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CHEAP FUEL OR POWER WOULD MAKE VAST CHANGES.

With the forming of an irrigation district consisting of the water users of the Silves River the move toward a greater and more efficient use of the water will inaugurate. Whether there is a surplus is a question that will take time to determine and in the mean time the thirsty land outlying must wait. Dry farming methods are trying and heartbreaking in a way as it is a problem that must necessarily be slow and the crops are limited not only in yield but also in variety. It is discouraging to the average man and one that is not at all relished. Could this be aided without delay we would see a wonderful change take place in this Big Valley. There isn't an acre of the land in this valley where water cannot be reached at a moderate depth by sinking wells. This supply is almost inexhaustible as has been proved where tested. With a means of pumping the water the land could be made to produce. Pumping plants out on the Snake River have proven a success where they have to raise the water to a greater height than here. There, also, the plants are large and the water has to be carried long distances in canals and ditches, thus allowing greater evaporation and loss by subbing from the canal.

Cheap fuel or power would solve the problem in Harney Valley. Every farmer could have his own plant with such shallow wells as he may need right on the place. With gas from one of the wells now affording more or less of that product piped on to his place he could start alfalfa, or any other crop suitable to this section and instead of having \$10 land out in the sage brush he could have \$75 land and also a good income, a happy and contented home with advantages for his family.

In the absence of the gas electrical power might be supplied at a very reasonable cost as it has been investigated and found feasible to harness up some water power in the country and carry transmission lines all over the country. With the installation of a reservoir to hold the water of the Silves an additional power plant is added to this scheme, as during the irrigation season this power would be available.

The Times-Herald had a story in its last issue along the line of irrigation from shallow wells, giving as an instance one neighbor near this city who has a well 50 feet deep with a centrifugal pump. It is a success. He has used a steam engine for power. This means considerable expense but if cheap fuel were provided we'd see Harney Valley come right up with its neighbors in the way of production. The dry farmer wouldn't have to wait until the water supply of the streams had been determined, but could be developing his farm and acquiring a competency while the problem of surplus water was being found out.

ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY "CORE."

According to the newspaper report of Governor Withycombe's message to the legislature last Monday, he has recommended the ceding of Malheur and Mud Lakes by the state to the United States for a permanent bird refuge. We commend the Governor's generous sentiment in this matter and we also would like to see a bird refuge, but if we are going to have irrigation and store the water there isn't going to be any Malheur or Mud Lake for the birds to "refuge" in as they will not have enough water to drown a grasshopper. The fact is that Malheur Lake isn't any lake now, as it consists of a few puddles and a channel that any little ornery river would shame out of existence. Automobiles are running all over Malheur "Lake" at this time and thousands of head of stock are being wintered right on the old lake bed. We're going to put that part of the country to "a more beneficial use" Mr. Governor.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

Nothing could have been better calculated to promote good feeling and agreement between the Allies than President Wilson's trip to Europe at this time.

As long as the war lasted the Allies were obliged to live in amity. When nations are bound together in a life and death struggle against arbitrary power there is no possibility of disagreement. All separate aside until it is settled whether the nations themselves shall exist.

With the passing of warfare it would be but natural that different policies and separate claims should come to the front among the allied nations.

And who could be as well fitted to arbitrate any differences of opinion among the Allies as the United States, who wants nothing for herself and has no stake in Europe?

And who could represent the United States as well as her president, who months ago laid down the fourteen great principles of peace for the world?

Europe has found President Wilson a gracious gentleman, well fitted to his high embassy. The acquaintance he has made with statesmen, well fitted to his high embassy. The acquaintance he has made with statesmen of the allied countries will make his presence at the peace board most effective.

America looks to him to protect her interests and to assist in the adoption of a settlement which will mean lasting peace.

SEVERAL CATTLE SOLD AND SHIPPED OUT

The Times-Herald finds from inquiry that there have been some cattle sales recently. A. E. Brown and Mr. Emerson have purchased some 500 head of yearlings and dry cows which they have shipped to the Ontario country to feed.

