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Now that the bridge bonds have carried, the next move is to get a good, substantial concrete bridge, on the same style as the big, flume and power dams. If the plans formerly made are accepted, the bridge will be one and a half feet high, with three or four arches for the water to run through and in times of high water the flood will go over and under the bridge, therefore insuring forever a permanent and everlasting structure with no danger of sitting on the sides, for water never cuts away the sides when such are provided as in the case of the big flume. The bank on the west will never be in danger for the land on the east is lower by fifteen feet than on the west, so the west bank will throw the water to the east if the arches and low lands are intact behind to carry the surplus. The former plans were for a double track bridge with a walk for four passengers on one side. The present La Barta bridge, which first attracted our attention, is by no means an entirely substantial and satisfactory structure, that is up to need replacing within ten years. Experts bridge builders say it is made in all any day and this one is wanted because such waste of money.

The bridge bonds for all the bridges carried, the bonds for the Carlsbad bridge winning out by only four votes. Now, if the bonds are sold, Eddy county will have three very much needed bridges. The final count showed that Artesia cast 474 votes for the Carlsbad bridge bonds and 71 against, instead of 170 against, as understood over the phone. As it was Carlsbad gave a much larger vote for the Artesia bridge than did Artesia for the Carlsbad bridge.

The Carlsbad Project exhibit that attracted materially in winning the Healy trophy, a magnificent silver cup, twenty-six inches high and valued at \$1,000, is now arranged at the Commercial Club rooms here. The cup, which was held here for ten days is now at Artesia, having been exhibited at Hope ten days. The trophy will remain at Artesia three months, after which it will alternate between Carlsbad, Hope and Artesia in each place three months. This arrangement was reached, because all the towns mentioned labored to prepare exhibits that together won the cup. Mr. Sutherland, who had charge of the Carlsbad exhibit, is endeavoring now to secure exhibits for next year, which will be sent to Spokane, Washington, to the next Irrigation Congress, in an endeavor to land the state trophy for New Mexico next time, which was only lost this time on account of lack of a uniform exhibit, and was second best being only two and one third points behind Utah, the winner of the state trophy. Mr. Sutherland, the chairman of the Eddy county exhibit, will be glad to hear from any who are interested.

Carlsbad Project Doings.

Monday was a red letter day in land circles. About 1,000 acres of land were sold in tracts of 100 acres and less to actual settlers under the Project. Immigration agents did not expect any immigration until the second recession of this month, and had made no preparations for taking care of any considerable number. To their surprise prospectors began flocking in in large numbers, and Monday everything on wheels was pressed into service to show lands to home-seekers. The large number of buyers are from Nebraska, and have had considerable experience with irrigation on the Platt river. These men will make very desirable farmers under the Project.

About one hundred teams are employed on construction on McMillan reservoir, and it is likely that the work will be completed at this point by the first of the year. The reclamation survey is also extending the lateral system to every quarter section of the land under the Project, so that every tract of land can be irrigated just as soon as water is available into the canal for next season. The irrigation season had to be extended two weeks to accommodate the farmers that are planning out. Water will be turned out of the canal on Saturday night for the season. Several acres of oats have been planted the past two weeks after the close of the regular season.

The Reclamation Development Company deserves much credit for its enterprise in developing 100 acres of land about three miles south of town this summer. The tract was covered with very heavy brush, being about the worst piece of land in the whole Project. A crew of men were put to work on the land to clear it. Later it was broken deep and thoroughly pulverized. The land was then most carefully leveled until it could be irrigated evenly and evenly. Twenty acres were planted in alfalfa in September, and a perfect stand obtained. This alfalfa is now several inches high, and will yield a full crop next season. Later ninety acres that had been plowed carefully prepared were sown to oats, and a perfect stand obtained. The remaining part of the 100 will be carefully prepared this winter and planted to alfalfa this spring. What is now in oats will be planted in alfalfa also early in the fall, when the whole quarter section will be one beautiful field of alfalfa. Over 2500 have already been expended in the improvement of this land. Other farmers in the neighborhood, Percy Forke, P. J. Estrom, A. T. Kruse, and others have done much work, changing appearances entirely in this locality from a wilderness of brush to five cultivated farms.

The kaffir corn crop is now being harvested throughout the Project. The crop is good, even where the corn was planted late and received little or no care. The acreage, however, of corn is small this year, cotton having been planted more extensively. The corn is in good demand at a better price than prevailed years ago. Another noticeable thing is that the fodder is being largely saved this year. This is in marked contrast to the practice of only a few years back, when the corn was headed out of the field, and the fodder left on the ground. Kaffir fodder

properly cured, is a most excellent roughness for all kinds of stock.

A creamery should be one of the first new industries to be established under the Project. The farmers understand the necessity of having at least a few cows on the farm. There is always feed stuff on the farm that is not marketable. The cow is able to turn this into money, saving feed that otherwise would be a loss. It is also getting to be better understood that, though the soil may be rich, it will not bear cropping forever without any return of fertility. The cow is, in fact, a small fertilizer factory that will save the problem of fertilizer. The cow conserved last year showed that there were hardly enough cows at that time to make a creamery profitable, but this number of cows have nearly doubled the past year, and a creamery can no doubt be built in the next few months. However, it will not come to itself. The people must take the matter up, and interest creamery people to locate here.

Each day the New Mexico reduces its estimated majority for Andrews over Larrasola, San Juan county was first placed in the republican column, and Eddy was reported with 633 majority for Larrasola. Now San Juan has 132 and Eddy 651 over Andrews. A few more such errors and the 571 claimed for Andrews will disappear.

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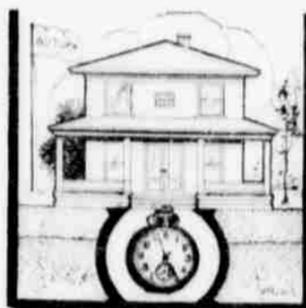
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