

DEMAND FOR LUMBER

Big Building Boom Now on Is Depleting the Yards of All Their Better Grade Stock--Feared That There Will Be Shortage of Finish Lumber By Spring

The contractors and builders of Klamath Falls are fearing a lumber famine in the city next Spring. The shortage will be in the better grades of lumber, such as is used for finishing and interior work. In the early part of the year there was very little doing in the building line in this city. This was on account of the unexpected hard times, which did not affect this county as much as it did the outside. It was well in the summer before people regained confidence enough to go ahead with their buildings and investments.

As it looked as if there was to be a limited demand for lumber the mills did not do much sawing this summer. Moore's and Ackley's had a considerable amount of dry lumber from last season's cut which was expected to be sufficient to meet the demand. The Long Lake mill was the only one which put in a full summer's run.

It was late in July before the building boom got any headway and it was but a short time before there was a big demand for lumber, especially for finishing. This was on account of the large number of store buildings going up, which are mainly constructed of brick and use very little rough lumber except timbers, studding, etc. The mill men state that if there is as much building in the spring as there has been this fall they will run out of clear lumber entirely.

There is plenty of rough lumber in the yards to last some time. Moore Bros. have about a million and a half feet of dry common. They have only about 50,000 feet of clear. Ackley Bros. have about 800,000 feet, with only a small quantity of clear. The Long Lake mill has been sawing all summer and has disposed of its lumber about as fast as it has been cut. Ackley Bros. mill is running now. They have one boom of logs which are being cut for special order. On account of the lowness of the water they are unable to bring any more logs over the bar in the river.

The price of common lumber is the same this year as last. It is selling for \$12 a thousand. Graded lum-

ber is bringing \$20, \$25 and \$30, according to the grade. It is claimed that first grade lumber is selling at Dorris for \$50 a thousand.

ADVERTISE CARNIVAL THROUGHOUT COUNTY.

Manager Brandenburg left this morning for a trip through the county in the interest of the Carnival. He will carry with him several thousand attractive posters and other advertising matter, and by the time he has finished his trip every man, woman and child in Klamath County will be aware of the fact that the week of October 12th will be a red letter week in the annals of this county.

There is no doubt but that Klamath Falls will have the largest crowd in the history of the city during the Carnival. People are interested all over this section of the country and for miles around they are planning to lay aside everything and come to the county seat for one solid week of enjoyment.

If the business men of this city would only stop and figure the amount of money that will be brought to town and left here during the carnival, they would be more willing to assist the committee in their work. His hoped that every business man in the city will take an interest and make plans to decorate their establishments. Let us join in showing the guests of that week, that the people of Klamath Falls are wide awake, ready and willing to show them the time of their life. Get busy Mr. Business Man and do something. Throw in a few votes in the Queen contest. Show the committee that you are willing to put your shoulder to the wheel.

MAKING MONEY WHILE YOU SLEEP.

Are you looking for property? If so, I have some good bargains, and it will pay you to see me. Now is your chance. Will surprise you next summer. Inquire of a CAMBY, at Hotel Houston from 6 to 7 P. M. . . . 29-5t

Who Wouldn't Be An Editor or Councilman?

Editor Herald: In your issue of the 23 inst. under a glaring heading of "Ignore Lot Owners," you see fit to try to impugn the motives of the larger majority of the business men of the town who signed the petition asking the town council to grant a franchise for a "concrete or wooden flume" along the street line of High street in West Klamath Falls, characterizing the same as a "very peculiar request inasmuch as only three of the property owners affected signed the petition while nearly a hundred business men on Main street who have no interest in that section, demand that the council pass the ordinance."

It would seem that your views as to the interests of the people of the town and the rights of property owners to obstruct great improvements, have undergone a revulsion or flop, since you, as editor of the Republican some four years ago, championed the Klamath Canal Co. and in defense of their demand for an open sluiceway of twenty feet in width, and depth varying from eight to twenty-five feet, through the center of the town and over four or five of its principal streets, characterized those property owners whose rights were affected and who remonstrated against the granting of the franchise, as "pln heads and knockers."

