

**THE CLACKAMAS FRANCHISE.**

**The County Court Finally Makes an Order Granting the Same.**

For several weeks the county court has had the matter of granting the Clarkson-McIrwin Boom Company a lease of the Clackamas river, under consideration. The matter was brought for final consideration last Saturday. There were present, County Judge Hayes and Commissioners Scott and Jaggard. Clarkson and McIrwin appeared in person and by their attorney, George C. Brownell. H. E. Cross appeared for himself as opposed to the franchise, and W. T. Burney appeared in favor of the franchise, representing certain timber interests on the Clackamas.

Attorney Cross first took the floor, and asked that the matter be postponed until the July term, if the court did not see fit to go ahead with the case. Brownell thought that the case should be heard at this time. Cross's motion to dismiss was denied. Brownell stated that his petitioners did not want an exclusive right of the Clackamas river. Cross then stated if this was the case, he was willing to withdraw his objection, that is, if he was permitted to run logs down the stream.

W. S. U'Ren asked if a river could be leased to a half dozen different parties at the same time. The court replied no. Brownell said that all his clients wanted was a lease for five or ten years, improve the same, give a satisfactory bond, and charge toll from those desiring to float timber, etc. The contract should specify rates, etc.

Mr. Burney thought if the lease was made, special attention should be paid to the terms of the contract. He was interested in timber on Clear creek, and wanted to see the river improved.

Mr. J. J. Matthews, owner timber on the Clackamas, next addressed the court. He said that the lessees should have pay for keeping the river in good condition. It would be a great advantage to the people—as they are in a poverty-stricken condition and need a market for their wood and timber. These people took up claims along the Clackamas, because they were not able to secure cleared land elsewhere. Besides a lease of the Clackamas river for improving the same, does not interfere with the rights of anybody else in the county. In answer to a question, Mr. Matthews replied that he lived near the High bridge on the Clackamas.

J. J. Irwin, said he knew that there was valuable timber up the Clackamas, which was liable to be destroyed by devastating forest fires at any time, and be a total loss to the settlers—that it might be destroyed this very summer. Under proper restrictions he thought it would be great thing for the people along the Clackamas river if a franchise was granted for the improvement of that stream. Mr. Irwin lives 13 miles up the river from the mouth of the Clackamas.

Mr. Clark stated that the people generally, living along the Clackamas, signed the petition. He thought it would require a considerable outlay of money to put in wing dams and sheer booms, in order to improve the river.

Mr. U'Ren thought if it was profitable for private individuals to lease the river and improve the same, it would pay the county to have the same improved. He thought it would be better to have an engineer examine the river and make an estimate of the cost of improvement, and report on the same. As matters now are, the county would not know what rates to place on the tolls.

Brownell thought that the people did not understand the matter of leasing the river—that they had a misapprehension of the status of the matter. Some of the people became very much alarmed, if the word corporation was used, especially the populists.

E. C. Hackett owned land along the Clackamas, and thought the lease would be a good thing under proper restrictions.

Mr. Ogle, of Molalla, said that the people in the south end of the county were opposed to the lease, and expressed himself as opposed to the granting of the franchise.

Commissioner Jaggard made the observation that three different companies appeared to be operating on the Clackamas river.

Mr. Matthews again took the floor and spoke in favor of the lease. He said: "Don't cuff an enterprise that is so valuable to the people of this section." He said he had voted for both U'Ren and Ogle at the late election, but that he would have to oppose them in this matter.

A joint discussion on the length of piles that were floated down the Clackamas from Clear creek followed. One man said that they were 24 feet in length, but Mr. Cross contended that they were 40 feet long. Another individual then made a clinching argument in favor of leasing the river, by stating that the piles were worn out when they reached the mouth of the Clackamas.

Mr. McIrwin, of the Boom Company, then addressed the court. He said they desired to lease the river for the purpose of running sawlogs, piling and poles; that people living along the river, who desired to float down wood, posts and rock, could do so without paying toll; that he only desired toll for piles, poles and sawlogs. His company had been at work for some time on the river and

were putting in piles 75 and 80 feet in length. He stated that they were willing to give bonds to float the immense bodies of timber along the Clackamas to market. He further stated that men with means would invest, buy timber, etc., if the river was improved, and said that his company already had two camps on the river and 27 men at work putting in 4,000 or 5,000 feet of piling daily.

J. J. Irwin again took the floor, and said there was lots of good marketable timber along the river, that could not be floated out on account of the obstructions.

