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## ELLIS COULD TELL

Responsibility at No Time Rested Upon Oregon's or Any Other State's Senators.

Complete refutation of the charge that Oregon's senators are responsible for the repeal of section 9 of the federal reclamation act, is made in a statement over the signature of Senator George E. Chamberlain to the Portland Journal. Section 9 of the reclamation act provided for the expenditure of money in constructing irrigation works within the several states benefited by that act, in ratio to the proceeds arising from the sales of public lands within such states, respectively. Specifically, the major portion of each state's sales should be returned to such state.

The act providing for a bond issue of \$20,000,000 for the completion of existing irrigation projects, passed at the recent session of congress, contained a clause repealing section 9 of the original act. In this new act it was also provided that the apportioning of reclamation funds should be placed in the hands of the president, whose advisors with respect to these funds should be a board of army engineers. Hence, it might occur that Oregon, after pouring into the reclamation fund more money than any other state, might get least of any in return, or nothing at all, in the "discretion" of the officials charged with the apportionment of funds.

The charge was made weeks ago by the Oregonian's Washington correspondent, and he has reiterated it, that Oregon's senators were responsible for the repeal of section 9, and the Oregonian has upon these charges based repeated editorial taunts.

Senator Chamberlain's statement in full follows:

Washington, D. C., July 9.—The Oregonian correspondent never calls on the Oregon senators for any purpose, and he prints alleged news affecting the interest of the state, frequently false, with the opportunity to get the truth by calling on either of us.

So, with reference to charging us with responsibility for the repeal of section 9 of the reclamation act, the charge is false. The senate bill providing for \$30,000,000 of certificates passed the senate, but did not pass the house. It looked as though it would fall in the house, and Senator Carter proposed it as an amendment to House Bill No. 24070. The amendment was adopted by the senate and was rejected by the house. Neither the senate bill nor the amendment providing for \$30,000,000 for the completion of reclamation projects had any suggestion of repealing section 9 of the reclamation act.

Mondell's bill No. 18398, was introduced in the house January 17. It was reported to the house June 17 by the ways and means committee, and, as reported, contained the proposed amendment for the repeal of section 9 of the reclamation act. The amendment is the last section of the bill as reported, as it originated in and passed the house. On June 22 the bill was reported to the senate by Lodge, a member of the finance committee. When the bill came up for consideration it was not discussed, but Lodge was asked what, if any, changes had been made as to the form of the bill as compared with the one which had originally passed the senate and which had been discussed at great length. He stated that the bill which he had reported was identical with the bill which had passed the senate and which was subsequently tacked as an amendment to the withdrawal bill, except that it reduced the amount of bonds to twenty millions, and also provided for approval of projects by a board of army engineers (See Congressional Record, page 9084, for what occurred.) I believe every western senator, in the hurry of the closing hours of the session, accepted Lodge's statement, which I am sure was made

with no intent to mislead. I doubt if any of the senators knew that the bill contained the repealing clause. I am advised that the house leaders would not appropriate twenty millions for reclamation work without the repeal, though I did not hear of this until after adjournment. It was exceedingly difficult to secure the appropriation even as it was.

I call your attention to the fact that Representative Ellis was a member of the committee on ways and means of the house, and the amendment for the repeal of section 9 of the reclamation act was reported to the house by his committee. He ought to know all about the reasons of the amendment and would doubtless have given the Oregonian the truth. Oregon has not received its full share of the amount of the reclamation fund, but I have no doubt that the state will be fairly treated. I, for one, will not insist upon spending any portion of the fund except for the completion, in good faith, of projects under way. No new projects so far as I know, have been contemplated in the state, and I have every reason to believe that the Klamath and Hermiston projects will be completed if the people themselves do not interpose obstacles thereto.

George E. Chamberlain.

## THE UMATILLA COUNTY CROPS

Cohen's Estimate Is Between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 Bushels.

The following story of the crops of Umatilla county appeared in the columns of the Portland Journal Saturday, and was written by Hyman H. Cohen, market editor of that paper, who is on a tour of the grain regions in Eastern Oregon:

Umatilla county will produce this season between 3,500,000 and 4,000,000 bushels of wheat. Not only will this be done, but the quality will be the best ever sent forth. This alone is a factor of considerable importance.

Last year the total wheat output of Umatilla county was about 3,500,000 bushels, although some interests were inclined to figure that the production was considerably above this.

This year's greater output will be caused by the greater yields in the western portion of the county where a year ago only a nominal crop was gathered by most growers and some failed to harvest at all because of the very poor showing.

It is safe to estimate that these light land sections of Umatilla will cause this county to harvest a greater crop than a year ago—reaching a total increase of fractionally more than a million bushels.

