

# JOHN DAY PROJECT MEANS BIG THINGS

## "Six-Bit Sagebrush" Will Be Transformed Into Beautiful Garden Spot.

### TOWN WOULD BE FLOODED

Addison Bennett After Drive Down Valley Is Impressed With Possibilities—Line for Railroad Almost Ideal.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. DAYVILLE, Or., April 26.—(Staff correspondence.)—I am now 25 miles down the John Day River from John Day, or about 60 miles below the head of the John Day Valley.

I left John Day yesterday morning in good season, the road leading west from the main street of that town, and following several miles along the south side of the river. Just as you leave town there is as the first view, so to speak, the Tyghonish ranch, almost directly north of the business part of town. This is one of the finest ranches on the river, one of the show places of this section. The buildings are elaborate, the place well kept in every way, showing a general air of prosperity. The valley is narrow just here, perhaps not more than half a mile wide, but every available inch is utilized for hay and alfalfa, the staple crops of this section.

### New Resort Developed.

Passing down a few miles the valley opens out, until at Mount Vernon, eight miles below, it is perhaps four or five miles wide. But I will speak of this portion later, for I turned aside just as I entered the town of Mount Vernon and drove up Beach Creek about one and a half miles, and then up Hot Springs Creek for a like distance, and was at the famous Mount Vernon hot springs, where I remained for dinner.

These springs are owned by H. A. Murphy. He bought the tract only about two and a half years ago, there being then no improvements worth mentioning, but he has now a fine hotel, swimming pool, many bathrooms, and all of the accessories required to make a pleasant resort, including a large dancing pavilion, billiard-room and many shady nooks and walks. The location is superb. Nestled in a narrow canyon, perhaps at an altitude of 200 feet above the river, Mr. Murphy has made as pretty a place as you can find in all Oregon—home-like, picturesque and restful.

There are four springs, the temperature of the waters being from 108 in two of them, to 117 and 123 in the others, and the flow of water is from one to two gallons an hour. This can be greatly augmented by deeper cement curbing, as much of the water now escapes and flows off into the hillsides. The medicinal properties of the waters are clearly set out in circulars issued by the proprietor, and I will not go into details as to these. Suffice it to say many cases of chronic rheumatism have been cured, some of them dating back 30 years, before there were any improvements, the patients there camping and dipping in the holes in the hillsides to bathe in. I will say, however, that the waters are charged with the various medicinal properties, such as sulphur, iron, and the various sulfates and sulphates found in the various celebrated baths of the old world.

### Legends Tell of Cures.

One could listen for a day or a week to the Indian legends connected with these springs, for since the first advent of the white race into this section it has been known that the remedies had from time immemorial used the springs as a place where they could be purged of any evils of health or spirit that might vex them. And scattered around the hillsides are found many evidences of their long-time occupancy by this fast-disappearing race.

The place is not in any sense of the word a hospital. There is no physician there. Mr. Murphy thinks the rest and wind cure in connection with the salubrious climate and the health-giving waters are paramount to rigid medical treatment. Hence during all the season there are constant scenes of mirth and gaiety, for the people for many miles around gather there for recreation. There is a splendid orchard just north of the hotel, where many tents are pitched during the heat of term, and last year many guests had to be turned away, as the demand for accommodations.

Mr. Murphy has 500 acres under fence. He has some fine Jerseys, as good as any in the valley, and some fine Berkshire hogs. So he finds something to amuse and profit him the year round.

I left the springs about 12:30 and drove here by a little after 6, and it was a drive worth remembering and worth writing about. The road crosses the river several times, and winds along the foothills, and many times I stopped as I crossed a ridge and swept the valley up and down with my field glasses. Many, many fields of alfalfa, more or less hay land, and then a field of oats or barley or wheat, and every field, as a rule, showing the care of a careful and intelligent husbandman.

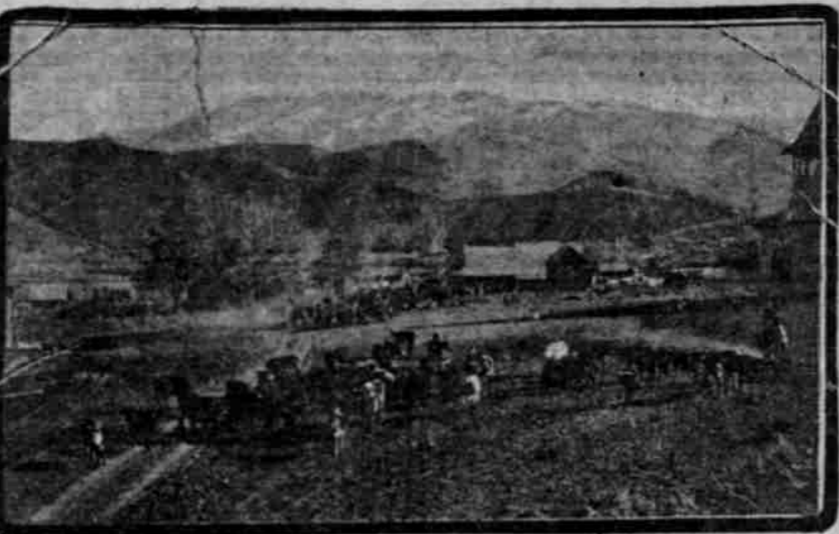
I think I said in a former letter that the valley proper lies only a few feet above the river. Such is the case wherever there is a valley worth the name. Sometimes the hills come sharply down to the river, cutting out the bottom entirely. But every acre of this valley land is good for four or five tons of alfalfa a year with sufficient wheat. However, there are many acres of un-cleared land, many long stretches of willows, still left, but more being cleared each year, and the hillsides of the land is utilized that can be cropped from the present water supply, mostly taken from the small streams flowing in from the east and south. There are about 20 of these between John Day and Dayville, the largest being Beach Creek, coming into the valley from the north east at Mount Vernon. It may be remembered by the reader that I drove over the divide as I left Fox Valley to the head of this creek, and then followed it down several miles, to a point just below Mount Rest, where the south fork of the same creek unites with it, and the stream then flows down about 12 miles to the river at Mount Vernon.

