

Would Form Irrigation District Battle Still Goes On Unabated

WATER USERS WANT NEW MODE OF GOVERNMENT

IRRIGATION DISTRICT MAY BE FORMED SOON

Canvass of Part of Project Shows Large Percent Favorable to Abandoning Present Association for Irrigation District, Under Which It Will be possible for Farmers to Secure Federal Loans.

That there is a strong probability of changing the Klamath Water Users Association into an irrigation district, made possible by the last meeting of the Oregon legislature, was indicated Saturday evening at a meeting of a number of water users and business men held at the Commercial Club.

The fact that by this change, if effected it will be possible for land owners who have property under the ditch to obtain loans thru the new federal loan system, is one of the chief factors causing a favorable attitude toward the movement, although there are no apparent disadvantages to the proposed district. The only feature that might stand in the way of it is the fact that the legal expense of making the change will have to be borne by the water users themselves.

Albert E. Elder, attorney for the Water Users Association, who has been making a canvass of the farmers in several parts of the project, reports that at least 90 per cent of the farmers endorse the proposed change.

The irrigation district is heartily recommended by many of the officials of the department as being superior in several ways to the Water Users Association. By it the government deals with the entire district as a unit, rather than with each individual, and all land owners under the project are brought under direct assessment, whether their lands are improved or not, and it is believed that the change, if effected, will have a tendency to develop the raw lands now under the ditch.

It will require the consent of a large part of the water users to make the change.

FOREST FIRES ARE NOW UNDER CONTROL.

PORTLAND, Aug. 27.—The Oregon forest fire situation improved today, the forest officials said. Many fires are still burning, but nearly all are under control. The ashes are continually falling in Portland.

Roberts and Adams Are Exempted

Charles Roberts of this city and Robert Adams of Merrill, two of the young men recently drafted, after having their applications for exemptions rejected by the local board, appealed the case to the district board at Eugene, and have been notified that they have been exempted. Robert's application was made upon the grounds of dependents, and Adams was granted exemption on account of his industrial occupation, over which the local board had no authority to decide.

GRADE ON WEST SIDE HILL IS NOW COMPLETE

MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT IS READY FOR USE

County Court Expected to Formally Accept New Grade Immediately. Construction Has Taken Sixty Days With Average of Twenty Men—Is Trifle Over Mile Long and Has Easy Grade.

The new grade on the Keno road on the out skirts of this city is now completed, and it is expected that it will be formally accepted by the county commissioners within the next few days.

This road, which will prove of vast benefit to the travel from the south, was constructed by Arthur Maddox and T. H. Lynch at an approximate cost of \$8,500. An average of twenty men have been employed for the last sixty days on the new improvement, where the maximum grade is now 3 percent. It is a mile and one-tenth in length.

In years past the steep grade up the old road has been a great inconvenience to the farmers and all travel in that direction, and the need to the community of grade now completed was imperative.

Although longer than the old route, the grade is sufficiently easy for the hauling of much larger loads than in the past, and winding, as it does, around the hill, a wonderful view is afforded of the bog Klamath basin.

STEAMERS COLLIDE OFF NORTH COAST

DAMAGE NOT REPORTED, BUT BELIEVED NOT SERIOUS—BOTH ARE PASSENGER BOATS—TUG IS SENT TO RESCUE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—The passenger steamer Jefferson, bound from Seattle to Skagway, and the British steamer Princess May were in a collision today off the Washington coast.

The tug Salvor was sent to the rescue. The extent of the damage is not known, but it is thought not serious.

Won't Quit Navy League for Daniels



Colonel Robert M. Thompson, president of the Navy League, refuses to resign merely because Secretary of the Navy Daniels has asked him to do so. A statement from officers of the league criticizing the secretary of the navy and others in connection with the failure to investigate the explosion at the Mare Island navy yard in California caused the row which terminated in the demand of the secretary of the navy that these officers quit the league.

MANY BIG FISH BEING CAUGHT

TEN, TWELVE AND FOURTEEN POUNDERS ARE BEING PRODUCED TO VERIFY THE TALES OF FISHING IN KLAMATH

Reports from all sources indicate that some of the best fishing for a long time is now available at the different resorts of Klamath County. Royal battles with some of the giant rainbow trout are reported almost every day by local and visiting sportsmen.

Yesterday C. F. Allen brought in three whoppers, the largest of which weighed 14 1/2 pounds. It is hardly possible to believe that these whoppers were taken with ordinary light tackle.

Charley Marple was another who brought in a prize trophy from a week end visit to Williamson River. He shows a blister on his hand as a result of a long struggle with a 10 1/2-pound rainbow. Marple was using a No. 12 Kamloop when he hooked this fellow.

L. W. Smith landed a 12-pound rainbow at Spring Creek, also on a fly. This fellow is said to have been the largest trout taken from Spring Creek this season with a fly.

ENGLAND APPOINTS TRADE COMMITTEE

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The government has appointed a Belgian trade committee to investigate the means of promoting trade and commerce between the British Empire and Belgium.

Explorer Is Back From Far North

Donald McMillan, After Four Years' Voyage In Arctics, Declares That "Crockerland" Was Only A Huge Mirage

SYDNEY, Nova Scotia, Aug. 27.—Donald B. McMillan, the explorer, arrived here yesterday following a four years' absence in the Arctic regions. His outstanding achievement on this voyage was the establishment of the fact that Crockerland, which Lieutenant R. E. Peary had reported discovering in the Arctic, did not exist. Peary was deceived by a mirage, McMillan declares. McMillan intends to return on another expedition in the near future.

