

WEST HILLS BUTTE OFFER

North Canal Company Withdraws Agreement Owing to Delay By State

Because of alleged delay on the part of the state irrigation and drainage securities commission, the North Canal company has withdrawn from its agreement to deliver to the Powell Butte Irrigation district a completed irrigation system at \$63.75 an acre, according to a letter received by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, from Oswald West president of the canal company.

The agreement was transmitted to the commission January 17 last. West declares that by April 1 the state could have and should have passed on the following points: Making allotment of water to the district for storage; approval of plans and specifications; approval of contracts; appraisal of lands, and certification of bonds. He points out that all the state has done is partially to approve the plans and specifications and that this is without effect because the approval is not complete. He avers that the North Canal company has been at much expense.

Another Offer Withdrawn
West points out that on the same basis his company's agreement with the Tumalo project was withdrawn, and claims that as a result that district had to pay about \$150,000 more for its construction than would have been necessary under the North Canal company's offer. The delay, he says, will cost the Powell Butte more than the Tumalo.

Reminding the state for its delay, West writes: "The state also owes those poor devils on the Suttles lake project some early action. They are making every sacrifice and hanging on by their eye-brows. They should be given a definite 'yes' or 'no' answer in order that they might adjust their affairs accordingly."

"If members of the securities commission were required to live on and operate a dry farm for one full year immediately preceding their taking office it would be a wonderful spur to action and result in great good to the state."

Cupper Makes Reply
In a reply to Mr. West's letter today, State Engineer Cupper says West's letter came as a surprise to him. He reminds West that as a result of the latter's objection to the appraisal of the district made by C. H. Marsh of Pendleton a board of three appraisers was named at a recent meeting, one of whom was selected by West, and that the board has not yet reported. Cupper says the work of the appraisers should be stopped if West's proposal is definitely withdrawn, for the reason that the district should not be called upon to expend money for the appraisal unless it is to be of value to the district.

Position Puzzles Cupper
"Relative to the Suttles lake situation," writes Cupper, "permit me to call your attention to the fact that at the request of the district, in which you joined, I agreed to send a representative of this office to investigate the district on June 5, in order that we might be prepared in advance to pass upon a proposal which you stated you contemplated making to this district. You later advised me by telephone that it would be useless to make the investigation as no proposal would be forthcoming. I am somewhat at a loss, therefore, to understand your present position with respect to the Powell Butte district."

