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IMPORTANCE OF IRRIGATION.

THE QUESTION DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

Fort Worth, Tex., March 20.—There is perhaps not in all Texas a better authority upon the matter of irrigation and the great benefits to result therefrom than Hon. Geo. P. Meade of this city. Meeting him today, The News man asked:

"What do you think of the work of the present legislature up to this time?"

"One eminently wise measure has been passed by this legislature, and I am glad to note was promptly signed by the governor. If nothing more is accomplished at this session this act will result, I believe, in great good to the state. I refer to the joint resolution amending section 8 of the constitution so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in west Texas, which is to be voted upon on the first Tuesday in August."

"You seem to think well of irrigation. What is the necessity for it in Texas?"

"Farming by irrigation is very old, and is connected with the highest civilization of the ancients. It is used largely now in many parts of Europe, and is wholly relied on in many parts of Asia. When developed it necessitates a dense population a highly cultivated country, together with the surroundings belonging to a prosperous people. The necessity of it in west Texas comes from the fact that it is a section of the state where the seasons, wet and dry, run in periods. With great bodies of fertile land farming one year with another does not pay, for the dry seasons more than absorb the profits of the wet. In this semi-arid region is now a considerable population looking to the passage of this amendment as their sole hope of keeping the homestead acquired with much privation and labor. It must be remembered while this section of the state suffers from drought, it is not so dry as is Colorado, Wyoming and other western states that have resorted to irrigation. It has been the yearly experience since 1891 that one or two more rains in the spring would have again made the fine crops that drew so many settlers to the west from 1887 to 1892, therefore much less water, is needed than in drier countries, where nevertheless irrigation has built prosperous communities. My information is that the country along the La Poudre river, in Colorado, which stood bare and deserted so long without attracting the attention of the adventurous nester though to be had of the government at \$1.25 per acre, is, under irrigation, one of the most prosperous agricultural communities in the union. Land there commanding the water can not be bought for less than \$50 per acre in these days of depressed prices. In that state the great water sheds are being utilized. Along the Platte valley a ditch of 100 miles is now being constructed, by its magic to render ready toll to the husbandman of its bordering fields. In Wyoming, whose name suggests bit snow and wind and mines and mountains, 482 surveys of irrigating ditches were made last year. In these states three crops are mainly relied on, viz, wheat, alfalfa and potatoes. In comparison our soil is richer, our climate better, our seasons earlier and our proximity to seaport so much greater. We have an advantage in the transportation of grain of 15 cents on the bushel, a fair profit of itself. In addition what they raise can be raised here,

and a great variety of crops besides. Now, this does not mean the west will go under irrigation on the passage of the amendment. In west Texas the plants will be larger and more expensive than in the short narrow valleys of the mountain states. It is likely only those districts will be brought under water where the plants can be constructed and maintained at a reasonable cost. The amendment limits the cost to \$15 per acre. Before bonds can be sold to supply the funds you may be certain each project will be closely scrutinized by investors, and only those presenting a truthful estimate of cost and such local advantages as will give reasonable certainty of success will be able to place their bonds. You will remember, too, that the bonds are to be passed on by the attorney general of the state, and when approved by him are to be registered by the comptroller; also that the law makes the governor, the land commissioner and the attorney general a board to formulate rules to govern the formation and life of the irrigation corporations till general laws on the subject are enacted by the legislature. These gentlemen can be relied on to so safeguard the situation as to render abortive efforts to float unworthy schemes and to make it impossible to subordinate the purpose of this beneficent law to private greed."

"Have there been any experiments showing what may be expected from irrigation in west Texas?"

"In December last I was taken by Mr. J. A. Kemp to see a patch of wheat he had sown near his home at Wichita Falls. It was sown about the first of November and then flooded from a tank. When I saw it some six weeks later it was as thick as the hair on a dog's back, of a splendid color and incontestably superior to any wheat in the country not irrigated. I understand now it is a beautiful sight. This gentleman had previously shown me his experiment with cotton, which left no doubt of the success of this plan under irrigation. Mr. Witherspoon has been experimenting for several years at his ranch, in Foard county, and tells me, with gratifying results. He says he raises all kinds of vegetables he wants, the only requirement being close attention."

"Many experiments like those can be cited, sufficient to show irrigation is the thing needed in west Texas. It is a fact, I believe, that most of the irrigation schemes that have been developed in this country were located in unsettled districts, and much time and money had to be spent in bringing settlers to take up the land subject to the ditch. West Texas, on the contrary, has already a considerable population of farmers anxious for the opportunity of cultivating their lands with the assurance that their crops are not always to fail for want of a little more rain."

