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BILL WILL PREVENT RECLAMATION, PLEA

Oregon Gets Less Than Half of What Is Put Into Fund, Plaint. Congress Plans Are Laid.

(Portland Oregonian)

An extensive programme for the coming Oregon irrigation congress to be held in Portland January 7-8 was projected at a meeting of the executive committee of that body at th Imperial hotel yesterday, in which it was decided to change the annual meeting of the congress from a three to a two-day session and to place the congress on a sound financial basis. A special attempt will be made during the coming year to be of service to the irrigation projects of the state, it was announced.

Many details of the coming campaign to be waged in the interests of irrigation and land reclamation were discussed. It was pointed out by Walter E. Meacham of Baker that in the past Oregon has not received its just quota of irrigation appropriations from the national government.

State Gets Small Return.

"All the other states who have contributed to the reclamation and irrigation fund through the sale of public lands have received back more than they put in," said Mr. Meacham. "Oregon has put in $11,000,000 and has received back only $4,500,000 as compared to Idaho, who put in $7,000,000 and received $23,000,000; Montana, who put in $13,000,000 and received $15,000,000; Washington, who put in $7,000,000 and received $14,000,000, and Wyoming, who put in $1,000,000 and received $5,000,000."

A general discussion was precipitated by C. B. McConnell of Burns in his criticism of the proposed initiative measure number 316-317, entitled the "Roosevelt bird refuge measuse." It was pointed out by Mr. McConnell that the proposed measure would prevent reclamation of lands adjoining Harney lake which are now included in organized irrigation districts; it would deprive the state of 30,000 acres of swamp lands subject to irrigation, the sale of which would add more than $100,000 to the school fund; it would discourage the extension of railroads westward from Crane, and would increase the federal reserves and thus withhold large areas from the tax list for all time. Following the discussion, the executive committee adopted a resolution in which it went on record as being opposed to the proposed measure and that its action be given the widest publicity possible throughout the state.

Resolutions for Congress.

The meeting yesterday was called by the chairman of the executive committee, James M. Kyle, of Stanfield. J. L. McCallister of Salem was appointed secretary. A resolutions committee was appointed to study resolutions to be presented to the congress prior to the coming session of the legislature.

P. J. Gallagher was appointed chairman of the resolutions committee, which included J. L. McCallister, secretary, and Walter E. Meacham, John S. Beall, R. E. Bradbury, Harry W. Gard and C. C. Clark.

The question of the programme for the coming congress was taken up and a committee was named to work out a complete programme for the coming two-days session Thomas A. Sweeney was appointed chairman of the programme committee, which includes F. N. Wallace, James M. Kyle, John S. Beall, and J. L. McCallister.

Congress Finances Discussed.

The necessity of placing the irrigation congress on a sound financial basis was discussed at length, as the congress has been supported heretofore by contributions alone. A unique plan was proposed whereby the congress should be financed by a pro rata tax on all the acreage comprising the irrigation projects of the state. A committee composed of John S. Beall, C. C. Clark and J. L. McCallister was appointed with full powers to develop plans for the raising of the necessary funds.

With the object of collecting data relative to the value of lands in the various projects, and the amount of land available, cost of reclamation, water supply, crops, character of the soil and all particuar needs of the various districts, a questionnaire will be sent out to all the projects of the state. The data thus collected will be published in pamphlet form for the use of all organizations within the state in replying to inquiries. The committee appointed to collect the data and compile the report consists of John S. Beall, Fred N. Wallace and J. L. McCallister.

All members of the executive committee are leaving for Seattle today to attend the northwest reclamation and development congress to be held in Seattle September 16 and 17.

Star Theater
TONIGHT — Thursday — TONIGHT
"THE END OF THE ROAD"
Public Health Film.
A picture every one of understanding age should see. "The Picture with a purpose." Also
A Chas. Chaplin Classic
"The Fireman"

Patron-Teachers Association Held First Meeting Tuesday

The Patron-Teachers Association held an important meeting at the high school auditorium last Tuesday afternoon. It was the first session of the association to be held since school closed in early summer.

