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Greater Umatilla Project Will Soon Be Realized

To build the McKay Creek reservoir is to rebuild the west end of Umatilla county.

We think we have made great strides during the last decade and we have. But, to mix the figures, we haven't yet stepped on the accelerator in comparison to the speed we may take during the next ten years if the dam is constructed in 1921 and 1922.

The hand writing on the wall can be so well interpreted to mean that work will soon be ordered that only a sluggard will not cast his eyes about for some opportunity in the new development that will knock at his door on the definite determination of the enterprise. The expenditure of \$2,000,000 near Pendleton will be a big temporary source of revenue for that city and the lake nearby will furnish pleasure for the citizens of that community and be a monument to the great achievement of this great county. But the beginning of the redemption of the thirty plains from these stored waters will work an epoch in our county's history, the fulfillment of which no man can safely describe.

It means the complete development of approximately 100,000 acres. It means the solidifying of all the lands under the Umatilla river water shed in the West end into one compact irrigated body.

At present the irrigated portions are scattered. Many districts have insufficient water and a large part

no water at all. Failure has laid its heavy hand on some enterprises that will be reawakened to success and the long wait be broken. From an airplane we could see a narrow line up Butter Creek; a broad stubby valley on the Meadows; a narrow vale above Stanfield and an irregular broken circle of green about Hermiston. The far larger part of the view would still be in the sage gray. The building of McKay Creek reservoir will present a vastly different view to the aeronaut ten years hence when the only gray to touch the edges of a solid plain of green will be beyond the Cold Springs reservoir on the east or the Morrow county line on the southwest.

But merely writing along a dry and dusty line of facts, the McKay Creek reservoir will supply the present shortage of water for approximately 45,000 acres. The Stanfield project will be given additional water for 11,000 acres; the Western Land & Irrigation Company lands will be provided for sufficient supply for 15,000 acres that at present has no supply. In addition the return flow which has been estimated as large will supply perhaps 10,000 acres more under the West Extension. These figures are not exact but will not vary far from the acres when the greater Umatilla is completed.

The soil of all these acres is very best sandy loam adapted particularly to alfalfa or diversified farming. None of the land is more than 5 miles from railroad facilities and the Columbia Highway, already built runs through the length of the district east and west and through the center north and south. Part of the land is yet public and will supply home steads. There are no large holdings except about 2000 acres under one title in the Western Land & Irrigation Company district. The towns of Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston, Umatilla Irrigation and Boardman will be benefited by the new irrigation development. Hermiston being now the center can claim probably half the new area as a resource of the city.

With the new return to irrigated lands throughout the country the entire district should be settled within one or two years after it is supplied with the required storage water. This new development in Umatilla county has been brought about by the combined effort of the west end towns and Pendleton organized under what was called the Umatilla River Irrigation League. Beginning three years ago the work was vigorously pursued and diligently guarded until the day of realization near at hand. The U. S. Reclamation Service has its local and other officials given the kindest consideration to all proposals and have worked out the most feasible plans. The people will be greatly indebted to the Service for the spirit shown and also to our representatives in Congress for this wonderful achievement.

CHRISTMAS-TIDE

The Christmas-tide, the tide of merriment and feast, and love, and peace—most gracious tide, All hail; I greet and yearn to honor thee! Now let the table groan 'neath viands rich! The smoking turkey with the truffle stuffed, The shirlin roast, all fragrant with the fumes Of omezone; fish, flesh and fowl, and dainties From all climes, full-ranged in rank profusion, To tempt the timid appetite and fill The forward one . . . Bar out dull Care, and let the vixen wait. Nor rob you, as she's apt to, of your dinner. And shout your mirth, but do not let the screeds O'erquell the little voice that stands demure Outside your heart and gently tapping pleads: "A sop to soothe the shiverings of the poor!" —Joseph Whitton, in Table Talk.

CHRISTMAS MOTHER GOOSE

What are little boys made of, made of? Engines and drums— And fat sugar plums— And that's what boys are made of. What are little girls made of, made of? Dishes and dolls— And red rubber balls— And that's what girls are made of.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

The Merry Christmas, with its generous boards Its frellt hearths and gifts and blaring trees, Its pleasant voices uttering gentle words, Its genial mirth, attuned to sweet accords, Its holy memories! The fairest season of the passing year— The Merry, Merry Christmas time is here.

HEART OF GOD.

By VACHELL LINDSEY. O little heart of God, Sweet intruding stranger, You are laughing in my human breast, A Christ-child in a manger.

Heart, dear heart of God, Beside you now I kneel, Strong heart of faith, O heart of mine, Where God has set his seal.

Woe, thundering heart of God, Out of my doubt I come, And my foolish feet with prophet's feet March with the prophet's drum!

