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## MAIN CANAL IN OPERATION

### Temporary Tax Again This Year

### COST \$1.50 PER ACRE Farmers Signing Up for Water Under Arrangement of Last Year

Approximately 20,000 acres of Klamath County land can be irrigated by the government system this year, but at the present time only about 5,000 acres have been signed for water under temporary arrangements. While the system is only partially completed the Reclamation Service is using the temporary service inaugurated last year. By means of it farmers can sign for amount of land that they see fit at \$1.50 per acre. The revenue so derived is used in defraying the expense of the operation and the maintenance of the canal during the season. W. H. Helleman, who has charge of the operation of maintenance, states that probably 10,000 acres will be signed up under the temporary arrangements this year. The tax of \$1.50 per acre is not payable until October, and if a large acreage is signed up the cost may be lowered, as is the intention of the Service to charge no more than is necessary to defray the expenses accruing from the operation of the system. This temporary water service will likely be discontinued after this year and the land owners under the canal will then be compelled to pay the water tax on all of the lands signed up with the Government.

Mr. Helleman states that he finds the canal banks in better condition than they were last year. A few squirrel holes have caused some trouble, but no leaks of a serious nature have occurred. The banks have settled and are much more solid than they were last year. Water has been turned in for nearly two weeks and many of the farmers have been using water during the recent dry spell. Indications are that the water will continue dry, which will likely have a tendency to make many of the farmers sign their meadow lands for temporary irrigation.

### Cattle From Crook

Chas. Horton is in the city from Crook County where he purchased 250 head of steers which he has pastured on Rogue river. He says the cattle market in Crook County is about the same usual.

## ANOTHER BIG RUSH

### Klamath People Will Be in July Land Opening

There will be another big land rush when the lands in Harney, Crook and Grant counties are thrown open to settlement and entry. The lands become subject to selection and settlement in early June, but are not opened for entry and filing until in July. This is done to give the homesteaders an opportunity to secure the best agricultural lands. Klamath County will be pretty well represented in the rush, for already several parties have gone there to get in on the ground floor, and a number of the locators who have operated in Klamath timber for several years expect to start for there shortly so as to get in on the timber and stone locations.

### Importing Stock Cattle

A large number of cattle belonging to H. V. Mitchell and Senator Abner Weed passed through the city today. The cattle were purchased in Josephine County by S. S. Mitchell and will be pastured in the Klamath basin during the summer. It was a mixed band of steers, heifers cows and calves.

## CLUB WILL DISBAND

### Committee Appointed to Dispose of Furnishings

At a meeting of the Inland Empire Club last night it was decided to dispose of the property belonging to the club, and Geo. Chastain, Frank Ankeny and Leslie Rogers were appointed a committee to sell the club furnishings, and when they have disposed of the same another meeting will be held and some disposition will be made of the funds on hand after which the organization will disband and become a matter of history only.

### Water in Adams Canal

Water is now being delivered at all of the lands under the Adams canal. The work of cleaning the ditch and repairing it was finished a few days ago and the water has since been turned in so that the lands could be irrigated. Contractor E. W. Smith, who fixed the canal, has taken another job with the California Northeastern and will move his outfit over on the line this week.

Several of the big freight teams belonging to the McIntire Company started for Pokeyama today. It will take the greater part of this month to bring in all of the freight that has been billed to that place.

## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



TOM L. JOHNSON OF OHIO.

## MEETING OF PROPERTY OWNERS

### Right of Way for Keno Canal Receives Attention of West Side Residents--O. A. Stearns Submits Proposition on Behalf of Water Users Association

West Side property holders met at the residence of A. Castel last night for the purpose of considering the matter of a settlement with the Reclamation Service for a right of way for the Keno canal along West High street and also through the respective properties of the land owners.

Those at the meeting were J. F. Goeller, Paul Breitenstein, O. A. Stearns, C. H. Withrow, Jas. Straw, A. Carlson, A. Castel, W. T. Elliott and C. C. Lewis. Mr. Stearns had discussed the matter thoroughly with the Board of Directors of the Water Users' Association and with the government engineers and was there to represent his own interests and also those of the Reclamation Service. Many of those who were present are not interested in the canal only as it may affect their property by utilizing a portion of West High street, and some through whose lots the canal will pass were not at the meeting. The canal will run along High street for a distance of probably a half mile beginning just above the site for the Moore Bros. power plant, then it will pass through the lots owned as follows: G. W. White 2, A. Carlson 1, A. Castel 2, Jack Horton 1, Don Zumwalt 1, O. A. Stearns 2 and W. T. Elliott 7. According to the statements of Mr. Stearns the Government is willing to give everyone of the property owners

whose lots are crossed by the canal a perpetual water right for the right of way, and he states that he has presented the matter to most of the interested parties who are considering it favorably. He states that he has also received a promise from the engineers that parties residing along West Main street can become members of the Water Users' Association and by so doing get water with which to irrigate their places.