Delightful musical numbers were given by Misses Mary Clark and Gladys Lane. Professor James gave an interesting talk on plans for the year.

The committee on boarding places for the teachers reported that every teacher had room and board in a family home. The work for the playground is still going on and the tennis court is about completed. Arrangements were made for selling of tickets for the Lyceum Course at $2.50 for adults and $1.50 for the school children.

The Association has so many demands on its treasury that it seemed advisable to give an entertainment to raise funds and a committee was appointed to arrange for it.

The big problem of the Association for the year is to meet the social needs of the young people, and at the October meeting there will be plans presented to meet these needs.

The associatiton is in a flourishing condition with more than eighty members and a big program for the year.

No Price Boosting to be Allowed.

Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 15—No price boosting or profiteering at the expense of visitors to the Pendleton Round-Up is to be countenanced by the Pendleton Commercial Association. This body, comprising vrtually all businessmen in the cityt, at its last meeting drafted resolutitons censuring any persons who take advantage of the forthcoming event Sept. 23, 24 and 25, to boost prices. In the past the few complaints heard from visitors have been against out-of-town, fly-by-night vendors who make all state fairs and carnivals.

Matteson-Jordan

At the office of District Attorney S. E. Notson in this city on Monday, Walter Matteson and Mrs. Maude Jordan were united in marriage. Judge Alex Cornett officiated. Mr. Matteson is a game warden here and served in the army during the late war. The young people will make their home in this city.

Former Morrow County Girl Married at Redlands, Calif.

A beautiful lawn wedding solemnized at the home of the bride in Redlands, California at eight o'clock in the evening of September 4th, united Miss Clara Brown and Mr. James Donald.

The bride is the youngest daughter of J. C. Brown, formerly of Heppner, Ore., and the groom is the oldest son of Davis Donald of Redlands.

The ceremony was spoken by Rev. Nathan Dushane Hynson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. For the occasion the home was beautifully decorated with ferns and pink and white asters. The lawn was lighted with pink and white Japanese lanterns and the popular young people were married while standing under a bower of greenery tastefully decorated with pink and white asters.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white net over satin. Her long veil was caught with lillies of the valley and orange blossoms. She carried a shower boquet of white carnations and baby breath. Her brother, W. E. Brown was best man, while Mrs. W. E. Brown served as matron of honor for the occasion. The matron of honor wore pink organdie and carried pink carnations.

Mrs. Donald is a graduate of Walla Walla high school. Mr. Donald graduated from Redlands high school and was a student of the University of Redlands. He is now foreman of the warehouse department of E. M. Cope Commission Co. The young people have gone to San Francisco and other coast points and will be at home after October 2, in their bungalow on Difision street.

Mrs. Donald attended Heppner high school for three years and has many friends here. Her father, J. C. Brown, was a farmer of the Blackhorse section and lived for many years in Heppner.

The family moved to Walla Walla, Wash., three years ago, going from there to California.

Card of Thanks.

To all the kind friends and neighbors whose assistance, words of sympathy and floral gifts have made lighten the burden of our recent bereavement, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. To the Odd Fellows ond Rebekah Lodges whose fraternal principles were so dear to the heart of our loved one, we desire to express acknowledgment befitting such worthy and exemplary organizations.

Mrs. F. N. FRYE,
MR. & MRS. M. A. FRYE,
MR. & MRS. HARRY BROWN.
MISS CLARA GILMAN

Harry Duncan arrived home from California yesterday and will resume his old place as head clerk in the store of Thomson Bros.

THE SILVER LINING

Rep. N. J. Sinnott Visits Northern Morrow County

By L. A. HUNT.

Representative Sinnott, who made a splendid address on reclamation at the Hermiston Field Day held by the farmers of the Umatilla Project, accompanied the County Agent and A. W. Cobb to Boardman Saturday night and Sunday night, and Sunday in company with S. H. Boardman made a tour of the West Extension Project and was greatly impressed with the remarkably short time required for the farmers to obtain returns from their land.

