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ONE IRRIGATION DISTRICT PLAN FAVORED

Intend to Cover All Lands That Have Water Right. Advantages of One Organization Are Seen. Necessary to Develop.

Present indications portend the success of the one irrigation district plan. That seems the general opinion of those who are directly interested and who have made a canvass of the situation. It appears practically unanimous so far as local men are concerned. Just how the big concerns will take the matter is yet to be determined as there has been no expression direct from them, but according to former reports it would indicate they will come in and assist in the organization of an irrigation district covering the lands that have been conceded rights along the stream.

Such an arrangement will go forward with much favorable to its accomplishing best results. That it has advantages over the smaller district plan is evident from the manner in which the men interested are taking the initiative in pushing it. The matter of impounding the water is left to later consideration. At present it is a matter in which the water users of Silvies River have decided to band together and see what they can gain by a better understanding of things and the distribution of the water to the best advantage of all concerned.

The Times-Herald finds local men most favorable to this plan and feels the project is going to be put through to a successful result and that the people are going to be vastly benefitted.

The writer finds there are some who do not really understand what an irrigation district means to the land owners or its advantages. This we would not attempt to explain in detail because of our limited knowledge on the subject, but one writer has put forward these points:

The effect of an organized irrigation district on the land owners might be expressed as follows:

1. Enables communities to purchase and operate their own irrigation systems.
2. Enables land owners in irrigation projects to finance improvements with the elimination of profit and overhead cost.
3. Places control of entire project in hands of the land owners.
4. Stimulates development of raw land.
5. Tends toward breaking up large holdings and substitution of intensive for extensive agriculture.
6. In some States works are exempt from taxation.
7. Public lands bear their share of the cost.
8. State lands may pay their share of the cost.
9. May cooperate with United States Reclamation Service.
10. Enables land owners to take advantage of Federal farm loan act.

All of the above may not apply to this particular project strictly, but the writer has had wide experience and these points are a part of an extended story published in a recent issue of the Reclamation Record of the U. S. Dept. This gives in a few words the substance of his writings and will show what may be accomplished by an organization under the laws of this state.

The fact of the matter is, there can be no further development of the country without some such move is made. It means that the present irrigation lands are not producing as they should or are capable of and in order to bring them to a higher state of usefulness it is necesary that the water be taken care of in a more economical manner. There can be no objection to the plan by those who have a water right as they are sure to receive what has been granted them. There are no others to consider in the matter until it is determined as to whether there is a surplus. In such case an organization can best distribute this surplus, or rather dictate where it shall be placed.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Collecor of Internal Revenue, Milton A. Miller, is receiving many inquiries concerning the provisions of the new Revenue Bill providing for Income and other taxes, and numerous requests are being made for forms on which to make returns.

Collector Miller says that no definite information can be given, or forms furnished, until the Bill has finally passed Congress and becomes a Law. It will then take some little time to have forms printed and ready for distribution. He has made arrangements to send out a general notification from his office so that all taxpayers may be informed promptly of the provisions of the proposed law. The organization of his field force will be such as to render every possible assistance to taxpayers throughout the state of Oregon, and deputies will be located at many advantageous points so that information may be secured to guide them in making returns when the proper time arrives.

The basic principles of the old Income Tax Law will no doubt be applied to the provisions of the new law, and it would be well for every individual and corporation to prepare figures and ascertain the exact amount of income so as to be ready to make return with as little delay as possible.

WAS ONE-MAN BRANCH OF U. S. FIGHTERS

There have been instances in the history of our nation when one man made up one branch of our national defense. It was Maj. A. A. Cunningham, commander of the U. S. marine aviation corps. Maj. Cunningham was appointed to this work in 1912, and for some time was the only man in that branch of the service.

WOODMEN PAY INSURANCE

The Times-Herald was informed yesterday that the local Woodmen of the World organization had just turned over $2000 to Mrs. E. C. Eggleston, that amount being the insurance on the life of her late husband taken out in the order some years ago.