A PRAYER AT BETHLEHEM

O pulsing earth with heart athrill With infinite creative will! O watchful shepherds, in whose eyes Sweet hopes and promises arise! O angel host whose chanting choir Proclaims fulfillment of desire! O flaming star so surely white Against the black Judean night! O blessed Mary bending low With sense of motherhood aglow! O holy babe with haloed head Soft plowed in a manger bed! O mystery divine and deep, Help us thy prophecies to keep! —Anne P. L. Field.

Raising Hogs Can be Made Lucrative

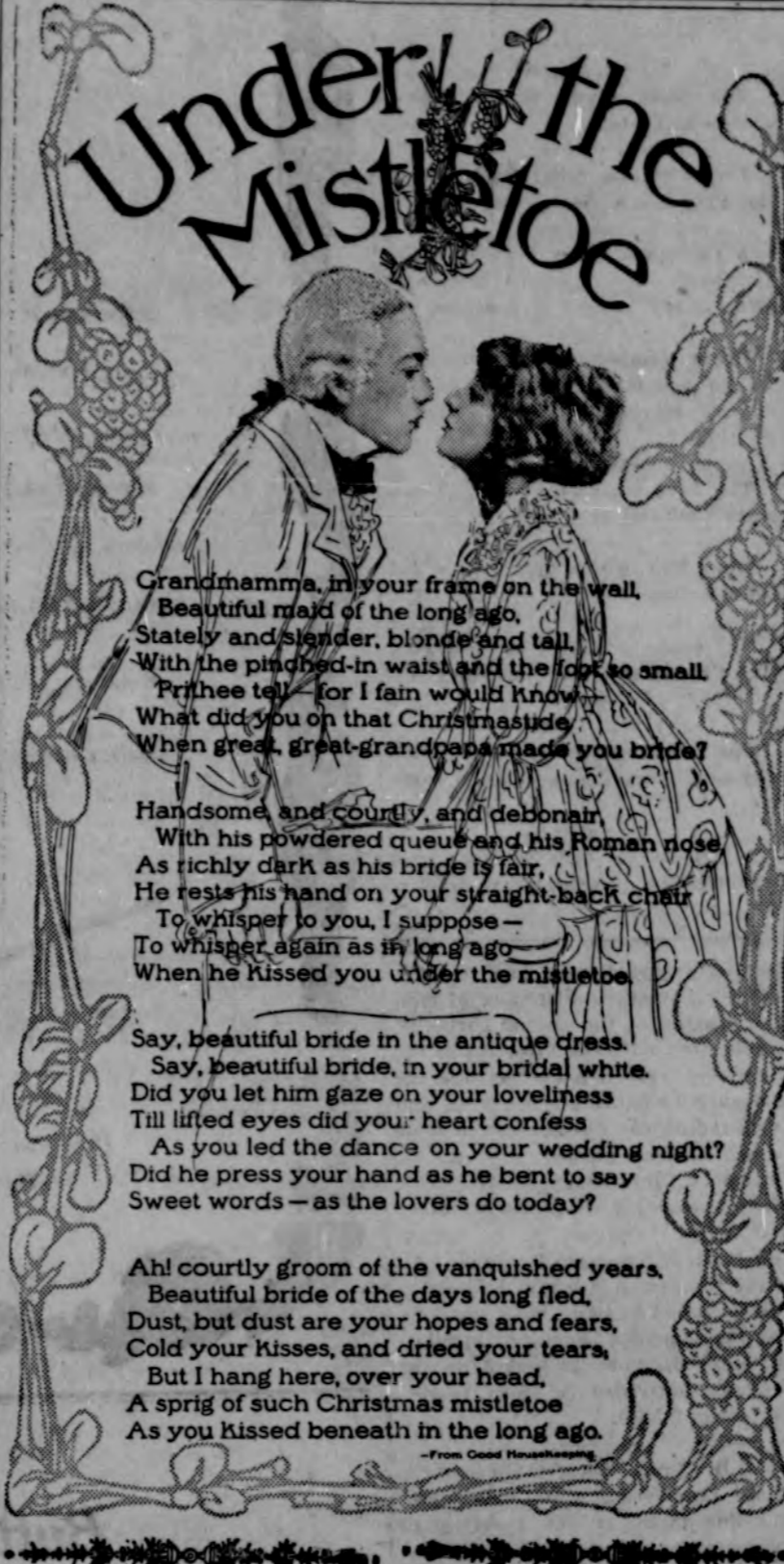
(By Geo. H. Root.)

