

## ENGINEERS ARE HERE

### Consider Bids On the South Branch

### ONLY TWO RECEIVED

### Entire Reclamation Project Will Be Inspected By High Officials

Superintending Engineer D. C. Henry and Consulting Engineer J. H. Quinton, of the Reclamation Service, arrived in the city yesterday on business connected with the Klamath Project. They will be here for several days, and there are a number of things that will come up for consideration, but chief among these is to take action on the bids received on the South Branch canal. The bids were opened at Portland and but two were received which were transmitted to the local office by wire. They were as follows:

Malley & Co., of Winnemucca, Nev., schedule No. 1, \$19,195; No. 2, \$12,008; No. 3, \$17,194; Total, \$78,997. Mahoney Bros., of San Francisco, schedule No. 1, \$19,088; No. 2, \$64,008; No. 3, \$15,535; Total, \$98,631.

These bids will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for final determination, but the action of the Secretary will depend entirely upon the recommendations made by Mr. Henry and Project Engineer Murphy.

The entire project will be considered by Messrs. Henry and Quinton. This morning they inspected the Keno canal work, where a large force is now at work. Unless a change should be made in the plans for this season's work this part of the project will be well advanced by next fall.

In speaking of the Clear Lake dam Mr. Henry said that the bids on the same would be opened at Portland on the 15th, and if the same were reasonable a contract would be let. He says that in the Upper Project much depends upon the landowners who have not signed their lands for Government irrigation. He says until the required percent of all lands is signed up the Service cannot go on with the work.

"There are funds on hand for doing considerable work this season," said Mr. Henry, "and the people will be very glad to have the project completed."

Mr. Henry says that there are many

contractors in the field, and in all parts of the country several bids are received whenever advertised for. He thinks that the fact that Klamath is remote from all large cities accounts for the fact that no more bids are received on the project. However, he thinks that there will be several bids on the Clear Lake dam.

The harmony now prevailing in this project is a source of great pleasure to Mr. Henry, who says that its continuance is certain to work good for the project. He and Mr. Quinton will be here for several days and will make a thorough investigation of the project, in order to better determine upon the season's work.

### Will Build at Once

W. A. Wingate arrived in the city last night from his old home at Ptoquey, Mich., where he has been since last fall. He will leave in a few days for Lakeview to begin work at once on the new court house. Mr. Wingate had charge of the stone and brick work on the Bonanza school house, and will have charge of the same work on the \$35,000 court house that Lake county will build this year.

It seems that the Lake county authorities are anxious that the building be begun before a vote can be taken on the removal of the county seat, a matter which is now being agitated. Most of the material for the structure is already on the ground, and as the county is hiring all the work done by the day it is ready to begin operations as soon as the workmen can be secured.

### Special Council Meeting

The council met in special session last night, there being some matters that required immediate consideration. The regular meeting will be held Monday night.

The city attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance covering the fire cleaning order, explained in yesterday's Herald.

Geo. R. Hurn was granted permission to occupy a portion of Fifth street with his store building while his new brick block was in course of construction.

The matter of granting a license to J. K. Melton was again considered, but a motion to grant the license was lost. Otto Heidrich was granted a license.

Upon request of the fire chief the council authorized the purchase of six hose and hydrant wrenches, the fire department paying half the cost of the same.

J. P. Newell, an engineer in the employ of Mason, Davis & Co. is in the city on business connected with the claims of the company for additional pay for extra work done on their contract on the Klamath Project.

## COMPLETING THE SURVEY

### Preliminary Plans for Draining Klamath Indian Marsh Practically Finished

Engineer E. B. Henry arrived in the city last night from the Klamath Indian Reservation, where he has been for several months working on the survey for the proposed reclamation project. He has the preliminary work practically completed for the drainage of the marsh, which will reclaim approximately 90,000 acres of reservation land. Most of this vast area is now practically worthless as it is inundated most of the time, but the plans of the department are to drain the marsh so that the land will be fit for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Henry and his assistants will complete the survey in about six weeks and the same will then be submitted to the department for its approval or rejection. If the survey is approved it is very probable that some of the preliminary work will be done during the coming summer. The actual construction work will be done by the Klamath Indians and will furnish employment for them during several years.

This vast area of marsh land is wholly within the boundaries of the Klamath Reservation and just what disposition will be made of it when the allotments are completed and the reservation thrown open to settlement has not been determined.

