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COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor: In the issue of your paper under date of the 10th instant we note a letter from Mr. A. E. Reames, an attorney in the employ of the farmers who are opposing the formation of an irrigation district in this valley.

Mr. Reames now claims that the Rogue River Valley Canal company has not available sufficient water to irrigate a district of 20,000 acres in size, yet only two years ago, when Mr. Reames knew as much about our water supply as he does today, he drew a petition for an irrigation district of 55,000 acres under our canals and sent it out from his office to be signed by the residents of this larger district.

Mr. Reames contends that one and one-half feet is wholly insufficient in the Rogue River valley, and says no man in his right senses would think of signing such a contract, but Mr. Reames helped to draft and approved for this company a contract about three years ago and agreed to recommend it to his clients, which contract contained a provision that the amount of water to be supplied should be one and one-half acre feet.

Mr. Reames complains about the lines of the district, which he says coincide with the Rogue River Valley Canal company's canal. The petition which he himself drew and which was sent out from his office with the stamp of his approval for the landowners of the Rogue River valley to sign two years ago followed the lines of the Rogue River Valley Canal company's canals, both the high line and the low line.

As to what Mr. Reames sees fit to term a pussy-foot campaign on the part of the canal company, we wish to state that we have at no time made any effort to conceal the fact that we put before the landowners a proposition which made it possible for them to have something definite to work on, but at the time this matter was discussed with certain property-owners in the area of the proposed district this company made its position plain to these gentlemen by stating that the canal company was not willing to make them the proposition which we did make and also undertake the campaign, and that we would expect the landowners themselves to make the campaign.

Willful Misrepresentation The whole trend of the arguments of the opposition to the formation of the district has been one of willful or ignorant misrepresentation of a libelous nature against the canal company—a corporation which has spent more money and employed more men in this valley than any other corporation or company in the valley.

Waters Not in Litigation Again, Mr. Reames would have the public believe that all the waters for which the canal company has rights are in litigation. Here again Mr. Reames, in his campaign of misrepresentation, knows he is not giving the public the dear public which he loves so well—when they pay him well for it the facts. The

THE STORY OF THREE YEARS.

WHAT is the matter with the Rogue river valley? Railroad shipments tell the story. We do not produce enough. Our imports exceed our exports. The balance of trade is against us.

Why does this condition exist? Because of lack of irrigation. Although farmers receive the highest prices paid in years, they cannot profit thereby because of lack of output.

In 1913, a wet year, exports exceeded imports and we had a prosperous year, the first in several years based upon the solid foundation of production. We exported more produce and foodstuffs than we imported, as the following shows:

Exports 1381 cars.....
Imports 1052 cars.....
Excess exports 329 cars.....

In 1914, however, we had a dry year and shipments show up as follows:

Imports 1216 cars.....
Exports 683 cars.....
Excess imports 533 cars.....

In 1915, another dry year kept the balance of trade on the wrong side as follows:

Imports 1923 cars.....
Exports 1308 cars.....
Excess imports 615 cars.....

To show the difference of favorable seasons, that is years with sufficient moisture, let us compare the total fruit shipments of 1913, with 1914 and 1915, with a constantly increasing acreage of young orchards that should annually enlarge the output:

1913 fruit crop 1117 cars.....
1914 fruit crop 353 cars.....
1915 fruit crop 459 cars.....

Potato exports were six cars in 1913 and in 1915 we had to import 109 earloads. Hay exports have shrunk from 44 cars in 1913 to an importation of 107 cars—yet some of our alfalfa growers say we do not need water.

Only water will increase the production. Only by irrigation can the water be assured, and the only way farming and fruit growing will be placed upon an enduring and stable basis, is by irrigation.

It is up to the land owners to secure water. They have the opportunity and will only have themselves to blame if they fail to grasp it.

towns throughout the valley, is beyond our comprehension. But this is what Mr. Reames, as the representative of the disgruntled few, is trying to have his clients believe. Our only conclusion is that the canal company has committed the unpardonable sin of not having employed Mr. Reames as their attorney; but we have always found Mr. Reames most enthusiastic about the affairs of the company and quite willing to give his full and unqualified sanction to the details of the contract of the said canal company, (which, by the way, names one and one-half acre feet of water per season as the quantity to be furnished) when he was paid for his services in that connection.

