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It is understood that an effort will be made to change the date of Oregon's state election from the first Monday in June to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, at the coming session of the legislature. There would seem to be no reason why this would not be done.—Huntington Herald.

The information to be given by the actual irrigationists, the men who are raising crops now, under irrigation, is the sort of literature that must be sought hereafter. We are at the beginning of the area of action in Eastern Oregon. Ditches and dams and reservoirs must supplant the speculative phases of the question.—East Oregonian.

Southern Oregonian: Abraham Lincoln once declined the position of governer of Oregon teritory. He refused the position not from any lack of appreciation of the honor or unwillingness to bear the responsibility; but because of the unwillingness of his wife to forego the hardships of a trip across the plains and the privations of life in the far West.

In his message to congress, the president barely touched upon the subject of irrigation, to the great dissapointment of the enthusiasts who wish to see the desert blossom as the rose. Probably the President slighted the irrigation matter through no indifference or failure to appreciate its importance, but more because of the fact that irrigation has become a settled government policy, and no one needs to be impressed with the necessity for it. The economy of spreading waste water over waste land is so apparent to all that the only question now is, how to distribute the moisture to the best possible advantage. This is a question to be submitted to the engineers, not to the president. Ways and means are what the country is looking for now.

The negatives come very nearly making an affirmative in the case of irrigation. Putting together two worthless, useless, and some times really obnoxious elements, we have irrigated land, the finest in the world Back of them is another negative. another worthless and useless element which could be made to improve the plains and itself at one and the same time—the barren mountain peak upon which the snow falls to melt and give us our mountain streams, each a blessing to the husbandman on the plains below. Reafforestation of the peaks not only would produce much valuable timber, but would conserve and distribute more gradually the snow water. Instead of a mighty spring freshet when water is not needed by the agriculturist, there would be a gradual and constantly increasing flow throughout the early summer, and the high-tide would be reached in the hot season when the parched plains open to receive the rainfall which never arrives. At the same time a on the mountain top, which, if intelligently thinned and replanted from time to time, would be a mine of wealth in itself, Here we have three useless possessions, which needs only man's intelligent direction to make them work for the good of the country.—Telegram.

LOCAL IRRIGATION LEGISLATION.

State Senator Walter M. Pierce, of Pendleton, sounds a true note when he councels that Oregon's legislature enacts laws such as will further this state's interests in the irrigation movement of the government. Speaking at Pendleton, in the irrigation meeting last week, he said:

"I regard the subject of irrigation as the leading issue before the people of the west today. In Eastern Oregon the question is of especial importance, as the great snowfall of the mountains furnishes such an abundance of water that storage will solve the entire question here. The season during which crops require irrigation is so short that it is, comparatively speaking, a light task to reclaim every foot of our arid land.

"The government has acted wisely in making such liberal allowances for irrigation purposes. The state of Oregon should legislate in such a manner that the people will receive the full benefit of the plans of the government, and should further in every way the commendable work that is being done through National action. The co-operation of state and nation in this great work will convert Eastern Oregon into the most fruitful section of country known to man."

Senator Pierce's vision doutless took in the entire region of arid and semi-arid Oregon, when he discussed the proposition. He referred to southern Oregon as well as Eastern Oregon, and desired to forward the interests of every position of the state, as well as that from which he will go to the legislature.

Care should be exercised in this matter, when the legislature meets. Previous to the assembling, all elements of antagonism should be eliminated, and the subject attacked in a spirit of fairness to all legitimate interests.

J. N. Williamson, state senator and Congressmon-elect, stated in the irrigation convention here in Portland that the existing laws of Oregon governing this matter are not properly drawn. Sen tor Williamson made this assertion, coupled with the statement that he himself was the chairman of the committee on irrigation, and therefore knew the bill that became law through his own recommendation.

Such conditions demand attention. New elements have been injected into the situation by the passage of a federal law providing for the expenditure of large sums of money to the end that arid lands be reclaimed. Radical revision of the laws therefore is needed. But, before revision occurs, intelligent inquiry must be had, conducted in a spirit of fairness to all concerned and not prejudicial to any one who has rights in the premises, either vested or pending.

Let not Oregon neglect this opportunity. Let the situation be surveyed in a calm frame of mind, and results will flow therefrom that will make for the good of the state far beyond the realization of those who do not now know the possibilities.—Portland Journal.

The territorial board of health of Hawaii is to begin a series of experiments to determine the value of X rays in the treatment of leprosy.

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Geo D Hazen, Burns, cattle branded with HL connected, on left hip; crop off right ear, split in left, under bit in right.

H B Comer, Burns, cattle, horses, HC on left shoulder; crop off left ear, split in right, under bit in each ear.

J C Grout, Burns, Horses T bar on both hips; cattle, Hip strapper the same down on both hips; earmark, under bit in each ear.

M Fenwick, Burns, horses, double bar on left shoulder; cattle, L on left hip; earmarks, two underbits in each ear; branded bar T on right ribs; crop off half crop in left ear.

J H Bunyard, Burns, cattle, Tee left hip; marks, crop off left ear, swallow fork in right.

J P Withers, Harney, horses, crossed on left shoulder; cattle, half circle on either hip; earmarks, upperbit in left, underbit in left.

Martin Bros., Burns, cattle, double horizontal bar on either hip; earmarks, crop off right ear, swallow fork in left; sheep, J&W; also some branded circle S on hip.

O L Shingledecker, Burns, horses, H on left shoulder; cattle, S on right side; earmarks, crop off right ear, crop and split in left.

Fred Denstedt, Burns, horses, FD on left shoulder; cattle FD on left side; earmarks, under half crop in each ear.

