WEST LOSES FIGHT TO SAVE SWAMP LANDS TO SCHOOLS

SALEM, Feb. 19.—Notwithstanding a message from the governor in its behalf, the bill repealing the Thompson swamp land bill passed over the governor's veto early in the session, was defeated in the house last night by six votes. The governor's message read:

"As you were previously advised, the passage of the Thompson bill will prevent the state from securing title to several thousand acres of land, which should be sold for the benefit of the common school fund.

"Inasmuch as your honorable body has just passed bills appropriating about $750,000 for the support of our state institutions of higher education, I feel that I may take the liberty of speaking a word in behalf of the little country school, with the hope that when you return to your constituents it cannot be said that, while you gave the institutions of higher education everything they asked in the way of appropriation you refused to even extend a protecting hand to the common school fund, and the little red schoolhouse, when about to be raided by a grasping corporation."

Westerlund and Reames voted for the repeal, Carkin with the "machine" against it.

ARMORY TO BE ONLY $50,000 STRUCTURE

That the proposed armory for Medford, if the bond issue carries, will be a $50,000 structure instead of an $80,000 one seems probable according to word from Rep. Westerlund at Salem. The bill as it now stands in the hands of the ways and means committee calls for $25,000 to be raised by the city of Medford and county of Jackson, the state to pay an equal amount. This will mean the bond election will call for $12,500 instead of $20,000 but it is not thought any change in the election call will be necessary as the call states the bonds shall not exceed $20,000 and does not fix the amount at that figure.

LARGE CROWD OUT FOR BISHOP COOKE

Last night's Willamette rally at the Methodist Episcopal church, corner of Fourth and Bartlett was a magnificient success, the church being filled to its capacity. Bishop Cooke's address was of a most masterly and comprehensive kind, filled with genius, wit and of pure eloquence. He held the rapt attention of his audience for over an hour. His analysis of the elements that enter into a proper education for the upbuilding of a state and nation was instructive and inspiring. The music was of fine order eliciting a most flattering compliment from the bishop. At the conclusion of the services the bishop asked for the membership of the church to remain and after Dr. Homan had fully presented the merits of the university and their need at the request of the bishop, the congregation pledged itself for the sum of $3000. Over $1400 of this having been actually subscribed at a preliminary meeting held in the Medford Hotel in the afternoon. Our distinguished guests left much impressed with the beauty and attractiveness of our city and the certainty of its future growth and greatness. Accompanying the bishop was Dr. Fletcher Homan of Willamette University and ex-Senator R. A. Booth of Eugene, both of whom made splendid addresses at last evening's meeting.

Baptist Bulletin

Dr. R. W. MacCollough of Scranton, Pa., is here with a view to the pastorate and will have charge of the following meetings

Thursdady evening, Feb. 20, address on "The Church and the New Times."

Sunday, Feb. 23, morning subject, "Marred Life Remade."

Evening, "The Gospel of the Unveiled face."

There will be services next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening, Dr. Mac Cullough will preach.

On Sunday, March 2d, Dr. MacCullough will preach morning and evening, and in the afternoon there will be a mass meeting. All are welcome to these services.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—After suffering a relapse from a recent paralytic stroke, former Senator Eugene Hale of Maine is near death at his home here today.

MISS WISE, PROMINENT BALTIMORE SOCIETY WOMAN, NOW BRIDE OF TITLED FOREIGNER

THE DUCHESS OF RICHELIEU.

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Douglass Wise, daughter of the late Commander Frederick M. Wise, U. S. N., to Armand, Duc de Richelieu et de Fronsac, of France, at the Cathedral, at Baltimore, Md., was one of the big society events of the season. Cardinal Gibbons performed the ceremony at a low mass, the nuptial mass not being sung during Lent. The guests included many prominent members of New York, Philadelphia and Washington society.

The Duc de Richelieu, inheritor of the name and nobility of Cardinal Richelieu, is half American. His mother was Alice Heine, daughter of Michael Heine, a New Orleans banker.

