

## DIRECTOR NEWELL REVIEWS EARLY HISTORY OF PROJECT

### Stockholder of Upper Unit Asks Some Plain Questions

## PROMISES AND GRAFT CHARGES

### Complete Answer Is Given to "Kicker" and Intimated Charges, Which Should Settle Ancient History

There has been so many intimations and kicks made in regard to the proceedings of the Reclamation Service in the Klamath project that the following two letters are printed for the benefit of the readers of the Herald. It should be the desire of everyone to reach an amicable settlement of these disputes and the complete text of Director Newell's letter is printed with the hopes that it will assist in clearing these misunderstandings:

September 24, 1909.  
Hon. F. H. Newell, Director-in-Chief U. S. R. C.

My Dear Sir—Being a holder of shares in the Clear Lake, or Upper Unit of the Klamath project, and therefore interested in the promotion and early completion of the project, I hope you will give ear to what I write in review of the work, as it appears from the standpoint of a supposed beneficiary, and in summing up the situation as it relates to public opinion among the shareholders.

Four years ago last summer the work was begun of preparing the people's minds for the beginning. Public meetings were held in various parts of the country, in which officials of the service set out the designs of the department and what was hoped to be accomplished. At the Bonanza meeting, held for that purpose, while Mr. Humphrey, in charge, was making his address, I asked him a question, based on the presumption that the Clear Lake Unit would cost less per acre than the Lower Unit, if we could not have our water at the absolute cost of this part of the project instead of the average cost of the whole project, and he answered No, because the whole work would be reckoned as a unit, all being assessed alike. It could not and would not be done otherwise. And until lately, when that was understood to be a fixed fact, now, however, the word is given out by Mr. Hopson, in charge, that we are to be given our water at the estimated cost of this unit by itself, with the inference that the rate will be higher than that of the first unit. Very naturally our people are not satisfied with this later dictum, and regard it as a breach of faith.

Again, after the first survey and estimate was completed, and before we had signed up our lands, when you were here, the announcement was made to us that the cost of the entire project would be \$20 per acre, or less. Upon that understanding our lands were signed up. Now, however, after most of the work has been done, new estimates are given out, putting the cost of the first unit at \$30 per acre. Now, if you could put yourself in our places, do you think that would be satisfactory to you or fair treatment between man and man? In fact, would you not kick like a steer? Instead of being one of us who have to pay this 50 per cent increase, however, you are the head of the department vested with the responsibility and power of imposing this added cost upon the poor homesteader. You have recently been quoted as saying that it is your life work. In view of this fact, do you wonder that it raises the question in my mind whether you can regard your life work as a success?

Again, it is pointed out, by men of superior intelligence and strength of character among us, that far too much was paid to the projectors of the Klamath Ditch company, the Ankeny canal and to the Carr estate, for the Clear Lake reservoir site for their several properties to represent the best that might and ought to have been done in the purchase of these properties. I have steadfastly upheld the service in regard to these matters to the best of my weak abilities, but must confess to you that it has been with ill success, against

those who believed and charge graft on the part of the Reclamation service officials as the cause of the high prices paid. For instance, when a man of the standing of Abel Ady asserts openly that he, as a real estate agent, had the Carr property on his list with instructions to sell it for \$35,000, while the Reclamation service officials ignored him and bought it for \$187,000, I have to confess that it has a bad look. And, as to the payment of \$150,000 for the franchise and tunnel excavated by that Klamath Canal company, while the fact was given out by Mr. Humphrey of the Reclamation service that he had made estimates of the work it had done, and it only amounted to \$50,000, he also stated that the company had no water right whatever. It is believed that there was graft in that bargain. Repeating these things, I venture to suggest that it would be the best plan, in my judgment, for you to take the time and trouble to come here and talk over these things with our people, as freely and as frankly as you did at the inception of the project. I, for one, am as vitally interested in this matter as you can be.

Finally, let me ask, if there is nothing which you can do, as the head of the department, to make a fair adjustment to the Upper Unit of the benefits resulting to the Reclamation service, or the government, through the large body of land reclaimed in Tule lake by reason of the erection of the Clear Lake dam? The cost of this reservoir site and the building of the dam ought not, in justice, be charged to the Upper Unit unless a credit is given to the extent of the value of the land reclaimed, seems patent to me and our people generally. Could not that land be charged up with a drainage fee of, say, \$20 an acre, and sold on this basis, an amount equal to the cost of the reservoir and dam being credited as an offset and not charged against the Upper Project? It seems clear that some plan like this ought to be adopted, because it is also clear that if the dam were not built that Tule lake land could not be reclaimed. The fee of \$20 is suggested because it is about equal to the value of adjacent land.

