

ORGANIZATION OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT NEARS COMPLETION

By W. W. WATSON. In using comparative figures in the matter of the initial and permanent cost of irrigation, it is preferable to employ examples of comparison into which those for whom these articles are written may make personal inquiry, if desirable. Human incredulity is frequently an embarrassing obstacle to overcome in an effort to reach the truth of the proposition in hand. Hence, when reference is made to an irrigation project some distance away from those whom a local system may concern, an effort will be made to cite a case of which a local resident of good repute has personal knowledge. In using brief data concerning the Model Land & Irrigation company of southern Colorado, of which district the town of Poso is the business center, those interested in this comparative presentation are referred to John H. English, a respected resident of this city, who is interested in the system just named. The initial cost. A co-operative company was organized in southern Colorado and named the Model Land & Irrigation company. The area to be irrigated contained 20,000 acres. The storage system is used. A dam a mile long was necessary to form a basin with a capacity sufficient to hold the quantity of water required. The initial cost of this storage system was \$800,000. The cost of annual maintenance during the period of this company's operation has varied from \$2.50 per acre to as high as \$5.50 per acre. An additional sum of \$100,000 was voted for permanent construction work. The land irrigated by this company, in its native condition, was worth scarcely the annual tax charge. It was assessed at \$1 to \$1.40 an acre. Now it sells for \$80 to \$200. Irrigation was absolutely necessary to make it profitably productive. Those who organized and put the scheme into operation had no fear of the results of irrigation. Water Cost a Fortune. Without a quarter of doubt, those interested invested a fortune of approximately a million dollars before they could possibly hope for a penny in return. Was this not a substantial expression of confidence? The soil, like that of the Rogue River valley, was known to contain the necessary elements of fertility, lacking one—and that one was water. With water to give life to the soil, those who invested their money in that scheme knew what the result would be. So far the analogy is clear enough. The conditions there at that time were similar to those here at this time. There the men of business foresight combined their individual finances, proceeded with the constructive work, perfected the system and at once applied the water obtained. Then followed the rich harvest of crops. No matter how the cost of annual maintenance may fluctuate, not a murmur is heard, for the bounty of the crop yield gives an alluring profit. Five tons of alfalfa to the acre, from ten to twenty tons of sugar beets to the acre and abundant crops of all kinds never fail. In the Rogue River valley, where millions of dollars' worth of water is going to waste every year; where hundreds of thousands of acres of soil is thirsting for that element of life that will give it vigor of production; where thousands of people find life a continuous joy because of our delightful climate, and where fortunes may easily be made in cultivation of the soil, if moisture could be applied at intervals during the growing season, we are still wondering whether or not it will pay to irrigate. It has been positively demonstrated here that it will not pay to farm without it. Science, enterprise and a little money have just as positively demonstrated that it will pay to farm with it. Who can discover the source of the doubt that produces a moment of hesitation? Right here, however, I want to interject a defence of hundreds of farmers who have recently announced their conclusion that irrigation is manifestly necessary in this valley and that they propose to have it at the earliest possible date. Organization About Ready. Final papers, including the list of exemptions, will be ready for the county court to pass on early next week, it is believed, in the organization of the first irrigation unit of the valley, covering the cultivable area of the Ashland and Talent districts. Soon thereafter a popular vote in the territory involved will determine the fate of the project. It is encouraging, indeed, to receive so many assurances from those interested in the farms of those districts that the plan will carry almost unanimously. The system cannot be completed for use this year, however; but it is reassuring to know that the gamble on crop yields will have passed into history before the next year's seed shall be committed to the soil. Meantime, private capital, absolutely unafraid of results, is extending a vast system whose canals will command the heart of the valley. On these thousands of acres of incomparably rich soil a vast harvest should be gathered this year. With the use of water that harvest is assured. Without it, failure is a certainty. Which shall it be?

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Like Col. House, President Wilson's personal representative who is now touring European capitals, Secretary Norris of the commercial club left on a personal mission to Portland on the Shasta limited Thursday morning. He is the bearer of press dispatches which got marooned here during the storm period that is prevailing both north and south of Ashland's Western Union repeating station. Many wires are down, consequently the telegraph service got balked up, especially in northern territory. While Portland is disenchaining its vaunted "silver thaw," weather conditions are just about normal in southern Oregon. Norris is a special messenger in the Western Union cabinet without portfolio, though his grip on this trip contained more dispatches than the British took away from Von Papen of recent notoriety. B. A. Day of Seattle, representing the Gamewell Fire Alarm company, was in town on Wednesday interviewing city authorities. C. W. Gilck, a traveling salesman of San Francisco, has moved here with his family, temporarily at least, and has located on Granite street, near the main entrance to the park. A. L. Meigs, president of the Automobile Trail Blazing Association, the western office of which is located at Spokane, has been in town this week interviewing commercial club and other officials over the merits of placing definite markers on the Pacific highway throughout this territory. Traveling Auditor Bolling of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters at San Francisco, has been in local offices this week on official business. George Ewicht, formerly well known Southern Pacific passenger conductor located here several years ago, died at Donsmuir, February 1, of malarial fever. He was president of the State Bank at Donsmuir, though it is understood that he had not given up railroad work. He was 52 years old, and was a member of the chapter and commandery affiliations of the Masonic order here. Funeral was at Sacramento on Thursday of this week. Mrs. W. B. Heebe has been at Junction City, in Lane county, this week, called there by the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Bushnell, widow of Addison Bushnell, who died January 29, aged 76 years. The family were pioneer settlers of Lane county and left four children including Mrs. Heebe. The city council committee, whose duty it was to plan for the overthrow of the old opera house building, have been compelled to desist, not on account of threatened injunction, but for the reason that a debtor residing in a distant section of the country has a right of redemption under fore-

