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SCIENCE OF YEARS IS JOHN DAY'S HERITAGE

(Pendleton East Oregonian.)
What will the John Day produce every year?

How many people will it support?
How much wealth will it add to the three counties in which it is located?

These are big questions and if the answers are of any value they must be something more than a mere estimate or a fanciful display for advertising purposes. Such questions have been asked and answered so much in the west during recent years that the fellow who foots the bill nowadays usually takes them at the wholesalers discount of 50-25-5, and then subject to approval after shipment. Five years ago at Hermiston when the congressional appropriation committee visited the Umatilla project, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, in a speech said that a good pioneer settler was endowed in addition to his usual five senses, with a sense of prophecy. This was fine, and it is true, but a good deal depends on what is meant by the sense of prophecy. Many settlers have been lured in a new Eldorado by beautiful pictures sketched on hazy canvases and their conclusions have no relation to the logic of events. If all were true that has been told about the wonders of western lands and if farming were like the average city bred fellow thinks it is, Congressman Mondell's statement would have little value.

His sense of prophecy is, however, but the cool logic of events practically carried out. It is no Arcady or dream world. It is the heritage of the average citizen who measures what may be done by what has been done, and, then adds the spirit of hope and enduring purpose. This sense of prophecy when applied to the John Day project can read the future only by a scientific consideration of present facts and conditions and what has been accomplished in like situations in the past. We have shown that irrigation is now a science, or a system of well organized facts, in the Umatilla-John Day basin. Soil tests the duty of water, methods of irrigating, kinds of crops, climatic conditions and marketing are all understood and we know how to apply these facts to the John Day area with but little risk as there is no condition on the John Day that has its counterpart in the varied lands already developed throughout the district.

Five Acres to the Person.

Annual statistics taken by the reclamation service at Hermiston for several years shows that the full crop development of five acres and the addition of one person to the population keep pace together. The same is true at Stanfield, Irigon and Boardman. These figures include the towns. The towns in all these instances have no other resources than the surrounding irrigated lands. Wherever there is a five acre tract of full grown alfalfa, or garden or orchard there is one person. The John Day, therefore, with its 300,000 acres will support, and will require to handle its resources, 60,000 persons in its towns and on its farms.

Another line of government statistics show two and one-half persons to each irrigated farm. The farm unit usually laid out is 20 to 40 acres. This would make over 10,000 farms or over 25,000 people on the land alone.

How much would be the annual agricultural output? Alfalfa is producing 6 tons per acre. Some tracts produce more, but on an average the returns will not exceed this amount at least for many years. Multiplying 200,000 acres by 6 and then by the price of hay runs into dizzying figures in Oregon. If hay is worth \$10 in the stack it is \$18,000,000; if \$20 is the price, it is \$36,000,000; if \$20 is the price it is \$72,000,000. This could be built with one year's crop and leave a winter's supply of food for 60,000 people. Yakima, last year, produced nearly \$50,000,000 worth of crops and the John Day with the same prices can be made to do the same. The substitution of fruits, grains, vegetables, hops, pasture and livestock will reduce the acreage output very little, if any. This is more than the present annual output of the lumber of Oregon; more than the wheat of the entire state; and more than the livestock and hay combined. It would be greater than the present fish, fruit and mining output combined. And if the reader will add to it the 100,000 acres now under projects, not one-fourth developed yet, he will be convinced that we are still in our swaddling clothes, though lusty young babes.

Increased Wealth.

Fifteen years ago the Umatilla project was assessed at about \$30,000. Its assessed valuation is now about \$3,000,000. When all the land is in cultivation the actual wealth, including towns, livestock and chattels will exceed \$6,000,000. The John Day project is fifteen times as large as the East Side Umatilla project, and on the same basis of figures its wealth will nearly reach the round numbers \$100,000,000. This is twice the present wealth of Umatilla county and

one-tenth the wealth of the state of Oregon.

These figures are large. They may seem exaggerated as you who have passed up irrigation as a plaything of promoters or a pet child of the government. They may seem large to you who have been asleep to the great irrigation development under way in the country. They are not large in comparison with irrigation statistics. Government projects alone, in 1918, produced more crops than the combined output of New Hampshire and Vermont. The average yield per acre was \$39 on government projects while the average yield per acre throughout the United States was but \$19 per acre. If you do not believe these figures refer to government statistics in the agricultural and interior departments.

