

## OPINIONS OF CITIZENS

### Mayor and Council Favor Better Fire Protection

### SOME ADVOCATE BUYING SYSTEM

Expressions from City Officials on Improvements Proposed by the Klamath Falls Light and Water Co.—Suggest Citizens' Mass Meeting

City officials and interested property owners and business men are devoting considerable time to the proposition of Klamath Falls Light & Water Co. for better fire protection for the city. It is the general opinion that the plan proposed by H. V. Gates, representing the company, is a good one and would give the city the protection that is needed. Mayor and most of the councilmen favor the proposition as very favorable to the city as face with the question of funds for carrying out its plan of any agreement that involves a large sum of money.

Mayor Stiltz, when asked about the plan, said: "I consider the plan very good and it would give this city the protection that is needed. It is a matter that should receive the attention of the city and a meeting should be held to discuss it."

It would be a good thing for the city, said Councilman F. E. Ankeny. "It would give the city the best fire protection, but it will be necessary to get money to carry out the plan. The city is not in a position, as I can see, to talk of buying the water plant at this time, and the proposed plan will give the protection that is needed."

Councilman Hawks, in replying to the question what he thought of the plan proposed by Mr. Gates, said: "The plan is all right in a way, but I think if the city is ever going to buy that plant it is the time to do it."

Another thing could happen for the city, said Col. Wilkins, one of the councilmen, when asked his opinion about the matter. "It would give the protection that is needed for the city and especially on the north side of the city, where there are a number of important business concerns that are at this time practically unprotected. It would lower the insurance rates in the town and in that way be a benefit to many of the citizens of the city. I am in favor of bonding the city to get funds to do things and they are too high for me."

Councilman F. T. Sanderson, when asked about the fire protection proposition, said in part: "It may be a good thing, but the city is not in a position to do anything. It will take a vote of the people. It would be pretty good interest for the company if the city had to pay them an annual rental of \$1200 on the investment they will make. I would like to see the city own the plant, and I think Mr. Gates' proposition to sell is a good one. Of course, it will be hard to bond the city for a large enough amount to do much with, for we are in a bad way just now, but we will get out all right. It would be a fine thing if the city could own water and lights."

Many of the property owners of the city have expressed themselves in about the same way as the mayor and councilmen, and a movement is now on foot to call a mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the voting of the proposed improvements and also consider the bonding of the city to raise funds to liquidate the present warlike indebtedness and to purchase the water system.

Will Build Bridge  
It is very likely that at this session of the county court some action will be taken on the building of the bridge across Lost river at the Upper gap. Owing to some misunderstanding the bridge has not been advertised a second time and the court now proposes to have plans and specifications drawn and to advertise for bids in accordance therewith.

Discontinue Drain Normal  
The State Board of Regents at a recent meeting decided to recommend to the next legislature that the normal school at Drain be discontinued. The board also considered the discontinuance of the Ashland Normal but it was an unwise move as it would leave the southern part of the state without a school.

Attractive silverware just received at Winters.

## Credentials Committee Has Session Lasting All Night

Denver, Colo., July 8.—The Committee on Credentials concluded its business this morning after an all night session. No attempt was made to restrict the time used in the presentation of evidence in the contest cases and all of the proceedings were conducted with open doors. The committee submitted both

a majority and a minority report and it is likely that a night session of the convention will be held to settle the matter. The Idaho contest was fought with much bitterness and a strong fight was made against ex-Senator Dubois, who is the leader of the movement to secure the insertion of an anti-Mormon plank in the party platform.

### Reduced Rate From Weed

Beginning on June 28th the Southern Pacific made a special rate of one fare for the round trip from Weed to Dorris for all parties traveling on first-class stop-over tickets or on round trip tickets from eastern points. On the former the tickets on the California Northeastern are good for ten days and on the round trip tickets for thirty days. The tickets can be had on application to the agent at Weed. The regular fare between the two points is \$24 for one way, but the cut in the rate is made to give tourists an opportunity to visit this section at a reduced cost.

This one fare rate will continue in effect until notice is given by the Southern Pacific Company.

### Dairy

Miss Akin from Central Point is visiting Miss Net Drew.

Miss McKee from near Dorris is visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Drew.

Liskey Bros. were exchanging horses with P. H. Gray, our veteran horse trader, this week.

Dairy is being well supplied with fresh meat these days, two wagons each week.

Prof. Hall and wife started for Paisley July third and returned on the sixth considerably sunburned but perhaps a little better satisfied with Dairy.

A large crowd attended the celebration here on the Fourth. A good variety of amusements were offered to all who wished to participate. The speaking was somewhat irregular and not quite what we are used to hearing on such occasions, but we confess some of the utterances were quite forceful if not patriotic.

Mrs. John Lind is visiting her mother at Keno and poor John is keeping batch this week.

Mr. S. D. Tooker has several men at work putting up grass hay this week. The crop is some lighter than in years but the quality is better.

Crop prospects are improving but a good rain is needed.

Rev. T. P. Howard preached a sermon here Sunday evening and organized a Sunday school.

Hans Stoehler entertained a number of his friends at his home on the Fourth.

John Jones and family returned to their homestead close by last week and will remain for some time.

Miss Elva Tarnage was the guest of Miss Zelma Sedge for a few days this week.

