

WATER COMPANY WILL STOP WORK

City Is Liable to Go Dry With a Vengeance --No Whiskey or Beer and May Have Water and Lights Cut Out

A very peculiar condition exists at the present time between the city and the Klamath Falls Light & Water Company.

There has been several rumors on the street today to the effect that the Water Company was going to shut off the city water and lights and in addition to these rumors the announcement was given the papers stating that the company would not undertake to make any further extensions of their system or furnish water to new residences.

What is the meaning of the announcement you gave the Herald today? "It means that the City Council refuses to carry out the conditions of the contract between us and the city, one of which conditions is: That if the city does not purchase the plant, they shall renew the contract and franchise in periods of five years each, or in the present instance extend to September 1911.

Water and light extension to Buena Vista, Hot Springs and other additions and to the railroad grounds, and to perfect our present water system in the original town so as to afford better pressure and supply during fires. We would continue as in the past three years anticipating every demand.

cover many bills and not once during that time has the Council had to make any demand for any extension. No municipal or private plant in the state of Oregon can show as clean or clear a record.

How will this affect new services along the present water mains? "We cannot make any new taps for service. We are more sorry for this than anything else, for it strikes the innocent and needy demand for water."

You have been laying mains right along without any renewal of contract. Why do you stop now? "Because we have been doing that which was illegal is no reason why we should continue.

How about the rumor that you are going to cut out street lights and hydrants? "We have not said so, but on April 1st if we are not paid in cash or a new contract entered into, we will cut out street lights and twelve hydrants, the contract for both having expired.

Have you made any effort to compromise? "The contract provisions are so clear in their obligations that the man who suggests compromise starts dishonestly.

The city did the same and then went into the courts to repudiate, but failed. There is a clear obligation on their part to renew the contract and no honest man could refuse to comply.

What new work were you intending to do? "Water and light extension to Buena Vista, Hot Springs and other additions and to the railroad grounds, and to perfect our present water system in the original town so as to afford better pressure and supply during fires.

main along Klamath avenue and place thereon 15 hydrants and add hydrants all over the city so that in the residence portion no building would be over one block from two hydrants, making a total of 70 hydrants in the city, the added cost per year to be \$911 and we gave an option good until September, 1911, for purchase on arbitrated value."

Do you expect any settlement outside of the courts? "If we can avoid it, no courts for us, and I hope the city has all it wants.

When do you expect to go away? "Probably Thursday morning and not to return for several months."

CASE OF SMALL POX.

Claude Clifton, who returned from San Francisco about ten days ago, has a very severe case of small pox. He is staying at the Gilles place on the Ankeny ranch about six miles south of the city.

A large number of the people on the ranch and neighbors have been exposed. Steps were taken immediately to quarantine the ranch and also all those who have been exposed.

SCHOOLS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

County School Superintendent J. G. Swan is still keeping up his good work for the schools of the county and this work is beginning to show very satisfactory results.

C. E. Mulkey has been engaged to teach an additional three months at Fort Klamath. This will give the school a complete nine months term.

B. P. Alexander will also teach three additional months at the Loos-

ley school in the lower Port Klamath district.

Clyde C. Craig, formerly of Portland, will begin on Monday a four months term of school at Odessa.

Miss Jane Given has been given a three months contract to teach the Long Lake school. She will begin school on Monday, March 22.

Miss Cora Griffith will open a six months term of school at Swan Lake on March 22.

Miss Olive Faught will open a term of school at Sand Hollow on April 5.

Mrs. Archye Kirkendall will open the school at Lone Pine, near Merrill, on March 22. This district has just completed a fine new school building and is now planning to make it one of the most attractive schools in the county.

NEWS FROM DAIRY.

Seigel Harris left for Bonanza last Wednesday. He has been busy lately grubbing sagebrush for Manuel Vierra.

Otto Hoppe and his brother made a trip to Dairy Tuesday.

John Donnell made a business trip to D. Y. Gray's place Tuesday and Wednesday, and took some horses to Bonanza to be sold to Mr. Stewart, the California horse buyer.

John Logue and daughter, Mrs. Alf Wallis, and Manuel Vierra made a business trip to the Falls Tuesday.

W. H. Bliss is now clearing his land, by grubbing and burning sagebrush.

Emil Egert and family have moved to their place from the Colahan ranch where they have been living during the winter.

Last Monday Mrs. Chas. Faith, of Bonanza, made a visit to her daughter, Mrs. P. Handies, who is ill.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bliss was working at Mrs. C. C. Pearson's the first part of the week.

O. Hoppe lost two horses last spring and when C. E. Drew was over on the Reservation recently, found them and returned them to the owner.

Doc Pool made a trip to Olene Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smyth and Miss Anna Smyth made a business trip to Dairy Wednesday.

D. Y. Gray, of Yonna, sold a horse to Arthur Langell, of Bonanza, last Monday for \$70.

Frank McCumber was very sick last Tuesday. Dr. Johnson, of Bonanza, was called.

