

WILL BUILD BIG DITCH

Idaho Capitalists are Preparing to put in an Irrigation System for Hood River Valley at the Cost of \$125,000.

Hood River is to have a new irrigating ditch. The recently incorporated Hood River Irrigating company, backed by Idaho capitalists, is here to construct an irrigation system which will supply the valley with 15,000 inches of water. It is proposed by this system to have water enough to irrigate about 10,000 acres on the West Side and nearly 9,000 acres on the East Side. The cost of their project when completed is estimated at \$125,000, and by this time next year, so say the officials of the company, water will be on the ground for use by farmers of both sides of the valley.

The preceding statements were ascertained by the Glacier last Monday in an interview with the resident officials of the Hood River Irrigating company. "We have secured sufficient rights of way to assure the building of our ditch," said F. C. Bryant, vice president and general manager of the company, in response to a question as to what progress his company was making. "And just as soon as all matters of rights of way are properly adjusted, we shall begin the work of construction. It is first necessary to slash and clear off the timber on the canal route, when most of the excavating will be left out to contract. You can say that the ditch will be completed and the farmers will have their irrigating water by this time next year."

The company proposes to tap the East Fork of Hood River at a point about a mile above Winans. From here the main canal will extend in a north-easterly direction for 5½ miles to a point above the northern end of the Dave Divers place, now the Prather farm. Here the main canal will be divided into two branches—one to cross the canyon by means of a siphon to the E. E. Lyons place, the other continuing around to the foot hills of the East Side. From Lyons place the ditch branches in all directions to cover the West Side, including land as high as the Charles Chandler place. These branches will be known as main and sub-laterals. It is the intention of the company to let the farmers decide on the location of these laterals, and if they care to, build them, the company paying all the expense of getting the water to the farmers' lands.

A feature of the whole system is to be the almost total absence of flumes, save for the crossing of a few ravines. The width of the main canal is to be 16 feet at the bottom, 27 feet at the water line and to have a depth of 5½ feet. The grade is 14 inches to the mile, giving a velocity of 2.5. A substantial head gate will be built and placed in masonry, which one man can operate. Waste-gates of ample capacity to protect the canal will be placed in the flumes at the rate of one for each mile of canal. All side-hill work will have the lower bank raised to an elevation of two feet above the maximum height of the water, and have a top width of six feet.

The siphon, which is to carry the canal to the west side of the river, will have a capacity of 8,000 inches. The siphon to be constructed of 34-inch steel pipe will be 1,500 feet long with a diameter of four feet. The steel pipe for the siphon is estimated to cost \$12,000, while the bridge and masonry work will amount to an additional \$10,000.

The incorporated members of the Hood River Irrigating company consist of Fred C. Bryant, Herbert M. Abbott, Oliver C. Dean and Theodore F. Shepherd of Hood River and John Kincaid of Boise, Idaho. The officers of the corporation are: John Kincaid, president; F. C. Bryant, vice president and general manager; O. C. Dean, secretary; H. M. Abbott, treasurer; E. M. Swain, assistant secretary. The capital stock of the company is \$200,000, one-half of which is subscribed.

The company members are men of energy, enterprise and capital, and are pleasing gentlemen to meet. Mr. Bryant first saw the possibilities of an extensive irrigating system for Hood River valley while on a visit here last August, but did not perceive the immediate need for a larger water supply until a second visit later in the summer. "We are not here to rob anybody else of their legitimate business," said Mr. Bryant, "but Hood River fruit growers must have more water than the present irrigation ditches are capable of supplying, and we mean to meet this need."

D. A. Uter of Weiser, Idaho, the civil engineer who made the surveys and estimates for the company, in his report completed April 6, 1903, has the following to say of the soil of Hood River valley:

"The soil is composed of a volcanic ash, thoroughly impregnated with iron, and on the west side of the river we find a large percentage of decomposed sandstone, mixed and distributed with the ash and iron until with plenty of water for irrigation the soil is nearly perfect for most of the fruits and grains raised in the temperate zone. On the east or right bank of the river the soil is heavier, requiring less water and while possibly not so early as the lighter soil with its production, yet it will require less fertilization and it has already demonstrated its ability to raise the finest apples in the world. The fiber of the fruit in this valley is strengthened by the ash and colored by the iron to such an extent that they stand to be shipped long distances and hold their form and color when shown on the market."

