

## ENGINEERS INVESTIGATE

### Reclamation Officials To Visit Famous Tule Lake Outlet Next Week

After doing considerable work on the Tule Lake outlet the project has been temporarily abandoned. A camp was maintained for several weeks and a number of men employed, but the stormy weather during March put a stop to the operations and the same will not be resumed until the proposition is thoroughly investigated by the reclamation officials. This investigation will likely be made by Engineers Henny and Murphy next week. If they should decide that the outlet may be utilized in the drainage of the lake it is very probable that they will recommend that an appropriation be made to investigate the matter thoroughly.

The force working under J. Frank Adams removed enough debris to make an opening 15 feet deep, 20 feet wide and 40 feet long. The bottom of this hole is of a clay and rock formation, with a crack about two inches wide in it. A small stream of water makes its escape through this opening, but the main opening is a large "blow hole" leading towards the Lava Beds. This opening is filled with small shells which are found in large quantities in the lake. This shows conclusively that the opening has existed for years and that the process of filling it required years of time. The shell formation also indicates that at one time the lake was much higher than it has been during the past 45 years, as the shell formation in the roof of the big outlet is several feet above the present level of the water. The recent shell formation is white, while that in the roof of the opening is yellow with age. This "blow hole" has the appearance of being the opening to a much larger cavern, as the shell formation is not of a solid nature, indicating that there is nothing back of it to give pressure. Mr. Adams thinks there is nothing to the theory that the water flows into a large cave under the Lava Beds. It is his opinion that the water finds its way either to Fall river or Shasta Valley.

Mr. Adams says he has great faith in the proposition that the opening can be used in reclaiming the rich lands in the Tule Lake bottom. He says that within a radius of 150 yards of the main opening there are a number of small openings through which a small amount of water is making its escape. Likely all of these small openings lead into the one large opening which will be further investigated after the reclamation engineers make their report on the matter. The Lava Beds are a mystery that has

never been solved and the fact that the water of the lake is finding its way towards the many large caves under them adds to the peculiarity of that section. There are those who still believe that the water flows into one of the large caves in that vicinity, but the fact that the outlet has been filled in with layers of shells that come from the lake should dispel this theory. It required hundreds of years for these small shells to gather in sufficient quantities to block the opening which evidently partially drained the lake many years ago.

### Buying Horses

J. Frank Adams has been buying a number of broke horses for a large stock farm, which is engaged in tula farming. They cultivate a large area of reclaimed tule lands and use a great many horses on the ranch. He has bought about 15 head and wants about 30 head more that are thoroughly broke. He says that good horses are scarce in this country and the price is too high to permit of speculation.

### Horses Are valuable

Last Saturday George Maxwell sold twenty-five head of horses to F. J. Bowne for \$2575, an average of \$103 per head. This is considered one of the best horse sales that has taken place in this part of the country for some time. —Bonanza Bulletin.

### Excess Claims Again

The excess claims of Mason, Davis & Co. for extra work done on their canal contract are again being considered, and for this purpose the company has Engineers Newell and Grondahl here at this time. The Government is represented by J. H. Quinton, consulting engineer of the reclamation service. Dirt, on certain portions of their contract, is being reclassified and other matters are being investigated.

### To The Public

I wish to announce that I have sold my furniture business to Mr. W. H. Dolbeer and would like to thank my many friends for their liberal patronage during the past five years, and would ask that they extend a continuance of their patronage to my successor.

B. St. Geo. Bishop.

J. F. Goeller has received samples of pressed brick made of Klamath clay. They are of excellent quality and were made by machinery such as will be used by Goeller & Wattenburg in their brick manufactory which they will establish this summer.

The Holcomb Realty Company is now located in the room with the Wells-Fargo Express Co.

