

WILL DEMAND LAST FARTHING

CHAIRMAN CARTER SAYS ACTUAL COST MUST BE PAID

HE SUGGESTS CO-OPERATION

Will Avoid Bickering and Tend to Early Completion of Reclamation Project

The senate committee on irrigation and reclamation of arid lands left this city at 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, bringing to a sudden close the public meeting with the landowners in order to enable them to carry out their schedule. Before leaving Senator Carter stated to a representative of this paper:

"The committee has been well pleased with its visit to the Klamath project, and regret that time does not permit of a more extended examination of it. We have a verbatim report of the statements made to the committee at the hearing held here this afternoon, and every fact therein set forth will be thoroughly investigated. We realize that the reclamation of the arid lands of the West is one of the greatest benefactions of the government, and we now propose to give it the attention its importance demands. That is the reason for this extensive tour of the committee and all facts gathered will be prepared and submitted in our report to the senate.

"We have been asked in nearly every project we have visited for some change to be made in the manner of making payments, either for an extension of time beyond the ten-year limit or a reduction of the amount provided for for the first few years. This is a matter that will receive the careful attention of the committee in its report to congress.

"As to the payment of the cost of the project, the government expects and will demand the re-payment of the last farthing of the actual cost of construction, and no other proposition will be even considered by the committee or congress. Any other policy would soon wipe out the reclamation fund, and might result in the repeal of the reclamation act.

"In order to bring the work of the government to the highest degree of perfection, it is necessary that there be cordial co-operation between the reclamation service and the people for whom the work is being constructed. In this way the completion of all work is hurried to a close, and much

unpleasant bickering is avoided. We have been greatly surprised at the magnitude of the work done by the reclamation service, and believe that it will, all things considered, match up with undertakings of equal magnitude carried on by private individuals. Some mistakes have been made, but I do not believe they have been greater than would have occurred if the work was being done by private capital."

From here the committee will go to Red Bluff, Cal., and will then visit projects in California, Arizona and New Mexico, after which they will return to Washington.

WHY NOT TRY IT HERE?

Every property owner in the city is expected to improve his residence property by planting trees along his frontage which will be uniform on the different streets, if he carries out the wishes of the ladies of the Greater Medford club, who have started a systematic campaign for beautifying the streets of the city. This sounds like a good plan, and if this city is to have as beautiful a residence district as Portland, Spokane, St. Paul, or any other of the larger cities noted for the beauty of their streets, there must be a system to the work done. The ladies of the city are the ones to take the beautifying of the streets in hand, and it is never too early to begin fixing up for the time when Klamath Falls shall be a railroad center and the metropolis of Southern Oregon.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

"Japanese Magic" is an unusually weird film, in which spiders and snakes, chickens and mice do all kinds of queer and amusing tricks.

"The Pocket Policeman" is a clever invention which you fold up and put in your pocket, take out and it becomes a strong cop, ready to defend you from thugs, etc.

An exceptionally clever drama, "The Strikers," tells of the young foreman who sticks to his boss and finally brings the men back to work.

"Building Barrels" is an interesting occupation and the peasants of Southern France are clever and quick in their work.

A sporty young fellow leaves his wife dear at home and goes to dine with a pretty girl at her flat. Wife trails him, and he to avoid trouble, climbs into "The Cupboard," which is then taken by rail all over the country to the new home of the owners.

In "Picturesque Canada" we travel through Quebec, Montreal and down the St. Lawrence, through the most beautiful river scenery imaginable.

GOAL WAS REACHED

OPPONENTS OF RECLAMATION SERVICE SECURE ATTENTION

CHARGES HAVE BEEN FILED

Will Be Investigated to the Last iota and Justice Will Be Done to the Last Degree.

The session of the senate committee on irrigation was suddenly brought to a close about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the announcement of Chairman Carter that they had only twenty minutes more to devote to the hearing in order to let them get away in time to make their railroad connections. Very little was brought out aside from what has been ancient history for the past four or five years.

It had been heralded for many weeks that if the senate committee came here that there would be an explosion that would jar loose many persons and things, and bring about a change in the management of affairs in connection with the Klamath project that would be beneficial to everyone concerned. It was, therefore, with considerable satisfaction that it was learned Tuesday morning that the senate committee proposed to hold a public session, and that the much-desired opportunity would be afforded to make the charges that had been bandied about for the past several years.

