

SEARS STARTS CAMP Railroad Contractor Arrives With Stock and Grading Outfit

Railroad Grade Between Klamath Falls and the Marsh Will Be Finished This Fall—Believed That Construction Work Will Commence on Alturas Road Next Year

The people of Klamath Falls were brought to a realization of the fact this morning that the railroad was really building toward this city about a clock thirty or forty head of mules and horses were driven through the city and a little later they were followed by Contractor Sears and outfit, wagons and teams, consisting of 44 mules, 19 wagons, sleds, saws, tents and wagons.

The party was headed in the direction of Midland and will establish camp on the railroad survey about six miles below the city. Mr. Sears has the subcontract from Erickson & Peterson for the construction of the roadbed from this city to the marsh. He is known as a successful contractor and came here with his outfit from Nevada.

The number of teams and equipment brought here would indicate that Mr. Sears would employ a large crew and that it was the intention of the Southern Pacific to have the roadbed on this side of the marsh finished before winter sets in. It is believed that the railroad will soon send an outfit in here to begin work on the cut to be made north of the city. With the arrival of these contractors with their crews, indications for business are very bright during the entire winter.

Parties who have been over the marsh work within the last few days say that they are throwing up roadbed pretty fast. If no accident happens it will be possible to lay a temporary track across the marsh this fall.

It is now practically known for a certainty that Engineer Knowlton's survey party is running the permanent lines for the Modoc Northern

from Alturas to connect with the Southern Pacific at Midland. It is said that the preliminary survey was made some time ago and that as soon as the permanent lines are established, work will commence on the roadbed. This will shut out any competing lines which might have designs on this country.

SURVEY IS ACCEPTED.

The Lakeview Land Office has sent out notice that the part of the survey of T₁ 25 8, R 7 1/2 E, W 4 M, as surveyed by Robert A. Knmitt, was accepted by the Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office, August 25, 1908, and that the said plat will be filed in the Lakeview office on November 2, 1908, and that all the lands not otherwise appropriated or reserved will be subject to entry, filing, selection or location on and after that date.

This township covers the northern portion of the Upper Klamath Lake and most of Agency Lake and is swamp and overflowed land. That portion at the mouth of Williamson River and east of the lake is within the Indian Reservation. The northern portion of the township belongs to Abner W. Wood, and nearly all of the remainder is in private ownership. This township was included in the land withdrawn for irrigation purposes so all the Land Office notice really means is that the survey has been accepted by the Department.

FUNERAL OF THOS. HENDRICKS

The funeral of the late Thomas Hendricks was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the Undertaking Parlor. The services were under the auspices of Klamath Lodge, No. 137, I. O. O. F.

City Schools are Becoming Overcrowded With Pupils

It is claimed that in another year Klamath Falls will have to provide another building for the accommodation of its school children. The new \$20,000 stone structure is already full to overflowing. When this was erected two years ago it was believed that it would be large enough for some time, but already there is a demand for more room.

Many of the classes are overcrowded and have a larger enrollment than one teacher can attend to. Even the girls' playroom in the basement has had to be appropriated for use by one of the primary classes. The school directors have been urged to install a Manual Training Department and while they are favorable to the proposition, they are unable to do so on account of lack of room. It is understood that in another year

another building will have to be erected. The city is steadily growing and the many new residents moving to the city this fall are people of families and have children of school age. The increase in population two years ago was different in this respect, that the men who came here to work on the tunnel were either single or without families. Today permanent residents with families are coming to Klamath Falls to make their homes. Provision will have to be made for the accommodation of these children next year. The directors will probably decide to secure a building next year for the use of the primary grades and in this way the larger classes can be divided up, but while this may give temporary relief, it is only a matter of time before Klamath Falls will have to have one or two more grammar schools.

FRANCHISE SHOULD BE AMENDED

Mr. Murphy, of Reclamation Service, Has Never Said That they Would Refuse Franchise for Concrete Flume

A remonstrance is being prepared by the residents along west Main street, against the granting of a franchise to the Reclamation Service for a wooden flume. This remonstrance is to be presented to the council at its next meeting. It seems that the people and the Council are wasting a great deal of time over this matter.

Some time ago Mr. Murphy, of the Reclamation Service, requested a franchise from the Council for a flume along High street. He suggested that it might be made a wooden or concrete flume, as he might prefer putting in a temporary wooden structure. The Council was opposed to doing this, and if they had followed the customs of other cities they would have amended the ordinance so as to meet with their views.

The Council had a right to do this and it is very probable that if they had offered the Service a franchise

for a concrete flume along the portion of the street asked, it would have been accepted.

