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### NEW UNION DITCH COMPANY CANAL

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The New Union Ditch Company Canal commences on the north bank of the Boise River in Lot 2, Section 23, T4N, R1E, and extends in a northwesterly direction through Sections 14, 15, and 23, and terminates in Section 16, T4N, R1E. The canal was built in the fall of 1864 and spring of 1865 by Seth Bixby, John Carpenter, John Patterson, and others. When constructed, 1,000 inches of water under a four-inch pressure was appropriated and diverted. Since its enlargement in 1866, the canal has remained the same size. In 1903, the canal maintained a capacity of 81.8 second feet and measured two miles in length with five miles of laterals. By 1905, there were eight owners and stockholders under the canal. These persons owned 949.85 acres of which 689 acres were irrigated. In 1906, the canal received water right (14) of 688 inches.

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