

WATER USERS WANT RED TAPE CUT OUT

SEEK ADVANCE COST

OF IMPROVEMENT RATHER THAN IGNORANCE OF EXPENSE UNTIL AFTER IT HAS BEEN CONTRACTED FOR

Abel Ady of Midland, president of the Klamath Water Users' Association, who is largely responsible for the recent convention of water users' associations at Chicago to consider reforms in reclamation matters desired by water users, returned to his home Thursday, and visited this city today.

Mr. Ady is well pleased at the result of the meeting in Chicago, at which he represented the Klamath Water Users' Association, which demonstrated the fact that there is a unanimity among the various water users' associations for certain reforms, particularly to eliminate red tape, and to give the landowners a chance to find out what their share of the cost of government improvements is going to be before the bill is presented for payment.

The will of the water users as to having a convention at Salt Lake next month to draft memorials and appoint delegates to go to congress to work for the reforms to be immediately ascertained, a tentative organization of the united water using bodies having been formed, subject to the approval of the water users in those bodies.

It is understood that one of the most unpleasant features of the reclamation system with which the water users have had to contend is the fact that they are unable to ascertain in advance the plans, specifications and proposed cost of an improvement, and that this advance information is one of the prime items on which they will make a plea at Washington.

In speaking of the work accomplished and the conditions with which the users of government irrigation water contend, Mr. Ady said: "Our efforts in Washington last winter demonstrated the fact that a combination of the various water users' association was necessary in order to procure amendments to the reclamation laws and modifications in the regulations of the department of the interior for the promotion of the best interests of land owners under the various government irrigation projects.

"Many communications were sent to the various water users' associations requesting co-operation in organizing a federation of water users' associations, with the result that on December 1 to 5 delegates from ten different water users' associations met in conference at Chicago. Communications received by the delegates to this conference gave assurance of the co-operation of eleven additional water users' associations.

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"At this conference the facts were very clearly outlined from delegates from various projects to the effect that similar reform measures appear to be needed in practically every irrigation project. The increased cost over the original estimates have been so great that in many projects it appears impossible for settlers to meet the payments and support their families from the land.

"The demand for information relative to the plans and policy of proposed work and for itemized statements of moneys spent seems to have been assailing the people of every project for years. There appeared no tendency whatever from any project to escape the payment of the moneys loaned for use upon the project, but the belief is universal to the effect that the cost would be universally lessened under a policy that would give to the people the complete information above mentioned. In all projects involving government land the complaint was entered against the provision of the law which barred the issuance of patent until the reclamation charges are paid in full, which practically withholds a patent at least five years after final proof under the homestead law. This is considered by settlers to be an unwarranted burden.

"The lack of adequate provision for the disposition of sewage and waste waters for the irrigable areas under the various projects was the source of a complaint universal and serious. As a result of this lack approximately ten per cent of the area in the entire Klamath project has been rendered worthless from an agricultural standpoint during the past three years from want of adequate drainage. This is especially noticeable.

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and Mrs. Thomas Patterson in Swan Lake, when about forty guests gave the couple a surprise party. Mr. Patterson, who was the "victim" of the occasion, seemed to be quite happy, and enjoyed the event very much, his only complaint being that he didn't get an invitation himself, but the boys and girls tormented him so much that he seemed to forget all about it, and joined in the fun. At about 12 o'clock dainty refreshments were served in the dining room by Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Frank Woods and Mrs. Edna Vanciele. They spent the evening in dancing until 2:30 a. m., when the guests departed for their homes, declaring that they had spent a most enjoyable time. Music was furnished by the three Stiles brothers and John Myers, while Jasper Hibberts made the noise for the crowd.

NEW ROYAL ARCH OFFICERS
Klamath Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Masons, at its regular convocation on Saturday evening elected A. V. Mahaffey high priest, L. F. Willis king, E. R. Reames scribe, Alex. Martin Jr. treasurer, George Chastain secretary, J. A. Maddox, Marlon Hanks, G. K. Van Ripper trustees. The appointive officers will be announced on the night of installation.

MERCURY LOWEST OF THIS WINTER

NINE ABOVE RECORDED SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT, WHICH SAME MINIMUM WAS REACHED SATURDAY NIGHT

With the snow which set in Saturday King Winter seems to have determined that "we are his'n" from now on, for he followed the fall of the much-touted beautiful white stuff with a fall of the thermometer which led to a temperature lower than any time so far since Indian summer was here.

The low point for the thermometer last night was 9 above zero at 12:30 a. m., the same low point having been reached Saturday night at 4 a. m. At 8 o'clock this morning it was 15 above, against 29 yesterday at the corresponding hour. Last night at 5 o'clock it was 17, against 27 the night before. At 3 p. m. yesterday the high point for the day was reached, 31, against 26 Saturday.

