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## JOHN DAY PROJECT

Every man, woman and child in Morrow county should be a consistent booster for the John Day irrigation project.

The John Day project is the biggest thing in the way of arid and semi-arid land reclamation in the West at this time, embracing some 200,000 acres of wonderfully fertile lands within its boundaries. Most of this vast acreage is in Morrow county and its reclamation, settlement and cultivation will make Morrow county one of the richest in Oregon—perhaps by far the greatest county in Eastern Oregon in point of population, wealth and productivity.

No other reclamation project nearly approaching the John Day in extent lies at so low an altitude. It touches the Columbia river in northwest Morrow and northern Gilliam counties where the elevation is less than 270 feet above sea level while the average elevation of the entire district is only a few hundred feet. This low altitude insures a much longer season than any of the other great projects can enjoy, making possible a greater diversity of crops, successive cropping during the season and greater returns to the farmer.

A gentleman who has resided in what is now the West Extension (Boardman) project, which adjoins the John Day district, for nearly 20 years and who is recognized authority on irrigation there is authority for the statement that practically every thing grown in any section of the United States can be produced in the John Day district perhaps excepting the strictly citrus fruit section of Southern California.

No other proposed reclamation project is so favorably situated in the matter of transportation and proximity to markets. The northern boundary of the project touches the Columbia river, the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Co. railway,

and the Columbia River highway while just across the Columbia is the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, giving the section two trans-continental railways, a national highway and open water navigation via the Columbia river to the sea.

The wheat-growing and stock-raising districts of Morrow county which lie above the levels of the proposed ditches are also vitally interested in the completion of the project because of the beneficial effect the application of water to the many thousands of acres of arid lands will have on the general climatic conditions.

Men who are well informed on such matters tell us that the evaporation incident to the irrigation of wide areas of arid lands is bound to have a decidedly beneficial effect on adjacent territory. Moisture released from the canals and ditches as well as from the irrigated lands will be carried into the atmosphere, forming rain clouds thereby increasing the rainfall and benefitting the wheat farms and stock ranges above the ditches. It is also claimed that destructive hot winds from the north and east that have always been a terror to wheat farmers in this section will be robbed of their power to harm growing crops in passing over the big irrigated section.

Other advantages to the stock industry will be manifested in the largely increased acreage of alfalfa in the county when the John Day district is reclaimed and in cultivation. Stock from the big summer ranges of the interior will find an abundance of full pasture and winter feed in the irrigated district and the experiences of many of our stockmen during the present winter of being obliged to ship in high-priced hay and grain for their flocks and herds will become a thing of the past.

Many other advantages that will accrue once the John Day project is realized might be cited. With something like 200,000 acres of arid land under water and cultivation in this

county and settled by the high type of men and women who are generally attracted to a new irrigated country, allowing an average of 40 acres to each farm, the number of homes and families added to the county's population would be 5,000 or an increase in population of 25,000 people, about five times the present population of the entire county. This would mean better social conditions, better schools, better roads and less taxes. It would mean that Morrow county would rank with the very best counties in the United States in those things that make life really what it should be.

It is a big proposition and the Heppner Commercial club could engage in no better work than in seeking to promote the John Day project as it proposes doing at the dinner to be given Thursday evening.

It's a big thing and a good thing. Let's all push it along.

## NO TIME EXTENSION GRANTED IN INCOME TAX RETURNS

Complete returns of individuals, partnerships, fiduciaries and corporations must be in the hands of Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, Portland, Oregon, on or before March 15th, 1920.

This also applies to the information returns. In addition to the income tax statements required by law, all individuals, partnerships, fiduciaries and corporations having made payments during the year of \$1,000 or over to any one person (which includes salaries, wages, fees, commissions, rent, interest, premiums and annuities) must file information returns on Form 1099, accompanying said Form with letter of transmission on Form 1096. These information returns must be forwarded directly to Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Sorting Division, Washington, D. C.

Last year if having good and sufficient reason it was found impossible to complete a return by March 15th, corporations, individuals and partnerships were permitted to file on or before March 15th, a tentative return and were given an extension of 45 days in which to file a complete return. Conditions which justified such extension do not exist this year.

Where additional time is actually required because of illness or absence an extension of time not to exceed 30 days may be granted upon written application therefor made before the return is due. This, however, only applies to specific cases of ill-

ness or absence. Where a fiscal year has been established in the collector's office the due date of filing income tax returns is the fifteenth day of the third month from the close of the accounting period, but this does not apply to the information returns referred to which must be filed as above.

## "13" HERD WON FIRST PRIZE

Old "13" holds no terrors for Sales Bros. Clatsop county dairymen, since their herd of 13 cows beat every other tested herd in Oregon in both milk and cream productions, averaging 368 pounds. The 2995 cows tested in the eight associations averaged 368 pounds of milk and 18.85 pounds of cream. The Sales Bros. herd yielded an average of 838 pounds of milk and 35.5 pounds of cream—almost 2 1/2 times the general average, which is much above that of the untested average. Testing reduces production cost.

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## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COUNTY CLERK

To the Republican voters of Morrow County: I hereby announce that I will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Clerk at the primary election to be held on the 21st day of May, 1920.  
Pd Adv. J. A. WATERS, Incumbent.

### COUNTY SHERIFF

I hereby announce to the Democratic voters of Morrow County that I will be a candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Morrow County at the primary election to be held May 21, 1920. If nominated and elected I expect to enforce the laws of the State of Oregon, to the best of my ability and without fear or favor.  
CHAS. B. SPERRY,  
Pd Adv. Ione, Oregon.



## Safe Farming

IT IS NOT ENOUGH THAT THE FARMER HAVE BUILDINGS TO CARE FOR HIS MACHINERY AND LIVESTOCK, INSURANCE TO PROTECT HIS PROPERTY, BUT THE FARM PROFITS THAT ARE TURNED INTO CASH AND CREDIT, SHOULD ALSO HAVE AMPLE PROTECTION. THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLACES ITS EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE AT THE DISPOSAL OF EVERY FARMER AROUND HEPPNER TO SAFEGUARD AND ADVANCE THEIR INTERESTS, AS WELL AS THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE OF ITS OFFICERS WHOSE DAILY ATTENTION TO BUSINESS HAS ADDED MUCH TO THE SAFE AND PROFITABLE CONDUCT OF THE MONEY SIDE OF FARMING AROUND HEPPNER.

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