

WATER USERS NOT SIGNING UP

Construction of Grants Pass Irrigation System Depends Upon Those Who Want Water—But Small Percentage of Land Signs Up.

(Oregon Observer.)
The question of irrigation in this valley is now hanging in the balance and it is all up to the ranch owners in the lower part of the valley to sign up their lands whether the project is put in at this time or not. The lands down the river, which are the most valuable in the county, come under the gravity ditch and much to the surprise of every one only about 1500 acres had been signed up yesterday.

There is about 9000 acres down the river that would come under the gravity ditch and there should be at least two-thirds of this land signed up before the new company can feel assured of going on with the work. This land all needs irrigation and much of it is irrigated at the present time by private irrigating plants, and it is said that it costs them about \$10 an acre per year under the present system, which is about double what the rate would be under the gravity ditch proposed by the new company, and just why there is any hesitancy on the part of the owners to sign up under the water-users' contract is not known.

Financial Proposition.
P. A. Williams, who has charge of the new project, and Attorney-General Crawford arrived in the city yesterday morning. Mr. Williams having been in the east, where he closed the deal for letting the contract for the construction of the dam at Savage Rapids and the building of the ditches.

Yesterday Mr. Williams was interviewed by a representative of this paper and when asked that if the people down the river did not sign up, would he go on with the project and put in the high-line ditches, he replied, "No, I will not put in the system, nor do I think any one else will unless all the property-owners sign up. I am talking to you straight and will say that if I had known when I came here the difficulty I was going to have I would not have undertaken the project. The people all said they wanted irrigation, and I cannot understand how I missed so many that did not want it. However, I have gone through with the deal so far and have succeeded in financing the project, and if the people down the river will sign up I am ready to go ahead and do my part. I have let the contract for the work to one of the best irrigation contractors in the United States and he will be here by the 10th of August to make arrangements to start in and do the work, his machinery and everything being ready to load on the cars, and if the people want irrigation I am here to give it to them."

Club Assists Work.
A meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial club was held yesterday morning and after discussing the matter thoroughly and hearing from Mr. Williams and Mr. Crawford, a committee of about 20 was appointed to meet with the property owners down the river last evening at the schoolhouse.

The water-users' contract becomes a first lien on the property and some of the ranchers object to that. However, in order to get capital to make investments here it is necessary that there should be some security, and the contracts that the company have made out are similar to the public improvements being made in this city, as the Bancroft act provides that bonds shall be issued and these bonds are a first lien on the property, otherwise it would be impossible to make any public improvements.

Enough land has been signed up on the high-line ditches to assure the success of the proposition, and owing to the fact that some of the large ranchers down the river have signified that they will sign up it is thought that enough of the rest can be induced to do so also.

OFFERS TO GO TO JAIL IN DR. HYDE'S PLACE

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 28.—Declaring his belief in the innocence of Dr. B. C. Hyde, under sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, Dr. G. T. Murphy, 73, today offered to take the prisoner's place in jail until after an expected heir is born to Dr. and Mrs. Hyde.

Dr. Murphy made the offer in a letter to Judge Latschaw. He expressed his belief that it was necessary for Dr. Hyde to be at home during his wife's accouchment. Judge Latschaw refused to entertain the suggestion.

PORTER IS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Negro Who is Charged With Having Made an Attempted Assault on Grants Pass Girl is Bound Over by Roseburg Justice.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 28.—The preliminary hearing of S. M. Reynolds, the negro porter who was recently arrested on a Southern Pacific passenger train, accused of an attempted attack on Josephine Moss, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moss of Grants Pass, has been held. Reynolds was held for the grand jury with bail fixed at \$5000.

Among the state's witnesses were Josephine Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moss of Grants Pass and Sheriff Fenton of Roseburg. Although somewhat frightened, little Josephine Moss made an excellent witness for the state and the manner in which she related the story of her experience in the sleeping car on the night of the alleged crime astonished the court officers.

The other witnesses simply testified regarding the circumstances following the alleged attack, and in so doing formed a chain of evidence which the prosecuting attorney believes cannot be shattered. The defendant refused to testify.

At the end of the hearing Attorney L. H. Dawley (colored) of Portland remarked to friends that he believed his client guilty and for that reason withdrew from the case. The Pullman company had a special detective at the trial today, and it is generally whispered that Mr. Moss intends to file a suit for damages against that company. The prosecution was conducted by District Attorney George M. Brown.

BAR JOHNSON FROM SPEEDWAY

Ebony-Hued Champion Refused Permission to Participate in September Automobile Races to Be Held at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 28.—Much discussion today follows the action of the Indianapolis motor speedway management in refusing to allow Jack Johnson, the colored champion, to participate in the automobile races in September. Indianapolis has a large negro population and the turning down of Johnson is the big topic of conversation among the blacks. While the colored people here are inclined to resent the action of the speedway management, lending white citizens are commending the decision.

Johnson applied for a place on the track during the recent meet, but his entry was refused. He then asked to be allowed to make an exhibition race during September, which the directors also refused.

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MARSHALL P. WILDER ILL FROM OVERWORK

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 28.—Considerable anxiety is felt today by the friends of Marshall P. Wilder, popular platform lecturer and monologist, who is seriously ill at his home here with acute indigestion and nervous breakdown, due to overwork.

Wilder has been ill since Friday. He has been under the constant care of a physician, but no improvement has been marked in his case.

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SOUNDTEST SLEEPERS IN WORLD IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Or., July 28.—(Special.)—Oregon lays claim to having the soundtest sleepers in the country, if not in the world, for an Oregon couple slept soundly while neighbors put out the fire that burned part of their house down, and never knew of the accident until the next morning. It happened in Roseburg. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sutherland are the sleepy heads. Passing the Sutherland home early in the morning neighbors found it on fire. Their shouts attracted no attention and they thought the Sutherlins were away. After half an hour's work they put the fire out with a garden hose and went home. When they awoke the Sutherlins were dumbfounded to find their house had been on fire. It was some time before the circumstances could be learned by them, only the small party of fire-fighters knowing of the accident.

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