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OPENING HARNEY VALLEY

Irrigation Enterprise Under Carey Arid Land Act.

Drake C. O'Reilly has just returned from Harney County, where he has been for two months in the interest of an irrigation enterprise that has been organized for that section, says the Oregonian. The project includes watering 100,000 to 150,000 acres of arid land in the Harney Valley, under the provisions of the Carey arid land act, which the Oregon Legislature made available in this state by a statute passed last Winter. That statute formally accepted the conditions of the Carey act, with all the grants of land to the state under the provisions of that law.

The gist of the law is that any person, association or corporation may enter into contract with the State Land Board to reclaim any tract of desert Government land. The applicant must at his own expense make a survey of the section to be reclaimed and submit with his application for contract a map and plan of the proposed reclamation project, with estimates of first cost and for maintenance, statements of the amount of water to be rendered available, the area to be covered, etc. The contract, when entered into by the State Land Board, shall create a lien for the cost of construction and maintenance, which shall be valid against the separate legal subdivisions of the land reclaimed for the amount due as agreed upon, with interest at 6 per cent from date of reclamation. Congress grants the lands to the state upon certain conditions, and those conditions must be fulfilled as required by law, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior, before the transaction is completed.

It is under this grant of Congress and the statute that the Harney Valley Improvement Company has begun operations. The corporation was organized a short time ago with William Hanley, the Burns cattle king, as president; L. R. Webster, of Portland, vice president, and D. C. O'Reilly, of Portland, secretary. Its authorized capital is \$100,000. The surveys preliminary to filing application for the contract are now in progress.

The water supply will be taken from Silvie's River chiefly, though the construction of storage reservoirs for emergency service is contemplated. The water taken from Silvie's River for irrigation is expected to reduce the volume of that stream so that it will not overflow and create so much marsh land about its mouth. This marsh covers thousands of acres on the west side of Lake Malheur, and north side of Lake Harney, and at certain seasons the water overflows and damages adjacent farm lands. Taking water from the upper stretches of the Silvie's to irrigate arid land will reclaim to cultivation at both ends making the dry soil moist and taking excessive moisture from marsh and overflowed land.

This process, however, will arouse the hostility of those who profit from the present condition of the country, and it is not improbable that the courts will be asked to decide where the equities and rights lie. Stockmen own the marshland, which produces heavy hay and is excellent pasture when the outlying range is parched and barren. They do not want the country to become thickly settled and tilled for general crops, for that would restrict the open range, and in the circumstances found there, it would materially change the character of

the entire region. The valley would be rendered more productive and would give homes and employment to a large number of people, whereas it is largely unsettled now, and must remain so indefinitely if present conditions are not to be changed. It is estimated that the water to be obtained from the Silvie's is sufficient to irrigate all the land in the valley lying under it, but this must operate to dry up the extensive marshes about the lakes and the marshes will then become plow land.

About 50,000 acres of the arid land of the Harney Valley are in the grant to the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company. This concern, which is now owned by Charles Altschul, of San Francisco, is said to be in sympathy with the proposed improvement, for under irrigation the land will be rendered valuable, and there will be a market for it. Settlers are now going into the valley and taking up land, on the prospect that water will soon be available there. Mr. O'Reilly says the charge for water has not yet been definitely fixed, but he believes it will not exceed 50 cents per acre per year.

This is the first move to take advantage of the Carey law that has been made by Oregon citizens. In the Upper Deschutes country, to the westward of Prineville, two or three irrigation projects are on foot, and at least one of them has progressed far toward completion. These were begun before Oregon had accepted the conditions of the Carey law, but it is presumed that their operations will come under the provisions of that act. Still a large part of the land affected by the Crook County enterprises lies within the grant to the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company, and there is comparatively little to be gained by getting under the Carey law in that section. It is only land still belonging to the Government that is subject to the contractors' lien for irrigation improvements. For benefits to accrue to land that has passed to private owners, the irrigation company must make other arrangements for compensation.

There are two ways of getting to the Harney Valley from the railroad. Since the Sumpster Valley line has been extended to Whitney, that is the nearest railroad point, the distance across to Harney being 115 miles. From Ontario the distance is about 150 miles over a good road. Most of the travel is through Ontario, which has for years been the gate to the Harney Valley.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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COUNTY COURT.

Full Summary of the Term Which Convened Last Week.

A special term of county court was held last week, the main object being the semi-annual settlement with the county officers, though considerable other business was transacted. Not being able to give the proceedings in full last week, we give a complete summary in this issue.

