

# PASS SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS

## IRRIGATION CONGRESS PROPOSES LAND REFORMS.

Repeat of the Timber and Stone and Desert Land Acts Declared Necessary to Reservation of Domain.

The National Irrigation Congress at El Paso, Texas, last week endorsed the Lewis and Clark Exposition, elected officers, passed a number of important resolutions and adjourned to meet in Portland, Or., in 1905. The officers as recommended by the committee on permanent organization were unanimously elected.

Among the most important resolutions passed was one demanding the repeal of the stone and timber act, the preamble of which reads:

"It is the sense of this congress that the remaining public domain should be sacredly reserved to all the people of the United States and rigidly reserved for actual homeseekers."

Congress is commended for withdrawing 40,000,000 acres of arid land and 80,000,000 acres of forest lands from entry, and the repeal of the desert land law is urged together with that of the timber and stone act, and a substitute is offered for the law regulating the sale of stumpage. As a substitute for the desert land law it is desired to permit individuals as actual settlers to enter on only 160 acres. Other resolutions adopted were:

Approving the Lewis and Clark Exposition; opposing all issues of land scrip; urging Government purchase of all lands in the limit of forest reserves; favoring non-interest-bearing loans by the Government to an irrigation fund to be used by the Secretary of the Interior and repaid under the provisions of the irrigation law.

Urging a law permitting states to organize into districts for the sale of irrigation lands, and upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior to be allowed to employ the engineers of the reclamation service.

Favoring legislation to aid beet-sugar culture.

Declaring that the "presence of the delegates from the sister Republic of Mexico has strengthened the bond between the two countries, and in appreciation of the cordial treatment accorded this congress while on Mexican soil we cordially invite the Republic of Mexico to send a delegation to the Portland Congress."

Expressing confidence in the reclamation engineers, forestry and weather service officials, and thanking them.

Thanking President Roosevelt for his letters and for his interest in irrigation, and approving his policy on this subject.

Commending the work of the Weather Bureau in compiling a climatological almanac.

Urging that the remaining public domain be reserved to homeseekers.

Urging an appropriation for forest planting on denuded watersheds, with the view of increasing the value of streams still flowing and renewing those which have disappeared.

Urging a consolidation of all Government forestry work in the Department of Agriculture.

## EARLY OREGON HISTORY.

George H. Himes, assistant secretary of the Oregon Historical society, spent Friday night in Hood river, on his return from a two weeks' trip to Baker City and other points in eastern Oregon, where he gathered much data relating to the early immigrations to the Oregon country, says the Hood River Glacier. Mr. Himes says since leaving on his trip he has interviewed at least sixty people who came to Oregon between the years 1843 and 1853. This includes about thirty who came over the Meek's cutoff the time the whole immigrant train came near perishing.

The old immigrant trail through Oregon, after leaving Vale, in Malheur county, went north past Baker City, and followed near the present line of the railroad to the Umatilla river and down the Columbia to the Barlow pass and on to Oregon City. Meek and his party sought to shorten the route and struck off through the John Day country where his party became lost, and after weeks of wandering floundered through the sage-brush into the Tygh valley and down to the Columbia river.

Gold was discovered by the

Meeks party along the John Day river, at what has since been named the Blue Bucket diggings, from the blue buckets left there by the immigrant train. The story is told that gold was used by members of the party as sinkers on their fish lines. Mr. Himes was telling this story one day in southern Oregon, when the listener remarked, "Yes that's so; I was there myself and saw the man flatten the nugget against the wagon tire, and then wrap it about the string he used for a fish line."

At Baker City, Mr. Himes says a 10,000-acre tract of sagebrush land has been recently reclaimed from the jackrabbits. This land is now a paradise, but forty years it lay untouched, within a few miles of Baker City, having been considered nothing but a barren waste, until three years ago water was turned onto the land, and the prolific qualities of the land discovered. At a comparatively small cost, says Mr. Himes, it has been figured out that the winter floods in the Powder river can be conserved and used to irrigate 40,000 acres near Baker City.

V. B. Staples and wife returned Wednesday from a seven weeks' visit to the East. They visited the World's Fair and the old home at Henderson, Kentucky, and report having an enjoyable time. Virg states he was kept busy a portion of the time answering questions regarding Malheur county, much interest being manifested regarding this section on account of the proposed government irrigation works to be constructed here.—Argus.

Adam George, Lawen, Oregon is preparing to winter 600 head of stock—cattle or horses—cheap as the cheapest.

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## SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES.

Showing, as by law required, the amount of claims presented, filed and recorded against the county of Harney, State of Oregon and the amount allowed at the September term of county court, 1904.