The order recently paid George Shaw, a returned soldier now working at the Burns Garage, $1000 insurance on his brother who had not long ago. This organization is not very active in this community, that is, the members seldom meet in lodge and there is no solicitation among the people for additional membership or do they put in any time setting forth the advantages of this line of insurance, but it is noticeable that they pay promptly any claim and without any publicity or fuss.

Don't give your son from abroad either prunes or salmon for his first home meal unless you wish to induce an attack of militarism.

ROUTE OF BURNS-CRANE POST ROAD SETTLED

County Court Adopts Survey of State Highway Department. Routing Shown. Other Business Transacted During Week

The county court held sessions during the week and wound up the business that was before it for the January term. Court adjourned earlier in the month as Commissioner Hass desired to go to Portland and meet with the State Highway Commission; upon his return court was again convened. Some of the business transacted at the term and reported in a former issue follows:

A warrant for $60 was drawn in favor of Mrs. James Kribbs for relief of herself and her fatherless children.

Report of clerk on bounties on wild animals approved.

Dist. Att. Biggs made a report on fines collected from violators of the total of $2,891.91. Expenses were shown to have been $1,317.65, leaving a balance of $1,574.26.

Road Master Gleeson made a report of his department which was found correct and approved.

Sherriff Goodman was made truant officer for the county.

In the matter of the Burns-Crane Post Road, being a part of the Central Oregon Highway, a resolution adopting the survey of the State Highway Dept., making it a county road, was adopted.

As this route is a matter of much interest The Times-Herald gives the routing:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Section 9 in Township 23 South, of Range 31 East of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence along section lines to the Southeast Corner of Sec. 10 in said Township and Range; and running thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 14, T. 23 S., R. 31 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 24, T. 23 S., R. 31 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 30, T. 23 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 32, T. 23 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 4, T. 24 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 10, T. 24 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 14, T. 24 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 24, T. 24 S., R. 32 E. Thence in a direct line to the Center of Sec. 30, T. 24 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 30, T. 24 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 32, T. 24 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the S. E. Cor of Sec. 4, T. 25 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the Center of Sec. 10, T. 25 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the Center of Sec. 12, T. 25 S., R. 32½. Thence in a direct line to the S. W. Cor of SE¼SW¼ Sec. 7, T. 25 S., R. 33 E. Thence in an Easterly direction along section lines to the S. E. corner of Section 12, T. 25 S., R. 33 E. Thence in a Northeasterly direction on a direct line to the Southwest corner of the Townsite of Crane, as appears upon plat thereof on file and of record on page—of Book—of Plate, in the Office of the Clerk of Harney County, Oregon.

CHANGE EXPERIMENT FARM SUPERINTENDENT

John H. Martin Called to Washington on Special Work. Is Succeeded by Obil Shattuck, Former County Agent Here.

John H. Martin, who has had charge of the Experiment Station in this Valley for the past year—ever since L. R. Breithaupt left—has resigned his poitiosn and will leave next week for Washington, D. C., to take up his duties in a new position with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Martin will do special work with the Department in which he will investigate wheat crops and varieties over a territory covering the western part of the United States. His new position will give him wide experience and one that is to his liking. He had contemplated such a move for some time and when the opportunity presented itself he availed himself of it. The young man has only been here for one season but during that time he has become acquainted with the farming people and local conditions along his line of endeavor. He hopes that the dry farming methods will not long have to be followed in this valley as he firmly believes a system of irrigation will be operative in the not distant future.

Mr. Martin is confident from his experience last season on the irrigated tracts of the Station, that pumping plants will be a success on most of the land if cheap fuel or power may be secured. He further believes it should be investigated at once and an attempt made to establish such aid to the growing crops throughout the valley. The young man considers the move toward an irrigation district as timely. He did not express any preference as to the plans of districts, whether one or more, but that any plan carried to completion was better than to sit and wait.

Mr. Martin spoke of the rodent pests and said that with the establishment of irrigation facilities and the encouraging of crops throughout the valley the problem of disposing of the pests would be simplified as thus there would be greater activity with more people to unite in the destruction of the pests. He consides it necessary to get busy with destroying not only the rabbits but also the sage rats and in making preparation to fight the grasshoppers again the coming season. Had there been a more concerted effort in the grasshopper campaign last season there would have been a less number to contend with the coming season. However, Mr. Martin said he had never found a place where the people responded more readily to such work, nor had he found in any of his former experience in experimental work a class of people more ready to take the advice and follow the suggestions of the men in charge of experimental work.

