

Carey Irrigation Act a Cinch

It is Denounced as Such By Congressman "Newt" Williamson

Says Not a Foot of Irrigated Soil Will Ever be Owned By Settlers

Unless the Terms of the Law in Oregon are Changed According to His Bill

There was a great big leak sprung in the irrigation districts that are being established in Eastern Oregon under the co-operation of the state land board and the Carey act of congress.

A large lobby has been here fighting the Williamson bill to protect the home-owner and his children for all time to come. They claim it will interfere with their vested rights acquired under contract with the state.

"Gentlemen," said Senator Williamson, in presiding over the public hearing last night on the irrigation bill he has introduced in the senate, "we are on the wrong track under the Carey act."

"About 370,000 acres of land have been filed on with the state land board by corporations to establish irrigation ditches. Under the terms of the contract the settlers on those lands must pay for the ditches and improvements, pay the taxes and interest, pay for the water, and in the end the ditches belong to the corporation."

"What has he left then for himself and his family?" asked a cow county member.

The mere right to buy the use of

water at the terms of the corporation forever and ever, for his children and grandchildren."

"That is not a law. It is a graft," said the congressman-elect from the regions of sage-brush and the sheep-camps.

"What is the purpose of your law?" was asked by an attorney for one of the Carey land act corporations.

"It is not my law," said Williamson, with a steely glitter in his eye, and a metallic snap to his iron jaws. "It is the Wyoming irrigation law, a law that is in successful operation, satisfactory to the investors and the occupants of the land."

"Under the Wyoming law the home-owner finally owns the water right, the ditches and the free use of the water, after paying maintenance, and not the private corporation. Do you see any difference?"

"These are the terms and purposes of the government irrigation law passed by congress, and the only just and righteous terms on which any irrigation law should be drawn," said the man who is both state senator and congressman from Eastern Oregon at the same time.

The corporation lobby from Portland and Eastern Oregon, who are here to fight the Williamson bill, went into cold storage for awhile.

"I have traveled over the different irrigated states. I have gone to the bottom of this subject for the past two years, and the Oregon law is wrong. It is a cinch against the home-builder. We must change it."

TAX REVISION SCHEME

Apportionment to the Several Counties

Marked Change From the Present System

Revision of the law regarding the apportionment of taxation among the several counties is the aim of a bill introduced in the senate today. It provides that the county levy shall be made by the state officers in January, 1910, and every fifth year thereafter, by estimating from the reports of expenditures the average amount of expenditures for the last five years from the several counties, each county to pay such proportion as its average amount of expenditure bears to the total amount of expenditure of all the counties of the state. Until that time the following schedule of levy shall be made: Baker, .0235; Benton, .0202; Clackamas, .0335; Clatsop, .0212; Columbia, .0106; Coos, .0203; Crook, .0130; Curry, .0040; Douglas, .0345; Gilliam, .0087; Grant, .0092; Harney, .0162; Jackson, .0314; Josephine, .0090; Klamath, .0115; Lake, .0107; Lane, .0462; Linn, .0526; Malheur, .0094; Marion, .0613; Morrow, .0095; Multnomah, .0123; Polk, .0307; Sherman, .0087; Tillamook, .0087; Umatilla, .0490; Union, .0222; Wallowa, .0073; Wasco, .0234; Washington, .0301; Wheeler, .0077; Yamhill, .0391; Lincoln, .0055.

SUCCESSION TAX TO GO

Measure Started on Its Journey

Provides That Bequests Over a Certain Sum Must Pay

The committee on assessment and taxation, presided over by Senator Booth, has decided to push the Eddy bill to tax corporations, when organized, and also impose an annual tax, and the inheritance tax bill, introduced by Malarkey, of Multnomah. The inheritance was first made prominent in The Christmas Journal by F. T. Wrightman, of this city, and has become part of the legal taxing machinery of nearly every state. It is estimated that the two bills, when in full operation, will produce \$250,000 per annum revenue, and will to that extent relieve the land tax.

