

DOING RECLAMATION WORK OF MAGNITUDE

William Hanley and Associates Draining Swamps And Diverting The Water On Great Tracts of Dry Sage Brush Lands In The Valley

The Times-Herald has just learned that the Hanley Company has completed the work of dredging the "P Ranch swamp" and considerable ditching and flume on this same project has been completed during the past season. It is stated on good authority that the company has ordered another dredging machine of a more modern type for the same purpose in the "Diamond swamp," work on which will no doubt begin next season.

This work is of rather immense character and has been carried on the past two seasons by the Eastern Oregon Engineering Co., under the direct supervision of F. C. Dillard of that firm. The draining of the swamp just completed has been gigantic in its scope, as it not only drains an immense area that may now be cultivated but the water heretofore making this swamp has been diverted on to higher ground that has not been tilled or used owing to its dry character, and which now will be cultivated. During the season we are told some three miles of ditch and flume work was completed in the field about the Sod House.

This big undertaking has been going on for some time but little has been said about it. Mr. Hanley has stated in the past, especially at the time of the transfer of the land grant lands to the Hill interests, that the holdings of his company would be placed on the market at no distant date. It may be the plan, although this assertion is made without any authority, that the plan is to reclaim this land and at once place it on the market in small tracts.

The draining of the Diamond swamp, which it is now reported the company contemplates, a larger area will be added to the land reclaimed and make desirable homes for many people. It

is well located and the land is rich, the climatic conditions exceptionally good, adapted to diversified farming and will add much to the wealth and prosperity of this county.

Importance of Agriculture

Agriculture is the wealth of the nation and if wisely managed the soil will support the nation with little outside help. But while we have a wealth of resource in the land, agriculture in this country is still far from the point where it can support our ninety six millions of people, because it is not wisely followed in every section. The question of the hour is now to get enough people into the business of farming to take care of the rapidly expanding population in the cities and the constantly increasing demand for foodstuffs all over the country.

Immigration into the different parts of Crook county continues week after week. Last Tuesday a large party of settlers arrived in Madras, from Centralia, Washington and the surrounding country. Those who composed the party were: F. M. Mills, Orren Bishop, Charley Devlin, Harry McCandalis, Maurice Eaton, Charles Bramer, Leslie Eshum, John Bretherson, and were under the leadership of M. E. Bates. These people came from a rich agricultural country, but they learned of the greater possibilities existing in this county, and decided to grasp the opportunity of a life time, and secured a portion of the homestead land offered by the government.—Madras Pioneer.

Henry Eichner at Harney Oregon, is prepared to do all kinds of rag carpet and rug weaving at 33 1/2 cents per yard and furnish the warp.

SCRAP FOR POLITICAL PIE

Fight Is On Between Politicians And Much Speculation Rife As To Outcome—Many Postmasters Are Slated For Positions

A Washington dispatch to the Oregonian under date of Jan. 10 gives a list of proposed appointments in Oregon recommended by Ralph Williams, national committeeman of the republican party. It says:

"National Committeeman Williams today recommended to President Taft that the following Federal appointments be made in Oregon: "Thomas McCusker, Postmaster at Portland; John H. Burgard, Collector of Customs, Portland; E. C. Kirkpatrick, of Dallas, United States Marshal; C. V. Johnson, of Corvallis, Appraiser of Customs at Portland; D. L. Key, of Portland, Surveyor-General; Frank J. Parker, Collector of Customs at Astoria; L. H. Arneson, Receiver of The Dalles Land Office; Preston A. Worthington, receiver of the Burns Land Office.

The following Presidential postmasters also are recommended: Frank J. Carney, Astoria; John E. Loggan, Burns; Ella V. Powers, Canyon City; Ben Weathers, Enterprise; John E. Beasley, Falls City; William M. Brown, Lebanon; F. W. Harnes, Roseburg; Edgar Hostetter, The Dalles; Merritt A. Baker, Weston; Philip A. Livesly, Woodburn; John H. Peare, LaGrande; John F. Miller, Jacksonville."

Under later date the Journal has a dispatch from Washington as follows: "Democratic senators held a caucus today and decided to stand pat in their opposition to a corner in Republican patronage.

"The Republicans having refused to co-operate with a Democratic committee to consider the nominations with a view determining what should be and what should not be confirmed, they determined to stand pat and hold up everything but army and navy promotions and the diplomatic appointments until the further orders of the caucus. It is said the Republicans are willing there should be no delay in acting upon the nominations placed upon the exempt class by the Democratic caucus.

"Postmasters and other civil appointments intended to be filled with Republicans within a few weeks of the end of the Republican administration will be protested against by the Democrats, even if it takes a filibuster to enforce their protests.

"There will be rather cold comfort for those whose names are sent in by the president. Two postmasters were the only nominations for Oregon that the president sent in today. Those that Ralph Williams submitted must go to the various departments having jurisdiction and be approved. This is naturally a mere matter of form, but it will delay their presentation for a few days."