Obil Shattuck will succeed Mr. Martin as superintendent of the station here. Mr. Shattuck is not a stranger in this county as he was formerly connected with the station as an assistant to Mr. Breithaupt and later acted as county agent. Since that time the young man has taken a post graduate course at the agricultural college and has had considerable practical experience. He was here during the week to confer with Mr. Martin and has gone out to make arrangements to return and take up his active duties at the station the latter part of his month.

SUFFRAGISTS OPEN IN WORLD AFFAIRS

American suffragists are now waging an international campaign. Mrs. Norman R. Whitehouse has sailed for the peace conference where she will distribute propaganda. Formerly Mrs. Whitehouse was distributor of American propaganda in Germany.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—ITS NEEDS

Contributed.

The Sunday Schools greatest need is not better series of lessons, but better men and women to teach the living word of God.

Teachers who live in daily Communion with God, who are constrained by the love of Christ, who are filled with the Holy Spirit and dominated and guided in all things by Him.

The Sunday School work is a business by far greater than any manufacture, or merchant or railroad building. It builds character and makes good men and women.

The home is the first great school and then we send our children to Sunday School.

Some sure signs of a successful Sunday School.

A Sustained Church.

Seventy per cent of the Church come from the Sunday School 95 per cent of all missionary and teachers come out of the Sunday School.

Financial Support.

Every one giving their mite to help this worthy cause to advance the kingdom of home and town and community.

Sustain The Sunday School By Your Presence.

Sympathetic Pastor. One who knows every boy and girl in that school.

Be An Expera In The Home Department.

For the home department is all the Sunday School in these days of trials.

Present Duties In The Sunday School

I shall pass this way but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness I can show to any human being let me do it now. Let me not defer it, nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

The Sunday School needs you.

The offering last week was $4.90.

IMPORTANT TO DEALERS IN CIGARS AND TOBACCO

The pending revenue measure which will probably be passed within a very short time provides increased taxes on cigars, tobacco and commodities will be required to inventory his stock on the day following the passage of the Act and to pay additional tax on such stock covering the difference between the tax paid under the present Act and that provided by the new Act.

There will be certain exemptions allowed, but this matter, as well as the new rates, has not yet been definitely determined.

Every dealer should arrange to keep posted as to the date of the passage of the Act and take his inventory on that day.

Blanks for the purpose of filing inventory and return will be furnished by Milton A. Miller, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portland, Oregon, as soon as they are received from the Department at Washington. It is possible that arrangements will be made to distribute these blanks through the post offices in Oregon but any dealer who does not receive his blank should apply for it to the Collector at Portland.

ASKS FUNDS TO PUSH THE P. L. S. CO. CASE

The Attorney General Will Seek $5000 From Legislature to Further Prosecution. No New Land Cases to be Taken Up.

(Oregonian).

Salem, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In a report to the State Land Board completed tonight, Attorney-General Brown goes at length into the land fraud situation in the state and declares that he will seek $5000 from the Legislature to further prosecute the Pacific Livestock case, but will attempt no further prosecutions.

"In making this estimate," he stated, "I have considered the 6 per cent limitation and the necessity of the Legislature cutting all appropriations to the quick, and have not sought an appropriation for land litigation beyond the actual demands of pending proceedings."

After reviewing the Hyde-Benson cases, which opened the way for return to the state of practically 45,000 acres of land through cases prosecuted by Attorney-General Brown, he points out in a small measure evidence obtained in the Pacific Livestock case through a handwriting expert.

Proceeding, Mr. Brown says:

"There are included in the Pacific Livestock Company's suit about 17,000 acres, consisting of school lands, school indemnity lands and swamp lands, and these lands are valuable and were acquired from the state because of their value to the livestock industry. It is the contention of the state that a large part of these lands were procured from the state through the agency of the Pacific Livestock Company and Henry Miller, who was the president and owner of practically every share of the company's stock.

