

LAKE IS TO BE DRAINED

RECLAMATION SERVICE WILL DRAIN 94,000 ACRES

TULE LAKE TO BE EMPTIED

Outlet of Lake Near Merrill to Be Widened—Vast Fertile Fields Will Be the Result

The following article which appeared in the Oregonian is of local interest, telling quite fully of the proposed work on the enlarging of the outlet of Tule lake.

Work by the reclamation service to deepen the outlet from Tule lake into the Modoc lava beds is to be prosecuted at once. Tule lake, which covers an area of over 94,000 acres, occupies the lowest point in the Klamath basin, its elevation being 4,654 feet, 28 feet lower than Lower Klamath lake, which is only a mile and a half distant at the nearest point.

The fact that Tule lake occupies the lowest point in the basin, its drainage presented to the reclamation engineers, when the Klamath project was mapped out years ago, but one solution—the elimination of Lost river, its only tributary. This would open the way for evaporation of the waters of the lake, and was to be accomplished by the use of Lost river to irrigate the several valleys along its course and the conveyance of the residue of its waters, through a drainage canal to the Klamath river.

Clear lake, the source of Lost river, lies five miles east of Tule lake, and at an elevation of 470 feet greater than Tule lake. The river runs a distance of 40 miles on an irregular arc from Clear lake to Tule lake, almost

its entire course through alluvial and fertile lands. The Clear lake dam, the object of which is to impound the Lost river waters and make of Clear lake a storage reservoir which will cover an area of approximately 25,000 acres, is nearing completion and probably will be entirely finished in a few days.

The dam will harness the old historic stream for purposes of irrigation and eliminate it entirely as a feeder to Tule lake, when the plan shall be completely worked out. Within the last two years a narrow channel was discovered through which a small stream was flowing into a crevice of the immense lava field at the south end of Tule lake, the historic lava beds where the renegade Modocs under Captain Jack so long resisted the efforts of the troops to dislodge them in 1872-73.

This newly discovered outlet has been considerably deepened and widened as an experiment, both by private capital and under the supervision of the government reclamation engineers, till a considerable stream flows from the lake into the subterranean channels of the lava field, and has done so for more than a year, giving promise of there being a hidden passage under the volcanic range south of the lava beds proper, possibly to the sources of Fall river, a northern tributary of the Sacramento.

This idea is so promising that the United States reclamation engineers have taken the matter in hand and a force is being established there now to do practical work in enlarging the outlet. If this scheme of drainage proves successful the drainage of the 94,000 acres of alluvial lands in the Tule lake basin may be more speedily and much less expensively accomplished than it could be by the original plan of depending on evaporation to take up the waters of the lake after eliminating Lost river. At any rate it may assist greatly in accomplishing the purpose, if only supplemental to the original plan.

The operations will be watched with great interest throughout the country and the departure of a six-horse team, conveying a fine government launch, weighing 4,000 pounds, and designed for use in transporting supplies for the government camp at the outlet in the lava beds, was observed by many who are hopeful of good results from this enterprise. So Uncle Sam again invades the historic lava beds, not now with an armed force to invest the strongholds of a most determined and relentless enemy, but to promote a promising peaceful invasion in the hope of eventually bringing to the very portals of the old-time stronghold cultivated fields and happy homes.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

"Living Dolls," a fantastic series of trick pictures, in which two pretty maidens, dressed one as Little Jack Horner and the other as a rag doll, perform some clever tricks and dances. "Sweet Dreams Intermingled with Nightmare" rather worry a charming young lady as she dozes on the park bench one afternoon. There is some wonderful trick photography in this film. "The Champion Heavy Weight Lifter" works the crowd for a part of their good money, but when an impove-ished wanderer swipes the paraphernalia and tries the same stunts, he gets in trouble. "The Vision of Sterling Keep" is an exceptionally delightful tale of that elder day when knights were bold. A strong and interesting drama, full of the action and life so dear to the hearts of all Americans, whether by birth or adoption, is found in "The Rivals Hand." "The Parks of Berlin" are shown in a series of beautiful photographs, where you will see the people, old and young, wandering to and fro through the delightful gardens.

Henry C. Rabbes left for Medford this morning on business connected with the Home Realty company.

