

#### Needed Irrigation Legislation.

Our state at this time is confronted with a pressing need of legislation upon seven cardinal points, said Judge Stephen M. Lowell in an address before the Oregon Irrigation Association at its recent session in Pendleton.

1. Some statutory provision is necessary by which the actual flow of the various streams in the various months in the year shall be determined and the status of each fixed as to the vested rights of the appropriators of the waters thereof.

2. A method of determination by proper authorities of the amount of water which the various kinds of crops and the varieties of soils tributary to any stream may require for proper watering.

3. An equitable and economical apportionment and distribution of water among the several users on a stream according as their several rights should be assured, with such provisions as will prevent over diversion and assure application to beneficial use.

4. A definite legislative declaration as to what riparian rights in irrigation are.

5. There is requisite a prohibition of the appropriation of waters for speculative purposes, and a definite limitation of time in which an appropriation shall be applied for beneficial use.

6. Lastly, it is imperative that the state shall reserve all rights unto itself, and shall withhold all waters not now appropriated for use of the general Government for reclamation purposes for a period of five years, provided, however, that the Secretary of the Interior shall cause immediate examination of the arid region streams within the state, and shall announce prompt acceptance or rejection of them for reclamation work.

7. The creation of the office of a state irrigation engineer, the duties of whom shall be to secure hydrographic surveys of each river and water course in Oregon and secure and place to record all essential facts relating to the water rights upon each, which officer shall be clothed with authority to establish irrigation districts throughout the arid sections of the state, and to enforce just and equitable rules and regulations touching the appropriation and use of water, and to have general authority to carry out the provisions of law relating to water rights and irrigation in the state, and generally to enforce especially all provisions set forth above.

The subject is of far reaching importance to our state, and no act of legislation in recent years has been of so much moment to the future as the embodiment into law of the best thought upon this question.

California, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Idaho have taken advanced ground in recognition of the needs of the hour, and their recent legislation upon water rights and irrigation attest the courage and foresight of their people and adorn the statutes of our times.

Will not Oregon incited by the knowledge that the Federal Government is helpless here until wiser laws are enacted, mindful of the wealth and population always the concomitant of irrigation development, join their ranks and help to make arid America ultimately the garden spot of the world?

#### GRAND RAFFLE.

A grand raffle for \$100 in gold is to take place at the Banquet saloon on the evening of December 24th. The prize will be divided, \$75 going to the winner and \$25 to the next best contestant. Tickets range from 1 cent to \$1 each. A fine turkey supper will be served after the raffle, which will be free to all.

#### Ashland City Election.

At the meeting Tuesday of the Ashland city council judges and clerks were appointed for the city election to be held on December 15th. A numerous signed petition was presented by Hon. C. B. Watson asking the council to submit at the forthcoming election four amendments to the city charter, which if approved by the voters are to be referred to the next session of the legislature for incorporation into the city charter. The council adopted the resolutions and the amendments will be placed upon the tickets to be voted next month.

The first proposition is to the effect that the charter be amended at the next session of the Legislature so as to authorize the city to provide for the necessary expense, by the issuance of bonds, to purchase all rights necessary to the control by the city of Ashland of all the water in Ashland creek for domestic, irrigation and municipal purposes.

Second—To provide by charter amendment authority to incur necessary expense for establishing and operating an electric light and power plant.

Third—To provide such additional funds as may be necessary to perfect a sewer system.

Fourth—That the subject of liquor license, or no license, shall be submitted to a popular vote of the people of this city at each annual election.

#### Rounding up the Cattle.

F. E. Bybee, John Rader, W. Von der Hellen and G. W. Nichols, Butte creek and Lake creek stockmen, were in town yesterday for a short time. The stock growers have gotten their cattle out of the Dead Indian country. They were brought to George Owen's place and separated when the Butte creek men decided to take their cattle home by way of Dead Indian. The storm brewing today and raging in the mountains may make trouble for them.

Wortman and Gore's cattle, which were taken from the Dead Indian range, were driven through town yesterday enroute down the valley.—Ashland Tribune.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Beeson of Talent left by Tuesday's S. P. train for Woodland, Calif., where they will spend the winter for the benefit of Mrs. Beeson's health.

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