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A WORTHY PROJECT.

PROPERTY owners of the Medford Irrigation District will vote Saturday upon the proposal to bond the district for \$1,500,000 for the construction of an irrigation system with Big Butte creek as a source of supply.

The objections hitherto raised against an irrigation source do not apply to the present proposal, which has the great advantage of diverting the flow of a living stream instead of depending upon water stored by dams in reservoirs. At any time it becomes necessary to increase the supply, reservoirs can be constructed to store the winter flow.

It ought not to be necessary to argue at this late day, after the experience of the valley during the past five years, the question whether irrigation pays or not. Since the days when the ancient Babylonians first made Mesopotamia the garden spot of the world by irrigation some 5,000 years before Christ, the value of irrigation has been demonstrated fact.

With irrigation wherever practiced has come intensified and diversified farming, the substitution of small tracts for large farms, an increase in production, in population, in land values. The story is the same from the time of the Pharaohs who made Egypt the granary of the ancient world by irrigation, to California, whose population and prosperity are due principally to water.

The Rogue River valley has not enjoyed prosperity for the past few years because it does not produce enough. Compared to other irrigated sections, with fewer natural advantages, its yield offers a shabby contrast.

Years ago the population outgrew our production and the balance has been against us. There is but one way to bring prosperity and restore the balance, and that is to increase production beyond the needs of the population. This increase cannot be secured under the old system—which did well enough when we had few people to support—it can only be secured by irrigation which will increase the yield of every cultivated acre.

There is no sale for farm property and therefore for any other property in the Rogue River valley. This is because no practical farmer or producer will buy land in a semi-arid region like this valley is, that is unirrigated. Put water on the land and there will be a good market for it.

Those who oppose irrigation and would retard the progress of the valley by clinging to obsolete and outgrown primitive methods, who lack the wisdom of the ancients in grasping their opportunities or intelligence and industry essential to take advantage of irrigation, can easily sell when water goes with the land and go to some secluded spot where progress never stirs stagnation.

The water supply proposed is the best possible. The estimated cost is reasonable. The project and its construction will be under state and federal control, safeguarding the district, and the bonds be passed upon by federal authorities before marketed. Costs will be as cheap or cheaper now than for several years—as any contractor will confirm.

Your vote can help make this region the valley of prosperity—help fill the vacant houses and redeem the deserted tracts we see on every hand. Or it can help shove the country and the city with it, further into the slough of despond with ever diminishing yields, population and values.

BUSINESS MEN: BUY LIBERTY BONDS! BUY! BUY! BUY!

(By George A. Schneider, champion Liberty Loan bond salesman of the United States.)

If we Americans are to be frank with ourselves we must admit that during the first three years of this war we capitalized and commercialized that terrible conflict. We were becoming a nation addicted to extreme wastefulness, all walks and stations of life self-centered and selfish in the pursuit of our individual interests and pleasures. We were arrogant and complacent in the knowledge that our country was at peace, that we were prosperous and happy.

When, after three years of submission to unheard-of violations of our international rights, the limit of patience was reached, and the United States joined the allies, most of us even then did not seem to realize we were actual combatants in the terrible world's conflict.

As a people we did not take the war seriously until the martial strains of life and drum were heard in every village and city of our land and the flower of our own nation's manhood, our own sons, brothers, husbands and friends, were marching away to engage in the same awful warfare we had been so accustomed to reading about for three years it had become commonplace.

While our boys, who but a few months ago were engaged in peaceful pursuits, are making all American proud of their deeds of courage and bravery on the western battle line of France, we must guard against being too optimistic, for we have a long hard pull ahead of us before we can hope for the final and decisive victory which must and will be won for the great cause of liberty, justice and humanity we are fighting for.

Every American must become thoroly imbued with the conviction that we have not only an army and navy to get ready, but an entire nation that must be trained, with every man and woman ready to promptly and to the best of their ability re-

spond to their country's every call for duty, service and sacrifice.

We cannot all wear a uniform, shoulder a gun or be Red Cross nurses, but every man and woman is today enrolled in our country's service as much as are our boys in khaki and blue. The war cannot be won without their direct personal co-operation. They must respond to every call made upon them. He who falls our country in the present great crisis, is just as much a deserter as is the soldier in uniform who quits under fire.