closure proceedings which does not expire until next July. By that time some other condition will arise which will balk the wreckage operations. In the meantime, the fleet and jetson nears the appearance of one of the finest building locations in town. Rev. H. A. Carnahan, Presbyterian pastor here, will preach the sermon before the Rogue River Valley Ministerial Association which meets in the Methodist church at Talent February 7. Rev. J. C. Rollins of Medford will read a paper. Dinner will be the ladies of Talent. Linn county claims the smallest delinquent tax list in the state, with only 297 descriptions, aggregating \$12,000 in delinquencies. Including railroad lands, Jackson county has over 2000 descriptions in the delinquent list. The largest individual one is for \$791.25 and the smallest for 78 cents. Ashland has only 125 descriptions, the largest being \$207.51 and the smallest \$2.06. The contract for 160 cords of wood has been let by the Ashland school district to E. J. Arant, for \$4.85 per cord, delivered at school grounds on or before Sept. 1, 1916. The contract calls for first-class body fir. Mr. Arant furnished a good portion of the supply last year. The local coast artillery company is planning an elaborate dancing party at the armory on Washington's birthday, Tuesday, February 22. Emory Smith, of the mineral springs contracting firm, has returned from San Francisco. Mrs. Smith accompanied him. R. B. Bryant, old-time prospector in these parts, left on Tuesday to inspect various mining properties over in Siskiyou county in which he is interested. Yreka is agitating for a new city hall, and a bond proposition for erecting one will be submitted in April. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Edwards are at Daytona, Florida, a pleasure resort on the east coast, below St. Augustine where they will remain during February, their address being Willmer Apartments in that city. The no-license ordinance, as far as theatres and billiard halls are concerned, has been passed over the mayor's veto by a strict party vote of 4 to 2. The city attorney's salary is fixed at \$50 per month, although another lawyer put in a bid for the job at \$20. In the meantime the electric light committee of the council is struggling with the problem of synchronizing the currents of the city plant and leased system. Some think they may have to return the buck which was passed to them by the outside corporation. At the initial basketball game Wednesday evening between Ashland and Roseburg high schools, the local team won by 23 to 16. The second game will occur Saturday evening this week and the returns are anxiously awaited. Funeral services of Margaret, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Moran, who died on Tuesday, were held at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday. Interment in Mountain View cemetery. She was a bright child of three years and the family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. P. J. Amer, a newcomer from Kansas, has established an agency in the Plaza business section for "white flame burners," an improved lighting device. Newt Shook, taking advantage of leap year, shook himself blessedness from his existence this week and on groundhog day was united in marriage to Mrs. Frankie Ebermann. Both are of this city. The ceremony was performed at Jacksonville. The bride is a member of the Teters family living in this locality. They will reside in the Shook block. Shake! Rev. M. T. Ware of Grants Pass will preach in the local Methodist church next Sunday morning, and Rev. M. C. Reed, living here, will preach in the evening. Pastor Douglas is still in the east for an indefinite period. Illustrated addresses of particular interest to fruit men and agriculturists will be given at the commercial club rooms, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by District Horticultural Commissioner Allen and County Pathologist Cate. The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago will be represented here by Rev. W. A. Hillis, a student of that institution, who will occupy the pulpit of the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening. He is a brother of Dr. Dwight Hillis, the noted Congregational pastor of Plymouth church, Brooklyn, N. Y. A synopsis of weather conditions in January designates the 29th as having been the coldest day, 3 above; the mildest, the 23d, 51. There were 15 cloudy and 8 partially cloudy days, 5 being clear. The Ashland Bakery on Fourth street has been renamed the Bon Ton establishment. Robert Muller is the new proprietor. C. B. Lamkin has moved to the Paulson-Greer residence on Oak street, near the telephone exchange.

