

KLAMATH FALLS WINS LONG FIGHT

Water Users' Association President Gets All Concessions but One.

BALLINGER GIVES LAST AID

Abel Ady, After Four Months Passed in Washington, Returns to Oregon, With Success Crowning Practically All Efforts.

KLAMATH FALLS, April 23.—(Special.)—Abel Ady, president of the Klamath Water Users' Association, is home from Washington, where he spent nearly four months in his efforts to get matters straightened out in connection with the release of the overflow lands adjacent to the lower Klamath Lake.

Mr. Ady reports that he was successful in getting every concession which he asked, except the right to fill up the straits between the Klamath River and Lower Lake and in lieu of this concession he and his associates will now start an extensive plan of reclamation for these lands. While the arrangement or mode of procedure for carrying on this work had not yet been completely worked out Mr. Ady says that something like 25,000 acres are included in the big scheme which will be reclaimed and placed into cultivation without further delay.

Power From Government Planned.

These dikes will be thrown up to either side of this waterway from the river to where it enters the lake and will then follow the lake line around the tule edge to the hill on either side. Once this is done the plan is to secure power from the Government, which owns a site for a large power site in this city and establish a pumping plant with which to pump water into laterals around the hill side of the tule land. This power will also be used to pump the excess water from the land back into the lake, thus assisting in the drainage of the tule land.

Just how the plan is to go about it to raise funds for this work has not been clearly worked out, but this is to be done at a meeting of the owners in this city soon. Mr. Ady believes the most feasible plan will be to form a corporation with all of the owners in one big company, each pooling his lands, and then having the water for the funds. He thinks there will be no trouble in raising this money from private sources, as the lands can be placed in escrow for the security of the reclamation. Mr. Ady declares, and placing the land in condition for cultivation will not exceed \$10 an acre. Each man is to own shares in the corporation according to the acreage which he owns that is to be reclaimed.

While this release from the Government stock subscription was the principal object of Mr. Ady's visit to Washington he made it a point while there to block a move which was on foot for the passage of a bill which would give the Government the right to sell excess water power and power sites to private corporations. A bill to this effect was introduced and Mr. Ady declares, fostered by Director Newell, of the reclamation service, giving the reclamation projects this power but Mr. Ady got enough Congressmen back of him, by showing the hazard such sale might mean to the people, to get the bill killed. He declares that it would be a great injustice to the people, especially those of the Klamath project, to have the Government dispose of any of its power rights here, as the power resources are worth much to the farmers and land owners and by the cooperation of the Government and disposing of this power to the farmers for its exact cost would forestall any corporation in securing these rights and charging big profits where the landowner wanted power for pumping on such projects as is proposed on the Lower Klamath Lake and the pumping plants will be necessary to get water on the land.

Director Newell Hit.

Mr. Ady condemns Director Newell for the way he has handled the Klamath project. As director of the reclamation service all recommendations have to come through Newell and Ady says that Newell has blocked every move made for the benefit of the landowners of this project and is doing all in his power today to hold up the work of the reclamation service here. In his condemnation of Newell, Mr. Ady said:

"I am positive that Newell has been scheming to block the release of the swamp lands with the idea that if he could get the Government to hold onto the stock subscriptions for a few years longer and make no move to start reclaiming it, he believed every owner of this land would be forced to sell wall and have to sacrifice his lands, possibly for the benefit of others who could buy up the land at from 25 to 50 cents on the dollar of its real value.

"The biggest obstacle I ran into was in my efforts to get the report of the Board of Army Engineers straightened out. President Taft would know the true meaning of his report regarding the swamp lands. I was in a position to know that the Army Board intended to recommend the release of the swamp lands. When this report was printed and approved by Taft it was made to read so it was not positively clear as to their attitude regarding this swamp land. At first when I asked for the release I was told it was impossible. I demanded their release and declared the Army Board meant that they should be released. I had friends go to President Taft and lay these facts before him. He was against me at first, as he had placed the interpretation upon the report intended by those trying to block the release.

Injustice to People Shown.

"After several had gone to him and demanded to have the meaning of this board given fully I sought and got a hearing from him myself. I told him and Secretary of the Interior Ballinger that I knew the board meant to have the swamp land cut loose from the project as this board had declared it was an injustice to the owners to keep it

held up and give them no relief by reclaiming the land. "Both began to sit up and take notice at these positive assertions from my self and my allies, who were United States Senators and Congressmen. The President and Secretary of the Interior sought to get in touch with the members of the board and they declared unambiguously that it was their aim to recommend the release. This caused the drafting of a supplementary report and its approval by the President and Secretary of the order for our relief and the release of our lands was one of the last official acts of Secretary Ballinger before he resigned.

BURNS RESIDENT HONORED BY UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GLEE CLUB.