Ira Mahon has just shipped out four car-loads of cattle which he had purchased and Chas. Davis is buying two-year-old steers.

LENGTH OF COW TESTING AIDS TO VALUE OF WORK

Dairymen who have been in cow testing associations continuously for six years show an average production of 114.9 pounds of fat per cow per year above the production of the men in the association the first year.

The average monthly production for the 35,000 cows kept on test in the western dairy division in 1917 was 24.5 pounds of fat for those that had been on test two years, 31 for those on test from one to two years, and 27.5 for those on test less than one year.

"If you get an increased average production for your dairy herd it will be only because the daughters of your herd bull are producing more than their dams," asserts E. L. Westover, field dairyman of the O. A. C. extension service. "Continuous record keeping is necessary to check up on each cow and also on the herd bull by comparing the record of the daughters with that of the dams."

"A cow influences but one offspring, while a bull will influence every offspring in your herd. If the herd is less than 30 cows, within five to six years it will be made up entirely of offsprings from your present dairy herd bull, except for the cows added by purchase. Fewer than one bull out of a thousand has a tendency to get daughters that will produce 600 pounds of fat a year."

Will Gray is in town. He has a bad hand which became infected in some manner and he found it necessary to come up and have his physician take care of it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Page are enjoying a visit from Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Klein and Mrs. Botts. The visitors are from Spokane and an uncle and aunts of Mrs. Page. They will go from here to California before returning to Spokane.

Died—Wednesday, Jan. 15, Joseph Edward Harris, aged 17 years. The young man took sick with influenza while working as a vaquero for the Eastern Oregon Live Stock Co. and was taken to Crane where he died, the funeral being held the following day in the Burns cemetery. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Harris of Narrows. He was known to many of the boys and girls of this city, as he was at one time a student of the Harney county high school. His father is ill with influenza at Crane at this time we are informed.

Mistakes are the most useless, yet most used, of any form of natural habit. They are something apparently necessary to the common good as mostly by their committance, experience steps in at our door, and next time we always have the opportunity to do better than we have ever done heretofore. But after all, try to pass them up by just a mere tip of the hat.

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Nineteen Has June in Mid-Winter



The "When he comes back" moments are arriving very fast now as big transports enter Atlantic ports, loaded to the rails with gallant Yank warriors. This means wedding bells in merry tune as promises are kept. Therefore our "June" this year comes in mid-winter. Here is exclusive winter fashion in bride's gown and veil in the photo of Mrs. Charles Gordon-Fellowes, bride of Lieutenant Charles Fellowes of the British navy. The groom was stationed at Washington during the last year. The bride was Miss Sarah Price Collier.

TELEPHONE COMPANY HOLDS MEETING.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Inter-Mountain Tel. & Tel. Co. was held last Wednesday in this city at which time the business of the concern was gone over and officers elected. P. G. Smith was made president of the company with J. R. Jenkins vice president. Platt T. Randall was continued as secretary and Albert Oakerman and J. W. Biggs were added to the board of directors.

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Fat cows and heifers	8.50-15.50
Canning cows and heifers	7.25-8.25
Bulls, plain to best	6.50-12.00
Four to fancy calves	8.75-13.75
Western range steers	10.00-15.00

These newspaper quotations represent live cattle prices in Chicago on December 30th, 1918.

The list shows price ranges on nine general classified groups with a spread of \$13.85 per cwt.—the lowest at \$6.50 and the highest at \$20.35.

Why this variation in price?

Because the meat from different animals varies greatly in quality and weight.

Although the quotations shown are in nine divisions, Swift & Company grades cattle into 34 general classes, and each class into a variety of weights and qualities.

As a result of these differences in cattle prices, (due to differences in weights and meat qualities), there is a range of 15 cents in Swift & Company's selling prices of beef carcasses.

These facts explain:

- 1—Why retail prices vary in different stores.
- 2—Why it would be difficult to regulate prices of cattle or beef.
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