"Is the measure based on the Wright law of California?"

"It differs essentially from the Wright law, which makes all land in an irrigation district subject to the tax, whether subject to irrigation or not. Under the proposed amendment only the land that can be irrigated is subject to the tax, and the land owner is given an appeal to the court having jurisdiction to show his land should not be included, or to test the validity of the formation of the district. Our law if adopted will be much more liberal than the California law."

"Do you think the amendment will be adopted?"

"Yes, I do, for the simple reason it will benefit the state, and it is difficult to perceive any forcible objection to it. It involves the principle of local self-government, which is sacred with our people. Before a ditch can be formed or a tax levied the rural owners within the proposed district must determine it by their suffrages. Its application is limited to the droughty sections of the state, and the expense involved must be borne entirely by those in that section who will be benefited. Our Texas people are eminently conservative, and they have shown they are loath to change their constitution, but they are becoming aware that that instrument may be amended without detriment to the state, and as in this instance with positive ben-

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efit to the people. It should be considered, too, the benefits to be derived from irrigation are not incidental, as is the case with so many relief measures, but go directly to the tillers of the soil. The tax gathered to pay the cost of irrigation works in part forms a sinking fund, which will eventually pay off the bonds and then the plant will be the property of the district, with only a further tax for maintenance. I find additional reasons in favor of the adoption of this amendment in the benefit it will be to the state at large, and especially to our larger cities. These will handle the product of the irrigated districts and supply their wants. The wharves of Galveston and Houston should be busy with the traffic coming from the enterprises developed under the proposed amendment. Why, look at Austin, with her splendid water power running to waste. Can you doubt with irrigation in the west there would be established on the banks of the Colorado one of the largest sugar factories in this country?"

"The adoption of this amendment will bring no additional tax burden to the great majority of the tax payers of the state, but it will benefit them largely by the enormous taxable values it will create. The school fund will be helped by the enhancement in value of state school lands situated in or near by the irrigation districts. The possibilities this amendment opens for Texas grow larger as you study the subject, and therefore I am confident, with due consideration by the people, its adoption is assured. Surely a word might be said in this connection of the claim the settlers in the semi-arid section of the state have on their brethren of the east, to support this amendment. For years they have endured drought and disappointment. In good faith and with high hope they have fought their battle with adverse seasons till years of defeat have shaken their faith in their ability to win from the dry soil a livelihood and a home. Their struggles and endurance should command the sympathy and ready aid of every voter in the state. That this will be given we must wait till the first Tuesday in August to see."

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Land Office Circular.
Austin, Tex., March 27.—The land commissioner has issued the following to the public:

This will give you notice that the act authorizing the forfeitures of school land sales under acts of 1891 and 1883, as well as all others which may have to be forfeited from time to time, will not take effect until ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature. This will give all parties who desire to put their school land accounts in good standing ample time to pay up their interest. I would urgently request local or county papers to publish this item, as it is of great importance and public interest, besides a patriotic service to the state. For the next four months all persons could be fully advised through this public notice and large expense saved the state in postage. Besides it will help many men to prepare to save their land.

Below I publish the law in full.
Very respectfully,
ANDREW J. BAKER,
Commissioner.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas:

Section 1. That if upon the 1st day of November of any year any portion of the interest due by any person to the state of Texas for lands heretofore sold by the state of Texas, whether said lands be a part of the public domain or shall have been heretofore set apart for the public schools, university, or any of the other various state institutions, has not been paid, it shall be the duty of the land commissioner to indorse on the obligation of said lands, "Lands forfeited," and shall cause an entry to that effect to be made on the account kept with such purchaser, and thereupon said land shall thereby be forfeited to the state, without the necessity of re-entry or judicial ascertainment and shall revert to the particular fund to which it originally belonged, and be resold under the provisions of the existing law, or of any future law; provided, the purchaser of said land shall have the right at any time within six months after such indorsement of "lands forfeited" to institute a suit in the district court of Travis county, Texas, against the commissioner of the general land office for the purpose of contesting such forfeiture and setting aside the same upon the ground that the facts did not exist authorizing such forfeiture; but if no such suit has been instituted as above provided, such forfeitures of the commissioner of the general land office shall then become final and conclusive; provided, that if any purchaser shall die or shall have died, his heirs or legal representatives shall have one year in which to make payment after the 1st day of November next after such death. This act is cumulative and is not intended to deny the state right to institute any legal proceedings that may be deemed necessary to secure the purchase or possession of the land so sold. And this act is intended to be applicable to all purchases heretofore made under any or all of the various acts of the legislature under which land may have been sold by the state.

