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AS GOOD AS PASSED.

The passage of the irrigation bill is big with promise for far Western development. The possibilities of the great region this side of the Missouri seem at length to have taken firm hold upon the imaginations of the East, for the East, coupled with Southern apathy and the formidable opposition of men like Cannon, Grosvenor and Dillard, could easily have defeated the measure.

Few measures have ever passed Congress so exclusively on their merits as public undertakings as this irrigation bill. Largely through the efforts of Representative Tongue, of the irrigation committee of the House, the unworthy schemes of landgrabbers have been painstakingly eliminated from the bill, and now President Roosevelt and the National Irrigation Association have succeeded in working the bill through the House. It is a triumph for useful and honest legislation as well as for Western development.

It does not appear as yet just how certain this bill is of approval in the Senate. The measure passed yesterday in the Senate bill, amended in the House so as to remove its objectionable features. It goes, therefore, direct to conference, and the natural thing to expect is that the Senate will concur in merely corrective alterations in its own bill. The only points of danger would seem to lie in the rule or ruin principle of the corporations with high standing in the Senate, and a possible perversity growing out of the bitter conflict over Cuban relief. Considerations of this unworthy sort, however, will have much less leverage in conference than in the tortuous ways of committees and debate. We think the Senate will promptly concur and the bill become law.

Of the general scope of the measure it is sufficient to say that it sets apart the sales of public lands in arid land states for an irrigation fund, to be expended in departmental expert hands for storage and distribution of headwaters. It is understood that specific enterprises, one in California, another in Arizona and a third in Montana, will be executed with these funds, and that experimental work will be done in other states and territories, including artesian borings and surveys in certain places in Eastern Oregon. This state's immediate benefit may not be considerable, but its ultimate profit from the law will be great.

Oregon has borne conspicuous and effective part in the work that finds fruition in this bill. Representative Moody has co-operated zealously with Messrs. Pinchot and Newell, the Government experts whom he carried over Eastern Oregon last year, and by whom President Roosevelt has chiefly been advised. His influence at Washington, which has been potent among the leaders there, has stood him and the state in good stead. Representative Tongue, as chairman of the House committee, has also labored faithfully and with signal success, not only to perfect the bill, but to bring about its passage. Eastern Oregon's debt is great, both to Moody, whom it refused to honor with re-election, and to Tongue, whose Western Oregon constituents are far more interested in rivers and harbors than in arid lands. Both are men, however, to whom the success attained will be considered compensation not to be despised.—Oregonian.

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NO QUESTION OF RIPARIAN RIGHTS

The decision of the Secretary of the Interior last month regarding the contest of the French Glenn Co. against Sarah E. Marshall, one of the celebrated swamp land cases, has put an end to all doubt regarding the right of riparian ownership so far as applied to the lands south of Malheur Lake. The decision in the above case briefly stated is as follows:

"The land in controversy lies in the Burns land district, on the south shore of Lake Malheur, and north of the meander line surveyed in 1877. In reviewing the case, the Secretary states that in April, 1892, a number of persons alleging settlement in good faith upon lands between this meander line and the waters of the lake, petitioned for a survey of such lands, which survey was denied. Two years later the Government ordered a survey of all dry land between the meander line and the shore line of the lake, but the survey was not completed until 1897. Upon the filing of this survey, Sarah Marshall made homestead entry for the land in controversy, and the stock company promptly brought contest, alleging that under the survey of 1877 they became owner of all land in sections in which the disputed tract lies, from which the water receded, leaving this particular land dry. They claimed the tract because their original holdings extended to the original meander line, directly adjoining the disputed area.

"By the late survey the south boundary of the disputed land is half a mile north of the meander line laid down in 1877. The protestant's lands were originally returned as swamp by the Government surveyor, and passed to the state as such. The company's protest was accordingly dismissed. The company now alleges that the meander line of 1877 did not approximately represent the then existing water line, but ran some distance back from the lake. This, however, is not shown by the evidence. Mrs. Marshall had prima facie valid entry, and had resided on the land for nine years.

The case of this same company against Alva Springer, which involved essentially the same points, has been carried through the courts up to and including the United States Supreme Court, and all have held in favor of the homestead claimant. The evidence in this and all similar cases supports the conclusion that there was no lake or permanent body of water abutting on or in front of the lands claimed by the company to which the meander line laid down in 1877 could relate. This being true, the Secretary holds that that line must be considered as the boundary line of the lots in question, and that no question of riparian rights is presented."

Five years ago, when the republican party succeeded to the control of national affairs, business was stagnant, credit impaired, currency disordered and industries prostrate. After the task of putting the national house in order was accomplished the party not only brought the country to the highest point in its prosperity but to the highest point of prosperity in the history of the world; and this in spite of three wars in two hemispheres, Cuba, China and the Philippines.

The independence of Cuba under republican sponsorship from this country is one of the chief glories of the times, and the withdrawal of our troops from the Philippines, advocated by the democrats, with the consequent turning of the islands over to rapine and pillage would be the crowning infamy of the age.

