

Every One Ought to Own a Piece of Cultivated Land

By THOMAS A. EDISON

EVERY MAN OUGHT TO HAVE AN ACRE OF LAND, WITH THREE-QUARTERS OF IT DEVOTED TO INTENSIVE CULTIVATION OF GARDEN TRUCK. THIS WOULD PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FOOD AND MAKE THE OWNER INDEPENDENT. THIS IS MY IDEAL OF CIVILIZATION.

I would have people live on small farms instead of surrounding themselves with artificial urban conditions. In Austria one finds none of the social unrest that exists in many other countries, for Austria is an agricultural country. There the balance between the city and country is not destroyed, as in America, where the CITIES ARE OVERCROWDED TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE RURAL DISTRICTS.

But even Austria is behind the times, and agriculture is primitive still. I saw when I was there only two American mowers in the whole Tyrol. The Austrians need the quickening of the spirit which education gives. The peasants are healthy and strong, but dull eyed and slow. Schools are Austria's greatest need.



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WOULD RESIST THE IRRIGATION PLANS

A recent Hood River dispatch to the Oregon Journal says:

That the East Side Irrigation Company will be required to face the issue of water rights if an attempt is made to take more water from the east fork of Hood river under the plan of a bonded district, as was voted at a recent meeting, is apparent from the attitude the Oregon Lumber Company has taken. The east side company's plan is to create a bonded district to take over the Bone plant and provide water to irrigate the 15,000 acres that will be included in the new district.

Charles T. Early, general manager of the Oregon Lumber Company, claims prior right to the water, however. He says:

"As a matter of fact we are losing an average of about two hours each day as the result of insufficient water with which to operate the lumber plant at Dee, and we will not submit to a further curtailing of our power. We have our own capital invested and are spending \$500 per day to keep the plant in operation. We have no desire to antagonize the farmers, but must protect our own rights."

C. R. Bonk, who originally constructed the ditch and was the owner and manager of the irrigation plant for a number of years, said: "There seems to be a mistaken idea about the amount of water that will be required to irrigate the east side section that will fall under the bonded district, in case the district is created as the directors of the present company contemplate. We are now taking 2000 inches from the east fork and I am safe in saying that not over 1000 inches is used of this amount. This is due to the poor condition of the system, permitting waste in many ways. What is obtained by the bonded district is to place the present main canal in its best possible shape and to rebuild and construct new laterals that will render the highest efficiency in conserving the water now appropriated. At most, I do not see how more than 3000 inches would be used when all the land under the system is supplied."

The Bone ditch was originally constructed at a cost of \$75,000. It is about 18 miles in length and covers the entire east side of the Hood River Valley.

HE PROVED IT.

One southwestern Iowa apple grower has demonstrated the mission of bees as fertilizers of apple blossoms to his own entire satisfaction. Just as his orchard came into bloom last spring he tied small paper sacks over some 200 blossom clusters in different parts of his orchard. As soon as the petals had fallen he replaced the paper sacks with mosquito netting, so that the cluster might have proper ventilation, yet be kept from the visits of bees and other insects. As the season advanced not a single apple developed in any of the clusters which were shielded in the above manner. It is because of the fact made plain in this experiment that the presence of bees in or near an orchard is considered so beneficial.

FISH IN STAGNANT PONDS.

There have been dispatches in the daily papers of late telling of the plan of railroad officials of putting gold and other small fish into stagnant pools along their rights of way. The idea being that the fish will devour the wigglers which later turn into mosquitoes. This scheme sounds good on paper, but unless the fish which are to be used for the purpose are different from any fish the writer knows about they will all be dead inside of thirty-six hours unless these ponds have fresh water flowing into them. There is no question about the fish devouring the mosquito larvae if they can be kept alive.

LEGUMES FOR THE ORCHARD.

In the valley in which the writer's ranch is located, owing to the dry summers during which period the clean tillage system is followed, it is desirable to sow a leguminous cover crop in the fall about the time the rainy season sets in. This not only serves as a soil renovator, but when plowed under in the spring adds to the soil humus, an element in which all too many western orchard soils are lacking. Besides this, the heavy growth of the legume, which continues through the winter owing to the mild climate, tends to check the wash of the soil by the heavy rains.

