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## AROUSED SETTLERS

Water Not Sufficient To Irrigate Land Project.

## ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

Owners of Land in Columbia Southern Segregation Demand Accounting From Company.

Settlers on the tracts of the Columbia Southern Irrigation company in western Crook county, incensed at the alleged deception and misrepresentation which has been practiced on them, have taken the initial steps to place a period on the company's operations and it is probable that Attorney General Crawford will be asked to cancel the contract of one of the largest private irrigation projects in the state of Oregon.

Complications are added to the proceedings which will be taken against it by the fact that practically \$150,000 has been collected from the settlers who will lose the entire amount, in the event of cancellation of the contract which the company holds with the state, unless the company can be compelled to restore the funds in its possession. A large portion of these however, is said to be invested in property elsewhere.

Scores of persons in both Washington and Oregon have purchased lands in this Crook County project and will wait with no little apprehension the outcome of the fight which the settlers will wage to gain possession of their funds and straighten out the tangle in which the company is involved. The project includes 27,000 acres of the finest irrigated lands in Crook county, and fully 30,000 acres of this amount has been sold at an average of \$10 per acre.

Settlers charge that under the present inadequate system of irrigating there will never be sufficient water to reclaim more than half the total segregation.

W. A. Laidlaw is the majority stockholder in the company. Robert W. Wilson, state representative from Multnomah county, is president, and James W. Blain, secretary.

Settlers allege that deception has been practiced by the company for many months past. At the time Governor Chamberlain and the state land board visited the section on an examination trip last June, the misrepresentation of the company and its failure to make good its promises to the settlers were brought to the attention of the board.

At an indignation meeting held at Laidlaw, Governor Chamberlain advised the settlers that they should in the future refuse to make the balance of their payments to the company or pay the interest on their notes, until the company had lived up to the terms of its contract and complied with the regulations prescribed by the state officials. He took the company strongly to task for issuing circulars which purported to have the sanction of the state board.

The first intimation that preparations were being made to oust the company came a couple of weeks ago when Columbia Southern Irrigating stock fell in a few days from its par value of \$100 to \$35.

News Notes From Freewater.  
The Interurban Realty company, with headquarters in Freewater, has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$10,000. The incorporators are: Robert E. Allen, general manager of the Walla Walla Traction company; A. E. Isaacs, a Walla Walla capitalist, and A. S. Pearson of that city. They will do a real estate, insurance and abstract business.

James E. Romaine has been appointed deputy assessor for the district north of the O. R. & N. railway track and extending to the Blue mountains. Elba Rogers will have charge of the State Line. About 35 days will be required to conclude the work.

While rocking her baby grand daughter to sleep Tuesday morning Mrs. Mary Hodgell, 74 years of age and a well known resident of Freewater, suddenly expired. Death was due to heart failure.

## IDAHO'S NEW LICENSE LAW

Won Out Over Local Option After a Long, Hard Fight.

House bill No. 53, by Ballantyne, the liquor license bill that is in the governor's hands for his signature, was one of the hardest fought measures of the session, says the Boise Statesman. It was the subject of several public hearings—it and its antithesis, H. B. No. 14, by McCracken, the straight local option bill. Numbers of people came in from out of town, to work for both sides of the bill. The bill was handed back and forth from the open house to the committee of the whole, and then traveled up and down the halls between the house and senate, seeking rest. At last it has been passed, and will become a law after the signature of the governor.

The principal provision of the bill, is a straight license of \$750 for every saloon, of whatever grade, in the state. Heretofore there has been a graduated system, from \$100 to \$300, and then to \$500. The bill was at one time passed with a graduated scale, providing a \$300 license for precincts or subdivisions under 150 voters; \$500 up to 500 voters, and \$750 above 400 voters. At the time this amendment was agreed to—which was after the bill had been recommended to the house from the committee of the whole, with a straight license fee of \$750—another amendment was made requiring the county commissioners to refuse to grant a license in precincts where a majority of the voters petitioned against it. Later this petition provision was stricken out and the straight license fee restored. Some amending was done in the senate, but nothing affecting the general provisions of the bill.

Besides the license fee, the measure requires a bond of \$3000 before a license may be issued. This bond may be collected in case of prosecutions arising out of misconduct or illegal selling of liquor. The commissioners may refuse to grant a license with or without cause, wherever in their judgment it will not serve the best interests of the people of the community. The old law did not make it optional with the commissioners, who were obliged to issue the license if accompanied by the money. Licenses may be revoked upon sufficient complaint against the license of keeping a disorderly house.

An emergency clause was attached to the original bill, making it effective immediately upon the governor's signature, but this was stricken off, and the bill will now have 60 days after his signature before it becomes a law.

Paying Taxes Rapidly.  
Tax payments have been coming in fast at the sheriff's office during the past few days and there is every indication that a rushing business will be done until after Friday, the 15th, on which date the 3 per cent discount ceases. Yesterday says the East Oregonian, the sum of \$7500 was collected, and today the office has been filled almost continually. In the opinion of Sheriff Taylor about half of the total taxes will be paid up by the 15th, as the prospect of securing a 3 per cent

rebate appeals to most property owners. Of those who do not pay early and get the rebate the greater part make a half payment during the spring and the second payment before October 1.

A Weston Wizard.  
J. R. Beaton was in Weston Saturday from Poverty Gulch, toasting bonquets at his former neighbor, Joachim Heinrich Clodius says the Leader. He says that Joe was never given sufficient credit and deserves to rank with Luther Burbank as an expert agriculturist and horticulturist. Also that he is equally scientific in bee culture, and was the originator of the experiment of crossing bees with lightning bugs in order to produce a bee that could work at night.

