



The photograph in the upper right hand corner of the picture shows the headgates of the ditch, and the one in the upper left hand corner shows the water partially turned on. The photograph in the lower left hand corner is from a view looking up the ditch, and the one in the lower right shows a section of pine timber, about an average with the timber that exists along the ditch for the first ten miles. The center of the picture shows a part of the "desert" to be reclaimed by the ditch.

THREE SISTERS IRRIGATION COMPANY.

This is one of the best companies in Crook county, and it owns some of the best property in the vicinity of the headwaters of the Deschutes river. Its incorporators are local men, who thoroughly understand their business and the entire capital stock of the company, consisting of \$10,000 is fully paid up. The principal stock-holders of the company are C. Sam Smith, James B. Cartwright, S. J. Newsom and Judge M. E. Brink, the latter being the secretary of the company. These names alone guarantee

the solidity of the company, and insure its success.

The ditch of this company when completed will bring into cultivation one of the richest sections of Crook county. At least 50,000 acres of level sage brush lands will be easily reclaimed by the waters flowing through this ditch when completed, and already the principal and most costly section of the ditch has been completed. The remaining portion will be completed as early as necessary and there will be no delay of purchasers of adjacent lands, or settlers in obtaining abundant water.

The ditch taps the Tumelo river at the

foot of the mountains and runs northwest through a belt of fine timber lands for a distance of ten miles, and then through the deep, fertile soil of the famous sage brush lands of the section; and after its waters furnish an ample supply for this vast region they continue through gulches and canons until they find their way to the rivers again.

It may be said that the ditch is practically completed, and that the cost of the remaining portion is only nominal. The ditch is more than ample to supply the country tributary, as it is 30 feet wide and 3½ feet deep, with a fountain head inexhaustible. Besides, the water is