

Cut in Federal Irrigation Aid Project Urged

Expert Warns Reclamation Faces Ruin Unless Construction Lets Up—Cites Mounting Debts.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Inducement given new construction was declared to be the basic weakness of the government's reclamation policy today by Miles Cannon, field commissioner of the Interior department, appearing as a witness before the special advisory committee.

Estimating that 28 per cent of the farm units embraced in federal projects were being operated by tenants, Mr. Cannon declared these and "non-resident speculators" were among the chief obstacles now met by the bureau.

The witness declared the department's estimate of \$2,922 as the average indebtedness of the individual water user was too low, adding that personal examination led to the belief that it was nearer \$4,000 per user.

"But figuring the average at \$3,000," he continued, "it will be shown that the burden of debt, excluding governmental indebtedness, is \$114,255,000 approximately the same as they owe the government. In other words, commercial and loan organizations are contributing as much to the support of reclamation as the federal government."

"The annual increase of national wealth represented in the product of the reclamation projects, the witness said, probably equals the total cost of construction" and warranted the assumption that the public interest in the settlers' welfare went beyond the mounting aggregate of payments overruns.

The witness urged the committee to recommend a strong practical and capable business organization in Washington with a field force trained in organization, production and business principles to guide the federal lack of co-operation between governmental agencies was indicated, he said, by the recent suspension of federal land bank aid to reclamation farmers in the St. Paul, Omaha and Spokane divisions.

Charles E. Lobdell, general counsel of the land bank system, was asked to-night that the general suspension should be approved for those or any other districts. Refusals of credit, Mr. Lobdell insisted, were confined to individual cases and were based on the merits in each case. He recalled, however, that the original land bank act had practically prohibited aid to irrigation farmers by requiring the banks to take only a "first lien."

Most reclamation settlers had already assigned this claim to the reclamation bureau on taking up their land, he said.

Nebraska Farmer Finds Brush Dams Successful Weeping Water, Neb., Oct. 21.—Practically every one of the 25 brush dams in washes on the north side of Spanglers, near here, held water in places and were successful in filling the washes with dirt, even in the last heavy rains that did so much damage to many other hillsides of the county, according to the county extension agent, L. R. Snipes.

These brush dams are in an eight acre cornfield on one hillside and in ditches that were washed deep enough to make it impossible to plant corn across them. Dirt deposited above some of them to a depth of 18 inches to two feet, the county extension agent stated.

The Farmer's Wife

By MARY ANN GRAY. Materials for Fall Wardrobe. In selecting the new fall wardrobe it must be remembered that materials play a very important part in the effectiveness of the finished garment.

Especially the woman who inclines toward stoutness should select with great care the fabrics for her costumes. Shiny materials reflect the light and give appearance of roundness. For instance, a satin or velvet dress will make a woman seem larger than a crepe or rayon gown.

Materials which are soft in texture fall in graceful vertical folds and make one look more slender than when stiff fabrics are used. Crepe and voile make one appear more slender, while taffeta and organdy produce a broader silhouette.

Materials which are firm also increase the apparent size, as do wool and rough surfaces. Large patterns in dress goods attract attention to the size of the wearer, so stout people should use plain and small figured materials.

Ban Put on Monopoly Sugar Beet Industry

Washington, Oct. 20.—An order to "cease and desist from conspiring to maintain the monopoly in the beet sugar industry enjoyed by them" was issued today by the federal trade commission against the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, Salt Lake City; Amalgamated Sugar company, Ogden, and E. R. Woolley and A. P. Hooper, Salt Lake City.

The complaint against E. F. Cullen, Rigby, Idaho, was dismissed. In issuing the order, the commission cited a case that has been hanging fire many months, during which several hearings were held and a search inquiry conducted by its agents into the beet sugar industry of the west.

Specifically, the order is directed against any conspiracy among the respondents; "to prevent the establishment of beet sugar enterprises and the building of sugar factories by persons or interests other than the respondents; and (2) to obstruct or prevent competitors or prospective competitors from engaging in the purchase of sugar beets and in the manufacture and sale of refined beet sugar."