Hoping that the statements herein contained may be received and considered by you in the same spirit which they have been indited, I am, for the good of the service, and of you and I, mutually, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Sincerely yours,

December 8, 1909.  
Dear Sir—Your letter of September 24 has been called to my attention upon my return to Washington. I have spent the greater part of the present year on field work, and have not been able to give personal attention to all correspondence.

A reply to your letter was sent to you on September 27, 1909, but I should like to take up a little more in detail some of the points you mention, as yours is the first definite criticism made to me by a responsible shareholder.

It appears from your letter that, in the four or five years since some of the events occurred, men's memories have failed to retain certain important details.

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## HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

We have the largest and most complete line of high-grade Christmas presents that has ever been brought to this city, and we are better prepared to attend to your holiday wants than ever before.

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## ONE MORE DAY FOR CONTEST

### PROMISE OF EXCITING FINISH TOMORROW NIGHT

### MISS HARRIS IS IN THE LEAD

### But a Few Hours Remain to Vote for Your Favorite—A Handsome Christmas Present

Who the most popular young lady in Klamath Falls is will soon be known. The Herald's big popularity contest will close tomorrow night at 9 p. m., and the much mooted question answered. The final vote will be counted by a committee selected by the contestants, and the result announced as soon as they have completed.

You have but a short time in which to help your favorite. If you are already taking the paper, make an advance payment. You save yourself money and at the same time help some deserving young lady win this delightful holiday tour.

If you have been undecided as to what would make a suitable Christmas gift for some of your out-of-town friends, send them the Herald for a year. They will enjoy reading it every day, while some other present costing more money would soon be forgotten. In doing this you can make two gifts with the same money, the paper to your friends and the votes to your favorite. Your votes may win the trip for the young lady giving her a present long to be remembered.

All votes and subscriptions must be in this office before 9 o'clock. The ballot box will be closed at that time, and if you are a few minutes late your votes will be worthless. Candidates should make their reports early, to avoid any possibility of a mistake being made in issuing their votes.

Following is the standing of the candidates:

Helen Harris	111,400
Flora Masten	109,500
Golda Barnes	25,000

## JAMES KEANE AND COMPANY

### Coming to Houston's Opera House Next Week

There is to be a strong vaudeville attraction at the Opera House next week. This in addition to the usual moving pictures every night next week except Wednesday and Friday.

James Keane, the well known New York actor, passing through on his way to San Francisco, has a week off, and is playing it here. Manager Houston, by his liberal offer, induced this high class attraction to put the week in here in preference to other and much larger towns on the main line.

One reason, Mr. Keane is deeply interested in the Klamath Falls country, and having never been here, is anxious to see what it looks like.

The plays to be presented are one-act sketches that Mr. Keane has been playing on the Keith & Proctor circuit in the East and Orpheum circuit on his Western tour. "Held for Ransom," the opening playlet, is a beautiful scenic production, and said to be screamingly funny, and tells the story of Dick Smith, a young actor-manager, who is stranded with his company in the City of Mexico, where he fell in love with Dolores, a Spanish señorita. His uncle, George Smith, a New York banker, refuses his consent to their marriage or to aid him financially. Finally, in desperation, Dick wires his uncle that he has been captured by Mexican bandits, who demand \$5,000 for his ransom. The uncle comes post haste and meets Dolores, who impersonates the daughter of the bandit chief, telling the uncle of her father's cruelty to the captive. Dick's experience as an actor proves of value. He appears as the captive in chains, delirious and wild-eyed, and after going back to his dun-

geon appears again as the bandit himself, flourishing his knife, demanding the \$5,000 and the uncle's consent to the marriage of Dick and Dolores. The uncle, now thoroughly frightened, pays the ransom and consents to the marriage. Dick then throws off the bandit disguise, and is pardoned by his uncle on condition that he and Dolores return with the uncle to New York.

The sketch gives Mr. Keane an opportunity for some intensely dramatic acting and a display of versatility—qualities for which he is widely noted. Mr. Keane has appeared in almost every city throughout the United States as a star or at the head of attractions, playing only first-class theaters at first-class prices. Mr. Keane's performance of "Tom Morgan" in "In the Bishop's Carriage," both in New York and on tour, is regarded as one of the sensational characterizations of the year.