One illustration which in one form or another was duplicated times without end, was that of Professor Larsen, who last spring began the plowing of his forty-acre tract and before the summer was over had the entire forty acres in cultivation. Of this, about the middle of May, he sowed ten acres in alfalfa from which he has already cut 18 tons of measured hay and has another crop yet to put up, insuring at least 2½ tons per acre from alfalfa seeded as late as the middle of May. He has twenty-four acres of corn averaging approximately eight feet high, several acres of potatoes and garden stuff.

These are the examples which it is hoped will convince the Reclamation Service that irrigation on the John Day and West Extension is not a failure.

Mr. Sinnott's visit at this time has particular significance because of the fact that the Reclamation Service at Hermiston is recommending, and Director Davis of the Reclamation Service from the Department at Washington, is visiting Hermiston with the idea of co-operating the recommendations to begin construction of McKay creek reservoir on McKay creek, a tributary to the Umatilla River. We may be prone to think that the building of this reservoir way over in Umatilla county means nothing to the people of Heppner. However, the storage of this dam which will be a mile long, and 100 feet high, will be 70,000 acre feet of water and because of the fact that the land to be irrigated has a return flow of about 50 per cent, it will mean not less than 100,00 acre feet of water available for irrigation in Umatilla and Morrow county. It is a fact not generally known that 30,000 acres of irrigable land are now under the present canal built from the Umatilla River into Morrow county. Of this at the present time there is only water for 4,500 acres, which amount has already been sold and there are lots of people trying to get more land. With the construction of the McKay creek reservoir will become almostt immediately available water for a large area of the remaining portion of this land. *It is a foregone conclusion that the construction of the McKay creek reservoir will at least release water for 12,000 acres more land in Mororw county, which will practically double the irrigable territory in this county.

Among other things of interest to the people of Morrow county, Representative Sinnott said, that the last Republican congress had increased the Reclamation funds from 10 to 15 million dollars, which in view of the fact that the original funds were only $120,000,000 dollars is no inconsiderable amount. Added to this he said was the record of having passed the house from the Public Lands Committee, of which he is chairman, a bill appropriating $250,000,000 for Soldier Relief and Reclamation. This bill is now in the hands of the irrigaton committee of the Senate of which the Oregon Senator, Mr. McNary, is chairman. He said he could see no reason, if this bill could pass the Senate, why the John Day Project might not stand a good chance for favorable consideration, provided that the engineers could convince the Reclamation Service that it was a feasible project.

During the last week Professor Powers and a man from the Department of Horticulture, have been spending a considerable time making tests of the soil of the John Day Project and report by the elimination of some of the sand hills or coarser sands and putting the available water on the better land that this is a perfectly feasible project. This project originally cost $125 per acre but by taking in the new land and cutting out some of the rougher land it is very probable that the price even with the advanced cost of constructiton will be no greater than it is at the present time. In view of the fact that the State of Washington is now contemplating the irrigating of two million acres of land in the Horse Heaven District from the Columbia River, with an acre cost of $175, we are unable to see any reason why Morrow county could not hope with a good chance of success for the early construction of the great John Day Project.

Maurice Tourneur's Newest Production, "Woman," Marks Distinct Step in the Development of the Well Known Director.

Maurice Tourneur's newest production, "Woman," which comes to the Star theatre on Thursday, Sept. 23rd, makrs a distinct step in the development of the well known creator of "Sporting Life," "The Blue Bird," "Prunella" and other productions of distinct artistry. "Woman" disregards the usual scenario form to a marked degree, presenting Mr. Tourneur's newest views upon the presentation of a screen story.

