

PROPOSED DAM DEFENDED BY ITS BUILDERS

Company Outlines Big Benefits to County

BIG AREA RECLAIMED

Representative of California-Oregon Power Company Comes With Refutation of Recent Article in Evening Herald—Intimates Statements Lack Correctness.

Editor Herald—The glaring misrepresentations in the article appearing in The Evening Herald of January 9th would be humorous, were it not for the danger that many people who may not know any better might believe them.

It is the usual policy of public utilities to ignore misstatements having reference to them, presumably because it is a well known fact that it is the popular thing for persons who haven't any other thing to "calamity howl" about, to invent something about the corporations, but it would appear that there are times when patience ceases to be a virtue. We do not propose to enter into any argument in this matter, but feel that for the benefit of any who may wish to know, a few crooks should be straightened in the article in question.

Any undertaking by a public utility within its territory must necessarily be with the primary object of advancing the welfare of that community. This should be self-evident, and is positively beyond dispute, for the simple reason that the utility must derive all its support from its territory, and any other policy would be self-destruction.

The proposed Link River dam is no exception to this rule and the expected benefits to Klamath County from this enterprise are far beyond the estimates of any except those who have taken the trouble to go into the matter thoughtfully.

The reclamation of the approximately 90,000 acres of land, with some twenty-five miles of diking, in the upper marshes, which is a part of this undertaking, alone means practically doubling the present agricultural products of the county. Only the most imaginative mind can readily grasp the meaning of this great addition to our resources.

The lumbering industry is looking forward eagerly to the improvement of navigation facilities to be gained by the enterprise, by the deepening of the channels of traffic.

This arrangement with the Government has made possible the irrigation of thousands of acres above the canals by pumping at a very low rate for power which has already been taken advantage of in numerous places in the county. Noteworthy among these is the Horseshoe Irrigation Project at Bonanza, where some four thousand acres are already under pumping ditches. If attorneys are waiting some move on the part of the Company, signifying the acceptance of the contract, why didn't they fire their gun when some of these pumps started. The Company accepted the terms of the Contract when they went ahead with the construction of their lines to give these farmers cheap power for their pumps about a year ago.

The contract was published in both Klamath Falls papers a year ago, and I fail to see anything in it that gives the slightest indication that the people of the project are to pay for the improvements. If it is, then the Company has overlooked it for it certainly expects to pay for it.

The loss of any power to the project is an entirely new idea and entirely at variance with facts. The power lines on Link River and Klamath River will all be benefited, of course, by the even flow of water through the year.

The idea of flooding the marsh

lands is silly. Of course, any boy knows the marshes would be flooded if the water was raised to overflow them if they were not diked. It would seem unnecessary to reply to such an insane remark. On the contrary, some 90,000 acres will be reclaimed as heretofore stated.

The attitude toward outside capital displayed in the article referred to is just what has lost Klamath County several important enterprises in the past and is what is keeping them away now and were it not for the unusual natural advantages of this country we would simply die of stagnation.

GEO. J. WALTON,

LEAVES FOR BAY CITY

Miss Adelaide Schubert leaves in the morning for San Francisco, where she will resume her training as a nurse in the Fabiola Hospital. Miss Schubert returned here some time ago, called by the serious illness of her mother. The latter—recovered sufficiently to permit Miss Schubert to return to her studies.

UNDERWOOD TO LEAD TEMPLARS

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF KLAMATH FALLS INSTALL OFFICIALS FOR COMING YEAR, WITH DRUGGIST AT HEAD

Cavalry Commandry installed their officers on January 8th for the ensuing year as follows:

- Clarence Underwood, C. E.
- E. R. Reames, Gen.
- Geo. W. Walton, Capt.-Gen'l.
- L. F. Willis, Rec.
- Chas. Graves, Treas.
- E. E. Magee, Prelate.
- John G. Belmont, Sr. W.
- I. R. Struble, Jr. W.
- Geo. L. Humphrey, Warden.
- G. K. Van Ripper, Standard Bearer.
- Warren C. Hunt, Sword Bearer.
- L. O. Mills, Sentinel.

FIFTH LIBERTY LOAN MAY BE HASTENED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The fifth Liberty Loan drive will be brought to a close before May 1, it has been learned at the treasury department. The exact date for starting the drive had not been determined.

At the rate of daily expenditures now, there is a possibility that the loan campaign may be staged earlier than had been expected. With disbursements at a peak in the nation's history, it was pointed out that a continuance of this situation might hurry along the fifth loan.

The fifth loan must come when the total of treasury certificates sold approaches the amount of the loan, which will probably be \$6,000,000,000.