LOWER RATES ARE WANTED

BUSINESS MEN WANT LOWER INSURANCE RATES

MORE HYDRANTS WOULD DO IT

If Hydrants Were Placed 150 feet Apart in the Fire Limits Rate Reduction Would Be Half

The president of the city of W. A. Newman of the Underwriters' Equitable Rating bureau has aroused the interest of the business men in the matter of securing lower rates for fire insurance. It is a well-known fact that the rates prevailing here are in nearly every instance exorbitant. Based as they are on the experience of the fire insurance companies and regulated according to the nature of structures and the protection offered by the water supply, little hope—in fact, no hope—need be entertained that a reduction will be secured until there is a better class of buildings erected on the ground now occupied by frame structures, or the city has a more extensive system of fire hydrants. Relief through the first cause is remote, as it is not likely that many of the frame buildings will be replaced for years. As to the matter of securing more hydrants, there is a chance that this can be brought about.

Mr. Newman was seen today, and an effort was made to have him state how great the reduction would be in case more hydrants were installed. In replying he said:

"That is something I will not furnish figures on. They must come from Mr. Kelly in Portland, and they can be secured if the Chamber of Commerce of this city will wire, asking for them. Then they will be official and will be put into force when the number of hydrants in the fire limits is increased. I will, however, state that if there is a hydrant placed at each corner and one in the middle of each corner and one in the middle of 150 feet apart, the reduction in rates would be a substantial one. I am at work now re-rating the city. There will be a slight reduction in the prevailing rate, but it will be very small. If any assurance could be given that the number of hydrants would be increased the work I am now doing would not have to be done again, provided the change was made at once or in the near future. The re-rating of a city must necessarily be done at certain times, and if the rating I am now making should go into effect before the hydrant question was settled it must of necessity remain in force until such time as a new one is made. How soon that would be cannot be stated, that depending on the work in hand at the time the application for a new rating was made."

When H. V. Gates was here a short time ago he submitted to the council a proposition relative to the placing of Klamath avenue of a six-inch main and increasing the number of hydrants throughout the city. This proposition provided for hydrants one block apart in the business section of the city, and if put into effect would be the cause of a great reduction in rates. If the number of hydrants are further increased by the placing of one in the middle of each block within the fire limits it would still lower the insurance rate. The ordinance was hung up on account of the refusal of Mr. Gates to consent to have incorporated in this ordinance a provision that it repealed ordinances 45 and 46.

So important is this matter to the business interests of the city that every effort ought to be put forth to

bring about an amicable adjustment of the differences between the council and the water company, in order that the hydrants needed to reduce the fire insurance rate may be installed in time to have the present re-rating cover the new conditions. It is, of course, realized that the council is desirous of permanently settling the differences between the city and the water company, and had this in mind when the question of the repeal of ordinances 45 and 46 came up, but it would seem that none of the rights of the city would be sacrificed by the passage of an ordinance with the repealing clause out, leaving that to be settled by future legislation.

The money paid out by the business men of the city has for years been a heavy drain on their resources, aside from the fact that their risks have been lightly insured, due to the fact that they could not pay the cost incident to the carrying of a reasonable amount of insurance on their stock. The growth of the city and the consequent increase of liability to fire makes it imperative that something be done to so far reduce the rates charged as to enable them to place larger policies, and this can only be done by a re-arrangement of the hydrants so as to meet the requirements of the insurance companies.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Monday morning in chapel Rev. Bledsoe of the Baptist church conducted the exercises and Mr. Rasor sang us two songs. Mr. Rasor is singing for the Baptist church, and if you would like to hear a fine tenor singer who sings sweet and clear just attend these meetings.

The boys that play basketball are putting in some hard practice, preparing to defeat the various teams that they will play.

K. OF P. ATTENTION

Regular convention tonight at 7:30. Nominations for office and work in Knight rank. The presence of every Knight in the city is desired.

J. C. Dodson and family have returned from Portland, where they have been making their home for the past three months, and will leave for Surprise valley, where they formerly lived. It had been Mr. Dodson's intention to take up his residence permanently at the metropolis, but the health of his children was so poor there that he was forced to return here.

Our stock of lumber is now complete. We have everything necessary to build a house including rustic two-lap siding, ceiling, pine and No. 1 vertical grain fir flooring. Will have in a few days slash grain fir finishing lumber and cheaper grade of vertical grain fir flooring.

C. S. & R. S. MOORE.

The new equipment for the post-office has arrived and will be installed immediately. The room will be completely remodeled and arranged in the most convenient and modern manner the whole room being devoted to the office.

Mrs. J. A. Walker of San Jose, Cal., arrived in the city Tuesday evening and left this morning for Merrill, where she will spend the winter visiting her daughter, Mrs. Parrish.

W. H. Holleman, in charge of the operation and maintenance of the Klamath project, left for Cheyenne, Wyo., where he was called in connection with the reclamation work. He will return in about two weeks.

