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**THE POSSIBILITIES OF IRRIGATION**

Water on the Land Would Make Fertile Fields Where Now Are Barren Wastes.

**Editor Courier:**

It was a beautiful day in September, one of those days which in Oregon gives a sense of the matchless glory of Autumn, that my friend Harth made me his guest for a drive down the great valley of the Rogue below Grants Pass. This gentleman is a well known business man of the town, a man who has had no small share in the development of its best life and progress for many years. He both entertained and instructed me.

After leaving the town our course was to the right at many points close skirting the foothills, while encircling us on every hand and back of the foothills towered the greater, even "the everlasting mountains," and the wonderful Valley of the Rogue to the left of our way, in wide expanse and seemingly interminable length, was before us. Our way at many points lay through the wood and the air seemed athrill with bird song—the rabbit and the squirrel sported themselves on every hand while back in the denser wood gazed that timid sentinel, the deer.

Our itinerary embraced several of the hopyards where we were courteously received and found busy workers for the God of harvest had called his servants and there must be diligence to secure his bounty, yet as we passed by the village of tents, we found laughter and song all about, happy faces and willing hands.

The wide acreage of fruit in great variety is better seen than described, as is also the melons and other products of the farm. As we talked by the way I said to my friend, "Why is it, in view of the possibilities here—conditions of soil and climate, that good roads are so slow in coming. We surely must have these or emigration will not set this way, and that is the crying need now." "Yes," he replied, "we want better roads, for they would prove a great factor in the growth we all desire but we must have irrigation first. Put onto the now arid lands all about us water, and we can have it in abundance from yonder splendid river, and this whole region will bloom as the rose, people would pour in and this would become God's country; all for a comparatively small tax laid on the property of our town, and the adjacent lands, or it could be taken up by private enterprise and be made a paying investment through rentals." I thought my friend had struck the right chord and that Grants Pass should get into line for the realization of an enterprise which, could it obtain, would bring great things to this section and its people. Let irrigation be our abibboleth and let us all work for it. But how work for it? I would say

first of all, through the creation of public sentiment favorable to the enterprise. There is no class nor condition of our people who are not vitally interested in this matter and we could talk it on the street or in the homes of neighbors and friends, discussion always means education and when this has had full play, let there be a meeting of the citizens called to openly consider it. Let ideas become concrete and in that way a leverage would be found for the movement.

Does any good business man or real estate promoter doubt if a ditch of proper size were constructed to intersect the Rogue River a few miles East of Grants Pass—say Savage Rapids or some other point and the water carried to that part of the town north of the track within the limits of gravity—thence to be distributed through the town and onto the great areas below, north of the river, also a similar ditch or one adequate to supply the territory on the south side, would enhance the value of real estate from one-fourth to one-half the present value. Should you think this too great a tax on our resources to make the enterprise all our own and if that view were to prevail, it would be within our reach still, for there are great aggregations of capital on every hand awaiting profitable investment and if these proved to be a demand for the water that would warrant the outlay, private enterprise might take it up. I do not undertake to instruct in this matter, but am confident, if we will but discuss it, a way will appear. No man can fail to see what such an enterprise, if well carried out, would do for Grants Pass and the surrounding country. It would give to us all that my friend suggested of prosperity, derived from largely increased settlement, better roads, green fields where are now arid wastes and possibilities for larger growth, on all lines.

R. H. LEE.

**METHODIST CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS**

Rev. C. O. Beckman is Returned to the Grants Pass Church.

Following are the appointments made by the Methodist Episcopal conference held at Portland last week:

- EUGENE DISTRICT.**  
M. C. Wire, presiding elder; residence and address, Eugene, Oregon.  
Ashland, E. F. Zimmerman.  
Brownsville, T. L. Jones.  
Canyonville, to be supplied.  
Central Point, J. M. Sweeney.  
Coburg and Crawfordville, J. H. Skidmore.  
Coquille and Bandon, George Ellis.  
Cottage Grove, J. L. Beatty.  
Creswell, J. L. Stratford.  
Drain, J. H. Van Fossen.  
Elkton, W. B. Pepper.  
Eugene, D. H. Trimble.  
Gardiner, W. S. Gordon.  
Grants Pass, C. O. Beckman.  
Halsey and Harrisburg, George Clark.  
Jacksonville, to be supplied.  
Junction City, F. S. Clemo.  
Lorane, to be supplied.  
Marshfield, W. R. F. Browne.  
Medford, W. C. Renter.  
Monroe, to be supplied.  
Myrtle Creek, to be supplied.  
Myrtle Point, W. F. Rogers.  
North Bend, to be supplied.  
Roseburg, A. P. Boyd.  
Shedds, D. L. Fiedls.  
Springfield, W. M. Erksine.  
Ten Mile, to be supplied.  
Wendling, to be supplied.  
Wilbur, B. A. Bristol.  
Wilderville and Althouse, to be supplied.  
Wildwood, to be supplied.

