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**IRRIGATION AND POWER**

Is the country within a radius of 200 miles of Hermiston destined to become the greatest irrigated section in the world? It would seem as if this were to be true if the irrigation projects already established together with those contemplated and under construction are completed. The one which interests local people and Umatilla county particularly is the McKay Creeke project adjacent to the Umatilla and which will bring twenty two thousand more acres under water. Last week announcement was made of the formation of a syndicate which will immediately take over the \$28,000,000 bond issue of the Horse Heaven irrigation project and allow work to begin immediately on a project that will reclaim 300,000 acres of arid lands. Water will be carried almost 100 miles from the Kliekita river on the east slope of Mt. Hood. This land lies directly north across the Columbia river in Benton county, Washington.

Another even larger project which later may be put in is the Columbia Basin project which extends as far south as Pasco and joining the Horse Heaven project on the north. Utilization of the Deschutes river and its tributaries for irrigation of approximately 140,000 acres in the Deschutes basin with incidental power development is the latest project to be recommended to the federal power commission by a board composed of reclamation service and army engineers. The board found that if the upper Deschutes storage were to be used for power the aggregate horse power developed would be 612,000. Then there is the Three Mile Rapids power and irrigation project, lying a few miles east of the Umatilla project; and on which a concerted effort is being made by county and Portland organizations to have the government handle. This great undertaking, where an estimated expenditure of from twenty to thirty millions of dollars would be required and where even a greater number of acres could be irrigated than on the Horse Heaven project and horsepower development would exceed the Deschutes project, and would be capable of electrifying all the railroads leading into Portland and Spokane.

**'AIN'T IT THE TRUTH'**

Bernard Mainwaring, now owner and editor of the Milton Eagle, accompanied by N. J. Vanskike, representing the New York Life Insurance Co. were business visitors in Hermiston Friday and Saturday of last week.

That Mr. Mainwaring has not lost any of his popularity with the Hermiston people was evidenced by the cordial greeting on every hand by

residents of the city in the west end of the county. However, it was thought for a time during his short stay here that he might not be able to return to his strenuous duties at Milton on account of being taken in tow Saturday morning by some young lady who evidently thought that he should remain in Hermiston. By the assistance of his friend Mr. Vanskike Mr. Mainwaring was persuaded to return to his post of duty in the east end of the county.

**NEWS OF NEARBY TOWNS**

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bienger, on Monday of this week while playing about the electric washing machine accidentally stuck the index finger of his right hand into the cog wheel of the wringer and had it cut off at the second joint. The injury was dressed at the Umatilla hospital.—Umatilla Spokesman.

Clyde Grim, of Irrigon, owner of the gas and oil station, was roused by a midnight caller who wanted 20 gallons of gas. When Mr. Grim had filled the order, the driver of the car started the machine and his companion covered Mr. Grim with a revolver until they had disappeared down the road in the direction of Boardman. The authorities were notified but so far nothing has been seen or heard of the bandits.—Umatilla Spokesman.

J. E. Middleton who has a small prune orchard in the edge of Free-water is one grower who expects as good a crop as last year. He has two acres of young trees and expects to get 12 tons of prunes.—Milton Eagle

C. O. Young says he has seen many more rattlesnakes than usual this season. At the Young ranch many of the snakes are coming down from the rocks to the eastward, and Mr. Young has killed eight of them, during the past week. He says they are mostly two or three years old and very active.—Echo News.

Lakeview will stage a Round-Up September 2, 3 and 4, with \$4,000 in prizes.

The sum of \$206 was paid in bounties for coyotes and bob cats killed in Crook county during July, according to figures compiled at the office of the county clerk. A total of 69 predatory animals including 44 males and 12 female coyotes, and 13 bobcats were destroyed. This is said to be about the average record.—Prineville Oregonian.

Lumber is on the ground and the work will soon start on the repair of the bridge across the Umatilla river here as soon as the crew can be assembled by the county. The engineers have also gone over the proposed improvement of the road that runs by the Houser place and bids will be received on this immediately unless the county decides to do the work itself.—Umatilla Spokesman.

**O. A. C. FARM REMINDERS**

Unprofitable hens usually have combs with long, narrow serrations which are hard and shrunken and covered with whitish scales. The eye is usually sunken and not prominent seen from the front, and has a dull, lustreless expression. The long beak and narrow, crow-like head are found on high record hens.

While more active and nervous than a low producing hen the high producer is more easily caught than the low producers. The high producer is friendly while the shy layer is sly, stays on the roost or outer edge of flock, and squaks when she is caught. Hens first off the roost in the morning and last on at night are the birds that lay lots of eggs. When in doubt as to the hen's egg-laying quality give her the benefit of the doubt in culling for layers, but not in selecting the breeders.

Culling can be accurate only when hens are kept under uniform conditions, since it is a comparison of hens that have had like opportunities. Housing, feeding, freedom from parasites and contagious diseases, and good management, should apply alike to all birds compared. When these conditions are poorly met even good layers may be culled out, especially at certain seasons when they are not laying.

