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## IRRIGATION PETITIONS HEARINGS CONTINUED

Objection from Unexpected Source Delays Action on Vital Measure Until April 2nd. Effort Was First to Have Unanimous Approval of All Factions.

The petitions for irrigation districts with the signatures of a large number of land owners were before the county court for consideration during the week. The petition covering the biggest area and also that asked for in the Lawen district, was first taken up and there seemed really no definite objection. To all appearances it should have had favorable consideration but with the usual luck of such undertakings it was postponed. There were duplicate names on the two petitions but none of the men were on hand to raise an objection to the petition being granted or make any protest whatever.

All the objections came from a source that was unexpected. The men circulating the petition for the larger district had been told by those signing in the Lawen territory that should the petition for the big district meet with approval the Lawen petition would be withdrawn. However, it was represented to the court that the Lawen petitioners desired that district be organized, although there was not one present who had signed both petitions to verify this, on such showing a continuation was made of both petitions until April 2.

It is a disappointment that this effort toward organization of irrigation forces should be thus delayed. It is the first effort of this kind to have so nearly unanimous support and had particular advantages, in that it covers a greater area and unites conflicting interests. The larger district would have the advantage, too, of being more representative of the entire county and thus carry the burden of financing with less effort. The territory embraced in the large district would receive preference with a bonding concern and with all interests combined the project would carry much weight and accomplish results that a smaller district would find difficult.

While the big companies did not sign either petition, it is understood that they had no representatives who could be reached at the time the petitions were circulated. The Times-Herald is not in a position to state whether they are favorable or otherwise. The P. L. S. Co. and the William Hanley Co. had legal representatives present at the hearing before the court at which time there were no formal objections filed.

### FLU BAN LIFTED BY HEALTH BOARD

The flu ban has been removed in Burns this week. The health officers gave permission to the picture house to open and the management at once wired for films but they have not yet arrived. It is expected they will be brought over from Crane this evening and the house will produce them tomorrow night. A dance has been advertised at Tonowama tonight in honor of the army and navy boys who have returned home. The Times-Herald does not know whether the schools will open at once or no. It has not been announced by the board.

### DR. FARRAND IS NEW HEAD OF RED CROSS



Dr. Livingston Farrand, former president of Colorado university, is the new chairman of the central committee and executive head of the American Red Cross. The war council retired March 1. Dr. Farrand earned his place by wonderful work in France.

## GOVERNOR OF OREGON IS TAKEN BY DEATH

James Withycombe Passes Away Monday.

HE HAD BEEN ILL MORE THAN A YEAR

Deceased Had Been in Oregon Since 1871; Ardent Friend of Stockman and Farmer.

Governor James Withycombe died at his home in Salem last Monday evening. Death was caused by heart disease. The governor was conscious to the last, and had passed a very good day.

Governor Withycombe had been bothered with heart trouble for over a year and had been confined to his bed for a week previous to his death. He was very optimistic all day Monday concerning his health as he said he felt better during the day than he had in a long time.

James Withycombe was born at Tavistock, England, March 21, 1854. Came to Oregon in 1871 with his parents and began farming and also practiced as a veterinarian. He was married in 1875 and is survived by his widow and children. He was appointed director of the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station in 1898 where he remained until 1914 when he resigned to become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. He had been a candidate in 1906 for that office but failed of the nomination. In 1914 he was elected becoming the first republican governor to be chosen in the state in 12 years. He was re-elected in 1918 becoming the first republican governor in the history of the state to succeed himself.

It will be for his vigorous patriotism when his country was at war and for his work as head of the O. A. C. experiment station that Governor Withycombe will be best remembered by the state he served so many years in public life, says a newspaper of a date just following his death.

### SOLDIERS TOLD HOW TO GET \$60 BONUS

Discharged officers and enlisted men of the United States army who are entitled to claim bonus of \$60 authorized by the recent act of congress, approved by the president Feb. 24, will make their applications for the bonus directly to Washington, D. C. The following telegraphic instructions from the adjutant general have been received at the spruce production division headquarters in Portland.