James C. Ceell UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, April 23.—(Special.)—The University of Oregon Glee Club today elected James C. Ceell, of Burns, business manager for the season of 1911-12, to succeed H. M. Stone. Mr. Ceell is a graduate of Burns High School and was for a time a preparatory student of O. A. C. He is a junior in the engineering department in the University of Oregon. The position to which he has just been elected is regarded as one of the most important in the activities of the student body, since the Glee Club is the principal medium through which the students advertise the university among the high schools of the state.

for the first unit, could be added to the program or made a part of the project. For this reason the upper project, where it is estimated the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50 an acre will have to be constructed as a separate project. The completion of the first unit includes the completion of the east branch of the Fox Valley lateral, work on which is to be started within a short time, according to information at hand.

SUMMER SCHOOL SOON

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON TO SEE PROMINENT EDUCATORS. Demand for Announcement Bulletin Heavy, Particularly by Eastern Folk Who Will Come West.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 23.—(Special.)—Dr. H. D. Sheldon, president of the Summer School of the State University, announces that he expects the attendance at the coming session in June to be larger than at any previous time in the several years in which this branch of the university's activity has been conducted.

Demands for the Summer school bulletin issued by the university are very heavy, 500 copies being sent out on the first day after their publication, in response to accumulated requests. Many inquiries have been received from Eastern people who intend coming to Oregon, and the attendance will be, to a very large degree, increased by the number of immigrants who intend to take up residence in the summer school. The Summer school will begin on Monday, June 26, and will continue for six weeks. Emphasis will be placed on educational work, this being the chief purpose of the session. A special department of training for rural school supervisors is entered in the course this year for the first time.

This work will be presided over by President J. H. Ackerman, of the Montezuma Normal School, State Superintendent of Schools in Clackamas County, and J. P. Wells, Superintendent for Jackson County. S. C. Hall and Ruby Shearer, principals of schools in Portland, will conduct courses in elementary methodology, and J. G. Collicott, City Superintendent of Schools in Tacoma, will hold lectures on city school supervision and high school administration. In addition to regular members of the faculty who will have charge of the Summer normal courses for high-school teachers, Professor G. W. Hauschild, of the University of Washington, and Professor G. R. McMillan, of the University of California, for the department of English literature and rhetoric. Other instructors from outside schools will be A. F. Hemenway, a graduate student of Harvard, in biology, and Professor F. J. Neubaer, of the La Grande High School, in elementary mathematics.

One objection to the Summer session during the past years has been the high cost of board and lodging, and special steps have been taken this year to improve conditions so that expenses can be reduced to a minimum. Both of the university dormitories will be thrown at a rate of \$3.50 a week for room and board. Efforts are also being made to secure reduced rates over the Southern Pacific for students coming to Eugene to attend the Summer session.

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We wish to express our appreciation for the sympathy and kindness extended by friends, occasioned by the loss of our beloved father, William J. Kelly (Signed) MRS. F. J. ROSENBERG, JOHN W. KELLY.

BIG FRAUD IS TOLD

Idaho Mining Promoter Pays \$500 Fine.

POSTAL MEN MAKE CATCH

Charles P. Diehl, Well Known in Southern and Eastern Parts of Gem State, Pleads Guilty in Federal Court.

BOISE, Idaho, April 23.—(Special.)—Although he conducted a unique fraudulent scheme to burden the heirs of deceased persons with worthless mining stock upon which he collected fees in brokerage charges and thereby, claimed postal inspectors, accumulated a snug little fortune, Charles P. Diehl, a well-known mining promoter of Southern and Eastern Idaho, was caught in the trap set for him by the Government and forced to stand in disgrace before Judge Carl Ruess in the Federal Court here this week, plead guilty to the charge and pay a fine of \$500.

Diehl was indicted by the recent Federal grand jury here but the indictment was kept secret until he was placed under arrest. When he was arraigned before the District Attorney to enter a plea of guilty to one of the five counts, the narrative of how he carried on one of the strangest bunko schemes came to light.

The accused man carried a large list of newspapers and watched these closely to find reports of the death of members of fraternal organizations, preferably the Modern Woodmen. When he found obituaries that looked promising so that his scheme would be put into operation, he immediately mailed to the address of the dead man certificates of stock in some worthless mining enterprise with which he had in the past years been connected, but which he knew was insolvent. It was alleged. At the same time he would address a letter to the deceased party in which he called attention to the alleged fact that while the stock had been paid for in full there were certain brokerage and transfer charges that should be paid immediately.

The letter had, as Diehl intended, been taken in charge by the relatives of the dead person, who, believing that the notice was sent in good faith and that the stock should be taken care of as part of the estate, forwarded the fees or charges demanded and Diehl pocketed the money. Diehl worked a large territory in this manner, covering many of the Northwest and Western states.