Yet "Woman," which Mr. Tourneur is now giving the screen world should not be considered as typical. In rapid succession during the past year he has produced dramas touching upon fairy fantasy, smybolical whimsy, sex analysis, the code of morals and other phases of reality and imagination. Mr. Tourneur believes in the story and not in the player. While in the past he helped Elsie Ferguson, Mary Pickford and Margurite Clark in some of their most popular screen vehicles, he doesn't stand as in favor of the star sysietm. First and last he is an apostle of the story-for-itself idea.

Mr. Tourneur, too, does not believe strongly in a player's previous knowledge of screen technique. "Woman" is at least unusual in that it presents a cast of faces new to the screen, the principal players being Flore Revalles, Paul Clerget, Gloria Goodwin, Diana Allen, Ethel Hallor, Lyn Donaldson, Rose Rolande ano othters essentially new to the films.

FIRE DESTROYS WHEAT SEED AND BARLEY HAY

Ben Buschke, Rhea Creek Farmer, Suffers $4000 Loss on Third Anniversary of Hail Disaster—Blaze Starts in Machine Shop.

Ben Buschke, who owns extensive farming lands in the Cason Canyon neighborhood adjacent to Rhea creek and who lives with his family on the Jeff Jones ranch on Rhea creek, suffered a loss of $4000 by a destructive blaze at the Jones ranch last Tuesday afternoon.

The fire was discovered by Chas. Chick, who in company with his mother, was visiting at the Buschke home at the time. Mr. Buschke was quickly notified, but the fire had already gained such readway that the blacksmith and machine shops were ablaze and the grannary had also caught fire.

A firebrand from the burning buildings was carried a distance of 50 or 75 yards to a big stack of barley hay in a nearby field and in an instant the entire stack was a mass of flames. Help came from neighbors and people drove out from Heppner to assist in reducing the flames and to prevent their spreading to other buildings and a stubblefield in which were several stacks of grain headings.

Everything in the blacksmith shop was burned, including a complete outfit of tools, a gas engine and fanning mill. In the granary were 154 sacks of fine forty-fold seed wheat which Mr. Buschke had out recently piled there preparatory to the seeding season. The wheat will be almost a tottal loss, although it is believed that some of it may be salvaged for hog feed.

There were 42 tons of good barley hay in the stack.

Mr. Buschke, while not a pessimist by any means, is of the opinion that hard luck finds him quite easily. It was just three years ago to a day that one of the worst hail storms that ever visited this country, caught his several thousand acres of fine wheat ready for harvest and quickly reduced it to a complete loss. In 1912 a similar misfortune visited Mr. Buschke. He smiles in the face of such things.

Just the exact origin of the fire is unknown to Mr. Buschke. He says there was a fire in the forge about the noon hour, when he was doing some repair work, but cannot account for the way the fire spread and the damage which followed.

Irrigaton Farmers to Meet In Heppner Next Saturday

The chairman of the Irrigation Committee of the Farm Bureau has called a meeting of the irrigation farmers of Morrow county, or that portion of them farming along Willow creek and its tributaries, in the I. O. O. F. hall, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This meeting is called for the purpose of discussing the possibility of increasng the flow of water for Wllow creek through storage, diversion or otherwise. During the summer Oscar Minor, the County Agent and several farmers have been making investigations regarding storage sites and it is believed that a considerable amount of water can be stored at a reasonable price. At the meeting Saturday it is hoped that immediate action will be taken in some way towards getting results. This is a matter of great importance to the farmers of Willow creek as the production of hay and other products has been materially curtailed through lack of an adequate supply of water.

FREEMAN N. FRYE.

Freeman N. Frye was born October 7, 1863, at Sandwich, N. H., and came to Wheeler county, Oregon in 1887, where he was employed for a time by the Gilman-French Land & Livestock Company.

He was married to Olive L. Skinner, August 30, 1890, and to this union were born two children, Maurice A. Frye of Evanston, Ill., and Mrs. Harry Brown of this city.

The family came to Heppner in 1904, where Mr. and Mrs. Frye have resided continuously ever since.

