

JURY GETS CONTRACT

Only One Bid Received By Association for Building South Branch Laterals

Only one bid was received by the Water Users' Association yesterday for the building of laterals on the south branch canals. The schedules advertised was for work below town and most of the farmers desiring to submit bids considered the work too far away from their ranches. A number of them stated that they wished a bid on the work later on when the work farther down the valley was taken up.

J. W. Jory submitted a bid on one group of four schedules and he was tentatively awarded the contract. The contract will be signed as soon as the association is notified that their contract with the Reclamation Service has been approved at Washington.

Mr. Jory's bid was \$9,224.2, \$9.60 and \$1.10 for first, second and third classifications of dirt. The amount of dirt to be removed in the four schedules is estimated at 11,230 yards. This price is a little higher than the work is now being done for ash, but it is believed that it can be done for less as soon as the work is extended farther down the valley and a handier to the smaller farms.

DAIRY ITEMS.

Herbert Arant has been the proudest man to be found anywhere since at Wednesday, September 30th. It's a boy, and weighs a scant five pounds with his breeches on.

Carl Adams brought the first load of hewed timbers for the bridge at upper gap on Lost River last Friday.

Wm. Flackus is about to begin work on the new bridge at the upper gap of Lost river. He will put on a crew of several men and will soon connect this and Poe Valley. This bridge will be a great convenience to the people of both valleys.

Andrew Lovelady passed through

here Friday with a load of machinery for the electric plant at Bonanza.

D. P. Shook is having heavy timbers hauled to his place to build a new stock corral.

Wm. Wight and wife have given up the trip they contemplated to the Klamath Hot Springs.

The stockmen of this valley finished delivering beef cattle this week.

There seems to be a good demand for cavalry horses, as there has been quite a number of men hunting the country over for them.

Mrs. Thos. Michael is reported to be improving as well as can be expected, and without doubt will soon recover from her injuries which at first threatened to be very serious.

Miss Nett Drew came home Saturday and returned Sunday to Klamath Falls where she has a position as teacher.

At the rate the Yonna thresher is going threshing will soon be over in this valley.

Pat Colahan killed four coyotes last week, and still there are plenty left.

James Colahan is hauling hay from A. L. Michael's place to Bonanza.

Mr. A. Noyes took his departure Monday for California where he goes to take a position at a good salary with an electric company. We are sorry to lose a good citizen, and wish him good luck wherever he may be.

We are informed that Mr. John Dieckman has traded his ranch for property in California and will remove to that state, and we lose another good citizen.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

New tonight—Two Sisters, dramatic; Leap Year Proposal of an Old Maid, comic; The Tenderfoot, a Western subject, showing an exciting race with horse and automobile, and a realistic fist fight between tenderfoot and Western toughs; The Starving Artist, comic. New songs and the Laam Orchestra.

QUEEN CONTEST WILL CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT.

It Will Cost Money to be Elected Queen of the Carnival—\$200 Spent This Afternoon.

The vote for the Carnival Queen contest will close at 12 o'clock tonight and votes will be on sale at Heitkemper's Jewelry Store until that time. Already the contest is warming up and it is predicted that before midnight a good many thousand votes will have been cast for the leading favorites. At the last count Miss Bolvin was ahead with Miss Barnes and Miss Watson following, but over 2000 votes have been purchased during the afternoon and have not been turned in yet. It is probable that there will be a big fight on these three leaders before the contest closes as there is known to be several hundred dollars collected to be used this evening.

Reports from Merrill are to the effect that the voting is lively and that the entire town is determined to have a Merrill girl for Queen. It is also possible that a surprise may be sprung before the close by supporters of some of the other contestants.

FIRST STEP TOWARD BONDING THE CITY.

Council Ready to Take Some Definite Action Toward Putting the City on Sound Financial Basis.

The appointment of C. F. Stone as Counsel for the city is believed to be the first step in a movement by the Council looking toward the bonding of the city for the purpose of purchasing a water system and the building of a sewerage system for the city of Klamath Falls.

Councilman Sanderson, of the Third Ward, stated today that the members of the Council were practically agreed that the time had arrived to do something for the improvement of the city, and that in his opinion it would be necessary to issue bonds to cover the present indebtedness and either purchase or put in a water system. The city will have to be bonded sooner or later and Mr. Sanderson believes that it is cheaper to commence now than to wait another year or so.

Mr. Obenchain and other members of the Council have expressed themselves in favor of bonding the city and it is believed that some definite action will be taken in the near future.

"After Scalp of Mr. Murphy"

DEAR SIR—
Permit me space for a few lines in your valuable paper.

I have read an article in the Klamath Express of October 4, 1908, which heads "After Scalp of Mr. Murphy."