This playlet will be presented on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

## INVESTIGATION OF INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

### Congress Grants Ballinger's Request, Who States That Interests of Department Require It

It has been finally determined that there shall be an investigation by congress of the so-called Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Senator Flint has introduced a resolution which was adopted and which calls upon President Taft to turn over to congress all the reports and statements purporting to contain charges made by L. R. Glavis, formerly chief of the field division of the land office, against Secretary Ballinger.

After the resolution was adopted Senator Jones of Washington read before the senate a letter from Ballinger demanding in the strongest terms a thorough investigation of his department and the forest service. Senator Jones declared that he would offer a resolution calling for the investigation immediately after the holidays.

In the letter Ballinger wrote to Senator Jones he said in part:

"The best interests of the interior department require a broad and thorough-going investigation and I assure you that it cannot be too broad to suit me and those under me who have likewise suffered indignities and unjust censures by the deliberate misrepresentations of facts and who court and will demand inquiry by congress, and since you have stated your desire to aid me in establishing before congress the injustice of the attacks which have been made."

## DR. COOK BRANDED AS GREATEST FAKER

The report of the Danish scientists, held at Copenhagen, to investigate the data of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, brands him as the greatest faker in history. The report states that Dr. Cook's records and observations are wholly insufficient to warrant a verdict that he discovered the North Pole.

The consistency of the university adopted the report of the committee, flatly rejecting Dr. Cook's claims and throwing out his records and observations.

Cook's data, according to the report, is no more convincing than was the newspaper account. The committee made up their minds after a day spent on the records. They were dumb with surprise.

The discrediting of Dr. Cook was a severe blow to the Danish scientists who had stood firmly by him and given him support under the charges made by Commander Peary. The great reception given to Dr. Cook on his arrival here, the honors that were paid him by high and low, including the king, are recalled with somewhat openly displayed chagrin.

It is known that the Danish experts were personally inclined to favor Dr. Cook, most of them already having come out in statements tending to substantiate his claims. Therefore the absolutely flat decision against him is looked upon as all the more convincing.

It is believed that the data and records had provided grounds upon which the scientists could have established a reasonable basis for claiming that the Brooklyn explorer really reached the pole, and the claim

## THE KLAMATH INDIANS WILL RECEIVE PATENTS TO LAND

### Allotments of 951, Whose Names Appear on Original Schedule

would have been made and upheld as long as tenable.

A member of the committee made the following statement: "It took the committee but a few minutes to see that Dr. Cook's observations and so-called records are worthless."

"We could have reported immediately, but it took several days to recover from the surprise. "The so-called note books on which Dr. Cook relied in a great measure for vindication had only accounts of his observations, rather than the observations themselves. These note books were thrown aside without a moment's consideration. "I cannot understand how a man of Dr. Cook's reputed scientific attainments could have attempted to bolster up his claims with such flimsy evidence."

## BOXING EXHIBITION AND PICTURES

Tonight at the Opera House there will be presented a big double show on account of the piling up of films, which, owing to dances and basketball games, have not been shown. Among the films tonight will be the following: "Winning a Widow," an uproarious comedy; "Mrs. Jones' Birthday," a delightful farce; "A New Life," a stirring drama; "The Manufacture of Bamboo Hats," an industrial series; "The Billposter's Trials," an amusing skit, and two more very clever and laughable comedies. "Three Reasons for Hate" and "A Case of Tomatoes." After the pictures there will be twenty-five rounds of fast sparring, three interesting boxing bouts.

## A. F. & A. M. NOTICE

Stated communication Monday evening, the 27th, at 7 p. m. sharp, to prepare for joint installation. By order of the W. M.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were granted today to Mike P. Lavenik and Martha Arnold and Frank H. Dagman and Daisy B. Slater.

## NEW SUITS FILED

Sophia S. Henley vs. J. D. Carroll, to recover possession. F. H. Mills and J. C. Rutenic, attorneys for plaintiff.

The Star Drug company has further added to their facilities for the accommodations of their patrons by equipping rooms over the First National bank building, where a registered pharmacist will be within telephone call at any time of the night.

Never put pork into a barrel that has the slightest smell or taint about it. Wash and scrub it clean, scald it again and again, and if then it is not just right, leave it out where the sun can shine in it a long time. Old Sol is the greatest purifier in the world.

Fresh pork is fine eating, but be careful that the little folks do not eat too much of it at a time; and maybe you had better take this advice yourself.

## Last Call

Of course by this time you have sent all of your out-of-town friends presents, but perhaps you have friends here whom you have not bought for. In that case it will be to your advantage to call on us. Our various lines are still complete.

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