Insult to Intelligence The statement made by Mr. Reames as to the quantity of water required for various crops, particularly that of alfalfa, are so very wild and idiotic that they are an insult to any intelligent person. Just how Mr. Reames can reconcile these statements with those which he made at the meeting of the people with the county court we are anxious to have him explain. At the meeting in question Mr. Reames stated that Mr. Hanley, one of his clients, did not require water on his alfalfa; now he has the brazen effrontery to claim that "no man in his right senses would buy less than five acre-feet for alfalfa."

Why, Mr. Reames, do you make such ridiculous statements, when you know, if you have taken the trouble to look up the record of rainfall during the past few years, you will learn that in the neighborhood of fourteen inches has been the total annual precipitation? Is it then good logic to presume that this fourteen inches of rainfall (practically all in the winter months) is sufficient for alfalfa, and then in the next breath state that no person of sane mind would think of making a contract for less than five acre-feet for alfalfa? Further, does it not stand to reason that with the natural water supply coming practically all during the non-growing season, will not one and one-half acre-feet applied at the time it is most required materially assist such crops? We believe that no sane person (to use Mr. Reames' own expression) will contend to the contrary. In fact, we claim, on the authority of experts in the irrigation business that one and one-half acre-feet is ample for practically all lands in this valley.

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INCREASE CHARGES OF DEMURRAGE ON FREIGHT CARS

Changes in the demurrage and reciprocal demurrage rules in Oregon as applying to inter-state freight in earload lots have been decided upon by the Public Service commission to become effective January 1, 1917.

Under the rules now in effect, demurrage is charged by carriers at the flat rate of \$2 a day for each day which cars are held by shippers for unloading or loading after a period of 48 hours' free time has elapsed.

Under the amended ruling announced today, a graduated charge has been fixed. The regular 48 hours of free time is allowed the shippers, but after the expiration of that time, the following charges will be made until the car is released: \$2 a car for the first day or fraction thereof that the car is detained beyond free time; \$3 a car for the second day or fraction thereof, and \$4 a car for the third and each succeeding day or fraction thereof. The \$4 is the maximum amount allowed by statute.

Provision is made that when an empty car or empty cars are placed on order and are not used, but are returned to the railroad empty, no free time will be allowed, but demurrage will be charged from the first 7 a. m., after placing or tender as follows:

Two dollars a car for the first day or fraction thereof, \$3 a car for the

PREMIER'S ILLNESS DELAYS STATEMENT OF NEW POLICY

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The absence through illness of Premier Lloyd-George and former Premier Asquith, the principal figures in the late ministerial crisis and the decision of the cabinet to postpone until Thursday its statement of policy, robbed today's session of the house of commons of the interest, which usually attaches to the first meeting of a new government with parliament. However, a large number of members returned to London for the session. The attitude of those whose position remained in doubt was indicated by the seats they took, either behind the cabinet or with the opposition forces.

Meanwhile the new ministers are mastering their departments, which most of them took over yesterday. A. G. Balfour, however, delayed his transfer until this morning, when he assumed charge of the foreign office. For the moment the foreign ministry is occupied with the problem of dealing with the Athens government.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their sympathy and kindnesses during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. H. WENDT AND FAMILY

second day or fraction thereof and \$4 a car for the third day and each succeeding day or fraction thereof.

Misery in Back, Headache and Pain in Limbs.

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Yours truly, W. A. ROUSSEAU.

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ERRON—Please insert this letter in some conspicuous place in your paper.

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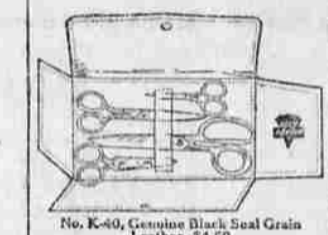
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