MUCH INTEREST IN IRRIGATION

Ninety Per Cent of the Land Owners Interviewed in Central Point District Declare Themselves in Favor of Irrigation.

The Rogue River Canal company has made an extensive canvass this week among the land owners near Central Point. George E. Boos, representative of the company, has interviewed many of them and it appears that irrigation is awakening a widespread interest in that district.

Up to date 59 land owners have been interviewed and almost 90 per cent of them have declared themselves and have subscribed for the water for irrigating their lands adjacent to the Hopkins canal and the proposed extension. The building of this canal depends upon the people, since the undertaking is one of great expense, the company desires the assurance of the use of the water before constructing the canal, agreeing that the work will begin as soon as it has been demonstrated to them that the land owners desire the water.

Mr. Boos reports that in his conversations with the people he encounters many perplexing queries to answer. It appears everybody has heard and read of the many advantages of irrigation and, while "I reckon" the good people there are not all from Missouri, they do want to know (show me) and as above stated 90 per cent of those interviewed have signed the petition, and now the great question with them is "How soon can we get it?"

Many are yet to be seen before the time can be set when the water will be turned on. Mr. Boos will stay in the field until all have signed up, feeling that the good of his work will only require a few seasons to demonstrate to the community that water is king and the owner of a farm without a water right will be looking in vain for a buyer, the other will not want to sell.

That the government has expended approximately $67,000,000 in irrigation work, and this vast sum is less than half of the amount that will be expended when Uncle Sam's engineers have completed the present program, is an eye opener to the arid land owner, who now realizes that the land with a water right costing him but $50 an acre is an asset worth 50 per cent and in many cases worth more than the present value of his land. Water rights in many localities in the states of Washington, Colorado, Utah, Montana and California cost from $80 to $160 per acre, are considered reasonable, taking into consideration the increase of yield of crop per acre over the land that is not irrigated. This valley is fortunate, being blessed with an abundant watershed and storage, which is converted into canals and carried upon the lands by laterals at a price so much lower than is the case in localities not so favorably situated. But no doubt with the increase of the land values the price now asked by the company for water must increase likewise, the day will come when such a water right will enhance threefold and more in Rogue river valley.

CONFERENCE IN REGARD TO SCHOOL IS PLANNED

PORTLAND, Feb. 17.—A conference is to be held Tuesday and Wednesday in Ashland between the trustees of the old Bishop Scott academy and citizens of that thriving southern Oregon town, at which the latter will submit to the trustees a proposition for the opening of the academy in Ashland. What this proposition will be the trustees do not know exactly as yet, but it is understood that it consists in reacquiring the site of the normal school formerly operated there by the state and turning it over to the academy at a nominal figure.

The site was deeded to the state for a normal school and as none is maintained there it is thought that hedeeding of it to Ashland can be easily secured.

County Clerk.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I promise the people of Jackson county that in case of my nomination and election I will fulfill the duties of the office according to law and the best of my knowledge and ability.

W. H. MILLER.

Gold Hill, Ore., Feb. 16, 1912.

Our Correspondents

EAGLE POINT EAGLETS.

(By A. C. Howlett.)

W. E. Van Vactor, sometimes engineer on the Pacific & Eastern railroad, and sometimes night watchman, returned the first of the week from San Francisco, Cal., where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother, who died in Michigan a short time ago, and to visit his mother and sister. He brought with him some fine photos of scenes on the fairgrounds for the Panama Pacific exposition to be held in 1915. He also brought considerable literature setting forth the advantage of the dollar by dollar plan for visiting the city at that time. He is very enthusiastic over the prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Moore of Ashland came in on the car Monday evening, on his way to his farm on Elk creek, expecting to meet the Eagle Point-Prospect stage here Tuesday morning, but when he reached here learned that the stage leaves here on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so they had to stop over Tuesday, but they seemed to pass away the time nicely looking over our town and noting the marked changes for the better, he taking the stage Wednesday morning and Mrs. Moore returning to Ashland, as she only expected to come as far as Eagle Point with him.

Jud Easell and Charley Thomas, who have been to Nevada to look up a contract to do heavy hauling, as they each have heavy teams and wagon, returned Tuesday night, coming out from Medford in a livery rig. Mr. Edsall reports times remarwably dull there as the mining business is shut down on account of the extreme cold weather, as the power plant, furnishing the electric power, is blocked with ice.