Uniting All Districts.

The building of the John Day and including the McKay and Teel projects would unite all the irrigable lands from Echo to Arlington in a strip 15 to 20 miles wide along the Columbia. Its total would be about 400,000 acres. The development of this vast waste means much to the estate of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties. It is written on the wall that this work will be accomplished, but much effort will be required by public spirited and enterprising citizens to put it across. It should not be left to luck or inexperienced leaders but the great public of Oregon should take a hand. If the John Day and McKay creek projects were opened for settlement their wealth and population in another decade would exceed sums total of the present wealth, productivity and population of Umatilla, Morrow and Gilliam counties. In three years the Boardman project was nearly all developed, besides, many times the number of farms would be under cultivation at Boardman if the water had been available. Investments in these lands are as safe as in wheat lands or older communities. Fifteen years' experience in reclamation work in these districts has left a scientific heritage to all those who are to follow, and it requires no sense of prophecy to foretell the great future of this awakening young desert empire.

John Wildanen Sells Ranch

E. M. Shurt and R. M. Oviatt this week closed a deal where John Wildanen has sold his lower ranch, known as the Carrin or Toole land, consisting of 1471 acres, to Henry Smouse, for a consideration of \$58,840. The purchase price includes the 470-acre crop of wheat and the section of summerfallow on the place. Mr. Smouse will take charge of the place in time to do his harvesting. He has been renting the M. R. Morgan farm south of Ione the past twelve years, which farm has recently been sold to a Pendleton party. His new home when properly brought back to its normal production will be one of the finest near-in ranches in the county. Mr. Wildanen will now devote his entire time to his upper Eight Mile farm, the old Vaughn place.

LEXINGTON PASTOR RE-ELECTED ANOTHER YEAR

Lexington, Ore., June 28.—The Church of Christ of Lexington was well represented at the East Oregon convention at Pendleton. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reaney, Herman Hill, Miss Opal Leach and Mrs. W. C. Worstell. Rev. Worstell of this city delivered the opening sermon at the convention. His subject was "Some of the Enemies of the Home, Church and Nation."

The newly elected board of the Church of Christ held their first meeting at the parsonage Friday evening, with 14 members of the board present. W. O. Hill was elected chairman and Miss Dona Barnett secretary. Many plans for the coming year were acted upon, a building plan was launched and a committee was appointed to submit plans at once.

The official board has presented to the church congregation a recommendation of calling Mr. and Mrs. Worstell the coming year. The congregation unanimously voted to extend the call and a committee of three, James Pointer, Cecil Warner and Roy Tyler, was appointed to extend the call, giving the pastor until September 1 to accept. Mr. Worstell's year does not expire until Nov. 1, 1920. This action speaks well for his work.

Mrs. B. F. Duvall of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived Saturday to spend the summer with her sons, Harry and Crockett. She was accompanied by her six year old grandson, Winford Duvall, who will make his home with Harry Duvall.

The children's day exercises at the Church of Christ given Sunday evening, were well attended and a good offering received.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Worstell have been chosen as delegates from the local church to the state convention at Church and they will leave next Monday by auto.

Preaching services both morning and evening every Sunday at the Church of Christ.

FOR SALE—Roll top office desk. See Gay Anderson at Court House.

— AND THIS IS NO JOKE !!



FARMERS GET POINTERS AT GRADING SCHOOL

Professor G. R. Hyslop of O. A. C. Conducts Interesting Classes For Agriculturalists in This City—Farmers Making Tour of Wheat Fields.

A number of Morrow county farmers were school boys the first of the week and attended the grain grading classes conducted in this city on Monday and Tuesday by Professor G. R. Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College. The classes were conducted in the exhibit building at the fair grounds, where Professor Hyslop had ample room for his demonstration work.

Wheat varieties and methods of grain grading were explained by Professor Hyslop.

On Wednesday morning, a number of the farmers, accompanied by County Agent L. A. Hunt and Professor Hyslop left in automobiles for an inspection tour of the grain fields of Gilliam and Sherman counties as well as some of the fields in the west end of Morrow county, where they expect to go as far as Moro, when they will spend several hours with Mr. Stephens in going over the Moro experiment station. Among the problems which the farmers will consider on this trip are: "How Deep to Plow?" "What Seed to Grow?" "Does Harrowing pay? If so, when?" "How Best to Handle Summerfallow." "Tractor Farming." "Should We Use the Sub-Surface Packer?"

