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## CROPS DOING NICELY

### Government Will Furnish Water Within a Few Days

### ENGINEERS CLASSIFYING DIRT

Operation and Maintenance Department of Reclamation Service Has Main Canal Ready for Water-Helleman Wants More Room for Experimental Work

T. H. Helleman, who has charge of operation and maintenance of the government canals, states that if it does rain the water will be turned into main canal within a very few days. The canal is now ready for the water, but has not turned it in because the engineers making a reclassification of the land on the Mason, Davis & Co. contract have not finished their work, and because the lands are not in dire need of water. He says that the water is only a few degrees above the freezing point and it would do very little good to the soil to use cold water on the soil at this time of the year. The crops are all green and the warm dry days have had a beneficial effect on them. Alfalfa is coming nicely, but owing to the fact that the water does not go down deep it can go for some time without suffering any damage from the want of water. However, the engineers will complete the classification of the land within a very few days and the water will then be turned into the canal and will be at the disposal of the ranch and farmers.

Mr. Helleman is a firm believer in experimental stations and he thinks that no one should be lost in securing a tract of land under the canal to be used for the purpose of demonstrating what the Klamath sagebrush lands will produce when properly cultivated. He has already started a number of experiments and says he is limited for ground. The government overlooked securing tracts of land for experimental purposes when the project was first started and now it is rather a difficult matter to secure suitable places. He however, believes that a piece of sagebrush land for an experimental farm will be secured, and then the productive qualities of both the sagebrush and the other lands can be fully demonstrated. He believes that the Klamath project will be a very success one from the productive standpoint. The soil is of a quality that will produce all that is needed is to learn by experimenting the kinds of crops that are adapted to the various parts of the project. The soil survey which he hopes to secure shortly will be a great

aid in determining the productiveness of the lands. Mr. Helleman has taken up this experimental work as a sort of a side issue as it does not come in with his regular work with the Reclamation Service, and the landowners would benefit themselves if they would assist him in carrying on the experiments by furnishing ground and by cultivating the crops that he suggests.

### Mails Come Late

The mails are again arriving late in the evening as a result in the change in the schedule. The steamer Klamath carries mail to and from Teeters Landing, leaving here at 4 o'clock A. M., and arriving about 7 in the evening. The schedule is less convenient for the Klamath Falls post office and probably also for the public, but as it expedites mails there is no occasion for a kick. Mails are nearly twenty-four hours earlier than under the old schedule which should counteract any inconveniences that may be incurred by the change.

The boat now makes connection with both stages from Bray and from Pokagama, which does away with the Oregon & California Transportation Company's stages between this city and Keno.

### Gone to Keno

The string of candidates will wind up at Keno tonight to take in the candidate ball at that place. The dance promises to be a very successful affair from a political standpoint as nearly all the candidates will be in attendance.

Invitations have been issued for the Second Open Meeting of the Tuesday Evening Music Club, which will occur on the evening of April 21. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion.

The Womens Club will give an egg hunt at the library rooms, Monday evening, April 20th. A program, egg hunt and light lunch. Come everybody. Admission 25cts.

## A SENATOR WHO DOES THINGS

The five years spent by Senator Fulton in the service of the state at Washington have been eventful ones and full of hard work. Through all the disadvantages and drawbacks he has fought his way until he stands with great influence and prestige, the possessor of important chairmanships and committee assignments, favored with the friendship and confidence of his colleagues, and in line to become one of the country-wide acknowledged leaders of the upper house.

In the session of 1905 and 1906 Senator Fulton took a pronounced stand on railroad rate regulation, and during all the great controversy raging around the rate regulation bill stood firm behind the policy of President Roosevelt, battling for the regulation of the railroads of the country. He was the author of the now famous "Allison amendment" to the rate bill, which resulted in bringing the warring factions in the Senate together in the passage of the measure. President Roosevelt heartily approved of the terms of the Allison amendment, and personally thanked Senator Fulton for his work and aid in drafting the measure and assisting in fighting it through to final passage. It was during this debate that Senator Fulton came to be recognized as one of the leading debaters and parliamentary fighters of the senate.

In the present session of Congress Senator Fulton has come still more prominently before the people by reason of the fight made by him for the "Fulton resolution," which is strongly supported by President Roosevelt, and his amendment to the interstate commerce law by which shippers are given the power to secure a hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission before an increased rate can be put in effect by a railroad.—The Spectator.

## COMMITTEE WILL NAME DELEGATES

The Republican state central committee, which met in Portland last Friday, decided to hold the state convention in that city on May 14th. The congressional conventions will be held at the same place and time. Aside from apportioning the delegates and setting the date for the convention the committee took little action, although an effort was made to spring Tait's resolutions, but these were side-tracked.

When the state convention meets it will select four Presidential Electors and four delegates to the National Convention. The two Congressional conventions will each select two delegates to the National Convention, giving Oregon eight delegates. The committee based the representation on one delegate-at-large for each county and one delegate for every 250 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Supreme Judge in June 1906. There will be 239 delegates to the convention and Klamath County will be entitled to four. The representation will be the same to the Congressional and State Conventions. The method of selecting the delegates is left to the County Central Committee.

The damage suit of F. H. Mills vs the United States Government has been settled. It will be remembered that this suit accrued from the Aeno canal right of way. A compromise was effected whereby Mr. Mills' claims were fully satisfied.

Farmers visiting the city are agreed that the irrigation system will be a mighty good thing this year. Crops of all kinds are already in need of moisture and if rain does not come at once irrigation will begin within a few days. E. W. Smith now has a large force employed on the Adams canal and will have the same in shape for water in a very short time.