### On Wild Goose Chase

Word was received at the sheriff's office that a crazy man was wandering through the sagebrush near the Arant ranch. Sheriff Obenchain and Deputy Schallock started out at once to find the fellow. They drove out as far as the Gap, where they found a laborer packing a roll of blankets and a good sized jag, the latter he had acquired in this city.

He explained to the officers that he had gone into the country to get away from booze and to await the opening up of the canal work. No arrest was made.

### News From Dairy

Harry Crawford was in Dairy Monday and will start to Lakeview Tuesday to make final proof on his homestead.

Chas. McCumber went to Klamath Falls Monday.

We had about an inch of the beautiful on the ground Monday morning and as it is somewhat out of season we don't like it a bit.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar C. Lee of Poe Valley, Tuesday.

We hear that Grandma Teter is in very poor health and not liable to live much longer.

**Indersing the Asp.**  
In Marmoulet's tragedy of Cleopatra, represented in the Theatre Francaise, when the Egyptian queen was about ready to commit suicide she held in her hands a mechanical asp of cunning workmanship devised by Vaucanson, the most ingenious mechanician of his time. This venomous reptile reared its head and before plunging its apparent fangs into the arm of the actress gave a shrill hiss. A spectator hereupon arose and left the house with the simple but expressive remark, "I am of the same opinion as the asp."

**Strong Part.**  
"You say your brother is with an opera company now?"  
"Yes, ma'am."  
"Has he a strong part?"  
"Yes, ma'am. Why, he's one of the fellows that hit the savil in the savil shorus."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Fatal Menor.**  
Jimson—What became of that man who had twenty-seven medals for saving people from drowning? Dick Worker—He fell in one day when he had them all on, and the weight of 'em sunk him.

## EXPERIMENT THIS YEAR

### Agricultural Department Will Establish Station Here This Summer

The Agricultural Department will reclaim the experimental farm in the marsh at once if arrangements can be made to carry out this plan. The work of reclamation has been delayed by the railroad. The dike it is building across the marsh is to be used as one of the embankments for enclosing the farm leased by the Government. The railroad has its dike practically completed and the Department is very desirous to experiment with the marsh lands in order to determine how the Reclamation Service had best treat them.

Superintending Engineer Henry, of the Klamath Project, states that it is the intention of the Agricultural Department to begin the experimental station at once and to continue it through a period of at least twenty years. Probably not more than forty or eighty acres of the farm will be cultivated the first year or two, but it is necessary to begin the experimenting at once as it will determine the manner in which the marsh will be treated by the Reclamation Service. The large power plant under consideration by the Service may also play a prominent part in the reclamation of the marshes. It may be found necessary to do some pumping and should this be the case the power will be supplied by the proposed plant. The manner of treating the marshes will not be fully determined until after the experimental station has been established. It will be remembered that the land for the farm was leased to the Department by Mr. Ady without consideration.

### Investigating Field

C. E. Evans, of the Weed Lumber Company, is spending a few days in this city making a thorough investigation of the field for his company. The Weed Company realizes that there will soon be a big demand for mill stuff in Klamath Falls and they are keeping posted on the conditions here so as to be able to supply at least part of the demand.

The first freight shipped into Mt. Hebron was building material from the Weed mill. The cars were loaded awaiting the completion of the road to that point. While the Weed Company does not expect to ship rough lumber to this city it is looking for a big business in finishing lumber just as soon as the railroad reaches here.

### Filing Closed Today

At noon today the time for filing petitions for nominations for county offices closed. Two petitions were filed this morning, that of Geo. Chastain for committeeman for this precinct and that of R. I. Kilgore for Bonanza precinct. The former on the Democratic ticket and the latter on the Republican. The petition of C. T. Oliver for Republican committeeman for this precinct was filed several days ago.

### BRIEF MENTION

Francis J. Bowne is in the city from Bonanza.

Ferry Whitney and Geo. and Chas. Wilson are county seat visitors from Merrill.

J. H. Sims is in the city from his ranch near Merrill. He recently returned from California where he spent the winter.

Louis Brennan, Oscar Bunch and Ora Engle are in the city from Fort Klamath today.

The coming of the Pelicans is said to be a sure indication that I. A. Duffy is coming back from Los Angeles, and the coming of Duffy is a sure indication of

Spring. The Pelicans are here. Watch for Duffy.

