## SOME FACTS ABOUT THE WEST EXTER

The West Extension of the Umatil- righted the coming year. All the project. They are Irrigon and Board- Twenty-five home la project lies along the Columbia disches are being lined throughout man irrigon is in the eastern part opened by the government around river in Northern Morrow county, one with concrete, and all the headgates and has been a good town for a num- this new town, most of them having hundred and sixty miles east of Port- are heavy concrete. It is considered her of years, but with the opening been filed on; and about forty more land. It is a strip of land two to four the most perfect irrigation system of the government project. It has bi- will be opened this fall or early winmiles wide and twenty-five miles yet built by the government. Ken on new life. Many improved ter. These homesteads comprise 40 long, and comprises some thirty. The first unit of the West Exten-places surround it where alfalfa and acres. This land is an good alfalfa. long, and comprises some thirty thousand acres, of which only about thousand acres, of which only about thousand are to be irrrigated and locating on the homestead tracts.

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Private lands are also sold over the eleven thousand are to be irrrigated and locating on the homestead tracts.

Being located on the river, it is entire West Extension at reasonable that the county fairs.

a reservoir site is convenient to the new farms have been selected, and are always certain. Pour crops of The success of the new project is center of the project that will sup-ply water for the entire thirty thou-started. Only about three thousand The town has good schools and ous communities will be developed in sand acres when completed. The main canal is twenty-seven June, but the balance of the first. The plat of Boardman was filed new sections in the entire west. The miles long, and is lined with con- eleven thousand acres will be opened last December, and it now has a post- climate is very mild, the elevation crete the entier distance. The rec- late this fall, perhaps sometime in office, railroad station, school, U.S. under 400 feet; transportation of tamation service has kept a large November. When this opening is de- commissioner (for homestead filings) water and rail is already available. force of men and teams busy all sum-clared there will be forty new home-boat landing lumber yard, feed store, markets are near, and the soil is of mer, one hundred men and as many steads of an average area or forty drug store, hardware store, general the very best kind for alfalfa and diteams now being employed construct- acres. All of this is good land, and store, livery stable and blacksmith versified products. ing the laterals of the distributing easy to reclaim.

system for the land that is to be ir- Two good towns are located on this ed.

under the present arrangements, but and at this time, about twenty-five free from frosts and the fruit crops prices and on easy terms.

acres were opened for irrigation in churches, and a fine class of people. the near future. It is one of the best shop. A water system is being install- highest intensified farming, and support a dense population.

### Irrigation Projects in Umatilla County

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thereof it makes the supply last

Naturally in the first three or four years of reclamation there were many deas as to what were the best crops feet storage was constructed. The to raise and consequently most every-tang was tried out, and much time years graduated payments and no inand money was wasted following years graduate terest charges.

Wrong leads. I say wasted but it was hardly that for someone had to do now and most of the contracts make dustry was having one of its periodic try than any one other thing, and thousands of acres were put to orchards of all descriptions and all varieties of fruit. Now, no one dist-riot can raise a number one fruit of all kinds and varieties, for they require different climatological and soil conditions and so it resulted that the majority of these orchards failed. ome few varieties of fruit can be raised successfully on these projects and it is also true of garden truck and berries. Now they know just what to raise; they are past the experimental stage

I might enumerate many more troubles that were experienced in the first rush of reclamation but the above gives you some idea of what the cal of all land reclamation in the new success and many of the original settlers have been forced out on these irrigated projects, but now conditions are changing and a settler now has the advantage of the accumulated exthe advantage of the series of a man has suf-periences of others. If a man has suf-corn and small fruits and melons, floient capital to pay for his land Watermelons do fine here and comthere is no reason why he cannot make a success providing he will take the advice offered him by those in charge of such work, and provided further that he is not afraid of work. He must not expect to reap returns the first year and even the second may show no balance but what good Stanfield, consists of about 10,000 solid business does pay right from the word go? If he is developing his he need have no fear but that he will come out on top and join the ever increasing band of those who are becoming independent and happy in the great work of reclaiming arid lands of the Northwest. And compared with the majority of other sections of the U.S. he has an ideal climate in which to live and raise his