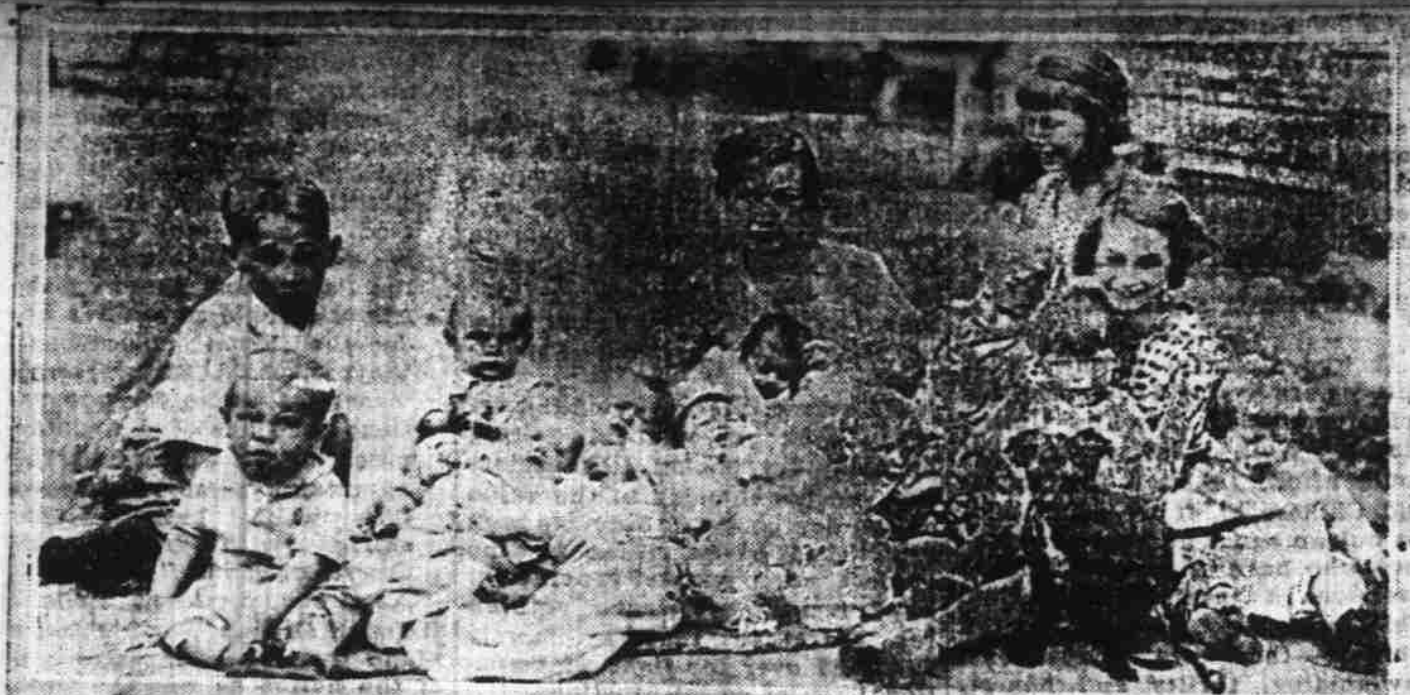
THUNDER STORMS MAY BE DANGEROUS

Expert Alexander G. McAdie Tells What to Do When They Come On

MILTON, Mass., July 16.—Get under cover if possible when a thunder storm threatens. If this is not practicable, lie down. That is the advice which Alexander G. McAdie, director of the Blue Hill Observatory in this town and professor of meteorology at Harvard University, gives in an explanation of the action of lightning prepared for the Associated Press. He gives what he describes as "10 good rules to help people take care of themselves."

"In a battle," says Professor McAdie, "A hundred bullets are fired for each soldier killed. It is something like this with lightning flashes. There are a hundred discharges for every bolt of lightning that hits a person. Fortunately, too, of every hundred streaks of lightning about 90 are from cloud to cloud or spill-over discharges of moderate electrical energy and are mostly horizontal, doing no damage whatever."

"About 10 flashes in a hundred come vertically, that is, down to earth in a straight line. Some flashes come sideways and seem



Exclusive photograph of Mrs. Anna Siewers, Brooklyn widow, and sixteen of the children she took on an all night automobile trip taken in front of the Schenectady County Almshouse where she is being held awaiting word from the babies' parents. Three of the youngsters are in the hospital. One infant is dead. Mrs. Siewers said she cared for fourteen children in order to support her own five. She loved them so much that she started off to buy a farm at Saratoga Springs in order to keep them when the protests of her neighbors in Brooklyn forced her to move.

to be crooked, although there are really no flashes zigzagging like the teeth of a saw as artists generally depict lightning.

"The intense straight flashes are the ones to be feared, and it is a silly person who stands out in the open when such flashes are seen. He invites trouble, but the invitation is not always accepted."

"At this time of the year thunderstorms are frequent and there are a comparatively large number of fatal accidents. One reads in the press dispatches that four men are walking along a New Jersey beach during a thunderstorm. There is a flash of lightning, one man is killed outright, one severely burned, and the others stunned."

"Now there is no protection for a case like this unless one could carry around with him a metallic cover well grounded. The first rule is then: Do not stay out on a beach or in a field when dark, heavy clouds are overhead or coming slowly from the west or south. Get under cover if possible. If this not practicable, lie down. Don't remain standing."

"Second: Do not stand under a tree with thick foliage. You are forming a part of the line of discharge, since the body, more particularly the skin if moist, is a better conductor than the trunk of the tree. More people are killed by lightning in this way than probably any other."

"Third: Don't stand in the doorway of a barn or at a window in proximity to a chimney. There are currents of air or winds, and the lightning follows to some extent any draft or column of rising air, especially warm air."

