas or large tracts, to feel at liberty to call upon that office for help.

Water Rotation Favored.

Efforts are to be made, now more than ever, to use the follow-up system upon the condition and status of water rights in the state through annual reports by users of water.

Mr. Cupper is favorably disposed to a thorough system of water rotation as a means of irrigating more land with a given amount of water and time.

When asked as to what date the Oregon water code would be ready for distribution, Mr. Cupper stated that it should be out and ready for distribution within the next month. "This code, he stated, is the most complete digest of water laws that has ever been published.

In answer to the question as to when the Deschutes river water right adjudication would likely come up for consideration, Mr. Cupper said that this project is now being considered the most favorably of any Oregon project in Washington, D. C.

The Cupper talk covered also various phases of the history of adjudication and administration of water rights in Oregon and pointed out the advantages of the changes in handling these under the direct control of the state engineer's office.

Shorthorns Favored.

In speaking of his experience in the breeding and raising of pure bred Shorthorn cattle, B. M. Biggs of Prineville, one of Crook county's leading stock raisers, provoked a great deal of enthusiasm. Mr. Biggs is a Shorthorn enthusiast and has developed one of the finest ranches in the state and is a recognized authority on this breed of cattle. Inasmuch as there is already established in Deschutes county a Shorthorn breeders' association, the irrigationists were eager to receive Mr. Biggs' reflections and experiences pointed in the direction of his successes in raising pure bred cattle, and in advising the irrigationists in the purchase of stock to put on their farms he urged the purchase only of the best stock available.

"The time will come," said Mr. Biggs, in the course of his talk, "when it will be just as hard to find a scrub animal in Central Oregon as it is now to find a pure bred animal. One thing is certain, and should be borne in mind by all you men, the finest alfalfa in the world

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IRRIGATION SCHOOL MOURNS OREGON GOVERNOR'S DEATH

(Special to The Bulletin.)

REDMOND, March 5.—Sorrowing over the death of James Withycombe, governor of Oregon, ranchers and farming experts, gathered here attending the annual Central Oregon irrigation school, unanimously passed resolutions mourning the loss of a true friend of the farming interests of the state and extending their sympathy to the family of the governor.

The resolutions are as follows: "Whereas, Our governor, James Withycombe, has been called by our Supreme Ruler from this life to life eternal, and

"Whereas, Our governor in his life time was always an active agriculturist, took great interest in the welfare and development of both the livestock and agricultural industries of Central Oregon along with other parts of the state, and has especially come in close touch with the people of this district through the state's activities in the Carey act projects, Tumalo project and general irrigation, and at all times Governor Withycombe sought to solve the problems of our progress and development to the best interests of the common people, and was universally beloved by them, and during his administration the industrial development of livestock and irrigation has advanced to a large extent through his efforts; now, therefore,

"Be it resolved by the water users of Central Oregon, assembled in the second annual irrigation school at Redmond, Oregon, That the people of the state of Oregon, and especially the farmers upon irrigated farms, have lost a true and worthy friend in the death of Governor James Withycombe, and do hereby extend to his family our sorrow and sympathy in their bereavement, and

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of our governor, and also copies be given to the press for publication.

"CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION SCHOOL.
"W. E. Van Allen,
"George T. Cochran,
"Fred N. Wallace."

NEW OFFICE IS GOAL OF MANY

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR JOB IS SOUGHT.

Politicians Grooming Selves for Race in Case People Endorse Measure—Eastern Oregon Man Puts Machine Out of Gear.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, March 6.—Yipping of the political dogs has been set up more by the passage of the lieutenant-governor resolution by the recent legislature than any other atrocity perpetrated by it, and has caused more comment than any piece of constructive legislation that it put over.

Who will be the man of the hour in event it passes the gauntlet of the people is a question agitating many quivering political breasts. Many assert that it will never get by the people, but that question will be best answered when the people have had their final crack at it, and consequently there is no particular harm in the political fans having their say in regard to the matter. As a general rule spring is supposed to be the time when the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, but there is more than one young man, and several old ones, too, who are too seriously considering their possibilities as lieutenant-governor to even give Cupid a second glance. If they land the job they will probably take on a bout with Cupid later.

Many Seek Position.