In the following I am briefly giving few facts about each project. glance will show that alfalfa is fast ming the principal crop and corn is fast taking its place as the rotation crop with it. This means stock raising and dairying is developing into quite an industry, and silos are being erected more each year. Hogs are also extensively raised and some have small bunches of sheep. Alfalfa enup the sell particles so that it holds moisture better. This year much of guired no irrigation until after the project has the best soil of the three tries cutting of alfalfa. Some of the and is probably able to produce a talk about the 60's: Why, it's just land is now more or less sub-irrigated streater diversity of crops than either when the barea to be a sub-irrigated streater diversity of crops than either and requires little or no water and in of the other two.

The water right to the project is some cases drainage systems have been installed leading the water back to the fairly good, the supply for the sum-

things are in store for the project tire project when it is fully developed. There's gamblin' games of every farmer. I have visited several fine Steps are already being taken to ackind; the limit is the sky, fields of alfalfa this season which complish these ends. were seeded late in the spring. They Raw land is held at around \$150 were cut about the end of July and per acre which includes a water right showed up poorly, but by the middle which is paid on long time graduated of Angust they containly most knee deep in growth. Those in fruit and some vegetables and beryear from one to one and a half tons and bring good market prices be-of affalfa to the acre and next year cause of the earliness of the season will yield a splendid profit.

reclaimed and developed land, partly proving profitable to the owner

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6,000 acres actually irrigated and improved.

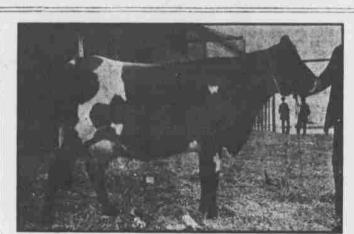
The water right is very good as the project has a right to water direct from the river during all the summer months and for this Springs reservoir with its 50,000 acre

The land is going faster and faster the experimenting although it was a it compulsory for the buyer to get busy and improve his land. Good to stand the brunt of the mistakes. It land on East Project can now be oba few years ago was held for \$175 to become. Something by the way that \$200. On this project N. P. land in does more injury to the fruit indus-1908 sold for \$55 to \$50 per acre acres of raw land put into cutting the summer months but the soil holds while now on the West Extension smoother and more attractive land held by the same company is valued at \$10 to \$20 per acre. This reduc-tion is fairly typical of the entire project and shows that land owners are doing away with flim-flamming and

Although the character and qualproject as on most of the other two surprising results have been obtained, for the soil improves rapidly with the production of alfalfa. The system of water distribution is very good and the management is excellent. The acre foot plan of water disposal and measurement is used and this is people were up against. It is simply the best of systems as it gives the history repeating its if and is typi-rancher the benefit of my saving of rancher the benefit of any saving of water by reducing his maintenance world. Few of the pioneers make a charge, and this naturally, is an incentive to the furmers to use the best methods of irrigation which in turn

At least 80 per cent of the land is in alfalfa, the balance in orchards, mand top prices on the market as they are both early and of good size is baied or chopped and shipped, but as dairting keeps increasing more of it will be used at home

The Furnish project, located acres of which probably 5,500 are un- JQolly der application and 3,500 actually under irrigation and improved. This There's Injune but and some



Development is now going ahead is some corn and early garden stuff quite rapidly and it is expected that and family orchards. the year 1917 will see more than 1000. The water right to this project is acros of raw land put into cultivagood for the spring flow but not for bought this season by a colony of sufficient moisture to raise a good Swiss from western Washington who second crop of alfalfa and sometimes intend transfering their dairy busi- a third cutting. They lack a storage

ness over to the project. Under this project which lies along to build two reservoirs which will the west bank of the Umatilla river hold ample water for summer use and doing away with film-flamming and are endeavoring to give straight facts and figures.