The British War office states that the total number of Boer prisoners was 25,565. Reports of captures during the war gave the impression that the number was far in excess of these figures.

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES.

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TO WHOM ISSUED	FOR WHAT ISSUED	AMT CLM'D	AMT ALL'D
Lottie Harper, witness, State vs Miller & Colwell		\$22.00	\$22.00
M B Murton,		32.40	32.40
Frank Cawfield,		29.20	29.20
Ed Springer,		24.00	24.00
Geo Simmons,		16.00	16.00
Ed Anderson,		28.00	28.00
Lenas Anderson,		31.00	31.00
I N Hugbet,		17.00	17.00
Myrtle Curtis,		22.00	22.00
Louise McKenzie		26.00	26.00
Scott Catterson,		23.50	23.50
Tnos Allen,		20.00	20.00
N J Simmons,		18.00	18.00
M H Brenton,		22.00	22.00
M L Lewis,		8.20	8.20
R T Hugbet,		25.00	25.00
H Richardson,		4.20	4.20
John G Saxton,		8.20	8.20
H S Browton,		16.20	16.20
Sam Mothershead,		4.20	4.20
Ben Riddle,		24.00	24.00
Geo S Sizemore,		8.20	8.20
Lee Wilson,		4.20	4.20
Geo S Sizemore,		4.20	4.20
Geo Curtis,		20.00	20.00
J F Mahon,		33.00	33.00
Lizzie Rann,	Hayes	9.00	9.00
G W Clevenger,		10.20	10.20
J G Saxton,		4.20	4.20
J H Wieder,		4.20	4.20
H M Horton,		6.00	6.00
Annie Hayes,		19.00	19.00
John Cardwell,		4.20	4.20
C A Sweet,		6.20	6.20
Etta Horton,		6.20	6.20
Mary Stanchift,		6.20	6.20
Joel Smith,		6.20	6.20
Belle Gould,		6.20	6.20
Mrs C Cummins,		6.20	6.20
C J Merrill,		2.20	2.20
A M Byrd,		6.20	6.20
Claud McGee,		10.20	10.20
K Maher,		6.20	6.20
Jas A Sparrow,		10.20	10.20
J McMillen,		10.20	10.20
Thos Sagers,		10.20	10.20
Mrs Chas Anderson,		10.20	10.20
Jason Bennett, juror, April, 1902		6.80	6.80
Thos Bain,		5.20	5.20
W H Morrison,		7.00	7.00
M P. Bonnett,		13.00	13.00
T F Arnold,		17.00	17.00
J M Farrens,		12.00	12.00
W L Best,		10.00	10.00
O D Rusk,		8.00	8.00
E J Laughlin,		15.00	15.00
A L Vanderpool,		8.60	8.60
T J Shields,		8.40	8.40
Henderson Elliot		4.40	4.40
Jacob Wright,		12.00	12.00
E L Beede,		14.00	14.00
A B Carey,		14.00	14.00
Thos Baker,		3.20	3.20
C P Rutherford,		2.30	2.30
Ira Stubblefield,		2.40	2.40
W B Johnson,		12.00	12.00
C J Johnson,		11.60	11.60
F M Bunyard,		24.00	24.00
J D Daly,		16.00	16.00
W A Robertson,		17.20	17.20
Sam King,		7.80	7.80
W A Craft,		16.00	16.00
John Craddock,		26.00	26.00
Tim Donovan,		8.20	8.20
M Horton,		36.00	36.00
M F Williams,		16.20	16.20
Ed Miller,		23.40	23.40
D R Thorn,		19.00	19.00
J A Bartlett,		22.00	22.00
A A Cowing,		25.40	25.40
A G Gould,		24.20	24.20
Albert Altnow,		37.60	37.60
W H Gearhart,		36.00	36.00
Wm Bonnett,		33.20	33.20
R P Moffett,		38.00	38.00
John Wintermeier,		18.00	18.00
D S Graves,		32.00	32.00
Alva Springer,		32.20	32.20
C E Parker,		13.00	13.00
Geo Marshall,		2.20	2.20
Taylor Simmons,		2.20	2.20
A Racine,		31.00	31.00
Isaac Foster,		19.20	19.20
R L Hutton,		18.50	18.50
S W Hamilton,		22.60	22.60
L N Stallard,		22.80	22.80
J R Drewett,		22.00	22.00
R F Stewart,		22.60	22.60
Wm Altnow		24.40	24.40
Geo McDowell,		23.20	23.20
F E Halladay,		22.80	22.80
Ed Howard,		22.80	22.80
Chas Owens,		18.00	18.00
Geo Cawfield,		30.00	30.00
W E Huston,		28.20	28.20
H L Brisco,		28.20	28.20
B F Mutter,		23.60	23.60
Chas Anderson,		28.20	28.20
J P Withers,		31.00	31.00
W P Robbins,		27.60	27.60
J T Barnes,		30.20	30.20
S F Jenkins,		26.00	26.00
Paul Blume,		22.50	22.50