W. F. Hubbard, superintendent of the Clackamas hatchery, stated the boom company had consulted with him in reference to their proposed leasing of the river, and volunteered to erect guards to protect the fish racks from damage, which was more than anyone else had done, and consequently he favored the granting of the lease.

Mr. Griebel then related his experience of logging on the Clackamas river. He stated that owing to the obstructions in the river, it did not pay to log on the river under present conditions; and, therefore contended that it would be greatly to the benefit of the people of Clackamas to have the river in the hands of parties, who would keep it open. Probably a half dozen wing dams and several sheer booms would work wonders in making the river navigable for logs. He gave his experience in logging in Wisconsin and other Western states, and stated that it was the custom there to give logging companies, etc., franchises of the rivers, etc.

Mr. Patterson considered that it would be of great benefit to people living along the Clackamas river and tributaries to lease the river to responsible parties, who would keep the same in navigable condition for running logs. That it would give people, who have timber to sell, an opportunity to dispose of the same.

Mr. Day resides 27 miles up the Clackamas, near the High bridge. He believes in encouraging industries, and is in favor of granting the franchise to the boom company under reasonable conditions, and his neighbors all favor the move. One of the men who attended the meeting, was cross-questioned by Mr. Cross, but he was unable to name more than three or four, who were timber land owners.

Mr. McIrwin said he attended a meeting on the previous Monday evening, held at the Irwin school house on the north fork, and all the people present expressed themselves as in favor of the proposition to lease the Clackamas. There were about 35 people present.

During the statements of the individuals previously mentioned, Mr. Cross frequently questioned, and made objections to assertions, wherever he saw an opportunity to score a point in favor of the remonstrators. Mr. Cross occupied about an hour in his argument. At the beginning he said that he wanted to acknowledge that he had a selfish interest in the matter; he claimed that in Tillamook county the streams had been captured by the logging corporations. Mr. Cross then claimed that this law was made for the purpose of stealing rivers, and was engineered through in the interest of logging corporations. He said he objected to the franchise because no definite proposition had been made; no plans had been submitted to the court for the construction of the proposed improvement. He further said that there was nothing in the law that would compel the petitioners to do any work; thought the court should refer the matter to a competent engineer, to prepare plans and report the same to be accepted by that body; he claimed that the granting of the franchise would close the river for commercial purposes, except for piles, poles and sawlogs. Mr. Cross said that he had several names on the remonstrance, that had signed the petition through a misapprehension of the conditions attending the lease; he had 740 names on the remonstrance, including the majority of the timber land owners on both sides of the Clackamas, including every resident in the vicinity of Springwater, who owned land along the river. Mr. Cross read a statement from Dun & Co's commercial agency to show that the parties composing the boom company, were not responsible and did not have sound financial standing. He then read an affidavit made by H. H. Johnson, civil engineer and surveyor, that it would cost at least \$200,000 to make the Clackamas a navigable stream for logs. Mr. Cross in his address throughout, made a strong fight against the granting of the petition, and objected to the court declaring the river unnavigable without an examination in the premises.

Mr. Clarkson emphatically denied that the allegations of Mr. Cross that he was insolvent, but asserted that he was responsible for any debts that he contracted, and that his credit was good at any of the wholesale establishments in Portland. He was willing to put anything in the lease that the court desired, and if the improvements were not made, then the lease to be void.

Mr. Brownell made a short, but earnest appeal for the granting of the lease, claiming that it would develop the resources of the Clackamas region, and prove of great benefit to the people living along the river. He scored the board of trade for opposing a new indus-

try, and asserted that they fought and opposed every man, who was not born on the Willamette.

Mr. Matthews made a feeling and earnest appeal on behalf of the settlers along the river, for the leasing of the same to the boom company; that it was their only salvation to secure a market for their timber.

Mr. Brownell stated that a number of people who had signed the remonstrance because they did not understand the provisions of the lease, had repented and were in favor of the franchise.

The court after having a recess of ten minutes, decided to grant the franchise with certain restrictions. Commissioner Jaggard objected to a franchise. The matter was further considered by the court last Tuesday, and the order will be printed in detail next week.

**Fourth of July Excursion.**

The ladies of the M. E. church have arranged for a grand excursion up the Columbia river to the Cascades on the Fourth of July, and for that purpose have chartered the elegant steamer, Harvest Queen. The boat will leave Oregon City at 7:30 a. m., and returning will reach here at 8 p. m. stopping at Portland and way landings, to give those who so desire, an opportunity to see the fireworks at Portland. This will be the most pleasant trip that any one can take who desires an outing on the glorious Fourth; it will give one an opportunity to view the grandest scenery imaginable, magnificent waterfalls, towers of gigantic rock columns and snowy peaks, making a succession of panoramic views unequalled. The fare for the round trip is only 75 cents, and there will be plenty of music and refreshments will be served. The fare for children will be 40 cents.

