

WHOLE COUNTY MEETS TO AID GOOD HIGHWAYS

Biggest Gathering of Kind Ever Held Here

CROWD ENTHUSIASTIC

Trunk Highway North and South and One East and West to Be Built—State Funds Limited—The County Will Vote to Bond in June for New Road Program.

History was made yesterday in Klamath Falls when the greatest good road demonstration ever witnessed in this section of the State was staged. While the gathering was not the largest ever held in this city, it is certain that at no time were so many districts represented with one predominant idea in view, that of being able to travel from one part of the county to another in greater comfort and at all seasons of the year.

The outside visitors were deeply impressed at the showing made was evident in nearly every talk that was made last night.

The day was one big good roads day from start to finish. It began in the morning by the conference with the Commission and engineers at the White Pelican Hotel, was featured at noon by the arrival of the Strahorn special; in the afternoon by the reception given Mrs. Booth by the ladies of the city; by the banquet to Judge Geo. T. Baldwin and the Commission and closed with the monster mass meeting at the Elks Temple in the evening.

The evening opened with the banquet tendered Senator Baldwin, Commissioner Booth and other members of the party. This eight course dinner, served in the banquet room by Chef Ward of the Owl Cafe, began before seven o'clock and continued until the big meeting at eight-thirty. The time was given to informal discussion to the road situation and other subjects of general interest. Owing to the meeting later there were no toasts or speeches.

Those present were: Senator Geo. T. Baldwin, Commissioner R. A. Booth, Judge Smith of Lake County, R. M. Foulke and R. H. Chase of Siskiyou county, County Judge R. H. Russell, Commissioners Burrell Short and Asa Fordyce, E. B. Hall, J. A. Gordon, Leslie Rogers, Superintendent West of the Klamath Indian Reservation, R. C. Groesbeck, Percy Evans, C. A. Platt, J. C. Brockenbrough and Fred Fleet.

The big meeting was called to order by E. B. Hall of the Klamath Good Roads Association, who acted as chairman of the evening. He explained to the distinguished guests that every community in Klamath County was represented in the audience and that those people had come by highways that were indescribable, to attend because of their interest in the good roads movement. He first introduced Senator Baldwin who told of his efforts in getting thru the Legislature for raising the limit of bonded county indebtedness at the last session. He explained that he had been obliged to take a six percent limitation rather than one for one per cent which he wanted, in order to get the amendment thru. Commercial roads, he said, were growing to be even more important than railroads.

Senator Baldwin stated that he expected to see every county on the proposed Klamath Falls-The Dalles highway vote the limit of bonds at the special election, which is called in June.

Chairman Hall then called for various expressions from residents of all parts of the county, beginning with Lindsey Sizemore of Port Klamath. Mr. Sizemore declared that he was in the neighborhood of the Wood River Valley and that the people there

were unitedly in favor of the good roads move, and that they had the utmost confidence in the commission regarding where and how the roads should be built. He expressed the appreciation of the residents to Senator Baldwin for what he had done in the legislature.

George Offield of Merrill was next called upon, and he joined his appreciation to the Senator and to that of Sizemore. He boosted for a road through the Merrill section, and declared that the farmers needs should be looked to before highways were built for the tourist.

J. O. Hamaker of Bonanza gave a humorous sketch of the trip made by the Bonanza and Dairy delegates through the mud to the Strahorn terminus, where they met the special train sent out to meet them. He indicated that the Bonanza district would support the increased bond issue at the election by a very heavy majority. He was followed by Arthur Hamaker of Ily, who brought the sentiments of that community for a better highway move. He declared that it took two days to come in to town at this time and that the people there were anxious to change these conditions.

J. G. Wight, representing the Dairy district, expressed gratitude to Senator Baldwin for his work in the legislature, and told of the crying need of the roads in his locality, which were no better than they were ten years ago. He echoed the sentiments of several other speakers in asking that the farmers be given precedence to the tourists.