INDIAN LIQUOR PRISONERS HERE

Deputy United States Marshal Frank Ebbitt is here from Portland to take back to that city Gus Redeker, white, and Jack Parker, Klamath Indian. The former is charged with supplying whiskey to the Indian, and the latter is accused of selling it to his fellow tribesmen.

The men will have a hearing, probably tomorrow, before United States Commissioner R. M. Richardson. If they are held for further disposition by the authorities it will probably be to await the action of the federal grand jury at Portland.

MASONIC ELECTION TONIGHT

Klamath Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M., will hold its annual election this evening.

DITCHING WITH DYNAMITE HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL

General Use of Explosive in Future Will Probably Result, Since Gratifying Experiments Made by Department of Agriculture

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Experiments of the department of agriculture in "ditching with dynamite" have proved successful, and it is expected will result in the general use of this explosive for ditch construction in the future.

The department recently blew, with dynamite, ditches six to twelve feet wide and three to six feet deep.

TYPEWRITER SUPPLIES

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COUNTY COURT IS HOME ONCE MORE

CAN BORROW ASTORIA'S COURT HOUSE PLANS—FINDS THIS COUNTY WELL TO FRONT IN ROAD BUILDING

The county court of Klamath county having just returned from a trip to Portland, in attendance of a convention of county commissioners and county judges, report the following: "There was a good attendance from all over the state, and matters relative to improvements in every direction were discussed, but principally that of good roads. Reports were given from all the counties in the state, and none of them show any better condition as far as improvements are concerned and progressiveness in proportion to the valuations than Klamath county; in fact it stands about in the front rank.

"The ideas that we have followed in road building we find meet with general approval all through the state. The tendency seems to be to abolish the supervisors and do the work in a business like manner, and get results. There were two bills submitted for approval by the convention, relative to road legislation, one by the Grange and the other by a committee appointed by Governor West. A large sentiment favored the bills fathered by Governor West in that they granted state aid. The Grangers, however, fight this, and wish to impose impossible conditions, and it looks very dark for any progressive legislation.

"In discussion with the most progressive county courts there we have come to the opinion that the only thing to do is for the county courts to go home and build their own roads, because if they wait for state legislation it may take ten years to accomplish it. Up in the Willamette Valley there is an alarming amount of moshbackism. The members of the county court are afraid of criticism, and will do nothing, or one member is in favor and the other two are afraid, and, as a result, some of the counties right around Portland are the most non-progressive in the state of Oregon.

"The court went out over the roads in Multnomah county, saw how they were being constructed, visited the crushing outfits at Kelley Butte, where the county is working convicts in crushing rock, looked through the implement houses, the road machinery houses, and got the latest ideas there, and in general secured a good deal of valuable information which we expect to use to the benefit of Klamath county.

"We took a trip to Astoria, went through the new court house and got a lot of information there relative to court houses the county court there having signified its willingness to loan us its plans. They also took the court out over some of their newly constructed roads. We afterwards went to Salem, met the acting governor and made arrangements with him to secure such convicts as we may need for next year's work.

"We find that Jackson, Klamath, Yamhill and Multnomah counties have been the most progressive in the way of road building; in fact, it was remarked publicly that Klamath made an excellent showing in proportion to its improvements as compared to the larger counties. In Lane county the county court has been tied up all summer, and has done no road work whatever, for the reason that some citizens at Cottage Grove thought that the court had no right to go into the general fund to secure money for roads.

"The matter went to the supreme court, and the decision has just been handed down that the county court has a perfect right to go to the general fund. This, of course, was very pleasing to the Klamath county court, for the reason that it has just done the same thing this year, and there has been considerable discussion as to the probability of some citizen enjoining the warrants already issued.

"We have come back brim full of ideas and enthusiasm, and believe that we can accomplish a good deal more and better results than we have in the past."

CIRCUIT COURT EXCUSES JURORS

This afternoon after a jury had been chosen for the case of Farmers' Implement and Supply Co. vs. S. P. R. Co., Judge Percy R. Kelly excused members of the special venire from further attendance at court, while members of the regular panel were told that they would be at liberty until 10 o'clock on the morning of Monday, January 2.

STUDY U. S. LITERATURE IN PERUVIAN COLLEGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—A chair in the literature of the United States has been established in the University of San Marcos, at Lima, Peru, the state department has been informed. This is the first instance of a South American university including the study of literature of this country in its curriculum. The University of San Marcos was the first university established in the New World.

The installation of the new chair is the result of a few lectures on the subject delivered last year by Prof. Felipe Barreda Laos, which proved so popular that he has been designated to take charge of the new course.

SUING RAILROAD FOR HORSE LOST

JURY DRAWN IN ISSUE OF FARMERS' IMPLEMENT AND SUPPLY CO. VS. SOUTHERN PACIFIC CORPORATION

In the circuit court today before Judge Percy R. Kelly the drawing of a jury was begun for the purpose of trying the case of the Farmers' Implement and Supply company against the Southern Pacific Railroad company. The plaintiff is asking \$485 damages for loss of a horse killed and a dray damaged when on April last the company's freight maneuvers at the Klamath Falls depot led to some rolling stock bumping into the two horse vehicle.