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—There is on exhibition in the show windows of Messrs F. G. Alexander & Co's, the nicest and cheapest line of ladies' and misses' slippers we have ever seen in Haskell. They have a large stock of these goods on hand and to arrive, which were bought at a genuine bargain, and they are giving their customers full benefit of the low prices by selling them fully 40 to 50 per cent under regular prices. All the latest styles in black and tans are shown and notwithstanding the low prices, they are first quality goods, full stock leather soles, hand turned, Dongola, ox-goat and vicci kid, well finished. Don't fail to see these goods if you are interested in this line,—and remember they are not the only bargains they are offering. A CALL For a Railroad Meeting. To the citizens of Haskell: Your committee appointed at the railroad meeting held a few weeks since, were instructed by the meeting to call another meeting of the citizens when they had secured certain information, or had any matter of interest to communicate. They now desire to make a report of what they have done and also to submit an important proposition to the consideration of our citizens, therefore they request that all who feel an interest in the matter meet at the court house on Monday, April 5th, at 2 o'clock p. m. to hear their report, etc. Respectfully, A. C. FOSTER, S. W. SCOTT, J. E. POOLE } Com FOUR BIG SUCCESSES. Having the needed merit to make good all the advertising claimed for them, the following four remedies have reached a phenomenal sale: Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, each bottle guaranteed—Electric Bitters, the great remedy for Liver, Stomach and Kidneys. Bucklin's Arnica Salve, the best in the world, and Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are a perfect pill. All these remedies are guaranteed to do just what is claimed for them and the dealer whose name is attached herewith will be glad to tell you more of them. Sold at McLemore's Drug Store. MUCH is being said and written on the subject of irrigation of late, and we republish an article which appeared in the Dallas News setting forth some of the advantages to be derived from it and also explaining the constitutional amendment to be voted on in August. We do this that our people may be up with what is going on in this direction and also that they may be induced to look about them and see what the prospect is for an irrigation plant in our country. A gentleman who is familiar with the topography of the country says that he believes that a dam could be so located on the Brazos river to the westward of our county that the water could be thrown across the southern portion of the county and, by a proper system of storage reservoirs and ditches, made to irrigate two or three hundred thousand acres of fine land. There may be other places, on smaller streams, where smaller plants could be put in to advantage. Our people should look into this matter and, if such possibilities exist, organize irrigation districts and be ready to take prompt action when the law goes into effect.

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AN EASTER TALK. THERE'S pleasure and money saving for the ladies of Haskell at our store,—pleasure in seeing and money saving in buying our New Spring Goods, New Spring Silks, New Spring Shoes and Slippers, New Spring Millinery. In short, new spring goods in all lines crowd every nook and corner of our store. LOOKING will not cost you a cent, and BUYING not much more, as the prices are very low. A Dainty Pair of Shoes Is the finishing touch to any costume, especially an EASTER outfit. Shoes that look neat enough with an ordinary dress will look shabby stealing in and out beneath your New Easter Suit. It is quite necessary in order to have your costume complete in every detail that you walk to church Easter morning in a pair of shoes or slippers selected from our elegant new line of footwear. And again: A woman's crowning glory is said to be her hair. There is an exception, however. On Easter morning, if she is a Haskell lady, it will be one of our ELEGANT SPECIMENS OF MILLINERY. All the skill and taste of our modiste seems to have crystallized and taken concrete form in the hats we are showing for our spring trade. They are dreams of beauty and loveliness. THEN there's one more point,—and it's a very important one, that is: THE PRICES ARE EASY TO PAY. We shall be glad to have you look elsewhere and then come here. You will at once see the difference between last year's stocks and the latest novelties shown in the best markets. We will have some other dainty novelties on exhibition in time for EASTER. The way our DRESS GOODS have been moving out, together with our general line, renders us much satisfaction and pleasure in showing us that we have met the demands of our friends, and we tender you, one and all, our thanks, and promise you to try and merit your trade by honest and fair treatment. Yours, F. G. Alexander & Co.

