

AN IRRIGATION ASSOCIATION

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President Devers—We do not aim to injure vested rights. We wish to get work done where it will be most effective.

Mr. Williamson—And to have it done out of the reclamation fund. Loss what's coming to us if we don't.

Mr. Drake—Did Mr. Newell say there were no places in Oregon except those taken up under the Carey act?

Mr. Williamson—He spoke of others, yes. But he encountered opposition here. This is plain talk, but true.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Reed, were adopted:

Whereas, The counties of the State of Oregon lying east of the Cascade mountains produced, according to the census of 1900, grain crops as follows: Wheat, 7,100,000 bushels; oats, 770,000 bushels; barley, 1,227,000 bushels; rye, 93,000 bushels; corn 49,000 bushels, and buckwheat, 200 bushels, aggregating 9,239,200 bushels of grain.

Whereas, The productive capacity of Eastern Oregon under irrigation could be increased tenfold, which would mean a grain crop approximating 100,000,000 bushels annually, besides dairying, horticulture and diversified farming on a large scale, thus opening to settlement a vast area now not utilized, and adding to the material prosperity of the entire state.

Whereas, Exclusive grain farming has been generally abandoned in Western Oregon for dairying and other branches of agriculture and for manufacturing, and unless the eastern section is opened to the agriculturist there is grave danger that within a few years the state will be forced to purchase from neighboring states food products which should be raised upon its own areas.

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance that the state of Oregon take advantage without delay of the irrigation law recently enacted by the Congress of the United States, in order that it may make use of a fund amounting to over \$900,000 now available for irrigation work within its borders.

Resolved, That the president and secretary of this association be and they are hereby instructed to telegraph to Mr. F. H. Newell, Chief Hydrographer of the United States Geological Survey, requesting him to begin work on reclamation projects under the present irrigation law at such point or points in Eastern Oregon as in his judgment offer the best assurance of success and benefit.

Resolved, Further, that the cooperation of the Governor and Secretary and the Treasurer of Oregon, constituting the State Land Board, and of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Portland Board of Trade and the Manufacturers' Association, is respectfully requested in this movement of the advancement of the general welfare of our state—Oregonian, Oct. 18.

DIAMONDS IN DESERT.

More widespread than mere local excitement in Burns, Harney county, is the furor caused by the recent find of precious stones on Crane creek, 40 miles east of Burns. The stones are found in a sort of grayish rock which is easily pulverized and will cut glass as readily and cleanly as the purest white water brilliants from the famous

South Africa diamonds.

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CITY AUTHORITIES TAKE ACTION.

Will Endeavor to Stop the Selling of Liquor to Indians.

The following ordinance was passed at the regular meeting of the "dads" Wednesday:

Section 1.—That any person or firm who shall sell, give away or otherwise dispose of malt, vinous, spirituous or alcoholic liquors to any Indian or Indians, within the limits of the city of Burns, is hereby declared to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon a conviction thereof before the recorder of said city, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25, or by imprisonment not exceeding 90 days and not less than 25 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2.—That all fines imposed and collected in money as provided in this ordinance shall be paid into the city treasury, of this city. One half of all such money shall be paid to and belong to the informer, whether the informer be an officer of the city or other person who causes to be brought the action or proceedings in which such fine or penalty shall be recovered, and shall be paid to such person by the city treasurer within sixty days after the same shall be received by the city treasury upon the certificate of the city attorney or the recorder of the City who prosecuted or heard such action; Provided that such action or proceeding was brought or caused to be brought by such party or that he is entitled to one half said fine. The other one half of said fine shall be retained by the city treasurer and shall be disposed of as other fines are disposed of under the ordinances of the city.

Section 3.—That this ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its approval by the mayor.

Passed the common council this 20th day of Oct., 1902.

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