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SITUATION IN IRRIGATION IS ENCOURAGING

Annual Report of Medford's Irrigation District Shows Record of Outstanding Accomplishment—Govt. Aid Is Probability—Income Is Increased.

The report on the activities of the directors of the Medford Irrigation district, recently issued, is in part as follows:

The board of directors of the Medford Irrigation district are taking this occasion to again acquaint the landowners, within the district, of the board's activities and accomplishments during the past six months.

We believe that over this period there has been material strides made toward the betterment of the district. For the sake of clearness and brevity, these accomplishments can best be divided and discussed under the following heads:

Delinquent Land Sales

It will be remembered that up to about six months ago the total accumulated delinquent land in the district amounted to about six hundred acres. These delinquent lands had accumulated over a period of years, and were to a certain extent lands that had not been farmed from the inception of the district. Much of it was controlled by absentee ownership, who apparently had no intention of paying taxes.

Last spring the directors started a campaign to dispose of this land, with the primary idea of getting it back on to the tax rolls where it would have to bear its just share of the water and maintenance cost of the district. The non-payment of taxes by these delinquent acres has added each year an extra cost on those who were faithfully paying their share.

To carry this plan, it was necessary to arrange with the local banks for sufficient money to clear this land of county taxes, pay title insurance and cover for legal requirements. A credit of \$5000 was arranged, however, and we are happy to report that but \$3000 of this amount has been used. The cost of handling the land has been held to a minimum, and we are indebted to the county court for cooperation to the extent of absorbing a good portion of the county taxes which had accumulated against these properties.

350 Acres Sold

The net result of our efforts to date, is the sale of over 350 acres of the original 600 acres. Most sales have been on a small acreage basis, and have been made at an average price of about \$37 per acre. Financially, then, the district will collect, as a result of our efforts to date, about \$12,000 from the sale of land, which money will come back to the district treasury very promptly.

The board of directors have recently adopted a "Small down payment plan," which they believe will result in the sale of an additional 150 acres within the next 90 days. We are anxious to get the balance of this delinquent land back on the tax roll as quickly as possible. The plan adopted calls for \$2.00 down, and from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per acre per month, extended over a period of about two and one-half years. These monthly payments in addition to taking care of the purchase price of the land, also pay water taxes and interest on the unpaid balance due the district on land sold.

Bonds Are Sold

\$144,000 of the original authorized bond issue of the Medford Irrigation District was withheld from the canal company because of their failure to fully complete the construction of the project as per contract. The withholding of these bonds was contested in court—the canal company losing their claim, and the court ruling that these bonds were originally created to pay for the complete construction of the irrigation system. The court further ruled that the directors of the Medford Irrigation District had the right to sell these remaining bonds for the purpose of completing the project. In this connection, it will be remembered that in the spring of 1927 the directors, with the cooperation of local business men, sold \$38,000 worth of bonds. The money from which was used to line certain ditches. Last spring—1928—the directors authorized the continuance of bond sales, as additional lining was necessary. Several major leaks had been causing considerable damage to certain properties, especially on the east side of the valley, and it became imperative that these leaks be repaired, otherwise the district could not escape large damage suits.

A selling plan was worked out with M. N. Hogan of this city, wherein he was to attempt to dispose of the remainder of the original unsold issue. To date an additional \$50,000 of bonds have been sold. A very large portion of the bonds placed in the spring of '27 and '28 were absorbed by the large landowners. We cannot help but feel that the interests of the small landholders are just as vital to their welfare as are the large interests to the large owners.

Bond Purchase Urged

Let us be perfectly fair and frank in this matter, and look the facts squarely in the face. Each

landholder in this district is expected, and rightfully so, to purchase his share, however small, of these bonds. The bonds are a first mortgage upon your own land along with all other lands in the district, and as you already know, the irrigation taxes are levied and rendered to you in conjunction with the county taxes. You cannot pay the one without the other. If taxes are not paid it affects the district only temporarily, as the law now gives a right to foreclose in one year after tax delinquency. Thus the district can reimburse themselves time after time on the same acreage as and when it becomes delinquent. The point we wish to make here, is that in the final analysis, in the matter of security, the bond holder is very well protected in his investment. Especially is this true in the Medford district where the total outstanding bonds now are \$1,295,000 and the total appraised value of the land under the district is \$5,025,000.

