

# HERMISTON EXPANDS WITH GROWTH OF UMATILLA PLAN

### Large Tract is Already Supplied With Water and Over 2000 Acres Are Under Cultivation This Year—As Grows the Project, So Grows Hermiston.

With the Umatilla irrigation project nearing completion over a tract of 22,000 acres of the best fruit growing soil in eastern Oregon and with 7,000 acres already supplied with water, one of the best opportunities for homeseekers to be had in the state is being brought into greater prominence with each recurring month.

Under the circumstances the industrious farmer intent on erecting for himself a home in the northwest need look no further. A visit to the newly created town of Hermiston, within 185 miles of Portland and a trip over the district which the United States government is busily working to reclaim will furnish him with convincing evidence regarding water, soil, transportation facilities, markets and all those conditions necessary to render life comfortable and future income secure.

In fact a superficial view of the town and which has in the short period of two years grown to material proportions with most of the conveniences of modern city life, together with the fact that the federal government after an exhaustive preliminary examination of soil and water conditions has already branded upon it the seal of its approval to the extent of a million dollar expenditure, is a clincher in the chain of evidence required by the landseeker before he concludes to invest.

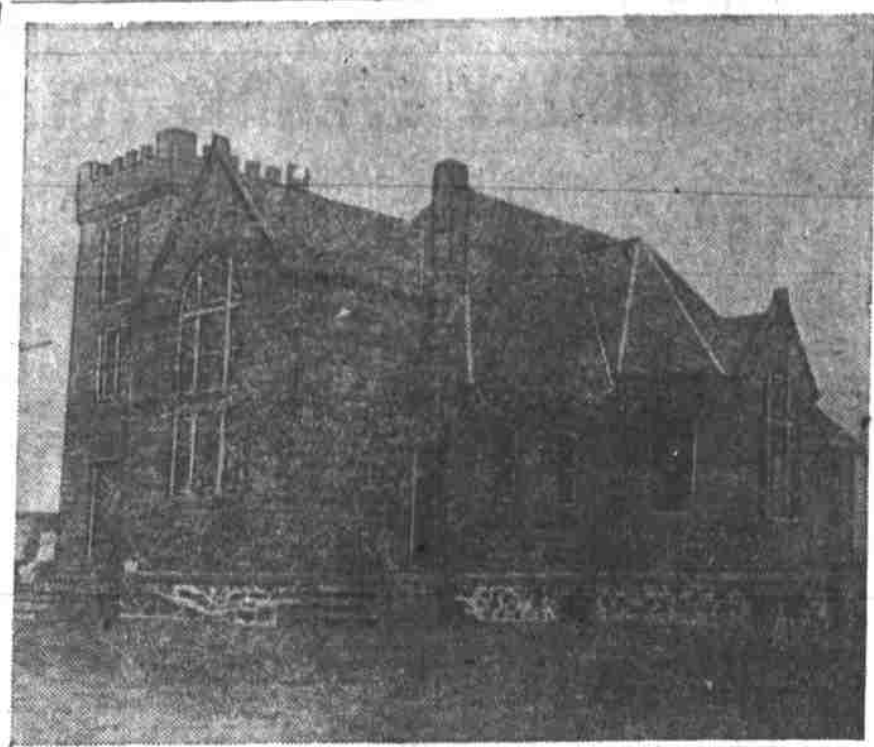
Of this project Governor George E. Chamberlain, on a recent visit to Hermiston, made the following comment: "It is very gratifying to me to know that the United States government is now delivering water to the settlers on the Umatilla project (Hermiston valley) and to see the complete and lasting system it has installed."

**What Project Means.** "This project covers one of the most promising fruit districts of our state. The climate is inviting, admirable, the soil fertile beyond expression, and the conveniences of transportation by river and by rail close at hand so that the government engineers have not hesitated to declare it unexcelled by any project in the United States.

If believe the time is not far distant when the lands under this system will be sold and settled by prosperous farmers of the highest type and will constitute one vast village of small tracts devoted to the most profitable intensive cultivation.

"We of Oregon are proud of the Umatilla project and the Hermiston valley." "One of the first questions asked by the prospective purchaser of land under an irrigation project is regarding the advance which has been made in the work and above all, he wants to know whether the water is actually being delivered. Also he will, if he has any knowledge of the subject at all, inquire as to the character of construction and whether the execution of the scheme has been thorough enough to insure him against that bane of the irrigation farmer, a break in the canal and the shutting off of his supply at the moment when its continuance is a paramount necessity.

As to the first question—that of delivery of water, it is not necessary to go further than Hermiston itself where one can see the water in use for domestic and public purposes, particularly in the sprinkling of the streets. As to the second, a brief description of the work done by the government will prove instructive. The following facts regarding



Baptist Church at Hermiston. This View Is Typical of Cement Block Construction Being Used in the Town. Photo by F. Pratt Harwood, Hermiston.

This is taken from statistics furnished at the government office in Hermiston.

**Diversion Dam.** The project begins with a diversion dam placed across the Umatilla river at a point one and one-half miles south-east of Echo. This dam differs from those ordinarily used under private construction inasmuch as in the former a substantial concrete weir, the headgates at the opening of the feed canal being of steel. In ordinary irrigation work this dam would have been merely a clapboard structure and the gates of wood. The superiority of the work done at this point is indicative of the entire construction, in which every device to insure the farmer against loss of water has been used regardless of initial expense.