Brought In Delayed Freight.  
The first train since January 29, came in over the W. & C. R. Wednesday. A large consignment of freight for Athena merchants, which had been held at Pasco and Hunt's Junction on account of washouts on the road, was brought in. The W. & C. R. was badly hit by the floods on the "high line" and the Walla Walla Pasco branch.

Enlarging Ditch.  
Preliminary work for the enlarging of the Hinkle ditch canal between Eoho and Butter creek is well under way. Three thousand additional acres will be watered, and many men and teams will shortly be at work. Messrs. Teel, Hinkle and others are actively engaged getting the work under way.

Smallpox at Echo.  
On account of a threatened epidemic of smallpox, the authorities at Eoho have ordered the public school to be closed. There are two cases in the town. One, a boy, came down with the disease while attending school.

## TWO NONAGENARIANS DIE

Oldest Residents of Walla Walla Pass Away.

Admiral Nelson Owens, an early pioneer and well known character about Walla Walla, died at the county poor farm early Monday morning at the age of 97 years. Mr. Owens was born at Middletown, N. Y., and told many stories from which it may be inferred that he was much older than his relatives reckon. Among other things he claimed to have fought in the Mexican war, voted three times for Andrew Jackson, 1824, 1828 and 1832, and twice for Martin Van Buren, and campaigned with Jefferson Davis. He was offered a home with his two sons who live at Kahlottus, but declined. He also had a daughter living in Arizona.

Mrs. Salina Haggarty, who came to Walla Walla thirty years ago, died at her home in that city Sunday night at the age of 90 years. Mrs. Haggarty, who died from senile decay predicted, as she stepped from the Central Christian church, where she attended the old people's meeting two weeks ago, that she would soon pass away, although she was in her usual health and spirits at the time. She leaves two sons residing near Walla Walla and several relatives in the east.

Mr. Owens and Mrs. Haggarty were said to be the oldest people in Walla Walla county.

## Track Wrench Under Rail.

A Milton special to a Spokane paper says: Spokane passenger train No. 8 on the O. R. & N. narrowly escaped being wrecked near Weston Tuesday. A track wrench had been driven under the guard rail and over the inside rail on a curve in the track immediately west of Weston bridge, evidently placed there with the intention of ditching some train. No. 8 luckily passed over without damage. The private car containing Superintendent Thomas Walsh and Division Engineer J. H. Robb, was attached to the train. Railway officials are investigating the matter and every effort is being made to locate the guilty party.

## Grain Growers Incorporated.

The articles of incorporation for the Inland Graingrowers' association were filed Wednesday with the county clerk by Judge S. A. Lowell, attorney for the association. The papers were drawn up on the 9th and signed by John N. Bahr, Henry J. Taylor and J. T. Licellen. In the articles of incorporation the object of the company is said to be to act as agent for the wheatraisers of this county, to purchase grain bags, and twine and to erect, maintain and operate grain warehouses.

## John Hailey Reappointed.

John Hailey, jr., has been reappointed as United States commissioner for Oregon with headquarters in Pendleton. An official notice to that effect was received by him and he will at once file a new bond as required.

## MORE LAND FRAUDS

Mystery Will Be Unraveled By Boise Grand Jury.

## DISCLOSURES ARE EXPECTED

Opinion Prevails That Graft Cases From Lewiston Are Sure to Be Rigidly Investigated.

What promises to be a sensational sitting of the United States grand jury began Tuesday at Boise. Tips are given out on every hand that the disclosures are to be of the highest importance, but nothing definite has developed respecting the particular matter that is of such prominent interest. It is stated, however, that land graft cases are involved and that operations in or about Lewiston are to be investigated.

In examining the grand jurors District Attorney Ruick asked each man whether he had ever taken up a timber and stone claim. Nothing else was indicated by the line of examination. Judge Beatty, in charge of the jury, was very much in earnest in saying they were called upon to discharge a very important duty. He added that their investigations would extend beyond that district. Though cases would have to be tried in districts where they originated, the grand jury here could investigate them.

Three witnesses are already at Boise from Lewiston. They are J. M. Mailoy, formerly chief clerk in the Lewiston land office; Guy L. Wilson and Mrs. Frances A. Justus. Others are being summoned, but how many it is not known. It is the opinion of some that the investigation is to be made into some branch of cases from Lewiston, in which indictments were found last year, but others think the scope of the investigation is to be much broader.

## DEATH OF JAMES SCRIVNER

For Fourteen Years He Resided in and Near Athena.

James H. Scrivner well known to the early residents of Athena, having resided near here for fourteen years, prior to the removal of the family to Creswell, Oregon, died at his home near that place Feb. 27.

James H. Scrivner was born Oct. 7th 1850 at Keytesville, Chariton Co., Missouri, died at his home near Creswell Oregon, Feb. 23, 1907 aged 56 yrs. 4mo. and 16 days, from the effects of a recent stroke of paralysis. He was converted in early life and has been a faithful follower of the Savior ever since.

The funeral services were conducted Monday Feb. 25th by Rev. R. G. Callison at the Pleasant Hill Church, with interment in the Pleasant Hill cemetery, the Creswell Odd Fellows conducting the services at the grave.

He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, one son, one brother and five sisters. The brother is J. W. Scrivner, of Heppner, the sisters, Mrs. W. P. Willaby, of Athena, Mrs. W. P. Leach, of Weson; Mrs. Coleman of Harrisburg; Mrs. John R. Alford, Colburn, Mrs. D. G. Coy, Sacramento, Cal.)

## Chop Mill For Helix.

The Helix Feed Mill & Transfer company has been incorporated by the following named residents of that place: Ira Julian, I. M. Bales and Melvin M. Rounds. The company has built and equipped an up-to-date mill near the depot, and it will have a capacity of 20 tons per day. They will also run a general dray business.

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