Among those making the tour are Professor Hyslop, County Agent Hunt, Oscar Keithley, Burton H. Peck and Dwight Misner.

Stanfield Says Wool Grower Must Get 60c to Break Even

(Portland Oregonian, June 29.)
"The wool market is decidedly sluggish," said Robert N. Stanfield, the foremost individual wool grower of America, who arrived in town yesterday from Eastern Oregon and Idaho. "Much of the late crop has not been sold, largely on account of the lack of transportation. Wool which was sent to Boston in March has not yet arrived at its destination, and wool orders sold on sample have been cancelled because of the non-arrival of the wool. It has cost the producer so much in the past two years that he could not get out even with less than sixty cents a pound. This has been due to increased costs for everything, from the herders to the feeding. This last winter was so long that it necessitated double feeding, and the feed has been high."

WILL GIVE TOURISTS STRAIGHT ROAD DOPE

Heppner Commercial Club Will Go Fifty-Fifty With Hermiston Club In Getting Unbiased Opinion on East and West Roads Across Morrow and Umatilla.

Suppose you, gentle reader, were a tourist from a far land and had arrived at the John Day on your way to Pendleton. Through published reports emanating from Hermiston you were invited to take the left hand road from McDonald's Ferry, the lower sand country through by Hermiston to Pendleton. And as you met the griefs attending such a highway, you very likely would not have a high regard for somebody's opinion on what constituted a good road. Through this "bum steer" you overlooked the best road to Pendleton. Had you but known, you very easily could have taken the road to the right, which is indeed the right road. This would have taken you by the way of Olex up through Eight Mile to Heppner and on to Pendleton.

Therefore in order to get a wide-spread publicity as to real road conditions, the Heppner Commercial Club has made the following proposition to the Hermiston Commercial Club, which, if put in effect, will give the public the benefit of an unbiased opinion.

Heppner, Oregon, June 23, 1920.
To the Automobile Editor, Oregonian:

The attention of the Heppner Commercial Club has been called to a letter published in the automobile section of the Oregonian of June 20th from the Hermiston Commercial Club in which the writer, Mr. F. V. Prime, takes issue with a letter written by Mr. D. T. Goodman, of this city, and published in your issue of June 13th, wherein he recommended taking the right hand turn after crossing McDonald's Ferry, when traveling eastward thence through Olex, Eight Mile, Heppner, Pilot Rock and Pendleton.

In Mr. Prime's letter this route was erroneously referred to as "the Old Oregon Trail" which passes through the sand country some ten or fifteen miles north of the route outlined by Mr. Goodman.

The people of Heppner are no more desirous of deceiving motorists than are the people of Hermiston and in writing this letter the Heppner Commercial Club is actuated only by a desire to see that tourists and other travelers who come through this section of the country follow the best and most practical route.

In order that the traveling public may have an authoritative source of information by which to be guided in choosing a route through this section of the route, the Heppner Com-

Little Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy Injured

Marie, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Healy received a fracture of the skull when she was struck by a horse. She was brought to Heppner for surgical attention and is reported to be improving satisfactorily.

C. E. Woodson May Also Be Democratic Choice

Should C. E. Woodson, republican nominee for state representative from this district, be lucky at drawing, he may also be the nominee of the democratic party. He has been notified by Secretary of State Sam Kozier to appear in Salem in the near future to draw lots with J. R. Raley and J. N. Scott of Umatilla county. All three men received the same number of votes in the recent primaries, their names having been written in on the ballot.

Brother of Local Woman Dies at Eastern Home

Mrs. Frank C. Evans, who resides six miles below Heppner, received word last week that her brother, Hubert Hammond had died at his home in Olean, Allegany county, New York. His death came as a severe shock as he had been in apparent perfect health up to the time of his sudden passing away.

Joseph Conner Called.

Joseph Conner, a Civil war veteran and native of Iowa, aged 74 years, passed away at the Moore hospital in this city early Monday morning following an operation. He had not been in good health for several months. Mr. Conner, while little is known of his early life, spent several years in California. He was a member of Doric Lodge No. 20, Knights of Pythias, and this lodge conducted the services at the grave in Masonic cemetery. The funeral was conducted from the First Christian church on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. W. O. Livingstone delivering the sermon. The deceased was a half brother of George W. Dykstra of this city.