**Soil, Products and Market.** The soil under the Umatilla project is a loose, sandy loam, combining with rich volcanic ash the most valuable ingredients essential to plant nourishment. It is underlaid at a depth of from four to twenty feet with a sub-stratum of porous gravel which insures drainage and prevents the rise of mineral salts to the detriment of vegetable growth. The ground cracks as do all the volcanic soils, the necessary ingredients of potash and with the proper drainage thus supplied, the necessity of its washing out is prevented. W. H. Helleman, soils engineer of the United States reclamation service, says of it: "The quality and depth of the soil has much to do with the government undertaking the project."

Combining with the favorable soil a climate especially adapted to fruit raising and which provides the farmer with a sowing season of seven months duration, the district also adds to other advantages a crop maturity some two weeks earlier than in any other project in the northwest. This advance translates itself into dollars through the higher prices maintaining at the time of the earliest market.

**Altitude of Tract.** The transportation facilities and consequent accessibility of markets are also unequalled, the former being furnished by the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company which skirt the tract on two sides and the Columbia river which bounds it on the north. Over most of the tract there is a downhill haul to the shipping point and the proximity of Portland and Spokane, neither more than a single night's distance by fast freight, provide a ready market for the products of the district.

**Capacity of Project.** The reservoir of the Umatilla project is located six miles from Hermiston and covers in all between 1,700 and 1,800 acres of ground. The feed canal is in the neighborhood of 26 miles in length and has the advantage of being almost entirely in the ground. One who has observed the damage accrued from the running out of made banks or fills along an irrigation or feed canal will readily appreciate the advantage of having a continuous supply of water assured in this manner.

**Reservoir of Project.** The reservoir of the Umatilla project is located six miles from Hermiston and is said to be one of the largest earthen structures in the country. It is 500 feet in width at the base, 90 feet high and 3,000 feet long in its construction 700,000 cubic yards of earth and 35,000 cubic yards of rock were used, the structure being ripped from toe to top on both sides. On account of its height it has a slope of three feet inward to one foot in height on the inside and two feet outward to one foot in height on the outside and is, in so far as engineering skill can make it—impervious.

**Hermiston, Child of Project.** Near the center of the Umatilla project and its principal shipping point is the two-year-old town of Hermiston, already a thriving youngster of 500 inhabitants. The community has had as a result of the project a phenomenal growth and it already affords the settlers in the district with a shopping headquarters and convenient meeting place. The town is supplied with water, has two banks, two hotels, an ice plant, an attractive Baptist church just completed and a picture of which accompanies this article. It also has an excellent weekly newspaper under the title of the Hermiston Herald. A new and substantial school house constructed of concrete blocks and ample in dimensions to meet the growing needs of the neighborhood is well advanced at the present time.

In addition all the ordinary business lines are represented and considerable activity in residence construction is noticeable in the outskirts. Hermiston is well laid out with ample streets, many of which in many places trees have been planted and wooden conduits constructed for their irrigation and for general domestic and domestic purposes. The town is noticeable for the amount of brick and concrete that has been used in the construction of its business and public buildings and its growth and permanency are insured through the magnificent future which unquestionably lies before the Umatilla irrigation district.

**Blackberries Grown on the McNairin Place Near Hermiston.** Photo by C. P. Stanyon, Hermiston, Or.

## Politics and Politicians

Prohibitionists of Connecticut have nominated a state ticket headed by Matthew R. O'Brien of Bridgeport, as the candidate for governor.

Hon. S. H. D. Mallory, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee of Wisconsin, announces that a state platform convention will be held in Milwaukee this month.

Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, who won his seat after a long and bitter contest, will be a candidate for reelection when his term of office expires next March.

The Republican congressional committee has arranged to have a dinner given in New York City, which in fact will practically be the headquarters of the committee during the campaign.

At the Democratic national convention in Denver next week the Iowa delegation will present the name of Jerry Smith of Des Moines as a candidate for

Moines, as a candidate for the vice-presidential nomination.

The Democratic congressional committee is preparing to begin the active work of the campaign. The committee will open headquarters in Chicago early in August, and Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri, its chairman, will take charge.

William J. Connors, chairman of the Democratic state committee of New York, has suggested George C. Boldt of New York City, as a good man to name for governor this fall. Mr. Boldt is the millionaire proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel of New York.

A member of Tammany Hall who is said to be close to Leader Charles F. Murphy, is authority for the statement that the New York delegation to the Democratic national convention will oppose to the bitter and the nomination of William J. Bryan for the presidency. The same speaker declared also that New York representatives on the committee on platform and resolutions will also hold out for a conservative platform.

Judge Samuel R. Artman of Lebanon, Ind., who is mentioned as a possible candidate for the presidency on the Prohibition ticket, is a circuit court judge of Boone county, Indiana, who has a decision against the constitutionality of licensing saloons about a year ago. According to his decision the state of Indiana had no more right to license saloons than to license

gambling, being dangerous to public morals and public safety.

The following is a slate for the Taft cabinet, as picked out by one of the Washington correspondents: Secretary of state, Theodore E. Burton of Ohio; secretary of the treasury, George H. Meyer of Massachusetts; attorney general, Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota; secretary of war, Charles E. Macdonald of Nebraska; or General Clarence B. Edwards, now chief of the bureau of insular affairs; postmaster general, Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts; secretary of the navy, Truman H. Newberry of Michigan; secretary of the interior, Attorney General Wade H. Ellis of Ohio; chief of agriculture, Clifford Pinchot, now chief of the bureau of forestry; secretary of commerce and labor, William Lusk of New York.

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