The jury was picked out of the following: Regular panel—H. R. Dunlap, H. S. Parrish, Alexander McDonald, G. H. Carleton, Clarence H. Underwood, R. W. Towers, John Forbes, Floyd Brandenburg, D. B. Nichols, F. P. Van Meter, Jacob Reuck, Thomas E. Stanley, R. J. Sheets.

Special venire—R. C. Spink (R. Newham, J. W. Redfield, John Hamilton, J. L. Cunningham, James Pelton, James Lindsay, O. E. Willey, F. D. Cortado, B. F. Looley.

Those excused were the following: By Judge Kelly for cause—Messrs. Dunlap, Parrish, Underwood, Stanley, Cortado; by defendant's counsel—Messrs. McDonald, Forbes, Reuck; by plaintiff's counsel—Messrs. Spink and Redfield.

COOKS WASTE MILLIONS, MAKING LIFE COST HIGH

Boston Exponent of Scientific Cooking Tells How Young Wives, Careless Cooks and Thoughtless Nurses "Murder Good Food"

United Press Service
BOSTON, Dec. 18.—More than \$20,000,000 is thrown away every year by cooks, chefs, housekeepers and hospital nurses, according to Miss Fannie Merritt Farmer, world-famous as an exponent of scientific cooking.

KLAMATH PROJECT PROGRESSES WELL

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RECLAMATION HEAD GIVES DETAILS OF OPERATION UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND TELLS OF STEADY WORK

Director Frederick H. Newell of the reclamation service, has made his annual report, in which he states that settlement on the Klamath project has been going ahead steadily. Many of the larger farms and ranches have been divided into smaller holdings, which have been sold to new settlers, and the average size of farms has been reduced from 104 acres to 69 acres. About 150 additional families settled on the Klamath project during the season of 1910, and the city of Klamath Falls, since the beginning of the project, has grown from 500 to 4,000. The estimated value of crops on the Klamath project for 1910 was \$320,000; the value of livestock, \$356,000. The irrigated acreage has increased from 8,900 acres in 1907 to 27,700 acres in 1911, the larger part of which was devoted to pasture, alfalfa, barley, grain, hay and oats in the order named.

During 1910 132 miles of canals (the main, east branch, south branch and Adams canals) were operated, and 354 farms, aggregating 26,384 acres of land, were irrigated. In addition to the above the Keno canal was operated for delivering under contract for furnishing power, and the Clear Lake dam was utilized to regulate the flow of water to Tule Lake. During 1911 practically the same system was in operation. In May last, 275,000 acre feet of water was stored in the Clear Lake reservoir.

Two miles of drainage canals in the vicinity of Klamath Falls were deepened last year, and several miles additional will have been deepened by the close of the calendar year. In order to drain Tule Lake it is necessary to divert the flow of Lost River, its most important feeder, into the Klamath River by an eight-mile canal.

The diversion works on Lost River will consist of a hollow, reinforced concrete dam forty feet high and 280 feet long which will raise the water in Lost River about twenty-four feet, and thus make possible diversion by gravity into Klamath River. This work is being done by contract, and on June 30 last was 20 per cent completed. This canal will head about three miles below Olney.

SEEKS HALF OF REWARD FOR McNAMARAS' CAPTURE

Chief of Los Angeles County Detective Bureau Files Formal Notice With Burns Detectives of His Claim for a "Divvy."

JOLLY CROWD SURPRISE FRED JENSEN IN ANTELOPE VALLEY

A merry crowd of fourteen boys and girls descended on Fred Jensen the other evening, surprising that gentleman by their appearance, and also their refusal to do other than they wished, which was to entertain him and themselves with a pleasant time. The ladies each brought a well-filled basket of things good to eat, while the lads brought music, and with dancing and eating they whiled away the hours until almost 4 o'clock next morning, when they left for their homes, advising Fred and all other bachelors, to partition off their big one-room houses into smaller apartments, and go in for Rococo-veltism.

Fine Pair Of Blacks Make Break For Liberty And Smash Vehicle

Those two fine young black horses driven to the buggy belonging to W. P. Johnson, and which are a familiar figure about the streets of the city, took the bit in their teeth this morning.

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Thirteen Killed In Passenger Train When Fast Silk Special Hits Rear

Jan. Dec. 18.—Thirteen downed in the silk train collision at a score were injured this morning when a fast passenger train from St. Paul crashed into the rear of the Columbian limited.

The rear of the Columbian were telescoped. Four cars left the townpeople are suffering. Corpses were carried out in rows. Several women were packed.

The silk train collided with the Columbian at the two rear sleepers and their berths and several were killed.

PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS AFTER IMPORTANT WORK

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Parliament adjourned Saturday, after enacting the most important legislation in recent years—the veto bill and the industrial insurance bill. The 1912 session begins February 14th.