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A COMMUNICATION. Some Advice to Farmers. There are too many farmers that look at the dark side of everything. They cross the bridge so to speak, before they get to the river. Everything about the farm is disagreeable, made so by themselves. Nothing is kept in order, nothing is preserved, the wagons stand in the sun and rain, the plows rust in the fields, there is neither barn or shelter for them, and never any feeling that the work is done. They are afraid to plant for fear it will be too early or too late or too dry and for fear it will be blown away by the sandstorms or caught by the frost or devoured by dogs or eaten by the worms or carried away by the birds or dug up by gophers or washed away by floods or burned up by the sun, or, for fear the crops will all run to vines or tops or straw or smut or cob. And they think if they should happen to make a good crop and a high price is offered, then the roads would be impassable, and if the roads get good then the price would go down. Everything works to such farmers toward evil, and this is the reason that so many farmers' boys dislike farming and country life. As soon as the boys can they hunt some other job and, too often, go to the towns and cities. But there is not room for all the boys in public positions. They cannot all be book-keepers, doctors, merchants, railroad men, lawyers, preachers or even school teachers. Then where is the remedy? It is in making the farm and country life more attractive. If you have no home, buy one, if it is but 15 acres of Haskell county land. A renter cannot be a free man; nor will he make a home on another man's land. I say then, buy you a place you can call home and make home pleasant for the boys, girls, and the horse, cow, hog and fowls and even for the dog. Build you a house or a dugout. Make your house comfortable. Have a yard, a garden and towels, plenty of them. Let the woman be boss over this part of the house and—over you also. While you are at work with this part she will have you plant some trees and flowers and vines. Every flower about a house certifies to the refinement of somebody; every vine climbing and blooming tells of love and joy. Get out of debt as soon as you possibly can. A mortgage casts a shadow over any home. The idea must be done away with that we cannot get out of debt farming in the west; we can if we will only economize for one or two years, then cultivate both mind and soil. Idleness should not be respectable. If we will occupy our leisure time in reading, in thinking, and in improving our minds and in devising ways and means to make our business profitable and pleasant; if we will live near together and cultivate sociability; if we will come together, organize a literary society at every school house; let our sons and daughters have opportunities so they can keep in line with the thoughts and discoveries of the world; if the nights can be taken for sleep and the evenings for enjoyment, every body will be in love with the fields and a country life. Happiness should be the object of life, and if life on the farm can be made really happy, the children will grow up in love with the old home. And around the farm will cling and cluster their happiest memories. Remember that you are in partnership with all the sons and daughters of toil, and all who work belong to the same noble family. Then I ask you all again who have no home to get you one and beautify it. The time may come when we will have to defend our homes, and there are but few men, if called upon, that would willingly shoulder a gun in defense of a boarding house. I don't think that we need expect much help until we help ourselves. Ours is yet a free government and we should often read the declaration of independence. It has often been said that our government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. In defense of this sublime and self evident truth the war of our fathers was waged and won. I can well remember when any of the lands of central Texas could have been bought for \$2.00 per acre. Where is now, and where is the renter of land that could buy him a home in that country? Then why not come to the west to—Haskell Co., while, and where, land is cheap, and buy you a home and put in a farm, plant trees, vines, flowers, corn, sorghum and cotton. If you have a boy let him have a horse, a gun, a dog. If you have a girl, let her also have a horse and gun, help her and mother plant and cultivate flowers. Simply make your home pleasant and the sweetest memories of all coming time will be of the old country home you and yours have made with your own hands. OLD TEXAN.

Plant Cotton. The certainty of a cotton crop in the Pan handle counties under the most adverse climatic condition has been fully demonstrated. Therefore, the farmer who consults his interest will plant a liberal acreage in cotton. The advantages of diversity in crops are so well known that argument is superfluous. A bale of cotton can be compared with a certified check, or New York Exchange, as it commands CASH in any market. This is a distinct advantage which is not enjoyed by any other product of the farm. The large cattle interests in the Panhandle creates a demand for every bushel of cotton seed, in fact the demand was so great in 1896 that hardly enough seed was left in the country to supply seed for spring planting. Only two reasons for planting cotton are cited. A great many more might be given, but they are so well known that it is unnecessary. Make arrangements for seed before supply is exhausted. If Last Sunday was a day of rain and storms throughout the state, except that there was only rain in the northwestern portion of the state. From San Antonio, and Galveston throughout the central and northern portions of the state, more or less severe storms are reported. Considerable damage was done at several towns by the wind. The streams throughout Central Texas and the Trinity and its tributaries in North Texas were badly overflowed, and in many places crops were washed up or ruined, so that replanting will be necessary.