MIGRATORY BIRD LAW IS STILL IN EFFECT.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—Oregon hunters of migratory birds will do well to tread lightly. Recent dispatches state that the federal migratory bird law prohibiting the shooting of ducks and geese during passage has been declared invalid by the United States supreme court. Such news would obviously ignite the flame in the huntsman's breast and bid him throw off the shackles of the noisy city to wander afflaid.

Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, vetoes the inclination, however. He says that under the existing treaty with Canada consummated last summer the bagging of migratory birds during passage is still barred. As a result a presidential proclamation protects the palatable fowls during passage.

MANY OF TWENTIETH ENGINEERS COMING.

The following companies of the 20th Engineers in France have been designated for early return to the United States, the Fourth, Thirty-Second, Thirty-Fourth, Thirty-Fifth, Thirty-Sixth and Thirty-Seventh.

FALSE REPORTS BEING SPREAD ABOUT THE FLU

Stories About Disease Are Exaggerated

QUARANTINE IS THORO

Youngsters Active in Spreading Reports in Hopes of Having Another Vacation—Some Cases Yet, But Wave of Epidemic Has Passed, in This District.

For some unknown reason there has been circulated during the past few days rumors to the effect that there was a new outbreak of influenza and that the city was in a worse condition than it was at any time since this disease was at its height. A careful investigation has been made of these rumors, and they are found to be greatly exaggerated. One instance will illustrate. It was reported that a certain rooming house was filled with influenza patients. Investigation revealed the fact that there were two people sick and one of whom had influenza, and even in this instance it was doubtful whether she was afflicted with the disease. Not in a single instance was exaggeration missing. It was further learned that some of the youngsters attending school were the most industrious in spreading these rumors, the hope of securing a discontinuance of the school sessions being the object in view. One rumor in this regard that gained headway was that all of the teachers in the high school were to be paid off and the school closed for the rest of the year.

There is no denying the fact that there is some influenza. That is to be expected. There will be cases of this disease for two and possibly three years yet, if the past experience of the medical profession is to be repeated. But it will not reach the high point touched in the first wave. It has been found that the closing of the towns and cities was a mistake, and that the only effective remedy is individual isolation and quarantine, and this is the program that has been adopted by the city and county administration here. Already this policy has been productive of good results, but there are some who persist in inflicting their presence on their friends and neighbors while suffering with the disease, and if this is not stopped, rigorous enforcement of the quarantine laws and heavy fines will be the result. Common decency and consideration for the rights of others demand that those who even suspect themselves of having influenza remain at home, and it is to be hoped that where there is a violation of this rule that those violating it shall be promptly arrested, fined and then quarantined until the very last possibility of infection is passed, making the fine heavy enough to meet the expense of a quarantine official.

One of the first things necessary for a proper survey of the situation is the discontinuance of baseless rumors. Don't tell what you do not know to be an absolute fact, and then don't tell that, for there is nothing to be gained by it. Then if you find some one who is violating the quarantine laws, promptly report them to the health officer, mayor or police force. Your information will be considered strictly confidential. Every citizen should constitute himself or herself as assistant to the health officer so as to compel those who insist on spreading the disease to respect the rights of others.

LOSES BROTHER IN EAST

Mrs. A. F. Graham of this city, yesterday received the sad news of the death of her brother, Calvin Rogers at Ludoville, Mississippi. The cause of his death is not known, but it is believed to have been influenza. He was thirty-six years of age.

SIX COURSES OPEN AT NIGHT SCHOOL

The Night School at Klamath County High is again in full swing, having opened Monday evening, January 6th, and is to continue for sixteen weeks. Have you a business training? Now is your opportunity. Thomas Edison began as a newsboy but he studied telegraphy on the side. He took a position as a telegrapher and studied electricity on the side. So many people say that they must work from eight to ten hours every day and that they haven't the opportunities that others have. That is the same old song that has been sung since the world began. Ten hours from twenty-four leaves fourteen, minus nine for sleep—we still have five left. Now be honest. Don't you think you could snatch out one for study? Think about it. The following subjects are being offered in the Night School.

Beginning Shorthand (GREGG), Advanced Shorthand (GREGG), Bookkeeping I, II, III, Commercial Correspondence, Typewriting and Penmanship.

Enroll next Monday night, January 13th, and get the full benefit of this year's night school free.

ARTESIAN WELL OUTFIT DRILLS

FARMERS OF EASTERN PART OF COUNTY COMBINE TO SINK DEEP WELLS FOR IRRIGATION AND MAY STRIKE OIL.

