

NEW LAWS ARE NOW READY

STATE IRRIGATION CODE NOW IN PRINTER'S HANDS.

Provide for Placing Water and Arid Land New Department--An Engineer and Commission to Govern.

Prepared at the direction of the Oregon Irrigation Commission and to be submitted to the legislature for adoption at its next regular session a new code of laws governing the taking of water from mountain streams of this state and the distribution over arid or semi-arid lands, has been formulated. Hon. Morris Bein, of the United States Reclamation Service, has been instrumental in the formulation of this code, which is known to have the thorough indorsement of those at the head of the National irrigation movement. It was compiled at Pendleton, but the first proof sheets to be issued are now in Portland.

Assisting Mr. Bein in preparing the code were Hon. T. G. Hailey, president of the Oregon State Commission, and Hon. J. T. Whistler, engineer in charge of the reclamation work in Oregon. This irrigation code was compiled not only with a view to remedying the defects in Oregon laws, but is easily applicable to all the arid and semi-arid states of the west.

The new irrigation code takes the control of irrigation, waters, lands and construction out of the hands of individuals, the county district and state authorities in which it is now vested, and puts it in the hands of a state engineer, who is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and a State Water Commission, the members of which are elected by popular vote. The provision is made for dividing the state into what shall be known as water divisions, and a Water Commissioner, to serve four years, shall be elected by the votes of each division.

The Water Commission shall be the supreme tribunal in all matters pertaining to irrigation except where a question of law or equity is involved, when the case can be appealed to the courts of the state. The State Engineer shall be president of the State Water Commission.

The state Engineer shall serve for a term of six years, at a salary of \$3000 per year, all necessary expense, \$1800 for an assistant, and \$2000 per year for incidentals, making \$6800 in all for this office. He will have an office in the State Capitol at Salem, and must keep all the records of the irrigation matter in the state. His work will be manifold, and he must devote his entire time to it. As soon as he is appointed he must make a personal survey of all streams, ditches and sources of water supply in the state, taking data as to the amount, etc. He will then make a record of the appropriated and unappropriated waters within the state.

As soon as this has been done, he is to furnish the Attorney-General with a list of all the unappropriated water, and the Attorney-General is instructed to commence suit at once to quiet the title to this unappropriated water and vest it in the state. This removes the rights from the various counties. A schedule of fees to be charged by the state engineer for his service is also provided, with a view to making the office self-sustaining.

No irrigation scheme can be undertaken without first consulting the state engineer, stating facts and amount of water required. The state engineer will then investigate and if worthy he will issue a permit to the owner for the construction of the same. All right, title and equity to any water within the state shall come from the state engineer and water commission. The mere filing of appropriation, as is now legal, is done away with. To prosecute these cases the amount of \$5000 is appropriated on the adoption of the code.

Provision for the dividing of the state into water division is made, but the number of divisions is not specified, but is left to the Legislature.

Each division shall have a water commissioner, who shall serve at the rate of \$10 per day actually devoted to the business, but not to exceed 100 days of any year. Water commissioners will be elected to serve four years.

Each water division is divided into water districts, of which a water-

master shall be appointed, to serve at \$4 per day payable by the county in which he serves. He will have charge of ditches, headgates, etc.

All United States Government undertakings are given precedence over all others, no matter of what kind or description.

The unit of measure prescribed by the new code is one cubic foot of water per second to every 70 acres of land under irrigation.

The exclusive use of an irrigation ditch is prohibited, and every one has the right to compel an irrigation company to furnish him with water at so much for storage and conveyance.

The right to tax the land in the water divisions for the maintenance of these officers and enforcement of the law is also made paramount to all other claims except legal taxation.

The sum of \$40,000 is appropriated to prosecute his work at once, and shall be paid back to the state by special taxation.

The text of the code will soon be printed and each member of the Legislature will be furnished with a copy before the next meeting of the State Legislature.

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More sheep and lambs will follow in the regular Fall movement of mutton to the packing houses of the Middle West, and shipments will be kept up until Christmas. The trip will be made by easy stages to keep the animals plump and in good condition for butchering upon their arrival. The trains carrying the lambs are sidetracked at convenient points en route, and the lambs taken out and grazed over the adjacent fields for a couple of days.

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A Neat Capture.

W. E. Jordan, of Burns, and Berry Givens of Hot Springs, Idaho were arrested here Saturday evening by Marshal Hannon on the charge of horse stealing. Jordan is one of the men who broke jail at Burns several years ago on a similar charge and escaped. Givens is considered one of the best riders and ropers in Idaho he having won the bucking and roping contest at the Idaho state fair two years ago.

The boys had 26 head of horses in their possession and 11 different brands.

Givens has confessed. The complaint was sworn out by John T. Shea of Jordan Valley and the horses all came from there.—Huntington Herald.

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TO START PORTAGE ROAD

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION WILL SOON BE SET.

Open River Association Makes Final Arrangements for Actual Work--State Funds Soon Available.

According to the Oregonian a meeting was recently held at Portland in the office of J. N. Teal between State Treasurer Moore and Secretary of State F. I. Dunbar, representing the State Portage Road Commission, and Mr. Teal, the legal representative, and Mr. Hawks, the engineer of the Open River Association, and at this meeting the final arrangements concerning the right of way for the Portage Road were practically settled.

The right of way through the restricted districts at the ends of the proposed line have been secured by agreement with the O. R. & N., and with the exception of one strip, all of the right of way through the remaining portion of the district has been acquired. The one exception is practically settled, however, and the agreement will be signed as soon as the person owning the land can conveniently come to Portland to sign the papers.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Teal announced that the engineers would be sent to The Dalles immediately, where they would begin at once to survey the route proposed and secured for the Portage Road. The line will be staked out as soon as possible in order that the contractors wishing to bid on the construction work can have the grades and figures from which to calculate the cost of the work.

As soon as the surveyors have completed their work the bids will be advertised for and construction will be commenced as soon as the contracts can be let.

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