He established his base of operations at King Hill and was doing a thriving business when Postal inspectors discovered his scheme. After months of work Inspector Neal managed to seize money orders that Diehl received from the heirs of deceased parties in payment of the brokerage charges. Diehl presented his evidence before the grand jury and Diehl was indicted on five counts. When he agreed to enter a plea to one of them, the other four were dismissed.

PENDLETON IS RENDEZVOUS

Virginia Families Settle on Umatilla County Land.

PENDLETON, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—A colony of 12 or 15 Virginia families have completed arrangements for settling in Washington, in Umatilla County. Options have been taken on enough land for the entire party. The new settlers are searching for a section where they can raise alfalfa and other hardy fruits without irrigation and where they can also engage in diversified farming. They did not want irrigated tracts or wheat farms and therefore directed to Cabbage Hill, a fertile section of country lying near the summit of the Blue Mountains about 30 miles east of Pendleton. A complete and careful investigation by J. A. Bentley and J. W. Davis, two members of the party, resulted in the taking of options on several hundred acres of the best farming lands in the vicinity.

Though the new colonists are Virginians, they have been living in Lewis County, Washington, for the past year and are coming to Pendleton from Morton, Washington.

WEISER CENSUS IN ERROR

Enumerator Says 600 Reduction Is Made—Inquiry Started.

WEISER, Idaho, April 23.—(Special.)—The Weiser Commercial Club has taken up the question of the population of Weiser, Idaho, for the past year. She sent in 2390 names. By someone this number was reduced to 2600, and that number sent to Washington.

The Commercial Club proposes to find out who is responsible for the juggling with the figures, and has taken up the matter with Senator Borah, who has been requested to begin an investigation and locate who did it.

In order to demonstrate that the population is far in excess of figures returned by the Government, the Commercial Club has arranged for a special census to be taken. The census returns of 1900 gave Weiser a population of more than 1800.

FREIGHT IS FOUND

Stolen Goods Located and Four Trainmen Arrested.

ONE, 'TIS SAID, CONFESSES

After Three Months of Special Detective Work, Officials of O.-W. R. & N. Unearth Articles Taken From Cars on Way West.

COLFAX, Wash., April 23.—(Special.)—Four men under arrest and several others under suspicion, railway officials of the O.-W. R. & N., after three months of special detective work, have unearthed the stolen freight shortage at Tekoa.

Four well-known trainmen, John Burns, local switchman; H. H. Croxton, brakeman on Starbuck-Tekoa run; H. M. McKay, brakeman on Wallace-Tekoa run, and J. H. Price, former passenger conductor on Northern Pacific for 25 years out of Minneapolis, Minn., were arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Cole and Special Railway Agent Joe Plover at Tekoa and brought to Colfax.

One of the men is said to have confessed to railway officials, telling of the wholesale robberies of freight. Articles stolen were women's and complete and careful investigation by J. A. Bentley and J. W. Davis, two members of the party, resulted in the taking of options on several hundred acres of the best farming lands in the vicinity.

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Many shortages of freight set the officials to work. The boxes, being opened in transit, were hard to locate, but after the trainmen commenced operating in cars in Tekoa the arrests soon followed.

CATTELMEN MAKE PROTEST

Klamath County Stockraisers Say No Mangle Is Found.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 23.—(Special.)—The cattlemen of Klamath County are somewhat worked up over what they declare is a "knock" at the cattle industry of Klamath County published in the Portland papers of a few days ago under a Salem date claiming that mangle or scale had secured such a hold in the Klamath and Lake County region that unless the two counties were quarantined the Federal authorities might take steps to quarantine the entire state.

The statement is purporting to come from State Veterinarian Lytle and he is quoted as saying he had made a thorough inspection trip of the two counties and found evidences of much of this disease. This assertion, so far as Klamath County is concerned, is declared to be absolutely false.

A number of the stockmen of the county have been seen and asked about the reported mangle. They declare, to a man, there is none in this county. Local veterinarians are just as emphatic in this assertion and the fact that Dr. Lytle has made this assertion while he was not even in the borders of the county, so far as can be learned, at any time within the past six months, is resented by the people of this place.

It is stated that the doctor found some mangle cattle in Lake County, but not some shipped in from the outside by large cattle dealers of that county.

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CO-EDS' FROLIC IS SECRET

Annual April Event of Oregon Varsity Held at Eugene.

CONVICTS SEE AIRSHIPS FLY

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 23.—Forty-five life prisoners in the Washington State Penitentiary this afternoon saw an airship for the first time in their lives when Walter Brookings and Charles F. Willard flew from the fairgrounds to the prison, a distance of two miles, and circled for several minutes above the inclosure in which

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