

Local Millenium Strikes When Work Begins At Clear Lake

Crew at Work on Dam Construction Which Will Hold Head of 12-Foot Storage—History of System

At last the long-looked for dam at the mouth of Clear lake is something other than mere conjecture. Workmen are at work at that site building a dam which will, when completed, insure sufficient water for irrigating Juniper Flat and should tend to increase the settlement of that section. Work there will progress until weather conditions call a halt, and as soon as men can get on the job in the spring construction will be resumed.

The first unit of the dam will be 15 feet high with an estimated water storage of 12 feet. This storage will be added to the natural flow to keep up a steady demand during the irrigating season.

History of System

For 40 years well intentioned peoples got together on different plans to get water on Wapinitia Plains. "Old Wamie" had his crew of farmers, who grubstaked and failed after quite an effort at ditch digging. Those men saw the light but could not surmount the obstacles which beset their path. Then Grandfather Kelly financed a good start on the project. Many old settlers will recall this part of the early history of the proposition. After a time the Kelly organization fell to pieces and the work stopped. Considerable ditch and preliminary work was done, only to be lost to these clear-headed men who believed in the sound principle of applying water to dry soil.

Old George McCoy, during Cleveland's administration, spent a few years in construction. He did more work than all the earlier efforts combined. His old camp along the timber line, where he had a store, warehouse, saloon and construction headquarters, has fallen away. His log cabin above the Keep mill may still be seen in ruins. McCoy dug several sections of the canal, some true to grade, some below the true survey line. He died in 1920. His work laid idle for half a generation; the rights lapsed to the state and government.

Later the Eastern Irrigation Power and Lumber company filed on the system and began work. The energy of that company spent itself on saw-mill and camp construction—roads, phone lines, water systems, buildings machine shops. Nineteen boilers were hauled to the mountains, freighted from The Dalles and Dufur. Joseph Keep was the leading spirit of this work, and after 10 years of toil he wound up in a legal trouble that finally ended his career in ignomy. Later he sold his rights to the Wapinitia Irrigating company, this being done in 1914.

This brings the history of the enterprise up to the present holders who, from 1914 to 1917, dug the necessary canals and took out the big cut, 1100 feet long and 30 feet deep, to release the water to the land. A celebration commemorating the completion of the work was held at Pine Grove September 1, 1917, at which time the late ex-Governor Wythecombe and several other celebrities attended and addressed the gathering.

Later, in 1919, after much extension, a drive was made to raise funds for the Frog creek feeder canal. This was dug from 1920-23, when the water from that creek was spread on the plains.

No end of legal and law suit attacks were aimed at the company by Keep interests. Many suits were tried and won by the company, all at a great cost. Adjudication of the waters of White river shed was finally brought to a head, and the various rights of the water users within the White river basin settled.

The cost of the Frog creek feeder canal was great enough to have financed the Clear lake dam, but some weakness of the Keep original filing on the Frog creek proposition was later corrected by the construction of that unit. That caused a delay of dam construction, due in part to the lack of funds and in part to other costs that demanded to be met in order to keep the company's holdings clear.

It is easy to figure out how one might do this better the second time,

ADKISSON'S EGOTISTICAL BEARING REMOVAL REASON

Would Not Recognize People in County Court and Acted in Overbearing Manner

Judge Adkisson has carried things in the county court with a high hand. He seemed to be possessed of the idea that he was the man Almighty bought the world of and that he still had a mortgage on the purchase. A case in point: When the committee appointed to interview the county court regarding a new road to be fair grounds, Judge Adkisson assumed an attitude of absolute authority. When Billy Hunt placed the proposition before the Judge he assumed ignorance of the petitioner's name, standing and connection with the fair association. He blurted out, in an offending manner these interrogations:

What's your name?
How much money have you got?
Do you pay any taxes?

When told who Mr. Hunt was the head of the court became somewhat mollified and then listened to the petition for a road. After all had been said in favor of the project, and it had been shown that the need of such a road was a dire necessity, the judge said that if the people would subscribe half the cost the county would furnish the other half.

There is no evidence that the county engineer ever went over the proposed line of road. One thing is sure—that the county court made no effort to provide the fair grounds with adequate approach, the old road not even having been placed in shape for the vast amount of travel going to and from the fair grounds.

