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**Interesting Facts about
the Salt River Valley**

Phoenix is Forging to the Front.

Harry Welch, Secretary of the Phoenix Board of Trade, has an interesting article in National Finance. His article, in part, is as follows:

An average of a house and a half a day for the last 400 days is the construction record of Phoenix, Arizona. The population, over 18,000, is growing very rapidly. Phoenix is essentially a home city. It has the resources of the entire Salt River valley to support it and it is naturally very prosperous as a community. The most beautiful square in the southwest is accredited to Capitol square at Phoenix. Public buildings in Arizona have cost to date over \$1,250,000, of which the capitol cost \$250,000. The building could not now be duplicated for almost twice the amount.

The real estate transfers for 1908-9 were over \$7,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over the previous year. Building permits are going up at great rate; the figures for 1908-9, \$402,705, will have an enormous increase in the year ending 1909-10. Post-office receipts for the year ending June 30th, 1910 will total about \$66,000, against \$55,000 for the previous year. The assessed value of the property in the county, Maricopa, in 1909, is given at \$16,007,529.53; this is about one-third of the market value. In the recorder's office at Phoenix the fees for the month of May, 1910 reached \$2,455, an increase of 25 per cent over the fees for the same month a year ago.

A bond issue of \$400,000 of 4 1/2 per cent bonds for sewer work has just been carried by the voters, and an issue of \$172,300 of 5 per cent twenty-year school bonds sold at a good premium a week or two ago. The National Bank of Arizona is just completing its new building, which cost over \$150,000, and the Phoenix National Bank is expending a large amount in alterations and extensions to their building. The new Y. M. C. A. building, representing an investment of over \$125,000 will open in a few months. Plans for a federal building are under way. This structure will cost in the neighborhood of \$170,000. The Water Users' association will erect a water temple at a cost of \$30,000. Plans have been drawn for a building for the Board of Trade work. This will be commenced at once. Railroad activity is evidenced in all directions. A new line to California, the Arizona & California, giving Phoenix and the Salt River valley fifteen-hour connection with Los Angeles, opened the 1st of July. Interurban electric lines are being carried the length and throughout the valley in all directions from Phoenix.

Alliance will Buy Plant

From The Omaha Bee.

Alliance, Nebr., July 24.—(Special.) Friday at a special meeting of the city council it was finally decided to buy the electric light plant from the present owners.

When the franchise was given by the city in November, 1902, to the Electric Light company an agreement was made wherein the city held the right to purchase the plant any time during July, 1910.

It was also at that time agreed that if the owners did not care to accept the price offered by the city a board of arbitration consisting of three members were to render a decision. This board would be selected as follows: One member by the owners of the plant, and one member by the city council, and the third member to be chosen by the two appointed members. The decision of this board will be final.

The city has made a formal offer of \$14,841.21 for the plant. Whether the offer was accepted or rejected cannot be stated yet, but it is a settled fact that the city will in the near future own and operate its own power plant.

Personal Items from Broken Bow

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Forney of Merina came to Broken Bow Friday morning to take the west-bound train for Alliance, where they went to make a short visit.

Monday afternoon, at the M. E. parsonage, Rev. Thompson united in marriage Chas. DeBruler of Alliance and Miss Attie B. Carney of Seneca. Mr. DeBruler is a traveling salesman for a Lincoln cut glass house and makes Broken Bow frequently. They will live in Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Mullen, who were married in Alliance several weeks ago and departed for an extended through California and the northwest country, arrived in Broken Bow last week and will soon make their home in one of the Leonard houses. Mr. and Mrs. Mullen enjoyed their trip very much, and the friends of Mr. Mullen will welcome his bride to this city.—Custer County Chief, Broken Bow, Nebr.

They're After Them

The postoffice department of the government has commenced its investigation of newspaper publishers who are sending their papers to persons

who have not paid the subscription in advance.

Editor Faye, of Lyons, Iowa, has been summoned to Washington to explain why he is sending papers through the mails contrary to the postal laws; that is, sending papers to persons who have not paid their subscription in advance. An inspector had visited him two months previously and examined his subscription list, which was said to be pretty thoroughly paid up, but evidently it was not satisfactory to the postal authorities.

The Tribune editor has no desire to be called on in a similar manner and in order to prevent it has decided to remove from its subscription book all names where the subscription is not paid up. We have only a few, but from Editor Faye's experience it would appear that a few are just as bad as a large number, in the eyes of the government. This is not because we desire to discontinue sending the Tribune to you, but because we are compelled by the postal laws to do so or else be denied the privilege of the mails at second class rates. Those who want the Tribune and know themselves to be behind on subscription should not delay in making payment.—Hvannis Tribune.

Can Trees be Successfully Grown in Box Butte County?

By J. P. BARGER.

Before I answer the above question I expect it will be necessary for me to introduce myself to the people of this county. I am an Iowa nurseryman and have had twenty-five years' experience in this line of business. I am going into the nursery business near Alliance and establishing a nursery here to make a success of it.

In regard to the question of growing trees without irrigation. I have been in Alliance about six weeks and while here have made a great many observations of the way trees are now being cared for and the way they grow with the care and under the present methods of caring for them here.

I have noticed that the people who plant and care for their trees properly and do not irrigate them have far better trees than those who do irrigate. There are only a few in Alliance and Box Butte county who have trees who do not irrigate but they are the ones who have the best. Of course, if the trees are improperly planted and not cared for in the right way it will require irrigation to keep them alive. A tree properly taken care of must be cultivated. However, it is not as much work to cultivate a tree as it is to irrigate one.

The last of April and fore part of May of this year I planted fifteen thousand grafts and forest tree seedlings near Alliance. I have been told on good authority that the month of June was the driest that has been seen here in 20 years. However, these grafts and seedlings went through this dry period in much better condition than they would have had they been in Iowa with the same conditions. I have a good stand of nice growing trees out of these and they have had absolutely no irrigation. This is the best evidence that I know of that trees can be grown successfully in Box Butte county without irrigation. There are other things in Box Butte county that are against growing more than the lack of moisture. One of these is the browntail moth. I will in a future article take up this pest fully and will give the best known methods of exterminating them. My opinion is that they are the worst drawback to trees that Box Butte county has.

Special Rates to Phoenix

For the benefit of all who are expecting to take a trip to the Salt River Valley of Arizona this fall or winter it will be of interest to know that there will be special rates between August 25th and September 9th, inclusive, and between October 1st and 15th, inclusive. The rate from Chicago to Phoenix will be \$33; from Missouri river points, \$25; and from southern points on the Mississippi, \$32. There will be very low round trip rates also, with the usual nine months' stop-over privilege. This gives a person the opportunity to stay in the valley through the winter.

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during the last sickness of beloved husband, father and brother, Richard H. Watkins; also, to the business men of Alliance for the respect shown by closing their places of business during the funeral; and to the M. W. A. and B. P. O. E. lodges for their floral offerings and other acts of kindness. We shall ever remember with gratitude all these tokens of love and esteem.

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