R J Williams, Riley, horses, CB on left shoulder; cattle, CB on left hip; earmarks, crop off left ear, under half crop off right, under chin; also cattle branded SL on left hip; crop off left ear, under half crop off right, under bit in left ear, under half crop in right; cattle JT on left ribs, crop and split in left, under half crop in right.

H H Elliott, Narrows, horses, TH on left stifle; cattle TH combined on left hip; earmark, upper slope on each ear, wattle and bell collar.

Sylvester Smith, Narrows, horses, SS on left leg; cattle V bar, earmark, underbit and short over slope in each ear, jugular dewlap.

P G Smith, Burns, horses, quarter circle on right hind leg and left shoulder; cattle, circle S on either hip; earmark, crop off ear, split in under side of left; two bees.

A E Young, Burns, horses, Y on left shoulder; cattle, rocking chairs on left shoulder; cattle, rocking chairs on hip; earmark, right ear cropped down, swallow fork towards head on upper side; wattle on side of neck; all animals dehorned.

C P Rutherford, Burns, cattle, left shoulder; earmark, under half crop; right bar C on left shoulder.

Michael Morlan, Burns, horses, Z on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip; mark, right ear with bit left dropped down, jugular slit in throat.

Thos Wingfield, Burns, horses, S on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip; crop off left ear, short overslope in right.

John Craddock, Silvies, horses, SS on left shoulder; cattle, SS on right side; crop off right ear, swallow fork in left, crop in brisket.

W E Smith, Burns, cattle, XI on left side; mark, split in right ear, wattle on neck.

G Hudspeth, Burns, cattle, S on left side; mark, crop and split in each ear.

Simon Leads, Burns, cattle SL on left side; mark, crop and underbit in left ear, under half crop off right.

T G Kribs, Burns, cattle, quarter circle on left hip; marks, crop off left ear, horses.

John Witzell, Burns, horses, W on left stifle; cattle, diamond bar on left hip; split in each ear, wattle on throat.

D M McMenamy, Burns, horses, crossed left stifle; cattle, 60 on left hip, mark, crop in each ear With full name and address.

Varien Bros., horses, LF on right stifle; cattle, F on right hip; mark, crop, upperbit and underbit in right ear.

J W Jones, Burns, cattle, quarter circle on right hip; mark, crop and split in left ear; horses same brand on right shoulder.

J A Williams, Van, horses, JI on left shoulder; cattle, bar H on left ribs; mark, underbit in each ear, under slope in right.

H Elliott, Burns, horses, HI combined on left stifle; cattle, E on left side; mark, under half crop off right ear, left split in half lower part of dewlap and slit in each side of head.

C S Johnson, Van, horses, SJ on left shoulder; cattle, SJ on left hip; mark, crop and half crop in right ear, underbit in left.

C J Johnson, Riley, cattle, O bar on left marks, swallow fork in right ear, split in left.

W B Johnson, cattle, JK combined on left hip; mark, crop off right ear, two splits and half crop in left.

W A Campbell, Narrows, horses, N on left shoulder; cattle, bar N on left shoulder; mark, upper half crop in each ear.

John Buoy, Burns, horses, JBuoy on left shoulder; cattle, JB on right hip or side; mark, crop each ear, hole in right.

Mrs I S Hughes, Warm Springs, cattle, circle on left side; mark, cattle same on left shoulder; mark, cattle same on left shoulder; cattle, cut on right side; mark, crop off left ear, two underbits in right.

John Hipsman, Burns, horses, on left shoulder; cattle, on on right side; mark, crop off left ear, two underbits in right.

Sam King, Burns, cattle, on left hip; crop and undercut in each ear, wattle on jaw.

J P Dickenson, Narrows, horses, on left stifle; cattle, bar through diamond on left shoulder; mark, undercut in each ear; branded on left side and hip.

Rose Sitz, Narrows, horses, R bar on left; cattle, same on left hip or side; mark, underbit in each ear, dewlap in bristle.

D Finnemore, Burns, horses, on left stifle; cattle same on left hip; mark, crop off each ear, under slope in right, wattle on neck.

A Egli, Egli, horses, E on left stifle; cattle on right hip; mark, upper half crop off right ear.

J T Ware, Narrows, cattle, mule shoe on hip; mark, under half crop in right ear.

J W Biggs, Burns, horses, OB on left shoulder.

H B Timmons, Narrows, horses, TH combined on left stifle; cattle, circle L on left hip; mark, crop and under half crop in left ear. It in right, dewlap under throat.

Joe H. Howard, Burns, horses, bar H on left stifle; cattle, same on left hip; mark, crop off left ear, split in right.

W D Hanley, Burns, horses, half circle on left stifle; cattle, same on left hip; mark, crop off right ear, split in right ear, swallow fork in left; sheep, LY on left hip; mark, swallow fork in left.

J C Creasman, Burns, cattle, JY on left side or hip; mark, crop and slit in right ear and slit in left.

L L Clark, Narrows, horses, bar C on left shoulder.

John Gilleret, (P. L. S. Co.) Burns, horses, wrench on left stifle; cattle same on left hip; mark, square crop off right ear, hatch on under slope on left.

French-Glenn Live Stock Co., J. C. Stevens, superintendent, F. C. Hank, owner, Burns, horses, P on left stifle; cattle P connected on left hip; mark, under half crop off left ear, dew ap cut up; cattle, P on left side; mark same as above; cattle, figure 4 on left hip; mark, swallow fork in left ear; sheep, mark, crop off left ear, wattle on left jaw.

C. H. Worthy, Burns, horses branded on left shoulder.

E C Bulkley, Silvies, cattle, 44 on left hip; right ear, mark, smooth crop in each ear, wattle; horses, 44 on left stifle.

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