**KLAMATH MISSION DISTRICT.**  
R. E. Dunlap, presiding elder

- Klamath Falls, Ore.**  
Bonanza, to be supplied.  
Fort Klamath, to be supplied.  
Fort Bidwell, to be supplied.  
Klamath Falls, H. L. Graftons.  
Klamath Indian Mission, to be supplied.  
Lakeview, Ari J. Armstrong.  
Merrill, to be supplied.  
New Pine Creek, to be supplied.  
Paialy, to be supplied.  
Picard, to be supplied.

**LABOR SAVING**

**Machinery Now Does Much Work on the Dairy Farm.**

The success of the milking machine completes the cycle of labor saving apparatus on the dairy farm. One may now plow the land with a riding sulky plow drawn by horses or a traction motor, rework it with a riding harrow, put in the corn seed with a riding planter, do much of the cultivating with a machine upon which he rides, drawn by horses, and cut the silage corn with a horse harvester. The bundles or stalks must be lifted by hand upon the low down wagon, hauled to the silo and fed into a cutter operated by a gasoline engine. This cuts stalks and ears into pieces, say, a quarter of an inch long, which are conveyed up into the silo by an automatic carrier.

**Hay and Silage Apparatus.**  
Hay is likewise cut, harvested and baled by machinery. Then for feeding the silage is shoveled into a tank that runs upon an overhead track in front of the cows, and a suitable feed is deposited in front of each cow. Hay is brought from the hay to the cow stable by an adaptation of the horse fork. The milking machine has done away with the drudgery of that operation. The machine is washed by power, and milk cans and pails are sterilized with a steam jet after being perfectly cleaned by the improved washing powder in the water.

**Handling Bedding and Manure.**  
The bedding used for cows is run through a power cutter so that it is fine and absorbs all the urine. The cow's droppings and soaked bedding are shoveled into a tank or carrier that is lowered to the floor while being filled, then rises to its track above and runs direct to the manure spreader, into which the contents are automatically dumped. Horses haul the spreader to the field, and the manure is at once applied.—American Agriculturist.

**Stack Ties.**  
If it is necessary to stack the hay in the field it should be protected in some way from the rain and snow. A good method is suggested by Kimball's Dairy Farmer, as follows: Take three small wires and weave into them slats about eight inches wide and four feet long. These are placed about two feet apart. The length of the frame will depend entirely upon the height of the stack. It should be large enough to cover the top of the stack well and keep the hay from being blown off. If you wish to improve on this tack tarred felt roofing paper to the slats. This gives you a practically tight roof over the stack.

**Dairy Talk of Today**

A successful Ohio dairywoman says: "I think there is no other branch of farming where brains count for so much as in dairying. There are great possibilities for the dairyman of today if he will only apply the right principles in breeding, feeding and care of the dairy cow."

**Get the Best.**  
After raising 200 calves in twenty-six years I find myself learning some new things every year, also learning some old lessons over and over. One lesson I do not forget is that the mother and the sire must both be the best we can get, either by raising or buying, of the same breed and noted for their constitutional vigor, which is the chief cornerstone of success.—Massachusetts Dairyman.

**At the Front.**  
The unprogressive dairyman fails to realize that the dairy world not only "do move," but is rapidly advancing. Perhaps he is one of the best of the old school, yet is at the far end of the procession of modern improvement, whereas if he would get out among the alert dairymen of the present and imbibe the newer ideas he might be easily a leader in the front of modern dairy progress.—B. Thompson, Jr.

**Uniform Quality in Cheese.**  
The question of how to obtain a clean, mild flavored cheese all the time is one of the very important considerations in solving the problem of getting the people to eat more cheese.

**The Milking Machine.**  
Now that the milking machine appears to be an assured success it puts a new face upon the whole business. Any man familiar with live stock growing is free to admit that in no line of stock handling is there so good an opportunity for money making as that of dairying, the serious objections to it being its everlasting 365 days a year job. There is no let up, we may say, night or day, Sabbaths or holidays. All means hard and persistent work in the dairy. But when you come to think of it, what kind of work can you engage in and make money at it that is not an everlasting job without let up, year and year out? As we said before, now that the milking machine is proving a success the great bugbear of keeping milkers on the farm is being removed, and the farm itself can take heart again.—Home and Farm.

Fine commercial printing at the Courier office.