James J. Hill May Be Next Sec. of Agriculture

It is interesting to note that the eastern newspapers are devoting much attention to the proposal that James J. Hill be chosen the next Secretary of Agriculture. It is also, perhaps, a bit strange that the papers of the Coast have given Mr. Hill's proposed candidacy so comparatively slight mention; in this matter, it seems as if the Pacific Northwest must turn to such journals as the New York Times even to learn that Mr. Hill is being discussed, and discussed with a national seriousness. Assuredly it would be difficult to select a man more admirably qualified for the position, or to make an appointment that would be more universally popular. Especially would his selection be applauded in the West, where Mr. Hill is known by his works—and his works have shown him to be the greatest practical agricultural developer in the history of the United States.—Bend Bulletin.

LOCHER BUILDING DESTROYED BY FIRE

Old Time Structure Discovered Aflame Shortly After 10 O'clock Tuesday Night—Too Late To Save And Is Rapidly Consumed. No Insurance And Loss Reported Heavy

Locher's hall was destroyed by fire last Tuesday night. It is not known definitely how it was started, some say from an overturned light in one of the rooms on the ground floor, while others claim who were on the scene early, that the fire seemed to have started from another part of the building.

It was discovered a few minutes after 10 o'clock and almost immediately half the population of the town was on the scene and the fire apparatus at work. The fire department did some very effective work in saving the Locher home, which is really a part of the structure consumed, and other wooden buildings in close proximity to the hall. The volunteer work of many men and women saved much property and the result shows wonderful and almost unbelievable work. The lower portion of the building having been of stone aided materially in confining the fire to the one building and the intelligent efforts of the fire department and citizens did the intelligent efforts of the fire department and citizens did the rest. At one time it looked as though the fire would spread across and communicate with the Cleverer furniture store but this was saved through a volunteer brigade who mounted the roof from the back and poured water down the front. Almost every window in the front of the building is broken as a result of the heat and water. Had the flames communicated with the building the Welcome harness shop and Dr. Geary's office would have been burned and it would have been an effort to save The Times-Herald building, although the latter is a brick structure, would possibly have stood.

It was seen at once that the hall could not be saved and it did not look possible that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Locher could be saved but the boys climbed the roof and a hose was played on the flames where the home was attached to the hall building and by persistent effort and the aid of a bucket brigade from the Lampshire garage and a well adjoining the Locher building, it was a possibility and this encouraged the workers to greater effort.

The buildings to the south were kept wet at intervals preventing the flames from spreading to the south and thus several small buildings the Drinkwater property, Lampshire's garage and the block to the south across the street, which is entirely wood structures were saved. Everything was favorable to the fire fighters, so far as weather conditions were concerned. A snow had fallen the night before and the roofs were all covered and wet. The wells on the street where the water engine secured its supply were inadequate, however, and it had to be moved at frequent intervals from one well to another. The first stand was made at the corner of The Times-Herald building and while the top was being pried off, which was frozen down in the snow, water was secured from this office to prime the pumps and a

stream was soon playing on the fire. Locher's hall had been a landmark in Burns for many years and had been the public meeting place for almost all large gatherings, theatricals, dances, etc. The first story of the building had been built of stone from time to time mostly by the personal labor of Mr. Locher and there were wide stone partitions all through that part which arrested the fire after the second story had collapsed. They had recently put in a hard-wood floor in the hall for skating rink and dancing purposes at considerable expense. The lower portion was occupied by several tenants including the offices of the Central Oregon Oil & Gas Co., which was in the front part on the main street, John Worlow, Mr. Wisdom and wife, Chas. Riggs and wife. All of these lost some household goods and personal effects. T. E. Jenkins had a quantity of beer, liquor and cigars stored in one of the rooms and aside from the Lochers is perhaps the heaviest loser. Mr. Godfrey, who has charge of the Gas Company offices, states that their loss is not heavy so far as actual destruction of property is concerned but some very valuable maps were burned that it will take much time and hard work to replace. He also lost some personal effects of more or less value.

Miss Locher informs the writer that the insurance had been allowed to lapse only a short before. They had been at considerable expense recently and her mother felt that there was less danger in winter and simply neglected it. Therefore the loss is entire. The Times-Herald wishes to commend the fire department and the many good people who worked so heroically during the night to save the town from destruction, for had the flames communicated with any other building it would have been almost impossible to have saved a large portion of the business part of town to the south. Fortunately there was not a breath of wind. The Ladies Auxiliary is also to be commended and deserve much credit for their work, not only in having hot coffee for the workers, but also for material aid in carrying water in buckets and assisting in removing things from buildings threatened in the vicinity. The ladies even helped on the water engine when the men were spent for breath and had to stop. The icy streets and the necessity of frequent moves from one well to another, thus causing the hose to be detached and carried from one street to another made much work and many of those who volunteered on the engine and carried the heavy hose were men not accustomed to such violent exercise and working with such haste under exciting circumstances caused them to become tired soon, necessitating their frequently stopping to catch their breath. Property owners in the vicinity of the fire were kept busy between doing what they could at intervals on the fire apparatus (Continued on Last Page)

'A' BARKING UP A TREE'

Time For Action At Hand—Yet Idle Talk And Suggestions Both Impracticable and Impossible Holds Sway Resulting In Little Gain

The recent Irrigation Congress held in Portland may have advocated some good things; in this respect we are satisfied it was good to recommend the work of the state board of water commissions, the advocacy of good roads and other things, but some of the talks of the delegates were more or less a joke. The fact that the Carey act has been a failure in this state has not been on account of the act, for it has been a success in other states, for instance Idaho, but the thing was not given the right consideration in the first place, with no business like attention by the proper authorities.