The best way to learn that the traffic into the Klamath country is exceptionally heavy for this time of the year is to visit the hotels and lodging houses of this city. Most of them will be found pretty well filled after the arrival of the stages and boat.

The K. P. dance last night was largely attended and was a highly successful affair. The preparations for the occasion were elaborate and everyone was made at home, making the event one that will bring pleasant recollections to those who attended.

A number of young folks enjoyed a very pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Swingle yesterday evening. Music, games, conversation and refreshments afforded the evening's amusement.

### OUR STAPLE FOODS.

It is Astonishing How Comparatively Few They Are.

Certain great food staples have proved themselves within the age long experience of humanity to possess a larger amount of nutritive value, digestibility and other good qualities and a smaller proportion of undesirable properties than any others. These, through an exceedingly slow and gradual process of the survival of the fittest, have come to form the staples of food in common use by the human race all over the world. It is really astonishing how comparatively few there are of them when we come to consider them broadly—the flesh and the milk of three or four domesticated animals, the flesh of three or four and the eggs of one species of domesticated birds, three great grains, wheat, rice and maize, and a half dozen smaller and much less frequent ones, a hundred or so species of fishes and shellfish, two sugars, a dozen or so starch containing roots and tubers, only two of which, the potato and the manioc, are of real international importance. Twenty or thirty fruits, forty or fifty vegetables—make up two-thirds of the food supply of the inhabitants of the world.

Instead of wondering at the variety and profuseness of the human food supply the biologist is rather inclined to ejaculate with the London footman immortalized by John Leech, who, when told by the cook that there would be mutton chops for dinner and roast beef for supper, exclaimed: "Nothink but beef, mutton and pork—pork, mutton and beef! Hm my opinion, his 'igh time some new animal was invented!"—McClure's.

**Rainy Days Please For the Children.**  
Rainy days often mean trouble in the household where there are plenty of children, and some one has suggested that the mother of such a brood would do well to provide herself with a rainy day cupboard.  
To it will find their way special playthings reserved for state occasions—pictures, scrapbooks, paste pots, scissors, old magazines and paint boxes—anything, in fact, that can provide indoor amusement. When the rainy day comes round the cupboard may be opened and a distribution of its blessings made.

Superintendent H. G. Wilson, of the Klamath Indian Reservation, is in the city on business.

## ALL WARRANTS ARE TAXABLE

### Says Atty. General Crawford

### KLAMATH EFFECTED

### Will Add Approximately \$100- 000 to Assessable Prop- erty of County

If the decision just rendered by Attorney-General Crawford is put into force when the next assessment is made the result will be an increase of not less than \$100,000 in the assessed valuation of the county. For the information and benefit of a candidate for assessor in a Southern Oregon county, Attorney-General Crawford gave an opinion in which he holds that all county warrants are assessable for the purpose of taxation under the state laws. While not asked to pass upon these questions the Attorney-General also says, orally, that not only county warrants but those of state, school districts and municipal cities, as well as bonds, are not exempt from taxation under the state statutes. Heretofore it has been generally supposed and many brokerage firms have advertised that the negotiable instruments were not subject to assessment and taxation and much revenue has doubtless been overlooked on that account.

The indebtedness of Klamath county and Klamath Falls aggregates more than \$100,000, and most of the bonds and warrants outstanding are held by local parties and consequently are taxable in this county. If the ruling of the Attorney-General is enforced it will add a considerable sum to the county's assessed valuation.

County and city paper has been in demand heretofore as it has always been considered non-assessable. The new order of things may have a tendency to decrease the demand, and make long term warrants a drug on the market.

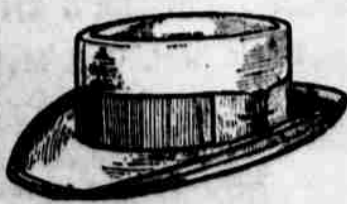
R. E. Wattenburg has been awarded the contract for the erection of the Hurn block and work on the same will be begun shortly.

The band club rooms will shortly be equipped with pool and billiard tables. The rooms are now nicely furnished and indications are that the band boys venture will be highly successful. There are now thirty-one associate members in the band club, and these together with the band boys makes a membership of more than fifty, enough to maintain the splendid club rooms.



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