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IRRIGATION SYSTEM.

Waters of Rickreall Could Easily be Conserved for Such.

The Itemizer has before spoken of the advisability of storing up a supply of the waters feeding the Rickreall river for irrigation purposes for this valley at the head of which lies Dallas, and the matter was again brought to our attention the other day by Mr. R. L. Dashiell, who lately returned from a trip to the headwaters. Mr. Dashiell thinks the project a most feasible one and that some day it must be utilized to give our scope of country immensely superior advantages for growing purposes over land that cannot be so benefited. Coming from a country where the benefit of a water supply, available at times when it is most needed, is fully recognized, he has constantly been on the lookout for some such thing to enhance the valuable orchard lands that nature has already supplied us with, and has no doubt but in this manner the problem can be fully solved. There is no question but what we have an extra fine fruit raising country already, but if we were able to soak our land with water during the dry period, when the trees so badly need it to keep on growing rankly, we would be just that far ahead of our neighbors in bringing fruit to a quicker perfection. In a preliminary look over the lay of the land Mr. Dashiell is of the opinion that enough water could be stored up each winter, by the building of a dam not so awful far above Hallock's, as to give each side of the valley a canal holding enough water to abundantly supply all intervening orchards and truck gardens, making of this whole valley below us one continual stretch of blossoming and bearing estates, such as many world famous valleys that provide the household stuff for thousands of city families. With the better transportation facilities we now have and the others that are coming, such a picture of our valley is not overdrawn by any means. Like unto the valley surrounding Canon City, Colorado, with water to grow everything abundantly that we want to, every acre of this valley, clear to Eolia, might soon be utilized to bring the owners thereof an annual revenue, by the side of which what they now get out of their land in return for the capital and labor invested would be terribly insignificant. With the soil and climate at our command, such a time in the history of this section is surely coming, but it may not be for a number of years yet, or until outside investors see the benefit to come from putting in their capital into such an enterprise. Such an undertaking will take capital, and lots of it, for the building of the necessary reservoirs, canals, laterals, etc., but our belief is firm that it will come, and when it does the Itemizer will take pleasure in reporting this and other articles on the subject with the well worn phrase, "I told you so," as a heading.

Favoring Necessities.

President Taft asserts that in the Payne-Aldrich bill necessities were "favored" at the expense of luxuries. Here are a few comparisons which show how the necessities really "favored" the necessities: The necessity raw sugar was taxed 35 per cent, while the luxury diamonds, cut but not set, were taxed only 10 per cent. Such necessities as blankets, flannels, women's dress goods, shawls, knit goods, wearing apparel and other woollen manufactures, were made to pay a tax of from 80 to 140 per cent, while the luxury automobiles were taxed but 45 per cent.

Talking Through Their Hats.

The Northwestern Corporation has a crew of surveyors at work between Eugene and Albany surveying for the transmission line which it is proposed to run from the big power plant now being constructed at Martin's Rapids, on the McKenzie River, to several towns down the valley. Eugene Springfield, Junction City, Harrisburg, Albany Corvallis, Independence, Monmouth and Dallas are among the places to be supplied with electricity from this plant. The surveyors are now camped at Coburg, the little sawmill city, six miles north of Eugene. Guard.

CANDIDATES OBJECTED TO.

Judiciary Lawyers' Convention Files Only Objections.

Time for filing objections to candidates for publication in the corrupt practices act pamphlets closed yesterday, and but one objection was received, that being filed by the non-partisan judiciary lawyers' convention against George H. Burnett and Wallace McCamant as assembly candidates, and soliciting support for Woodson T. Slater and Will R. King, at present justices of the supreme court. King and Slater are both democrats, while McCamant and Burnett are assembly republicans. These will be the only objections to any candidates whatsoever to appear in the pamphlets.

Hop Outlook Poor.

Outlook for Oregon's hop crop is not very promising, according to reports from the interior. The season is so far advanced that the rains would help but little. According to Conrad Krebs, the Independence grower, it is not likely that Oregon will this year produce a greater crop than last year. The New York Producers' Price Current says, "So few hops remain in the state of New York that little business can be reported in that section; 125 bales of the Tinder growth, however, were sold at 19c. The weather still continued rainy in England with bad attacks of vermin, necessitating constant spraying. The estimates are now from 300,000 to 320,000 cwt. The German crop is doing finely and from all reports should be very heavy and of exceptional quality."

Third Crop of Dry Land Alfalfa.

Buena Vista, Aug., 16th. C. L. Hannon has cut his third crop of alfalfa. Altogether the field made 4 1/2 tons to the acre. Sloper Bros. also cut their third crop of alfalfa, making the same as Hannon's. They threshed 13 acres of Ball barley that made 648 bushels, 50 bushels to the acre. They had 7 acres of side oats sown in April that made 4 tons to the acre of baled hay. H. Murphy's bearded barley made 60 bushels to the acre. The hay crops is better than ever before in here this year and it was all Spring sown oats. We are also building a \$1400 schoolhouse on the corner of the Krebs hop yard. Hops are are looking fine, no lice, but more pickers than will be used in the yards. R. H. McCARTER.

Seeley-Knapp.

At high noon, Sunday, August 14, 1910, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fred Knapp, Champeog, Ore., Mr. Clarence Even Seeley and Miss Hermina Knapp, were united in marriage, by Rev. T. Brouillette, in the presence of a good number of the friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The spacious home was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the wedding dinner was elaborate and delicious. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Seeley, of Oakgrove, who are well and favorably known as among the best people of the county. The bride belongs to a family of cultured and prosperous people. She taught school for a few years, but gave up teaching to go into business for herself in Salem, where her indomitable industry and fine business tact has won her a splendid patronage. After dinner the happy young couple were accompanied to Newberg, with rice and old shoes galore, where they boarded the evening train of a honeymoon trip abroad. T. BROUILLETTE.