Mr. Frye engaged in the general transfer business for a number of years, and upon selling that business and retiring, was appointed to the position of city marshal which he held with efficiency for some time.

Death came suddenly last Wednesday morning, although he had been a sufferer from heart disease for a long time. The funeral was hld from the family residence Sunday afternoon, with services in charge of members of Heppner Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., of which order Mr. Frye had long been a member. Rev. W. O. Livingstone, pastor of the First Christian church, assisted at the services Interment was made in Masonic cemetery.

W. W. Smead expects to leave the first of next week for Portland and Salem and will be absent from Heppner the greater part of the month. He will have charge of the Morrow county agricultural exhibit at the State Fair.

Chicken Missing—Poultry Man Does Detective Work

When Ed Clark went out to his chicken house the other morning and found 15 of his finest O. A. C. Leghorn pullets missing, he was mad. But his anger did not leave him bereft of reasoning and he soon picked up a few clues which he now believes will lead to the ultimate apprehension of the thieves.

Through the imprint of an automobile tire in the dust, Mr. Clark picked up a thread which he is weaving into a net of direct evidence which he believes will bring the guilty parties before the bar of justice.

"If these fellows get away this time, every poultryman in the country may just as well wring the necks of his finest layers and go out of the business for keeps," avers Mr. Clark. "They get away with it once and they will keep on ad infinitum."

Mr. Clark traced the car to town, found it parked on a side street, he alleges, and there were blood stains upon the car. He says the owner of the car did not offer to throw any light upon the situation, other than that some party had evidently used his car. Hush money played a prominent part in the events following, but this money was not accepted by Clark. He says he has given all the evidence in the case to the district attorney and is looking for developments in the near future.

Car Shaves Off Light Pole On Highway—No One Hurt

A light pole at the highway's edge on the turn just back of the high school building was shaved off close to the ground last Saturday night when a big six cylinder car hit it full ahead. The car belongs to Raph Jackson, who was driving and with him at the time of the accident were Stanley Lapham and Buck Padberg. The car was badly damaged but fortunately not one of the occupants of the car were injured beyond receiving minor bruises.

Prominent Gooseberry Farmer Married Last Sunday

A beautiful wedding took place last Sunday afternoon at the home of Carl Richard Peterson when he was united in marriage to Miss Alverta Wilcox.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. S. Nystrom of Brush Prairie, Wash. Elmer E. Peterson, brother of the groom and Miss Eva Wilcox, sister of the bride, were witnesses. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Peterson, parents of the bridegroom; Ture Peterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson, Victor and Esther Peterson, Carl and Oscar Peterson and Ralph Wilcox, brother of the bride.

The minister gave a short address on the subject "The Marriage at Cana.' The guests partook of a dainty lunch in the home of the newlyweds, and all expressed their hearty well wishes to the young couple and wished them prosperitty and a long and happy life.

The young people will make their home at Mr. Peterson's ranch, where the groom is extensiely engaged in farming.

Public Schools Opened Monday With Good Enrollment

The public schools of Heppner opened last Monday morning with a good enrollment. Eighty-four students were present for registration on the initial day in the high school, which is about the same number as entered on the first day of last year. This number will be increased to near a hundred within the next six weeks, as many pupils are always tardy in getting back to school.

The grades are well filled, with the primary department full and running over. Professor James says that the services of an extra teacher could be used quite handily, but the youngsters will be cared for efficiently with some adjustment of plans.

The students are entering upon the work with vim and a will to make a big success of the school year and with teachers, pupils and patrons working in close harmony, everything points to the best year in the history of the local institution.

The Near East.

It is unfortunate that photographs coming from the Near East, the tragedy spot of the world, cannot be passed around, from hand to hand, till every one in the United States has seen them. It is only by seeing picturs of children, clad in one thin cotton garment, standing in the snow waiting to be served a piece of bread, or a bowl of soup, that the majority may realize the suffering in that section. To prevent a repetition of what was told last winter in the digging of thousands of graves for those who perished of the cold, the people are called upon to contribute to the collection of clothing now on under the Near East Relief. The movement is nation-wide, and the clothes will be baled and sent to the Near East Relief as soon as collected. It is up to you; will you save a child's life or feast the moth?

