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THE JOHN DAY PROJECT.

THE ELECTION of two new directors of the John Day irrigation district at the election held last Tuesday is a matter of more than ordinary interest to everybody in Morrow county.

The citizens most directly interested are, of course, the land-owners in the district who have to bear the burden of all expenses incident to the preliminary work necessary to get the affairs of the district in shape to be properly presented to federal officials with a view to securing government co-operation in developing the project, and who will also directly share in the ultimate profits if the project is brought to a successful conclusion.

All other citizens of the county are, of course, indirectly interested in the success or failure of the project, because of the general material development of the county which is bound to result from the reclamation of such an immense acreage of fertile soil now practically worthless except as winter pasturage.

The land owners who took part in the recent election evidently wanted a change in the directorate and management of the district, which was their unquestioned right, and in that phase of the situation the Herald has no interest. They are the people who have to pay the tax assessment which has been levied by the board of directors to meet the expenses above referred to, and all will agree that any increase in taxation at this time of general depression, shortage of money and lack of markets for Morrow county products, is a bitter pill for any of us, and one that we would all gladly sidestep if we could.

The Herald has no information as to what will be the policy of the new directors in carrying on the work of the district. Both are men of high standing in their communities, successful business men and progressive citizens, and this newspaper believes that it voices the general sentiment of the people of both counties in believing that their policy will be constructive, wise and progressive.

The reclamation of this gigantic project and the settlement and cultivation of its boundless acreage will add many times the present wealth to both Morrow and Gilliam counties in production and modern living, and will make possible thousands of happy homes where now sand, silence, and jack rabbits reign supreme.

The present board of directors no doubt performed the duties delegated to them in such manner as they believed to be for the best interests of the district, and it is no doubt true that the present period of readjustment and the resultant depression has been the chief cause for whatever dissatisfaction that may exist, and it is to be hoped that under the new management a way will be found to continue the work of development in such a way as will cause the least possible burden on anybody, and with the ultimate result of the greatest advantage to the land-owners directly concerned, as well as to the general welfare of the county and state.

PROTECT THE SHADE TREES.

COMPLAINT comes from several residents of Heppner that the tree pest known as "fireblight" is spreading from the fruit trees and attacking the shade trees in almost all sections of the city. The disease makes its attack at the tip of the branches and travels downward. It is easily discovered during the growing season, because of the fact that as soon as the branch is attacked the leaves die and turn brown.

W. O. Minor, who is considered something of an authority on plant and tree lore, when interviewed by the Herald, said that the disease is the same as that known among orchardists as "pear blight." It first appeared in the pear orchards of western and southern Oregon some ten or fifteen years ago, at first attacking only pear trees. Later it commenced making inroads on apple orchards, and now in Heppner it seems to be attacking the shade trees. The only known remedy so far discovered, Mr. Minor said, is to cut out the diseased branches, being careful to cut well below the diseased section of the branch. After every cut, expert orchardists tell us, the knife or pruning shears should be dipped in a disinfectant, because if a cut is made in a diseased branch and immediately after in sound wood the disease will be vaccinated into the sound branch.

Heppner's beautiful shade trees are one of the city's greatest attractions during the summer months, and they should be jealously guarded.

Either the city or county officials, or both, should take some action to guard the fruit and shade trees of the county and towns from this pest. It is understood the civic club is interested in this matter, and it is to be hoped the ladies will take the initiative in arousing public sentiment to the importance of protecting our trees from this menace.

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THE BENNETT JEREMIAH.

CECIL, Ore., Jan. 15.—To the Editor: I read Addison Bennett's "writeup" in the Sunday Oregonian of January 9th, and also your editorial in the Herald of January 11th, and I cannot resist the temptation of writing a few words on the subject. With all due respect to Mr. Bennett, I think he must have been troubled with jeremiaids while writing his article on Morrow county. We thank him, at least, for the statement: "Fate has decreed that the communities generally must join the pauper class . . . were they not about the gamest lot on earth," etc. A neat his rather belittling expression, that "some hay is cut on the Willow creek bottom," I can say on the best authority that, on an average, 3,500 tons of alfalfa are annually grown on the Hynd Bros., Hendriksen and Minor & Krebs ranches right here at Cecil, and that more than 2,800 head of beef cattle were fed out here on a part of Mr. Bennett's "some hay" last winter, and sent to the Portland markets. Between 25,000 and 30,000 head of sheep are also wintered here yearly on a portion of this hay crop that Mr. Bennett seems to consider to insignificant. Our Cecil

warehouse is filled to its fullest capacity with all grades of wheat grown in the Cecil neighborhood, besides many thousands of bushels that were sold and shipped out last summer before the price dropped to less than cost of production and the warehouseful is only awaiting the turn of the tide in the wheat market.

Mr. Bennett would please readers of the Oregonian in this vicinity better if, in his writings about Morrow county, he would adhere to the "good" old rule of rendering honor where honor is due.

JENNY LOWE.

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H. B. Grondahl, of Portland, came out Monday and has been granted a teachers' permit, and will take charge of the school at Morgan.

Income Tax Men Here Feb. 7-10.
Announcement is made by Collector Milton A. Miller that H. O. Payne and M. E. Gaffney, deputy collectors of internal revenue, will be in Heppner February 7 to 10 inclusive, and at Ione February 11 and 12, for the purpose of assisting the people of this district in making and filing their income tax returns for the year 1920.

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