Sells 150 Cords.

Ed. Cochrane has contracted to deliver to the Independence motor company at Dallas 150 cords of fir wood, and has been engaged lately in loading it on cars for shipment to Independence. They have also bought several hundred cords from other dealers.

The fire in the coast range has been getting close to the logging operations tributary to our big sawmill here, as is shown by the burned logs continually coming down, and this week there has also been quite a shortage in the supply. Report has it that the fires got so near the other day as to put out of commission two of the company's donkey engines.

TWO KNIVES.

One an Old Timer from Early Days of this Country.

The other day Ev. Shelton showed us a hunting knife presented to him by Uncle Frank Nichols that is certainly an old timer. It was purchased by Jesse Gage in San Francisco in the early days of '49 before there was hardly a residence or store building in that now cosmopolitan city. The purchase price was \$12.50, and to the prospector and pioneer of that day it was worth every cent of the money, it being adaptable for many purposes. It consists of two blades, the larger of which is over four inches long, and the handle is nearly five. With it a man could kill a good sized and ferocious animal, it came in handy to take off his hide, to dismember him, and as a carving utensil; it was large enough to clear the brush from one's pathway, and one could dig his way out of many of the old pioneer calabosoes in quick order, but this is not insinuating that our old timers were ever inmates of such places. Jesse Gage gave it to Frank Nichols and he to the present owner, who would not take any amount of money for it, it being to him too pleasing a remembrance of the days and life that have forever passed from this county. It has been kept in good condition, and today will do as fine work as in the days when it was in constant use by its owner. On the large blade is a drawing of a lot of dogs that have a buffalo at bay. While we were looking at this old time keepsake "Dad" Cowles showed us another knife that is somewhat of an old timer, it having been in his possession and that of his father before him, for a period of 60 years that he knows of. It is just an ordinary good knife, the steel being first class, and Mr. Cowles says it can and has been put in condition for shaving purposes many times.

Brunk Bridge Finished.

Ira Mehrling, of Falls City, has the contract for the bridge on the Independence road just past the Brunk place, nearly completed. It will cost \$8000 to \$9000 and will be completed Saturday. The cut and fill on each side are to be graveled at once, and it will be a first class improvement. The old Rickreall bridge is an old landmark that will be removed. Mr. Mehrling has erected many first class bridges in Polk county and built miles of good road. Polk county has more to show in the line of good smooth roads than almost any county in Western Oregon. Permanent improvements are the rule, and the county judge and commissioners get something to show for the money expended. It is remarkable how much has been accomplished.—Capital Journal.

What is known as the old Harris house is now being razed to the ground, at last succumbing to the building up of our city. It was one of the first residences built here, probably about 1851.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS THIS WEEK.

- Arthur Fink, Dallas.
- W. E. Lynch, Dallas.
- Otto Rogenan, Dallas.
- S. H. Petre, Dallas.
- A. E. Cowles, Dallas.
- E. G. Mattke, Williams, Mont.
- A. L. Stowe, Dallas.
- Mrs. J. J. Holmes, Dallas.
- L. Fosnot, Rickreall.
- T. H. Dunsmore, Rickreall.
- Walter Vaughn, Rickreall.
- Mrs. C. Sherwood, Rickreall.
- W. R. Black, Rickreall.
- Mrs. J. V. Jones, Rickreall.
- J. J. Burch, Rickreall.
- G. O. Harshman, Dallas.
- N. E. Foster, Monmouth.
- O. P. Chase, Monmouth.
- S. W. Gwinn, Monmouth.
- L. S. Fuller, Monmouth.
- W. A. Bressler, Monmouth.

LETTER LIST.

- The following list of letters were advertised in the Dallas postoffice Tuesday:
- Mr. C. Conidas G. Xxiotes.
 - Mrs. Kate Hendershot.
 - Wm. Hickman.
 - Mr. J. B. Johnson.
 - Mr. Dwight C. Kelley.
 - Mr. Fred C. Lindsay.
 - Mr. Milton Nilerson.
 - Mrs. Jack Peter.
 - Mrs. Isaac Smith.
 - Charles T. Stephen.
 - Mr. Frank Wolf.
 - W. G. COAD, Postmaster.

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Scotch Zephyr Gingham	
32 inch wide, 20c quality at	15c yard
Pongee Silks	
In Fancy and Diagonal effects, Regular 50c quality at	35c yard
36 inch Voile	
In plain colors of Grey, Cream and Black, regular 50c grade at	35c yard
Ladies Shirt Waists \$1.25	
In tailored effects and other styles. Splendid values	
Summer Parasols	
\$1.50 and \$1.75 kind now	95c
\$2 to \$3.75 kind, now	\$1.45
Tan Shoes are Moving	
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Mens' Summer Suits at a Sacrifice	
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\$25 all wool suits at	\$16.85
Boys Suit Special	
Boys Wash Suits	95c
Boys \$5 to \$6.50 Suits	\$3.85
Boys \$7 and \$8 Suits	\$5
Over 400 suits in stock for your selection. All sizes and styles	
High Grade Negligee Shirts at a Great Reduction	
\$2 Pongee Shirts at	\$1.45
\$2.50 Fancy Pongee shirts at	1.75
\$3 Fancy Surah at	1.90
\$3.50 Jap Silk Shirts	2.45
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