When it was first taken advantage of in this state there were some of the wildest applications and segregations made that any one could dream of. The most impractical schemes were perpetrated imaginable, and the state permitted it. As an instance, one project of considerable magnitude was withdrawn under the act in this county and held for an indefinite time that was about as practical as a siphon to convey Bull Run water from the other side of the Cascades to Burns for domestic purposes or dipping it out of a well with a thimble. These people held on to the land for a long time and did not give up until they were called upon to make good their bet. No such games would have been played on Oswald West had he been in the executive chair or John H. Lewis who is now state engineer.

The suggestion or resolution to place the working of the act on a business basis as in Idaho was good. This should have been done before as then much of the Eastern portion of the state would now be more thickly populated and bringing in a revenue not only in the way of taxes to assist state county, city and school, but also in assisting to reduce the high cost of living and giving thousands of people comfortable homes and incomes.

The proposition to put people out of business entirely, such as suggested by Mr. Young is rather foolish. People who have put their money into the projects of whatever character and have gone according to law, worked conscientiously and legitimately are entitled to some consideration and will get it from all fair minded people. Another thing: Just so long as people will enter into stipulations with a big corporation which in their character give the corporation a greater hold, in a technical manner at least, of what should be distributed more equitably among the people, just that long will it be harder to remove such an evil from the path of progression and development.

We want to advance, we want development and the "quicker the sooner" but go at it in a practical and business like way—not through popular prejudice but by legitimate means. The holding back of progress and development of this state or this particular section is not due to one company or corporation, but to several—and not alone to this character of "evil" if the word may be applied here, but to lack of unity of purpose with the whole people and a practical method of procedure. Each individual is looking too much to his own personal advantage. There is a lack of organization on the part of the people which must be overcome. (Continued on Last Page.)

REMEDY FOR CAREY ACT POINTED OUT

Irrigation Men Urge Relief For Settlers State's Negligence Shown. Congress Seeks Action on Columbia Southern Project So Report Says

Unqualified declaration that the Carey act has not operated successfully and presentation of a substitute plan whereby the settler can give a first mortgage and secure immediate title to his land were contained in resolutions unanimously adopted by the Oregon Irrigation Congress yesterday afternoon, says the Oregonian.

Further resolutions urge the State Legislature to provide funds for the immediate relief of settlers on the Columbia Southern project in Crook County; to pass a county bonding act for the construction of good roads and to appropriate money for the thorough investigation of the Columbia River power project as advocated by John H. Lewis, State Engineer.

One of the most important—and the shortest—resolutions provides that no reclamation project be opened for settlement until the water is ready for distribution. This would prevent such disastrous results as those experienced by the Columbia Southern settlers.

Residence requirements on irrigation projects constructed by the Reclamation Service were declared unjust and unreasonable and action was urged that will allow water-users 25 years in which to repay the Government for construction expenses.

President-elect Wilson was asked to appoint a "Western, and preferably an Oregon man, possessing legal learning, knowledge of actual conditions existing in the West, and the judicial temperament essential to the proper discharge of the duties of the office for Secretary of the Interior." No mention of either Joseph N. Teal or Will R. King, both of whom are candidates for the honor, was made.

Adjudication of the water rights under the Center Oregon Irrigation Company's project, which was made the subject of an address at Friday's meeting by A. O. Walker, of Alfalfa, was asked in a separate set of resolutions.

Legislative appropriation of \$50,000 to be used with a like amount already promised by Secretary Fisher, of the Federal Interior Department, in investigating irrigation and power projects as outlined by J. N. Teal before the congress, was advised.

The State Board of Control was commended for its work in the adjudication of the waters of the Silvies River in Harney County and the early completion of the project was recommended.

At the afternoon session A. M. Crawford, Attorney-General of the state, discouraged the idea of making State Board of Control a judicial body and the following resolution was adopted in accordance with that idea:

"Be it resolved, That the effective work of the Board of Control in the adjudication of water rights should be extended by the granting of adequate funds and that all attempts to change such administrative board into a court should be discouraged in every possible way."

The full text of the measure condemning the Carey act and the outline of the plan for settlement of lands by the deed and mortgage system is as follows:

Whereas, The Carey act has not operated successfully in Oregon and as it would appear that the settler as well as the irrigation company would be benefited by a slight revision of the rules of the Desert Land Board, to conform to those in use under the same act in Idaho, therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the Oregon Irrigation Congress urge the

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