Geo. Ritter went to Bonanza last Wednesday.

Wm. Flackus and Wm. Clark have made about 500 posts in the past few weeks, but are now through.

Emil Egert went to Godfrey Beck's Thursday to help brand some cattle which he recently purchased of Mr. Beck.

W. H. Bliss was at Geo. Ritter's place on business Wednesday.

Wm. Uhrmann made a business trip to Pine Grove last Wednesday.

Emil Egert went to Dairy Wednesday.

Geo. Smyth will start plowing this week.

Will Logue is working at the Frank Wallis place.

Master Orville Smyth, of the Hildebrand school, who is but 12 years of age, has rented two acres of land from H. J. Donnell, on which he intends to plant potatoes.

Geo. Grizzle, of Klamath Falls, was out to Manuel Vierra's this week buying some grain.

Ward Rueck, who has been absent from school on account of sickness has recovered and is with us again.

Mrs. L. M. Fitch has received a letter from Mrs. H. H. Bishop, of Kennet, California, who was in this county a short time ago, stating that she and her husband would return to Klamath County the 1st of April.

Joseph McCurdy, who at one time lived in Yonna Valley, has lately purchased a place in Grants Pass.

Fred Brooks went to the Falls on Tuesday to get his daughter, who has been attending school there. She will now enter school at Dairy.

Mrs. M. P. Nelson and children arrived at their home in Yonna Monday. Mr. Nelson went to the Falls

COMMISSION TO GET BUSY ON CHARTER

First Meeting Thursday Night--Promise to Have New Charter Ready Within Ten Days or Two Weeks

to meet them. They had been on a visit with relatives in Minnesota.

Emil Flackus is busy this week grubbing sagebrush on his place.

We understand that Geo. Morine of Bonanza is sick in bed.

Harrison Gray made a business trip to Bonanza Thursday.

Walter Simpson has been busy lately plowing for Wm. Welch.

Theo. Hammerley made a business trip to Dairy Wednesday.

Jacob Rueck went to Bonanza last Tuesday to sell some horses to Mr. Stewart, the horse buyer, who is now at Bonanza.

Mrs. L. M. Fitch is now having green wood cut for next summer.

Perry Randes and John Anderson were busy making improvements on Manuel Vierra's barn last Tuesday.

L. A. Sterzl and Wm. Wight have started plowing, as they think it means spring now.

John Pool sold a team to John Donnell recently.

J. H. O'Brien bought some oats from L. A. Sterzl last week.

D. Y. Gray sold some cattle last week for \$50.

Theo. Flackus is making a good thing by fanning out a stack of oat straw. He has gotten quite a number of sacks of grain from it, which the thrasher failed to thresh.

We understand C. W. Sherman, Sr., is contemplating making big improvements on his place this year.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Conditions created by the inaction of the City Council makes it impossible for us to excavate in the streets of Klamath Falls for any new work in Electric and Water Main Extension; therefore from and after this date and until further notice (except to repair our present plant) no extensions of mains or new services to houses will be undertaken.

Klamath Falls Light & Water Co. Klamath Falls, March 16th, 1909.

THE EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS.

The union meetings, which have been in progress in Hurn's hall for the past week, have been well attended every night. Rev. Murrman has come up to the highest expectations and is preaching some masterly sermons. The meetings will continue through the remainder of this week and next. The Bible class meets at 3:00 o'clock and the preaching service is at 7:30.

There is no longer to be any delay by the charter commission in getting down to business and drawing up a new charter to be submitted to the vote of the people of the city.

Three members of the commission were present at the meeting of the City Council last evening and the matter was thoroughly discussed. Chairman E. R. Reames and Judge Thos. Drake explained the reasons why the commission were unable to get together before to transact business. The impossibility of the members doing any work before the present date, on account of the busy session of the Circuit Court and other business matters taking other members from the city, was fully understood by the Council.

Judge Benson, one of the members of the commission, will return from Lakeview Wednesday and then members will hold a meeting on Thursday evening and have agreed to meet each evening after until the charter is finished. Both Mr. Reames and Judge Drake gave it as their opinion that they would be able to have the new charter completed within ten days or two weeks. The secretary has already received a large number of charters of other cities through the state and Judge Noland has furnished a copy of the Astoria charter. Portions of the old charter will be used and some of the best sections of the charters of the other cities will be added and new sections covering local conditions will be drawn up.

The City Council adjourned until Tuesday evening at which time the commission believes it will have some of the proposed new charter ready to submit to that body for their consideration. While the work asked of the charter commission is rather a thankless job, the members present stated that they did not so consider it but rather accepted it as a distinctive honor and they would take pride in doing the best they could. Some of the best legal talent of the city are on the commission and have promised to freely give their advice on all questions involving the formation and adoption of the new charter.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.

The firm of Edmondson & Risedorf is going to quit, and start today to dispose of the entire stock of groceries, etc. The goods will be sold regardless of cost, in order to hasten the winding up of the business. Fixtures are also for sale.



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