**CLASSIFIED ADS.**

- FOR SALE.**  
FOR SALE—Improvements consisting of good house, barn, fencing on 50 acres, tools, garden crop, etc., on 100 acres unsurveyed land on Limpy creek, for sale for \$400. Inquire Samuel Hawkins, Wilderville. 9-14 4t
- THOROUGH BRED:** Poland China hogs for sale. J. H. Robinson, Wilderville. 8-31 tf
- FOR SALE—New five-room house and two lots, fence and outbuildings, good residence; corner Walnut and Pine, No. 304, price \$650. M. J. Young, P. O. box 178. 8-10 tf**
- FOR RENT.**  
OFFICE ROOM for rent—Courier building. Apply to A. E. Voorhies or J. W. Howard. 8-3 tf
- WANTED.**  
WANTED—Wood in exchange for wagon and carriage work by J. M. Newman, successor to G. M. Caldwell. 9-22 tf
- WANTED—Grain Sacks, Tools and other second-hand goods. Harrison Bros., Second hand-store, corner Sixth and J streets. 2-9 tf
- C. L. NOEL of Odessa wants loggers and timber cutters to deliver 2,000,000 feet of logs to mill by contract before snow flies; short haul, level roads, one 4-horse team, two trucks, chains, etc. furnished. Also left hand 3-gang edger wanted. Write or call at mill Odessa, Ore. 8-3 tf
- LOST.**  
BOY'S COAT, 13-year-old size, grey mixed, Harth's mark inside. Reward at Courier Office. 10-5 tf
- EASTMAN KODAK, No. 3 with case on Limpy creek bridge, September 30. Finder leave at Courier office. 10-5 2t
- FOUND.**  
FOUND—Overcoat, man's size. Owner can have the same by proving property. Call at the Courier office. 10-5 tf
- HELP WANTED.**  
WANTED—Salesmen. Many Make \$100 to \$150 per month; some even more. Stock clean; grown on Reservation, far from old orchards. Cash advanced weekly. Choice of territory. Address Washington Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington. 9-28 tf
- SITUATION WANTED.**  
NURSE—Firstclass nurse can be found on L street, near 4th—Mrs. Alice Weiser. 9-21 4t
- COOK wants situation, nine years experience, A1 references, small place not wanted. Address "Cook" Courier. 10-5 5t
- TO EXCHANGE.**  
TO TRADE—A fine horse, of 1650 pounds, for sheep or goats. Address P. O. Box 643, Grants Pass. 8-17 tf
- MISCELLANEOUS.**  
ART SCHOOL of Grants Pass, room 5, Masonic Temple. Day classes in painting in oil colors, water colors, pastels, tapestry, etc., evening classes Monday and Thursday. Drawing Free hand and mechanical, architecture, perspective, etc. Call at Studio for particulars all day Saturday or Monday, or Thursday evenings. Prof. Geo. O'Brien.
- FARMERS! If you want your farm sold, write me what you have and your price as soon as possible and I will include it with my Fall list which will go to the printer soon. I do not demand exclusive sale. W. L. Ireland, "The Real Estate Man," Courier Building. 10-5 tf
- PIANO TUNING—Leave orders at the music store.—D. F. Armstrong. 9-28 tf
- FASHIONABLE dress-making and tailoring. Mrs. T. C. Horr, 107 C street. 9-14 tf
- FASHIONABLE Dressmaking, Childrens clothes a specialty. 114 cor. Second and E street. 10-5 2t
- FRANK BURNETT—Upholstering, mission furniture made to order.
- City Treasurer's Notice.**  
There are funds in the city treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants protested to February 1st, 1904. Interest on same will cease after this date.  
Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, September 15, 1906.  
COL. W. JOHNSON,  
City Treasurer.
- PAY YOUR TAXES.**  
Notice is hereby given that all unpaid taxes will become delinquent on October 1, 1906, and if not paid by that time the property will be advertised and sold for taxes. This also applies to property on which the first half of tax has been paid, the remaining half due and payable before that time. After this date an additional 1 per cent penalty will be added on the first day of each month, to the costs.  
W. J. RUSSELL,  
Sheriff.
- BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.**  
The Board of Equalization for Josephine County, Oregon, will meet at the office of the County Clerk, Monday, October 8, 1906, at 9 o'clock A. M., and will remain in session each successive day for one week. All parties interested are requested to appear and examine their assessments for the year 1906 and have all errors corrected if any there be, as no corrections can be made after the adjournment of said board.  
W. H. FALLIN,  
Assessor of Josephine County, Ore. Grants Pass, Ore., Sept. 13, 1906.



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