Other Ditches Make Improvements.

The report that outside capital is to put an irrigating system into Hood River valley hasn't kept back improvements on the part of the present ditch companies. Frank Davenport, president of the Valley Improvement company, says his company has enlarged and strengthened its main flumes and canals and is now ready to turn in the water as soon as needed. Some \$1,300 was expended in this work under the direction of Mark Davenport. The company, says Mr. Davenport, has sold 900 inches of water for this season, and the capacity of the flume is 1,100 inches. Next year, if the people are ready to contract for more water, the Valley Improvement company is ready to increase the capacity of their system to 4,000 inches. This can be done at an expense of about \$5,000. "If the people want more water we will supply them with it," said Frank Davenport to a Glacier man. "We will have all the water needed for this year's crops."

C. R. Bone, when asked what he was doing on his East Side ditch these days, had nothing to say, in contrast to what Bone Bros are saying nothing and throwing dirt, for it is reported that a force of men are at work on the Bone ditch in the upper part of the Odell neighborhood. Last Saturday their ditch was bridged north on the Jim English ranch. The eastern branch of the ditch is being put into shape as far west as the Kennedy place.

Work on both the Davenport ditch

and the Bone Bros. ditch is being pushed rapidly, and an endeavor will be made to supply all the water needed for this summer's purposes.

After Material for Water System.
N. C. Evans, president of the Hood River Electric Light and Power company, spent last week in Seattle and Tacoma, where he went to look after material for the new water system which the company proposes to install in the town of Hood River. Mr. Evans states that he found that the material his company needs can be obtained much sooner than was expected, and that before many months the residences on the hill will be supplied with a complete domestic water system. Mr. Evans is ready yet to make public the definite plans of his company as to the water system they are preparing to put in, but he intimates that the Hood River Electric Light company means to do business and that there will be things doing and material for publication later on.

California Berry Crop is Late.
Reports sent to the Hood River Fruit Growers Union from Florin, Cal., state that the cool weather is holding back the strawberries in the Sacramento valley. This will cause the California crop to lap out of the season for Hood River strawberries, says Mr. Genellog, and may have a tendency to lower the price of the extremely early Hood River berries, but will have little effect on the bulk of the crop. The estimate of the crop in the Florin country is 250,000 crates. As the California crop contains but 15 cups, their crop will equal about 125,000 Oregon crates, but little in excess of the Hood River crop. The favorite strawberry in the Sacramento valley is the Dolan berry, and during the last three years a very good quality of fruit has been put on the market. A better system of packing has been introduced and the berries reach Eastern markets in good shape.

Reports from Missouri and Arkansas say the crop there will be early. The crop in Texas fell short about one-third of the estimate, owing to a season of cold dry weather.

The Davidson Fruit company has received word from North Dakota saying a big yield is expected in that country in wheat. This means that the Dakota markets will be able to take their full share of Hood River strawberries.

Memorial Day.

At the regular meeting of Canby post, G. A. R., last Saturday, a communication was received from Waucoma lodge, No. 30, K. of P., offering their hall free of charge for the use of the post and relief corps for memorial services on Sunday, May 24. The post committee of arrangements reported that the trustees of the Congregational church had also tendered to the committee the use of the church for that occasion. It was the general wish of the comrades to have the memorial services conducted in a church, but having good reason to believe that the attendance on that day will be more than any church in town will comfortably seat, the offer of the Knights was accepted by unanimous vote, and the members of the Waucoma lodge, Knights of Pythias, have kindly and generously tendered the use of the church and opera hall on Memorial Sunday, therefore be it

Resolved, that we heartily thank them for their considerate regard in thus offering us a place to hold our memorial service. Expecting a larger attendance than at any previous time, owing to the increase in population and manifest interest, we gratefully accept the offer of the opera house on account of its greater seating capacity. May all the churches, lodges, families and individuals unite with us on that occasion, and also on Memorial day, and make this "festival of our dead" of increasing interest.