Ear of Corn 15 3-8 Inches in Length Wins Contest Prize Blair, Neb., Oct. 21.—The corn contest put on by the Farmers State bank of Blair awarded the following prizes: For the best ear of corn: First prize, R. T. Whorlow, Kennard, 15 3/8 inches; second prize, Ernest Bohn, Reed, 15 1/8 inches.

For the longest ear of corn: First prize, William Branton, Blair, length of ear, 15 3/8 inches; second prize, Chris Benson, Blair, length of ear, 15 inches.

For the ear of largest grain: First prize, John Schroeder, Calhoun, grain, 9 1/2 inches; second prize, E. J. Natter, Blair, grain, 9 3/8 inches.

A great deal of interest was shown in this contest, there being 94 entries.

Nebraska Grass

Nearly Normal Pastures Reported 94 Per Cent of Normal—Ranges Also in Good Shape.

Lincoln, Oct. 21.—Nebraska's pastures were 94 per cent of normal on October 1, compared with 60 per cent of normal at the same time last year, says the range report of the United States Department of Agriculture, made public by A. E. Anderson, federal crops and livestock statistician, here.

Ranges in the state are listed in the report as being normal this year, as compared with 87 per cent of normal last year at the same time. "Cattle in the state," says the report, "reflect the excellent condition of the ranges." The report gives cattle in Nebraska a mark of 94 per cent of normal, compared with 86 per cent last year.

The report, covering 17 states west of the Mississippi river, says that in Nebraska "grass continues to grow luxuriantly, but its feeding value is still low; curing is retarded by rains. Wild hay is abundant, but the quality is poor."

Heavy Apple Shipments Are Reported in Wymore Wymore, Neb., Oct. 21.—Three carloads of apples are on the tracks here to be sold out locally. Several cars a day are passing through the local railway yards, destined from the growers in the southeastern corner of the state to points in Nebraska and Kansas, almost every town receiving from one to three carloads.

The quality of the apples appears to be very good, and the supply this year seems to be much greater than for some time, and it is said it is beginning to be difficult to find a market for them all, most merchants having their stock in and all towns supplied. The price has ranged from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a bushel here.

Fremont Poultrymen Try Out Fall Hatching

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 21.—Experiments are being carried on near here by Ivar Johnson, local poultry raiser, into the possibility of hatching chicks in the fall, to provide early spring layers. The experiment, which is the first of its nature carried on by the local poultrymen, may prove that hatching can be carried on during the whole year, if under favorable conditions.

Mr. Johnson has a 5,000-egg capacity incubator, housed in a strictly weatherproof structure, and brooder pens that are partitioned off in a warm, dry part of a poultry house.

Financial By Associated Press. New York, Oct. 21.—Irregularly with a fairly steady undertone in the chief stock markets, and a moderate speculative market during the past week, the market closed with a general advance, pointing out that credit resources have not been exhausted, and that stocks of goods have not been accumulated to such a point as to have had a depressing effect.

Reports from the steel industry indicated that the rate of decline in prices of steel was somewhat encouraged by the fact that the rate of decline in steel prices was slower than that of iron and copper. September but on the other hand, deliveries still are looking favorable.

Local jobbers are selling American domestic, 2 1/2 lbs; double dials, 2 1/2 lbs; triple dials, 2 1/2 lbs; Swiss, domestic, 2 1/2 lbs; Roquefort, 4 1/2 lbs; New York white, 2 1/2 lbs.

The Business Barometer

This Week's Outlook in Commerce, Finance, Agriculture and Industry Based on Current Developments.

By THEODORE H. PRICE, Editor, Commerce and Finance, New York. Copyright, 1923. More than 20 years ago Max O'Rell commented upon the business of this country as follows: "The business of this country is not so much making money as it is making a name for itself."

Wheat and corn have reacted slightly from their recent advance. The important recession in cotton futures is also to be noted, and raw silk has advanced in the market. The Japanese earthquake has had a slight effect upon the market, but practically unchanged. Opinions differ as to whether the cotton market will be fairly well employed, and the demand is fully up to normal.