## WATER MEN MEETING

### Attendance Is Larger Than Had Been Anticipated

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED

### New Board Will Meet Tonight to Elect Officers for Ensuing Year—Change of Time of Annual Meeting is One of the Most Important Matters

#### NEW DIRECTORS

Alex Martin, Jr.  
O. A. Stearns  
R. H. Anderson  
W. C. Dalton  
J. G. Stevenson  
I. R. C. Williams  
John Irwin  
James Dixon

When the meeting of the shareholders of the Klamath Water Users Association was convened the attendance was better than had been expected, but still only a very small per cent of the associate members responded to roll call. Most of the farmers remained at home until the last minute so as not to lose time from their work which is more important to them at this time than the annual meeting. A large majority of those to attend did not arrive until nearly noon, which made it appear that the attendance was to be very light. However, quite a crowd arrived at a late hour and the attendance was really

better than had been anticipated.

The first matter to be taken up immediately after roll call was the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year. On the call of the several districts the following names were placed in nomination: Langell Valley, R. C. Cowley, and Robert Williams; Bonanza and Poe Valley, John Irwin and D. F. Driscoll; Yonns, Jacob Rueck; Merrill, H. T. Anderson; Keno, O. A. Stearns; Spring Lake and Pine Grove, J. G. Stevenson; Klamath Falls, Alex Martin, Jr.; California, Wm. Dalton; For delegate at large, Frank Adams and James Dixon.

The new Board of Directors will meet this evening and elect officers. From the expressions of the members it is probable that the old officers will be re-elected without opposition. Secretary Chastain has proven a most efficient officer and all of the old members are strongly in favor of retaining him.

The unofficial count of the vote on the contested Directors was: E. R. C. Williams, 4371; R. C. Cowley, 4224; John Irwin, 7680; D. F. Driscoll, 5219; Jas. Dixon, 8624; J. F. Adams, 5901.

## SEEING THE COUNTRY CONVENTION IN MAY

### Horace Mitchell is Showing the Missouri

Horace V. Mitchell, one of the country's most prominent stockmen and all round good fellows, has been showing his brother, a recent arrival from the old Missouri home, the many good qualities of the Klamath country, the land which Horace adopted as his home when he bade farewell to good old Missouri. The country has changed since he first came here. It has prospered in the extreme and Horace has had his share of the prosperity. He came here little more than a boy, but he is a natural stockman and this being a stock country he was in his element. He seemed to fit the conditions existing here, and he has never outgrown them, even though he has always had his full share of this world's goods.

Horace is keeping his brother busy shaking hands with his many friends. His long experience as a cattle buyer has given him a wide acquaintance throughout this entire section, and more especially in Klamath County. Had Horace allowed his friends to have induced him to enter the race for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket it would have taken a fast runner to make him come out any way but on top. His business interests would not permit his entering politics this year, but some future election he may be in a position to accede to the wishes of his friends and enter the game.

Horace has been taking his brother around to show him the stock business of this section so that upon his return home he will be able to tell the folks all about this section from the big stockman's view.

### Republicans of State Will Come Together

G. A. Westgate, chairman of the State Republican committee, has issued a call for the meeting of that body on Friday April 10th. The committee will call the state convention and apportion delegates. The time of holding the state convention is left to the committee and it will be probably held some time in May.

Aside from announcing the date for a state convention, the state committee will also arrange for calling conventions in the first and second Congressional districts. The first district is organized, but the second is not. The only work for the Congressional convention is to select two delegates and two alternates for the Republican National Convention, to be held at Chicago, June 16. The state convention will select four delegates and alternates making eight delegates and as many more alternates for the National gathering.

Aside from the delegates, the state convention will also select four presidential Electors. There is no provision in the direct primary law for selecting the Electors, so that this is a matter which will have to be disposed of by the convention. A platform, of course, will also be adopted.

There is a plan on foot to have a resolution introduced at the state convention recommending that nominating conventions be held in the various counties hereafter. These are not to be the old-time conventions, exactly, but instead of directly nominating the convention will recommend a ticket to the voters of the Republican party. The purpose of this is to prevent several aspirants for a nomination making a fight in the primaries.

How to select delegates to the state

convention is a question which has not been determined. This is a proposition over which the state committee will have the struggle. A special primary to select delegates is to expensive. The state committee could select them if it desired to assert the authority.

An impression prevails in Portland that delegates will be selected by the county committees. This is sufficiently satisfactory, but gives an opportunity for those who are slighted to make a charge of ring practices. There have been so many accusations of this character of late, however, that the county committees are probably becoming accustomed to them.