F. T. Nelson, of Keno in a humorous way said that the people in his district wanted a hard surface road from Klamath Falls to Keno, but that they were not particular in which direction it went after that.

Fred Peterson of the Merrill district said that the people there were most anxious for a road and that they believed that the Merrill district should be served among the first on account of the big population, but that if the powers that be concluded otherwise, they would get in and boost any route that was decided upon.

Francis Bowne, of Bonanza, told of waiting two months for the roads to become fit to get to town to transact business. He declared that the people there would support the bond issue.

President Mortenson, of the Pelican Bay Lumber Company, told of the big advantages to everyone in the county brought about by better highways and declared that his company would get behind any move which would help this great campaign.

E. L. Elliott, speaking for Molin, declared that that district had been one of the first to go over the top in every patriotic call of the war and that that section would show the same spirit when the move for better roads was put to the test. Superintendent West, of the Klamath Indian Reservation, told of the interest of the Indians for better highways and that a large number of them were willing and anxious to have some of their tribal money set aside for this purpose. "The Indians are ready to pay both as citizens and as wards of the government," he said. Mr. West declared that a misunderstanding had apparently arisen between the Indian and his white brother on this question and he pleaded for closer co-operation in this matter in the future.

One of the briefest and most effective talks of the evening was given by Levi Walker, a prominent Indian of the Reservation, who was called upon without notice, for his sentiments on the good road question. Mr. Walker outlined the feeling of many of the Indians and said that as far as he was concerned he would work to have a portion of the tribal money put aside for good roads on the highway which would meet those of his white brother on the outside. His short talk brought tremendous applause from the audience.

County Judge Smith of Lake County was next called upon and he spoke of the desire of the people in his district to get into closer touch with the people here. He said that the trip from Bonanza with which so many had found fault, was the best part of his trip from Lakeview.

R. M. Foulke of Siskiyou County declared that Siskiyou would meet Klamath County at any place on the line which was selected with an equal good highway and that the people

of his county were planning for a big bond issue this year to construct such a road.

W. C. Dalton declared in a brief talk that ninety more homesteads would probably be opened in the Tule Lake district this fall, and that better roads were an absolute necessity to move the big crops which were being produced in greater quantities each year.

W. H. Chase, representing the Northern California Counties Association, stated that \$9,500,000 was to be expended on the roads in the five counties composing the association within a short time, and that these highways would be of a permanent nature. Money put in the mud, he said, was money thrown away.

County Judge R. H. Bunnell was next called upon, and his remarks were awaited with great interest, as it was known that he had been in conference with the commission members for most of the day, and would probably make some definite announcement. He did. Judge Bunnell got down to brass tacks at once, and stated that there were to be two main trunk highways built in Klamath County, one running from a point near Merrill, through Klamath Falls to the northern end of the county, and the other east and west across the county. This road will connect with Lakeview, and give access over the mountain to the Rogue River Valley. He was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his address.

The concluding and principal speaker of the evening was Commissioner R. A. Booth, whose splendid address will long be remembered by his hearers.

Mr. Booth was precise in his appreciation for what had been done for him by his neighbors in Klamath County which, he said, had really embarrassed him so elaborate had been his reception. He declared that his salary as a dollar a year man would soon be due and that he was willing to divide it evenly with the people of this district.

Mr. Booth dwelt with emphasis on the changes brought about over the nation with the development of the automobile and the tremendous strides that were being made in every locality. He called attention to the people of California who had raised seventy five million dollars within the past few years for construction of highways and were finding it to be the best kind of an investment.

The speaker indicated his gratification of the attitude of the Indian Department as expressed by Superintendent West, which he said, was a new tone from that department and he paid a high tribute to Mr. Levi Walker who, he said, had made the strongest talk of the evening in his few but well chosen remarks.

