

IS THE ASSOCIATION A LEGAL ORGANIZATION?

Ballinger's Assertion That There Is No Law for Their Existence Raises Many Legal Questions

CONTRACTS BE ENFORCED

Necessitate a New Agreement With Each Individual Land Owner.

The Klamath Water Users association is a legal organization insofar as it relates to the Reclamation Service. Have the contracts executed by it and the Reclamation Service any binding force? Must the work be done over again if the contracts executed directly by the Reclamation Service and individual?

Similar questions of a similar nature, are being asked by the public announcement has made that Secretary Ballinger asserted to have said that the water users' associations have no legal standing, that he did not approve of them as a result of this being the Reclamation Act and legal irregularities, he was dropped the head of the Reclamation Service attorney, Biehn, into the place at the head of the department of this branch of government service a man who construes the law as it is and he thinks it ought to be.

A mistake was made in stating that the Grand Jury was to return Wednesday and take up its work. It has been laid on the shelf at present, with the prospects that it will remain there permanently. The result of its investigations has been a keen disappointment to the public generally, and there will be no regret whatever if it never again holds another session.

If it is found that there is no likelihood of such a step taken, at least so far as the Klamath Project is concerned. How is the association to be organized in fact for the creation of the water association, then effect will any future agreement have? Will any arrangements be made by the committee now in connection with the service engineers' building, and will any contracts be entered into between the service and the association be legal? If not, (continued on Second Page.)

DOINGS AT THE COURTHOUSE.

Since the release of the jury it has been as quiet as a sepulchre around the courthouse. Even the park is deserted, and the only remembrance of the affairs of the past two weeks is the sad and mournful wail of poor "Muckius," who is confined in the county jail for disposing of the liquor that someone else sold to him, or that he may have sold for someone else. The cause of his lament is the fact that he was not supplied with his customary beverage this morning, and he is anxiously inquiring whether the meat market has gone out of business. He is the lone occupant of the county bastille, and from present indications he will be the only one in there for some time.

Yesterday was the first day of the regular bi-monthly meetings of the county court, and all of the time was put in checking over and passing on bills. The only matter outside of this routine was the presentation by J. G. Pierce of a plat of the first addition to the Buena Vista addition. It was approved and placed on record. To-day most of the time of the court was taken up with road matters, a large number of petitions for new roads and reports of road viewers having been presented.

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CARLOADS OF MACHINERY FOR CLEAR LAKE DAM.

Dredger Bucket and Dirt Cars Arrive—Work Progresses Rapidly.

Several carloads of machinery arrived here yesterday for the Reclamation Service, the equipment to be used in the construction of the Clear Lake dam. One of the pieces is a big dredger bucket, which will be used in clearing the bottom of the dam of mud and tales. The derrick and engine now at the dam site will be used to operate it. In addition to the bucket are several cars to be employed in hauling the rock and dirt for the construction of the dam.

The work is progressing rapidly, a force of about 120 men being employed. Arrangements are now being made to start another camp about fifteen miles below the present work, where a dike will be thrown up to catch the water that will pass the first dam.

UNION PACIFIC TO SOW ALPINEA ALONG TRACKS.

Will Also Plant Trees—Will Be Protection Against Snowdrifts.

It is stated that the Union Pacific Railway is planning to plant its right-of-way from the Missouri river to the Pacific with alfalfa. At each edge of the right-of-way also will be planted a row of pine trees alternating with alfalfa, there being a tree at intervals of every two rods. As the alfalfa becomes green early in the spring and remains so until late in the fall, the ornamental effect should be decidedly pleasing. Furthermore, it is claimed that the alfalfa and trees will furnish, in certain localities, a decided protection against snowdrifts and washouts. It is stated that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad proposes to do similar planting and grazing between Ottumwa and Kansas City.

NEW BAPTIST MINISTER.

Rev. M. M. Bledsoe is expected to arrive from Portland Friday evening. Mr. Bledsoe is the new rector of the Baptist church of this city. Rev. J. B. Griffith, who has been filling the pulpit in this church ever since its completion, resigned, and the congregation elected Mr. Bledsoe to fill the vacancy. He is a man of splendid attainments, and a powerful speaker, and will undoubtedly take a prominent part in the religious affairs of the city.

SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

The performance at the Houston opera house by the Pavilla company was a good one, and a fairly good-sized house enjoyed it immensely. This company is deserving of strong support, for their work is clean and enjoyable, as well as above the average. If one has the blues and is anxious to find a place to have a good, hearty laugh, then they will be rewarded by attending one of the performances of this company.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The adjourned meeting of the City Council will be held this evening, when the members will meet Mr. A. H. Naftzger at his office in the Klamath Development building and discuss with him the proposition he has submitted relative to the Hot Springs addition entering the city. It is not likely that any other matter will be considered at this meeting.

PREPARED FOR CELEBRATION OF NEXT FOURTH OF JULY.

Dr. Dupuy Suggests That Steps Be Taken for Next Year's Big Event.

Dr. A. A. Dupuy has suggested that while the Chamber of Commerce is considering the matter of holding a county fair here this fall that it also take up for consideration the question of a celebration for the next Fourth of July. While this time may seem a little premature for the consideration of such a celebration, the argument advanced by the doctor is a good one. He is of the opinion that if the announcement is made now that Klamath Falls is going to have a mammoth celebration one year hence it will serve notice on all other towns and cities in this vicinity that we have pre-empted the right to have the only one in this section. He also believes that it will be possible to interest the Southern Pacific company in more ways than one, and he is willing to lend his aid in securing its active cooperation.

Among the attractions he suggests for the occasion is the securing of the State militia. This, he thinks, can be done if the matter is properly presented to the governor. Included in his program of events is the water carnival, which he believes can be made as notable on the coast as is the festival at Portland, or any of the other annual events held in the cities along the Pacific.

The question is one that should have the careful consideration of the Chamber. The time is at hand when this city should select some date, whether the Fourth of July or some other time, when a celebration typical of the country shall be held here annually. It would be hardly advisable to select the Fourth as a permanent date, but the first event could easily be held on that date and next year should be selected as the time of beginning.

A Chinese takin has been mounted in the American Museum of Natural History. The animal was captured in the mountainous regions of China and was presented to the museum by Mason Mitchell, former American consul to China. The takin has the characteristics of an antelope and a goat.

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ENGINEER E. G. HOPSON TO ARRIVE HERE MONDAY

SACRAMENTO MERCHANTS ARE COMING TO KLAMATH. Are Awake to the Possibilities of the Queen City of the Cascades.

The Jobbers' association of Sacramento decided at a meeting last week at the Sutter Club to make an excursion to Klamath Falls on a special train the latter part of July or the first part of August. July 26th was mentioned, but not settled on definitely.

It was planned to make a five-day trip, so that the business men who take it may drop off and see their friends in most of the towns along the way, besides making a stay of a couple of days at Klamath Falls. It will not be exclusively a trip of the wholesalers. Other business men will be permitted to go, too. By this extension it is anticipated that a much larger number will take the excursion. Families may go also. It is expected that a total of 125 people at least will make the excursion. The cost of it all is estimated at \$4,000.

The object, of course, is to make friends with the business men of Klamath Falls and vicinity. The opportunity here for local jobbers, and the necessity for prompt action to get a foothold before Portland firms have won over the trade their way, has been brought home to local business men by reports in the same tone from their traveling men who have some acquaintance with the Klamath region and see how fast it is going ahead.—Sacramento Bee.

COUNTY EXCHANGES.

(Bonanza Bulletin.) Word was received from Fortuna, Humboldt county, Cal., of an accident which befell Tom Godfrey there last week. It seems that in some way something went wrong with his Stanley steamer and it could not be handled. It went off down a grade and upset. Tom picked himself up and had quite a time getting back to Fortuna, where he was laid up for a week or so with his injuries. His friends here are sorry to hear of his misfortune. The machine was almost a total wreck.