**INLAND EMPIRE NOTES**

The Spokane Merchants association has planned its annual trade excursion tour covering a four day trip leaving Spokane September 19 and returning on the evening of September 22. Nearly 100 Spokane jobbers, manufacturers, wholesalers, bankers and their special representatives will visit Pullman where they will spend their first night.

Their second day will be spent in Lewiston and the third at Grangeville. The Northern Pacific will furnish a new all steel train with diner, observation car and sleepers to accommodate the traveling merchants. The return trip from Moscow to Spokane will be over the O.-W. R. & N.

Nearly 4,000 farm fans of Spokane and vicinity visited Waikiki farm, on the Little Spokane river, home of the prize winning herd of Jersey cattle owned by Jay P. Graves who set Sunday August 13 as open house for the general public to visit his beautiful farm home. Coming from Spokane and from parts miles around, automobiles in caravan like procession moved down the road that leads from the main highway to the farm buildings.

The vanguard of Indian huckleberry pickers just arrived in Golden-dale, Washington, laden with the luscious fruit which is being sold readily at prices ranging from \$1 to \$1.25 per gallon. The Indians who make their excursions on horseback to the high and difficult altitudes where the berries are most prolific report an abundant crop.

At the Spokane Interstate Fair, September 4 to 9 between 15 and 20 prize winning show dogs from the

Pacific Coast will be exhibited by W. B. Connell, dog fancier Seattle, owner of the prize dog Pretty Bubbles.

Construction work on a new steel span at Nelson's bridge over the Naches river at Yakima has been started. The Union Bridge company has the contract and expect to finish the bridge before winter.

**OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW**

Portland to have new \$40,000 wicker furniture store.

Eugene—Phi Delta Theta fraternity to build \$20,000 house.

Hood River to have new \$25,000 cooperative fruit storage plant.

Rainier—Long Bell Co. goes to eight hours; two big new mills to be built.

Milton Box company expects to make two million boxes this year.

Bend—Storage reservoir dam at Crescent Lake to cost \$35,000.

La Grande—High school building to be improved.

Roseburg—Country club to erect \$4500 house.

Portland—\$170,000 blind school to be erected.

Bend—Modoc Lumber company to erect 10 dry kilns.

New heating system to be installed in school at Sisters.

Hood River—Lost Lake Highway just outside the border of the Oregon National Forest, is open.

La Grande—Enterprise highway to be hard surfaced.

Port Orford—New lumber mill to be built on lake here.

Eugene—University of Oregon buildings destroyed by fire to be replaced at once, new structures to cost between \$60,000 and \$70,000.

Medford—Brownlee-Olds Lumber company will make first run at its new mill here this month.

Hillsboro—New school to be erected.

Marshfield—Odd Fellows to have new home here.

New hotel completed at Madras.

**TRANSCONTINENTAL HEAVIEST IN YEARS**

Over the highways leading into Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, there has been pouring for the past two months a veritable stream of motorists, lured hither by the pictured charms of the Pacific Northwest and by the stories they have seen and heard of the beauties and pleasures of "America's Summer Playground." Cars bearing the pennants and license plates of almost every state can be seen by watching any of the principal highways for a few hours—big cars and little cars, some dust-covered and loaded down with camp equipment, others shining and unburdened except for light luggage.

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been bearing their crowds of tourist visitors, many of whom have come to the Pacific Northwest to escape the intolerable heat of the inland and southern districts, or who have been eager to spend their vacation among the mountains or along the many water courses of this wonder-land.

Reports from various sections of the Pacific Northwest indicate that this tourist travel, both by auto and by rail is much heavier than in any previous year and inquiry among the travelers as to why they chose the for their vacation trip shows that large numbers of them were attracted by the advertising and publicity campaign of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association.

**BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT RECOMMENDED**

Utilization of the Deschutes river, Oregon, and its tributaries for irrigation of approximately 140,000 acres in the Deschutes basin, with incidental power development was recommended to the federal power commission in a report of a board of engineers made public today.

The board composed of D. C. Henry, consulting engineer of the reclamation service; Colonel J. B. Cavanaugh, army engineer corps, and

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F. E. Henshaw, district engineer U. S. Geological survey, began his investigation more than a year ago, to work out a policy to be followed by the federal government and the state of Oregon in using, reserving or disposing of public lands, water reservoirs and power sites contiguous to the Deschutes river, which best would serve the public interest.

By using the upper Deschutes for irrigation, and aggregate of 55,000 horsepower could be developed on the lower river, the engineers found and if the upper Deschutes storage be increased for power the aggregate horsepower would be increased to 613,000.

The Pacific coast, said the report, "is bound to become an industrial center of the future by reason of abundance of water power even though the uses to which it may be

put considering scarcity of certain raw materials are as yet uncertain. "From the standpoint of economy the agricultural products which will ultimately be consumed should be raised locally, both to avoid long distance transportation and build up farming interests shall be reasonably balanced. "Values of irrigated land are steadily advancing and it will be a question of a comparatively short time when all of these irrigation units if not feasible now will become practicable to the extent of available water supply."

Ed. Comegys was at Pendleton Sunday, accompanying Harry McMullan, who visited his father at St. Anthony's hospital.

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