J. T. Billingsley of Mount Hebron is in the city on business.

J. A. Clement of Odessa is in the city today.

KENO HAPPENINGS

Last Sunday evening Ed Hunter and Miss Zella Bussey, the Keno school teacher, were taking a buggy ride. When they were passing the McCollum place a singletree broke and the horses started to run. Hunter tried to hold them by the lines, but one of them broke and the horses turned down the grade, ran through a barb wire fence, upset the buggy and tore it to pieces. Miss Bussey was thrown into the barb wire, tore her clothing, cut her upper lip, the side of her face and neck. Hunter had one hand badly cut. The horses were both cut with the wire, and were not found until Monday morning. Miss Bussey was taken to Mr. McCollum's place and Dr. Wright was called to dress her wounds. The great wonder is that the parties escaped with their lives.

Miss Ruth Doten returned home Monday evening on the Canby from the Falls, where she has been for several days. She was kicked by a mule some time ago, and was taken to the Falls for treatment. She is now able to be around.

NEW SUITS FILED

Three new suits have been filed at the county clerk's office, all for the recovery of money.

C. D. Wilson vs. Hoyt & Wheeler.
B. S. Grigby vs. H. H. Roberts and B. J. Roberts.

B. S. Grigby as administrator of the estate of John D. Whitman, vs. T. L. and Hiram H. Roberts.

REDUCED PRICE ON ELECTRIC GLOBES

On account of our contract with the factory on lamps, which reduces our cost, we will from and after this date sell globes as follows:

- 2, 4, 10 and 16 c.-p. carbon globes, 20c each.
- 24 c.-p. carbon globes, 28c each.
- 50 w. Meridian globes, 40c each.
- 100 w. Meridian globes, 50c each.
- 20 c.-p. Tungsten globes, 65c each.
- 32 c.-p. Tungsten globes, 75c each.
- 48 c.-p. Tungsten globes, \$1.10.

KLAMATH FALLS LIGHT AND WATER CO.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our deep gratitude to our friends for the assistance and sympathy given during the illness and after the death of our son and brother.

MRS. N. M. STRAW AND FAMILY

BLACK DIAMOND

One of the greatest discoveries of America. RUCKER & GILLETTE. Klamath Falls, Ore.

EXHIBIT FOR OMAHA FAIR

C. T. OLIVER AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSY

PRODUCTS WANTED FOR CAR

All Exhibits Must Be In by Monday, as Car Will Leave Wednesday Morning for the East

EXHIBIT FOR OMAHA FAIR

C. T. Oliver, to whom this county is indebted for the beautiful exhibit it made at the Billings (Mont.) Dry Farming exposition last month, is busy preparing another exhibit to be sent to the Corn Show at Omaha and then on to Chicago. The Southern Pacific railroad will furnish a sixty-foot baggage car and transport the exhibit to the fair free of charge. All exhibits sent in to Mr. Oliver from the Merrill county will be carried free of charge by J. L. Yaden of his stage. The local Chamber of Commerce, who with Mr. Oliver's aid is getting the exhibit together and ready for shipment in the car, desires that all exhibits be sent in before Monday, or at the very latest by Tuesday morning, as the car which Agent F. M. Thompson has ordered here on Sunday will be taken out Wednesday morning.

C. T. Oliver has taken the various shelves of grain, potatoes, squash and other products of this county which were on display in the exhibit booth on the courthouse grounds, and is looking them over and arranging those which are to be sent to Omaha. The products sent will be most probably left at St. Paul or some other of the big railroad centers of the Middle West as a permanent display to show what this country with proper care and work is capable of raising.

No other plan so worthy of the hearty co-operation of the farmers, ranchers and other residents of this county could possibly be thought of. This is the best and most successful way that we can tell the people of the outside world what we are doing here. Every one who has any kind of an exhibit which will advertise the various industries and products of this country should send them in as soon as possible to Mr. Oliver, in order that they may be gotten in shape for the coming shipment to the fair to be held through the Middle West this fall.

W. F. Arant is down from his place at Crater lake.

Christmas Goods Toys and Dolls



Greatest assortment of useful gifts for the young and old ever shown in this city now on display and ready for your inspection. You will have no trouble doing your Christmas shopping at this store—and REMEMBER the grand premiums we are going to give away: First, Choice between Ladies' and Gents' \$75 Tailored Suit. Second, Choice between Doll and Carriage and Doll and Automobile

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Our Guarantee with these:

When we say guarantee we mean just what we say. If you are not satisfied your money will be refunded at once without party or question. Now that is the guarantee we give.

Any Household Remedy bearing a Red Star label or DEER SHIELD label is positively guaranteed to give entire and absolute satisfaction.

That's fair, isn't it?

ROSE CREAM FOR CHAPS

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"They Have It"