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**THE CHAUTAUQUA**

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5:30—Vesper service, Auditorium.

7:30—Sacred concert and praise service, conducted by Profs. Boyer, Heritage and Winkler.

**MONDAY, JULY 13.**

11:00—Chautauqua chorus; lecture, "The United States Weather Bureau and its Work," B. S. Pague, of the United States weather bureau.

2:00—Chemawa Indian band; Chautauqua chorus; reading, "Helena Tolmer," Beatrice Baxter, Columbian school of oratory, Chicago; lecture, "Away Down South in Dixie," Rev. Selah Brown, Los Angeles.

4:30—Athletics.

5:00—Round table.

7:00—Corvallis ladies' band; Chautauqua chorus; lecture, "The Fate of Republics," Rev. Anna Shaw, of Philadelphia.

**TUESDAY, JULY 14.**

11:00—Chautauqua chorus; lecture, 2:00—Chemawa Indian band; Chautauqua chorus; reading, "The Bird Song," Mrs. Alice Hamill-Handcock, of Chicago; lecture, "The Age We Live In," Mrs. Marion B. Baxter, of Chicago; reading, "Aux Italiens" with piano accompaniment, Beatrice Baxter of Chicago.

4:30—Athletics.

5:00—Round table.

7:00—Corvallis ladies' band; Chautauqua chorus; lecture, "American Shrines," with stereopticon, Dr. Elbert R. Dille, of San Francisco.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.**

11:00—G. A. R. drum corps; Chautauqua chorus; "America" with Chautauqua salute; lecture, "Our Duty Toward Cuba," President W. C. Hawley, Willamette university.

2:00—Chemawa band; G. A. R. drum corps; grand Chautauqua chorus, "The Star-Spangled Banner," with everybody in chorus; bands, drums and salute; patriotic address, "The New America," Edward Davis, of Oakland; Chautauqua chorus, "Marching Through Georgia"; bands and salute.

4:30—Athletics.

5:00—Round table.

7:00—Band concert, patriotic airs; Chautauqua chorus, "Hail Columbia."

7:30—The continental congress, by 25 young men in colonial costume; scene—Independence hall, Philadelphia, July 4, 1776; tableaux—Signing the Declaration; music, "The Red, White and Blue"; bands, red fire, liberty bells, and salute.

**THURSDAY, JULY 16.**

11:00—Chautauqua chorus, led by Prof. W. H. Boyer; lecture, "A Day at Old Chautauqua," President Thomas Newlin, Pacific college.

2:00—Chemawa Indian band; grand march of Chautauquans; Chautauqua chorus, "Ho, Ye Comrades," (tune, "Tramp, Tramp"); recognition address, "The Building of a Man," Dr. Elbert R. Dille, San Francisco; presentation of diplomas, Col. R. A. Miller; Chautauqua song, "C. L. S. C.," (air, "John Brown"); presentation of certificates to children of junior normal.

4:30—Athletics.

5:00—Round table.

7:00—Corvallis ladies' band; Chautauqua chorus; solo, Mrs. W. A. Wetzel, of Portland university; brief Chautauqua speeches, by Dr. Dille, Edwards Davis and others; stereopticon exhibit, "Columbia River"; scenery painted by Mrs. Alice Aubrey Weister, art instructor at Portland university; solo, Mrs. W. A. Wetzel, of Portland university; Chautauqua bonfire, bands.

**CLOSING DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 17.**

11:00—Chautauqua chorus; lecture, "Physical Culture," (illustrated by class), Prof. J. R. Wetherbee, of State university.

2:00—Chemawa Indian band; Chautauqua chorus; lecture, "The Sciences of Art," (illustrated), Edwards Davis, of Oakland; stockholders' annual meeting; election of officers, Auditorium.

4:30—Athletics.

5:00—Round table.

7:00—Corvallis ladies' band; Chautauqua farwell chorus; grand closing concert; Y. M. C. A. athletics; fireworks.

**Chautauqua Restaurant.**

W. M. Robinson, proprietor of the Electric hotel has secured the exclusive restaurant privilege in Gladstone park during the Chautauqua assembly. The restaurant will be conducted in connection with the Electric hotel, and guests of that popular hostelry can take their meals at the Chautauqua restaurant, if they so prefer, remaining at the park the entire day. The restaurant will be supplied with the best the market affords, and excellent meals will be served from 25 cents up.

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