Of course, the two cases are not parallel, inasmuch as the Klamath Canal Co. was a supposedly rich private corporation, whose only object was to build up the town and enrich its inhabitants? They would build other streets on land of their own, so that people could easily change their residences to another part of town unobstructed by sluiceways. The franchise asked for in this petition asks for a right of way not exceeding ten feet along the hillside where no street exists except on paper, and where an irrigation ditch for conveying water to the lands below has existed since the earliest beginning of the town; and which is so situated that it is ample protection to the property below from any possible leakage from a flume above; besides, the U. S. Reclamation Service have signified their willingness for the city to place the supervision of the construction under the charge of the city engineer with authority to see that it was constructed in such a manner that it would not leak. It looks as though the principal

or real animus of your attack is because the franchise is asked for by the U. S. Reclamation Service, and the Water Users, as your position when formerly editing the Republican laid you open to the charge of hostility to the taking over of the irrigation systems of this country by the United States and your paper during the period prior to the withdrawal of the Klamath Canal Co. contained a great many uncomplimentary articles against the U. S. R. S. and the directors of the Water Users Association.

Permit me to give a brief history of the attempts to secure a franchise for the Keno Canal, for the benefit of your readers and the edification of our city dads.

The first attempt to secure a franchise for the Keno Canal was in December, 1907, when it was contemplated to construct a canal as far as the south boundary line of lot 11 in West Klamath Falls, where the water was to be delivered to the Moore brothers, at a power plant near their present sawmill. So much opposition was developed toward the building of a large canal through the west side residence lots, that the council refused to grant the same unless the U. S. R. S. first settled with the property owners along the line of the proposed canal, and in order to enable the Service to proceed, the Moore brothers changed their plans and agreed to a delivery higher up at the point where the power house is now under construction. After adjusting the claims of F. L. Armstrong and finding it impossible to arrive at a satisfactory arrangement with W. H. Mills, the franchise as amended to terminate at the present power site, was passed unanimously by the council at its meeting February 18, 1907. On April 20, 1908, D. W. Murphy filed an ordinance asking for franchise to construct telephone line for Service, upon which no action has ever been taken, nor reason therefor given. On May 5th, last, the ordinance was introduced asking for a franchise or right of way for the construction of a "concrete or wooden flume along High street from present terminus of canal, across Bridge street to the southwest corner of lot 7, W. K. F." Said right of way to be not to exceed ten feet in width, and to be constructed in a good substantial manner, so as to avoid damage or injury to the street or property owners. Its manner of construction was explained in detail by Engineer D. W. Murphy, who went over the ground with all the members of the city council who desired to inform themselves; but at a subsequent meeting of the board on May 18th when Alex. Martin, Jr., and the writer appeared on behalf of the Water Users, the bill was called up, read second time and laid on table indefinitely, the board through its mayor stating that they would not entertain it until D. W. Murphy changed it to read "concrete flume" and first settle with the property owners along line of the proposed flume.

The writer hereof, being appointed by the board of directors of the Water Users as a committee of one to secure an agreement for rights of way for the flume and canal, and having failed to get any proposition for terms that would be entertained by the U. S. R. S., then drew up and circulated the petition presented to the city council.

Everyone signing was presumed to understand the situation, as it had been freely discussed on the streets and through the papers for nearly four months while it had been held up without action or official notice to the U. S. R. S. This petition was presented at the meeting of the city council Tuesday evening, the 22nd, and the question was raised by Councilman Sanderson that probably the signers of the petition were not informed that the ordinance called for a wooden flume, and objected to by the Mayor because the names of all the property owners along the line of the proposed flume did not appear on the petition. He was told that two of the parties had refused to sign, and it was conceded that the others whose names did not appear would also refuse. The council decided to defer any action on the matter until the next regular meeting in order to give the property owners who opposed the franchise an opportunity to get up and circulate a remonstrance. The Mayor, however, stated that the

WORSE THAN STAGE

Traveler Over New Road Thinks That Business men of This City Should Ask for Separate Passenger Train for Better Accommodation of Traveling Public

council would grant the franchise for a concrete flume, without any consent of property owners.