All persons separated from active military service from April 6, 1917, to date of receipt of these instructions, who are entitled to the \$60 bonus in reference, and who have received their final pay, will forward claim for such bonus direct to the zone finance officer, Lemon building, Washington, D. C., who is designated to settle such claims. Such applications must contain:

- The discharge certificate or order for discharge or relief, if no certificate was issued, but both certificate and order if both were issued the paper bearing the endorsement of final payment being required.
- A statement of all military service since April 6, 1917, showing place and date of reporting at first military station, and
- Address to which check is to be sent.

When settlement is made all personal papers will be returned to the applicant with check. No further correspondence is necessary except to advise of change of address of applicant. No other disbursing officers are authorized to pay claims by this paragraph.

Jeff Wilson was another one of our soldier boys to arrive home this week after doing his part in the army. He came in and surprised his relatives and friends.

### DOLLAR-A-YEAR MAN RETURNS TO HIS HOME



Col. William Hanley.

Col. William Hanley is home after an absence of over a year. He was one of his Uncle Sam's dollar-a-year men during the war and had some experience on the Atlantic coast and at the National Capitol but feels glad to be again with his old time friends and smell the sage brush.

Mr. Hanley has lost some of his surplus flesh but says he feels none the worse for it. In fact he has been reducing systematically as he says it isn't right to handicap a man that is a good worker when not encumbered with so much avoidables.

Since returning home Mr. Hanley has spent a considerable of his time renewing acquaintances in this city and discussing the future of the country. He told the bunch in this shop that he came home to work and was ready for anything that was for the upbuilding of the country and was started without mercenary objects. To put it his way: "So long as it is clean, I'm for it."

If the people of this section could really get together along the lines of development and unselfishly work for results there is much that can be accomplished and Mr. Hanley is one of the men who realizes that. He has seen things during recent years that makes him know that unity is necessary to the success of worthwhile undertakings.

It is good to have a man of his energy interested in a country and his influence for its advancement is a factor.

"Bill" Hanley's many old time friends extend him a hearty welcome home.

It apparently will be Victory Liberty short term notes instead of bonds in the next April campaign. But whether they are notes or bonds, it is up to you and me to subscribe to our limit anyway.

## LIVESTOCK LOSSES ENORMOUS SUM

Three-fourths Preventable by Proper Measures.

1915 ESTIMATE IS \$212,000,000.00

All State Agricultural Colleges Maintain Specialists to Help Stockmen.

(Special information service U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

Losses of livestock from diseases, accident and other causes, probably three-fourths of which are preventable by proper preventive measures and modern veterinary practice, amount to enormous sums each year in 1915 they were estimated as reaching \$212,000,000. This sum, say specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, would have supplied the entire American Expeditionary Force of 2,000,000 men with meat for nearly a year. To these losses may be added others which, though direct, are nevertheless important. The discouragement of stock raising is one indirect loss, and this in turn retards the development of diversified agriculture.

Although much is being accomplished in the control and eradication of destructive animal diseases, the best results can be fully realized only through closer cooperation between the live-stock owner and those who are in position to give him assistance. The stockmen who fail to realize the necessity of fighting the unseen enemies of live stock by sanitation and the use of modern preventive methods that science has provided must be made to see the importance and profit which will come as a result of changing their conditions. A better understanding of feeds and feeding practices will prevent many of the common disorders of the digestive and respiratory tracts which are common among all classes of live stock. Losses from such accidents as horn wounds, bruises, wire cuts, harness sores, and broken legs, in most instances, are properly chargeable to neglect or carelessness.

The selection of breeds adapted to the climate and local conditions under which they must exist, as well as the selection for the foundation stock is important in maintaining health. Heavy beef and dairy types are better suited to withstand the trying conditions of cold climates, while the lighter, less fleshy breeds thrive better in warmer localities. Mountain types are better adapted for hilly grazing lands, close-wooled sheep for cold regions, and the open-fleeced

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### NEW STATE CHAMBER SENDS REPRESENTATIVE



A. G. Clark.

A. G. Clark, representing the new State Chamber of Commerce, is expected in this city on next Thursday, March 13, to hold a conference with county representatives of that organization.

Sheriff W. A. Goodman, who was appointed chairman of this county on membership, received the following telegram on March 4:

"Conference State Chamber of Commerce for Harney County to be held at Burns Thursday, March 13. A. G. Clark, Portland, representing the State Chamber, will arrive from Crane on stage. Advise all city and town chairmen of your county to attend this conference. Advise it extensively. Wire confirmation this arrangement."

