

BETTER PROSPECTS

Although we are hearing a great many rumblings of discontent from the Middle West, the indications at present, according to the Department of Agriculture, are that the present year will be one of improvement for the farmers.

According to the department's latest report, the stage is set for strong hog prices well into next year at least. Prospects for the wheat growers are moderately good, cattle are coming back in the West and the dairy business is picking up in the East.

While it is true that the price of corn is out of line with other commodities, the farmer who converts his corn into pork, is by no means badly off, as prices of hogs continue to remain satisfactory.

There is no doubt that there is dissatisfaction with conditions in the agricultural regions of certain parts of the country, although it is difficult to estimate just how much of this may be due to political agitation. But conditions in the farming industry change pretty rapidly sometimes and there is no telling just what the situation will be within a few months from now.

Two things handicapping the farmer are high taxes and high cost of labor. The cost of labor will doubtless remain high so long as the present prosperous conditions continue in our cities. And the farmers' taxes are due to local and not national conditions. It is up to the farmers themselves to see that local economy bring down local taxes. A little campaigning to reduce local taxes might have more beneficial effect than all the chimerical agricultural remedies the theorist can conceive.

STANFIELD MAKES GOOD

After months of anxious waiting on the part of many supporters of the California and Oregon Land Grant Bill, the measure has received the necessary signatures to make it a law. The untiring efforts of Senator Robert N. Stanfield are responsible for the passage of this bill. It means the return of seven million dollars to various counties before the government receives the money from the sale of lands. And in case the government keeps the lands, the taxes will be paid without an appropriation by congress.

Although Malheur county was not affected directly, it is with favor that the progress of the bill has been watched. We feel that Senator Stanfield deserves another word of appreciation for work that has resulted so favorably in the interests of the great state of Oregon, which state he has honestly and persistently represented in the nation's Senate.

OPERATIC MOVIES SOON

Singers of the Metropolitan Opera Company will be permitted to appear in operatic moving pictures, under the terms of a contract recently made with the Vitaphone company, producers of a device for synchronizing moving pictures and music.

Among the first artists to appear in the new "singing pictures" will be Marion Tuley, the young prima donna whose spectacular debut took place last March, and Giovanni Martinelli, the noted tenor. The first production with these stars in the cast is scheduled for July 29.

Thus we shall witness one more triumph of science, art and engineering, provided the results shall be successful, which seems to be assured. With continued improvement to be expected in these productions, it will not be long before very acceptable substitutes for real opera may be brought to the great mass of the people.

Aside from the entertainment features of such productions, they offer tremendous possibilities for the cultural advancement of the world, and their advent should be hailed with enthusiasm.

COTTON AND SKIRTS

Last week there was held in Birmingham a conference called for the purpose of devising new uses for cotton, with a view to absorbing the surplus which now menaces the farmers of the South.

Many suggestions were made, among them the use of cotton more extensively for cement bags, beltings, cylinder linings, and so on. But a more daring proposition caught the imagination of those present.

An intrepid gentleman urged more clothes for women, declaring that more and longer skirts would aid the situation immensely. The other gentlemen agreed with him, and while it is not recorded that any resolutions on the subject were adopted, it is said that the delegates seemed willing to patriotically forego certain scenic delights of the present mode, in the interest of the struggling cotton farmer.

But, simple and feasible as the plan appears at first glance, it has its drawbacks. Obviously the approval of the women is vital to the success of the scheme, and they have not been heard from. Will they, after securing emancipation from long skirts through years of progressive abbreviation, surrender their freedom in behalf of a mere economic proposition? We doubt it.

And, even though fashion should at some future day decree more and longer skirts, we doubt that they will be made of cotton.

Many men have won undying fame by raising hell at the psychological moment.

Eve probably encouraged the serpent by remarking that her husband did not understand her.

An active mind in an active body is a great bid to longevity, particularly for pedestrians.

The poet-laureate of Peru was sent to prison for three years, and probably got off light at that.

We wonder if a girl hates the task of painting her face as much as a man hates that of shaving his.

Ponzi's idea of committing suicide is commendable enough, but his victims will feel that it came a little late.

Although political campaigns occur in summer a good many candidates have occasional attacks of cold feet.

Flo Ziegfeld announces his intention of giving back some of the clothing he has taken from the Follies ladies.

"Three Shot in Crap Game"—Headline. Unfortunate for the shooter if it happened to be his first throw.

BRIEF NEWS OF VALE

Divorce Granted—

Susie Fuel of Ontario was granted a divorce from Floyd Fuel in the circuit court here Thursday.

Miners Here—

A. B. Knott and W. L. Christian of Homedale, discoverers of a supposedly rich silver quartz ledge, were in town Saturday to make final proof on assessment work. They stated that they would begin mining in earnest this fall, as soon after harvest as possible. They are optimistic over the new mine and believe it contains much wealth, as no samples have assayed less than 60 cents to the ounce.