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#### A Poetic Tribute

Will I take in the Round-Up? You can bet I will.

There's the one show in the coun try that's worth while. All the time I'm there I'm laughin' fit to kill.

Though I've been to shows an nev er cracked a smile. Pendleton it's diffrent There you

get a run spend; Something' doin' all the time-

an' bar'ls o' fun, An' ev'ry fellow that you meet's are being obtained. your friend.

en up the game;

cowboys, pretty cowgirls, liv-

In the delivery of water, the rotation system is largely used and al-though some ranchers are supplied with a steady flow while the season lasts it is becoming less popular each

unit and steps are now being taken

the advantages of the rotation system. It is to be hoped that within a tew years that both this project and the Furnish will adopt the acre foot plan of water delivery as then a man pays for what water he gets and he can use much or little as he prefers.

Considerable stock is fed on this project during the winter months. large stock men buying up the hay and having it fed right from the stack on the ranches. There are some very fine appearing alfalfa ranches on the W. L. & I. Co. project and good crop

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river again making it available for ther months coming from a storage more irrigation further down. The reservoir on the Umatilla river which West Extension of the Hermiston pro- has a capacity of about 5,500 acre ject is supplied entirely from return feet. The water right for the reser-waters and it probably has the best voir and also for spring flow in the water supply on the Umatilia river.

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they are on the verge of rapid settlesize of the reservoir and in the small
ment. The dars of doubt and trouble size of the main canal. However,
are about over and the projects are with proper methods of distribution. showing up fine. A trip over them enlargement of the canals, and co-should convince the most skeptical operation on the part of the farmers that wonderful results are being ob- there is no reason why there should tained down that way and that good not be sufficient water for the en-

showed up poorly. On the payments, About 75 per cent of the of August they certainly made a fine payments. About 75 per cent of the appearance, good heavy stand and all land is in alfalfa, the balance being newly seeded fields have yielded this ries. Small fruits thrive well here

Dairying is well advanced on this project and new herds are being Il yield a splendid proist.

I. S. R. S. Hermiston Project.

Discount in A combined creamery and cheese factory has recently been a specified and it has been a West Extension contains about 60,- built at Stanfield and it has been a 869 acres just thrown open this year, success from the start. A Mr. Ad-Heat project contains about 14,000 olph Sahii, a Swiss cheese expert is acres under application. I. e. includes operating this enterprise and it is developed land and balance ready for well as a good market for the farmers milk and cream. There are a number 10.660 cres of holdings, part of each of siles on the project and the numing raised each year.

dicton turns loose. Ev'ry race is on the square. Ev'ry horse must buck, That is if he's a ond one; some

don't count. If you lose you can't feel bad-you jest played out o' luck you've no kick a-comin' 'bout' the amount.

Seein' the big doin's at the track is only part Of the good time at the Round-Up, for at night

Happy Canyon's 'cross the street, and there you got a start At doin' things out west, an' you'll start right.

There's dancin' like we had in '64; Drinkin' too, but it don't count, now that the state's gone dry, Still what you drink is wet and

tastes like more. fined up for the Round-Up, "Let U 'er Buck!" Is the college yell of all the chaps

Goin' to it once just gets a fellow stuck So that ev'ry year he wants to see

the show. It's better ev'ry time an' draws a bigger crowd; It bullds up a big city over night

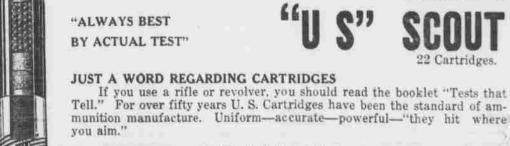
Every one that takes it in has reason to be proud, For the Round-Up's a big slice of what's all right.

-John Scott Mills, in Pacific Sema-

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