The Mutual Drilling Company is the name of a new incorporated body composed of farmers who are drilling for artesian water in Swan Lake Valley and Poe Valley and in the Dairy district. The purposes of the organization are mainly experimental to ascertain whether there is artesian water to be found sufficient for irrigation. A number of the farmers in the Dairy district are hoping to have their expectations regarding oil realized by this undertaking.

One fine well has been located on the Tom Patterson ranch near the Edgewood ranch in Swan Lake. This well although only 250 feet deep and not an artesian flow has such a strong flow as to make further progress difficult and can be used, it is believed to pump for irrigation purposes on the nearby lands.

W. D. HINES TO SUCCEED M'ADOO

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RAILROAD DIRECTOR WILL TAKE PLACE OF RESIGNED CHIEF. SALARY UNCERTAIN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Walter D. Hines assistant director General of the railroads has been appointed Director General by President Wilson on the recommendation of Secretary McAdoo.

Hines advocates McAdoo's plan for a five year continuation of government control but if Congress does not enact new railroad legislation at an early date, he favors returning the roads immediately to private management.

The salary paid to Hines is to be determined by President Wilson. McAdoo received nothing for his services.

HUNS AGAIN VIOLATE TERMS OF ARMISTICE.

PARIS, Jan. 11.—At the last meeting of the armistice commission Marshal Foch called attention to the actions of the Germans, who, he said while evacuating Poland and the Baltic provinces, left their arms with the bolsheviks, thus violating the conditions of the armistice. Marshal Foch added Germany would be held accountable for damage done by bolsheviks thus armed.

WATER PROJECT RANCHERS WILL ELECT TUESDAY

Two Candidates in Field for Directorship

MUCH INTEREST FELT

Construction of Big Dam Near Klamath Falls on Upper Lake by Power Company Believed by Both Candidates to Be Violating Rights of Water Users.

R. C. Bradbury of the Olene district, and Robert Cheyne of the Spring Lake district are candidates for a directorship in the Klamath Irrigation District, the election of which takes place next Tuesday, January 14th.

President James Ofield of Merrill and A. L. Marshall of Olene hold over their terms for one and two years respectively. Mr. Cheyne is the present incumbent, and out for re-election.

In his candidacy for office Mr. Bradbury, who has served previously as a director of the Water Users Association, has come out strongly against the proposed construction by the California-Oregon Power company of a dam at the head of Link River, affirming that such construction is in violation of the power rights of the water users by their original contract with the government.

Mr. Cheyne, on being questioned in regard to this point, also indicates that the rights of the people should be protected in this matter, and intimates that the policy of the existing board of directors has held to this attitude during its administration.

Five precincts for the voting Tuesday are listed. Number One will be at the reclamation building, at Eleventh and High streets, Klamath Falls; Number Two will be at Byers store at Olene; Number Three will be at J. L. Davidson's house at Midland; Number Four will be at the city hall at Merrill; Number Five will be at the National hall at Malin.

The polls will be open from 8 to 5 o'clock.

IRRIGATION IS PROVED SUCCESS

REPORT OF LANDS OF KLAMATH PROJECT SHOWS YIELD PER ACRE FOR ALL LANDS WATERED NEARLY \$30

Fifty-five dollars per acre from 11,454 acres of alfalfa, 179 acres of potatoes at \$118 per acre, were among the features of the annual report of the Klamath Irrigation project just completed. Crops were reported from 33,268 acres and gave a total value of \$929,131, with an average return of \$28.92 per acre.

Those who are pessimistic regarding the productivity of the Klamath soil should read this report carefully, keeping in mind the fact that the average yield dis brought down considerably by the fact that many farms are not yet properly prepared for irrigation.

Three thousand, one hundred and ninety-one acres of barley produced 44,413 bushels, and at \$1.15 per bushel brought \$51,075, averaging \$16 per acre; 2,519 acres of hay made a yield of 2,601 tons, valued at \$52,020, an average of \$20.70 per acre; 2,538 acres of oats produced 46,716 bushels, and at 46 cents per bushel brought \$44,847, an average of \$17.70 per acre; 8,130 acres of

pasture was estimated to be worth \$5 per acre, and 179 acres of potatoes produced 19,318 bushels, which was an average of 108 bushels per acre, which at \$1.10 per bushel is worth \$21,260, averaging \$118.70 per acre; 449 acres of rye produced the lowest yield of any grain crops, and was worth \$12.10 per acre; 3,460 acres of wheat was planted, the production being 38,317 bushels, which averaged 11.1 bushels, which is a very low yield for this section. The total yield of wheat was 74,718 bushels, estimated to be worth \$74,718, which makes an average of \$21.60 per acre. Seven and a half acres of sugar beets were reported, which were grown for stock, and little attention paid to their culture. The yield reported was from one to twenty tons per acre, which as \$6 per ton had an average value of \$44 per acre.

