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ONTARIO'S BIG PROBLEM

Ontario's biggest problem at the present time is that of irrigation. Strange as it may seem this city whose prosperity is largely based upon the successful irrigation of the farm lands about it; this city that has contributed from its citizenship men who have been leaders in the work of reclaiming lands for irrigation; this city situated in a section where irrigation has been the practice for more than forty years; has not yet solved the question of a permanent irrigation system of its own. It is a paradox that can not much longer exist without injury to the entire community.

How is this problem to be solved? That is the question. Because it is not a simple question it has not been solved before, yet that is no reason why it cannot be solved. Necessity demands that a real constructive effort be made now looking toward a solution before another irrigation season arrives.

This is the time for action. If we wait until next spring it will be too late. The plan, whatever it may be, should be determined upon this summer and the works needed should be constructed this fall and winter so as to be ready for next season's irrigation.

The Argus is not committed in anyway to any solution of this problem. If a gravity system can be secured at any reasonable figure, of course, that is the kind of system every logical and reasonable person prefers. But if a gravity system can only be secured at a prohibitive price no one wants it.

This, as we understand it, is the position taken by the City Council. Its members, with other citizens, recognize the gravity of the situation. Yet they are, with the present limited finances of the city, powerless to do anything toward

solving the problem. Right now there is but one course for the council to pursue that of investigating plans for a permanent system and submitting those plans to the people for approval. It must be recognized that any plan calls for the expenditure of money; and Ontario is about at its limit of capital investment in public utilities.

However unless we want to convert the present lawns and gardens into sage brush tracts a permanent low pressure system of irrigation must be financed somehow.

How can the people of Ontario be made to realize the situation is a question. Until the people do realize the problem and are actually called upon to act, nothing can be done.

The proposal to cut the water off now for several days each week and deprive the citizens in the northern end of the city of water for the lawns and gardens is a drastic proposal the principal value of which would be its emphatic demonstration of the need for action. Yet it is not right that one section of the city be thus injured because of the apathy of all the people, through it might actually be advisable.

On the other hand the present system which is doing an injury to some of the business houses by flooding their basements is also unjust and should not be permitted to continue.

If the business men affected compel the attention of the people to their problem at this time, they will be doing a real public service. It is only by so doing that sufficient interest can be aroused to get affirmative action. That action is needed.

GET BEHIND THE FAIR

Ontario business men will be called upon soon for an evidence of the faith in the Malheur County Fair. A straight-up proposition has been made which will call for a "show down" as popular parlance has it, of the desire of this community to do a service for the entire county.

There is no disputing the fact that for some lines of merchandising the fair itself is no benefit, in fact over a period of years the merchants in these lines have demonstrated in that no uncertain method, daily volume of business, that the fair week is one of the poorest of the entire year for them.

There are other lines of business, however, which reap a harvest of business during the fair, and which, in the past have not in proportion at least, carried their share of the load. That the restaurants, cigar stores, pool halls, drug stores and merchants similarly engaged, do enjoy a large increase in business is beyond dispute. In a measure, too, the men's clothing business and the hotels profit appreciably by the presence of numerous visitors; while the garages and auto service shops enjoy the benefits of additional cars coming to town.

Just how much each of these profit is of course a question that no one but those actually engaged in the various industries is able to judge. Yet there is no denying that they benefit to a degree and should as a matter of fairness and of good business unite to support the fair as generously as they are able.

Those who do not benefit directly however have a community obligation, none the less. They profit by the prosperity of their fellows, and not only that the fair is Ontario's opportunity to aid in the community life of the people of the county. As a town and trading point this city has a duty of aiding those who live about it, and who trade here, in enjoying some of the pleasures of life by supporting such an institution as the fair. Every city worthy of the name has some such institution and the continued existence of the Rose Carnival at Portland, the Round-up at Pendleton,

the Frontier Days of Cheyenne proves the utility of such exhibitions and their need. If these cities wherein a study of the social needs of the people has been made, did not believe they were good business, even for those who profit but indirectly, they would have discontinued them long ago. They would have been one year shows and that is all.

But these communities do continue to support them; their banks and merchants continue to subscribe to their support, because they believe in them. To the same degree Ontario business men not directly and personally benefited during the week should, and we are sure will, liberally subscribe to the fund for guaranteeing an adequate program for the entertainment of the visitors to the fair this fall.

ROTATION FARMING AND THE WEEVIL

"What is being done to fight the weevil?" The Argus has been asked that question no less than a dozen times during the past ten days, by men, who themselves should be actually engaged in the battle, for battle it is and is going to be.

So far as we are able to learn the only effort being made is that by the Farm Bureau through the county agent, in bringing to the attention of the farmers who are just beginning to realize it, the seriousness of the menace, and to urge them to do the two things which have proven at least in part effective; namely to spray their alfalfa fields and plan to plow up a large portion of their land this fall for use in other crops next year.