This chance was welcomed by both those who have honestly believed that there was some foundation for all the stories told, as well as by those who have doubted the facts cited. It meant that the accusers would be able to land their charges right at the home plate and secure the investigation they have been demanding.

The statements made by Messrs. Stevenson and Ady, assisted by others, were taken down by the official stenographer; the names and addresses of everyone mentioned were secured, and at the close of the hearing Chairman Carter announced that the statements and charges would be investigated to the last iota and justice done to the last degree.

It seems to be the general opinion that nothing will come of it, for the reason there was a wide discrepancy in many of the charges made and which, when sifted down by the close cross-examination of the chairman, fell to pieces.

Another fact that will have a great deal of weight with the committee as

well as with the people of the project at large is the statement filed containing the answers of the board to the questions propounded by the senators. There were several important statements made therein that even the supporters of the board readily admit are wide of the real facts, and it is certain that these will be brought to the attention of the committee.

OREGON CITIES ARE BOOING During Past Week Many Remarkable Meetings Have Been Held

The following dispatch from Portland to the Medford Mail-Tribune is of state-wide interest:

Under the banner of the Oregon Development league the state has never taken a more decided forward movement in community publicity than now. With the various cities thoroughly aroused and actively at work to advance their interests, the outlook is very bright. Never has there been a stronger advertising pulse throughout the state. There is a determination to set forth to the world the manifold advantages Oregon has to offer to the homeseeker.

During the past week, under the direction of the Oregon Development league, remarkable meetings have been held in various parts of the state. Tremendous interest has been shown everywhere.

Lebanon raised a publicity fund of \$2,500 at an enthusiastic meeting. The people of the city are united in the determination to exploit the resources of that section, and are doing splendid work.

Corvallis has just organized a woman's auxiliary that will make itself felt in many ways in furthering the efforts of the local Commercial club in advertising Corvallis. A warm welcome is given newcomers.

Silverton people at a meeting during the past week raised a fund of over \$2,000, that will be still further increased. A strong commercial club has been organized, with over forty members, and it is promised that this number will be raised to one hundred soon.

Selo and Jefferson are in line for their share of publicity, having each raised \$600 for development work in their section. All are alive to the benefits of working together as a state league.

Laidlaw is active. The development league of that place is on the alert to advertise that part of Oregon, and it is going ahead as never before.

Glendale at a meeting Friday showed a splendid get-together spirit, and the people of that place are thoroughly wide awake and enterprising.

ROADS WANT MORE MEN

OREGON TRUNK AND DESCHUTES LINES HANDICAPPED

NOW NEED 5,000 LABORERS

Stevens States That Contracts Have Been Let for 100 Miles of Construction Work

Completion of the Oregon Trunk line in Central Oregon is to be hurried just as fast as men can be obtained to do the work, according to a statement made in Monday's Oregonian by John F. Stevens, president of the road. Mr. Stevens does not believe that the line will be built into California, for its purpose, he declares, is the development of a new country, and the resultant increase of commerce with the main Hill lines.

The O. R. & N. is also rushing its line up the Deschutes river, and 2,200 men are at work there. It was said Sunday by J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Hariman lines in the Pacific Northwest, that by April the road will probably be completed for a distance of 60 or 70 miles. The work progresses as expected the O. R. & N. line will be completed to Redmond, which will probably be the terminus of the road until the line is extended south to connect with the Oregon-California cut-off near Klamath Falls.

Concerning the work on the Oregon Trunk line, President Stevens said Sunday night:

"If I could go to sleep tonight with the knowledge that we had at least 5,000 men at work on the road on the Deschutes river, I would be more at ease than I have been for a long while, or if I could sign a check in the morning paying for the completion of the road I would be the happiest man in the state. We have only between 1,500 and 2,000 men at work, and we are adding about 400 or 500 a week, or as many as can be obtained. That is our great need at present, labor."

"How far is the road projected?" he was asked.

"We have contracts let for the first 100 miles," he replied, "which is as far as Madras. We shall go at least 50 miles further, which may be to Bend or some other point in that irrigation district. We have several surveys into that locality, but which will be chosen is not determined."

"When that is done will you seek an outlet into California, Idaho, or will you cross the Cascades and go to the coast?" he was asked.

