

Government Control

Bill Before Congress Giving Secretary of Interior Control Over Carey Act Projects.

BY SENATOR BORAH

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

That upon a report of the Commissioner of the Interior by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or if sworn information is filed by not less than five bona fide settlers on segregated public lands under the Carey Act project in any of the arid land states, that the state is not in good faith prosecuting reclamation of such lands, or that the contractor under the state is violating the terms of his contract or is delaying his work unreasonably, in such case the Secretary of the Interior may order the state to show cause why any segregation of public lands in its favor shall not be canceled. Such notice shall be served within not less than thirty days, personally or by registered mail, upon the proper officers of the state, and upon contractors under the state, who may have any contract or lien of record in the Land Department of the United States or in the public records of the proper county wherein such lands are situated.

Sec. 2. That if it be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the state is not proceeding diligently to reclaim such lands, or that the contractor or contractors are violating the terms of the contract and no proceedings have been taken against them by the state, the Secretary may declare a forfeiture of the segregation, though the fifteen years provided by the Carey Act shall not have elapsed.

Sec. 3. That upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of any segregation of land to any state under the provisions of this act work thereon must be actually commenced within two years from such approval, and must be prosecuted by said state in good faith to full reclamation, except that the Secretary of the Interior, upon proper showing to his satisfaction, may grant such further time as he may deem proper to said state for said reclamation, but not more than fifteen years after such segregation or other time certain in the power of the Secretary to grant extensions.

Sec. 4. That the state shall report annually in December, to the Secretary of the Interior, through the General Land Office, as to the amount of work done on each project during the past year, the promotion and percentage complete and incomplete, so that the said General Land Office may have an actual record of each and every proceeding and the results attained, as well as the amount not completed.

Sec. 5. That each state shall keep proper and adequate books, which shall contain full records of all projects instituted by them under the provisions of this act, which books and records shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the government officials of the United States, and all persons interested in lands to be irrigated.

Sec. 6. That all work done on any such project as it progresses shall also be subject at any time to investigation and the supervision of the proper government officials of the United States.

Sec. 7. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered, after due notice and hearings, as hereinbefore provided, to cancel and annul segregations of public land under the Carey Act.

Sec. 8. That no land developed, reclaimed, or sought to be reclaimed or segregated under the Carey Act shall be put on the market and sold to settlers, nor water rights appertaining thereto, until after such time as the construction work on projects supplying water for the lands shall have been completed and approved by the Secretary of the Interior after an examination of such construction work and after having made, through the engineers of his department, a careful examination and estimation of every phase of the work and the water supply.

Sec. 9. That the amount of available water shall not only be estimated by those acting under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, from flows of rivers and capacity of reservoir sites, but shall be ascertained to be adequate from actual measurements at emergence from canals at entrance upon lands and to be sufficient and adequate to supply not less than two acre-feet for each segregated acre, and available uniformly throughout the whole season when irrigation is ordinarily used in such locality.

Sec. 10. That if it be found by the reports of said engineers, and the Secretary of the Interior, that more land has been segregated than can be properly supplied by water by such

works and water supply, or if some of the segregated lands are of inferior quality or elevation above ditches, or too rough, or too porous and leaky, rendering them of doubtful value for irrigation purposes, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cancel such parts of such segregation as will render the rest of the project entirely feasible, both as to the water supply and quality of the land.

Sec. 11. That no land board of any state shall contract with any construction company, individual, or corporation, permitting such corporation, company, or individual, to charge settlers greater price per acre than will aggregate fifty per centum over and above the amount of money necessary to be expended in construction of the works on Carey Act projects.

Sec. 12. That the books of any construction company, individual, or corporation that shall contract with any state for construction of works under the provisions of the Carey Act shall be at all times open to the inspection of any actual settler who may be interested in such construction work, so as to ascertain the actual cost of such construction work.

Sec. 13. That no water rights shall be sold or disposed of by any state, promoting or construction company, individual, or corporation to any person outside of the segregated district, as contemplated in said Carey Act, until it shall be fully determined by the Secretary of the Interior that there is more water available than is necessary and requisite to supply the demands of actual settlers in said segregated districts.

Brakeman Is Drowned.

Lorenzo Bixby, freight brakeman employed on the Ketchum branch of the Oregon Short Line, lost his life Friday evening while fishing near that place in the head waters of the Wood River, where the stream is small but running in a deep canyon. Brakeman Bixby had gone up from Shoshone with his train in the morning, expecting to return here Saturday with his train. The layover afforded him an opportunity to indulge in his favorite sport.

Late at night, those who knew of Bixby's visit to the river, went to look for him and found his body lying in the shallow water. Apparently he had fallen in the canyon in attempting to untangle his line which had been caught in a bush. The accident was not discovered until midnight.

The home of the brakeman was in Shoshone where he leaves a wife and two babies. They came here from Glens Ferry in January and their former home was at Blackfoot. The body will be taken to Blackfoot by a delegation of trainmen Sunday morning.—Shoshone Dispatch.

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Mr. V. F. Connolly, a traveling man well known by many Jerome people as a representative of the American Steel & Wire Co., died very suddenly at Idaho Falls on Friday evening last. Mr. Connolly was in Jerome the middle of the week interviewing the trade here, and his friends were greatly surprised to learn of his sudden demise.

Mr. J. A. Kincaid, district manager of the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., with headquarters at Pocatello, was in Jerome the first of the week looking after the service in this section.

Miss Lillie Ploss, of Terrill, Iowa, arrived here last week, and expects to spend the summer here with her brother, A. G. Ploss.

Miss Nettie Stuckey, who has been spending the past 18 months with her sister here, most of the time being a valued attaché of the Times office, departed on Tuesday for her former home at Lisbon, N. Dak., followed by the best wishes of a host of friends which she made during her visit here.

Mr. W. W. Burgan and daughter Agnes, arrived here from Vancouver, B. C. last week. The former is a brother of E. H. Burgan, manager of the Amusement hall and proprietor of the second hand store, and intends making Jerome his future home.

Difference Between Two Words. The vast difference between the words "may" and "shall" can be fittingly described by those who have gone before the parole board.

JEROME FOLKS ASTONISH DRUGGIST.

We sell many good medicines but we are told the mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-i-ka, is the best we ever sold. Jerome folks astonish us daily by telling how quickly Adler-i-ka relieves sour stomach, gas on the stomach and constipation. Many report that a single dose relieves these troubles almost immediately. We are glad we are Jerome agents for Adler-i-ka.—W. G. Thomas, druggist.

PHOTO-DRAMA OF CREATION

Reel and Voice United to Tell Absorbing Story of Human Development—Life of Christ. Culminating Fact of History.

One Feature of Non-Sectarian, Free Exhibition.

Drama Dedicated to Public by President of the I. B. S. A. Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle.



LAND APPEARS.

WHOEVER will may now, without money and without price, see and hear the panorama and the story of man's life on earth. He may learn through the medium of his eyes and his ears how "through all the ages one increasing purpose runs."

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