State Water Board Reduced to Only Two Members

Some important changes were made by the last legislature in the water laws and irrigation and drainage district laws of the State. The abolishment of the office of Superintendent of Water Division No. 1 reduces the State Water Board to two members, the State Engineer and the State Water Superintendent. The State Engineer was given charge of the distribution of the water of the State, with authority of overseeing the work Noted Writer and Divine Comes First of the various water masters, which work has heretofore been under the direction of the division superintendent. The superintendent of Water Division No. 2 was given charge of the adjudication of water rights in the entire State and was given the Collier's rates him as one of the title of State Water Superintendent. twelve great speakers of the country.

A constitutional amendment providing for the guaranty of the first five years' interest on irrigation and drainage bonds will be submitted to the people at the coming special election. On account of heavy discount on drainage and irrigation bowis, this class of reclaimation bonds has been under a severe handicap, which it is believed will be largely removed if this amendment is passed.

A statutue was enacted providing that irrigation districts may accept a part of the land of any landowner within the district as an offset against the reclaimation charge on the remainder of his land. This will probably serve as a very convenient method of cooperating with the Federal Government.

The provision of the irrigation district law relating to the validation of the procedure prior to the issuance of bends was clarified by the re-enactment of this portion of the irrigation alistrict law.

Agricultural lands included within the limits of a municipality may now be included in an irrigation district. This amendment was deemed necessary on account of the large area of agricultural land which is included within the limits of some of the municipalities within or adjacent to the irrigation districts.

Provision has also been made for The reclaimation of lands in an irrigation district in units. Heretofore, it was necessary that every acre of ir, rigable land in a district should be readily and generously. There is assessed the same as every other ir-probably nothing that she would rathrigable acre. This brought about a tendency to exclude land from the district, which would increase the scort against the main body of land motwithstanding the fact that it might be entirely feasible to irrigate those lands at a higher cost. It will now an irrigation district as a separate mult, and assess them according to the cost of reclaimation.

Under the irrigation district law as enacted in 1917, the district could not require construction bonds in excess of 25 per cent of the amount of the contract. This has been cured as the statute now provides that no such bond shall be less than 25 per cent of the construction cost.

closely with the irrigation district law large bunches. W. W. BROWN Fife Oregon. ed as to whether or not the obliga-

tion of the district was an individual or a community obligation by fixing it definitely as a community obliga-

Another statute was enacted providing for the certification of drainage district bonds in the same manner as irrigation district bonds are now certified.

Summing up, therefore, much favorable legislation was secured affecting reclaimation. In fact, the last legislature seemed to take a more favorable view toward reclaimation than its predecessors.

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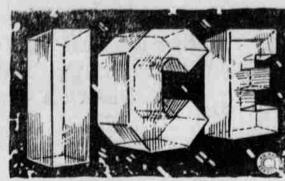
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