Married, at Klamath Falls, Ore., on Friday, July 2, 1909, in the courthouse, Mr. S. H. Hubbard of Bonanza and Miss Maggie Leake, formerly of Gold Hill, Judge Griffith officiating. The happy couple returned to Bonanza Friday evening and many expressed their congratulations to the newly-wedded pair. While others who were confident that the couple were going to be married were waiting until Sunday before approaching them with their congratulations, but were agreeably surprised to find that on asking Mr. Hubbard why he did not get married on the day set, was told that he wanted to fool them.

CONGRESSMAN CUSHMAN DIES IN NEW YORK.

Sudden End to a Career That Promised a Brilliant Future.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Francis W. Cushman, representative in Congress from Tacoma, Wash., died at 5 o'clock this morning at the Roosevelt hospital, of pneumonia. At his bedside, besides the doctors and nurses, were United States Senator Samuel H. Piles of Washington and Andrew S. Burleigh of this city, a life-long friend.

Congressman Cushman underwent an operation a short time ago and pneumonia resulted.

Will Confer With Committee Appointed at Last Annual Meeting of Klamath Water Users

SHIP PLACES NEW BOAT ON UPPER LAKE. The Only One of Its Kind in the State, If Not on the Coast.

If the boats and launches on the Upper Lake could talk there would be gossip galore among them this summer, and there might, perhaps, be an appeal to the government for the enforcement of the exclusion law or a demand for the enforcement of the penalties connected with the violation of the alien labor laws. The cause of all this trouble would be a new boat that Colonel Holabird has brought here for use on the waters of the Upper Lake. It is nothing less than a Chinese sampan. It is no imitation of the real thing, either, for it shows the ear marks of having passed from the hands of the native workman, and has undoubtedly seen service on the rivers of China.

The boat is about sixteen feet long, with the usual swan-shaped bow. The mode of propulsion is the old-fashioned sweep that swings from the stern of the craft. Several characters in Chinese are to be seen on its sides. The boat arrived here last evening, and was to-day taken to the boathouse of Telford & Son for calking and such other repairs as may be necessary to make it "seaworthy."

CONRAD MADISON.

Conrad Madison, who was stricken last Saturday while at work as engineer of the county road roller, died at his home in this city yesterday afternoon. The cause of his death was multiple neuritis.

The remains were taken to Keno last evening, where the funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He is survived by his wife and infant daughter.

An autopsy was held yesterday and an effort is to be made to determine the source of the poison.

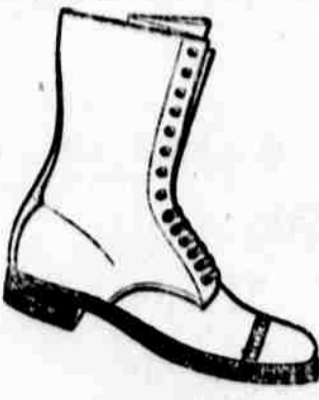
Mrs. Anna Thomas has returned from the Ashland Normal School and will remain here for the summer.

PATCH GIVES SATISFACTION

Local Head of Service Wins High Praise From Members of the Committee.

Though very little noise has been made and no publicity given, the committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Water Users' association has been steadily at work. Several conferences have been held between it and Project Engineer Patch, and an earnest effort has been made to find a ground of mutual agreement. It is the desire of the committee to find out just what the government wants and just what it is going to give in return; then it will be an easy matter to proceed with the business. Inasmuch as the original proposition was submitted by Engineer Hopson, and as all matters must go to him for approval or rejection, a great deal of time has been lost by his not being on the ground to meet with the committee. Word has been received, however, to the effect that Mr. Hopson will arrive here next Monday, and that he will take up with the committee all matters now under consideration.

One of the things that have given a good deal of satisfaction to the members of the committee is the willingness of Project Engineer Patch to push matters along. There is no "under the table" methods to be found in the dealings with that gentleman, and this has proved such a pleasant surprise that there is the most cordial relations existing between the local head of the service and the representatives of the water users. This is going to result in a more satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties now existing, for where there is such an atmosphere it will be an easy matter to find a middle ground for agreement.



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