

IRRIGATION DISTRICT IS IMPORTANT ISSUE

Personal Matters Should Be Forgotten

ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 11

Waters May Be Appropriated for Other Lands if Not at This Time

We are informed that one of those who are not in favor of the Ochoo Project are attempting, deliberately, or otherwise, to cloud the real issue in connection with the coming bond election. The one real issue in connection with this project is whether or not this valley needs a complete, up-to-date irrigation system in order to develop its resources to the utmost and make of the valley a live, prosperous community. Presumably this question was settled in the affirmative when it was voted to form the district, so that the only question now is one of cost. If other lands in the valley now being irrigated with just the flood waters of the creeks can make good under irrigation, and especially where about 1500 acres at least of these lands are on the bench, it seems that the profits that are possible would justify almost any construction cost for the system that would be within reason. The estimated cost for construction and interest charges for the Ochoo Project is a very reasonable one and there is no doubt in the world but that these charges can be met easily by every farmer if he will apply the irrigation water properly and at the right times.

The farming of irrigated lands means more work in every instance, but on the other hand the returns are such that a great deal smaller acreage can be farmed with greater financial returns than are now being realized from vastly greater areas of dry lands.

So that, we repeat, the issue now is not of how much the preliminary survey has cost, whether some land owner has a personal grudge against any member of the Board of Directors, or any other non-essential matter, but does this valley want to make use of the waters which are now flowing past its doors to be eventually used by others living farther down the valley who do realize their value. If the people of this valley are content to get a bare existence from the lands they now farm, which is in many cases helped out by work obtained on the outside, they will probably vote against the bond issue. If they wish the valley to be a garden spot with every farmer prosperous and with the population of the valley increased many fold, then they will vote for it.

R. W. Rea, Project Engineer.

LIBRARY AVAILABLE FOR THE FARMERS

Through the office of the State Librarian, the books of the Oregon State Library will be again installed in the office of the County Agriculturist, R. A. Blanchard, at Redmond. Oregon is more progressive than many states in offering this splendid opportunity to its citizens. The plan of the traveling library has been working in this state for some time, and the benefits of it are hard to calculate from the mere statistics of distribution.

M. G. Coe, two miles east of Bend, was the first man to take advantage of this service, taking home with him Grubb's book on "The Potato." Mr. Coe says that he is one farmer who wants to read what the other fellow has found out about things agricultural. The library contains excellent works on Irrigation, such as Whidsoe's Principles or Irrigation Practice, books on Soil, Fertil-

PROFESSOR KAEMPF



Professor Kaempff, who is president of the German Reichstag, which recently convened.

Dry Land Farming, Swine, Poultry Raising and Dairy Farming. All of these by men of authority on the subjects. Books of fiction for the long winter evenings will be enjoyed by the who's family and children's stories for the younger set.

The wisest men of the age are good readers. Reading develops the mind and deepens the soul. The library is free to all farmers of Crook county. If you have in mind a book that we do not have, we will get it for you. We want to make the library useful. You are supporting it in taxes,—get your money's worth. There is no charge, no time limit, no fine to pay. Books may be obtained on Saturdays and Mondays, the regular office days of the County Agriculturist at Redmond.

JOURNAL CONTEST IS HOT AND CLOSE AGAIN

Regardless of the fact that this has been one of the busiest campaigns in the history of the country, the interest in the Journal's subscription campaign has increased until the election of Wilson or Hughes for president seemed small in comparison during the present week.

Friends of the candidates rallied to their support from all quarters, and the number of votes for the two leading candidates given below shows that they both more that doubled their strength during the week.

The bonus offered during the week stimulated interest in the contest and it seemed for a time that "Uncle Frank" Nichols would be a considerable distance in the lead today, but a final summing up of results at 1 o'clock showed the following:

Mrs. Hugh Nelson	685,000
B. F. Nichols	675,000
Dolly Hodges	65,000
Hale Ordway	35,000
Alma G. Morse	20,000
Alex Rickman	15,000
Harry Farnsworth	15,000
Hugh Lakin	15,000
Glenn Hendrickson	15,000
R. E. Balfour	10,000
E. C. Park	10,000
Mrs. L. M. Miller	10,000
Zoe Cornett	10,000
Gladys Bayn	10,000
J. L. Wright	10,000
Ernest Estes	10,000
Vira Cyrus	10,000
C. C. Hyde	10,000

THE JOURNAL WILL GET ELECTION RETURNS

The Journal will receive election returns on the night of November 7, also the following day and until the result is determined. The issue of the Journal on November 9 will contain a report of the result in both the nation and the county and state. For the evening of election day, the returns will be shown on a bulletin board at the Club Hall for the benefit of the base ball club. A small admission will be charged, Manager Jordan says.