Boardman Test Proves Value of Sulphur

A. W. Cobb, Farm Bureau Alfalfa committeeman at Boardman has just finished checking up on the alfalfa plots on his place and finds that on the untreated area he received a yield by actual weight of 4,023 pounds of hay per acre, on the plots that were treated with sulphur he received a yield of 5,300 pounds of hay per acre. This is a net increase of 1,272 pounds. This increase will mean at \$20 per ton an increase of \$12.72 on the one cutting for an application of about \$2.00 worth of sulphur. If we can get yields like this over the county from our sulphur plots it will be well worth while. Every farmer should watch closely what his plot is doing.

We will close after 10 o'clock A. M. both on Saturday, July 3 and Sunday, July 4th.

HEPPNER GARAGE.
HILL & JOHNS.
McROBERTS-CORN AUTO CO.

Don't fail to see "The Great Air Robbery" at the Star theater this evening.

It is said to be a most thrilling picture.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday, July 4, 1920.

The morning service begins at 10 a. m. and consists of a graded Bible school with competent instructors; here will be found a place for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest. Following this is the Communion service and preaching at 11 o'clock. The theme for the morning sermon will be, "The Higher Patriotism."

The evening service will consist of the Christian Endeavor service at 7 o'clock and preaching at 8 o'clock. The theme of the evening sermon will be, "Is Godliness Profitable?"

A cordial invitation will be accorded everyone at all the public services.

The Christian Women's Board of Missions will meet at the home of Mrs. E. R. Hubston on July 6 at 2 p. m. and all members of that organization are requested to be in attendance.

W. O. LIVINGSTONE, Minister.

MOUNTAINS CALL MANY ON NATION'S BIRTHDAY

Ritter, Parkers Mill and Lexington Will Draw Crowds—Heppner and Ritter Will Join in Program—Ball Games at Parkers and Many Sports Feature Lexington's Entertainment.

With this uncomfortable weather prevailing, the mountains will prove an attractive place for many Heppner people on the third, fourth and fifth of July. The stores of the city will all be closed on Saturday and the following Monday, being a legal holiday, will find the banks and many of the offices closed. This will give businessmen, clerks and other employees an outing that would not be gained otherwise.

Under the stirring leadership of the local commercial club, a lot of people have signified their intention of attending the Ritter celebration.

Ritter is making preparations for our entertainment, and for fear that when they have will not prove sufficient, they have asked Heppner to furnish a part of the program. S. E. Notson, chairman of the local committee has this in charge and it is safe to say that Heppner's part of the program will be up to standard.

At Parkers Mill where a large number of celebrators always go, nothing is being left undone for the amusement and entertainment of guests.

Excellent camping grounds are provided. Base ball games all three days will be a feature of this year's celebration.

The refreshing shade of upper Willow creek will be the scene of more than one picnic party and a number of persons who do not feel like making the long trip from home will go up to the local camping grounds for the day.

At Lexington there will be horse racing, a bucking contest, foot races and tug of war.

Substantial cash prizes are being offered in all events. In the pony races a first prize will be \$12.50 and a second of \$7.50 will be given. The winners in the saddle horse race will get \$15 and \$10 and the first prize in the free for all is \$20 while the second draws \$12.50.

"Girle-Girle" Musical Comedy Hit in Pictures

"Oh, Boy!" which Manager Sigbee has booked for exhibition at the Star theater on Saturday is said to represent the only really successful attempt ever made to translate to the screen the complete story of a modern up-to-date "girle-girle" musical comedy hit. For from start to finish, "Oh, Boy!" is just one succession of laughter-provoking, ludicrous, farcical situations, yet maintaining the romantic story of the original musical comedy production.

The film version of "Oh, Boy!" is the stage version pictured, the only variations made being those which were absolutely necessary and incident to the translation from stage to screen. All of the wit, humor and farce-comedy of the regular production has been retained in the film presentation, augmented by the fact that whereas the stage play was confined to two scenes only, the broader scope of the cinematograph has permitted a wealth of magnificent settings.

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Loop!—through the cloud lanes on the trail of the men who robbed the U. S. Air Mail.

The most astounding drama since the discovery of motion pictures and airplanes. There's only one thrill in it—and that one lasts from start to finish!

Staged in the Clouds

A Thriller in which the Skies the Limit—Universal Jewel

Star Theater, TONIGHT

Thursday, July 1st