The Standard Daily Trade Service reports a decline in the volume of business for the present quarter. The department stores are preparing for an exceptional holiday trade. The volume of business is reported to be an increase of 12 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Figures Encouraging. The figures of our foreign trade for the first nine months of 1923 were valued at \$3,100,000,000 as compared with \$2,900,000,000 for the same period of 1922. The excess of exports over imports for the first nine months of 1923 was \$1,100,000,000 as compared with \$750,000,000 for the same period of 1922.

Omaha Produce Omaha, Oct. 20. BUTTER—Local jobbing price to retail, 40c; standard, 45c; firsts, 45c. EGGS—Standard, 27c; extra, 27c; for best table butter in rolls or tubs, 33c for cream packed in 10-lb. cans; 30c for best cream packed in 5-lb. cans.

FRESH MILK \$2.40 per cwt. for fresh milk delivered on dairy farm near Omaha. EGGS—Delivered Omaha, in new cases: Fancy whites, 30c; whites, 28c; small and dirty, 24c; cracks, 20c. U. S. special, 28c; U. S. extra, 25c; U. S. small, 23c; cracks, 20c; short held select, 20c.

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With the County Agents

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Omaha Livestock

Receipts of stock for the current week foot up approximately 43,200 head, as compared with an actual supply of 40,000 head last week and 23,500 head this week a year ago.

Prosperity Indicated. This brief recapitulation, which includes all the important features of the week, would seem to indicate that the outlook for the future is bright. The stock market, however, is somewhat depressed, and the general public is somewhat pessimistic.

Great Cows Decline. The decline noted above on grass cows and heifers brings to the attention of the public that the market for these animals is somewhat depressed. The price of these animals is generally lower than it was a few weeks ago.

Trade Review. Figures are given for the previous week and last week. The market for various commodities is reviewed, including wheat, corn, and livestock. Prices are generally stable, with some fluctuations.

FRUIT. Grapefruit—100-lb. barrels, \$1.00; 50-lb. boxes, \$1.00. Oranges—California Valencia, fancy, per box, \$1.00; standard, \$1.00. Lemons—California, fancy, per box, \$1.00; standard, \$1.00.

VEGETABLES. Squash—Holland, per bushel, \$1.00. Turnips—per bushel, \$1.00. Potatoes—per bushel, \$1.00. Onions—per bushel, \$1.00.

FEED. Corn—per bushel, \$1.00. Hay—per ton, \$1.00. Alfalfa—per ton, \$1.00. Clover—per ton, \$1.00.

Wool. Strictly short hided hides, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$1.00. Medium hided hides, No. 1, \$1.00; No. 2, \$1.00.

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Teumseh Greyhound Race Winner in Futurity Is

Teumseh, Neb., Oct. 21.—Teumseh Chief, a greyhound owned by Willis McClanahan of Teumseh, won first in the national futurity dog race, just concluded at Sedalia, Mo. This dog was the best of 228 to enter and start in the class. Mr. McClanahan was presented with the silver cup and cash prizes amounting to \$400.

Barren of this city had five dogs in the race. In addition to the winning above referred to, they secured cash prizes amounting to about \$200. The total number of entries in the Waterloo, Mo. class for old dogs was 124. It is said more dogs were entered in these races than had been entered at a single coursing event in the world. This included 29 imported dogs. The races lasted 10 days.

\$5,000 Award to Brakeman for Injuries Is Upheld Lincoln, Oct. 21.—The supreme court, in an opinion, held that while a man who enters the employ of a railroad company assumed the ordinary risks attending such employment, he cannot be held to assume extraordinary risks such as are unknown to him and which are not so obvious that a man of ordinary intelligence would have appreciated them.

Columbus Y. M. C. A. to Hold Exhibition of Hobbies Columbus, Neb., Oct. 21.—A hobby exposition will be one of the fall features of the Columbus Y. M. C. A. for young people. Exhibits consisting of curios, various kinds of mechanical work, amateur photography, homemade radios, pet livestock, needlework, home cooking and exhibits of coin and stamp collections will be featured and prizes will be given.

Plate County Pioneer Dies Columbus, Neb., Oct. 21.—Fred Meyer, 70, for 40 years a resident of Plate county, died of asthma in St. Mary hospital. He is survived by a sister living in Germany.

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