"Fourth: Don't laugh at any one's nervousness during a severe thunder storm. There is a good reason to be nervous. Even if one is in a building that is struck the damage is, in 98 cases out of 100, confined to ripping out plaster or knocking off slates and tearing off any projecting tim-

bers. But there are times when the storm clouds descend to earth and amid darkness the flashes are heavy and numerous. At such times there is danger. It is dangerous to be near a chimney or a tree or a flagpole or a metal clothes-line.

"Fifth: Stock should not be tied near a wire fence."

"Sixth: There is no particular sense in ngoing to bed. Standing on glass or rubber or any good insulator, a woolen blanket for example, will give one a little more security and a great deal more confidence. The probability of a person in an ordinary residence building being struck is very slight."

"Seventh: If you are near a person who has been struck make every effort to resuscitate him. Only rarely does lightning kill outright. Mostly people are stunned, and all that is needed is a little artificial respiration to restore them to consciousness. Of course get a doctor quick."

"Eighth: If you are in a trolley car and a flash comes in and burns the fuses with a road and a blinding flash, sit still. The danger is over, and while you may be frightened you are not likely to be hurt."

"Ninth: If you have a radio, better cut it out during a thunder storm. The antennae should be grounded direct and all wires, as far as possible, kept outside."

"Tenth: If your house is provided with good lightning rods you need not have much fear. Moreover, dwelling houses in city blocks are practically safe."

Boston schools are being supplied with coal from Wales at a cost of 40 cents a ton less than was being paid for Pennsylvania anthracite. American miners are expected to go on another strike after August 31, when their existing wage arrangements expire. But if we can get cheaper coal from Wales the coal famine may not be so tragic.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

Adele Garrison's New Phase of REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

CHAPTER NO. 355

WHY DICKY CALLED MADGE "AN INCURABLE OPTIMIST"

Why is it, I often ask myself rebelliously, that there is never an ecstatic experience, a red letter day in one's life without the reaction following it, the prosaic let-down which seems the inevitable corollary of any unusual happiness?

It is a question I never have been able to answer, and I found my impotence especially maddening as I contrasted Dicky's attitude of the evening before, when in Ahasherus-like mood he had been willing to grant any boon I asked, to this morning's sulky characterization of himself as a fool because he had yielded in the matter of the Dacey farm. But there was too much at stake for me to waste time in mournful introspection, and I constricted my brain and voice to the topic surest to restore his good humor.

"I want to get back before Junior finishes his breakfast," I remarked, as if casually. "I want to see him when Marion first introduces him to the cows and chickens. Of course, he saw them last year, but he was just a baby then."

"He remembers 'em, just the same," Dicky declared fatuously, all his resentment and irritation vanishing, as I knew it would, at any reference to his son. "All the way out on the train when he wasn't asking for you he was talking about 'moo cows,' and 'baby chickens.'"

"He has them in his picture

stopped, for Dicky frowned portentously.

"He remembers 'em I tell you!" he repeated emphatically. "I did the same thing, mother says, when I was his age"—this with a complacency that made it difficult for me to suppress a smile. The next minute I was glad indeed that I had kept my face sober, for Dicky reluctantly grinned, evidently with a belated realization of his own absurdity.

"Where's the Car?"

"I tell you that you don't realize what a heritage of brilliant mentality that child has on his paternal side," he said banteringly. "Now, on his mother's, of course—"

He crossed the room and kissed me, while I smoothed his sleep-rumpled hair—a caress he loves. With the inconsistency of womanhood, my heart shed its load of pessimism at any hint of tenderness on my husband's part.

"Where's the car?" Dick asked as he took his arm from my waist and began to retrieve his scattered clothing, flung wherever he had happened to be standing when he removed each article the night before.

"In the barn down here," I replied. "I walked over and back this morning, and, oh, Dicky, the sunrise was beautiful!" "Stingy thing," he commented aggrievedly. "Wonder you wouldn't let me have a look-in at a view like that."

A Swift Change.