Now, gentlemen, if you decide that a wooden flume constructed under the supervision of the city engineer is going to leak enough to overflow the ditch below it and damage seriously the street or private property below, to justify holding up the construction work another year to the damage of the Water Users in the sum of several thousand dollars, either turn it down or amend it to suit your ideas of justice and public good. But if you think the damage likely to result from leakage is small as compared to the good that will result in the early turning of water on 2500 acres of land owned by the people whose influence and energy for the past several years has done so much to build up the town and enhance the value of your property, then pass it in its present shape and let us have the water we are to pay for. Be either men or monkeys and do something.

Yours for irrigation,
O. A. STEARNS.

ARE PAYING THEIR TAXES.

The property owners of Klamath County appear to have plenty of ready money. At least that is the indication from the way they are paying up on their second installment of taxes. The sheriff's office has been rather busy the past few days making out receipts for taxes which have been paid. Over \$600 was paid in yesterday and between \$300 and \$400 was received up to noon today.

Taxes will become delinquent on October fifth, the first Monday in the month. There are now approximately \$17,000 of unpaid taxes, but it is believed that by the end of the week this will be reduced to nearly \$10,000. This amount of delinquent taxes is considered very small for a county as large as Klamath and with so many non-resident property owners. It simply shows that the people of this county are in a prosperous condition and consider property here as a good investment.

DEATH OF GERALD FOUCH.

Gerald Fouch, the 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Fouch, died at the home of his parents on Mill street in West Klamath Falls, at 3:30 this morning. The deceased had appendicitis and was recovering, but took sick a few days ago and gradually grew weaker until the end.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow from the Undertaking parlors.

Parties coming in from the railroad are loud in their condemnation of the accommodations on the California Northeastern road from Weed to Calor. They claim that it is even worse than the old style stage. Commercial men, who have been making this city for years past say that they never dreaded the trip half so much, even during the worst seasons of the stage travel. They naturally expect better accommodations on a railroad but state that if anything they are now getting worse.

Parties reaching Weed from the north have to lay over from 12 until 3 o'clock the next day. One party who arrived here the other evening describes his trip as follows: "We left Weed about 2 o'clock. The coach was crowded and a number of the passengers were ladies. They were bringing up a bunch of Greeks or foreigners of some kind. They were a dirty foul smelling lot and would have been offensive even in the open air. The small smoking compartment would not hold them and they partly filled the only passenger coach on the train. One party of four had a quart of whiskey along which they proceeded to live up on. Through oversight or otherwise no notice was taken of them by the conductor, although they attracted the attention of all the passengers. The rest of the bunch literally made a dining table of the seats which they covered with stale bread and crumbs and littered the aisles with the paper and other refuse.

"The smell in that car was something fierce, even for a man, and I am unable to understand how the women stood it. The only relief we had was when the train stopped about every five minutes and we were able to get outside and get a few breaths of fresh air. We stopped at every station and every place where there was no station from a quarter to a half of an hour, while the engine switched freight cars. The short stage ride after we left the car was bad but I did not hear one person make a kick. It was a relief to get on the boat, but we were all in when we reached here at 2 o'clock in the morning. I believe a man is justified in making a kick, when we might just as well arrived here at 6 or 7 o'clock. It certainly seems to me that there is enough travel to warrant a passenger train on this line, and I believe if the business men of this city would see that the Southern Pacific officials were aware of the conditions that you would get one. I come here because I have to. I like the country and do a good business here, but at present I cannot recommend it as a pleasure trip."



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