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## IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT IN OUR STATE

Speech Made by W. E. Guthrie, of Omaha, at the Meeting of Nebraska State Irrigation Association in Bridgeport Last November.

I have been asked to give "a short talk on Irrigation development in our state, and how we can help promote it."

The subject is so broad and so comprehensive that what I may be able to say along these lines in a short talk must necessarily be very much restricted and condensed.

The text given me divides itself naturally into two distinct phases of the subject of irrigation. The first, "development of irrigation in the past;" and the second, "what can we as an organization do to help develop irrigation in Nebraska in the future?"

Irrigation is as old as the world's civilization, and yet, in the United States it may be said to be in its infancy. The vast and seemingly unlimited tracts of land on which the rainfall is sufficient to mature crops, rendered it unnecessary for those who have gone before us to give any thought to the subject of irrigation, and it is within the memory of men not yet old, that the American people have given any serious consideration to this great subject, and while much has been done, and millions of acres of what was, but yesterday, a part of the "great American desert" have been made to "blossom as the rose", and thousands of happy and prosperous homes have been established where but a few years ago the prairie dog, the owl and the rattlesnake were the sole inhabitants, what has been done is only the beginning of what will be accomplished by irrigation in the future.

While Nebraska has accomplished much in the way of irrigation development the past twenty years, much remains to be done; in fact, irrigation development in Nebraska is still in its infancy. Were I to venture into the realms of prediction or prophecy, I would give it as my deliberate opinion that what has been done in the way of irrigation development in Nebraska is but a drop in the bucket compared with what will be done in the not distant future. In my opinion the time is not far away when every reservoir site in western Nebraska which can be filled with river, small stream, or by flood-water, will be so filled, and that tens of thousands of acres of land now thought to be non-irrigable will be brought under irrigation from these reservoirs, and will become the most valuable lands in this great state.

The time will soon come when water will be appreciated in western Nebraska as it is appreciated elsewhere in the arid west, and when that time does come, we shall see the splendid reservoir sites which are so plentiful in this part of Nebraska, all utilized, and the millions of cubic feet of water that now runs to waste annually will be conserved for use on lands now almost valueless.

"How can we best promote irrigation development in Nebraska" in the future? One of the many things we may do to promote such development is to proclaim to the world that western Nebraska is on the map as an arid or semi-arid country. Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and states west are well known as arid states, but Nebraska with her splendid record as an agricultural state under rainfall, is not generally recognized as an arid or semi-arid country. It is not generally known that Nebraska is as large as New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Vermont combined, and that that part of the state west of the one hundredth meridian where irrigation is necessary is as large as the state of Ohio. Let it be known that western Nebraska is not only on the map as an arid country, but that, water supply, soil, climate, altitude and markets combine to make it one of the most tempting fields either for the capitalist or the home maker, in all the western country; a country equalled by few and surpassed by none in the United States. These are a few of the things we may do.

It has been my observation that the man who knows just what he wants and goes after it in the right way gets what he goes after. The great problem of development of irrigation in Nebraska is too big for individual effort to accomplish. Only by combination and by pulling together can we get what we must have for future development. I firmly believe that in the organization of the Nebraska State Irrigation Association, a movement has been started that will do more to solve the complex problems of irrigation development in Nebraska, than its most optimistic friends could hope for it. If this organization becomes as strong as it ought to become, it can be made a power for good, far reaching indeed.

What we most need and must have before irrigation development in Nebraska can be promoted successfully, is more men who are willing and able to use the irrigating shovel, and the man with the hoe.

Our organization can be made a power for good in bringing these people into Nebraska. No one man or company can accomplish much in this direction, but all the people pulling together in one strong organization can do wonders. Such an organization will, I believe, do much to build up what college students call "college spirit". In other words, every member will be a booster for Nebraska. I hope every man who is interested in irrigation development in Nebraska will become a member of this association and believe it to be the way we can best promote such development.

This article has been reprinted from last week. Requests were so numerous for copies of it that we have found it necessary to re-print in order to have the necessary number of copies, the last edition being entirely exhausted.

