

HEPPNER HERALD

WEST MUST SHOW EAST WORTH OF IRRIGATION

SINNOTT SAYS EASTERN CONGRESSMEN MUST BE "SHOWN"

Should Bring 200 Representatives West and Show What Irrigation Means.

What the West should do to educate the easterners as to the value of irrigation, is to bring 150-200 members of congress into a couple of irrigation states where they can see just what is being accomplished, according to N. J. Sinnott, representative from the second congressional district, in a recent interview in the Oregonian, Mr. Sinnott, who was at the Imperial, says that the recent visit of members of the appropriations committee will be of great benefit to Oregon.

"There were three members of the committee who came west," explained Mr. Sinnott, "who had more or less of an impression that irrigation was simply a means of getting appropriations from the government. Now they know what irrigation means. Mr. Wood, of Indiana, found men from his state on the various irrigation projects which we visited."

There was a delegation of them to greet him at Hermiston and tell him of what water had done to that country. Meeting so many home folks who are irrigationists gave Mr. Wood a new angle on the proposition. A committee man from New Jersey found a man from his own district on an irrigation farm and this former constituent showed that he has made a clear profit of \$40,000 in 10 years as an irrigationist. A committee man from Iowa also found men from his state who are out in the west on those projects.

"When I left the committee in Montana, the easterners were even more enthusiastic over irrigation than any westerner I found. They talked of the 'arid west' until I showed them fields of alfalfa and when they returned home their viewpoint had entirely changed. They now know that irrigation is not merely a scheme to get appropriation from the government, but that it means the development of the west.

"If this idea could be carried out—educating members of congress—reclamation would make faster progress than it can by resolutions and memorials. If the irrigation congresses instead of holding meetings would raise a fund to bring a large number of congressmen to see what irrigation is doing, it would be money well spent.

The trouble with the mid-western and eastern member of congress is that they cannot grasp the possibilities of irrigation, but if given an opportunity to see with their own eyes what has been accomplished by projects, they will receive a liberal education within a few days. It would not be necessary to take them all over the west—they could go into Idaho or the Yakima district. Every man who would make such a trip, and it should be a pleasure trip, would be a booster for reclamation."

HEPPNER MAN WEDS IN IRELAND

Word has just reached Heppner that John McHugh, well known young ranchman of this county, was married at Cloone, County Leitrim, Ireland, on July 25th. Mr. McHugh sold a valuable alfalfa ranch at Boardman last winter to Alex Wilson, of that place, and left on afterward to visit friends at New York and in Ireland. He will return to Morrow county shortly, accompanied by his bride to make their future home.

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL MEET THURSDAY EVENING

President Shomon has announced that a meeting of the commercial club will be held in the council chamber Thursday evening, August 19th. Several matters of importance will receive attention at this meeting and a full attendance of the membership is desired.

SELLS POLO PONIES FOR NEW YORK MARKET

B. F. Swaggart, veteran breeder of fine stock in the Lexington country, has just sold a number of polo ponies to a New York dealer who specializes in that class of stock and whose patrons are numbered among Gotham's most exclusive set of millionaire sportsmen.

Mr. Swaggart also sold two ears of mules and horses which netted him some \$4000.

POPULAR COUPLE WED

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox last Tuesday evening when their daughter, Miss Vivian Cox became the bride of Mr. William Y. Ball, Rev. Livingstone, of the Christian church performed the ceremony which was witnessed only by the immediate relatives of the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball left the same evening for Lehman Springs where they will spend a couple of weeks before returning to Heppner. Many friends of the popular couple will join in congratulations and best wishes.

VALUE OF ADVERTISING FARM PRODUCTS URGED

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, August 17.—That a field of farm advertising worth \$150,000 annually could be opened up in Oregon with even more profit to farmers than publishers, was told by C. J. McIntosh, agricultural press editor at O. A. C., to the State Editorial association.