SINKING FUND SET ASIDE FOR WATER BONDS

A gravity sinking fund, to consist of 5 per cent of the gross receipts of the water department, was ordered set aside each year by a resolution passed by the city council Tuesday evening. This fund will be used for the redemption of the water bonds issued to pay for the installation of the water system.

The council Tuesday evening also passed a resolution fixing the days of council session as the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council March 4, 1913, for a license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at 31 South Front street, for a period of six months. B. S. RADCLIFF.

Dated Feb. 18, 1913.

ELEVENTH STREET PAVING TO START IN MARCH

The Eleventh street paving will be started in March according to Robert Telfer, representative of the Clark-Henery company. At the same time the paving across the Bear creek bridge will be laid. The company claims it is impossible to do the work earlier as frosty nights prevent the asphalt from setting properly and if a good job is to be done the delay must come. The paving of the additional block on Eleventh street to Oakdale was ordered made, no protests having been made.

AN APPEAL TO THE FARMERS AND FRUIT GROWERS OF THE ROGUE RIVER VALLEY

To the Farmers and Fruitgrowers of the Rogue River valley:

Sirs: The undersigned banks, doing business at Medford, Or., feel a deep interest in the proposed construction and completion of the Rogue River Valley canal system. It is our idea and opinion that the Rogue River valley can only be made to reach its maximum productivity by an elaborate and comprehensive system of irrigation. It is probable that at this time not to exceed one-third of the land, subject to cultivation, is crop producing, and that the land that is even under the most intensive cultivation does not produce to exceed 50 per cent of its productive capacity with water.

The Rogue River valley, under irrigation, is capable of producing and supporting a population in excess of 100,000 people. This can never be reached, however, unless water is put upon our lands.

The plan proposed by the Rogue River Valley Canal company is an elaborate and comprehensive system of irrigation. It means, with the completion of the Panama canal, that there will be attracted to the Italy of the Pacific the small farmer who will want to till, cultivate and care for five and ten-acre tracts. It means to the owner of land who is anxious to sell his acres and retire that it will be possible in the near future to find a purchaser therefor. The completion of the irrigating canal means the distribution among the people of the Rogue River valley for labor and merchandise within the next two years, a million dollars or thereabouts, and it means increased efficiency and prosperity along every line. For this reason we deem it most essential that every land owner owning land under the proposed irrigation system immediately take advantage of this opportunity to bring prosperity to the Rogue River valley, as well as himself, by signing the water contract offered by the Rogue River Valley Canal company. We deem it a fair contract and see no reason why a land owner should not sign it if he really wants to bring prosperity to this beautiful valley, whether he wants to become a producer or sell his lands to someone who does. In either event he will be benefited by signing at once, so that the system may be completed this year.

We therefore cheerfully and heartily commend the proposed project to all of our customers and depositors and land owners as worthy of the most careful and thoughtful consideration. If there be any one who is desirous of a personal interview looking to the betterment of the farmer and fruitgrower of the Rogue River valley, to such the time of the undersigned will be cheerfully given.

Respectfully submitted,

THE JACKSON COUNTY BANK,
By W. I. Vawter, President.
THE MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK,
By W. H. Gore, President.
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
By M. L. Alford, Cashier and Manager.
THE FARMERS' & FRUITGROWERS' BANK,
By Delroy Getchell, President.

Medford, February 16.

WILL YOU COME?

Business meeting of land owners and Rogue River Valley Canal Company

Saturday February 22

2:30 p.m., at the Natatorium, Medford

It is known what water will do---what we want to know is how to get it.

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COMMERCIAL CLUB AND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN SATISFIED THAT THE COMPANY CAN GET THE WATER AND WILL BRING IT IN IF YOU WANT IT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPANY WILL BE PRESENT AT THE MEEING TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS TO YOUR SATISFACTION.

Come With Your Questions

RATES HAVE BEEN PROMISED FROM ALL POINTS MERLIN TO ASHLAND. WATCH THE PAPERS FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS

Commercial Club and Merchants' Association Committee