CANDIDATE PROMISES MORE PERSONAL WORK

Republican Candidate Would Assess Personally

SYSTEM WOULD SAVE MONEY

Repeats Motto of "Economy and Equal Assessments to All" as His Policy

During my campaign for the office of assessor I have found a strong demand for more personal work in the field on the part of the assessor himself.

More personal supervision on the part of the assessor, together with a consistent classification of the land will result primarily in a more complete assessment.

Equalize the assessments so that all will bear their ratio of the county expense—no more and no less.

Right here I wish to incorporate in my platform "More accuracy and precision in the field work."

The amount of money spent by this county for the past three years for deputy hire should have brought about a most efficient assessment.

As to whether or not this efficiency has been obtained, I leave to your judgment.

As stated last week, I advocate the inauguration of a loose leaf system of taking care of the rolls, which has proven to be a great saving of both time and material, especially in Wasco and other counties of this state.

I reiterate my original motto upon which the republicans gave me the nomination last May and upon which I ask your support in the election on November 7, "Economy and equal assessments to all."

R. D. Ketchum, Regular republican nominee for County Assessor.

J. ALTON THOMPSON ISSUES STATEMENT

To the Voters of Crook County:—It was not till recently that I consented to file as Independent Candidate for County School Superintendent and have not been able to meet many of the voters of the county; therefore I take this opportunity of reaching you who are interested in the welfare of the schools of the county.

To many in the county I am not a stranger, having come to the county ten years ago from the superintendency of one of the leading schools of Michigan, located at Flushing, of that state.

At that time it was intended that I should take up other work, but finding the country less developed than had been expected, we decided to take up our former profession and had charge of the Laidlaw schools for three years, and the Redmond schools for four years, resigning to develop our property, at which we have been engaged for three years past.

I have been engaged in educational work for twenty-eight years for which I was prepared in Michigan Agricultural College, Michigan Normal College and Michigan University. Was for twelve years a member of teachers' examining board, have done training school work, organized agricultural and manual training courses.

If elected I will devote my entire time to the duties of the office, and will leave nothing undone that will further the interests of all the schools in the county. Will encourage spirit in all districts; will lend every possible assistance to the teachers, especially those with little experience.

Yours very respectfully, J. Alton Thompson.

Mrs. S. L. Morgan died of apoplexy at the Morgan home on Dry Creek yesterday, age 66 years. Funeral services were held today at the residence.

SINGLE TAX MEASURE IS AGAIN ON BALLOT

Third Time Should Put it off Forever

VOTE 307 X NO ON THIS

"Full Rental Value Land Tax And Homemaker's Fund Amendment" Confusing

The first initiative measure on this year's ballot now named the "Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemakers' Loan Fund Amendment" is the same single tax scheme that has adorned the ballot year after year, this time wearing a new dress and bearing a new title. A new bait to catch votes has also been added. Following is the history of attempted single tax legislation in Oregon during the past eight years.

In 1908 an amendment proposed by "The Oregon Tax Reform Association" (single taxers) exempting personal property and improvements was defeated by a vote of 60,871 no's to 32,066 ayes. It was admitted to be a first step toward single tax.

In 1910, an amendment abolishing the poll tax carried by a vote of 44,171 ayes to 42,127 no's. Only after its passage was the following "joker" discovered: "Providing for the people of each county to regulate taxation and exemptions within the county, regardless of constitutional restrictions or state statutes, and abolishing poll or head tax."

In 1912, single tax measures were submitted in Multnomah, Clackamas and Coos counties, and were defeated in each county by more than a 2 to 1 vote.

At the same election, an amendment proposing "state-wide single tax with a graduated tax provision" was defeated by 82,015 no's to 31,345 ayes. At this election the "joker" referred to above, was repealed.

In 1914, two amendments were submitted: One, providing for a \$1500 exemption, was defeated 136,193 to 65,495; the other, providing for a specific personal graduation extra tax, was defeated, 124,943 to 59,186. By voting 307 No, the voters of Oregon will again show what they think of single tax.

BEND PRESS FAVORS RABBIT BOUNTY BILL

Jack rabbits. The word will catch your attention almost anytime and under any conditions—out here on the desert, but jack rabbits is no new subject. The pesky pests have been with the country since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. Their extermination is a serious question and all kinds of schemes have been devised to rid the country of them, to more or less success. In Crook county the rabbits are a standing and every day menace to the home steader and the settlers, and some tales are told about the devastation they have created that is almost unbelievable, but on good authority, coming in fact from the best source possible (R. N. Palmerton than whom there is no one more truthful and reliable) it is said that in their desperation for food last winter the rabbits actually devoured a stack of hay on a ranch far out on the desert. They burrowed in and as they pulled the hay down a bit at a time the stack was practically all gone before the owner had any knowledge of their effort to cheat him out of the stored food for his stock. Mighty few homesteaders and settlers are able to fence properly to get absolute protection, and gardens are almost out of the question. All this leads to the measure that will appear on the ballot at the November election allowing the commissioners of the county to pay a jack rabbit scalp bounty.—Bend Press.