Mrs. W. F. Haskins, of San Francisco, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Worden for several weeks, left this morning for Weed where she will visit for a few days before returning home.

H. R. Dunlap has returned from the Wood river valley where he had been for several days looking after his cattle. He says the range is very good in that section and stock of every kind is in good condition.

The county high school board is in session this afternoon transacting the regular routine business. Aside from allowing the regular number of bills there is little business to come before the meeting.

### Langell Valley Items

A picnic was held at the Raiston place on the Fourth and an all round good time was had.

Jonah Sparks is putting up hay on the Dave Vinson ranch.

Will Stevens is hauling plank for the new bridge across Miller creek near the Slack mill.

H. H. Burnham has one of the finest rye crops that can be found.

J. D. Seaton is again working at his trade, sawing lumber.

James Lindsay and wife, of Lorella, attended the picnic on the Fourth.

A. D. Harpold is irrigating his grain with water from his reservoir.

Jeff Wilson has a prune tree that celebrated the Fourth by coming into full bloom on that day.

George Deal has most of his hay cut and he reports an average yield.

Hay hand are plentiful and wages lower than last year.

Horace Patterson is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Burnham.

Wm. Pankey, wife and daughter celebrated the Fourth at the picnic.

Bonanza was a dry looking place on the Fourth, but some of the breaths smelled rather wet.

It may be to the benefit of some of our bachelors to remind the ladies that this is leap year.

### Keno Items

N.P. Edwards and wife passed through here on their way to Klamath Falls. They report a good crop and a fine garden on their ranch.

Our mail service has not improved, the mail always being two or three days late.

The hay crop on the swamp is reported rather light.

Ben Kerns has begun to make hay.

The saloon has moved out and all quiet once more.

J. Frank Adams is hauling from the R. W. Towers timber to the boat landing, the same being used on the dredge engaged in the reclamation of the experimental farm.

Frank Nelson is storing a large amount of cord wood at the Keno landing.

The Fourth passed off quietly, no one killed or hurt.

### W. C. T. U. Meeting

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the home of Mrs. Hattie Wilson, in East Klamath Falls, Friday at 2:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present. All ladies who are in sympathy with the temperance movement are requested to be present.  
EMMA GRIGSBY, Rec. Sec.

Luke Walker came in from Bly this morning to spend a few days in the city. He reports everything doing well in the Sprague river valley.

Klamath Falls is well represented at Spring creek fishing resort these warm days. Several families are camped there and a number of others are planning to go.

Largest and most complete line of Edison Phonographs and records in Klamath county, at E. W. Muller's, corner 6th and Main streets. alt5

## CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

### California Democrat Rouses the National Convention

### MENTIONS PLANKS FOR PLATFORM

### Public Conscience Demands Honesty of Purpose in Directing National Affairs and Popular Clamor for Reforms Should Not Be Resented by Party

Denver, Colo., July 8.—After Temporary Chairman Theodore Bell, of California delivered his speech yesterday afternoon at the Democratic National convention, resolutions of respect to the memory of the late ex-President Grover Cleveland were adopted and an adjournment taken until noon of today: In his speech Chairman Bell said in part:

"We have assembled at a time when the public conscience is demanding honesty of purpose in the men who undertake to direct the affairs of state. The public eye is keenly sensitive of every political movement, and our proceedings here will be approved according to the degree of sincerity appearing in the work of this convention. There is a widespread belief, founded upon evidence of a convincing character, that the party in power has not been true to its trust, that it has betrayed the common interest in the hands of the enemies of good government, thereby forfeiting its right and destroying its ability to rule in the name of the people. Apparent to everyone is the fact that way down deep in the heart of the Republican convention at Chicago there was a feeling of anger and resentment over the popular clamor for reforms; and it is equally patent that there is no bona fide intention on the part of the Republican party of granting any reforms, if the machinery of that party can be retained in present hands.

"Viewed in the light of a great moral question, the control of corporations should remain a question of common concern rather than a political one, but the shameful complacency of the republican party in permitting its forces to be controlled and operated by the most offending corporations of the country throws the problem into political arena and compels the public to choose between the democratic party that will, and the republican party that will not, place some restrictions on incorporation greed."

"Democracy is once again called to the arena to battle for the sacred principles of self-government. It must wage an uncompromising war for the return of the government to the hands of the people, and this means that the phalanx of special interests must be broken. The triumph of the people can come only through the democratic party. With the power and opportunity to carry out democratic principles we will be called upon to revise our tariff laws in the interests of the whole people."

"The corrupt use of large sums of money in political campaigns is largely responsible for the subversion of the people's will at the polls. The masses are awakening to realization of the great power of gold in contests that ought to be determined according to the nominees and the soundness and morality of political issues; and there is a general demand for publicity in the collection and use of campaign funds so that our citizens may know whether a political party has purchased its way into office or has won its victories by honest means.

"The Democratic party will continue to labor for the direct election of United States senators, and it appeals to the voters of America to elect members of the different state legislatures who will pledge themselves to vote for no candidate for the United States senate that is not in favor of this reform.

"This National convention meets at a time when the angel of peace is hovering over the entire world and the nations of the earth each day are strengthening those ties of friendship and common interest that will render war less

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## JULY SPECIALS

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