The only property affected by the franchise would be that owned by R. S. Moore, Geo. T. Baldwin and Chas. H. Withrow. At the latter place the canal or flume leaves the street and crosses private property. The Council would have no right to grant a franchise across this property and the government would have to deal with the owners. That is a matter the government would have to settle and not for the city.

So many parties have been making representations in the matter, that what is desired is not clearly understood. The Council should grant a franchise for a concrete flume along the street and let the government attend to getting a right-of-way through the private property. This could be done at the next meeting and then it would be up to the Reclamation Service. The Council should remember that Mr. Murphy has never said that the government would refuse a franchise for a concrete flume.

DEATH OF MRS. MERRILL.

Mrs. Nathan S. Merrill died this morning at her home near Merrill from cancer of the liver. Mrs. Merrill had been sick for some time and was taken to San Francisco for treatment but the doctors could do nothing for her. She was brought back to her home with the knowledge that there was no cure, so when the end came it was not unexpected.

Miss Nancy J. Newland was born in Washington county, Arkansas, and was married to Nathan S. Merrill October 26, 1860. In the fall of 1890 she accompanied her husband to Klamath county and located near the present town of Merrill. The deceased was 69 years of age. She was a member of the Rebekah lodge.

The funeral will be held from the residence near Merrill at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

BOURNE SENDS FRUIT TO ROOSEVELT AND CABINET.

Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon has ordered 40 boxes of Comice pears from a Medford orchard which he intends to present to President Roosevelt and members of the cabinet in order to prove to them some of his tales of Oregon's wonderful pears, which he told in Washington during the last session of Congress.

The work of picking and packing the pears was undertaken Monday morning and shipment will speedily follow. Great care is to be exercised in choosing the largest and finest ones, and they will be packed with great care so that they will be in the best condition possible when they reach the east.

SOME GOOD CHESS.

The chess players at the last meeting had the pleasure to meet Mr. F. Pearl, of San Francisco. The gentle-

MILLIONS OF SALMON

Cannot Reach Lake on Account of Rocks in River at Keno

River Below Keno Rapids Is One Mass of Fish Trying to Reach Spawning Grounds--An Opening Needed or Else a Fish Ladder Should Be Constructed

Parties coming in from Keno state that the run of salmon in the Klamath River this year is the heaviest it has ever known. There are millions of the fish below the falls near Keno, and it is said that a man with a gaff could easily land a hundred of the salmon in an hour, in fact they could be caught as fast as a man could pull them in. The law, however, prohibits the catching of salmon above tide water except with a hook and line.

There is a natural rock dam across the river below Keno, which it is almost impossible for the fish to get over. In their effort to do so thousands of fine salmon are so bruised and spotted by the rocks that they become worthless. There is no spawning ground until they reach the Upper Lake as the river at this point is very swift and rocky.

SECRETARY BENSON'S HEALTH IS IMPROVED.

(Oregonian.)

In better health than he has been in years, Secretary of State F. W. Benson returned last night from California, where he has been at intervals for several weeks. Accompanied by Attorney General Crawford, Mr. Benson will go to The Dalles this morning to represent the state in some litigation relating to the taxation of irrigated land in Crook county. They will return to Portland tonight and after spending another day in this city, Secretary Benson will go to Salem Thursday morning personally to resume the management of his office.

Secretary Benson regards as a joke the report that was published a few weeks ago to the effect that he was critically ill and his death was expected momentarily. At the time the report was published the Secretary of State was attending a theater.

"When the newspaper men finally did locate me the following day," he said at the imperial last night, "all the sympathy I received from them was to have them tell me that they were surprised to find me in good health; that if my condition had been as it was represented they would have had a capital story because of the complications which would have resulted in the official circles of the state of Oregon."

While there is considerable intense rivalry between the so-called machine and anti-machine elements in the Republican party in California, the state is certain to give Taft its electoral votes. Republicans very generally will drop their factional differences and give the National ticket their united support.

ENFORCE GAME LAWS.

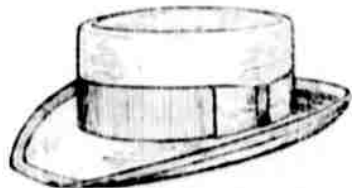
Deputy Game Warden Gibson has received notice from the state game warden to strictly enforce the law in regard to the killing of quail regardless of what is on the back of the licenses. The quail season is over although the synopsis of the game laws printed on the back of the licenses issued, gives the open season for quail as from October 1st to December 1st.

Agent Parker, of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, has been notified that the reduction in rates which was to have gone into effect on the first of the month has been withdrawn, on account of an adverse decision by the State Commerce Commission. The new rate was to be practically a 25 per cent reduction on the old, but it was declared illegal on account of a technicality, by the Commission. Mr. Parker has instructions to continue the old rates as in the past.



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