

MUCH IRRIGATION WORK IS WASTED

Government Failures in Many Instances in Matter of Land Salvage

More than twenty years ago the Federal Government went into the land and irrigation business. It had land, water, money and organization—all four in ample, almost unlimited quantity. In its irrigation policy it had the undivided general support of the federal and state administrations, of Congress and of the people. It was only a matter of impounding the water and opening the gates to the eager settlers "to make the desert blossom like a rose."

Never was anything effective done to bring the right kind of men and women to this land. Anybody from anywhere in the United States was invited, whether or not they knew a sugar beet from an Early Rose potato. Nor were they given any instruction after they began trying to farm. The reclamation act specifically forbade spending money for that purpose.

Irrigate the land; the human element will take care of itself. To date the Government has put \$200,000,000 into this work, says the Nation's Business. To complete the old jobs in detail and the new projects that have been authorized, \$110,000,000 more is required.

For every farmer on these reclaimed lands, the Government shows a \$1,000 investment of its own money. That, of course, does not include what the farmer himself has put into the property in cash and labor. About 33,000 families are on these lands and there is room for 10,000 more, the problem being to find them, although they are allowed twenty years time to pay, without interest.

With all of its organization, all of the bureaus and all of the scientific men at its disposal, the Government built irrigation works without first testing the soil that is to be watered to find out whether it would yield a crop after the water was on it. Build the dam first and then let the settlers learn that all the irrigation in the world would not bring crops to some of the land.

On one project 500 farms established on an alkali flat had to be abandoned. On another, 200 farms on lands that will not produce have been allowed to go back to desert waste.

RUSSIAN INDUSTRY BADLY HANDICAPPED

Government Maladministration Has Practically Ruined It Everywhere

Government operation certainly creeps at every joint in Russia and is so unsatisfactory to the workmen, that, according to government officials, it is becoming a source of "political danger." The International Labor Office at Geneva publishes information which discloses that in nationalized industries wages are often a month in arrears, and in some instances as much as three months. Intellectual workers, among whom are classed the doctors and the teachers, have to wait still longer for such pay as they are allowed.

The trouble goes right up the line, in industries that are publicly operated in Russia. The metal industry has to supply the Commissariat of Transport, and like government agencies in more democratic countries the Commissariat of Transport insists upon prompt delivery of goods but makes payment when it happens to have the fancy. Other nationalized industries turn out goods regardless of demand, and then find they need to meet pay-rolls. Others have put their working capital into machinery and other forms of investment for production.

When wages are forthcoming to the workers in nationalized industries, they do not always mean much to the recipients. Coal miners, for example, have to take 60 per cent of their earnings in bonds which are exchangeable for goods at the stores of the so-called co-operative consumers' societies. But these stores often are unable to supply the goods, being in difficulties of their own. A coal miner may have to wait a couple of months before a store of this sort can supply the goods he wants in return for his bonds.

From the communistic point of view there would seem to be very real "political danger" in such conditions.

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The Hudson Roofing Co., of Evans-ton are opening a branch office in Edward Strenger's Plumbing Shop at 19 N. Sheridan road. Mr. Guy F. Hudson is the local representative.

BUSINESS MEN WILL HAVE OYSTER SUPPER

At the next regular meeting of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Tuesday evening, March 9, in Witten's hall, the business session will be preceded by an oyster supper, to be served at 6:45 o'clock, sharp. A full attendance of members is desired, as matters of importance are to be considered.

The government has reduced its tax bill, but the rest of our creditors have not so far followed this worthy and popular example.

"BEN-HUR" FILMED AT EXPENSE OF \$4,000,000

World's Greatest Show Being Shown at Woods Theatre, Chicago; Big Production

"Ben Hur," with its magnificent chariot race pictured in a death-defying contest in a vast circus arena—the knightly Ramon Novarro and the wicked Francis X. Bushman as the opposing heroes—came into the Woods theatre, Chicago, on Feb. 8, and is being presented twice daily including Sundays. Middle western theatre-goers greatly enjoyed the stage "Ben Hur" and vividly remember Bill Farnum, Bill Hart, Emmott Corrigan, Mary Shaw and others of the old casts. 'Twas the most popular stage spectacle ever produced, touring throughout American for 22 seasons. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, in arrangement with A. L. Erlanger, Charles Dillingham, and Florenz Ziegfeld, have made a new and greater "Ben Hur" in the newer art of the motion picture that out-tops the former achievement even as the wizard-like powers of the twentieth century surpass the inventions of our forefathers.