The charges against Judge Adkisson are "failure to adhere to the budget law, discourtesy to visitors at his office, as well as failure to advertise for bids in purchasing county road machinery." Judge Adkisson has been called the "father of The Dalles-California highway," but after election he will probably be known as the step-father of that highway.

OBTAINS VERDICT FOR DEATH

Frank Gable Awarded Damages of \$7,500 in Circuit Court

Frank Gable, former resident of Juniper Flat, was awarded a verdict of \$7,500 in the Wasco county circuit court on Monday, he having sued the Harkins Transportation company, Frank Oliver and Elmer Shipley for causing the death of his son, H. T. Gable, a Dalles business man. The younger Gable was the victim of a collision on the highway six miles west of The Dalles on November 19, 1927.

Oliver was the driver of a truck operated by Shipley, who was under contract with the transportation company. He was coming down a hill and struck the car containing the Gables and two other men, the younger Gable being killed in the mixup. The elder Gable, as administrator of the estate of his son, began action against the defendants named for damages, and the court on Monday directed that a verdict in the amount named above be returned by the jury.

R. W. Richmond was a business visitor at the county seat Tuesday, but when all is said and done the Wapinitia Irrigation company is still on the job, through a period when older and stronger irrigation companies, even with government aid, have failed, and the water still flows on Plains acres to the great relief of ranchers thereon.

In times gone sheep men used to drive their hands from the Deschutes to Bear creek without a drink. This condition is now changed. Few tank wagons remain. Better gardens and living conditions are here. With the Clear lake dam completed the old season shortage of water will be a thing of memory. People will come in and a subdivision of big units of farm land will naturally take place.

With this comes a demand for fence, buildings, tools, farm machinery, trade, autos and hundreds of other things which go with enterprise. The soil is here, and with an adequate supply of water this section is destined to blossom like the rose and provide homes for many hundreds of new settlers, all of whom will conduce to the betterment of business conditions of all parts of southern Wasco county.

::: MAUPIN HI TIMES :::

Friday, Oct. 19th, the Maupin and Wapinitia football team will clash. Neither one has yet been victorious and both are determined to win the game. The local aggregation is meeting a husky and determined eleven. The Maupin eleven is confident, regardless of the past two games. The encounter will be on the Maupin field. The school will be dismissed for the game so that we will be strongly represented. The presence of parents will also be appreciated. One of the boys says this is the first game of the season, since the others have been "walk-ways" for the opposing teams.

The civics class gave their first interpretation of the presidential campaign, in the form of a free for all discussion last Thursday. Those who were Democrats put up their reasons for boosting Smith and Robinson. The platforms, as they are found in the two acceptance speeches, were discussed. One day each week has been set aside for this debate, new material being brought to class each time.

The girls practiced volleyball for the first time last Thursday. Since any number can participate in this game there was a large turnout. Every one seems to enjoy playing, and as soon as the rules are learned the game will be still more interesting.

Monday the school began the regular routine again, after having the latter part of last week taken up by the six-weeks' test.

Harold Kramer was caught in the first snowfall of the season on Criterion plains Wednesday evening. It was accompanied by a strong wind and melted as fast as it fell.

Margaret Okerman of the 7th grade is moving to Burns, Oregon. Her classmates regret her leaving. Bill Slusher, the 8th grader in the football team, played in two quarters in the Dufur game.

Arthur Appling suffered the misfortune of throwing his right wrist

out of place during the Dufur-Maupin foot ball game. The opposing teams seemed determined to hurt Art, but it can't be done.

In last Friday's foot ball game with Dufur, Dufur won over Maupin by a score of 38 to 0. In the first half the Maupin team held Dufur down. Dufur made only one touch down. In the second half Dufur made five touch downs. Eddie Nelson, the Dufur star made some thrilling end runs, which resulted in three touch downs. There was a large crowd at the game. The business houses of Dufur were closed for the game.

In the algebra class the pupils have checked over the work with the course of study and have found they have followed the exact course, which includes the use of positive and negative numbers and the addition and subtraction of polynomials.