Regarding the money available for this district from the Highway Commission, Mr. Booth went into details as to how the original program for the roads of the State had been mapped out and he explained that the completion of the paving of the Pacific Highway and the Columbia Highway had been made mandatory by the vote of the people when the six million dollar bond issue was passed two years ago. "Seventy-five per cent of the ten million dollar bond issue will go to the completion of sixteen per cent of the roads," he said, "and no paving is allowed to be done by the Commission out of the bond money spent in Eastern Oregon." There are two and a half million dollars to be distributed over four thousand miles of roads tying the Commission down to a very small fraction of the construction its members would like to see started immediately. He said that there were three million dollars still left of the first six million issue and if the Pacific Highway and the Columbia Highway can be finished for ten to ten and a half million dollars, the rest could be used as the Commission saw fit.

Turning to local conditions, with which his intimate knowledge of and identification with Klamath county justified his touching, he urged his hearers to look to the bigger things of life, to forget the petty strifes of community interest, to lay the foundation for what he believed is to be the greatest inland city in Oregon. "Stop building courthouses," said Mr. Booth, which remark brought out extended laughter, "and build something broader, better, of more enduring quality—brotherly co-operation, united action, extended development that will include the opening of your resources, the building of mills and factories, the spreading

PEACE TREATY MAY BE SIGNED IN TWO WEEKS

Clause Which Would Delay Soldiers Return Cut Out

LABOR BOARD AGREED

Herbert Asquith May Be First President of the League of Nations, According to London Press—Hoped That Treaty Will Be Signed in Two Weeks—Three Amendments.

(By the Associated Press)

LONDON, March 19.—The inclusion of the League of Nations covenant in the preliminary peace treaty will not delay the signing of the treaty, which is now hoped will be done within two weeks, Lord Robert Cecil declares today. Three amendments to the covenant have been submitted.

PARIS, March 19.—The military terms of the peace treaty have been amended by eliminating the clause providing for the control of Germany's armament for an indefinite period.

Admiral Benson of the United States pointed out that the original terms committed the United States to virtually an indefinite occupation of Germany, which would delay the return of the troops and amount to the annulling of the sovereignty of Germany.

LONDON, March 19.—There is a strong feeling here in political and diplomatic circles in Paris favoring inviting Herbert Asquith, former British premier, to become the first president of the League of Nations, according to the Daily Mirror.

PARIS, March 19.—The commission on international labor has reached an agreement on all points. The American contention is that each country settle its own labor problems without invoking the assistance of the league.

before the world of the wonders of your county, for no where on God's footstool is to be found that which you have. When I gaze into the wondrous beauty mirrored in your lakes and gaze on the majestic grandeur of your mountains, I stood enthralled. Where in all this broad land will you find scenic attractions to equal what you have, streams so fitted with fish that jump to the fly, wilds teeming with game, echoing to the call of the grouse; the honk of the goose, the crash of the startled deer, the warning growl of the bear; where under God's blue canopy will you find anything so grand, so ennobling, so worthy of higher effort. Oh! my friends and neighbors, forget the past, get together for the present and plan for the future, that Klamath, that I love so much, may quickly claim its own and receive the reward, the admiration, the plaudits of the peoples of the world of which she is so deserving. The earnestness of the speaker carried his audience with him as they sat in almost breathless interest listening to the beautiful word picture he painted. As he finished there was a moment's silence and then the hall was filled with an applause that testified to the dynamic force that carried home the import of his message.

Following Mr. Booth's remarks, a few questions were asked, which he answered to the entire satisfaction of his hearers. Judge Baldwin then closed the meeting with an earnest plea for the adoption of the constitutional amendment providing for the voting of bonds.

Mr. and Mrs. Booth left this morning for their home. They have been urged by Medford to stop there and it is quite likely that he will honor the metropolis of Jackson county with a brief visit.

LIEUTENANT CARTER COMING HOME SOON

Mrs. J. H. Carter yesterday received the good news that her husband, Lieutenant Carter, had received his discharge from the naval service, and would probably be at home again in about one week. Lieutenant Carter has been stationed in Virginia for several months. It is expected that he will resume his dental practice in this city, which he gave up to enter the navy.

