

Mt. Carmel, Utah.
September 24, 1931.

Mr. George M. Bacon, State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

RE: LONG VALLEY DIST.

Dear Sir:

Demands for my services as water commissioner in this district seems to have quit coming in for this season so I presume it is time to report on what has been going on. I believe I am justified in saying that the water is lower this season than it has been for many years on the average. Other years we have had low water but we had more summer rains to freshen things up and increase the stream for awhile.

I have worked under considerable disadvantages much of the time. I was new to the work and started in late in the season in a very dry season. At first I had not enough measuring devices in the canals to enable me to measure the water and determine how much water there was to be divided. I finally got so I could measure and divide the water between the larger canals but there was considerable kick about the smaller users up the canyon taking too much and it was impossible to prevent this without being on the job every day or nearly so. I am sure that there was not as much water stolen above as some of the people imagined.

The water dividers that we had you order the people of Glendale and Orderville to put in at the head of their canals have not been put in. The people of Glendale and Orderville didn't like the idea and found many excuses for delay. The people of Mt. Carmel didn't seem to take much interest either. Some of them seemed to think that some good fairy would surely put the gates in now that the State Engineer had ordered it. It was impossible for me to do it alone. For my own part I would rather get along with the gates that we have now to measure and regulate the water than to go into their ditches and put in dividers without their consent and aid. If one of the dividers should cause a serious break in their ditch we would never hear the end of it.

I am still in favor of the dividers if they can be put in under terms and conditions that seem reasonably fair and satisfactory to all but I am absolutely opposed to the idea of trying to force the issue. ~~But~~ The ditch rider needs to visit up and down the line much oftener than once a week on the average under present conditions.

When I was appointed it was estimated that I would make about twelve round trips to regulate the water during the season. These at \$5.00 each would make \$60.00. I made the complete rounds only ten times but I made a great many shorter trips and put in about 65 working hours on these errands during the season. If I ask for \$5.00 each for ten complete rounds and 40¢ an hour for the shorter trips that would be \$50.00 plus \$26.00 equals \$76.00. Sixty or sixtyfive dollars was all that was estimated for my salary and if that is all that you can get for me I will have to take that and be satisfied but I feel that I have fully earned the \$76.00.

Yours truly,

Birt Gardner