"Just look at the thing logically," he answered, "and you will see that our object should be to develop country for ourselves, and not to make traffic for other roads. The system with which we are connected has spent a large amount of money putting in the North Bank road, and we are building into new territory to develop it, and not make any other outlet."

"As for myself, I don't have California on the brain. Northern California will look like 30 cents compared with the country we are going into. I am somewhat of a booster for Oregon, anyhow."

More men are wanted also for railroad construction by the Southern Pacific on the California-Oregon cut-off. It was said last night by Mr. O'Brien that every available man is being put to work on the cut-off, which it is hoped to push to completion with all possible speed.

About four months ago the company appropriated money considered necessary for one year's work on the cut-off, and contracts were let for a

distance of 25 miles south of Natron and 40 miles north of Klamath Falls.

This work has been rushed faster than originally contemplated, and now it is evident that the money appropriated for one year's work will be spent by spring, and then it is expected that the money necessary for the last piece of road, about 90 miles in length, to connect the two pieces of road covered by present contracts, will be appropriated.

The construction of the cut-off is under the direction of the chief engineer of the Southern Pacific, who has his office in San Francisco, and he is having men shipped to the scene of work from both California and Oregon.

AT THE IRIS

"The Indian Runner's Romance" is a tale of the Black Hills in 1847, when the Sioux were still lords, fearless of man or beast. A dying miner tells a young Sioux warrior where an immensely wealthy claim is located, then three cowpunchers come up, but they are too late, as the miner is dead and the secret is known only to the swarthy redskin, whom they are unable to make tell. Next we see the young warrior wooing the girl of his choice with his blanket, signifying protection. With gifts of hides and wampum he finds favor in the old chief's eyes, and the young Indian and his bride go out into the hills together. Later the cowpunchers kidnap the squaw and try to make her tell the location of the claim, but the buck comes home, and finding his young bride gone starts in pursuit—the rest is told in several beautiful pictures, which you should come and see.

The mountains and the hills, the forest scenes and the Indian girl on the river bank fishing while the runner wows in the manner peculiar to the Sioux. This film is indeed a marvel of the photographer's art.

"The Sentinel" and "The Morning After" are both good pictures.

Those who like drilling and manual of arms work will be pleased with the "Tennessee Guards." "The Eternal Romance" is a beautiful hand-colored film d'art, in which the greatest French actors take part.

Entire change of program at the Iris tomorrow night:

Wanted to buy from owner, on easy terms, 120 acres of land, with 30 acres under the ditch; wild or improved; must be good, deep soil. Address J. H. O., Herald Office.

Don't wear out your back, broom and carpets when you can get the work done so quickly, thoroughly and cheaply by Mongold's vacuum cleaner.

MORRIS BROS. CHANGE FRONT

ARE WILLING TO TAKE SEWER BONDS AT ORIGINAL OFFER

PROPOSITION TURNED DOWN

Re-Advertisement Program Will Be Adhered to, and a Better Price Is Expected.

Mr. Gilmore, the representative of Morris Brothers of Portland, the bankers who bid on the sewer bonds, was in the city this week, and had several conferences with the mayor and council. When the city rejected the bid of Kenn & Co., Morris Brothers shaved their original offer about \$600, expecting that they would get the bonds even at the reduced figure. The mayor and council did not relish this change of front, and decided to reject all offers and re-advertise. This was the last thing expected or desired by the Portland firm, and when the advertisement appeared Mr. Gilmore came here post haste and bought the city officials to withdraw the advertisement and award the bonds at the old figure. While this was \$600 better than the last offer, the council felt that since they had decided to re-advertise they would stand by that decision, feeling that even a better offer would be received than that of Morris Brothers.

For three days Mr. Gilmore pleaded and urged, and at times even threatened, but to no avail, and he had to return to his superiors with an empty game bag. There were times during his stay here when the atmosphere in the vicinity of himself and the mayor got pretty warm and some pointed remarks were made by both men.

It was intimated by Mr. Gilmore that the action of the city in deciding to re-advertise the bonds would not save it from Kenn & Co., and would finally result in the city not being able to install the system next year. These remarks, however, have not been seriously considered by the council nor the mayor, both feeling confident that the city will have a modern sewer system within the next year.

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