In Payette—

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Kennard were pleasantly entertained at the home of the latter's aunt, Mrs. Sarah Woodward, in Payette Sunday.

Whitehurst Specimen—

Wm. G. Morgan of Harper was here last week, bringing with him a large block of pure, white diatomaceous earth, from the Whitehurst Mine, which he operates. A crew is constantly at work, quarrying the deposit for shipment. According to estimate, there is some six or seven hundred million tons in the immense deposit near Harper, undoubtedly one of the richest resources of any character which this section has. The block of whitehurst is at the Davis & Lytle office.

Accept Teaching Contracts—

Misses La Vera and Patsy Moe have accepted positions to teach the coming school term. The former will teach the sixth and seventh grades in the Nyssa school, and Miss Patsy Moe has accepted a contract to teach the primary grades at the Cairo school.

Dairy Prospects at Unity—

W. B. Wagner, manager of the Farmers Co-op Creamery association and Percy Purvis, a director, went to Unity the early part of the week to look into dairy prospects in that section. Their plans for shipping cream through the Vale station of the creamery, were met with interest.

Supt. Crail Away—

Mrs. E. M. Crail, county school superintendent, is spending her vacation at Blue Mountain Springs. She left Sunday, accompanied by her son Charles and Miss LeVera Moe.

Road Engineer Here—

N. J. Bishop, resident engineer of Baker, was here the early part of the week looking over state highways in this section. He was pleased with the maintenance work being done by Barney Bull and Cyril Crawley on the road between the Y and Vale.

At Big Bend—

Mrs. C. B. Woodward and two children enjoyed a nice visit with Mrs. George Brown at Big Bend last week. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mother Seriously Ill—

John P. Houston, representative of the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, was called to Nyssa the early part of the week because of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Mildred Houston, who is at her daughter's home. Mr. Houston also made a brief visit in the city Tuesday.

At American Falls—

C. B. Woodward and T. A. Clerk government surveyor, made a business trip to American Falls the latter part of the week, having returned Saturday night.

Fishing—

Mayor C. M. Robinette enjoyed a Sunday outing at Lake Lowell near Caldwell. A nice catch of fish was made.

At Twin Springs—

Misses Ida and Roma McKnight are at Twin Springs ranch this week.

At Dealers Meeting—

C. B. Woodward accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown of Canyon City to Boise Tuesday. The local garage man attended a dealers meeting of the Wils-Overland company, while in the Idaho City. He also made arrangements to handle the new "Whippet," a small wonder car put out by the company.

J. NAT HUDSON RECALLS GOOD OLD DAYS OF PAST

(From the Malheur Enterprise.) J. Nat Hudson, attorney of Portland, spent the week here on legal business. He met many old acquaintances while here, among them Geo. W. McKnight and Win S. Brown. Years ago, in 1898 and '99, he and Mr. Brown worked together on a Sumpter newspaper, in the days of the gold mining boom. In a pleasant reminiscence, they talked over old times, when Sumpter had a population of 3500 people, when gold mines were running full blast, and when the town supported twenty-seven saloons, all running wide open in the good, old days. Sumpter's boom was shortlived, however, as now not more than a dozen families reside in the ghost of a town.

Oldtimers of Burns will also remember Mr. Hudson, who practiced law in the Harney county seat in 1887.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

PETITION FOR ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR MALHEUR COUNTY, STATE OF OREGON.

In the Matter of the Organization of the ONTARIO-NYSSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

To the Honorable The County Court for Malheur County, Oregon.

We, the undersigned petitioners, respectfully show and represent:

1. That each of the petitioners herein is a bona fide owner of one acre or more of land situated within the boundaries of the proposed irrigation district as hereinafter described, and whose name appears on the last assessment roll, or is the holder of an uncompleted contract to purchase State lands, or is an entryman upon the public lands of the United States, or is otherwise qualified under the laws of this State to petition for the organization of an irrigation district, and that together we constitute more than a majority of the land owners and entrymen of lands within said proposed boundaries.

2. That the lands included within the boundaries as hereinafter described are all irrigable lands and are susceptible of irrigation from the same source and by the same system of works; that said lands are now irrigated by a system consisting of a pumping plant, pipe line and ditches, pumping water out of the Snake River, and which system is owned by the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company, a private corporation; that the lands within said boundary lines as described are also susceptible of irrigation from the Owyhee Project, a gravity project proposed to be constructed by the United States, under the Reclamation Act, and that in order to contract with the United States for a water supply from that source, it is necessary that the lands within said proposed boundaries be organized as an irrigation district.