"The average farm yields annually at least \$200 worth of produce that could be marketed more profitably through advertisements in the community press than in any other way," he said. "This would be \$1,000,000 worth of this class produce for the near 50,000 farms of the state.

"Big business allows not less than 3 per cent of gross sales for advertising, and this basis would call for the use of \$30,000 for local advertising. The grower of the produce, the consumer, and the press, would benefit from this practice. No legitimate business would suffer."

The speaker said that the college had already taken this cause up with farmers' organizations and individual farmers, and that the farmers were ready to give the plan a trial to a much greater extent than before.

"A number of editors have already built up a big advertising trade with their farm patrons," Mr. McIntosh declared, "and united cooperation in extending the practice promises splendid results."

The college is considering the advisability of issuing a bulletin on the advantages and methods of farm advertising.

JOHN DAY PROJECT (Oregon Voter)

Heppner Herald very justly calls Portland to account for lack of constructive interest in promoting the John Day irrigation project. There is no one project in Oregon that has so many potentialities for vast development as has this one—yet Portland has not been alive to its possibilities. Portland's Chamber of Commerce is loaded with duties and problems. Yet we doubt whether any one of its activities could mean more for Portland in the way of business than to promote the John Day project to a successful culmination. The task is not an easy one, nor one for which a quick showing can be made, but Portland should get the facts and never quit exploiting them until finally the money is found for the big development. There is no need to let up effort in behalf of other reclamation in Oregon. Rather, let's follow the aggressive examples of California, Montana, Idaho and Washington, and exploit all of our irrigation opportunities. Those states have obtained many millions more than Oregon for numerous vast undertakings in each state, while Oregon has been the contributor from its land office fees. If the Portland Chamber cannot take the matter up aggressively, the state chamber should do so.

A. B. Bowkern who has held the Firestone tire agency and other automobile parts and accessories for several years, has sold his interests to the Cohn Auto Co., and will probably locate elsewhere.

FARMERS MUST RECEIVE ADEQUATE PRICES.

By E. T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture

In spite of generally unsettled conditions, unprecedented difficulty in securing labor and transportation facilities, high cost of materials, and uncertainty as to future prices for farm products, the farmer of the United States have proceeded in good faith this year to raise a crop better than the average. They are repeating, under the difficulties of readjustment, the assurance, given by their magnificent achievement during the war, that they are not to be daunted nor deterred by adverse conditions from contributing their full share to the welfare of the whole country. Looking upon the record of American farmers during these two periods of extreme stress and strain the one following the other so closely that there was no chance for relaxation, I have absolute confidence that the future efforts of American farmers will fall nothing short of their full duty to society.

Specifically, there is a prospect of a wheat crop exceeding prewar average about one hundred million bushels, a corn crop of two and three-quarter billion bushels, or one hundred and fifty million more than prewar average; barley in excess and rye more than prewar average; potatoes exceeding five-year average; record breaking rice and tobacco crops; hay and flaxseed exceeding five-year average; cotton, grain sorghums, and apples better than last year, and record sugar beet and sorghum syrup crops.

The cost per unit of producing these crops unquestionably was considerably greater than for any previous crop in the last half century, and business men, as well as all other elements of population, must realize that, if the record made by the farmers during the war and the period of readjustment is to be maintained and the food requirements of the Nation met, producers must receive adequate prices for their products—prices which will enable them to continue to produce, to secure a reasonable return for their efforts, and to maintain a satisfactory standard of living for themselves and for their families.

BIG POTATO CROP IN OREGON THIS YEAR

ESTIMATE FOR STATE IS SIX MILLION BUSHELS

Production Throughout United States Will Be Fair Ahead of 1919; Largest Gains in West.

With the hot weather, potato digging has been checked and the higher supplies make for a temporarily firmer market. Dealers are paying 2 1/2 @ 3 cents to growers and the best stock is held on the jobbing market at 3 1/2 cents.