Law Suits Explained

One of the important phases that presents itself to the district and its directors, is the successful conclusion of the law suit in which the district has been involved for several years with the Rogue River Valley Canal company. A thorough and intelligent discussion of this matter is beyond the scope of this column here. The board feels, however, that more is to be gained by effecting a compromise out of court than fighting through the supreme court with all its delays and legal costs, providing however, the settlement would be fair in all respects and would also free the Medford Irrigation District from the domination of the ditch company, and by so doing allow us to administer our own water and all affairs connected with it. In this connection it must be remembered that we are now virtually buying water year by year, in certain specified amounts, to be delivered only at certain specified times. We will have to do this for the remainder of the year, and this situation, other limiting factors enter also, which do not reflect to our best interest. The board, therefore, as previously stated, decided that if possible a compromise should be effected which would improve our position as an irrigation district.

Form Emergency Fund

The natural inclination of the board of directors would be to cut down the 1929 water assessment. After carefully going over every single item of expense, we find it is inadvisable to make such a cut this coming year. Please bear in mind that the total tax of \$15.50 per acre, that \$9.50 is levied under the head of fixed expense. This money must be used toward retiring the bonds and paying the interest. The directors have no jurisdiction over this part of the assessment. However, the balance levied, \$6.00, for operating purposes and is subject to reduction, such reductions being possible when management efficiency permits.

However, we have made what we feel to be splendid financial headway during the past six months. In so far as we now have on hand a surplus of about \$16,000 as well as \$12,000 in unpaid contracts from the sale of the previously mentioned delinquent lands. On first thought it might seem that this surplus could be used to lower our yearly taxes. Eventually, such will be the case but this year this surplus money will be used to retire certain loans from the local banks that the directors had had to fall back upon in past years. After the retirement of these loans it is also the intention of the present board to set up and establish an emergency fund—just as any family would expect to set up for itself—to be used only in times of stress. We feel that such a policy is only sound business in view of the ever possible chances of major canal washouts, flame and siphon troubles, and other emergencies that a district such as this is always subject to.

Since we are all in sympathy with the ultimate reduction of water taxes, we herewith submit certain factors which will sometime be responsible for lowering the rate.

1. Disposal of the delinquent properties, thereby getting them back on the tax rolls. (The past year's reduction of delinquent lands will make itself felt in the 1929 income, and will amount to about fifty cents per acre per year.

2. Reduction in the cost of maintenance of ditches as a result of economies effected through the purchase this fall of a large gasoline shovel.

3. Lower cost of ditch maintenance as a result of the concreting of the main ditch in certain places. Concrete ditches are cheaper to maintain than are dirt ditches.

4. Concrete lining will result in the elimination of further payment of damage caused by seepage losses. The directors have had many claims pressed from this cause.

5. Should a settlement with the ditch company take place, giving us control and should the Central Point area form its own irrigation district, which that section has already voted to do, then a possible combination of the two districts would result in cutting down the overhead operating expenses. This saving would be substantial.

6. The directors feel that should a settlement with the ditch company be effected that they should take over the maintenance of the



Distribution Without Waste



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Table with 2 columns: Sugar (Pure cane, fine granulated in a sanitary cloth bag. Note the unusually low price. 25 Lbs. \$1.55); Butter (Safeway No. 1 quality, freshly churned creamery butter. Every pound guaranteed. 1 Lb. 54c 2 Lbs. \$1.07)

Table with 2 columns: Matches (Safeway matches, regular size boxes, Strike anywhere. 6 Bx. 20c 12 Bx. 39c); Tomatoes (No. 2 1-2 tins, field ripened tomatoes with puree. 3 Cans 29c); Dates (Bulk dates of good quality at a saving. 2 Lbs. 25c)