## FREIGHT SHIPMENTS

### Merchants Are Receiving Heavy Spring Consignments—Both Lines Being Patronized—Bray Route Company Announces Reduction in Rates

Merchants of this city are now receiving their large spring shipments of freight. Both the Pokagama and the Bray routes are well patronized, and all freighting outfits are on the road. This is unquestionably the last season for freighting from Pokagama as all business over that road will be discontinued about June 1st, or rather about the time the mail service is changed to the Weed route. The Klamath Lake Railroad will be operated for lumbering purposes and to transact the business of the Weyerhaeuser Company.

However, much of the freight coming in this spring comes via Pokagama and the McIntire Company will have teams hauling from there until after the establishment of the through service from Dorris. The rates in effect from Pokagama are 75 cents and \$1.00, and these will likely continue until the summer rates go into effect. The Klamath Falls Transportation Company began hauling from Bray on April 1st, on the following rates: 1st class, \$1.15; 2nd class, \$1.10; 3rd class, 88 cents; 4th class, 87 cents. These rates will continue in effect until further notice.

When the S. P. begins the operation of trains to Dorris the rates published a few days ago will go into effect, and the McIntire Company will then haul in conjunction with the Southern Pacific. The extension of the California Northeastern is causing a revolution in the freighting situation. The through rate places practically the entire business in the hands of the Southern Pacific Company, and according to the agreement with the McIntire Company the freight

will be delivered at the store door or warehouse, and the shipper need not worry about getting the consignment in from the railroad. The approach of the railroad will reduce the number of outfits needed to transport the freight to its destination, but most of the teamsters now engaged in the freighting business will find work hauling to other towns from the terminal of the railroad. When the railroad reaches this city the freight for the entire Klamath country will be brought to this place to be distributed. This will give employment to all the parties now engaged in the freighting business.

### The Dickens Play

The reserved seats for the performance of "Oliver Twist" are going very rapidly and it is likely that by Friday afternoon there will be nothing left but standing room. Mr. Mong asks this paper to announce that all seats purchased for "David Garrick," which was to have been given this evening, will be honored at the door on Friday evening, or if there are any who have tickets for tonight and do not care to attend Friday nights performance, they may have their money refunded by calling at the Perfection today or tomorrow.

Last night's rehearsal lasted till after midnight, and the company is working very hard with this difficult play, but Mr. Mong assures us that the company will do themselves credit with the fourteen scenes and will handle their lines and the business of the play with as much ease and grace as they would with

## MAY CONTINUE LINE

### Rumor That Pokagama Is Not to Be Abandoned

### MANAGER ABBOTT IN THE GAME

Klamath Lake Railroad, According to Rumor, Will Haul from Thrall to Pokagama at a Very Low Rate When Regular Service Is Discontinued

only four scenes in the ordinary four-act drama.

Mr. Mong has relinquished the chief honors of parts to Mr. Harvey, who will play Bill Sykes, and we have no doubt that Mr. Harvey will do full justice to the requirements of it, else he would not have been entrusted with it. Get your seats today and be sure of a good seat.

### Organize Local G. A. R.

E. B. Ramsby is in receipt of a communication from Assistant Adjutant General C. A. Williams, of the Oregon department of the G. A. R., in which the organization of a post at this place is urged. The matter is being considered by the Civil War veterans and it is probable that they may effect an organization. There are about twelve in this city and its immediate vicinity, and any move on the part of the veterans should receive the aid of the people generally. Year by year the ranks of the patriots are becoming thinner, and it will be but a short time until the G. A. R. will exist in name only.

It is to be hoped that for the good of the old veterans themselves and for the community generally that a local post of the G. A. R. will be organized at once.

### Will Move to Town

SWAN, LAKE OR., April 13, 1908. TO THE EDITOR:—A report has come to me that a rumor is current to the effect that if elected to the office of county treasurer my authority as such officer will be delegated to some other person. I wish to say in this connection that any such statements are erroneous; that if elected, I shall move to the county seat and be treasurer myself. C. C. CURTWOOD.

Several launches loaded with politicians started for Keno this afternoon. The dance there tonight will be largely attended.

Again there is a rumor that something is to happen in the transportation business, but just what this something is cannot be learned at this time. E. T. Abbot, manager of the Klamath Lake Railroad, will arrive in the city tonight from Thrall, and those who are on the inside say his coming is to have effect upon the transportation situation, both freight and passengers. Manager Abbott has had matters pretty much his own way and he is loath to let go of the business at a time when there still remains a chance for him to hold at least a part of it. Only a very few have been advised of Mr. Abbott's coming, and among these are Capt. J. M. McIntire and Abel Ady. The latter is already connected with the local transportation companies and it is very probable that he will have something to do with the reorganization of a company to operate a freight business from Pokagama to this city.

The Klamath Lake railroad will be operated for the purpose of hauling out the product of the sawmill. This being the case the railroad can haul freight from Thrall to that point for almost nothing. If they get enough to pay for handling it and to pay the expense of running the train the railroad company will be just that much ahead. If a very low rate is maintained on the Klamath Lake railroad the Pokagama route will be able to compete with the new line throughout the entire summer, or at least until the road is built to the water, so that the boat connections can be made with the trains over the California Northeastern. It is stated that the visit of Mr. Abbott is to arrange for a freight service from Pokagama to this city to go into effect as soon as the McIntire Company transfers to the other route.

Capt. McIntire says he is not aware of such a move and Mr. Ady says nothing. However, it is understood that Abbott is coming here to devote his time and services to some of the tangles in the local transportation situation, and those who claim to know say that the result will be that freighting from Pokagama will continue throughout the entire summer and fall and that the rate will be as low as over the new route.

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