### BRIEF MENTION

Oscar Wright went to San Francisco this morning to visit a few months with his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meldrum have returned from their honeymoon at Odessa and have taken up their residence on the west side.

J. J. Parker, the express agent, reports a big business this month. He says the shipments are increasing as the season advances.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg entertained a number of friends yesterday evening at their beautiful home. A highly enjoyable time is reported.

A number of Poe valley ranchers are represented at the meeting today. Some of them are Geo. Maxwell, Dick Ross, O. C. Lee and Fred Eglington.

Jas. Harper, who has resided on the Van Riper ranch near Bonanza for the past several years, is in the city en route to Grants Pass where he will make his home.

E. P. Morgan has returned from a visit to California. He will leave again within a few days to be gone for one month. Upon his return here he will open up his real estate office.

Among the ranchers from the Langell valley country is to attend the Water Users meeting are R. C. Cowley, Geo. Cline, C. J. Swingle, Geo. Deal, and E. R. C. Williams.

J. H. Hobbs, one of the aspirants for the Republican nomination for county school superintendent, arrived in the city last night from Merrill to spend a few days meeting the voters of this section.

J. P. Bonham and E. W. Muller have returned from Bray where they went after a load of Edison phonographs. They will open a store as soon as they can get a location and will handle the Singer sewing machine and a large stock of phonographs and records.

### Pasture For Rent

C. C. Low has leased the Hot Springs pasture, comprising 200 acres, and will take a number of stock to pasture at \$1.50 per month.

## MEETING OF DIRECTORS

### Upper Project Receives Combined Attention of Board and Engineers

The board of directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association held a meeting yesterday evening which was attended by Engineers Henny, Murphy and Heleman. The meeting was devoted largely to a general discussion of the project, and especially to the Upper Project. Mr. Henny stated that he will do all in his power to help along this portion of the system, but that it was largely up to the directors and the people themselves. Bids on the Clear Lake dam will be opened on the 15th and if the contract is let work will begin just as soon as the required per cent of the lands are signed up for government irrigation. The percentage required is 85 and only 79 per cent is signed at this time. The directors will make a determined effort to induce landowners to sign up at once.

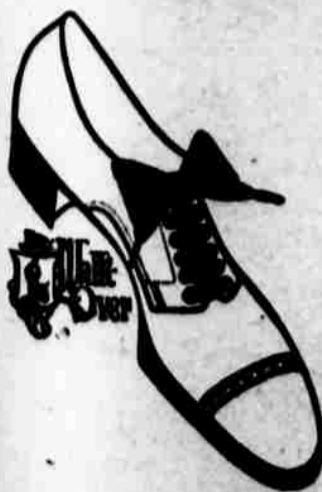
Francis J. Bowne was at the meeting and agreed to sign up his large tract near Bonanza, about 2300 acres, on condition that the government purchase his water right and that he is protected from litigation because of a certain option on the land. The directors agreed to the purchase of his water rights and it is very probable that this large tract will be signed up at once.

The Engineers and the board discussed fully the plan of work for this summer, and everything is progressing as well as can be expected. The board adjourned to meet again at ten o'clock this morning when the regular routine work was taken up and the plans for the afternoon's meeting arranged. At both meetings there was a full attendance of the board, and a great deal of interest manifested.

### Farmers Very Busy

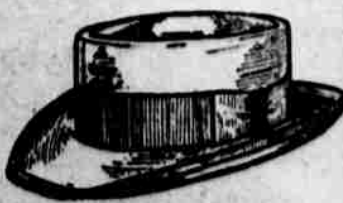
The members of the Water Users' Association who are in the city say that the small attendance at the meeting is due largely to the fact that the farmers are very busy clearing lands and putting in crops. A large acreage is being cleared this Spring, and the irrigated area will be considerably increased this season.

Indications are that the year will be dry, and that irrigation will be necessary to the production of crops. While this would be hard on the dry land farmers it would have a tendency to impress upon the people of this section that it is hazardous to attempt to do dry farming and grow a full crop every year.



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