

THE PROSPECT OF IRRIGATION'S DITCHES

How that Section of Nebraska Has Improved with Irrigation.

MOISTURE ASSURED IN SEASON NOW

Thousands of Fine Farms Under Cultivation with Artificial Waterways on All Sides at Reasonable Rates.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 7.—To the Editor of the Bee: The first step in irrigating enterprises in Dawson county was made in 1891, in which year a company of local and outside business men became convinced that the salvation of the county depended on irrigation.

The old entrenchment or canal can still be seen above Willow Island, this county, a few miles. But this project was not without its effect. The fight over the matter, and the arguments pro and con were well in the minds of the people, and a strong prejudice was prepared to be overcome.

As they read and studied they began to see that irrigation, like advertising, judiciously applied, was a good thing. They began to know that even in their most bountiful harvests irrigation water would make two bushels of wheat grow where one grew before.

The first ditch constructed in the county is known as the Farmers' ditch. It was commenced in the early part of 1894, and was so far completed as to come into use in the wheat fields for the season of 1895.

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Coming in its numerical order the ninth enterprise is the Elm Creek canal, its ten miles of ditch covering 8,000 acres at a cost of \$20,000. The Platte river canal was the next to even things up by being the tenth venture; 3,000 acres is its present capacity and \$25,000 its cost.

The Edmiston ditch is the last one to be completed. Its total mileage is five, capacity 5,000 acres and cost the owner \$10,000. The Farmers and Merchants Irrigation company system has had \$275,000 in bonds voted to it, and before frost has made its appearance it was sixty miles in length with its extension with a capacity of 30,000 acres. Two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars will be the net cost of this venture.

NAMES OF THE COMPANIES. Below is given the names of the various companies, the miles of ditch each has, the number of acres covered and the aggregate cost. The list includes the two proposed systems which are all but positive in their character.

Table with 4 columns: Name, Miles, Acres, Cost. Lists various irrigation companies and their respective statistics.

PAINES OF SOBER THOUGHTS

Indescribable Tortures Endured by the Periodical Drinker.

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL SUFFERINGS

Agony of His Struggles Enough to Waken Him in the Hardest Heart-Fighting Against the Inevitable.

"Do you see that man there?" asked a well known Chicago physician, addressing a Tribune man. "He is a reputable business man, has a wife and several children to whom he is devotedly attached, and there is every reason in the world, except one, why he should be happy.

"Look at his face; mark the pallor; observe the twitching of the mouth and the restless and haggard look about the eyes; see how his fingers jerk, and note the uneasy shrug of his shoulders. That man is in the first throes of a form of criminal insanity, which is better known as inebriety.

Excitement then ran high for a time—until Beckett was called away to Venezuela on some mining business. Reports were circulated that he was a fraud and there was not gold in the country in paying quantities.

WHERE FARMERS WILL MEET. Douglas and Burr County Agriculturalists Interested. Blair, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The fifth annual session of the Burr County farmers' institute will be held February 14 and 15 at Tekamah.

Charged with Criminal Assault. COLUMBIUS, Neb., Feb. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Officers returned tonight with Fred Coulter, who attempted to criminally assault Mrs. Bolz Wednesday night in Woodville township.

His Accomplice in a Trick Did Not Live Up to His Agreement. An illusionist was talking the other day of the art of the conjurer, relates the New York Times.

"It was in Nashville, Tenn.," he said, "that I experienced a real knockdown blow. One of my friends had a trick of passing a marked coin into the center of an assembly. At least, that's what a good many people thought I was doing. I used a silver dollar for this purpose, and I was passing the coin into the pocket of some boy who I had enticed onto the stage. I will openly confess that the boy had to be a confederate, and that I was a good fellow in one previously prepared by me.

"I am not a bit pessimistic, for I have a very poor concept of the world's good sense and its charity. It is a very nice thing for an old rooster who has lived fifty or sixty years with a full stomach, who never had to wait five minutes for a meal, who never experienced a real sensation of hunger, who has named through life without a single jar or shock of any kind whatsoever, whose love even is unbroken by a single unkind remark of his days. Once in a while a middle-aged man overloads his stomach and brain from mere sociability; that is vice. The man who deliberately gets drunk when he has no craving for liquor is a fool. O yes, I know what you will say—that my friend there had a time in his life when he did not have the craving, but that is not the point. It is the craving that he has now, and in that craving he deserves no sympathy. He had no need to drink and should not have done so; but that time is in the past of his life; that which was an unfortunate act of his youth, and which brought him to this, is a thing of the past. My friend there is likely to be incontinently sober. He will resist the temptation, even after he has thrown his money up against the wall and the glass is within an inch of his lips, he will resist. There will be an impression upon his mind, and he will be able to draw a little lesson of charity out of it. All of us are very prone to mistake a good digest for a good drink, and we swear by the gods of morals that we have built up for ourselves. It will not do us a bit of harm to abstain from the use of wine and to study a subject like this—a sign, who is noble despite his smallness—a man who is noble yet ignoble—a man who fights against every ailment of the insidious foe, who has not completely vanquished and subdued. Every man who deplores the sin that led him to his craving and who deplores the infernal torments of the insidious foe, who has not brought him to this, it is a matter of very much surprise to me in the next world if God Almighty bore down very hard on him."

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