There will be a big potato crop in Oregon this year. The weather has been very favorable, particularly last month. Federal experts put the condition at 100 per cent, which promises an average yield of 140 bushels to the acre in the state. The Oregon crop is officially estimated at about 6,000,000 bushels, as against a yield of 4,230,000 bushels last year. The potato area in the state is figured at 43,000 acres.

The United States potato crop is estimated by the government at 402,134,000 bushels, compared with 387,586,000 bushels as forecasted a month ago and 357,901,000 bushels, the total production of last year.

The gains over last year's crop are chiefly in the west, some of the eastern states showing moderate decreases. The potato outlook continues generally favorable in the east. Reports from Maine sections are good and some localities seem likely to exceed last year's yield. Crop conditions have improved in the San Luis valley section, Colorado, and the potato output is expected to equal that of last season, or probably 2700 cars for the valley. Various producers in Clinton county, New York, report the condition of the crop better than a year ago. Shipments from southern New Jersey, according to several growers and dealers in that section, may exceed those of last year by a third. Central New Jersey Irish colonies are showing good yields, probably slightly above the average. The crop is being marketed rapidly in an effort to dispose of a large part of it before the crop from the more northern sections reaches the market. Month-month county is reckoned considerably above normal for early varieties and about normal for later varieties.

Markets in the east are generally steady, in the middle west prices show little change. Minnesota stock being quoted at \$2.40 @ 2.10, cars f. o. b. Idaho shipping points quote Burbank at \$2.10 in wagon loads.

The hot wave was broken yesterday afternoon by a sand storm which swept this section of eastern Oregon to a fair year well. Harvest crews had to quit work on account of the high wind and clouds of dust which filled the air for a couple of hours.

MILLINER RETURNS FROM PORTLAND

Mrs. L. G. Herren has returned from Portland where she spent ten days or so selecting her fall stock of millinery.

While in the city, Mrs. Herren also took advantage of the opportunity of completing a course in the Gossard Training School of Corsetry. Mrs. Herren now holds a diploma showing that she has expert knowledge in corset fitting and latest styles. Mrs. Herren also took a special course in medical fittings which enables her to give competent attention to and special corseting a physician may prescribe.

MUST UNLOAD CARS SPEEDELY

Local shippers were advised today of a penalty charge of ten dollars a day which has been authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the detention more than 48 hours of all open top cars and cars loaded with lumber, coal or coke. This new charge is in addition to the regular demurrage rate, and is designed to prevent undue detention of equipment in the present emergency.

The penalty charge will apply on forest materials to which the lumber rates themselves apply, but except cars held at ports for transshipment by vessels.

Reconsigning rules on all freight in open-top cars and coal and coke in all cars are amended to permit of but one reconsignment under certain conditions and exceptions, outside of which any re-consignment, diversion or re-shipment will subject the freight to the local rates plus five dollars per car.

DISCOVERS ICE CAVE NEAR HARDMAN

County Agent L. A. Hunt reported to the Herald Monday morning that he had discovered an ice cave on Rock creek, about three miles from Hardman while enjoying a Sunday outing with his family. Oscar Keithley and family were also in the party.

At the second wagon bridge crossing Rock creek on the Parkers Mill road Mr. Hunt said, the party stopped to get a drink from a spring near the roadside and while remarking on the extremely low temperature of the water Mr. Hunt noticed a cold draft of air on his face, and shortly discovered that the cool current came from a crevice in the formation. Their curiosity aroused the two men soon removed the loose rock and debris from the crevice and within two feet they discovered frost on the rock and at three feet they were able to break loose enough ice to fill a bucket. Mr. Hunt thinks there may be an extensive cavern a little farther back in the hill which may rival the famous ice caves of Klamath county and the Bend country.

It is probable steps will be taken to open the ice deposit up to determine something of its extent.