### Water Readjustment Needed.

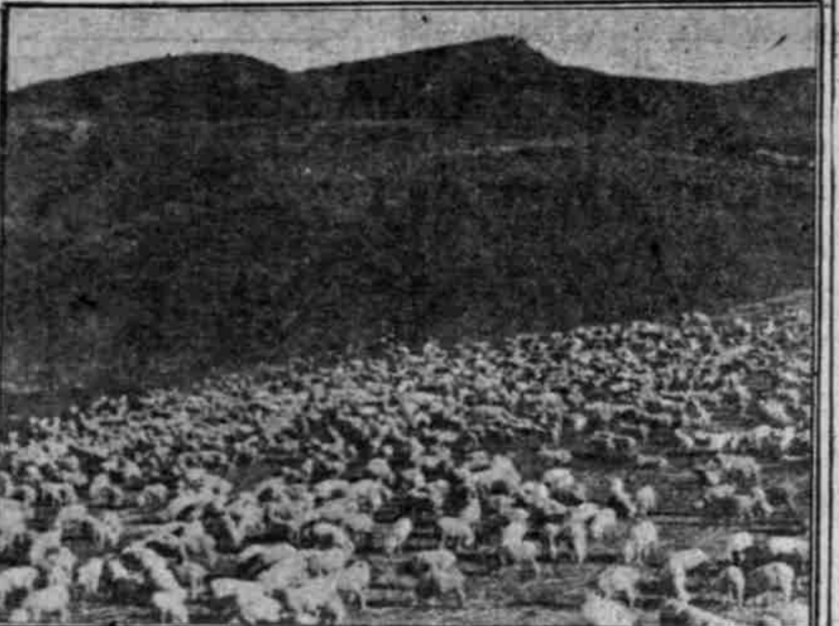
And up nearly all of these little streams you will find a ranch or two—perhaps more. It depends somewhat on the flow of the stream and somewhat on the width of the valley. But some beautiful places are in sight from the road, and up Beach Creek there are several good ranches.

I say there is more land to be

## VIEW ON CENTRAL OREGON TOUR.



DAYVILLE, OR.—LOOKING UP SOUTH FORK OF JOHN DAY.



SHEEP JUST FROM THE SHEPHERD'S BENS, NEAR DAYVILLE.



MT. VERNON HOT SPRINGS.

brought under water along the river, much rich bottom land and much bench land, but before there is a much greater development there will have to be a readjustment of water conditions and a united organization for the construction of larger and longer ditches. There are some canals of good construction. In some cases they run through solid rock or high up on the hillsides through a very bad formation for ditching, save there is little or no seepage, but never saw an irrigated country where there is so little waste of water. As for flumes, there are practically none. Lumber was too high when the ditching was done to resort to fluming—and it was a mighty good thing.

Mount Vernon is a small place; a general store, a postoffice, a blacksmith shop and feed stable, and a house of entertainment—good fare, but hardly a hotel. Also a fine school building and three or four dwellings. But it is a pretty little place, and the country thereabouts rather thickly settled. And as to that portion of the valley I will say a word later.

I mentioned something about railway construction down the John Day in one of my former letters, and I will advert to that subject again. From the head of the John Day Valley, 15 miles above Frairie City, there is practically smooth sailing for railway building for a distance of practically 40 miles. I do not know how to describe what obstacles the builders would have to overcome, so trifling are they, save a few bridges. I do not believe there would be an adverse grade in that distance, or a tunnel, or a rock cut worthy the name—and a fall of only 20 feet in the mile. Aside from that there would be many stretches of straight track from two to six miles each.