Some of the best sections of Umatilla county—sections that were always considered the cream of the wheat belt of the Pacific northwest—will not produce as great an amount of wheat per acre as a year ago, but this deficiency will be more than made up by the harvesting of a very liberal crop in the poor sections of former years.

For instance, there is every likelihood of a good crop in the Pilot Rock country this harvest, while a year ago many of the fields remained uncut. Fields of growing grain in the Pilot Rock country that would not yield more than a few bushels an acre last season promise an average of about 15 an acre this season.

While in some quarters there has been a cry for rains, it is not likely to aid the wheat output in the least. Fall wheat would be hurt by a down-pour, while the spring crop is advanced far enough so that showers coming at this late date would do practically no good, although no harm is anticipated from that quarter.

In Umatilla county there is a wide range of views among grain interests as to the extent of the yields of wheat this season. Some of the best men in the country figure as high as 5,000,000 bushels for the crop because of the improved showing in the light land sections, but the general estimate among grain buyers and among the larger grain buyers falls to run above 4,000,000 bushels, and if this yield is shown at the end of the harvest Umatilla county will be doing wonders in the shape of wheat production.

### Death of Captain Ira D. Conrad.

The remains of Captain Ira D. Conrad, who died in Pendleton Saturday morning, were shipped to this city and buried Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Athena cemetery. The funeral was conducted at the M. E. church, and Rev. Evans of Pendleton preached the sermon. The young man had suffered long from abdominal cancer. He leaves a young wife and a father to mourn his loss. Captain Conrad was late of the Salvation Army in Spokane. He was aged 21 years, 10 months and 9 days at the time of his death.

### Walla Walla Won.

Walla Walla's fast ball team put the "skidoo" sign on the Pendleton Blue Mountain league team Sunday, by a score of 5 to 2. The game was punctuated by the usual assortment of grousches, kickers, etc., that always mark contests pulled off in the county seat town, and which have given Pendleton the reputation of being the best town on the circuit to play ball in.

## BURGLARS AT WORK

Enter Mosgrove Mercantile Co. Store and Select Clothing and Suit Cases—Attempt at McEwen's.

The yeggman has put in his annual appearance in Athena. Monday night, by prying open the iron shutters in the rear of the Mosgrove Mercantile Co.'s store and prying off the lock, entrance was effected into the dry-goods department of the store.

Indications warrant the belief that two persons broke into the store. At least two suits of clothing were taken, and they were packed into two of the best suit-cases in the stock. The robbers were particular and evidently took plenty of time in making their selections, for a couple of 40-size coats were discarded and thrown promiscuously about, and in their place size 38 was taken.

Adjourning to the grocery department, a stock of tobacco was laid in and a bottle of grape juice was disposed of, the empty bottle being found on the desk in the office.

There is no way of telling just what was taken from the store, save that enumerated above. The stock was not disarranged and the entrance was effected without defacing the doors. Officers have been notified in adjacent towns and in all probability the store troopers will be apprehended.

Friday night an effort was made to break into the McEwen hardware store. A portion of the corrugated iron siding in the workshop at the rear of the main building was cut away, and a hole large enough to permit a man to crawl through was made. The hardware people have missed nothing from the shop, but in all probability the parties who broke into the Mosgrove store were the same who tried the hardware store.

The robbery at the Mosgrove store has brought about the realization of the need of a night watchman, and Athena business men will probably unite in seeing that one is added to the police force. In addition to "shooting" housebreakers away, a night watchman is needed at this season of the year on account of grave danger of fire breaking out.

### Case's Goods Released.

Attorney Steiwer, of Pendleton, representing H. G. Case, came up from Pendleton Friday afternoon and secured relinquishment of Case's household goods, which were attached by Attorney Watts when he brought suit to collect \$100 attorney fees. Justice of the Peace Richards, who is also a member of the school board, was present when the attorney took an inventory of the goods and observed that several volumes belonging to the public school library were included in Mr. Case's book collection. He brought the following volumes belonging to the school library to his office: "Swiss Family Robinson," "Pieces for Every Occasion," "Dandelion Cottage," "Plane and Solid Geometry," "A First Book Upon the Birds of Oregon and Washington," and five other volumes, not belonging to the school, but to private individuals. Attorney Watts has filed another suit against Case for \$200 in Justice Richards' court.

### Married in Washington, D. C.

Friends in this city have received the announcement of the wedding of Miss Jeannette Beverly and Mr. Durham D. Bevin, of Durham, N. C., which occurred in Washington, D. C., on Friday, July 1, 1910. Miss Beverly was a popular teacher in the primary department of the Athena school last year, and has many friends here who will join the Press in extending congratulations. The young lady was on her way east and was met at the Capitol city by the bridegroom. The couple will make their home in Durham, North Carolina.