Who are these fellows who are after the scalp of Mr. Murphy? Those people must have only lately learned that Mr. Murphy is a worker in the Reclamation Service. Their actions remind me of the Irishman who only learned a couple of days ago that the Jews killed Christ. You know the treatment given the Jew. God forgive the poor silly souls for do they know what they are doing?

They claim that Mr. Murphy is not qualified for his position. How do they know? To my knowledge these poor souls know no difference between a transit and its use on the project and a fog horn and its use on the Columbia River. We all know something of the outward appearance of the bible, but do these fellows know the difference between a set of

field notes and the original notes of the ten commandments?

Somewhere in history I have heard it said that there were some certain wise men. But whence comes these wise men of today who are so able and anxious to denounce the judgments of

First: The Civil Service Commission.

Second: The Director and Chief Engineer!

Third: One-half dozen Consulting Engineers.

Third: Three Supervising Engineers.

During my short stay here in the Klamath Basin, as near as I can learn Mr. Murphy has the good will of and is held in the highest esteem by each and every engineer under his charge.

I myself have been 12 years continually in the government service. (War Department Quartermaster and Reclamation). For the past 20 years I have been steadily engaged on construction work and in that period have been connected with some of the most difficult engineering problems on the Pacific Coast. My experience causes me to consider myself a good judge of such small matters.

To the thinking people of the Klamath Project, I wish to state that your country and its people are thus being represented in a bad light and only for want of a small sacrifice. (The doing away with a small amount of prejudice and a slight of eussedness). You people through your project Engineer are now building a small earth mound which shuts Klamath Falls from one person's view, but if it will assist matters any I will volunteer my services as a tower builder so that this esteemed gentleman can, as before, cast his eyes across the valley and behold other shining lights of the Klamath valley. For reference I have built three 74-foot observation towers for Fort Stephens and would consider myself greatly honored in the building of another such for Mr. Stephenson, should he be able once again to see the beautiful lights of Klamath Falls.

Now, gentlemen, your next move should be (should Bryan be elected) to send a petition to his majesty asking for the removal of the Secretary of the Interior on account of his incompetency.

My unknown friends, when you form your decision for obtaining my scalp kindly give me three weeks time and your faith and prayers, that I may have the hair restored to my bald head so that you will have no trouble in hanging on.

Yours truly,
CASPER DRILLING,
Inspector Camp A.

APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS MADE.

County School Superintendent Swan has made the regular October apportionment for school purposes. The law provides that the superintendent shall make an apportionment in October of \$50 for each school district from the county school fund, and at

DECREASE IN SHEEP

Dave Edler Says There are Only 100,000 In Lake County This Year

Any other time he may see fit. Any amount over \$50 shall be apportioned per capita. The state apportionment is made per capita.

The heaviest apportionment was made in July by Superintendent J. G. Wright of \$15 per student. This gave the country districts the use of the money for their summer term.

There are 32 districts in the county, and the total October apportionment made by Mr. Swan was: County fund, \$588.80 or \$18.40 for each district; state fund, \$2893.20. As there was not sufficient in the county fund to make the required apportionment of \$50 for each district, the balance will be apportioned when the taxes are collected in February.

CITY GRANTS FRANCHISE FOR CONCRETE CONDUIT.

At the adjourned meeting of the City Council last evening, the ordinance was passed granting to the Reclamation Service a franchise for a right of way for the construction of a concrete conduit along High street in West Klamath Falls, the conduit to be covered with the same material of which the flume is constructed. Now it is up to the government either to accept or reject the franchise. The franchise granted is identical with the offer made by the Council two years ago. The government will still have to deal with the property owners through whose property the canal will run after it leaves High street, but it is believed that this can be arranged satisfactorily.

The request of J. Frank Adams as presented at the meeting Monday night was granted. This gives Mr. Adams the privilege of making a cut through the swamp along Oak street to Fourth, and the use of the embankment for storing wood for two years.

Both the franchise for a street railway to the Klamath Falls Land & Transportation Co., and the Peddlers License were laid over without action. C. F. Stone was appointed City Attorney.

BIG INCREASE IN THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

An increase of 68 scholars has been made in the Klamath Falls public schools since the opening of school on September 7. There are now 330 scholars in attendance and Prof. Dunbar states that he does not know what he will do if the attendance increases on account of lack of room, as the building is already overcrowded.

NEWS FROM KENO.

N. W. Deal and Thomas McCormick have returned from the coast where they went to visit and look over the country. Mr. McCormick says that Klamath county is good enough for him. He did not see anything that he liked better.

Frank Wilson is making improvements on his house, putting on a new roof and new siding, and also many other improvements.

The road is still lined with men seeking work.

Charles Snowgoose is delivering goods for the Grand Union Tea Co.

Mr. Sorrels is selling celery that he raised, and he has a large quantity of it.



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