

# STEP TAKEN FOR PROTECTION OF THE SETTLERS

### State Land Board Requests There Be No Further Clearing of Lands Until Boundaries of Project Are Determined.

## CONSIDERATION OF OAKLEY AFFAIRS

### Manager Directed to Appear on April 2 and Report on Plans for Carrying Out of the Board's Order of March 15.

The state land board has ordered precautionary steps to be taken for the protection of the settlers on the Twin Falls-Oakley irrigation project owing to the fact it is evident from the reports of Carey Act Inspector Wells that the project will have to be reduced on account of the limitations of the water supply. It has therefore gone on record requesting the settlers on the project not to proceed with further clearing of lands until the matter is settled. In addition, the board ordered the manager of the Twin Falls-Oakley project to appear before it April 2 and satisfy the board that the company is going to carry out the order under date of March 15. The minutes of the board are in full as follows:

Boise, Ida., March 23, 1917. State board of land commissioners of the state of Idaho met this day pursuant to call.

Present: Hon. M. Alexander, governor and chairman; W. T. Dougherty, secretary of state; Ethel E. Redfield, superintendent of public instruction; C. Van Deusen, state auditor; I. A. Smoot, land commissioner; M. C. Stott, register.

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Governor Alexander that leases submitted by the register be cancelled for non-payment of 1917 rental as per list submitted. Motion carried.

Secretary of State Dougherty moved that list of leases submitted by the register for cancellation be published in



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the different counties at 10 cents per lease, and that all applications covering the same ground on which leases were canceled be held for 30 days before the same are released. Motion carried.

### ACTING WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

Attorney J. W. Porter of Twin Falls appeared before the board representing the settlers under the proposed project of the Twin Falls Milner Land & Water company and the Milner Canal company, stating that these companies had been selling water rights to the settlers on the tract and taking in payment thereof notes secured by mortgages, and that they were doing so without a certificate of authority from the land board.

Moved by the secretary of state that the attorney general be instructed to take whatever proceedings he may be able to against the fraudulent efforts of the Twin Falls Milner Land & Water company and the Milner Canal company, as they have been refused recognition by the land board heretofore, and have proceeded contrary to house bill No. 276, 1909 session laws. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.

Edwin Snow, Boise, Idaho, attorney for the Malad Reservoir company, appeared before the board asking that certain changes in contract, which had been previously approved by the board, be made, and upon motion which was unanimously carried, April 5, was set as the date for the hearing and the register instructed to notify the companies and settlers of such hearing.

### OAKLEY TRACT RESOLUTION.

Miss Redfield, superintendent of public instruction introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the members of the land board who at a recent date met with the settlers of the Twin Falls Oakley tract, Oakley, Idaho, and Mr. Wells, representative of the Carey Act service of the government of the United States, made a report to the land board of the state of Idaho, in regard to said project.

"It is hereby resolved that the settlers of said tract be notified that the state land board deems it inadvisable for settlers to clear more land until further orders from the land board, and those doing so will do so at their own risk and peril, the board assuming no responsibility therefor, as it is apparent from the reports so made and received that said project will have to be reduced in area, which will endanger reclamation and clearing of additional land."

Moved by State Auditor Van Deusen that copy of the above resolution be sent to the company and the attorney of the Settlers' association. Motion carried.

Secretary of state moved that the manager of the Twin Falls Oakley Irrigation company be asked to appear before the land board on Monday, April 2 and satisfy the land board that the Twin Falls Oakley company is going to carry out the order of the land board as it appears in the minutes of March 15, 1917. Motion unanimously carried.

### REFUNDS ALLOWED.

The following refunds were allowed on fees filed with applications for farm loans:

Charles C. Figley, Small	\$29
John F. Lovell, Rigby	\$20
George B. Kennedy, Emmett	\$6

On motion made and carried the application for loan of John W. Dwyer was reconsidered and granted in the sum of \$5000.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Same members of the board present, also Attorney General T. A. Walters.

Letter of Mrs. M. Vivien Peckham of Fraser, Idaho, requesting release of state's mortgage on one acre of her land for the purpose of building a church was considered and granted.

