

First Local Businesses.

The first lumber yard was built by Dr. Kern and Dr. Blakely, now Tum-A-Lum; the first bank by F. B. Swayze; second bank by J. H. Reid; first hardware store by E. P. Dodd; second by H. T. Fraser and E. E. Littler; first hotel by the Maxwell Co.; second by J. H. Williams; first pool hall by W. Glasson; first store, Bland and Donovan; second by G. W. Wotoring; first livery stable, R. E. Stewart; second by Peter Nestor; two drug stores, R. H. Allen and R. E. Allen, the same day. All the above construction was in 1905 and early in 1907, within a few weeks time. One man bought his lot first, another opened goods first, but all were working for the best position possible and all came about the same time.

TEEL IRRIGATION PROJECT IDLE

\$1,200,000 INVESTMENT 2800 Foot Tunnel and Four Miles of Large Canal Completed.

The name of Teel runs through the history of Umatilla Meadows and Echo, and including the early and later efforts at reclaiming the desert in those localities. Dr. John Teel settled on a homestead near the present Fred Andrews place west of Echo in 1861. He became an Indian agent and teacher, and administered to the medical needs of fifty miles around. He was the father of O. D. Teel and Mrs. Pamela Spike. Mrs. Spike and a number of grandchildren survive him. O. D. Teel in 1905 was one of the company that started the present Westland ditch and later he was president of the Teel Irrigation company which made a strong attempt to irrigate the lands between Butter Creek and Echo.

This company consisted of O. D. Teel, president; Frank Spinning, secretary; A. Longwell, treasurer; Peter Sheridan, assessor; Charles E.

ONCE UMATILLA CITY OFFICIALS.



From 1916 to 1920 women officials ruled the city of Umatilla. Top row, reading from left—Mrs. Roy Paul, Mrs. Henry Means, councilwomen, and Mrs. J. Cherry, recorder. Second row—Mrs. Gladys Baymiller, Mrs. C. G. Brownell, councilwomen, and Mrs. R. Merrick, treasurer. Lower row—Mrs. Starcher, mayor. Mrs. Cherry was also justice of the peace and later mayor. In addition to routine work the women installed water meters and established the present city library.

Welles, collector; W. B. Hinkle, engineer; J. T. Hinkle, attorney; and Asa B. Thomson, Frank Sloan, Fred A. Fisher and others.

The Teel project contained 16,495 acres, lying east of lower Butter Creek to Alkali Canyon, and north of Umatilla Meadows and extending south to Sarvis Butte. The water was to be brought from Camas Creek and the watershed of the John Day river by a canal and tunnel through the divide to the head of Big Butter Creek. The tunnel was to be 12,341 feet long of which 2,800 feet were completed. Four miles of the canal from the head of the tunnel was excavated. The canal was 25 feet on the bottom and 45 feet on top, and made to carry 390 second feet of water. The tunnel is seven feet high and eight feet wide with heavy fall. After being turned into the head of Butter Creek the water was to follow this stream 35 miles to the Corrigal ranch and thence through a 25-mile distributing canal along the upper borders of the land.

Two contracts were let amounting to \$930,000 to the Warren Construction company, and the total construction cost was estimated at \$1,200,000.

The work was well underway and all possibilities of final success were apparent when a scandal developed in the sale of bonds. The agency handling the bonds was Milholland and Hough of Spokane. These men sold a considerable amount of bonds and supplied funds to the irrigation company for a time. They then forged issues of bonds on the Teel Irrigation district.

Delays followed and investigations ensued. When discovered in their perfidy Milholland committed suicide and Hough was sentenced to 14 years in the Walla Walla penitentiary. The two men had formed a pact to commit suicide together but officers reached Hough before he could commit the deed. The result was loss of credit standing of the Teel Irrigation company. With the depression in general irrigation bonds which came on at the time, the whole enterprise failed.

Many of the lands were taken for assessments for interest and taxes, and finally sold to Umatilla county. The works lie idle and a highly worthy enterprise remains unfinished. It, nevertheless, remains a monument to the foresight and vision of

the promoters, and an outline for a renewal of the endeavor when conditions return for extension of irrigation areas in this locality.

The water supply was abundant, the cost was not high per acre, the lands as to topography and soil are excellent. Elevation, climatic conditions and nearness to market are not excelled by any other western irrigation project. The return flow from the waters thus diverted from the John Day supply to these lands would be contributed to the Westland district system, and to the Umatilla river to be diverted to the West Extension and lands on west to Willow Creek. It is one of the potential resources of this region.

The Mt. Hood Ox.

Fifty years ago a great ox grew on the bunch grass hills of Butter Creek. He was snow white and was named Mt. Hood. The name of his owner was Mauriee, and the animal never was fed a bite of hay until he was brought into a corral and shipped to San Francisco. His weight then was 3660 pounds. He was used as a show animal in the Golden Gate city and later sold as beef for \$1 per pound.

Beginning of Hops.

In 1932 O. T. Lockridge planted seven acres to hops near Hermiston and three more in '34. Encouraged by his success W. Whitsett, J. A. Scott, Paul Miller and L. W. Dixon planted tracts to hops. Lockridge also built a drier. Dixon has a heavy crop of seedless hops this year. Until this year, the price was too low for profit.

The Sliding Dock.



This picture is of the port building at Umatilla. It is on skids and is movable with the stage of river.

DR. M. S. KERN OF PENDLETON



Dr. Max S. Kern of Pendleton started the first lumber yard in Hermiston in 1905. He owns several business buildings in Hermiston and a ranch at Irrigon.

Co-op. Cannery of Service Since 1929.

The Hermiston Co-operative Cannery was established in 1929. The first manager was F. M. Guiwitz; the second Dad West.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Barlow have been in charge for the past five years. In 1929 the output was 19,000 cans. In 1935 the total was 70,000. This year 20,000 cans were processed in July, and 18,000 in August. Most of the products are produced in the immediate vicinity. Peas are trucked in from the Athena fields and sold to patrons, amounting to 6500 pounds. Salmon is now being brought in large quantities from Cello falls on the Columbia.

The cannery has 500 customers or patrons who do a large part of their home canning under the co-operative system.

The cost for number two cans, plain, is five and a quarter cents; for lacquer, five and a half cents; for number two and a half, plain, five and three quarters; lacquer, six cents per can. These prices are for fruits and vegetables; meats are one cent higher. These prices include all

cans and processing. The patron supplies his products and places them in the cans at the plant. A canning fee of 25 cents is charged each year.

The capacity of the plant was enlarged this year 100 percent, with the addition of another cooker and a capping machine and table, and other facilities. The plant has no indebtedness against it.

Interest in this cannery has extended to other counties out of the state. It is considered the most successful cooperative cannery in operation in the west. The Barlows have entertained many visitors.

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