COMMERCIAL CLUB SEEKING CLUB INSTRUCTOR

P. E. Bushnell, who was here a couple of weeks ago looking over the field with a view to taking the position of instructor and leader of the City Band, has notified the secretary of the commercial club that he has accepted another proposition and will be unable to come to Heppner. It is understood that steps will be taken at the meeting of the club next Thursday evening to secure a some competent instructor for the position. The commercial club has been backing the band boys for the past nine months with an appropriation of \$100 a month to assist in paying an instructor and the club is anxious to have the good work continued.

James Sperry, a former resident and business man of Heppner, now residing in the Willamette valley, is here visiting his brother, Geo Sperry and other friends. Mr. Sperry operated the Heppner Flouring mills many years ago and was numbered among the pioneer citizens of the community.

other European country owned one foot of ground necessary to the construction of this great work. There is no reason why we should not utilize it to its utmost extent for the benefit of our own people, giving to all foreign countries equal privileges in its use at uniform rates."

SLOW MONEY MARKET AFFECTS ROAD FUND

CHAPMAN GIVES INTERESTING STATISTICS

Present Status of Willow Creek Section Oregon-Washington Highway Shown

C. C. Chapman, who is some goer when it comes to statistics, gives the following explanation of the present unfavorable financial condition as it affects the work of the State Highway commission, in the latest issue of his Oregon Voter:

An erroneous impression has been created that the State Highway Commission has committed itself to more projects than can be financed from its annual revenues augmented by proceeds of bond issues already authorized. The facts are that of the balance of authorized bond issues were marketed, the proceeds would far more than complete the projects to which the Commission has committed itself.

There is a financial problem, however, due to the condition of the money market. The state highway bonds are selling at a heavy discount. The question is, whether to refrain from selling more bonds, thus delaying completion of highways under construction, or to sell the bonds at a discount and proceed rapidly with construction and completion.

From the standpoint of the motor vehicle owners whose license fees are financing the entire state highway program, the question is whether we need the roads more than we need the money. We are paying the money. We are paying the money in anyway. Is it better to get less for the money but get the roads sooner, or to wait in the hope of getting more for the money and meanwhile be denied the completion of the roads?

That the problem in all its details may present itself to all the counties of Oregon, we publish in this number of The Voter the complete financial statistics, exactly as they are before the Commission. These statistics cover every county and every contract or project in every county. By a study of the tables, the people of each county can see exactly where their projects stand in relation to the whole situation.

Heppner people who are vitally interested in the early completion of the Heppner-Gilliam-County-line unit of the Oregon-Washington highway will be interested in the following excerpt from the table prepared by Mr. Chapman, and above referred to showing the present status of the finances and construction of that highway:

Estimated total cost of grading and macadam 35 miles from Heppner to Gilliam county line, \$175,000.
Expended to date, \$55,193.91.
Estimated cost to complete \$119,-806.09.
Already expended by state, \$16,-266.22; already expended by county, \$38,826.79. Cost to state to complete, \$20,342.13; cost to county to complete \$99,464.86. Total amount state share, \$26,798.35; total amount county share, \$128,291.65. Engineering expenses (including in previous columns) \$14,002.44.

MRS. NEWLON VISITS HEPPNER

Mrs. W. D. Newlon, who with her husband formerly operated the Artisan Well ranch, north of Lexington, was a business visitor here last Wednesday having arrived in Morrow county a few days previously from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Newlon are in the oil business in the Lathrop field, near Kemmerer, Wyoming, where Mr. Newlon is now engaged striking a well. The hole is now down some 1500 feet and Mrs. Newlon expects they will bring in a gusher by the middle of next month.

John Nash, of Cecil, is in town today on business. Mr. Nash has a good alfalfa ranch near Cecil located below where a lot of his springs feed Willow creek and for that reason has water for irrigation the year around. The hay crop is good in his section but the farmers are in some doubt whether the price will be high enough to pay expenses.
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