Table with 2 columns: Cigarettes (Chesterfield, Lucky Strikes and Camels. Carton 10 Pkgs \$1.09); Tuna (No. 1/2 tins Light meat flakes for salads and sandwiches. 3 Cans 39c); Mayonnaise (Gold Medal Mayonnaise or sandwich spread. Pint 39c Quart 75c)

Table with 2 columns: Preserves (Skookum brand Strawberry preserves of excellent quality in 15 oz. jar. Jar 23c); Orange and Lemon Slices (A delicious candy shaped like the slice of the orange. Packed in 1 lb. glassine package. Pkg. 23c); Creamed Mix (A candy containing an assortment of fancy creams sold at a big saving. 2 Lbs. 39c)

Table with 2 columns: Shortening (A pure snow white vegetable shortening in bulk at this exceptional saving. 3 Lbs. 49c); PRODUCE Dry Onions (Nice Sweet Onions, medium size. 4 Lbs. 19c); PRODUCE Cabbage (Hard white, medium heads. Pound 3c)

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ditch above Bradshaw Drop, for which we are now paying \$1.00 per acre per year to the Welch interests. The board could do this work themselves at a saving of around 25 cents per acre. On a basis of 2000 acres this would amount to a saving of \$2400 annually.

g. The greatest possible savings however, would be made thru the government refinancing of our outstanding bonds. Of late you have noticed considerable activity thru the reclamation department toward this end. Should our interest rate be reduced below our present 6 percent rate, the maturities of our bonds extended, a situation could easily be effected, showing a yearly reduction in the neighborhood of around \$3.50 per acre on this item alone.

Respectfully submitted, MEDFORD IRRIGATION DIST. David H. Rosenberg, President of Board. N. S. Bennett, Director. Fred C. Sander, Director.

ized common stock from 1,250,000 shares to 3,000,000 shares. A stockholders meeting was called for December 23.

J. C. PENNEY DIRECTORS URGE STOCK INCREASE

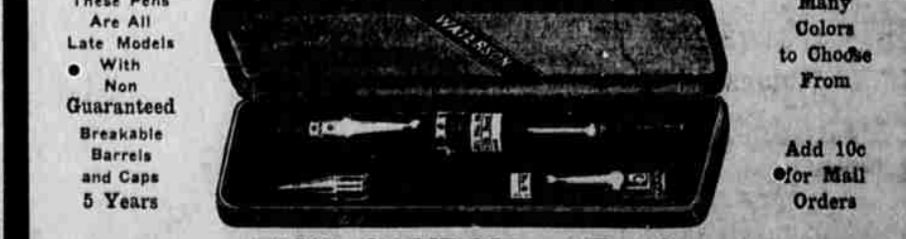
NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP) Directors of the J. C. Penney company which operates a chain of nearly one thousand clothing and dry goods stores throughout the country today recommended to stockholders an increase in the author-

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J. H. Jones, C. W. Foster and J. C. Robbins were among the Medford people in Grants Pass yesterday.

The only temporary auto license issued at the sheriff's office yesterday was issued to J. O. Johnson of Medford.

ASTRONOMY FEATURE OF RADIO TALK AND PLAY, KMED TONIGHT

Up to Mars and "Down to Earth" will be an adventure awaiting the radio public throughout the valley, when they tune in on KMED, the Mail Tribune-Virgin station at 9 o'clock, to hear the unusual program, sponsored by the Southern Oregon Electric company. Professor P. R. Reimer, who takes considerable time off from his vocation of horticulture, to follow his avocation of astronomy, will give the listeners in an insight on Mars, which will set the stage for the comedy "Down to Earth" which is to follow. Included in the cast of the play will be Bert Davis, Fletcher Fish and Mary Greiner, who have become familiar characters on the KMED programs during the past two years. Floyd Bush will be heard from in his important role as trick property wielder, and on the whole the program promises to be one of considerable interest.

Star Meat Market

SPECIALS

Table with 3 columns: TURKEYS, CHICKENS, RABBITS; Hams—half or whole, per pound 30c; Good Bacon—per pound 25c; Lard—per pound 16c; Fresh Side Pork—per pound 20c

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