

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Fourteenth Irrigation Congress

Following are the resolutions recommended by the committee on resolutions of the fourteenth National Irrigation congress, which closed its session Thursday, as adopted by the congress:

"The congress desires to express its high appreciation of the national irrigation law, and hails with pleasure the opportunities afforded under its beneficent provisions for home-making and hopes that the several governmental enterprises now under contemplation, as well as under construction, will be pushed to a speedy and successful completion.

"We heartily approve the efficient and thorough work of the reclamation service in carrying on the work of national reclamation where works have been commenced and are now being executed and have the fullest confidence in the honesty and ability of that service.

"We recommend that the reclamation service and its representatives co-operate with state officers in matters affecting the states' landed interests.

"This congress indorses and commends the earnest and efficient work of the United States weather bureau of the department of agriculture in establishing a highly useful climatological service in each state which work has proven of great benefit to the irrigation development of the west.

"We heartily commend the excellent work being carried forward by the irrigation and drainage investigations of the office of the experiment stations, United States department of agriculture, and recommend the continuance and extension of this work and urge upon the United States congress the continuance of the appropriations for this service upon a liberal basis as an essential feature of the thorough development of the arid west.

INDORSE FARMERS' CLUBS

"Whereas, the building of irrigation works is but a means to an end, since the ultimate success of all irrigation enterprises, whether public or private, depends on the intelligence, skill and industry of those who settle on the lands, and

"Whereas, The organization of farmers' clubs, the holding of farmers' institutes, the establishment of agricultural and industrial high schools, the carrying on of practical experiments for the benefit of the farmer, and the training given by the agricultural colleges and experiment stations are all valuable agencies in the industrial up-building of rural communities in irrigated districts:

"We heartily commend and indorse the work of these various agencies, and urge upon the legislatures of all western states and territories the granting of increased appropriations for the purposes.

FOR SECURING INFORMATION

"We recommend that the president of this congress appoint a committee consisting of five members of this congress, whose duty it shall be to secure the widest publicity of scientific information concerning irrigation, with the view of educating the new settler on irrigated lands in the proper use of water, stimulating the older users of water to a full appreciation of the value of improved methods, and to secure the publication throughout the United States of such information as will serve to inculcate a full recognition of the advantages of irrigated agriculture."

"This committee shall have the power to appoint a secretary at a salary of not to exceed \$25 per month, and to incur an expense of not to exceed the sum of \$200 for stamps and incidentals, including stationery, which sums shall be paid as other expenses of this congress are paid and said committee shall make a full report of its work at the session of this congress for 1907.

Use of International Streams

"We urge upon the United States government the immediate necessity of solving the various problems now pending in connection with the operation of the reclamation act, relating to the use of international streams.

TO SUPPORT FOREST SERVICE

"We pledge our earnest support to the United States forest service in its efforts to maintain and improve our water sheds, where irrigation is necessary, on the streams affected, by renewing and protecting the forests upon them. We also indorse the practical policy of forest protection through reasonable use, adopted by the forest service.

"We regard the conservation of ground waters for irrigation as a matter of so much importance as to call for protective legislation.

"We favor the passage of senate bill No. 4624, last session, 59th congress, as herein amended, said amended bill being as follows:

"That subject to rules and regulations to be prescribed by the secretary of the interior; the owner, in fee simple, or a claimant under any general or special law of the United States, of any land included within the limits of a reservoir site, now or hereafter approved by the secretary of the interior under the provisions of the act of congress entitled, 'An Act to Amend the Timber Culture Laws, and for Other Purposes,' approved March 3, 1891, and acts amendatory thereof, may, at the option of such owner or claimant, relinquish or convey such land, so included in an approved reservoir site, to the United States and upon the completion of the reservoir so approved, personally select in lieu of the land so relinquished or conveyed an equal area, as nearly as possible, in compact form of the unappropriated non-timbered public domain of the United States subject to homestead entry and not withdrawn under the reclamation act, in the same state or territory, and the secretary of the interior shall, by due and appropriate muniments of title, place such owner or claimant in the same relation as to the United States to the title, possession and right of possession of the lieu land thus selected as such owner or claimant sustained to the land relinquished at the time the relinquishment was made.

"Section 2—The right of selection as herein provided shall apply to lands relinquished within reservoir sites to be constructed under the reclamation act and in such cases the right of selection may be exercised whenever deemed advisable by the secretary of the interior.

RECOMMEND HARMONY

"Believing that too much capital, public and private, cannot and will not be invested in the reclamation of arid lands, it is the sense of this congress that government as well as private enterprise should not unnecessarily interfere with nor prevent government enterprises from constructing reservoirs or other works for reclaiming arid lands.

"Whereas, the intelligent conservation of soil moisture will promote an increased duty of water under projects already developed and its extension to additional lands adjacent thereto, and

"Whereas, The same principles will enable successful cultivation by dry farming of immense areas, the tillage of which is now precarious or impracticable;

"Therefore, we heartily indorse the investigations along these lines by the department of agriculture and recommend the dissemination of information as to better methods of soil agriculture, supplemented by the establishment of experimental stations and model farms in the newly developing districts of the arid and semi-arid regions.

"We recommend the enactment of a federal law providing penalties for unlawful interference with federal head-gates and other federal irrigation works.

"Whereas, the eleventh National Irrigation congress, in September, 1903, inadvertently adopted a resolution in-

dorsing Zea Malze as the national floral emblem.

"Therefore, We rescind said resolution.

"We recommend that the congress of the United States consider the extension of the jurisdiction of the United States courts to provide for the judicial determination of water rights on interstate streams.

CONCERNING SUGAR BEETS

"Inasmuch as the sugar beet industry in irrigated America returns to the farmers an annual revenue of over \$20,000,000, and as the production at home of the sugar we now import from the tropics would afford our farmers an additional market for beets amounting to \$100,000,000, and as it has been urged that the United States congress further stimulate the sugar industry of the Philippine islands to produce all or a portion of the sugar we of arid America had hoped to produce.

"Therefore, We protest against any further legislation favoring Philippine sugar and urge that legislative agitation and attacks on the sugar production of this country cease, that this great industry of arid America may be fully developed.

LOTS OF THANKS

"We thoroughly appreciate the interest shown by President Roosevelt in irrigation, as evidenced by his letter to this congress, and extend to him our thanks, for his untiring support of national reclamation of the arid and semi arid lands; and we express our hearty appreciation of the patriotic address of Vice President Fairbanks, wherein as a broad-minded American he so unqualifiedly indorsed the purposes of this congress, and having in view the best interests of our entire nation so forcibly urged the merit of the reclamation of arid lands.

"We extend thanks to the local press and the press in general for its generous notice and fair consideration.

"Our thanks are tendered to Hon. L. W. Shurtliff, Senator Thomas H. Carter and Governors Chamberlain and Mead for the able and impartial manner in which they have presided over our deliberations. We also extend our thanks to Hon. Montie B. Gwinn and to the other executive officers for their untiring work and efforts in making this one of the most interesting and instructive sessions in the history of irrigation congresses.

"We extend our hearty and sincere thanks to the people of Idaho and particularly to the people of Boise for their splendid welcome, kindly courtesy and marked hospitality and we shall carry to our respective homes the most pleasant recollections of our visit to this state and its capital city."

El Centro Bakery and Meat Market

The bakery and meat market is now completed and we invite all to call in and see us. Special attention will be given to the cantaloupe packers and growers to call on us and get your supply of bread and meat and if you want a pie we have it. Don't forget the place, back of the Franklin hotel.

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