It should be remembered that 1,141 acres was not farmed, and of the whole amount \$,130 acres was in pasture, which in this estimate was valued at \$5 per acre. Including these amounts, the value of the product of the entire tract was \$28.92 per acre.

CITY TO FIGHT PHONE INCREASE

MAYOR SAYS THAT KLAMATH FALLS WILL BE REPRESENTED BEFORE COMMISSION IN BEHALF OF ITS FRANCHISE.

Prompt action is to be taken to have this district represented before the State Railroad Commission at the hearing of the increase in telephone rates, was the statement made to The Herald today by Mayor Struble.

"I believe I voice the sentiment of every councilman and the people of this city when I say that Klamath Falls is going to insist on a recognition of its franchise, and that we will demand that the telephone company lives up to the letter and spirit of that contract. If we made an attempt to lower the rates, there would be a prompt remedy based on that same franchise. We have the same rights when it comes to an increase in rates, and I am in favor of using every power at the command of the city to maintain our rights and prevent this violation of a moral and legal obligation."

The mayor is taking no unpopular position when he stands for the upholding of the franchise. The attitude of the Herald has met with prompt and popular support on every hand, and the people of this city will stand as a unit in resisting this hold-up.

Mayor Struble today asked City Attorney Groesbeck to take such steps as may be necessary to put this city in a position where it can present to the Railroad Commission its contention, and that official will do so at once.

LOCAL LOGGER FAST REGAINING HEALTH

Ed Kerns of this city, who has been undergoing treatment at Salem for a spinal trouble incurred by an accident while logging several years ago, is reported to be improving rapidly and will soon be able to leave. He expects to visit his father at Klamath Falls. The young man's condition was gradually growing worse and he was assisted by his logger friends to get the necessary medical aid.

TWENTY-ONE MILLION SWIFTS' YEAR PROFITS

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Swift & Co., packers, made net profits of \$21,157,277 in 1918, according to President Louis F. Swift's statement to shareholders here. Profits in 1917 were \$24,650,000, he said.

In the near end of the business where the companies are limited to 9 per cent profit Swift said the earnings amounted to about 1 3/4 cents per dollar of sales.

The company paid \$682,000,000 to livestock producers in 1918, Swift said.

LEADER AMONG SPARTACANS IS REPORTED DEAD

Federal Forces in Control of Berlin

SOCIALISTS LOSE OUT

Serious Riots Reported Yesterday in Several Large German Cities. Spartacans Forced From Center Points in Berlin—Loyal Troops Helping Government.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the Spartacan leader is declared in a Copenhagen dispatch, to have been killed in the street fighting Thursday evening.

Other dispatches filed later make no mention of Liebknecht's death. The government forces at Berlin now control the situation as far as the center of the city is concerned. It is unknown whether the Spartacans have been cleared from the outlying districts. Volunteers are now re-inforcing the loyal troops.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11.—There was serious rioting yesterday at Dresden, Hamburg, Augsburg and Dureldorf.

BONANZA AFTER NEW RAILROAD

BIG INTEREST SHOWN AT MEETING YESTERDAY—LARGE SUM PLEDGED—WORK MAY BEGIN IN SPRING

Early extension of the Strahorn railroad from its present objective at Dairy, twenty miles east of this city, to Bonanza, seven miles southeast, was indicated at an enthusiastic meeting of the residents of that section yesterday afternoon, at which between \$10,000 and \$12,000 of the \$16,000 or \$18,000 necessary to assure this construction, was pledged.

So strong was the sentiment of the men backing the proposition that some of the largest subscribers to the fund indicated that they would double their pledged amounts if it was necessary, in order to clinch the matter. Every effort is to be made to get the new work under way this spring.

Twenty-five or thirty men attended the meeting, and arranged for a uniform wage system, whereby those who had spare time could put on men and teams and do part of the work themselves.

A full and complete report of the meeting was authorized sent to The Herald thru the secretary of the meeting, according to phone reports, and this will no doubt be received in time for publication Monday. Residents of the Clover Leaf town are most jubilant over their new railroad prospects, and are to be congratulated on their enterprise.

HOME FROM SAN FRANCISCO

Jas. H. Driscoll has returned from San Francisco where he has been since the first of the year, on matters of business. He declares that business conditions at the Bay City are apparently of the best, altho the influenza situation there is serious.

OREGON CASUALTY LIST TODAY.

Pvt. John H. Rickman, Portland, killed in action.
Pvt. Jacob Smdinga, Terrebonne, died of disease.
Pvt. Truxton H. Beck, Salem, returned to duty, previously reported missing in action.