S. B. Spiker, one of our progressive citizens, informs me that he has drawn the plans for a two story brick to be erected by our meat market man, Artie Nichols, and his uncle, Thomas E. Nichols, the building to be used for a meat market, cold storage plant, etc. It is to be located near the town hall opposite the new blacksmith shop.

Benj. Fredenburg, Carl Jackson and Howard Boughton of Butte Falls were passengers on the cars for their homes Tuesday morning. And Mr. Tungate and wife of Jacksonville also came out to visit Mrs. Tungate's brother-in-law, John Watkins, and family. John M. Allen of Derby came out on the evening train Tuesday evening and went on up home that night on horseback.

Dr. Wm. W .P. Holt, our local M. D., informs me that Mrs. Lee Bradshaw of Brownsboro has had to have a surgical operation performed, Dr. Holt doing the work assisted by two professional nurses, one of them was Miss Earhart and the other the doctor had forgotten her name, and reports that Mrs. Bradshaw is getting along nicely.

George Nichols Jr. spent the night with us Tuesday. He was on business with L. E. Smith.

G. W. Ager, one of our county school superintendents, came out Monday night, and on Tuesday spent the day visiting our school. He reported, confidentially, that our school was in a fine condition considering the manner the teachers were handicapped, that the principal, P. H. Daily, had his room packed full and had more to do than any one man can do and do it right, that in the intermediate department, Miss Morris' room, she had her hands full but was getting along as well as could be expected under such crowded conditions, and that in the primary department, Mrs. P. H. Daily's room, every one of the little folk were as busy as little ants, that she had the faculty of keeping everything moving, but that we need another good teacher. On Wednesday he visited the Reese Creek school and reports that Mrs. Edwards, the teacher, has her hands full with a good sized school, but that she labors under some difficulty on account of her surroundings, but that she is full of energy and keeps everything moving.

Yesterday, the 14th inst., I was called upon to attend the funeral of Joseph Singleton, who passed away on the 9th inst. The deceased was born in Woodplunton, Lancashire, England, August 9, 1848. He leaves a wife, three sons and one daughter. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence and the remains interred in the Central Point cemetery. The remains were kept awaiting the arrival of a son from Los Angeles, Cal.

KANES CREEK ITEMS.

There is much activity on Kanes creek, as everybody is busy putting in their spring grain and early garden.

Several real estate transatcions have taken place lately on Kanes creek and more are expected.

Visitors from here to Gold Hill on Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Mardon, Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, John McConchie, Mrs. Swindea, Mrs. Higinbotham, D. P. Blue, John McMahon, Mrs. Boggis and daughter.

A wave of prosperity seems to have struck this section, as everything is on the stir.

Mr. Greenleaf has his new barn almost completed and will soon commence the erection of a fine bungalow on his new purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and little son were recent Hub City business visitors.

Clarence Higinbotham of Medford, who has been spending several days here visiting relatives and friends, returned home on Wednesday.

Grant Harrison of Gold Hill has leased a portion of the Beno farm, which he intends to plant to corn this spring.

Nearly everyone from this place attended the dance on the 16th in Gold Hill, which was a success both socially and financially.

Dusenberry brothers of Sardine creek have finished their wood sawing contract here and returned home on Thursday.

CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

B. C. Dunlap of Hotel Oxford of Grants Pass spent Friday afternoon here.

W. J. Scott was here from his Rogue river ranch Friday afternoon.

A. A. Soule returned from a California trip Friday and departed on another trip Friday evening for the northern part of California, where he will probably locate.

Phil A. Bates of the Pacific northwest spent two days here this week and has appointed Miss Grace Garvin of this city to represent his paper in the Rogue River valley.

Mrs. Simpkins, Miss Hope L. Hatfield, Mrs. Paxton, Miss Bess Lee and Elmer Childers were among the Central Point people who spent Friday in Medford.

Mrs. H. M. Crooks, Mrs. F. C. Hous, Miss Elizabeth Irvine and Miss Laura E. Anderson of Albany, Ore., met with the ladies of the Civic Improvement club Friday at the residence of Mrs. L. Hatfield.

Mrs. Wagner, mother of Mrs. Knaikstedt, is here visiting her daughter.

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