For instance, there is Fred Steiwer of Umatilla county, who is being boosted by his friends. There is also Bill Vinton of old Yamhill, president of the late revered senate. There is also this man and that man to be taken into consideration.

One of the saddest things in connection with the whole works, however, appears to be the fact that one of our old time ambitious political friends has apparently been cut out of the game by the passage of the resolution. This is none other than one Tom Kay, lately state treasurer, and one of the most keen lovers of the good game of politics that ever shot craps on the decks of the ship of state.

Tom was an earnest lobbyist for the lieutenant-governor resolution. He battled about 99 per cent. in the lobby game. Everyone who has been watching Kay for the last eight years had it sized up that he saw in the resolution a chance to grab a forlorn hope which might make him governor some day.

Kay Out of Running.

Every one also knows that Kay has long desired to be that very thing. When the late governor was

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GOVERNOR WAS HERE IN JULY

MADE INSPECTION OF NITRATE DEVELOPMENT AND OF TUMALO PROJECT—WAS LOYAL FRIEND OF CENTRAL OREGON.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Governor Withycombe last visited Bend on July 13 at the end of a trip made with a party of state officials and business men interested in nitrate development to the eastern part of the state. Arriving here in the evening, they spent the night here, and on the next day inspected the Tumalo project before proceeding to Portland.

The year before, on June 25, he was also here, this time with members of the desert land board and the fish and game commission. The party was entertained at breakfast by the Commercial club, visited the Grange Hall district, where a meeting with the settlers was held, was given a dinner at noon by the ladies of Tumalo and in the afternoon went over the project.

In the evening a unique Emblem club dinner was given, at which the governor spoke feelingly of his regard for this section and its people.

TO DEMAND STATE AID ON HIGHWAY

FIVE COUNTIES WILL COMBINE FORCES.

CAMPAIGN OUTLINED

Delegations to Present Needs to Commission—City Finances Discussed and Irrigation Report Given at Big Club Meeting.

Concerted action by Deschutes, Wasco, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties in demanding recognition of the need for the construction of a state road from The Dalles to the California line will be taken by representatives of commercial and agricultural organizations and by members of the courts of the various counties at a meeting to be held in The Dalles tomorrow night with members of the state highway commission. This was the unanimous decision reached last night when the Bend Commercial club met in joint session with special delegations representing Wasco, Jefferson and Lake counties. Approximately 125 were present at the meeting. Klamath county could send no delegation, due to the condition of the roads, but assurance has been given by State Senator Baldwin that the southern county is heartily behind the movement.

In addition to the work of the counties, a strong effort will be made to secure the endorsement of the State Chamber of Commerce, the directors of which organization will meet Friday night. If the desired action is taken by that body, the result will be wired to the meeting at The Dalles.

Fair Share of Funds Asked.

Discussion of the highway situation was opened by Judge J. T. Rorick, president of the chamber of commerce of The Dalles, and representing also the Wasco County Development league. Judge Rorick declared that in road matters Eastern and Central Oregon has been given the short end of the deal up to the present time, in spite of the fact that without the aid of that part of the state east of the Cascades the \$10,000,000 road bond bill could never have been passed. "We must decide on some concrete plan, then go before the highway commission to impress on them that we, too, are part of Oregon, and entitled to our share. We must get the California highway well under way this year," he said.

T. B. Ingels of Dufur, representing the Wasco county court, presented reasons for the uniting of the counties interested in the move for highway construction. "As individual counties we haven't much chance, but together, with our commercial organizations and our county courts in the movement, we are in an excellent position to demand and to receive state aid," he said. "Of the \$10,000,000 voted by the legislature \$7,500,000 will go to the Pacific, Columbia River and Coast highways, but the remaining \$2,500,000 should be spent on our own road." Mr. Ingels also mentioned the Mt. Hood loop, connecting with the Barlow trail road, but it was decided that no spur from the main highway should be considered in presenting the matter to the commission.

Counties Pledge Support.

Commissioner Thompson of Jefferson county declared that Jefferson is more than willing to do its part, while E. L. Clarke of La Pine, specially delegated to represent Lake county, stated that the people of that part of the state are strongly behind the movement. He also emphasized that the early construction of the road, allowing the southern counties means of communication with the north, would be the one thing which could swerve them from their resolution to secede from Oregon and become a part of California.

H. H. De Armond pledged the support of Deschutes county, and also

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