ADMIRAL FOURNET



Admiral Fournet, French head of the Allied Mediterranean fleet, who seized Greece's warships.

POST MAN FAVORS THE RABBIT BOUNTY BILL

To the Editor Crook County Journal, Prineville, Oregon:—There are a great many wild guesses being circulated about the amount of money that will be required for the first year of a rodent bounty law such as is proposed for Crook County. There are many ways of guessing at the amount necessary to pay the bounties under this proposed law for the first year it is in operation, in the event it passes.

The one best guess, I believe, is to take the area of Harney county, where a similar law is now in force, and compare it to the area of Crook county. Harney county has 6,357,120 acres, while Crook county has only 3,844,240 acres, or practically 60 per cent as large as Harney county. It cost Harney county for the first year the law was in operation in that county, approximately \$45,000. It is readily seen that \$30,000 will be the limit to which the rabbit bounty will go for the first year in Crook county.

Some have asked, "will it pay?" to spend \$30,000 a year for a bounty on rabbits in Crook county. This question, "will it pay?" is more often asked through our fear than through our courage and good business judgment. The then county agriculturist, A. E. Lovett, estimated that during the year 1915 the rabbits alone did between \$90,000 and \$100,000 damage to the range and crops of Crook county. The Newsum Creek Rabbit Club has estimated that the rabbits and sage rats did damage to the extent of at least two hundred thousand dollars to the range and crops of Crook county during the year 1915.

If the man who is afraid that the expenditure of \$30,000 a year for a rabbit bounty will break the county will just figure a little, he will come to his senses and wonder how he can afford to be without a bounty on these rodents. Each succeeding year the amount necessary to pay the bounty grows steadily smaller as the rodents disappear, and as the damage they do grows less each season this difference will represent a reserve fund with which the taxpayers may wage an endless fight toward the final extermination of these four-footed pests.

B. A. Kester, Post, Oregon.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO ATTEND GRAND BALL

An invitation was extended to the business men at the luncheon on Friday to attend the Harvest Ball at Powell Butte tomorrow evening. A delegation consisting of Mrs. C. M. Charlton, Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Wm. Wilson, J. F. Rice and N. P. Alley were present at the luncheon. The luncheon tomorrow will be held at the Methodist church in this city.

POTATO GROWERS WILL MARKET ABOUT 50 CARS

Organization Is Being Widely Recognized

STANDARD QUALITY ONLY

Potato Market Will Bring Handsome Returns This Year—Demand Good

The Deschutes Valley Potato Growers' Association, with headquarters at Redmond, has started its second year of history. At a recent meeting in county agent Blanchard's office they appointed R. H. Parsons as their manager and R. A. Blanchard, County Agriculturist, as general counsellor and advisor. The association has about 30 members who will market through the organization about 50 cars of first class potatoes this year. Most of the members are small growers, Mr. Stadig of Terrebonne, and Mr. Mustard of Powell Butte, being the largest growers in the association with about 40 acres each.

Through the efforts of the county agriculturist, daily market reports are received from the Office of Markets and Rural Organization, U. S. Department of Agriculture. These reports constitute a summary of wires received from all railroads of the number of cars originating on their lines, together with the destination and price. The reports are available to any interested parties and can be secured through the county agriculturist. Hector McPherson, field agent at Corvallis for the above department, is also assisting in securing markets, and building up a solid organization. It is the history of cooperative efforts of farmers that the teaching of the meaning of true cooperation, a campaign of education on the principles of cooperative marketing of products is absolutely necessary to the life of the organization. Such factors as loyalty, grading, keeping up the quality, etc., are of absolute importance to the cooperative association. It is to this end that the County Agriculturist is working.

The association is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Parsons as their manager. Mr. Parsons is a man of absolute honesty, integrity and no little business acumen. In cooperation with the Agriculturist's office the management will issue frequently a news letter to the members of the association, setting forth the business pulse, trend of prices, kind of potatoes received, quotations received and a general information of the work of the office. This will keep all growers informed of the actions of their association and avoid misgivings, suspicion and skepticism.

Due to the reputation gained for their products last year, the association is receiving wires from all parts of the country asking for quotations. The first member to dispose of potatoes through the association this year is M. C. Coe, who will through the organization send out one car f. o. b. Bend. The plan is to create monthly pools, moving the product off under these respective prices. After the rush of the harvest season is over it is expected to ship several cars before severe weather.

CHRISTOFFERSON IS KILLED IN CALIFORNIA

Silas Christofferson, aviator, who was an attraction at the local fair some years ago, was killed Tuesday at Kenwood City, California, when he fell about 100 feet, his heavy machine falling on top of him. He was but 26 years of age at the time of his death, and was in the employ of the government. He held an altitude record of more than 20,000 feet and had made many thrilling flights.