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## Tuesday, September 8

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### Talking Irrigation

by James R. Lowell

Germane to drouth relief plans and word that funds definitely will be forthcoming for the North and Middle Loup irrigation districts, is the subject of pump irrigation which has proved a lifesaver for a number of river-bottom farmers this summer.

A farmer north of Ord has been irrigating his cornfield from a well 92 feet deep and the yield will be no less than 60 bushels to the acre. Incidentally, this is in the North Loup irrigation district and illustrates what may be expected as soon as the 45,000 acres embraced in the district are given water.

Reports of successful pump irrigation of corn fields are coming in from such widely separated points as Madison, Sheridan and Red Willow counties, but this form of crop insurance is most practiced in Buffalo, Dawson and Hall counties, where more than half the irrigation wells in the state are located.

Buffalo county now has over 400 wells. The first wells were constructed over 25 years ago, but pump irrigation did not gain much headway in the state until the last 10 years.

Until a few years ago very little definite information was available as to the cost of construction, operation and results. The state university had a man in the Platte valley for two summers who made a survey as to costs and run tests on wells and made general observations.

The results of this work show that the average cost for a six inch well that will throw 900 gallons of water per minute is \$800. By far the majority of the wells are run with a tractor that is used for other purposes around the farm.

It is figured that \$1,000 will construct and equip a well that will irrigate 55 acres of land in Buffalo county, for example. Operation costs very little from year to year, of course, depending upon the amount of rainfall. In a near-normal year the cost per acre of such irrigation on a valley farm where the water is about 70 feet from the surface should average from \$3 to \$5.

There are some advantages of pump irrigation over ditch irrigating in that a person can be his own boss as to when he shall irrigate his crops. Again, he can use as much water as he wants, depending on the amount of rainfall received. The disadvantage is that only row crops can be irrigated, as not a large enough head of water can be secured that is necessary in flooding alfalfa and small grains.

A great many Nebraska farms, especially in the uplands, are not so favorably situated as to have water available for pump irrigation, and there is a possibility of having so many wells in the same territory that the seasonal draw-down becomes so great it jeopardizes water supply for all wells. However, the state irrigation bureau estimates several hundred thousand acres of Nebraska land could be placed successfully under pump irrigation.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee is launching a drive for development of individual farm irrigation plants to combat drouth. A particular effort will be made to arouse interest in the project in the towns in the Elkhorn, Platte, Republican and other river valleys of the state where water can be obtained within 100 feet with pump and power units.

A federal-financed program of pump irrigation has been proposed for the current drouth relief program, but has been discarded temporarily at least.

There is considerable variation in accounts describing Governor Landon's journey across Nebraska last week, but there is no doubt

but that the republican presidential candidate injected new ambition into the state republican organization.

The Omaha papers, both pro-Landon, described his reception at the Nebraska metropolis as a "record-breaking ovation." However, several state officials (democrats of course) who watched the affair from the background declare it was a "great fizzle." Not over 250 people were on hand to greet the Kansas governor, one official said, and he believes there would have been even less had there not been a band to attract attention.

Basking in the limelight attendant upon Landon's appearance were most of the republican great and near-great of Nebraska. The visiting dignitary had a good word for all in general, but specific beneficiaries were Bob Simmons, senatorial candidate; Dwight Griswold, gubernatorial contestant; Cullen Wright, Fifth district congressional candidate; Arthur Denney, Fourth district; Karl Stefan, Third district, and Jack Chase, First district.

Governor Landon's two main themes expressed in his several Nebraska talks were disapproval of congresses' following the wishes of President Roosevelt with little or no question, and the national administration's "waste of funds." He declared that "a man can be liberal without being spendthrift." Other national figures who will make political speeches in this state in the near future include the following: Ex-Governor William H. Murray, of Oklahoma, who is scheduled to make six talks in Nebraska at dates not yet arranged. Altho a democrat, he is a critic of the Roosevelt administration.

William Lemke, north Dakota congressman and union party candidate for president, who will address the party's state convention at Omaha September 17. The convention has been called to organize the party officially in Nebraska and get Lemke's name on the November ballot.

Frank Knox, republican vice-presidential candidate, whose itinerary has not yet been arranged but who is expected here shortly.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, of Michigan, who has expressed particular interest in the candidacy of Robert G. Simmons for the United

States senate, will speak at Omaha and at Scottsbluff early next month. Herbert Hoover, whose plans are still tentative.

All of the speakers listed are against the New Deal, and the political prognosticators say that apparently the republicans consider Nebraska a doubtful state, while the democrats figure it is safely in their fold and they are not wasting ammunition here.

The busiest candidates in the state so far are Governor R. L. Cochran, whose position demands a number of official appearances; Bob Simmons, republican senatorial candidate, who now is augmenting his radio broadcasts with many personal appearances; Richard O. Johnson, republican candidate for attorney general, who up to the present time has been carrying a large share of his party's speaking activities; and Arthur J. Denney, republican candidate for congressman in the Fourth district. Dwight Griswold, republican gubernatorial candidate, made his first speech of his intensive campaign at Lincoln last week and will be heard frequently from now on.

Simmons' speeches have been making the headlines more than those of any other candidate. At Albion he declared that "we should not oppose all of the acts of the present administration, but rather let us frankly recognize and accept those policies of this administration that are sound in principle are helpful to national recovery and national well being. We must with the same courage and the same frankness, oppose those policies that are not in keeping with our fundamental conceptions of the rights of the individual citizen in a free country." Such utterances have gained Simmons a place in the news in practically every paper in the state during the past week or so.

The job of preparing the state's budget for the coming biennium (to be submitted to the legislature next January) is now occupying a good share of the time of Governor Cochran and his colleagues at the state house.

As a result of another disastrous drouth, the board of control faces the necessity of a retrenchment program to finish the fiscal year next June 30 with a balanced budget, and is pretty certain to get

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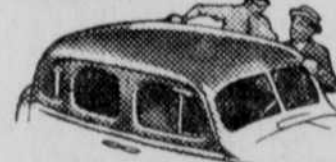


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