We are now being called upon to subscribe to the Fourth Liberty Loan bond issue of our government. We are not being asked for a contribution or a donation, but are being urged to buy to the limit of our ability the highest class of investments, drawing 4 1/2 per cent interest, a guaranteed security backed by the matchless resources of our great country.

We need more ships and cannon, more aircraft, more munitions, more food, supplies and equipment for the two million of our boys already in France and the millions of others we must send over. We must extend financial credit to the nations with whom we are allied. Every dollar invested in Liberty Loan bonds speeds up our war activities, hastens the return home of our boys over there, and brings nearer the realization of our vision of the final glorious victory which must be won not in Italy, Belgium, or France, but must and will be won on the soil of Germany, stamping out for all time to come Hun militarism, tyranny and arrogance.

With Medford towns in Medford made

McCurdy Agency General Insurance Medford National Bank Bldg. Telephone 123.

Fallen for Freedom

The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

Killed in action, 239; missing in action, 26; wounded severely, 19; died from wounds, 36; prisoners, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 1; Total, 322.

Marine casualties: Killed in action 43; died of wounds received in action 11; wounded in action, severely, 6; missing in action, 6. Total 66.

From the Pacific coast states: Killed in action: Sergeant James I.

Mestrovitch, Fresno, Calif.; Corporal Tom F. Barto, Bellingham, Wash.; Private Steffen Stavrats, San Francisco.

Wounded severely: Privates Frank H. Kennedy, Seattle; David L. Robertson, Republic, Wash.

Missing in action: Private Theodosius Eustratis, Tacoma, Wash. Marine corps casualties—Killed in action: Privates Joseph R. Deyon, Toolumne, Calif.; William J. Keboe, Spokane, Wash.; Charles L. Kelley, Everett, Wash.; Ralph R. Munsee, Spokane, Wash.

WATER SUPPLY CHOSEN AMPLE TO IRRIGATE DISTRICT

If the last five years have not convinced you that the district needs irrigation don't read any further. If you don't want more alfalfa, more grain, more fruit, more vegetables and more dairy products, than we have raised hitherto, no arguments of any kind will affect you.

The water supply from Big Butte creek is in all respects sufficient as shown by all published figures. If you desire anything further get the truth by telephoning the irrigation office, 157-R.

The directors are men to be trusted. Your committee has examined their accounts and investigated all their proceedings. They have been honest, able, frank and economical. Their investigation has resulted in the selection of a project which half a dozen competent engineers pronounce feasible. Do the men who criticize it actually know anything about it? If so, do they know as much as six different engineers?

Under the Estimates The estimates are liberal and will cover the cost. The engineer employed by the Warren Construction company, one of the most active construction companies on the coast, is satisfied with the directors' figures. To make it certain that the project will not involve the voters in a greater sum than \$75 per acre, without their express consent, the directors have pledged themselves to call another election before they begin construction, if the final plans show that the cost would be more.

Don't believe for a minute that the state engineer will withhold his approval. It hasn't been asked yet, because it is not the right time. That step can not be taken until this election authorizes the bonds and final plans are submitted. The relations of the state engineer and the directors have been pleasant and always friendly. They are both working for the same object—to provide for you the best and cheapest system of irrigation. The state engineer, when told the election would be called, said: "Go to it. I think that is the first thing to do."

No Trouble in Sight

Perhaps they tell you that the directors are buying a lawsuit. With whom? The Power company says that it opposes the project goes thru. It has no fears, no complaints. Telephone and ask Harry Walther, the manager. The rumor about lawsuits has no foundation, and has been secretly circulated to frighten you into voting "No." The figures that have been published show that there are no conflicting rights.

W. V. BARNUM JIM DAILY GEO. B. DEAN J. A. PERRY J. A. WESTERLUND CORNING KENLEY JIM HANSON DILLON HILL JOE BROWN PAUL JANNEY.

Among tourists registered at the Hotel Medford are Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKinney of Wakefield, R. I.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS MAY BE OVERCOME

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or head and ear noises or are growing hard of hearing go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Parmitin (double strength), and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the mucus stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial. Adv.

JOHN A. PERL UNDERTAKER Lady Assistant. 22 SOUTH BARTLETT. Phone M. 47 and 47-32. Automobile Hearse Service. Auto Ambulance Service. Oregon.