Application for mineral lease by L. Loranger, Horseshoe Bend, covering south half, section 36, township 7 north, range 1 east, was considered, and upon motion which was duly carried, the register was instructed to issue lease covering this tract of land, containing the provisions for all mineral leases on file in his department.

Moved by the attorney general and unanimously carried that the claims presented against the King Hill fund by Mr. Shawhan be referred to the state land commissioner, I. A. Smoot, for personal investigation, and that he report his findings to the board.

Motion made by the governor and unanimously carried that application for mineral lease by O. E. Stangland, be referred to the state mining inspector, Robert N. Bell, for investigation and report.

### THE WHIFFEN REPORT.

Motion made and carried that report of G. W. Whiffen be filed, published and made a part of the record, which report is as follows:

Rexburg, Idaho, March 21, 1917.—The Honorable I. A. Smoot, State Land Commissioner, Boise, Idaho. Dear Sir: In pursuance of your request that I go to Rexburg, St. Anthony and tributary country, and co-operate with John Walker, our state land appraiser for that part of the state, in investigating land matters in which the land board was interested and particularly leases.

May I say that on March 15, I joined Mr. Walker at St. Anthony and we have for several days carefully, diligently and impartially interviewed many persons on land conditions as they concern our land board. In the main, we have talked with people who were, or are now lessees of state land, but we have questioned others and endeavored to get all the light we could

from every source we could. As Mr. Walker had the names of the lessees on cards on which he intends to make individual reports, I shall make my report without reference to these notes taken. Therefore, the kind of report that I shall make is one of impressions I received after questioning many people over a period of more than a week. Mr. Smoot, our investigation convinces me:

1st. That there are monopolies in our agricultural land leases in violation of rule No. 15.

2nd. That there has been favoritism on the part of former appointees of the Idaho state land board in the leasing of these agricultural lands.

3rd. That there is in these counties a class of middlemen to see wherein their services have been a benefit to anyone save themselves.

4th. That many people here seem not to be well informed as to how they could do business directly with our state land board, and therefore, are imposed upon by these middlemen and are paying commissions, bonuses and fees that are wholly out of proportion to the services rendered.

### ASSIGNMENTS NOT RECORDED.

Returning to the first, our interviews disclosed the fact that lessees of record have assigned their lease to other parties and assignments have not been recorded; again other assignments are made in blank but in both cases the assignors have divested themselves of all claim to the land and the assignees or others for them come into physical possession of these lands and are operating them for their sole benefits in violation of Rule No. 15, and there seems to be at least a few cases where parties are operating such large tracts that there is wide spread criticism attended with much bitterness. This evil has assumed such proportions that it seems to me some action should be taken to reduce the size of these tracts and to stop the further assignment of their tracts on the part of others who have already all they are entitled to under the rule. The reasons for a correction of this are many and good, one of which is that the state does not receive benefits to its lands when operated in large tracts as accrue where many people occupy it.

Favoritism—I can only base my opinions as to this by the well nigh universal criticism of the actual farmers in this section, for surely our state land board comes in for much bitter censure by these people and I am much impressed with the fact that our state should take wise action. In people here get a square deal. In connection with the leasing of land here a year ago, at a meeting of the people with a representative of the state land board the people were given to understand that they might lease certain tracts but they could not come into possession of them until after the tenth day of June and they did not receive their leases until after that date, the tenth day of June. The reason was given at the time that the sheep men should retain the same for that year as a lambing ground and that year they were not allowed to enter upon and take possession of their land until after June 10, at which time the ground had become quite dry and little could be accomplished that year. There has been no little complaint about this and while this might have been in accordance with the action taken by the board, I seriously doubt the justice of it. Our board, of course, have heard these many complaints and I will not mention more.

