

# REASONS WHY FARMERS FAIL TO CLEAR A PROFIT

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Is it possible that the farmers of Rogue river valley are compelled to take refuge behind their own negligence and short-sightedness as an excuse for losing the beet-sugar factory? Must they shamefully declare that flagrant disregard of their immediate interests during the past several years now renders them unable to pursue modern agriculture with assurance of results? Is it because they have neglected, through all these years, to add the one vitalizing element—irrigation—to their farm soil to make it certainly productive, whether it rain or not? That seems to be the case.

"If I could irrigate that portion of my place that has been passed on as good sugar beet soil I would sign up for a considerable acreage," says one farmer; and his excuse, apparently legitimate for the present, is quickly echoed by a score of others who long ago realized the need of irrigation and the means of obtaining it.

Jackson county is the prize-taking geographical sub-division of the greatest state in the west in the matter of diversified farm products. Wherever its farmers have water with which to irrigate their land their products are prize-takers against all competitors. The soil has proven to be phenomenally productive, both as to yield and quality, in fruits, cereals and vegetables. Even our walnuts and almonds and chestnuts are conceded to be of superior delicacy.

### The Lesson of Success

The prize-winning products have been raised next neighbor to the man who pretended to farm, but who failed because he refused to be taught by the commendable example of the more progressive farmer who obtained and used water during the drouth period and otherwise cultivated his soil properly, both before and after he seeded his fields. The lesson taught by these successes is too simple to call for elucidation; and yet scores of farmers and orchardists throughout the valley have refused to heed it. They absolutely know that irrigation is needed to promote successful farming in this valley. They have seen it tried along side of the man who failed and have realized the results by comparison. And yet, when the time comes to vote for an irrigation system, these same farmers will probably be found to hang back, a dead-weight on the progress of others, because the district will have to sell bonds to pay the cost of installing the permanent system. Can they hope to double the value of their land without the expenditure of a cent?

Should we fail to offer the inducement required for the establishment of the sugar mill in this valley, the immediate loss will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars in a single year. Figure the tonnage of sugar beets, at a fair average, on 5000 acres at \$5 a ton and determine for yourself just what the tremendous loss will be in next year's harvest to the farmers alone.

### The Losses Pile Up

But that isn't the only loss. Several hundred thousand dollars will be invested in a sugar mill if the farmers meet the conditions of the proposition. If they do not, there will be an immense loss. The cost of operating the mill annually will run into tens of thousands of dollars, paid out to local people for labor, fuel, lime-rock and other necessities. That will be lost. The direct, substantial and permanent improvement of the soil of 5000 acres cultivated to sugar beets will amount at least to 10% of its original value. That will run all the way from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The value of the lesson in intensive cultivation of the soil by scientific methods is well-nigh incalculable in a valley where intensive cultivation is so little known that it would be difficult to find an example of it in a day's journey. That will be lost.

What are the stockmen of the valley losing this fall in the enforced sale of their cattle, hogs and sheep because they were unable to produce the food necessary to put them in marketable condition for sale in greater weight and at better prices? It makes them moan with disappointment to tell you.

### And Next Year, What?

What will be the loss next year, if, indeed, they have any stock left, since they were unable to cultivate their fields for crops of food, owing to the drouth this fall? Irrigation would have saved every dollar of those losses. And the sum of these losses this year would more than pay the cost of installing a general irrigation system for the entire valley. On that cost the farmers would have to pay only the interest. Will they agree to do it? The farmers are not alone in the affliction imposed by these losses. Every business in the county suffers.

## BARRYMORE PLAYS ROLE OF MOTHER TO MARRIED SON



ETHEL BARRYMORE

"Our Ethel" is playing the role of mother to a married son this season. But take a look at this, her latest photograph. Did she ever look so pretty or so girlishly charming? This is her idea of Emma McChesney, traveling sales-lady. It's charming, but is it true?

Every citizen of every city, town and hamlet in the valley suffers.

With the farmers who have heretofore opposed irrigation it is an affliction of poverty self-imposed. It is piling mortgage upon mortgage and creating a burden which scores of them will not be able to carry much longer.

Whose fault is it?

## CHINESE DISCUSS JOINING ENTENTE

PEKING, Nov. 26.—The question of re-establishment of a monarchial form of government in China has been overshadowed for the time being by the discussion of the proposal that China enter the entente alliance, which is attracting wide attention. The Chinese press in general seems to be inclined favorably toward the proposal, and regards the attitude of Japan as the principal reason which might be interposed.

The newspapers take the view that if Japan seconds the invitation of her allies, China could not refuse to enter the entente. The Japanese minister, Koki Hiroko, declines to discuss the position of his government.

The Chinese public is following editorially in the Japanese newspapers in an effort to discover from them the probable attitude at Tokio.

### 200,000 SERBS STILL INTACT AND FIGHTING

ATHENS, Nov. 26.—The newspaper Hestia publishes an interview with the Serbian war minister who is at Saloniki in which the minister said: "Although we have lost 25,100 killed or wounded and 20,000 taken prisoner, the operations are anything but ended. Our forces now numbering 200,000 are still intact. We are only deficient in heavy artillery. The morale of the troops is unimpaired. The commissariat is working splendidly, thanks to the French organizers.