ELKS SHOW TO DRAW CROWDS

SOMETHING DECIDEDLY NEW AND PLEASING IN STORE FOR THOSE WHO ATTEND VAUDEVILLE

The seat sales for the Elks Vaudeville entertainment which is to be given at the Houston Opera House Thursday and Friday night of this week are exceeding the expectations of those who are promoting the move and that is saying a good deal as home talent shows put on by this organization have always made a big hit.

The entertainment which is being directed by Mrs. Rose Soule Bratton is composed of seven big acts in which the best talent of the community will be brought out in various ways, Gypsy girls, bathing girls, Honolulu tomboys, flower girls, bubble girls and all manner of other girls are to be shown in costumes and dances never before seen here. The tickets are on sale at the Bonboniers near the Post Office.

CORPS PLANS TO RECEIVE OFFICER

An important business meeting of the Women's Relief Corps will be held Friday afternoon of this week to prepare for the inspection of the Corps by the State President, Mrs. Bertha Drew Gilman who arrives Friday night.

The following committees have been appointed by the president: Mrs. Myrtle Martin, Mrs. Brandenburg, Train Committee, Entertainment Committee, Mesdames, Ramsby, Eberlein, Winters, Winnek, Margaret Fleet, Refreshment committee Mesdames, Ankeny, Otey, Haines, Hamilton and Garrett.

All members and officers are specially urged by the President to be present at this meeting Friday afternoon to prepare for a called meeting Monday afternoon, March 24, at 2 P. M.

CAMPAIGN SOON FOR CLOTHING

DRIVE STARTS NEXT MONDAY FOR OLD CLOTHES FOR WAR SUFFERERS IN WAR ZONE. IMMENSE AMOUNT WANTED

Ten thousand tons of clothing are to be gathered by the workers of the Red Cross in this country for the war sufferers of Europe during the week of March 24th to 29th, which is twice the amount secured during the drive carried on several months ago. The other articles have now all been distributed and the great destitution which still prevails has caused the Red Cross workers to redouble their efforts on another campaign. Every garment given is certain to prevent actual suffering and the quota can easily be raised if the people are willing to part with what they can readily spare and with things that in most instances would be stored away and never used. This collection is being taken for the suffering peoples in all parts of Europe except the Central Powers.

All kinds of warm garments for both sexes are needed in addition to

piece goods, ticking, blankets, sheeting, woolen goods, shoes of every size. Light warm cotton flannel and other kinds of cloth from which to make garments for new born babies is one of the most urgent needs.

Only garments of strong and durable material are wanted as flimsy goods would not stand the hard wear which will be given the clothing. The garments do not need to be in perfect condition however, and there is no necessity of having them mended before turning them in as this can be done after they have been sent to France.

Mrs. S. E. Martin is to have charge of the move in Klamath County and she asks the co-operation of the community in making a good show for this district such as has been made on previous occasions.

FIREMEN'S DANCE HERE THIS EVE

And whatever you do don't forget the Fireman's dance this evening at the Houston Opera House which is to be the grandest time ever and the proceeds of which are going to be used for the needs of the firemen whose constant vigilance makes for the safety of the property of the city. This is a chance to have the best kind of a time and to support the most worthy cause at the same time. Everybody is urged to be on hand.

GOES TO GRANTS PASS

Mrs. J. L. Colvig left this morning with her little girl for Grants Pass, where she will visit for a time. She has not been well and believes that the change will be beneficial.

GOES TO FAR SOUTH

George Watt, a well known cattleman of this city has gone to Southern California and Arizona points, where he expects to remain on matters of business for the next two weeks.

MRS. BOOTH IS HONOR GUEST

PRETTY RECEPTION GIVEN WIFE OF ROAD COMMISSIONER AT ELKS TEMPLE YESTERDAY. PROGRAM GREATLY ENJOYED

The reception given yesterday to Mrs. R. A. Booth by the ladies of the city at the Elks temple was a decided success even if it was arranged on the shortest of notice. It was not known here that Mrs. Booth was to accompany her husband so the time was short.