COST OF LIVING INCREASES TWO-THIRDS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—Cost of living investigators of the bureau

of statistics reported today that costs in Philadelphia have increased 67.17 per cent since December, 1914. (Clothing increased 108.12 per cent; furniture 105.76 per cent; food 68.09 per cent; housing 9.09 per cent and fuel and light 31.65 per cent. The increase was 13.36 per cent since December, 1917.

The Easiest Way to Keep White Clothes White Wash them in cool or luke-warm water with Fels-Naptha soap. The wonderful combination of soap and naphtha searches out the most minute particles of dirt without yellowing or harming the finest fabrics. No boiling necessary; mighty little rubbing. You can keep cool on a summer's washday when you use Fels-Naptha. At your own grocer's

Save the Freight and Help Win the War USE Mt. Pitt Flour A HOME PRODUCT It's Cheaper and Better than most, and the Equal of any. Every barrel of flour we sell means a market for five more bushels of our farmers' wheat. They need the money, and feed, and we need the business. We maintain a pay roll, and support Jackson county institutions. What do Portland or Seattle Mills do for Jackson county? Do you appreciate factories here? Then purchase Mt. Pitt Flour. The Central Point Mills MAKERS OF QUALITY PRODUCTS

High School Books We carry a complete line of all High School Books required in the Medford High School. The Rexall Store RALPH WOODFORD, Prop.

Five Good Reasons Buy VILMO Flour BECAUSE— 1. It is good flour; you'll find no better anywhere. Try it and see. 2. It is milled here at home out of wheat grown right here. 3. Its use saves needless waste of transportation in war time. 4. Vilmo flour is a home industry and creates a home pay roll. 5. Every sack that is sold helps to make a better market for home wheat. Help the Government to Conserve Transportation Needed for War Purposes. Rogue Valley Milling Co.

THE BUGLE CALL Summons all the forces and resources of the Republic to the defense of Freedom THE OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE which the United States authorities have ranked as one of the fifteen distinguished institutions of the country for excellence in military training, has responded to the call. The College is distinguished not only for its military instruction, but DISTINGUISHED ALSO FOR— Its strong industrial courses for men and for women in Agriculture, Commerce, Engineering, Forestry, Home Economics, Mining, Pharmacy, and Vocational Education. Its wholesome, purposeful student life. Its democratic college spirit. Its successful graduates. Students enrolled last year, 1917, starts on its service flag, 1258, over forty percent representing officers. College opens September 23, 1918 For catalog, new Illustrated Booklet, and other information write to the Registrar, Corvallis, Oregon

FRENCH PRIESTS WIN DISTINCTION AS AIR FIGHTERS

PARIS, Sept. 26.—(By Associated Press.)—Roman Catholic priests, who like all Frenchmen of military age had to join the army, have distinguished themselves in the aviation service.

Father Mirabail became an observer with the celebrated "Hawk" biplane and was always the first to volunteer for any perilous mission. The day of the great raid on Karlsruhe, after which the enemy admitted to 257 victims and \$500,000 damages, the machine which carried Father Mirabail and his pilot, Sergeant Seitz, did not return.

The Legion of Honor was awarded to the plucky observation officer, who had already earned two citations, and the statement accompanying the award read: "Forced to land by motor trouble he succeeded in burning his machine and the papers on board."

Seitz has since escaped to France and Cardinal Hartmann, Bishop of Cologne, has excommunicated Father Mirabail.

Father Bourjade second lieutenant of aviation, is a specialist in destroying observation balloons. He has won the Legion of Honor. In attacking an enemy balloon on July 19, he received a bullet in the shoulder and is ready for duty again.

DOUBLE YIELD BY IRRIGATION

To the Editor: My neighbor, Mr. Perry, at Eagle Pond, seeded two years ago last spring, four acres to alfalfa, and one year ago three acres. This year he has taken off 50 tons in three cuttings and has a fourth crop ready to cut in 10 days that will give at least a ton. This gives at least eight tons per acre. Has sold summer's cutting at \$18 per ton—\$144 per acre. Without water he might have cut three tons per acre—\$54 increase in one year, due to water, \$90 per acre.

I advise every farmer to vote for water. FRED FRIEDRIGER, Eagle Point.

Out This Out—It is Worth Money. DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose with 5c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2835 Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic, for constipation, biliousness, headache, and sluggish bowels. For sale by the Medford Pharmacy. Adv.