COX SHOWS HIMSELF SMALL FOR PRESIDENT

Portland Speech of Democratic Candidate Proves Weak and Evasive.

Portland, Sept. 13 (Special)—Jas. M. Cox is trying to "jimmy" his way into the Presidency by calling himself a "Progressive."

In his speech here today, he mentioned the late Theodore Roosevelt fifteen times and never mentioned Wilson once.

Evidently Senator George E. Chamberlain who introduced Cox had told him the way he works the Republicans for votes in Oregon.

Shades of Roosevelt! We know where the late Colonel would be if he were alive today—working for Harding and Coolidge with all the rest of the Rooseveits (except his fourth cousin).

Cox's speech bristled with abuse of his opponent. He slung mud in his Portland speech today as he has done all through the campaign. His opponents, the Republican Standard Bearers, he called re-actionaries, forgetting the forces of re-action, Tammany, Cochran, Brennan, and Taggart who nominated him in San Francisco.

He told how he won the votes of the I. W. W. at Butte by promising the forces of radicalism freedom of speech.

He dodged the Liquor Question as he has throughout the campaign. A man in the audience asked,

"What about the Liquor Question?"

Cox answered, "My friend, you are interested in something that is as dead as the slavery question. It is a question of law enforcement. I will answer you by saying that when I was elected Governor of Ohio I closed the front door and the back door of every saloon in Ohio on Sunday."—which omits any promise to enforce the Eighteenth Amendment or not to tamper with the Volsted Act.

His reference to the campaign fund charges, which he has made an issue of the campaign and failed to prove, were vague and elusive. Simmered down to what is left of them, he charges that William Burns, a Republican newspaper man of New York, solicited funds to publish a campaign book. Some rich men contributed. And on such a flimsy basis he, in his Portland speech, charged a connection betwteen the Republican party managers and the forces of reaction.

Cox's defense of the League of Nations was weak. "Vote the way your boys shot" was the basis of his appeal, a pure uppeal to the emotions and not based upon solid facts that the American people would like to hear from their Presidential candidate. He showed no familiarity with the issues involved, the question of the creation of a superstate, the question of the loss of American Sovereignty, the question whether the American Congress would lose control of American troops.

His only argument in favor of the League which was at all definite was the argument that the foreign nations could not repay their immense foreign debts unless America joined; which is perhaps one reason why we haven't rushed in head over heels up to date.

He apologized mildly for the burdens placed upon the people by the Wilson Administration, the heavy taxes, etc., but offered no constructive policy or promises of relief.

Cox's Portland speech showed this:

Cox may do for Governor of Ohio BUT HE WILL NOT DO FOR PRESIDENT.

Whenhe aspires to the big job of President, he is in over his depth. He has not the statesmanship, the familiarity with national problems, the capacity to handle the job.

Think of a candidate for President making a speech without a reference to a National budget system, with no reference to what he will do for the soldiers, sailors or marines, with no constructive program for the upbuilding of agriculture and the development of the Federal Farm Loan System, no message of hope to the laborer or the artisan, no mseage of cheer to the little children of the South who are still oppressed by their employers.

No, James M. Cox, by his own public utterances, has caused the American people to bring in their own verdict:

TOO SMALL A MAN TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Sunday, Sept. 19.

The usual morning service: Bible School at 10 o'clock and preaching by the pastor at 11. The Christian Endeavor service at 6:30 p. m. and song and preaching service at 7. You will find a hearty welcome at these services. Come and worship with us.

W. O. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

Mrs. Ella Vale, who has been spending the summer visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Percy Hughes, of Butter Creeek, has gone to Walla Walla, where she will reside for the winter and place her young son in school. She will make her home with Mrs. Elsie Lassater in Walla Walla.