But about 40 miles down there is a rather nasty canyon, rather precipitous and narrow and mighty crooked. This is perhaps a mile through. Then a couple of miles farther down is another such canyon, but not so deep, and the hills on either side are low. In fact, it looks to a man who knows nothing about the hills, as if they were a general knowledge of altitudes curves and grades, that it would not be a difficult matter to climb up the river. This is a box canyon, but not more than a quarter of a mile through, and the hills on either side are low. In fact, it looks to a man who knows nothing about the hills, as if they were a general knowledge of altitudes curves and grades, that it would not be a difficult matter to climb up the river. This is a box canyon, but not more than a quarter of a mile through, and the hills on either side are low.

### Dam Site Is Chosen.

The first real trouble would be found at a point five miles below here, at the Mascall Gorge. Near the eastern end the canyon is 130 feet wide, and a fall of only 20 feet in the mile, an ascent of more than 400 feet. This point was selected by the reclamation engineers as a damsite, of which more clear. The hills on either side of the gorge rise to a height of perhaps 1500 feet, but that is pure guesswork. They may be 500 feet less than that, or that much more. It is a very difficult to judge such altitudes.

But I will have to connect the two subjects here, to make the proposition clear. I said the Government had selected and reserved this for a damsite for reclamation purposes. There are, I think, four such reservations on this river. I mentioned one of them, just below Clarno, in Wheeler County. But this one I am now talking about is the great John Day project we often hear mentioned.

The plans, merely preliminary, I suppose, call for a dam at the eastern end, such dam to be 200 feet in height. Aside from controlling the waters during course of construction this dam could be very cheaply constructed—the foundation and piers were provided by Nature and the spillways could be through solid rock. Just how much power could be secured by such a dam I am not accurately informed, but I have heard it said that a 200-foot dam would provide 250,000

# GOVERNMENT'S CLEARING OFF LOGS

## Burned Acreage in Coeur d'Alene Timber District Is Being Cleaned Up.

### RECURRENCE DANGER SEEN

People of North Idaho Are Pleased With Creation of 60,000-Acre Game Reserve, Known as Heyburn Park.

BY C. E. ARNEY.

COEUR D'ALENE CITY, Ida., April 29.—(Special.)—The United States Government is now busy with the ordeal of clearing up the burned logs and removing them from the vast areas of timber land which suffered from fire during August of last year. Although this was very disastrous to the forests of the infected section, yet a wise solution of the problem is fast taking on shape through the bureau in charge in that the land is being cleared just as rapidly as loggers can be secured; then the burned timberland is being reforested or thrown out of forest reserves and subjected to homestead entry. The seed used in the reforestation of those areas is being selected from the best of the hardwood varieties. The clearing of this burned district now tends to assist the demoralized localities burned over last Summer, through the money being liberally paid out now by the General Government for this logging.

More extensive plans than ever before devised are being laid by Government and state officers co-operating with private citizens and local officials, to reduce to the minimum the danger of a recurrence of last Summer's terrible forest fires which cost so much suffering, loss of life and property.

### Heyburn Park Popular.

The people of the North of Idaho are especially pleased with the creation of a 60,000-acre game preserve, known as Heyburn Park. This tract, set aside for game purposes, is located in southern Kootenai County, Chateaux Lake and station on the O.-W. R. & N. Railroad from Teton to Yellowstone, being included in its boundaries. For this the Government required a payment from the state of only \$12,000.

In its inception the plan for this game preserve was originated by A. A. Crane, a prominent attorney and politician of Harrison, the next station east of Chateaux Lake. The Legislature of Idaho at its late session provided for a commission of three, consisting of the Chief Executive, the Game Warden and a third member, to be named by the Governor, to accept and manage the affairs of this large new preserve. Governor Hawley named G. C. Pickett, an attorney from Moscow. There is some considerable disappointment hereabouts that Mr. Crane was not tendered this place, but he is the father of the scheme. Senator Heyburn, at the time the park was named, attended to the details of the passage of the legislation in Congress.

### Indian Reserve Opened One Year.

It will be a year, on May 2, since the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation was thrown open to settlement. At that time one-fifth of the purchase price was paid down, initially, the second payment falling due on or before May 2, 1911.

For two weeks past the local District Land Office has been receiving applications, approximately \$1000 daily from these homesteaders, most of whom are capable farmers, and busy making the most of their agricultural and horticultural opportunities.

The townships on the reservation, four in number, were sold later, the second payment on them not falling due until August 1, when the first year's interest on the purchase price was due. The revenues of the county, Kootenai, and the infusion of new blood is being felt as a wholesome addition to the channels of local commerce.

On November 1, 1909, Kootenai County voted its acceptance of the provisions of the local option law by majority of 157. The claim was at once put forth by the opponents of the measure that the election was lost to them through carelessness on the part of the local option law. The local option law provides that once accepted it must stand, "Dry" or "Wet" as the result may be for two years, and that a petition for another vote on the subject cannot be received by the County Commissioners until 90 days prior to the expiration of this two-year period.

### No Deaths by Thirst Reported.

While there have been no cases of deaths from thirst reported in Kootenai County since local option obtained here, the friends of the liquor traffic are counting the days until August 1, when the prohibition law will be in force. They are counting the days until August 1, when the prohibition law will be in force. They are counting the days until August 1, when the prohibition law will be in force.

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