

IDAHOANS BEGIN DRIVE TO STORE WASTE WATER

American Falls Project Will Reclaim 2,000,000 Acres

Idaho has started a campaign which has for its object the impounding of all waste water of the state and cause all of its deserts to blossom into great ranches, according to R. R. Wooley, engineer of the United States geological department on water survey, who recently completed an inspection trip through the Gem state.

Idahoans are to insure against a repetition of this year's drouth by impounding enough water so that no matter what happens they will be able to take care of the acreage planted.

Besides this, two projects to reclaim millions of acres at an approximate cost of \$85,000,000 have been launched. The American Falls project, which will cost \$20,000,000 and will water 2,000,000 acres of now semiarid land, is one of the largest, while that known as the Twin Falls-Bruno project will be the largest ever attempted in the west and will cost \$65,000,000 and the first unit in its system will reclaim 550,000 acres.

The old Dubois project is again being agitated by former Senator Dubois, as is also the Henry lake and Fall river projects. The latter extends into the southwest corner of Yellowstone park and a delegation is now before Congress working for it. Then there are the Swan valley project on the south fork of the Snake river and the Yellowstone lake tunnel project, both of which are receiving consideration.

In the face of all this Utah is practically at a standstill as far as irrigation projects are concerned and unless something is done to bring back its lost laurels, Utah will soon be a back number as to irrigation progress, says Mr. Wooley.