### SOURCE OF MUCH TROUBLE.

3rd. The manner of dealing in these state land leases is, in my opinion, the source of much trouble here, and is very unsatisfactory to all concerned except a few men, who, as "go-between" are doing a good business. There is here much just criticism as to the way our leases are hooked about, the dealers making extravagant fees, bonuses and commissions, while he actually is improving the land is paying the profits. This trafficking in these leases with big profits is an open secret and is greatly deplored by the people here. There should be some action taken that will lessen this business. I am convinced that where our state leases land from 25c to 50c per acre that is worth \$2 to \$6 there will be a privilege handed down to a few that will be fraught with many evils. I have in mind this case—wherein one, Mr. Martineau, who was in possession of land as assignee of Olof Anderson, had attempted to secure the lease of the land for a term of years and came in conflict with a Seth Stoddard and your board has recently awarded to Mr. Stoddard the lease, all of which may be a matter of record at Boise. That Seth Stoddard and his father for him had agreed to pay a fee of \$1000 to parties at Rexburg for their services in the matter and the party who was to receive the same called on me and tried to convince me that such fee was not an unjust one. Mr. Smoot—I believe that most of us reared in public land states have some knowledge of fees for location, of legitimate real estate business, but in my mind this case where our state furnishes the land for use for agricultural purposes for the sum of \$160 and the parties who do the locating receive \$1000 as a fee, this fee is so far out of proportion to the services rendered that one can hardly believe these peo-

ple here would stand for it. Yet this is not an unusual case as there are reports coming to me of similar and even larger fees and commissions for locating. In fact, I was told by a party at Newdale that he was approached by a man from Rexburg who offered to locate him on a 160-acre tract for the modest sum of \$400, just five times what the state would receive. It is plain to me that our land is worth more because the people here are paying more for it and our state does not receive it. I am convinced that some of these middlemen are working up these conflicts that they may draw down something by way of compromise. In some cases parties have paid to others who were in conflict with them several times as much as the state receives. There should be some radical change if the parties who actually farm and make homes are to get by without paying tribute to parties who appear to have no aim but to get something in the transaction.

### BOARD COULD ASSIST.

Fourth. That many people here seem to feel that they can get nothing done at our land department unless they secure the service of some one who has an advantage of some kind with the board and when they do try to help themselves they find that these men have fixed things so there is nothing for them and that if they are to get anything they have to pay these extravagant fees. I am convinced that our board could assist them by furnishing them through its field men and otherwise more information about this leasing of land, the sale of state lands and the loaning of state money.

It further appears to me that the public has not been sufficiently advised in the affairs of our state land board and I believe they should be shown how they could do business with it to the exclusion of these men who exact so much for the work they do for them. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SHIFFIN.

Moved by secretary of state that the report of John Walker, state land appraiser, on agricultural leases in Madison, Fremont, Jefferson and Teton counties, be received and adopted. Motion carried.

### TO CANCEL LEASES.

Moved by Secretary of State Dougherty and unanimously carried that it is the sense of the land board, during the season of 1917, in the counties of Bingham, Bonneville, Jefferson, Madison, Fremont and Teton, to cancel all agricultural leases where the rules of the land board have been violated.

Moved and carried that the above motion, pertaining to agricultural leases, be published in the newspapers of the above mentioned counties in two consecutive issues, and that Land Commissioner I. A. Smoot advertise the loaning of state money at 5 per cent per annum in reading advertisement.

Motion made and carried that the state treasurer make a complete report to the attorney general on all loans, and that he be instructed to check and mark paid the loans on which remittances have been received since January 1, and that such report shall be completed and submitted to the land board by April 2.

Report of the register on Carey act agents on the different irrigation projects, and the matter of them furnishing bond to the state of Idaho in the amount of \$1000 each, together with vacancies, was referred to the secretary of state.

The register called attention of the board to the fact that the six months extension of time granted to the Wick-ahney Land & Irrigation company within which to commence actual construction work on their project, had expired on March 22, whereupon it was moved and carried that they be given 30 days further time, and in the meantime be notified to appear before the board and show cause why further time should be granted.

Moved and carried that voucher of Adams County Abstract & Title company, Council, Idaho, for \$3, cost of continuation of abstract of J. W. Andrew, be paid out of 1 per cent fund.

### WANTON EXTRAVAGANCE.

"What do you think of this idea of burning people in effigy?"

"I'm against it," replied Senator Sorghum. "When fuel is so expensive there's no excuse for the waste."—Washington Star.

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Doris Pawa.

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