By vote of the post, Captain J. P. Shaw was invited to deliver an address at the cemetery on Memorial day. The comrades will this year follow their usual custom and march to the cemetery. Services according to the ritual will be held at the graves of deceased comrades.

Farmers Take Many Telephones.

The network of wires now being strung along State street extends a considerable distance into the country, where many farmers are taking advantage of the low rate for rural telephones offered by the Pacific States Telephone company. The company is taking contracts for rental of instruments at 50 cents a month, with an additional charge of \$1 a month per mile pole and line charge which is divided among all the subscribers on a line, limited to 15 miles. For four miles down the state road there are 11 subscribers, which reduces the pole charges to 28½ cents. With 50 cents per month for the instrument, this reduces the charges to each customer on the state road to 78½ cents a month.

There are now four rural telephone routes leading from town—one down the state road, another out by Belmont, a third out south by Mount Hood avenue, and the fourth up the East Side. There are now 48 rural telephones in use, and the state road line will be in operation in a few days. J. H. Thatcher, who is here soliciting for his company, says all farmers contemplating acquiring phones should apply for the same immediately, for when the present poles are filled the farmers will have to stand the expense of building their own line up to the city limits. By getting in on the present system all present contracts are cancelled and the rural charges substituted.

Some 15 new telephones are being put in, and the company expects to have subscribers for 50 more in a short time. There are over 200 instruments in use in town. These, taken with those in the country, give Hood River almost as many telephones as the city of The Dalles. The wires extend 30 miles, which, counting the return loop, means that the company has 70 miles of wire in the town and valley. The continuous service requires five operators. A. Ingeman, in charge of the line men, says Hood River, for its size, is the best exchange in Oregon.

Presbyterian General Assembly.

For the above event, to occur at Los Angeles, Cal., May 23 to June 2, tickets will be sold as follows: From Portland via steamer, \$57.00; via rail all the way, \$89.50. For full particulars call at O. R. & N. office, E. W. Quarles, agent.

Dancing Club Gives Final Hop.

The hop in the Knights of Pythias hall, Thursday night of last week, was in every respect an artistic success and a fitting finale to the social season in Hood River. Everett's orchestra of five pieces was here from Portland and furnished splendid dance music. There were many compliments on the work of the orchestra, and the floor had been put into excellent shape. About 35 couples enjoyed the evening, and they all ventured the opinion that they had never had a better time. Refreshing punch was served under a draped can-

opy in one corner of the room. Theodore C. Dallas, as chef, served delicious coffee and lunch. A feature of the evening was the presentation to A. P. Bateham of a handsome gold-headed cane, in appreciation of the efforts Bateham has put forth to make this season's club dances a success. The cane is a beauty, and Mr. Bateham, completely surprised, replied with a neat speech.

The force in Sheriff Sexton's office has completed the footings of collections on the 1902 tax roll, for Wasco county. Footings have been made on all taxes collected prior to March 15, and the total is \$104,251.26, less a three per cent discount, which amounted to \$3,031.95, leaving a net balance of \$101,219.31. Between March 15 and April 7, the expiration of the time prior to the addition of penalties, the collections amounted to about \$12,000, though the exact amount has not been figured out. The taxes collected included county, school and state, also special taxes levied by school districts and incorporated towns.

A bill of sale for the steamer Glendora from the Regulator line to the Anchor and Lightering company, has been filed with the collector of customs. The consideration named is \$6,000. The Glendora, which was formerly the G. W. Shaver and ran for years on the Clatskanie route, was operated by the Regulator line between Portland and upper Columbia points. Her new owners, who have had possession of her for several months, will use her for towing wood and other barges.—Astoria News.

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