APPLAGATE

J. D. Bell and J. E. Barkdull came out on the stage the last week end to Mr. Bell's placer mine he recently purchased. Fred Spencer of Provolet was an Applegate visitor Friday. Wood Jeter and Robert Erier of Stenboat came out to this place a week ago Thursday. They were the first ones over the mountain since the snow was deepest, and they would not have come out now but tobacco was scarce. Mike Hanley and Tom Farlow of Lake Creek have been looking around in the Applegate country the first three days of this week, making Rose's ranch their headquarters. Joe Kester of Foothills creek came over to Hmburg creek to start in mining, as water is very plentiful now. Mrs. Alice Bingham of Thompson creek is seriously ill at this writing. Gene Thompson, the mail carrier from Jacksonville to Applegate, carried the mail in a sleigh last Saturday, the first time in history that a sleigh has carried mail here. Murphy boys' and girls' basketball teams played the Grants Pass team at Grants Pass, January 25, Murphy being an easy winner in both games. Fred Wright arrived here last Monday. He says Applegate has not changed much in the past six years. Ralph Grey walked from his place on Thompson creek to Jacksonville in the snow last Saturday. He intended to go on the stage, but was too late. There is still lots of sick people in this community. Harvey Ruch, who has been visiting his brother at Phoenix the past week, returned to his home on Thompson creek Sunday. Ed O'Brien, who has been mining

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on Williams creek, passed through Applegate Friday en route to Medford. Ed Layton took the stage for Jacksonville and Medford Saturday on business. Logan Woodbridge of Missouri Flat came up to meet the stage Wednesday. Mary Jordan of Grants Pass came out to Applegate Tuesday with a hop buyer and bought the Pernoll and Clute hops. The Buckingham and Hecht shoe men is making his annual call on the storekeepers of this valley. The Ruch and Palmer creek basketball teams played at Ruch hill Saturday night, Ruch being victorious. Mrs. S. Hawk went to Medford Tuesday on business. Rev. Gammon returned from a business trip to Medford Tuesday. John Sieler moved to Bishop's, where he expects to work. George W. Barker is back from a visit to Santa Cruz. He expects to return to Santa Cruz in a few days. Dr. Holt was in town Tuesday. Miss Cylee Creed of Central Point is visiting her sister, Edythe, up at Rancharia. It is hoped that the mountain air will improve her health. Delwin Claspill is in town for a few days. He expects to return to his trapping again. Ben Fredenburg drove 108 head of cattle in the pastures Monday. BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES Mrs. S. Hawk went to Medford Tuesday on business. Rev. Gammon returned from a business trip to Medford Tuesday. John Sieler moved to Bishop's, where he expects to work. George W. Barker is back from a visit to Santa Cruz. He expects to return to Santa Cruz in a few days. Dr. Holt was in town Tuesday. Miss Cylee Creed of Central Point is visiting her sister, Edythe, up at Rancharia. It is hoped that the mountain air will improve her health. Delwin Claspill is in town for a few days. He expects to return to his trapping again. Ben Fredenburg drove 108 head of cattle in the pastures Monday. LESS MEAT IF BACK AND KIDNEYS HURT Take a glass of Salts to flush Kidneys if Bladder bothers you—Drink lots of water. Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the uric acid in meat excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation. The moment your back hurts or kidneys aren't acting right, or if bladder bothers you, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity; also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders. Jad Salts cannot injure anyone; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to keep the kidneys and urinary organs clean, thus avoiding serious kidney disease. CLASSIFIED ADS One cent per word per issue. Six insertions for price of five. Fifty cents per line per month without charge. FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE—Brooder coop, fully equipped; original cost \$60; will deliver anywhere in city for \$30. Janes Bros., 379-N. 279 FOR SALE—Underwood typewriter, No. 5; also L. C. Smith No. 5; practically new; cheap; terms. Box 12, Mail Tribune. 271 FOR SALE—Ford one man top and top work of all description. Medford Tent and Awning Co., 106 N. Front, Phone 78-R. 295 FOR SALE—Bicycle with carrier, all most new, cheap. P. O. Box 232. 270 FOR SALE—Nine single comb R. I. Red cockerels; also eggs for hatching. Ernest Webb, Central Point. 274 FOR SALE—Reo 5th, 1912 model, extra equipment; new tires; price \$300; party leaving county. Box 197, Central Point. 275 FOR SALE—One 2 1/2 wagon, one top buggy; one set 2900 pound platform scales. G. L. Schermerhorn, 121 North Grape. 276 FOR SALE—Eggs from range raised by C. C. Huff, Jackson. Wm. J. Ferns, Medford R. F. D. 4 or phone Mrs. A. B. Ferns, 19-F2. 281 FOR SALE—Smith typewriter \$22.50 Room 316 Holland Hotel. * FOR SALE—Cheap, portable frame garage, easily moved, 14x20, room for two machines. Walter Rowne, 25 Summit Ave. 270 FOR SALE—Barred Rock eggs for hatching; young throughbred roosters. J. B. Webster, R. F. D., Talent, Phone 8-22. 282 FOR SALE—Seed barley, cheap feed; baled barley straw. Call 752-J2. * MISCELLANEOUS. "CHRISTIAN UNITY" by Rev. Chas. F. Dole, and other Unitarian literature sent free to inquirers. Address Miss Hazel Burton, Central Point, Oregon, R. F. D. No. 1. 279

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