## MRS. LYNCH IS BURIED

The following taken from the Tipton Conservator, of Tipton, Iowa, regarding the death and burial of Mrs. Daniel E. Lynch, is of interest:

The funeral services were held at Iowa City, Friday, January 13, at 9:30 a.m. under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella, and Requiem High Mass was celebrated both at Alliance and Iowa City. St. Patrick's church was crowded beyond its capacity by the large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends of the deceased. The most beautiful floral offering ever seen in that city was sent by both Orders and numerous other friends. Besides her husband and three small children she leaves her father, mother, six sisters and two brothers. These are:

Mrs. John R. Beecher, Mrs. Michael Beecher, Miss Catharine A. Donahue, Mrs. Thos. Cusack, Sister Mary Biscillian, Mrs. J. J. Ryan, Mr. Jas. A. Donahue and Mr. John H. Donahue. Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Sister Mary Biscillian, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cusack, Windham; Mr. Jas. A. Donahue and son Francis, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Beecher and son Mike of Mason City; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ryan of Rock Island, Ill.; Mr. D. J. McCarthy and daughter Nellie of Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Toher of Mechanicville; Mrs. J. H. Ryan of Clinton; Mr. E. J. Sullivan of Marengo; Mr. J. H. Lynch of Chichester, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Con Sullivan of Plato; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lynch of West Branch; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kinney of Plato; Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Driscoll of Cedar Valley; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lynch of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Lynch, Mr. D. C. Lynch and J. R. Lynch of Cedar Valley besides scores of others from the city and country who paid the last tribute and extended their deepest sympathy and sought to assist in lightening the gloom and sadness which will be ever severely felt by the sorrowing relatives.

## TRIBUTE OF LOVE

The following tribute to the memory of Mrs. Roy Beckwith, whose obituary appeared in the last issue of this paper, was intended for publication in last week's Herald, but was not handed to us until after the paper was printed:

Emma Marie Flecksing Beckwith was born December 13, 1873 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. She passed away on January 16, 1911, at her home in Alliance, Nebraska, thus being 37 years, 1 month and 3 days old. She was married to Roy Stone Beckwith at Rushville, Nebraska, January 4, 1892. Two children were born to them, a daughter who preceded her at the age of seven years and one son, Blaine, who survives. Besides, she leaves a husband, two brothers and two sisters, one of whom is here, Mrs. Augustus Ludwig, of Pittsburg.

Seven years ago, in July, she removed with her husband and son from Gordon, Nebraska, to Alliance. During that time she has made a host of friends here, who bear loving testimony to her sterling worth and beautiful character. She has been active in all enterprises for public good, a consistent and most loyal member of the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is a past matron.

Above all she was a devoted wife and mother, always placing her home and its duties before everything else. Her place in Aloyah Chapter can never be filled, and throughout the city a host of sorrowing friends extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

## HOUSEWARMING AT KAUFFOLD FARM

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kauffold are inviting friends to a housewarming at their place eleven miles north west of Alliance, on Monday night, February 13th. Their large, new cement house is one of the finest residences in northwestern Nebraska, is elegantly furnished, and as it is the reward of industry and perseverance, Mr. and Mrs. Kauffold take an especial pleasure in inviting their friends to visit them since they have moved into it. There will probably be a large crowd at the housewarming.

## ELECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Box Butte County Fair Association held Wednesday afternoon at the city hall the following directors were elected:

W. D. Rumer, Marcus Frankle, Joe Vaughn, Nels Worley, A. P. Lee, F. W. Harris, R. M. Hampton, R. R. Reddish, Geo. Darling, E. P. Sweeney, J. A. Keegan, Wm. Rust, Sr., I. E. Tash, Dick Waters and Earl D. Mallery.

We understand that the election of officers will probably take place next Wednesday at a meeting of the new board of directors.

## COPELAND BUYS OUT NATION

Bates Copeland, the popular Alliance barber, has purchased the half-interest of Charles Nation in the barber shop which they have been conducting on the east side of Box Butte avenue. Both of these gentlemen have been residents of Alliance for several years, and since going into business for themselves their patronage has increased greatly.

## PROTECT THEIR CUSTOMERS

The local insurance firm of Gray & Guthrie have been agents for the Farmers and Merchants Insurance company, of Lincoln, for which a receiver was appointed the first of the week.

Immediately after this action Gray & Guthrie re-insured every one of their policy holders in the Spring-Garden Insurance company of Philadelphia. This company is seventy-five years old and has assets of over \$3,000,000. Gray & Guthrie did this at their own expense, which cost them several hundred dollars, and which is certainly commendable.

## Premium for Getting New Subscribers

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