J. L. ETHERIDGE.  
This organization is one that should have the active support of the entire county, as it was organized along broad lines and is going to be a factor in the reconstruction period. It will be one of the important organizations to lend itself to the constructive legislation passed by the recent legislature and one of the measures in which this community should be interested in is the one creating the land settlement commission which is going to take care of the development of irrigation projects and kindred undertakings in connection with the plans of the federal government.

It is unfortunate that the roads are such that there will be few who can come in from other points for this conference. Another drawback as to definite date is the uncertainty of the arrival of the stage at the usual hour. If Mr. Clark expects to arrive in Crane on Thursday's train and come on to Burns that same night for a conference he don't know about Harney county roads in March. It can't be did.

Mr. Clark, the representative coming in for the proposed conference, is not a stranger here as he was in this county last June in the interest of war measures. He is the manager of the Home Products League of Portland and is a good booster.

### WHY A HOG ANYHOW?

City consumers, who are paying before unheard of prices for ham, lard, bacon and other pork products, and who have salvaged their injured financial sense with the thought that the farmer was at last getting rich, would be surprised to discover that the hog raiser says he is losing more money at present prices than he has in years.

The government guarantee for several months has "insured" a minimum price of \$17.50 for average packers droves of hogs.

Instead of this being the irreducible minimum, it has been the seldom attained maximum, and the average paid by the packers the last 90 days has been more frequently below \$17. than it was above; and in several big packing centers the top price for fancy and prime hogs has been for days as low as \$15.

So the hog grower hasn't been getting even the minimum. But if he had, the sad fact remains that at present feed prices he would be still losing money.

On the governmental agreed ratio of 13 pounds of corn to one of pork the cost of the fat on a hog is about \$20 a hundred pounds.

With the recent abnormal increase in the price of mill feeds, and with tankage and packing house products still held at a top level, there are

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## OREGON TAKES LEAD IN LAND LEGISLATION

State Ready to Co-operate with Federal Government.

MORE RECLAMATION WORK IS URGED

Immense Benefit Is Predicted by Professor Scudder as Result of Action by Legislature.

Oregon is leading the states in land settlement legislation to enable persons of limited means to start farming on their own land, with equipment necessary to success, in the opinion of Professor H. D. Scudder of Oregon Agricultural college. So far as reported Oregon is the first state to provide for co-operation with the federal government in reclamation and land settlement as proposed by Secretary Lane, says the Oregonian of recent date.

The measure enacted was framed in accordance with the recommendation of Governor Withycombe and embodies the principles of progressive business policy in land settlement that were brought to the attention of the people of Oregon last year through the activities of the land settlement commission.

Measure Strongly Indorsed.

It was the hope of the promoters of the movement, as expressed at the commonwealth conference last summer, and at later conferences of the land settlement commission, that the plans might take form before the close of the war in order to have work under way when the discharged soldiers returned. Early ending of the war made this impossible, but the legislature recognized the importance of the subject and the law passed has the approval of bankers, business men and commercial interests generally.

Professor Scudder, who was in Portland yesterday, continues the Oregonian, says that with the passage by congress of the general reclamation law recommended by Secretary Lane, Oregon will realize great benefit by reason of its action. Professor Scudder recently made a trip to Washington to present the Oregon plan to the federal departments through which co-operation will be directed. He found interior and agricultural department officials deeply interested, especially since Oregon had advanced new ideas to meet the needs of the times.

Message Sent to Capitol.

William H. Crawford, secretary of the Oregon land settlement commission, yesterday sent the following dispatch to Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, calling attention to the enactment of the bill by the Oregon legislature:

"Oregon legislature has just passed bill creating Oregon land settlement commission, appropriating emergency fund for immediate activities, and also refers to the people at special election to be held in June, an act authorizing sale of bonds of approximately \$3,000,000 for general reclamation and land settlement in co-operation with federal government. The Oregon commission has the most enthusiastic support of the people and much is expected from the efforts toward land settlement that you have urged during the past few months."

### STALKING PROFITTEERS RITTER'S JOB



Getting prices down is this man's job. It is W. M. Ritter, chairman of the price conference committee, whose task it is to recommend to the government what prices shall be paid for principal commodities during the readjustment period.