Some of the high grades made in the tests are, algebras—Harry Rutherford and Edmund Wilson, both having made 100; civics—Richard Crabtree, Crystal Stuart, and Velma Crofoot made A grades; geometry—Nova Hedin made 100, and Crystal Stuart made 98. More of the grades will be published in the next issue.

—SMILES—

Mrs. DeVoe: I guess I will have to call the roll as I can't see those who are absent.

The student body of M. H. S. was called to a special meeting Friday morning and due to the fact that we have a lot of timid boys and bashful girls who would not move to adjourn so the student body is still in session.

Richard Crabtree said: "I thot a thunderbolt had hit me as I came in contact with the Dufur star."

In the last football game Estel Stevall, being so awkward, made a few good tackles.

Clarence (to the coach): I stopped a good fight awhile ago.

Mr. Poling: Yeah? How?
Clarence: I ran.

MARION LISTER NOW MARRIED

Married At Milton September 12—Wife Now in Maupin

One of the biggest surprises of the year was sprung on Maupinites last week when the wife of Marion "Stub" Lister came to town from her home at Baker. No one had the least idea that our young lothario had entered the married state, and when Mrs. Lister appeared upon the scene and it became noised about town preparations were at once made to entertain the newlyweds with a real old-time charivari. That function was pulled off in good shape, after which the young couple were tendered congratulation by all in the noise party.

Marion and his wife, who was Mrs. Peggy Irwin, were married at Milton on September 12. They became acquainted while "Stub" was working with a road oiling crew at Madras, and the attraction toward each other culminated in their marriage. The young couple will make their home in Maupin for the present, "Stub" being engaged with the bridge crew. Their friends, as well as The Maupin Times, wish them all the pleasure and happiness possible in their new relation.

Out After Deer—

T. B. Slusher, his brothers, Grover and Harvey from Dufur, went to the Pisgah mountain country Sunday morning, to remain during the rest of the open deer season. They expect to get the full quota of deer.

Painting House—

Joe Kramer has a painter at work on his new residence and the artisan is applying a coat of white paint thereto. When completed Joe's residence will show a greatly improved appearance.

Sold Property—

Dee Talcott has sold his lots and small cabin in Maupin to Wilbur Hurst, who has taken possession. This is but one of the many property changes which have taken place here of recent date.

WEAR AS PAY

"The Cinderella Ways." Dresses, Coats and Hats. Cinderella Frock Shop, 309 E 2nd St., The Dalles, Oregon.

BIG ENOUGH TO FILL NICK SINNOTT'S SHOES

So Says Stephen A. Lowell in Speaking of Candidacy Of Judge R. R. Butler

The writer ventures to trespass upon your columns to make a brief but pertinent appeal to the voters of the second congressional district in the matter of Robert R. Butler. The Oregonian is probably read daily by not fewer than 20,000 men and women in the counties east of the Cascade mountains which comprise that district—a territory imperial in its expanse, larger indeed than the entire state of New York.

It has been the habit in recent elections for hosts of electors of the democratic faith to join with their republican friends in the support of Nicholas J. Sinnott, who so long and so ably represented this section of the state in congress. Judge Butler is a close friend of Sinnott and will carry forward the development program of that gentleman. If he is elected he will have the benefit of the advice and guidance of the ex-congressman, who has not lost his interest in Oregon in his recent shift from the legislative to the judicial branch of the government. It may very properly be suggested, then that the friends of Judge Sinnott, regardless of party, will reflect public interest if they cast their ballots for Butler at the November election.

Judge Butler is at an age where he can reasonably expect to continue in the national legislature a quarter of a century, growing in influence and usefulness with the passing years. No man entering the lower house of congress after middle life, can expect to achieve either place or potency in that turbulent group of 435 men. It requires a decade of experience either to master the complex rules of procedure or to attain a station of leadership. No elderly man, unless possessed of long and important contact with federal affairs, such as Burton of Ohio possesses, should ever essay the role. Mr. Sinnott had secured a niche where he was counted as within the very limited circle of dominant political figures in Washington but he could never have compassed that exalted station had he been elected late in life. These are the hard facts of experience which no voter or any party can safely ignore.