The inheritance bill.

Most important of all the bills passed by the house was the measure commonly known as the inheritance tax law. There was no opposition to it that was manifested, and if the bill is passed by the senate and signed by the governor, it will mean that the state will be the gainer to the tune of thousands of dollars.

Briefly, the bill provides that all estates worth over \$10,000 shall be taxed, where bequests are made, and that the tax will be lighter in cases of bequests to sons or daughters than to other relatives. The percentage of the tax increases in a corresponding ratio to the amount of the bequest to any one person, the limit being 6 per cent, which is to be charged for any sum over \$50,000. While the provisions of the bill have been referred to a number of times, now that it has been accepted by the house, it is as well to give the section which provides for the rate of the tax. This is as follows:

When such inheritance, devise, bequest, legacy, gift or beneficial interest to any property or income therefrom shall pass to or from the use or benefit of any father, mother, husband, wife, child, brother, sister, wife or widow of a son, or the husband of a daughter, or any child or children adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state of Oregon, or to any person whom the decedent for not less than 10 years prior to death stood in the acknowledged relation of a parent, or to any lineal descendant born in lawful wedlock, in every such case the tax shall be at the rate of one percentum upon the appraised value thereof received by each person; provided, that any estate which may be valued at a less sum than \$10,000 shall not be subject to any such duty or tax, and the tax is to be levied in above cases only upon the excess of \$5000 received by each person. When such inheritance, devise, bequest, legacy, gift or the beneficial interests to any property or income therefrom shall pass to or for the use or benefit of any uncle, aunt, niece, nephew or any lineal descendant of the same, in every such case the tax shall be at the rate of two percentum upon the appraised value thereof received by each person on the excess of \$2000 so received by each person. In all other cases, the tax shall be at the rate of three percentum upon the appraised value thereof received by each person, body politic or corporate, on all amounts over \$500 and not exceeding \$10,000; four percentum on all amounts over \$10,000 and not exceeding \$20,000; five percentum on all amounts over \$20,000 and not exceeding \$50,000; six percentum on all amounts over \$50,000.

"The gentlemen of the house will not discuss any more important measure than this one," declared Mr. Malarkey, in opening the debate, which took place in the committee of the whole, and over which Eddy, of Tillamook, presided. "Inheritance tax laws have been and are in operation in a great many states of the Union, and have given complete satisfaction. In the past real estate has been obliged to bear the expenses of the government, and now it is proposed to make inheritance bear a portion of the burden. The bill was carefully prepared, and I hope that it will not be tampered with. There has been one amendment which exempts all charitable institutions from the provisions of the tax, if the charitable institutions are now exempt from tax."

The committee then went over the bill, which is of some length, in order that proper provisions may be made for the collection of this tax. While there was little debate as to its various provisions, it took some time for the clerk to read it section by section, and when it was finally adopted and

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afterwards passed an adjournment of the house was taken.

FOREMAN PRUNTY'S FUNERAL

Will Be Held Friday Under Auspices of Woodmen

Funeral services over the remains of the late P. D. Prunty will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The service will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Day and burial will be held under the auspices of the local camp, Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was an honored member. The body of Mr. Prunty was brought to Salem from Portland last night, and taken to the Prunty home in Depot addition.

Woodmen, Attention.

All members of Salem Camp, No. 118, Woodmen of the World and visiting brothers will please meet at the hall Friday morning at 9 o'clock to attend the funeral of our late brother, P. D. Prunty.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORTS

On the Proceedings of the Legal Department

The biennial report to the state legislature of the former state attorney general, D. H. N. Blackburn, has been completed. During the two years covered in the report, Mr. Blackburn rendered and recorded 71 written opinions, covering 473 pages of the record books provided for that purpose, as follows: For the secretary of state, 8 opinions; for the superintendent of public instruction, 15; for the state land board and its officers, 9; for the governor, 4; and for all other boards and officers, 15.