"Nevertheless, the situation is difficult, though not hopeless, from a strategic standpoint and as regards munition we shall remain on the defensive, holding the passes and wearing down the enemy, until the Anglo-French forces are sufficiently strong to enable us to resume the offensive.

"The participation of Italy meets with difficulties owing to the divergence of views regarding Albanian-Russia's intervention will be effected after the concentration of the allied armies in the Balkans and it is expected that this will produce a change in Rumania's attitude.

"I can assure you that France and England are preparing surprises in the Balkans."

## Pimples and Skin Eruptions Danger Signs of Bad Blood

It May Mean Eczema, Scrofula—The First Sign of Inherited Blood Disease

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## PIONEER MINER TELLS OF EARLY DAYS IN DIGGING GOLD

ASHLAND, Nov. 26.—Robert W. Dunlap, of this city, expert miner and prospector, has been indulging in a few reminiscences of the earlier period. He landed in Jackson county in 1890. As mining was the chief pursuit at that time, he naturally drifted into that pursuit, first engaging in placer work. His operations being confined to territory within a radius of about ten miles of old Union Town, not far from Rich, on an almost direct line west of Ashland, at the junction of Little Applegate with the main stream.

A short time before his arrival in the county the Gold Hill quartz mine was discovered. Rich specimens of this quartz could be seen in many of the business places of Jacksonville, notably one large and extra rich one, exhibiting more gold than rock, which was displayed to great advantage at Nuber's jewelry store. Jack Long, a noted Jacksonville character of those days, early became interested in that mine. It was the fashion then as now to wear silver or gold watch fobs, and Jack had some of these richest specimens linked together with gold, the chain being over a foot long and valued at \$250.00.

About the same time the Fowler lead (afterwards called the Steamboat lead) was discovered. Some of the parties interested in it besides Fowler were John Anderson, of the Jacksonville firm of Anderson & Glenn, and John O'Brien of Lower Applegate, who was later on drowned while fording the Applegate river. Mr. Dunlap was reliably informed that the books of the Fowler co-partnership showed a total gold extraction of \$420,000, after paying operating expenses, a big sum which was practically thrown away in useless litigation with Archie & Co., who claimed a cross vein. The lawsuit was protracted until all the parties were so reduced financially that but little more work on the property was done, in spite of the extent of development on the Steamboat and with such rich results, some had the gall to term the property a mere pocket, and this too in spite of the fact that quartz mining is still being done on an extensive scale in and around Gold Hill with good results.

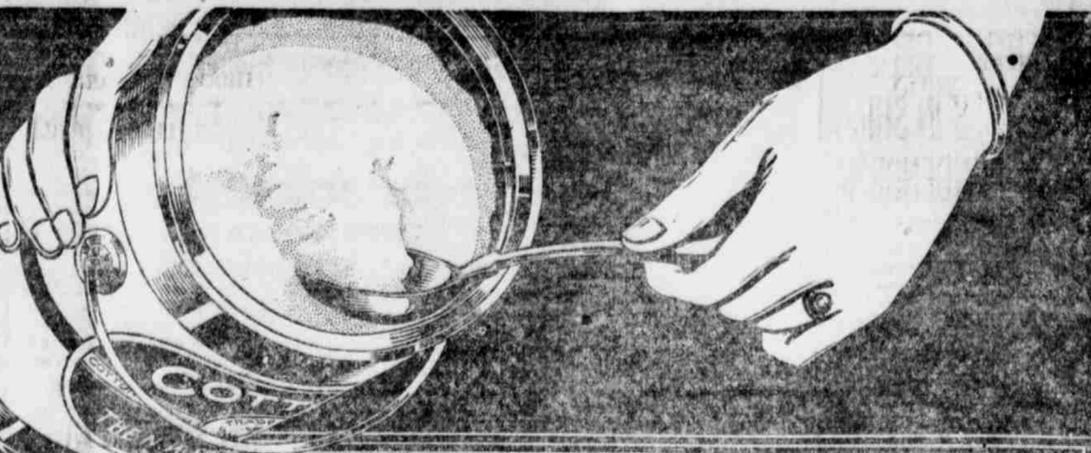
In earlier days the Sterling placers had been worked by aid of water hauled from the winter snows. This was before the Sterling ditch had been put in. These mines are still being worked with profit and have been operated continuously for 50 years.

According to Mr. Dunlap, these were the days before the real estate man had appeared in our midst to advise one how to otherwise invest his money. Almost everybody had some spare cash, and the miner's word was as good as his bond when in need of credit for beans and bacon or a sack of flour, his pledge never remaining unredeemed.

Mr. Dunlap is still optimistic over mining development. Though owning a town residence, he continues prospecting in the quartz region west of Ashland, and prophesies that when the industry is renewed by the real miners instead of the makeshift, with moderate capital to second his efforts, one may surely expect prosperity to return to Southern Oregon.

## PRESIDENT CANCELS CABINET MEETING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—President Wilson cancelled the cabinet meeting today, that he might continue with his address to congress. The president wrote until late last night but was unable to finish it. The president plans to leave for New York tomorrow to see the Army-Navy football game and will finish the message before his departure. He hoped to get it to the public printer by noon today, but was uncertain.



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