Likewise it is indisputable that in the political portraiture of this state there are few men who even rival "Bob" Butler in grace of personality and ability to make friends. These are essential factors in securing the enactment of legislation in the house of representatives. If elected, in a year he will know personally most of his associates and all will be his friends. His impressive oratorical gifts will make his voice welcome when governmental policies demand debate. His great native ability, his grasp of public questions, his mastery of the constitution and history of the republic will give him assured recognition in all committee rooms. He will go far not only in securing wise and comprehensive laws, but in bringing fame to the western coast.

At The Rainbow—

Mrs. Arthur Creighton has again taken a position as chef at the Rainbow restaurant, made vacant by the leaving of Mrs. Okerman. Mrs. Creighton served as cook there before returning to Portland, from which place she recently came to make here home in Maupin.

Witnesses at Portland—

F. D. Stuart and Ernest Doty went to Portland early Sunday morning, having been called as witnesses in a law suit brought in a wheat deal in which the Hunts Ferry Warehouse company is interested.

Bought the Bug—

Last week we incidentally noted that there was a Ford bug occupying space in front of this print shop. It was offered for sale. Sunday Marion O'Brien came in from Wapinitia and looked the vehicle over, paid the price and drove the critter home. See what a little advertising in The Times does. Attention of some Maupin merchants called to this story.

Hepner—Two new bridges authorized by city council.

Andrew Crabtree's Kin Celebrate His 77th Natal Day

Celebrated by Children and Relatives of Andrew Crabtree at Union Hall, Juniper Flat

Andrew Crabtree, with his children and other relatives, enjoyed a celebration of his 77th birthday at Farmers Union hall, Juniper Flat, last Sunday, October 14. About 30 were present, they being Andrew and I. N. Crabtree, brothers, the former's children, Job and family, Earl and Raymond Crabtree and the latter's family; D. W. Talcott and wife, Mrs. John Donaldson and Mrs. Sarah Darnall, daughters, the latter from Portland; Nephews Roy and family, Chester, Lester and family, Mrs. J. H. Chastain, husband and family, D. B. Fraley and wife.

During the afternoon a sumptuous spread was partaken of and several group pictures of the gathering taken. The afternoon was spent in reminiscences of early days on the Flat, in family visits and general discourse of current events.

Andrew and Newton Crabtree came across the plains from Missouri in 1853, they being members of a train of immigrants who left their old homes for the then far west. His parents settled in Linn county, where the sons grew to manhood and where they were married and began to raise families. In 1888 the Crabtree brothers came to this section, each taking a homestead and where they have since resided. Here it was their children grew up and here they were married and here their children were born. Andrew and Newton still retain the land filed on as homesteads. The Andrew Crabtree tract is now operated by his son, Raymond, and is a fine piece of land as any on the Flat. His wife died in 1918.

Andrew Crabtree is not an old man, only so far as years go. He is young in spirit and vigor and possesses a mind as active and well informed as any in this section. Last year he suffered greatly with illness, but at this time he seems to have recuperated to the extent that many years more are in store for him among us. All his friends extend congratulations that he has reached more than the allotted three score years and ten.

The Crabtree families are among the most respected of this section, each being scrupulously honest, industrious and loyal to their homes and friends.

RECALL PETITIONS SWORN TO BY CIRCULATORS

Over 800 Names Signed Thereat Asking That Judge Adkisson Be Removed From Office

Those men who circulated the recall petitions asking that Judge Adkisson be removed from office certified to them last Saturday, there being better than 800 names on the list. Among those from this section who assisted in securing the signatures were W. E. Hunt, W. H. Staats, while Sam Ward of the Boyd precinct, the judge's home, was also active in soliciting names to the petitions. Those men were at The Dalles last Saturday and made affidavit to the genuineness of the names secured.

It has been reported that the judge stated that if a total of 1000 names were secured on the petitions he would resign, hereby making a recall unnecessary. What he will do with a measly 800 names remains to be seen. At any rate he is advised that that number of taxpayers and voters of Wasco county do not wish him to be retained in office, and their wishes will be made known on November 6, when they go to the polls and cast their ballots against Adkisson's retention in office.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of Stockholders of the Southern Wasco County Fair association will be held at Tygh Valley, Oregon, Saturday October 27, 1928 at 2 p. m.

W. E. HUNT, President.
A. H. GILLIS, Secretary.

Klamath Falls—Modern new restaurant opened on Klamath Avenue.