I looked at him closely, decided that he actually meant what he said, and wondered what he would have done if I had awakened him an hour earlier with a request to look at the sunrise. The memory of his crustiness gave an unconscious edge to my voice.

"It is a wonder, isn't it?" I replied banally enough, and stopped abruptly, self-reproachful at my own folly. I wished to keep Dicky in good humor, and yet could not refrain from the sly little sting. Fortunately, however, his good humor had been so thoroughly restored that he paid no attention to my remark save a little grimace at me.

"If you'll get out of here," he suggested gruffly. "I can get dressed in a jiffy, but, as it is, I am so intrigued by your fascinating conversation that I can't put my mind on such common things as socks. Can you get the car out alone, or do you want me to help you?"

I put my hand to my forehead in imitation of a uniformed chauffeur's gesture.

"I'll have it round to the entrance for you directly, sir," I said demurely, then blew him a

stair and on out to the barn.

Dicky must have hurried at a rate far exceeding his usual dilatoriness, for it was but a few minutes after I brought the car to the front gate that he ran out and joined me.

"Gee, but this is sure great out here!" he said appreciatively as we sped down the road. "If only they had shower baths—and—"

"I know," I said sympathetically, for I, too, missed that comfort of civilization. "But never mind. It will be only a few days now before I can run down to the ocean or the bay every morning for a dip before breakfast."

"Half the incurable optimist!" Dicky chanted, then as we turned into the gate and saw his mother seated on the veranda, watching for us with a forbidding look, he added under his breath:

"But you have to be just that with mother on the job!"

(To be continued.)

HAWAII TO FIGHT FOR HER RIGHTS

Concerted Campaign Is Headed By Governor Wallace R. Farrington

HONOLULU, July 16.—A concerted campaign to obtain recognition of Hawaii's status as a territory and its right to the benefits and privileges enjoyed by states, as set forth in the measure adopted by the recent legislature, which is known as "Hawaii's Bill of Rights," is being waged by Governor Wallace R. Farrington and other territorial officials.

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of Hawaii as if it were an 'insular possession' in a derogatory manner to the dignity of this territory."

The document declares that "Hawaii is in no sense the 'property' of the United States. Inasmuch as Hawaii became a part of the union by voluntary agreement as an independent nation, having sovereign powers co-equal with those of the United States." By the manner of this sentence "Hawaii acquired certain inalienable rights, contractual, equitable and moral, to the maintenance of which the good faith of the United States is pledged," the measure asserts.

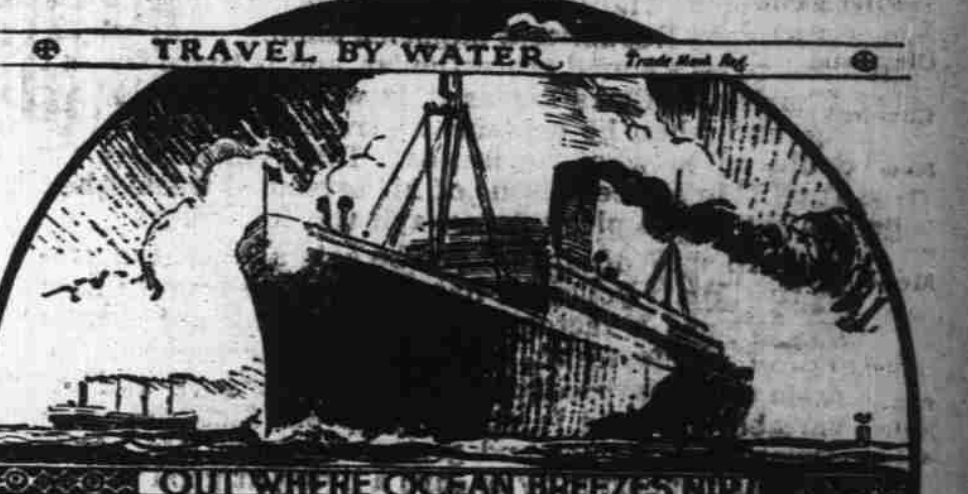
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