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USERS GET POWER SITE.

Klamath Glad Government is Holding Location Near Keno.

Klamath Falls—The directors of the Klamath Water Users' association feel elated over the order issued by the secretary of the interior, countermanding the order for the sale of the government power site on the Klamath river near Keno. At the inception of the Klamath reclamation project this power site was purchased at a cost of \$10,000. The government abandoned the lands above the gravity canal and consequently has no use for the power for pumping purposes, but the directors of the Water Users' association feel that while the pump lands have in most instances been eliminated from the Klamath project, the time is coming when they will again become a portion of the project and the power will then be needed.

The directors appealed to Congressman Hawley and through him the matter was presented to the Interior department. In order to hold the site the government has to do a certain amount of development work and the reclamation service is now performing this work. It is not known what will be the ultimate disposition of the power site, but the directors are planning to acquire title to the property by adding its cost to the Klamath project. By this method it would pass into full control of the association as soon as the land owners paid back to the government the money expended in building the irrigation system.

Several corporations were ready to bid on the site and had it not been for the timely action taken by the water users the sale would have been made and in later years the land owners might have been forced to pay a high price for power to some private concern.

SHEEPMEN ENTER PROTEST.

Assessment Against Their Property Said to Be Too High.

Baker—Declaring that sheep are assessed out of proportion to their market value, and that the sheepmen of the county of Baker are paying more than their proportion of the taxes on the county and state, the legislative committee of the Baker-Union Woolgrowers' association has drafted resolutions to the state board of tax commissioners asking the board to use its influence with county assessors throughout the state to have sheep assessed at a lower rate. Members of the local association say that this is a state-wide movement. Similar resolutions will be sent in from every sheep county in the state. The resolutions say that ewes are sold on the market for \$2 and yearlings for \$1.50 to \$2, while ewes are assessed at \$6 and yearlings at \$5.50 in Baker county. The sheepmen also assert that Jerry Fleetwood, the county assessor, is a cattleman and is inclined to give the sheepmen the worst of it.

SEATTLE MAN BUYS IN OREGON

One of the Finest Orchards Brings \$75,000, for 90 Acres.

Grants Pass—Fred G. Cutler, of Seattle, has purchased the Elmer Shank orchard, four miles down the river, for the sum of \$75,000. This tract of land consists of 90 acres in fruit, 50 acres in bearing trees 12 years old, and balance in five-year-old trees. The output last year was 18,000 boxes of merchantable apples. This is one of the best orchards in the country and the price is the largest ever paid for a single orchard in this vicinity.

Cutler will immediately bring his family to Rogue River valley to pass the summer. A few years ago this land was sold to Shank for one-half the present price. Since that time the new land has been brought to a high state of cultivation and the number of bearing trees greatly increased.

Larger Purchase is Urged.

Salem—State Senator Patton and Representative Reynolds, of Marion county, waited on Governor West and Secretary Olcott Monday urging them as members of the state board to buy the entire block east of the present capitol grounds instead of half a block as originally planned. This will be the site for the additional capitol building for which \$150,000 was appropriated by the last legislative assembly.

Rush Keeps Land Office Busy.

Lakeview—The government land office here is worked to its full capacity looking after the many filings of land throughout this land district. People from all parts of the country are coming in preparatory to getting lands before the completion of the railroad from the South that is now under construction, with over 400 men at work grading near Davis creek, the rapidly growing town at the lower end of the valley.

Immigration Commission Named.

Salem—Members of the state board of immigration commissioners were named by Governor West. They are: W. E. Coman, John M. Scott, LeRoy Park, Portland; Thomas C. Burke, Baker; and A. F. Hofer, Jr., Salem.

Hood River Builds Macadam Road.

Hood River—This county is building four miles of macadam road this year, two miles on the East side and two on the West side, main trunk lines.

HUGHES FOR COMMISSIONER.