In the matter of the improvement of the county road. It appearing to the court that the road known as the Mace road is in a bad condition, the County Judge is authorized to examine said road and have the same surveyed and an estimate made of the cost of making improvements, and he is also authorized to go over the public roads in the Drowsey and Pine creek districts and examine the roads and have the necessary work done on said roads as soon as possible.

In the matter of publishing the experts report filed July 6, 1901, court ordered 1500 copies of the same printed.

In the matter of the expert's report, W. E. Huston, expert, the same accepted.

Annual settlement with the various county officers made.

Contract with Marsden & Geary, county physicians to furnish county poor with medicine and medical attendance for the period of six months, accepted.

County Clerk ordered to advertise for bids to furnish 25 cords of wood.

Liquor license granted to Clarence S. Putman to sell liquors in Wild Horse precinct for a period of three months commencing July 5.

The license heretofore granted H. B. Mace and Peter Clemens to run water in ditches within 60 feet of the public roads has been revoked by the court.

In the matter of supervisors claims for supervising. In order that the court may determine the justness of the claims it was ordered that the supervisors keep an itemized account of each days work performed.

In the matter of the contracts with John E. Johnson to improve the public road. Mr. Johnson files an undertaking in the sum of \$6500 with J. C. Welcome, C. H. Voegtly and Geo. W. Waters as sureties for the faithful performance of the work, and the same was accepted.

In the matter of the \$25 trial fee in the case of the State vs Huffman, it appearing that J. J. Murphy, clerk of the Supreme court of this state presented a claim of \$25 trial fee in the case of the state vs Huffman and that a warrant for the same was drawn, and it now appears that the sum of \$19.25 had already been paid, the clerk was ordered to cancel the warrant for \$25 and issue in lieu thereof a warrant for \$6.00 the balance due.

In the matter of the resignation of Roland Hankins, sr., as road supervisor of district No. 5, the same accepted and Roland Hankins, jr., appointed to fill vacancy.

In the matter of numbering Road districts, it appearing to the court that each road district should be numbered as a matter of convenience, it was ordered that Burns election precinct be Road district No. 1, Curry 2, Harney 3, Poison creek 4, Silvie 5, Pine creek 6, Drowsey 7, Crane creek 8, Saddle Butte 9, Island 10, Lake 11, Diamond 12, Warm Springs 13, Happy Valley 14, Alvord 15, Wild Horse 16, Catlow 17, Desno 18.

In the matter of awarding contracts to grade the Potter swamp road and the road east from the Sweek lane, the contracts awarded to John E. Johnson, Potter swamp road, \$1775; Sweek Lane \$3250.

In the matter of the resignation of T. H. Curl, justice of the peace for Drowsey precinct, the same accepted and John D. Daly appointed to fill the vacancy.

In the matter of the settlement with road supervisors, the report of the following accepted: M. V. Smith, dist. No. 9; J. H. Loggan, 3; J. T. Barnes, 10; Roland Hankins, sr., 5; F. C. Dibble, 2, A. Lundin, 18; Wm. Buffington, 12; S. Whiting, 4; A. McKenzie, J. P. Gearhart, 6; Joe Vanderyool, 13; A. Spandenberg, 17; E. P. Smith, 1; J. F. Moffet, 7.

In the matter of the employment of a county physician, two bids were submitted, one by Drs. Marsden & Geary for \$75 per month and one by Dr. Klebs for \$45 per month. In the consideration of the bids, Commissioners Venator and Williams voted for the acceptance of the first and County Judge Sparrow the latter.

The Ideal Newspaper.

You hear talk of the "ideal newspaper, like the flower that never withers, the bird that never alights the land where sunlight never fades, the only exists in the imagination of the stork whom we are told the elements consume. Writing from his stand point of a county editor if you have ever been in his shoes, you know he is the repository of the secrets of the common ty, none of which he has ever divulged. He must publish a paper chuck full of news, whether anything happens or not. His judicial mind must be far superior to the district judge, and give him pointers in instructing the jury. He must discourse with equal fluency upon the silver question and farmer Jones' Jersey calf, china painting and Poland-China pigs, preserved peaches and the perseverance of saints, foreign wars and local strikes, justification by faith and justification by type, the doctrine of election the election returns, the doings of the last synod and the details of prize fights. The receipts of church socials and the equitable in town council must be equally familiar to the versatile mind. With all this he must wait on the delinquent subscribers, discount the bill of the patent medicine fakers, stand off his wash bill, always go well dressed, pay the printer on Saturday night whether a cent has come in or not; write free puffs, teach the city; never ask for any honors but help others to get them, boom the local statesmen who owe him three year's subscription—in short, be all things to all men, make no mistakes in dates, take the usings of the community and never cuss back. That is the ideal editor and his paper is a daisy. We never saw one.—Ex.

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