The plans of the Reclamation Service provide for a flume four feet wide and two and a half feet high along West High street. Mr. Stearns states that the engineers for the Government have promised that they will cover this flume and put it down to grade whenever the street is open for public travel. He states that at this time there is not sufficient money on hand to build a concrete conduit and if the wooden one is not accepted the Keno canal may be delayed for some time. He is of the opinion that the franchise asked by the Government should be granted so that the construction of the canal will not be delayed. The matter as it stands just where the council left it. It will receive further consideration at the next council meeting, and in the mean time if the Government and the parties affected by the canal could arrive at some agreement it would expedite matters.

### Plan Improvements

H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, will arrive here within a few days to look after the business affairs of the Midway Tel. & Tel. Co. and of the Klamath Falls Light & Water Co., he being the president of both of the companies. While here plans will be formulated for the improvements to be made during the summer. The Water Company expects to begin work on the reservoirs about the first of June so as to have them completed by fall and ready for the delivery of water to the sections of the town that will be covered by the new systems.

If your eyes are failing, glasses don't fit, see Winters.

### New Boat Builders

Heitkemper & Brennan, the boat builders, have their launch almost completed. It is built of all solid oak and is designed to develop a remarkable high rate of speed. While these gentlemen do not make a regular business of building boats still they may be forced to take a few contracts, for all who have seen their work have pronounced it excellent, and it is just possible that some one will insist on their taking a contract to build a launch.

A regular meeting of the Woman's club will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Chas. Swingle, on 5th and Pine streets.

## DIRECT TO MIDLAND

### County Court Decides to Build Another Road

It has been decided by the County Court to open up the direct road to Midland, and the same will be viewed and passed upon at once. If it is then accepted considerable work will be done on it this summer to put it in shape for the fall and winter travel. This road will prove a great convenience to all the farmers living in the vicinity of Midland. The road has been used more or less for some time, but persons going that way were forced to open several gates in order to get through, and during the wet season the road has always been almost impassable.

### Avert Onion Famine

Klamath Falls was threatened with an onion famine last winter and for several weeks it was impossible to buy an onion in the city. The price went up to seven and eight cents a pound. Capt. O. C. Applegate is planning to avert a famine during the ensuing year and has practically completed arrangements for a large patch of onions, which he will plant in the next few weeks.

## ATTEND CONVENTION

### Frank Ira White Will Represent Klamath County

Frank Ira White leaves for Portland in the morning to attend to business matters for several days. While there he will receive the Klamath float from the builders as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce committee having this matter in charge. He will also attend the Republican state convention to which he will have the proxy of Judge L. F. Willis, who was selected as delegate from this city.

### A Musical Treat

Lovers of music will have an opportunity tonight to hear an excellent program that has been in course of preparation for some time. As has already been announced this entertainment is given by Mrs. Jessie Brock Morgan and Miss Leta Nickerson, two of our popular vocalists, assisted by Mr. T. W. Zimmerman, baritone, Mrs. Don Zumwalt, accompanist, and the Military Band. The band boys have not been heard in concert work for some time, but they have been practicing diligently the while and will no doubt make a hit tonight. As has often been said, this city contains an exceptional amount of musical talent, which has tended to educate our audiences to a high standard, and it is expected that a large and critical audience will be in attendance at the opera house tonight at 8:30.

## EXPERIMENTS SUCCESSFUL

### Grasses and Grains Doing Well

## TREES ALL GROWING

### W. H. Helleman Reports His Experimental Crops in Good Condition.


Experiments being carried on by W. H. Helleman, of the Reclamation Service, are proving highly successful. The grains and grasses sown a few weeks ago are doing as well as could be expected when the weather conditions are taken into consideration. The recent cold spell has retarded the growth a little, but most of the fields are looking exceptionally well. Present indications are that the experiments with the different varieties of grains and grasses will be successful and will result in the introduction of some of the new varieties.

The sugar beets are not far enough along to show what they will do, but experiments carried on last year were highly successful, and there is little doubt but what they will be a success this year. The large number of trees planted by Mr. Helleman are doing well. The only ones that have not taken hold are those that were damaged in shipping them into the country.

It is yet early to determine which of the crops will do the best, but the indications are that under conditions that are the least bit favorable the grains and grasses will all produce average crops, and that most of the shade trees will grow if they are given care and attention. Mr. Helleman has made a study of these matters and it would be well for those who contemplate planting trees to consult him and get the benefit of the experiments that he has carried on for many years in all parts of the country.

### Seeing the Voters


Candidates for county offices are beginning to stir around more than they have been. Every day some are seen coming or going. The campaign so far has been very clean, and indications are that it will continue that way. Every man who is up for office seems to be running on his own merits, not on the demerits of his opponent. With few exceptions the nominees of the two parties are making a thorough canvass and every voter in the county will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the men who wish to serve them.



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