You see 48 horses—twelve teams—start abreast in their mad dash over the seven laps of the Antioch race course, and you cannot forbear a cheer as Ben Hur wrecks Messala and forges to the front! Roman and pirate navies contest in realistic death-grapples on the Mediterranean. The towers and turrets of Zion rise anew. From the exquisite Madonna to the Last Supper and the Procession of Palms, the masterpieces of art are re-enacted. The beautiful love-story of Esther and Ben-Hur, a contemporary of the Saviour, dominates the grand spectacle which is characterized by a fine reverence in the sacred part of the portrayals. Among the leading actors are Ramon Novarro in the title role; Francis X. Bushman as Messala; May McAvoy as Esther; Betty Bronson as the Madonna, Carmel Myers as Iras, Frank J. Currier, Mitchell Lewis, Nigel de Bruiler, Claire McDowell, Kathleen Key, with no less than 150,000 persons in the "support."

"Ben-Hur" cost Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer \$4,000,000, and it was money well spent. By the unanimous opinion of those who have seen the production, it is the world's greatest show. The same perfect projection and musical accompaniment by big orchestra as are used at the George M. Cohan Theatre, New York, mark the Woods presentation which is given twice daily at 2:30 and 8:30. Mail orders addressed to the manager, Woods Theatre, Chicago, Ill., are promptly filled in the order of their receipt. The prices are 50c to \$2 evening, 50c to \$1.50 Saturday and holiday matinees, and 50c to \$1 at all other matinees including Sundays. In making out their checks, patrons are requested to add 10 per cent U. S. government tax to the prices of tickets higher than 50c.

U. S. IS GREATEST GOVERNMENT TEST

Canadian Paper Says This Republic's Success Great Achievement

Because "the bloc system is vicious, Congress is impotent and the President has too much power," an American senator declares that the government system of the United States has broken down.

That the governmental system of the United States has not broken down is the most miraculous thing in all political history.

The creation of the United States was the most stupendous experiment in government ever attempted. History reveres the memory of the Caesars who held together and governed, more or less jointly, the great Roman empire. There is supposed to have been an achievement in government never surpassed.

Yet this great Roman empire could have been tucked away in Texas, Montana, New Mexico and Arizona.

The Caesars from Julius to Diocletian, ruled, perhaps, 10,000,000 people. And they ruled them with cold steel.

The United States of America is governing 110,000,000 people in an area that would have made Julius Caesar's head swim, without steel or armor, and governing them better than old Julius ever dreamed of doing.

To forge an area as large as Europe into a single nation in 150 years is a world achievement. And there need be no surprise if some of the rough edges still remain.—Vancouver Sun.

DANCE SATURDAY AT LOCAL WOMAN'S CLUB

The employees of the Ermine Cleaners and the Oak Terrace Laundry will give a dance at the Highland Park Woman's club, Saturday evening, March 20th. Duffy's orchestra will furnish the music. The public is invited to attend.

The government allows income tax exemption for children, but so far it has declined to allow any for dogs and cats.

Don't Spend Sunday Fussing around the Kitchen Eat at the HOWARD-UDELL CAFETERIA West Central Avenue

HEALTH DIPLOMAS TO BE AWARDED MARCH 5

Arden Shore Camp Graduates Second Class; Rally of Graduates to Be In Evening

On Friday afternoon, March 5, at 3:00 o'clock, at Arden Shore camp, the second graduating class of this year will receive diplomas of health from Miss Anna Belle Ferrier, superintendent of the camp.

There are a dozen boys in this second graduating class. Before Christmas the first group of boys to reach the standard of health required by the Chicago board of education, and to be graduated from the camp, numbered fifteen.

Altho the boys have been graduated from Arden Shore ever since its inception as a winter nutrition camp over five years ago, this is the first year that a diploma has been presented each boy as he succeeds in bringing himself "up to the line" physically. The winter camp is larger this year than ever before. With greater housing facilities, it has been possible to take care of 53 boys at a time. There is a waiting list of 20 boys eager to be taken into the camp. As has been said so many times before, these are boys between 14 and 16, who apply to the Chicago board of Education for working certificates, because it is necessary for them to leave school to assist in the support of their needy families. If they are not in normal health, working certificates are refused, and then the boys, as many as possible, are sent to the Arden Shore camp to regain their health.

Mrs. Carl R. Latham will represent the board of directors, at the graduation. On Friday evening at 6:15, at Gad's Hill Center at 1919 West Colterton street, Chicago, the Arden Shore graduates of previous years, will be entertained at one of the famous Arden Shore rallies. There will be supper, a movie, a novelty entertainment, music, and to quote the invitation, "a chance to meet the old gang." Friends from the board of

education and the camp will be there. Mr. and Mrs. George Van Hagen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Hecht, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Pettengill, all of Barrington, are giving the party.

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