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The Hood River Apple Vinegar Co. is receiving cider and vinegar apples, consisting of early varieties and windfalls of later varieties.

Roosevelt overlooked our apples, but complimented Hood River on her "peaches."

L.H. HUGGINS SELLS GROCERY BUSINESS

L. H. Huggins has sold his grocery business to E. E. Kaesser, a recent arrival from Okanogan, Wash. Mr. Kaesser took possession Monday.

Mr. Huggins has exchanged a section of fruit land in Eastern Washington for a large general merchandise and hardware business at Victor Point near Silverton, Ore. The amount involved was \$12,000. Mr. Huggins expects to leave in a few days to take charge of the new business. His family will live at Salem. Mr. Huggins is a city-metropolitan and member of the library board. He has always been active in civic affairs and Hood River will lose a valuable citizen by his departure. However, Mr. Huggins retains other property interests here and says he hopes to return eventually to make Hood River his permanent home.

Mr. Kaesser is an experienced grocer and thoroughly equipped to continue the business successfully and satisfactorily to the store's many customers. He has rented Mr. Huggins' house.

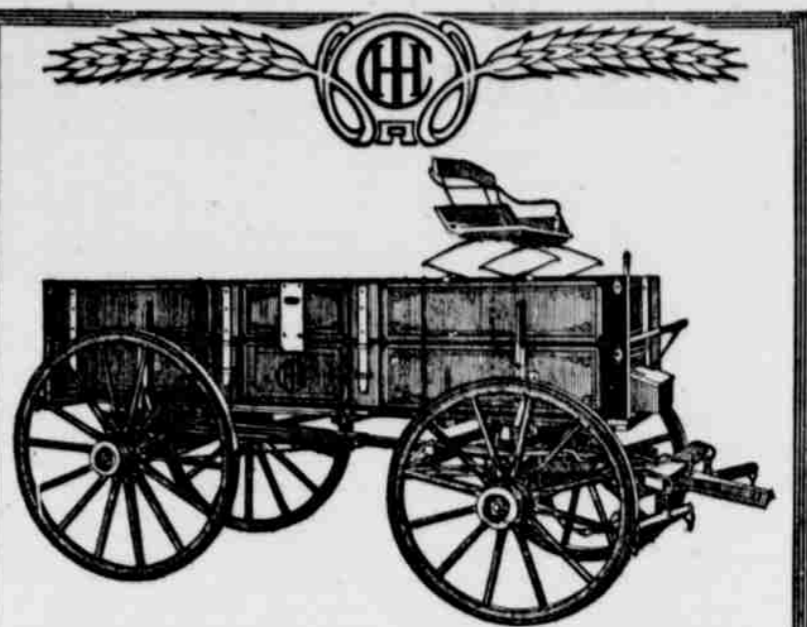
RESIGNS AS PRESIDENT OF HOOD RIVER ELECTRIC CO.

C. N. McArthur, the well-known Portland attorney who has been president of the Hood River Gas & Electric Co. since its organization in January of this year, has resigned this position. Mr. McArthur's large increasing law practice, making it necessary for him to devote all his time to his profession, is the reason assigned for his resignation. During Mr. McArthur's administration of the affairs of the Hood River Gas & Electric Co., its business has increased 100 per cent. As yet no announcement has been made of his successor.

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No. 3		No. 4	
Approx. Depart.	Approx. Arrive.	Approx. Depart.	Approx. Arrive.
8:00	8:00	8:55	9:00
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9:00	9:15	9:50	9:55
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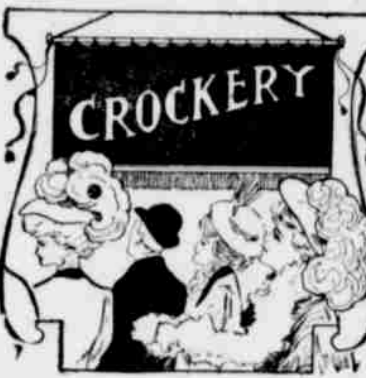
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