W. L. Finley, Expert in His Line, Becomes State Game Warden.

Salem—J. Frank Hughes of Gold Hill was appointed by Governor West as a member of the State board of fish and game commissioners to succeed W. L. Finley, who resigned as a member of the board to become state game warden, succeeding R. O. Stevenson, of Forest Grove. J. N. Wisner, of Oregon City, has been appointed superintendent of state fish hatcheries.

Finley, who has become widely known as a student of birds and one of the foremost members of the Audubon society, was serving as the four-year term member of the new board. The other four members requested that he resign to take the position as state game warden, which carries a salary of \$2,500 annually. There were 12 applications for the position, but these were all carefully considered by the members and all of them were found to be not adapted to the position.

Members stated that they considered Mr. Finley would be of more value in the position of state game warden where he could devote all of his time to the work, and Mr. Finley accepted after a conference with Governor West.

The board also reached the conclusion to establish a new office of superintendent of state hatcheries at a salary of \$2,000 annually. This superintendent will work under the game warden and the fish warden as well. He will have charge of trout and salmon hatcheries, the trout hatcheries being maintained largely from the game fund and the salmon hatcheries from the hatchery fund of the state.

Notification was sent out by the board to all of the mills of the state and others who own dams, fish ladders, irrigation works or other obstructions to streams that an investigation will be made in the near future of all such devices or ditches and the board will determine to what extent the law in this respect is being observed.

BUILD ELECTRIC LINE.

Eugene to Have Direct Connections to Tidewater.

Eugene—Stockholders of the Lane County Asset company have taken action directing immediate steps to begin construction of an electric railway from Eugene to tidewater at Florence. The directors of the company will frame instructions to H. D. Fornieri, chief engineer, looking to the construction this summer of the first link of the road from Eugene to Elmira, approximately 14 miles.

The Lane County Asset company is a local corporation that has been engaged for the past two years in the promotion of a railway to the coast at Florence. A permanent survey has been completed and right of way has been acquired over practically the entire route. Officials of the company say that sufficient capital is available to warrant the beginning of actual construction work on the 14 miles of level valley to Elmira.

The company has been promised large quantities of ties by sawmills along the proposed route, and some of the rails for the first 14 miles are already in sight. The tentative plan is to construct an electric line, deriving power from the surplus current for sale by Eugene's power plant at Waverly. Three of the five members of the city water board, which has complete control of the electric plant, are members of the Asset company.

Stockholders of the company also ordered condemnation proceedings to obtain two small sections of right of way for which private negotiations have not been successful.

These places are between Eugene and Elmira. Beyond Elmira, right of way has been obtained as far as Glendale, on the south side of the Siuslaw harbor, at which point the company controls 800 feet of waterfront.

Better Prices on for Salmon.

Astoria—While sales of this year's Columbia River canned salmon were reported a few days ago at \$1.95 for flats and \$1.85 for talls, sales have been made since that time at even a higher rate. One packer is known to have contracted several carloads at \$2 a dozen for flats and \$1.95 for talls, the latter figure being 20 cents a dozen above the rate which prevailed last season. These prices are, for the early fish and may not hold later.

Railroad Surveyors Espied.

Baker—News has just leaked out here that for some time a surveying corps of the O.-W. R. & N. company has been at work on the survey of an extension of the line from Brogan into the Lower Powder valley. To extend the Willow Creek line from Brogan it will be necessary to tunnel the divide separating the lower Powder valley from the Willow Creek valley.

Bonds May Draw Low Rate.

Salem—In an opinion by Deputy Attorney General Van Winkle it is held that the school board or electors of a school district may authorize the issuance of bonds or interest-bearing warrants, bearing interest at a rate less or more than 6 per cent.

Mill Runs Day and Night.

La Grande—The George Palmer Lumber company's mill has resumed night and day runs and gives employment to about 100 additional skilled workmen. The management of the mill will continue the night and day runs indefinitely.

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