During the year were argued and determined in the supreme court 42 cases in which the state was interested. Of that number of appeals the judgments of the lower courts in 23 cases were affirmed and of that number the state was the successful party in 21 actions. In 7 cases the appeals were dismissed on motion of the attorney general, 8 were reversed, one disbarment proceeding was maintained, 2 cases are still pending and in 1 case the decree of the lower court was modified. In the circuit court for Marion county 6 cases were heard and of that number 5 are pending. The sixth one was dismissed.

New Bridge On 12th Street

It has been decided by the members of the committee on streets and public property of the Salem city council to immediately replace the bridge across South Mill creek, on 12th street. This bridge was washed out during the recent freshet, and the matter of providing for its replacement was referred to this committee at the council meeting on Tuesday night.

It is the purpose of the committee to have constructed an 85-foot pony truss to take the place of the damaged structure. The manner of constructing the new bridge, which will cost the city about \$300, has not been decided upon, but the work will be performed under the supervision of Street Commissioner Griswold.

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FIRE CRACKER BILL

Dr. Smith Regulates Juvenile Explosives

Dr. A. C. Smith's bill makes it a misdemeanor for any person to sell, exchange, barter or give away to any child an explosive article or substance, or to allow them the privilege of handling fire crackers, provided they do not contain more than a certain amount of powder. They are also forbidden any device or apparatus, the chief utility of which consists in the fact that it is used, or is ordinarily capable of being used as a device to increase the force or intensity of any explosion other than gunpowder, or that directs or controls the discharge of any such explosive.

He Uttered a Forged Check

John Perry was received at the penitentiary today, from Umatilla county, under sentence of 18 months for having in his possession a forged check and attempting to utter it, knowing that the same was a forgery. Ed Osborne, who was jointly indicted with Perry for the same offence, got off with being committed to the state reform school. Both were brought to this city today. Osborne formerly lived in this city.

Bar Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Marion County Bar Association at the court house, Friday, February 6th, at 2 p. m. A full attendance is desired.

B. F. BONHAM, Pres. H. H. Turner, secretary pro-tem. 11

Mr. Houston, formerly of Roseburg, is in the city, to take the position of S. P. agent, succeeding Wm. Merriman, who goes to Portland, to take a like position. Mr. Houston is a young man, and has been in the service for some time.

Peter J. Schaeber, of San Francisco, is in the city seeing old friends and consulting with stockholders in a bicycle manufacturing establishment he is interested in there.

Mrs. A. C. Masters, of Roseburg, is visiting with her husband, Senator Masters.

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ANOTHER HORSE AND CART

To Be Employed in Cleaning the Streets

The committee on streets and public property has ordered the purchase of an additional horse for the street department. Another driver will be employed, and a second dump cart used, and the efforts of the street department will be redoubled. With the addition of these facilities Street Commissioner Griswold expects to materially advance and increase the scope of work in this department.

The new horse will do double duty. He will be quartered in a barn 14x24 feet that is being constructed at the Yew Park fire department headquarters, and will be used for hauling the hose wagon for this suburban fire department in case of fire.

HOP INSPECTOR BILL

Shows Judd to Be the House Humorist

From Report of the Running Debate on the Floor

Mr. Davey mentioned the fact that hop growers did not all favor the bill, and moved that the measure be referred back, but the motion was declared out of order.

LaFollet, champion of the bill, rose to its defense. "The object of vesting the appointment," said he, "in this board is to take it out of politics."

Mr. Judd—"Take it out of politics, and what will you have? You can't take beer out of politics."

Mr. LaFollet did not reply to Mr. Judd, and went on:

"This bill is not a slur at the governor." Mr. Hale opposed the bill because it conferred powers on the secretary of state and state treasurer not in accord with the constitution. "I insist," he declared, "that the bill is highly erroneous, and should not pass."

Mr. Galloway, Democrat, next took a whirl at the debate.

"If a certain gentleman from Umatilla county," said he drily, "had received, say 134 or 125 more votes in the last election, there would be no need for this bill. But this is a Republican legislature, and the minority bows in humble submission to its partisan will."

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