No other constructive suggestions have been made, so far as we are aware. Nor is this to be wondered at, when the weevil has so recently come to this section that no one here is experienced in combating it. Last fall the County Agent tried to impress some of the ranchers with the menace confronting them, only a few took his warning seriously, and diverted their activities from alfalfa to other products. These will benefit by his advice, others will perhaps condemn him for not having a panacea ready for their trouble.

As a matter of fact even the best experts of the department of agriculture, men who have given years to the study of the weevil, have not solved the problem of combating it as yet. They have found means of helping the situation, but that is all that can be claimed for them.

There is a parasite that will combat the weevil. It is found, we are told, in Europe and has been brought to this country and successfully propagated here, not in sufficient numbers, as yet, to be of real present benefit to our ranchers.

The County Agent and the committees of the Farm Bureau are doing everything they can to find a solution of the weevil problem. They will put the matter up to the authorities of the department of agriculture and seek their advice and assistance. Nothing more in that line can be done, and the county is to be congratulated that it has through the County Agent the liaison officer necessary to get into communication with the department, and secure its cooperation. In time the benefit of this service will be appreciated.

In the meantime the best thing the local ranchers can do is to prepare to combat the weevil by giving the generation that is born this year less alfalfa to eat and breed upon next year. In other words the ranchers of this county must prepare to do diversified farming as one means of fighting this new destructive enemy.

ONTARIO STOCK JUDGERS WIN

Ontario should indeed be proud of the boys of the High School stock judging team who won first place from all the other High School teams in the state at Union last

week. This demonstration of the ability of our boys and the class of training they have been receiving is a credit not to themselves alone but to our schools, in which we all of us, should take a full measure of pride.

The stock business is always going to be one of the principal industries of this region. Though the range land is no longer in the public domain in as large quantities as it was, still in private ownership it cannot be used for anything save the grazing of cattle or sheep. This assures the stock industry in this section, and therefore stockmen will be needed in the future.

They will be called upon by necessity to use better methods than were in vogue in the days of cheap land and plenty of free range. To meet these problems the schools are offering courses which are practical. While there will be many who will decry the training of the schools, just as has always been the case, yet popular prejudice will subside in time and the benefits of training in agriculture in High schools will be recognized as being as necessary for successful ranching as it has been for many other professions.

MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED JUNE 4 TO JUNE 11

John F. Black et ux to Geo. W. Benton, 18.75 acres in N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ S E $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 29; and 9.2 acres in Lot 5, Sec. 28-19-47. May 23, 1921. \$10.00.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Mrs. M. Burkman, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 25-32-40. May 28, 1921. \$16.51.

Claude E. Burness et ux to Margaret Boone, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2; S W $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2; E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 10; W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-27-39. June 7, 1921. \$1.00.

U. S. A. to Wm. Griffith, Lots 22 and 27, Sec. 6; and Lots 39 and 40 Sec. 6-27-43. May 18, 1921.

C. E. DeVol to Bank of Sherwood, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 36-18-43. May 31, 1921. \$988.00

U. S. A. to Errett I. Benson, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 13; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-16-45. Lot 4; Sec. 18-16-46. June 9, 1919.

U. S. A. to Geo. E. Devenny, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 31-15-41. Jan. 1, 1921.

U. S. National Bank of Vale to Robert H. Lockett, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 25-15-40. June 6, 1921. \$1.00.

Robert H. Lockett et ux to A. L. Guerber, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 25-15-40. June 6, 1921. \$10.00.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Malheur County, Tax Foreclosure bid in by County. May 21, 1921.

F. W. Herlocker et ux to Oliver L. Little, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-17-45. April 11, 1921. \$100.00.

Dora Lasa et ux to Romana Albisu, Metes & Bounds along Oregon-Nevada State Line. Nov. 3, 1920. \$10.00.

C. F. McLain to Arthur G. Plant et al, Lots 6 and 7, Block 72, Ontario, April 17 1920. \$1,200.00.

U. S. A. to Peter Cosztyo, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21-14-38. May 19, 1921.

U. S. A. to James Barber, Lot 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 6; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5-27-38, May 19, 1921.

Ira Neely et vir to Sophia Amens, Lots 11 and 12, Block 1, Claggett Add. to Vale. May 17, 1921. \$1.00.

COMPLAINTS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT DURING WEEK

H. C. Hodge vs. Thomas Manning. June 6, 1921. Recovery on Note. \$258.20.

William Barkley vs Edna Barkley June 6, 1921. Divorce.

H. R. Udick vs. S. H. Clay et al. June 8, 1921. Foreclosure of Lien. \$254.60.

R. W. Jones vs. Walter Lindsey. June 8, 1921. Damages. \$1,500.00.

Anna E. Bethel vs. John R. Bethel. June 9, Divorce and Alimony.

Gem State Lumber Co. vs Thos. L. Ferrin. June 10, 1921. Recovery on Note. \$122.75.

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