

NEW IRRIGATION PLAN

Farmers Wish to Dig Irrigation Canals Alone.

GOVERNMENT STOREWATER

Proposed Charge of \$42 an Acre for Water Deared Prohibitive and Alternative Scheme Is Offered.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 11.—Forty-two dollars an acre for water is a heavy tax to levy on the lands of the Malheur country in Oregon that come within the scope of the Malheur irrigation project, and the fact that the proposed Government project is going to cost at least this amount is really one of the reasons such slow progress has been made on that enterprise. Other reasons have been advanced from time to time; other schemes have been given, and some of these other explanations are in accordance with the facts, but, sifted down to bedrock, it is found that the high cost is the real and the principal reason why the Government has not been able to proceed with construction.

The Government Reclamation Service knows that this is a very high tax to place on the Malheur lands, those farmers who already own lands in the Valley know that not all their lands can stand this price; the owners of the wagon road lands and owners of wagon road lands within the limits of the project are well aware that not all their lands can stand such a price, and they have said so. But if some of the land is eliminated, because it cannot bear the cost of water, the project becomes impracticable, for it is admitted by all parties concerned that a price exceeding \$42 to the acre would be prohibitive.

It has been stated not long since that the owners of the wagon road lands were holding up the project because they would not subscribe all their "irrigable" lands. The landowners say it would be utter folly to subscribe lands which they know cannot bear the tax of \$42. On the other hand, it has been charged that other landowners under the project have not signed, and that they are delaying the project. Many of these landowners fear that they cannot pay \$42 an acre for water, and as it runs through a long list of objections.

Farmers' New Proposition.

But now a new proposition has been submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, a plan devised by farmers living in the Malheur country, who are anxious for irrigation, but who recognize the necessity of lessening the cost. In brief, they propose that the Government shall build merely the storage reservoirs, and that the settlers themselves shall construct all canals, ditches and laterals. Whether such a thing can be done is yet to be determined, but such a plan has never been followed under any other Government project, but it may be tried as an experiment in the Malheur district, provided the project is taken up. The plan is that the settlers were recently laid before the Secretary in a long petition. In it the settlers admit the more rapid development of the irrigated region in Idaho, and across Snake River country tributary to the Payette River, while their community has been held back. In Idaho there is a greater supply of water, and irrigation costs much less than in Oregon, but, moreover, the Malheur district the limit of irrigation for Malheur River was long since reached, and that country cannot advance until more water is provided by the Government. They admit the inability of private enterprise to build the necessary storage works on the Malheur River and its tributaries, and fall back upon the Federal Government. They want the Government to build the reservoirs and stop leaving the landowners, the farmers themselves, to tap the reservoirs and distribute the water. They say:

Heavy Burden Means Bondage.

"It is our judgment that a very heavy percentage of the land selected by the Reclamation Service to irrigate is of an acre will not bear it, and the farmer who undertakes the task will, as to much of this land, find himself in bondage and beaten. This result is bad for our community, and we know the Government does not wish to delude men into failure and poverty.

"If then, on careful examination by skilled men and practical farmers, much of the present selected area ought to be eliminated, the price per acre immediately advanced beyond \$42.

"Many of the undersigned are practical farmers who have wrestled with this land and irrigation problem all their lives in this locality, and we know it is by no means a simple one. We know the surface indications mean very little and men will be easily deceived. And we feel and feel the tremendous risk in mapping out vast areas to be put indiscriminately under irrigation. We believed and now believe that \$42 per acre is too great a strain on any but the very choicest land and well situated, but, trusting to the superior wisdom of the Reclamation Service experts as skilled men, we have rendered our judgment as a body of citizens to the charge of \$42 per acre. But even this seems to have been of no avail, and though a year ago we were told we could have just 30 days to get into line and the service would deal with the wagon road people without difficulty as business men, now we read in the papers that the Wagon Road Company is blocking the enterprise.

"We feel the importance of this so keenly that a committee of us has seen Mr. C. E. S. Wood, who assures us his people are interested in the project, and in this reclamation, and expect to share the burden, and that he is anxious to meet every reasonable request. It is clear to us that the wagon road company is not seeking to obtain the benefits without sharing the burden. And we attach so much importance to Mr. Wood's statement that his people will always submit their lands to pro rata charges that we have asked him to present our case to you as follows:

"Let Farmers Dig Canals.

"We suggest that, as the storage of water is the principal thing, the Government construct the reservoir as originally intended, subjecting all the land capable of being irrigated from it to a pro rata share of the cost of this reservoir. The Government deliver into the river to prevent water users a total flow equal to the average flow now used by them. This flow to be delivered for each of the irrigation months and to be a fixed quantity leaving the diversion of it to be settled by existing users among themselves.

"Any body of water users desiring to tap said reservoir to be allowed a total quantity proportioned to their acreage, but no one user to have more than 100 acres, and otherwise the use of the water to be regulated by the rules and stages of the Reclamation Service.

"In short, the Government provides a lake, leaving the community to tap it by their own industry and resources, just as they would if the water were a natural lake, except that the Government retains a regulation of the use of the water.

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