There were about seventy-five women present however, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves according to the reports. A delightful program consisting of a piano duet by Miss Alice McCourt and Mrs. Chas. Eberlein a recitation by Miss Mildred Burke, a solo by Mrs. A. J. Joyce and a recitation by Mrs. Rose Soule Bratton was greatly enjoyed. Delicious punch was served during the afternoon.

C. O. P. ATTORNEY HERE

P. O. Crawford, an attorney from San Francisco, who is identified with the California Oregon Power Company, came in last evening on the train for a short business visit. He is a guest at the White Pelican Hotel.

VISIT IN SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clendenning left this morning for California points where they expect to visit for the next two weeks. Their first stop will be at Los Molinos where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Snider, who formerly resided at Swan Lake.

\$25 REWARD

The Herald will pay \$25 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone caught stealing copies of the Herald after their delivery to subscribers. This practice of stealing papers, especially along Main street, has reached such proportions that the Herald is going to stop it, and with that end in view is offering this reward.

SIEMENS GETS IN GOOD WORK FOR KLAMATH

Tells Portland People What People There Miss

COUNTY IS BIG ASSET

Banker Who Has Just Returned From Attending Convention Notes Big Change in Attitude of Portland Residents—People Seem Altruistic Former Neglect.

Captain J. W. Siemens returned last night from Portland, where he has been for the past several days on business. He states that there is to be held, during the last two days of the Rose Festival—Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14—a meeting of the executive committee of the State Bankers Association, of which he is a member. At this meeting they have decided to have very few speakers, limiting the number to one from San Francisco, one from New York, one from Portland and three from Oregon, two of the latter representing the livestock and lumbering interests. The speaker for the lumbering interests will be from Klamath County.

"I found a decidedly different sentiment toward Klamath prevailing in Portland than when last there. Everywhere it was a case of 'Klamath', 'Klamath'. They are alive to the fact that we are awake down here, and all are ready to co-operate to the fullest extent in bringing to us the things we need to knit us more closely to them. Portland is with us, as it never was before."

The following from the Journal shows that the Captain took advantage of his presence in Portland to fire another shot for Klamath:

Klamath County looks to Portland to save the rapidly developing industrial resources of that section as a commercial asset to Oregon, according to Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the First State and Savings Bank of Klamath Falls. Capt. Siemens attended a meeting of the executive committee of the State Bankers' association at the Multnomah hotel Saturday afternoon.

Besides being president of the State & Savings Bank, he is chairman of the Klamath Falls-Strahorn project committee and for the past four years has been president of the Klamath Falls Commercial club. "The completion of the proposed railroad line from Klamath Falls to Bend would mean the acquisition of markets worth millions of dollars annually to Portland," declared Mr. Siemens.

"At present the great bulk of the trade of Klamath county goes to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific, our only outlet to the outside world. The value of this trade is increasing with great rapidity and the importance of making it possible to market the lumber, grain, livestock and other products of South Central Oregon through Portland should be brought home to the bankers, wholesalers and manufacturers of this city," said Mr. Siemens.

One of the largest and most valuable pine forests in the world lies in the Klamath Indian reservation on the line of the proposed Strahorn line from Klamath Falls to Bend, and according to Captain Siemens, the establishment of several new mills and box factories awaits the tapping of this area by the railroad.

"If the Southern Pacific company builds in from Klamath Falls, their line will go only far enough to offer service south to San Francisco, he says, whereas if the Strahorn line is completed an outlet will be afforded thru Portland and to Eastern markets via connecting lines of the O-W. R. & N. and Oregon Short line."

Mr. Siemens expressed confidence in the willingness and ability of Portland business men to handle this important enterprise. The people of Klamath county are anxious to co-operate with the business interests of Portland in putting thru either the National cutoff or the line to Bend, he says.

SOLDIER BACK TO KLAMATH

Byron Hardenbrook, who has just been discharged from the military service at Camp Lewis, has returned to this city and will accept a position at the Van Bellen Shoe Store.