If the breeding and feeding of hogs was the only line of business that has dropped to the bottom rung of the ladder it would, indeed, be time for that class of farmers to look blue. But, did you ever stop to consider the fact that you are not alone? All lines of business, from bankers to bakers, have felt the slump in prices, and the wise ones are advertising and working as they never worked before, getting ready for the turn in the tide.

Pork and pork products have been on our bill of fare a long, long time, and they will remain there so long as our old world stands. Regardless of the fact that money is being lost on hogs right now, it's a good time to have those old sows bring you a litter of spring pigs. You know that they will winter on good bright alfalfa hay, with just a little nip of grain each day, and be in fine condition in the spring.

As a business or a side line, there is no other item on the farm as profitable as hog raising.

Pastor Hall will give a Bible Reading Sunday morning upon Giving at 11 o'clock.



Meeting Of Mercy Held Monday Night in Library

Last Monday evening in the Library a number of business men of the city held a meeting, prompted by the call of the suffering of little children in Europe. Herbert Hoover has told us that millions will starve unless aid is sent them quick, and the old Liberty Loan committee's throughout the United States have taken up the work of raising enough money to give the little tots one meal a day until their next harvest time.

CALL FOR MEETING "BUTTER CREEK HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION"

Pine City, December 26th, 1920. Since the appointment of the joint committee from Umatilla and Morrow counties, there has been much important work done in securing a part of the survey and getting work started on this road, but matters of vital importance in regard to immediate future are now pending and a meeting is hereby called, of all interested in the building of the road from Iona to Columbia, to meet at Pine City, December 26th, 1920 at 3 p. m.

Since three meetings have been held in Umatilla county, one at Umatilla, and two at Thompson School House, this one is called to meet at the Junction of Big and Little Butter Creek, which is the most central point of all concerned in the building of this road, and your President and Secretary urges a full attendance and free discussion of the reports of committees, and plans for future work, and the election of officers at this annual meeting.

J. Perry Conder, President
F. A. Chezik, Secretary

Mrs. Lieuallan leaves Thursday night to spend the holidays in Portland.

give, and when it was counted, \$280 had been subscribed, and they guaranteed the remaining amount would be raised the next day. A committee of three was appointed and that committee finished the work Tuesday morning.

Henry Hitt's confectionery store was designated as the place to leave the money, so in case anyone wished to give, they could leave their money with Mr. Hitt stating what it was for.

We ask all our readers to read the article taken from the Literary Digest on the last page of this paper. It gives a little review of the suffering of the children. If the article touches your heart strings, and you wish to contribute to their relief, just walk into Hitt's and give.

DAMASCUS CHAPTER, NO. 40, R. A. M. INSTALLS OFFICERS

Damascus Chapter, No. 40, R. A. M., installed the following officers Wednesday evening, December 22, for the ensuing year:

Roy Paulu, Excellent High Priest; Chas. H. Skinner, King; Llewellyn Brownell, Scribe; Henry Belscamper, Treasurer, A. W. Prann, Secretary; Wm. A. Ford, Captain of the Host; August F. Beisse, Principal Sojourner; Peter Norquist, Royal Arch Captain; Robt. R. Lewis, Master of Third Vall; Christian Seitz, Master of Second Vall; Ralph Holt, Master of First Vall; Earl C. Brownell, Sentinel.

NEW CASHIER AT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

S. C. Lochrie arrived here last Sunday from McIntosh, South Dakota, and on Monday assumed the duties of cashier at the First National Bank, taking the place of A. L. Larsen, who is now in the Revenue Service with Uncle Sam.

Mrs. F. P. Phipps recently returned from an extended trip east, where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Chautauqua Festival Has Very Entertaining Features

SOCIETY EVENTS OF THE WEEK

The ladies of the Eastern Star enjoyed a pleasant Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Geo. Cressy on Wednesday afternoon. The time was happily spent at visiting and fancy work. Dainty refreshments were served by the committee in charge which consisted of Mrs. Rena Waterman, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. J. P. Adams, Mrs. A. F. Beisse and Mrs. Ed Hogeberg.

Mrs. O. G. Sapper was hostess at a three-table bridge party at her home on Thursday afternoon. An appetizing luncheon was served at the close of the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roberts entertained a company of their friends at a supper party, given at their pleasant ranch home last Thursday evening. After the meal the guests enjoyed a jolly round at cards until some one unloosed the music box calling restless toes to the time. The guests departed at a late hour with many expressions of appreciation for the pleasant evening which friend Bill and his good wife know how to put over.

The home of Mrs. A. E. Robb was brightly decorated with holiday colors Saturday afternoon when she entertained a party of ladies at auction bridge after which a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

COAL SHED DESTROYED BY FIRE WITH TON OF COAL

Considerable excitement was caused last Saturday night about 5:00 o'clock, when fire was discovered in the woodshed belonging to Albert Smith and A. Burcubine. An alarm was turned in and the fire department responded and the fire put out before any other damage was done than the burning of the shed.