### Streams Are Drying Up.

Water in the streams of the Walla Walla valley is lower now than at any time in the history of the country, according to old-timers who have resided there for scores of years. Certain it is that in recent years the stage of water has never been so low. And this, notwithstanding the fact that the precipitation since September 1, 1909, is more than an inch in excess of normal. Snow fell in unusually large quantities, but it melted in one large thaw and now there is little to supply the mountain streams.

### Harvest Union Broken

Harvest is going right along in the Walla Walla valley and the threatened combine of the Industrial Workers of the World, which had the police and farmers guessing for awhile last week has dissipated, and nothing but its memory can be found. There are few red ribbons in evidence at Walla Walla and few men are talking Industrial Workers of the World principles even in the "jungles" outside the city limits.

### Has Left Alberta.

W. T. Barto has left Alberta for all time to come. He is in Athena and comes back with the firm belief that

there is no country on earth so good as old Oregon. He considers himself fortunate in getting out of Alberta and is gleeful over the fact that he disposed of his land there. He says that crops there are almost a total failure. The drought has literally burned up vegetation, and in the vicinity of Claresholm there are but few fields of fall sown grain that will pay to harvest and spring grain is entirely ruined. Dave Cargill, formerly of Pendleton is back from Alberta and reports there will be no grain to harvest in his section. It is reported that no rain has fallen since July 5, 1909, in some parts of that country and but very little snow fell last winter.

### Henry H. Kirk of Halsey, Dead

J. A. and Charles Kirk were called to Willamette valley the fore part of the week by a message announcing the serious illness of their father, H. H. Kirk, of Halsey, who was afflicted with pneumonia. Word was received yesterday morning that Mr. Kirk had passed away Wednesday night, and the wives of the two sons left last evening for Halsey. The deceased was a man of uprightness and influence, and had a large circle of friends throughout the state. He was a brother of the late T. J. Kirk, and many Athena people knew him, through his visits to this city in the past. His sons and their wives had just returned from a visit to his home when the news of his illness was received.

### Fights Fire. Nearly Dies.

William Sherwood, a farm hand working for G. M. Morrison, came very near giving his life for a smoke Tuesday, when he lit his pipe and threw the match down. The grass caught on fire, reached and burned up one hay stack. Sherwood took sacks and began to fight the fire to save the house and barn. Though he succeeded in doing this, when the fire was out he fell in a faint. Casper Woodward saw him and calling to George Adams, sent him after Dr. McKenny, who worked with him from nine in the morning until 6 in the evening before he showed any signs of life. He is still in a serious condition.

### Ryan in Penitentiary.

Michael Ryan, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of seven years, and to pay a fine of \$2000 for the killing of Edward Dixon, was taken to Salem Monday night by Sheriff Taylor. Since the supreme court denied his petition for a rehearing and upheld the decision of the lower court, Ryan had been engaged in winding up his business affairs and by appointment met Sheriff Taylor at the O. R. & N. depot in Pendleton Monday and took the night train for Salem.

### Ready for Harvest.

Harvesting the barley crop will begin in this vicinity next week. Wheat is ripening fast and by the time the barley fields are cut, will be ready for harvest. A number of new machines have been purchased by wheat raisers in this section this season, and on the whole there is ample machinery on hand to make the harvest year a short one. No delay is anticipated from bad weather, and from the number of idle men in the city, apparently there will be plenty of help in the harvest field.

### Better Price Last Year.

Peach prices, according to an eastern buyer in Walla Walla, will not be as high this year as had been hoped by the orchardists, for the east and middle west are turning out some fine fruit, despite the reports of a total failure. In the south the crop is said to be excellent and the fruit now on the market is of good quality. The dealers say that 45 to 50 cents will be a fair price this year, although it may be some higher.

### Ticket for Democrats.

Democrats of Walla Walla county are determined to make the biggest fight they have put up since the party was defeated in 1896. For the first time in years a full ticket will be named in that county and an effort will be made to land every place, according to the leaders of the party.

### Hot Weather Here.

Monday and Tuesday rather torrid temperature was experienced in Athena. Some thermometers registered as high as 103 in the shade, but these were in locations particularly favorable to boosting the mercury. More accurate thermometers registered 96.

### Mrs. Temple Dead.

Mrs. John F. Temple, a well known woman of Pendleton, died at her home in that city Tuesday morning. She was the mother of ten children, and with the exception of two sons, all were at her bedside when the last summons came.

### Fire Destroys Barn.

Fire destroyed the barn on the McAusien place on Basket mountain Monday afternoon, loss \$1000. The fire started from grass burning along the roadside, which was caused by carelessness in throwing away a match or cigarette.