Harvest On Vast Scale In California

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 27.—A squadron of seven combined harvesters of the most modern type were assembled recently to handle the grain in a 22,000 acre field of a district a few miles north of Sacramento. The field is on land reclaimed from the Sacramento River overflow, by levees, and irrigated. The headers attached to the harvesters cut a total swath of 238 feet as they moved along, and the combined machines harvested, threshed and transported to the warehouses between 250 and 300 tons of wheat daily. The crop of the 22,000 acres is valued at nearly \$1,000,000, and the threshing outfit is said to have been the largest ever assembled.

Boy Mistaken For Deer Is Slain

YREKA, Aug. 27.—Fred L. Quigley, 22 year old son of Thomas Quigley, prominent cattle raiser near Walker, was mistaken for a deer and shot by his cousin, Reynold W. Quigley, principal of the Hornbrook grammar school. The shot, fired at a distance of forty feet, entered the back of the left shoulder, severing a large auxiliary artery, and causing the victim to bleed to death. Both were looking for two bucks in the same vicinity. Fred Quigley stopped in the thick brush to pick berries. His cousin, not knowing this, and thinking that he had gone home, saw the yellow clothing in the brush. He whistled several times, and receiving no answer, he thought it was a deer, and fired. His victim ran down the hill to the road and bled to death before aid could reach him. An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered of accidental death at the hands of Reynold Quigley.

Huge Amount Being Spent On Oregon Roads

SALEM, Aug. 27.—There is now under way in Oregon \$1,000,000 worth of highway and bridge construction, according to a statement just issued from the office of Highway Engineer Nunn. When contracts are signed soon for force account work this will be increased to \$2,000,000, the engineer says. This new work will be considered at the next meeting of the state highway commission.

HAVE SUCCESSFUL TRIP

J. I. Johnstone, C. B. Browne and W. M. Masten are back from a ten day fishing trip at Spring Creek and Williamson River. They report the best kind of a time, and declare that they caught enough fish to supply their camp during their entire stay, beside having many to give to their friends.

Cartoonist Now a Congressman



John M. Baer has just been elected to the house of representatives from North Dakota, backed by the Farmers' League of that state to fill a vacancy. Mr. Baer made his name among the farmers by the work he did as cartoonist. He wants peace with Germany. "Why are the millions of American manhood to be sacrificed on the bloody battlefield of war?" he asked.

SLAVS DISPLEASED WITH KERENSKY

SPEECH AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE IS NOT SATISFACTORY. FACTIONS EXPECTED TO TALK FREELY TODAY

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Premier Kerensky's speech to the national conference failed to satisfy any group of Russians, according to the Exchange telegraph correspondent at Moscow. He says, "Monday is expected to be the Day of Atonement, and the various groups are expected to speak out freely. Moscow has resumed a normal aspect."

Kerensky reviewed the troops today, and assured them he was convinced that they would expel the invaders by their valor.

RUSSIA ASSURED OF U. S. AID

President Wilson today sent members of the National Council at Moscow assurances that the United States will extend every material and moral assistance to the government of Russia.

FURIOUS FIGHTING IS STILL RAGING ON WEST FRONT

VIOLENT ATTACKS NEAR VERDUN ARE REPULSED

Eleven Hundred German Prisoners Have Been Captured—British Loss One Air Machine in Bombing Raid Over Belgium—Germans Retake Village of Beaumont—Italians Following Up Brilliant Work.

By Associated Press

The big offensive drive in the west by the allies still continues successful, gains being reported at many points. Strong German attacks on the Alsace and Verdun fronts were repulsed last night, Paris announces. All French positions have been maintained and 1,100 prisoners were taken.

The British aviators made a bombing expedition over Belgium Saturday night, dropping thousands of bombs. One airplane failed to return.

A successful trench raid near Oosttaverne resulted in the capture of German prisoners here early today. The report that the Austrian troops fighting north of Gorizia have been forced back is denied at the Austrian headquarters.

Advices from Berlin declare that the Germans which were forced out of the village of Beaumont on the Verdun front yesterday subsequently recaptured it. The fighting continues furiously.

ROME, Aug. 27.—A desperate battle is in progress on the Bainsani plateau, the Corisa front war office announces. It is stated that the resistance of the Austrians has been overcome at various points.

VISITS OLD FRIENDS

W. A. Ladd from Eureka, Kans., is in the city, visiting with "Uncle Joe" Evans, Percy and Sid Evans, Will Mason and other old friends, while on a tour of the Coast.

POPE ANSWERED THIS WEEK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—The American answer to the pope's proposal may be made this week, Secretary Lansing said today. The character of the answer was not indicated.

Portland Delegation Visits Klamath Falls

Twenty-five members of the Motor Vehicle Dealers Association of Portland who have spent the last week in a trip down the Pacific highway to Medford, and yesterday visited Crater Lake, came on to Klamath Falls today, and arrived at the White Pelican in time for luncheon. Members of this party have taken

in the scenic points of the route all the way from Portland in a body, but from this point will divide, some going back via Ashland and some via Bend. The party was met by a representation of the motor dealers and business men of this city on their arrival at the hotel.