Mr. Burcubine stated that a ton of coal was all there was in the shed at the time of the fire. Mr. Smith immediately built another shed.

COUNTY JUDGES ENDORSE BUY AT HOME MOVEMENT

Whereas, the entire country is facing a serious unemployed problem that vitally affects every line of private and public business, and

Whereas, it would seem that much of the problem could be solved in its relations to conditions in Oregon if every public official and citizen of the state undertook to do their part, therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners in convention assembled on December 13th, 1920, that we recommend the purchase and use of Oregon materials and products and thus aid in the continuous employment of people in Oregon factories.

Dairy And Hog Show Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Dairy and Hog Show Association on Monday, a Board of Directors was elected for the 1921 show. H. T. Fraser, C. M. Jackson and Geo. H. Root of the old board were reelected and Don Campbell and Geo. Strohm are the new members. Campbell and Strohm are both successful stock breeders and farmers.

The next year's show will undoubtedly be a big one, as the Horse Show will be included. Other big attractions which will probably be added are fat stock, poultry, fruits and other farm products.

A number of advocates of the exclusive Dairy and Hog Show now see the necessity of including other exhibits in order to increase the general interest. A directors meeting will be held soon at which all of next year's problems will be thrashed out.

"It Pays to Advertise." is one of the best pictures ever made, and at the same time gives some valuable information on the subject of the title. The picture is coming to the Play House. Watch for the date.

Three numbers of the Chautauqua Festival have been given and there are two numbers yet to be shown, next Monday and Tuesday nights. The three courses given were the McCord's on the opening night, who proved very entertaining. Their last number was especially good.

Wednesday night, Ymina Kuchi, a Japanese lecturer held the attention of a small crowd, but proved a very good entertainer. Last night the Alexander Trio entertained with a clever and versatile musical act, playing on 11 different instruments, and playing them all very well. They more than pleased those present.

It is to be regretted that the attendance has not been better, it seems a shame when we have so very little in the line of real talent, that it should be so poorly patronized.

Saturday and Sunday the Play House will be returned to the management for two high class picture shows and on Monday the 27th, the Chautauqua will reopen for a two day program. Monday night there will be a lecture worth, while to all "The Needs of America," given by J. C. Herberman. Tuesday the closing day an evenings entertainment by the celebrated Maori Singers.

A. S. Johnson is confined to his bed on account of a bad fall sustained from a ladder at his home the first of the week.

A CHRISTMAS WISH

Wherever there is sickness,
May Santa Claus bring health;
Wherever there is poverty,
May Santa Claus bring wealth;
Wherever one is weeping,
May tears to smiles give way;
Wherever sadness hovers,
May joy come Christmas day.

To every heart that's aching,
May peace and comfort come,
And may an outlook rosy
Supplant each outlook glum;
May friends now separated
Soon reunited be,
And everyone find gladness
Upon this Christmas tree.

—Edgar Quast

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

A Merry Christmas, children all,
Rich and poor, large and small,
To north, to south, to east, to west,
In every land where Christ is guest,
A Merry, Merry Christmas!
Now may we love our neighbors more,
And may we give from out our store,
That all may have a merry heart,
And take a gladness, joyous part
In our Merry, Merry Christmas!
For when dear Christmas Eve draws
Nigh,
Be it the time when you and I
Shall put away all wrong and sin,
And bid the holy Christ-Child in
To bless our Merry Christmas!
—Montreal Star.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Come back to Bethlehem,
The year is on the wane;
A truce to strife that wears life,
A truce to grief and pain.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem
And hear thy song again!
If siren voices luring thee
Have turned thy thoughts aside,
If thou hast quaffed the bitter draft
Of envy or of pride,
If thou in agony of shame
Hast thy dear Lord denied,
Come back today to Bethlehem!
Though thou hast wandered far,
No rest shall fill thy yearning breast
Until thou see the Star.
Oh, heart, return to Bethlehem,
Where yet the angels are!

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Oh, blessed day which gives the eternal life
To self and sense and all the brute within—
Oh, come to us amid this war of life,
To hail and hovel come; to all who toil
In senate, shop or study, and to those
Who, sundered by the wastes of half a world,
Ill warned and sorely tempted, ever face
Nature's brute powers and men un-
manned to brutes—
Come to them, blest and blessing, Christ-
mas Day.
Tell them once more the tale of Bethle-
hem—
The kneeling shepherds and the Babe
divine—
And keep them men indeed, fair Christ-
mas Day.
—Charles Kingsley.