

URGES PATIENCE IN FIRST TESTS OF IRRIGATION

H. M. Chadwick, Engineer for Canal Company, Declares Critical Time of Adjustment Must Be Expected—Tendency Take Water in Excess

The second day of the Jackson County Irrigation school at the public library was marked this morning by a good attendance and interesting and instructive talks by Prof. W. L. Powers, director of soils and drainage at O. A. C., Attorney Charles M. Thomas and H. M. Chadwick, engineer for the Rogue River Canal company.

"The critical time in an irrigation project," said Mr. Chadwick in his paper, "is between the time of completion of the project, and its height of efficiency in the distribution of water over its district." These first days, said Mr. Chadwick were usually marked by constant controversy between the water company, and the landowners, but "urged that there be a spirit of fair play and co-operation on both sides. He said this was the surest way to success."

"Too many people are willing to concede points if they are benefited, and lag if they are not," continued Mr. Chadwick. "I have found a tendency in my experience in irrigation for some to take just a little more water than they are entitled to." He favored the addition of a new commandment: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's water."

Referring to the rules and regulations, that of necessity, would be formed for the water users, he said, "I don't expect them to suit everybody until they have been 'seasoned,' and changes would be made to suit local conditions."

Keep Laterals Clean
The speaker declared the first duty of the water user was to keep the farm laterals clean, and the first duty of the water company to maintain its ditches. All conscientious water companies endeavor to eliminate favoritism, and serve for the best interests of the entire irrigation district.

Prof. Powers delivered an address on "The Duty of Water," and how it could be employed "to do something besides run down hill." Its scientific application to plant life, as well as to increase the productivity of land was explained, and in conclusion the speaker answered a number of questions propounded by his listeners.

Attorney C. M. Thomas explained the legal problems that were met and overcome by the local district, and talks were made by Herman Powell and Ralph Cowgill.

This afternoon the public library lawn was used by Prof. Powers to show how the land to be irrigated should be laid out.

Over Irrigation Dangerous
Uses and abuses of water for irrigating purposes were discussed at the afternoon session yesterday by Prof. Power, and Herman Powell appeared with a saw and board to illustrate how to make an irrigation ditch, per formula.

Prof. Powell said that "the beginning of wisdom in irrigation is the economical use of natural precipitation."

He urged the cultivation of the soil so it would retain the greatest amount of moisture, and that this capacity could be increased by increasing the organic matter in the ground, and by deep plowing. Water escapes from the ground by running off, evaporation and by being sucked up thru the trees, and passing out through the leaves. This latter was the chief source of loss, it taking from 400 to 500 pounds of water for the plant food which goes to make one pound of dry matter.

"Over-irrigation" was classed by the speaker as a menace to permanent and profitable irrigation farming, and causing poorer crops, water-logging, increased expense, and keeps the all important air out of the soil.

PROMINENT ELK OFFICIAL FOR POP GATES, GOVERNOR

Geo. Neuner, Jr., district deputy grand exalted ruler of the Elks, made an official call on the Medford lodge last night and will visit the Ashland lodge officially Saturday night. He is spending the day in Medford visiting his many friends.

Mr. Neuner says there is not much politics stirring at Roseburg as yet. However, J. O. Watson, formerly of Jackson county and a son of E. B. Watson, formerly on the Oregon supreme court bench, and Senator B. L. Eddy will be candidates for the republican nomination for circuit judge, to succeed Judge J. W. Hamilton, democrat, who has been on the bench for 18 years. There are six counties in that judicial district, John S. Coke, republican, of Marshallfield, and G. F. Skipworth, democrat, of Eugene being the other two judges, both of whom will probably run again.

Mr. Neuner who would not predict who would be nominated for governor by the republicans, because there are no candidates announced as yet, said he would like to see C. E. Gates, a southern Oregon man, nominated.

Regarding the famous Brumfield murder case Mr. Neuner who as prosecuting attorney for Douglas county secured his conviction, says that the arguments on the appeal to the supreme court, brought by the defense will probably not be heard until April or May. There is no cause for hurry, as all sentences for capital punishment will be held up until the constitutionality of the law is determined. Dr. Brumfield is reported as well and flourishing, and he often sees his wife and two boys who are now living in Salem.

TO ERECT BUSINESS BLOCK

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freight elevator in the building. The Medford Furniture & Hardware company first opened for business in 1902, has changed locations several times, and their new building will have more floor space than their present quarters. They have shown their faith in Medford by taking a several years' lease on the building.

J. H. Drew has the contract for the erection of the building. The crowded condition of the business section of Medford has been a serious drawback for the city for some time, and Mr. Hansen & Son are to be congratulated for "breaking the ice" by starting the erection of new business property and for their faith in Medford as the metropolis of Southern Oregon and northern California.

Mr. Hansen came to the Rogue river valley in 1887 and set out one of the first commercial orchards on the west part of their present home place, one and a half miles south of Medford, on the Pacific highway. The present orchard on the home place consists of 32 acres of 16 year old Bose pears that are very productive and shipped to New York each year and sold at good prices.

The erection of this building will be from the returns of the Hansen orchard, which shows what Rogue River fruit will do.

TRYING TO AVERT DISASTER

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LONDON, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation created by the kidnappings in Ulster continued to bear a grave aspect. The northern Irish government had not up to this afternoon received any intimation of the release of the prisoners taken in the recent raids and has no authentic information as to their whereabouts.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(By Associated Press.)

It was reported from both Dublin and Belfast that many of the men kidnaped in Ulster would be released today but none except those who reached their homes yesterday, as recounted in previous dispatches, was yet known to be free, and the whereabouts of the captives was still a mystery.

Expectation that the number would be released was apparently based on the report that Michael Collins and other members of the southern provisional government had sent special officers from Dublin to persuade the captors to release their prisoners.

It was questioned, however, whether the provisional government's persuasions would be likely to be effective in any case, as the Irish republican army nominally is not controlled by the provisional government, but by the Dail Eireann.

An article in the Daily Telegraph remarks that, if the raids were not planned with the connivance of the provisional government, it is obvious that much of the material which was passed to it by the British has reached hands unfriendly to Mr. Collins and his colleagues. It adds that there are many signs that local commanders of the Irish republican army who sup-

posed they supported Collins have thrown their lot with Eamonn-DeValera. After further intimations as to the growing power of the republican extremists the report says:

Gunmen Supreme

"The gunmen are supreme and if there is an early general election in southern Ireland, competent authorities believe the election will decide the issue in favor of the republican army."

The Dublin correspondent of the Times again urges the necessity for Great Britain to quickly pass legislation giving effect to the Anglo-Irish treaty so as to enable the provisional government to appeal to the electorate with the least possible delay. He says it is reported in Dublin that according to present plans the ministry will not permit an election in Ireland until the end of March or the beginning of April.

The Morning Post's political correspondent says the differences of opinion which may have unexpected consequences are developing in the British cabinet as a result of the raids in Ulster and believes urgent instructions have been sent to Ireland to stop further acquisition of British arms and ammunition by the free state authorities.

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