TO WHOM ISSUED	AM'T CLAIMED	AM'T ALLOWED
Dan Varlen, payment on Island road contract road fund.....	\$ 500 00	\$500 00
J T Barnes, payment on Barnes school house road, road fund.....	400 00	400 00
T J Barnes, bal on Barnes school house road road fund.....	435 00	435 00
John Parker, bailiff for for Dist. Atty.....	6 00	6 00
Byron Hamilton, bailiff for circuit court.....	27 00	27 00
Dan Varlen, balance on Island road contract road fund.....	1488 00	1488 00
Wm Miller, county Atty	50 00	50 00
M E Rigby, school supt postage, supplies, etc	193 41	158 83
C E Standlee, medical attendance on J E Hooker, indigent.....	11 00	11 00
J W Ward, Board of J E Hooker indigent.....	5 00	5 00
D Jameson, justice fees, State vs Geo Waters	4 40	4 40
Alfred Johnson, clerk of election, June 1904.....	3 00	3 00
John Smyth, serving subpoenas.....	12 00	Cont'd
Mary A. Oard, repayment of taxes.....	5 30	5 30
E H Taylor, destroying bedding smallpox patients.....	5 00	5 00
Peter Clemens, salary as road sup.....	212 00	212 00
Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co, service for October.....	5 50	5 50
Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co, services for November	4 00	4 00
Harney County News printing for county school supt.....	15 00	15 00
Times Herald printing for county.....	98 75	98 75
Tom Allen, jailor fees.....	8 00	8 00
Tom Allen, expenses of James Caldwell to Vale.....	11 50	11 50
L. Woldenberg Jr, ink for election.....	3 00	3 00
Irwin Hodson & Co supplies for surveyor.....	44 00	25 00

Irwin Hodson & Co supplies for election.....	41 40	Cont'd
Irwin Hodson Co supplies for county.....	13 50	13 50
Lunenburg & Dalton supplies for county.....	9 35	9 35
Mrs Lackman, washing for prisoners.....	6 50	6 50
Glass & Prudhomme supplies for county.....	32 05	32 05
Glass & Prudhomme supplies for county.....	26 00	26 00
Glass & Prudhomme supplies for county.....	137 40	137 40
Glass & Prudhomme supplies for county.....	61 50	61 50
J H Loggan, jury circuit court.....	5 00	5 00
C B Ausmus, dito.....	8 00	8 00
Joe Hill, dito.....	5 00	5 00
J C Creamer.....	4 00	4 00
Tom Bain, dito.....	5 20	5 20
Robt Irving ditto.....	5 00	5 00
J M Bunyard, ditto.....	6 00	6 00
Geo L James, ditto.....	7 00	7 00
Noah Oard ditto.....	10 00	10 00
E P Sylvester, ditto.....	7 00	7 00
Paul Blume, ditto.....	8 00	8 00
Frank Heinz, ditto.....	9 60	9 60
Geo Buchanan, ditto.....	10 20	10 20
Wm J George, ditto.....	9 20	9 20
S W Hamilton, ditto.....	14 00	14 00
Mal Fenwick, ditto.....	5 00	5 00
Ubal Cote, ditto.....	10 00	10 00
Geo W Luce, ditto.....	10 00	10 00
J C Foley, ditto.....	4 20	4 20
Carroll Cecil, ditto.....	12 00	12 00
Dean Horton, ditto.....	16 00	16 00
Julian Byrd, ditto.....	4 20	4 20
S F Tyler, ditto.....	10 00	10 00

Malheur County, cost bill James Colwell trial.....	2141 55	Cont'd
Marsden & Geary, medical attendance on county poor.....	174 50	174 50
C E McPheeters, care and keep of county poor.....	245 32	245 32
Tom Allen cash paid for delivering ballot boxes	43 50	Dis't'd
J C Gill & Co supplies for surveyor.....	6 50	Cont'd
Mrs A T Clark, balance due A T Clark as road Supervisor.....	71 84	71 84
Newt Hoover, salary as road supervisor.....	216 00	216 00
H M Horton, Booths for June election.....	5 00	5 00
S Mothershead, stamps for clerk's office Bld fund.....	5 00	5 00
Thos Howard, janitor.....	46 50	46 50
Tom Allen, stamps for sheriff's office bld fund	5 00	5 00
O-B Stage Co, freight on supplies, ditto.....	26 21	18 46
Canyon Burns Stage Co balance on former bill ditto.....	5 65	5 65
Burns Milling Co, lumber, road fund.....	697 93	697 93
Dan Varlen, extra work on road contract, ditto	24 00	24 00
Geo W Luce, work on roads, ditto.....	5 00	5 00
Miller & Thompson, lumber for roads, ditto.....	30 36	30 36
J E Harper, repairing bridge, ditto.....	2 50	2 50
J C Foley, repairing road plow, ditto.....	2 00	2 00
W W Dickenson & Sons lumber, ditto.....	132 56	132 56
McGee & Lewis, buggy and team by Clemens	2 50	2 50
Harney Valley Lumber Co, lumber, ditto.....	4 44	4 44
Harney Valley Lumber Co, lumber, ditto.....	714 25	714 25
Wilson & Ashton, repairing road tools ditto	29 50	29 50
J E Johnson, repairing Roads, ditto.....	353 00	353 00
J E Johnson, balance on contract Lawen-Narrows road, ditto.....	998 00	998 00
J E Johnson, advance on Fenwick lane, ditto	500 00	500 00

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