3. That the petitioners desire to organize, and hereby propose the organization of an irrigation district, within the boundaries hereinafter set forth, under the irrigation district laws of the State of Oregon, and particularly under the provisions of Title XLII, Chapter XIV, Sections 7305 to 7344, inclusive Oregon Laws, and acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, providing for the organization and management of irrigation districts.

4. That it is the purpose of petitioners to organize an irrigation district for the irrigation of the lands within the boundaries as hereinafter described, and to that end to provide for the purchase, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement, betterment, extension, operation and maintenance of irrigation works already constructed or to be constructed, or for the assumption as principal or guarantor of indebtedness on account of district lands to the United States under the federal Reclamation laws, for the payment of a proportionate part of the cost of the construction of the Owyhee Project by the United States.

5. That your petitioners desire to have said district designated by the name of "ONTARIO-NYSSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT", and that the same be not divided into divisions, but that the directors may be elected from the District at large.

6. That the boundaries of said proposed district, and of the lands which it is desired to have included therein, are hereby set forth and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the point where the mid-channel of the Owyhee Canal belonging to the Owyhee Ditch Company, a corporation, as now constructed upon the ground, intersects the section line between sections Twenty-three (23) and Twenty-four (24), in Township Twenty (20) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M., said point being at or near the quarter section corner on the West line of said Section Twenty-four (24), and extending thence in a general northerly direction along the mid-channel of said Owyhee Canal as now constructed, through Township Twenty (20) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, Township Nineteen (19) South, Ranges Forty-six (46) East, and Forty-seven (47) East, Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Forty-seven (47) East, and into Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, to the point where the mid-channel of said Owyhee Canal intersects the north line of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, at or near the quarter section corner on the North line of said Section Twenty-four (24); thence West along the North line of said Section Twenty-four (24) and Section Twenty-three (23), to the northwest corner of section Twenty-three (23) in said township and range; thence South along the West line of said Section Twenty-three (23), to the point where said line intersects the

mid-channel of the ditch known as the Nevada Ditch, belonging to the Warm Springs Irrigation District, as now constructed on the ground; thence westerly along the mid-channel of said Nevada Ditch to the point where said ditch intersects the West line of Section Twenty-two (22), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence South along the West line of said Section Twenty-two (22), to the point where the said section line intersects the mid-channel of the ditch known as the Ontario-Nyssa Canal, belonging to the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company, a corporation, at or near the northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄SW¹/₄) of said Section Twenty-two (22), Township Eighteen (18) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence in a general easterly and southerly direction, following along the mid-channel of said Ontario-Nyssa Canal, to the point where the pipe line of said Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company empties into said canal, on the east and west center line of Section Fourteen (14), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M.; thence continuing southerly along the mid-channel of the ditch of said Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company to the point where the same intersects the south line of said Section Fourteen (14); thence East along the South line of said Section Fourteen (14), to the southeast corner thereof; thence South along the West line of Section Twenty-four (24), to the point where said line intersects the mid-channel of the Owyhee Canal, at or near the quarter section corner on the West line of said Section Twenty-four (24), Township Twenty (20) South, Range Forty-six (46) East, W. M., the place of beginning.

7. That petitioners present herewith for the approval of this Court a good and sufficient bond in the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, which is more than double the amount of the probable cost of organizing such district, which bond is in the form and to the effect required by the irrigation district laws of Oregon.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners respectfully pray that this Honorable Court approve the said bond, and that the said irrigation district be organized under said laws, and be designated by the name of ONTARIO-NYSSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and that the boundaries thereof be defined and established by Order of this Court, and that the Court appoint proper and necessary officers to conduct an election within said proposed district, and that the time and place for holding said election for the purpose of determining whether said district shall be organized, and for the election of directors thereof, be fixed by Order of this Court, and that the Court make such other and further orders as may be just and proper under this petition and under the irrigation district laws of Oregon.

Dated this 26th day of June, 1926. Deseret Sheep Co., by O. F. Bacon; O. F. Bacon, L. E. Wilson, H. C. Garman, J. B. Smith, Dirk Stam, R. A. Thompson, R. J. Davis, M. A. Thompson, J. T. Long, J. Zitterkub, C. W. Barrett, C. W. Long, Charles Bullard, Morton Barrows, by D. T. Sleep, L. P. Drdway by D. T. Sleep, H. E. Noah, Wm. T. Downs, F. C. Ellis, A. S. King, D. M. Taggart, S. D. Dorman, T. F. Snow, by S. D. Dorman Agt., E. D. McCarty.

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Dated this 26th day of June, 1926.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That we, the petitioners herein, will present the foregoing petition to the County Court for Malheur County, State of Oregon, at the Court Room of said Court in Vale, Malheur County, Oregon, at the regular meeting of said Court at its August Term, on the 4th day of August, 1926, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard, and will at said time offer proof in support of said petition, and apply for an Order of said Court as prayed for in said petition.

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