"What we are attempting to do is to have returned to the state lands that were fraudulently acquired from the state. It is also claimed by the state that the lands which were not procured directly by Henry Miller or the Pacific Livestock Company from the state were purchased with the knowledge of the fraud practiced upon the state. In other words, the state is not in its suit attempting to disturb the title to lands held by bona fide purchasers.

"Since the Pacific Livestock Company case has not been tried, I deem it inadvisable to disclose evidence which the state has in its possession beyond what I have previously reported to your board.

"In concluding this report, permit me to call attention of the Land Board to the fact that in the last two years there has been returned to the state of Oregon lands that had been procured by fraud that are many times the value of the amount appropriated by the last Legislature to conduct this office.

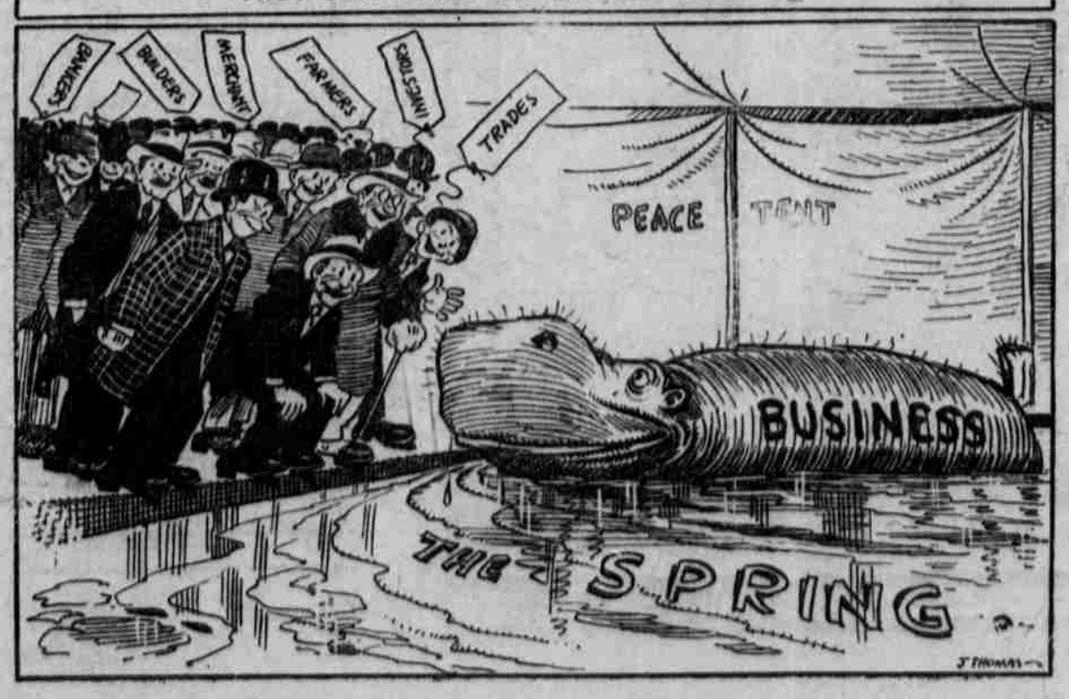
"Pursuant to statute I have filed with the Secretary of State estimate of expenditures for the next two years for the office of Attorney-General and have included the sum of $5000 for the conduct of land fraud proceedings and represented that the Land Board has directed the prosecution of the suit now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Harney County.

"In making the estimate I have considered the 6 per cent limitation and the necessity of the Legislature cutting all appropriations to the quick, and have not sought an appropriation for land litigation beyond the actual demands of pending proceedings."

Referring to the depleted condition of the school fund, Mr. Brown says:

"Our irreducible school fund is a mere shadow compared to those of many other states, and what it should have been. Much of our most valuable lands are held by large corporations, remaining undeveloped, when they could and should provide the means of livelihood and homes for many of our citizens."

Any of the retuning officers will be received with delight except General Unemployment. We trust he will be assigned to visit Germany with the Army of Occupation.

Everything has its compensations. The Kaiser's ear trouble will perhaps prevent his hearing the news from Germany.

THEY ALL WANT TO SEE HIM OPEN UP