RA Dickenson,		16.20	16.20
John Winters,		26.00	26.00
W H Mayfield,		6.80	6.80
Walter Cross,		20.60	20.60
W H Cecil,		39.00	39.00
Geo Hankins,		23.40	23.40
Geo D Hagev,		6.50	6.50
R B Johnson,		26.00	26.00
J O Cawfield,		28.20	28.20
C Cummins,		28.20	28.20
V J Hopkins,		16.20	16.20
D Jameson, justice fees, State vs Catterson		8.75	8.75
Geo Sizemore, constable		37.10	37.10
Frank Cawfield, witness		4.30	4.30
Geo Simmons,		4.30	4.30
Mrs Warren Curtis		8.50	8.50
Alva Springer,		8.70	8.70
Jas Mahon,		8.50	8.50
Fred Cook,		15.50	15.50
W E Albersen, registering voters		5.00	5.00
Geo Shelley, jailers fees		27.00	27.00
Geo W Young, judge Burns		9.00	9.00
C W McClain		9.00	9.00
John Sevedge		9.00	9.00
W A Gowan, clerk		9.00	9.00
M L Lewis		9.00	9.00
F D Barrows		9.00	9.00
O Hedrick, special constable Burns		9.00	9.00
J H Loggan, judge, Harney		6.00	6.00
J P Withers		6.00	6.00
Alma Davis		6.00	6.00
A K Richardson clerk		6.00	6.00
H R McClure		6.00	6.00
O J Darst		6.00	6.00
Jasper Davis, swearing in judges		1.00	1.00
J H Loggan, returning ballot boxes		3.00	3.00
David Miller, judge Drewsey		6.00	6.00
A H Altnow		6.00	6.00
S S Williams		6.00	6.00
C E Staudlee clerk and returning ballot boxes		16.00	16.00
Drewsey precinct		6.00	6.00
M J Massiker clerk Drewsey		6.00	6.00
J H Wright		6.00	6.00
A W Hurlburt judge Warm Springs		3.00	3.00
M V Baker		3.00	3.00
J F Vanderpool		3.00	3.00
R B Jackson clerk and returning ballot boxes		10.00	10.00
Warm Springs precinct		10.00	10.00
S E Taylor clerk Warm Springs		3.00	3.00
I N Hugbet		3.00	3.00
Thos Hutton judge Curry		3.00	3.00
F C Dibble		3.00	3.00
Alfred Johnson		3.00	3.00
A O Bedeli clerk		3.00	3.00
Isaac Foster		3.00	3.00
J F Oakerman		3.00	3.00
W B Johnson returning ballot boxes		7.00	7.00
R R Sitz judge Saddle Butte		6.00	6.00
D N Catterson		6.00	6.00
M V Smith and returning ballot boxes		11.00	11.00
C W Drinkwater clerk Saddle Butte		6.00	6.00
Walter Gray		6.00	6.00
C A Bonnett judge Crane		3.00	3.00
C T Carey		3.00	3.00
A Venator		3.00	3.00
F G Stauffer clerk		3.00	3.00
W C Cecil		3.00	3.00
R Noble		3.00	3.00
M P Bonnett returning ballot boxes		11.00	11.00
C S Johnson judge Pine Creek		6.00	6.00
J H Anderson		6.00	6.00
Joe Williams		6.00	6.00
August Miller clerk		6.00	6.00
J C Davis and returning ballot boxes		17.00	17.00
Peter Clemens judge Poison Creek		6.00	6.00
Steve Lamphire		6.00	6.00
Wm Stewart		6.00	6.00
A A Cowing clerk		6.00	6.00
E J Lamphire		6.00	6.00
S Whiting		6.00	6.00
Chas Turner judge Wild Horse		3.00	3.00
Elmer Carlson		3.00	3.00
Frank Miranda		3.00	3.00
Lou Bosenberg clerk		3.00	3.00
Geo A Smyth Jr		3.00	3.00
W E Albersen and returning ballot boxes		27.00	27.00
Joe Lorenzana constable		3.00	3.00
W E Harris judge Alvord		3.00	3.00
Chas Reed		3.00	3.00
Bent Embree		3.00	3.00
S Albersen clerk		3.00	3.00
Sid Kurtz		3.00	3.00
E L Scott		3.00	3.00
A Lundin judge Pueblo		6.00	6.00
M M Doan		6.00	6.00
Adam Adrian		6.00	6.00
Roy McGee, service fee on Mrs Geo Simpson		35.00	disallowed
Sam Bailey, meals for judges and clerks of election		7.20	"
James Colwell witness coronors inquest		3.40	"
Wm Hayes witness state vs Colwell and Miller		29.50	continued
Mrs G Hays		31.00	disallowed
Dalton Biggs dist atty fees State vs Catterson		5.00	"
Geo Sizemore constable fee same		4.50	continued
R Hankins jr; services road supervisor		78.50	"
Fred Haines supplies for road supervisor		3.75	disallowed

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