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COMMISSIONER BOOTH

Those who had the good fortune to be present at the meeting last evening, when the people from all parts of the county made their plea for good roads to Highway Commissioner Booth, can now understand why he is the head of the commission, why he has been asked to remain a member thereof by Governor Olcott, and why commercial and civic organizations throughout the state have urged him to reconsider his determination to resign, and continue to serve the people of Oregon. They know now, as the people from other sections of the state have learned before that Mr. Booth is big enough for the job, and we all know it is a mighty big job. Not a single person who heard him last night but who left the hall convinced that however Klamath may fare at the hands of the commission, it will be treated fairly and justly. And what more can we ask? Klamath has no desire to steal from other counties funds that may be economically and deservingly used by them, any more than we want to see any of the funds that rightfully belong to Klamath go elsewhere.

Many had expressed the fear that the effort to interest the commission in Klamath would be a useless task, and often have we heard the statement that after Portland and the Willamette Valley got through with the highway funds, it is little Klamath would get. But we had confidence in Mr. Booth, and through him in the rest of the commission, and last night we were fully justified in that confidence. We do not believe that we will ever again hear one word of doubt, one word of recrimination fired at Portland or the Willamette Valley. We do believe that the people of Klamath will feel that they are getting a square deal, getting their fair share of the highway funds, and that we will always have a warm welcome whenever we present our claims. And this is because we believe that Commissioner Booth will stand always for what he stated last night—even-handed justice to all of the counties of the state.

The cordial reception given to him last night was not the impulse of designing individuals. It was the tribute of his friends—friends who believed in him and who felt that if the public knew him as they did, it would have for him the same affectionate regard they have. And this is true. Mr. Booth returns to his home in Eugene today, carrying with him the good will, esteem and confidence of the people of this county as no man has ever received them before. Why? Because they believe, they know, he will do what is right. Klamath County wants Mr. Booth to remain on the commission, and they want him to know that as long as he does remain, he can count on the 100 per cent support of one county in Oregon—Klamath.

LUCKY MERRILL

There is one section of Klamath County that is happy today, and that is Merrill. And well it may be, for it is assured that the terminus of the north and south highway will be at the Modoc County line, just beyond Malin. What more could it ask for? We of Klamath Falls were filled with misgivings when we learned that it would be a difficult task to get it made a state highway, for, as is well known, the commission must turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of various sections of the state for such claims as these, or else every lane in Oregon would be named as a state highway, and the very intent of the law defeated. It was, therefore, no small undertaking to have this exception made in the case of Klamath.

Natural conditions were the chief factors in bringing about the approval of this change by Commissioner Booth. California is building a highway to that point; the road serves 85 per cent of the traffic of the county; it is cheaply constructed, and easily maintained. And, then, Judge Bunnell and Commissioners Short and Fordyce presented such convincing arguments to the commissioner that it turned the scale for the project. His action will have to receive the unanimous approval of the rest of the commission before this road will, in fact, be made a part of the state system, but Klamath is sure that Mr Booth will convince the other members.

Merrill is to be congratulated, and we know they will be happy, for the representatives from that section who attended the meeting last night indicated that when Judge Bunnell made his announcement that this road would be included in the program.

SINNOTT PLACED ON MORE COMMITTEES.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The house Republican committee on committees has assigned Representative Sinnott as a member of the committee on territories, in addition to irrigation and the chairmanship of public lands.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH AT PORTLAND PROBED.

PORTLAND, March 19.—Authorities are trying to solve the mysterious connection of the death of Alfred Mills aged forty, who was found with a bullet hole thru his head in a lonely shack a mile from Linnman Junction on the outskirts of the city. No weapon was found near him and a hundred dollars in money was found in his pockets. He is said to have been in the Asylum at Salem for a time.

PERSONAL MENTION

LITTLE SIDELIGHTS ON LOCAL HAPPENINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY AND VICINITY. GOINGS AND COMINGS OF LOCAL FOLKS

W. Morrison is here for a short time from Chiloquin.

Fred Weston was among the train arrivals last evening from Dunsmuir.

E. Norris is here looking after business interests from Fort Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bubb and J. H. Hobbs are here for a short time from Merrill.

J. C. Boyle and P. W. Churchill are Klamath Falls visitors from Yreka, California today.

D. O. Williams left this morning for Portland to look after business interests for a few days.

Mrs. A. J. Smith who has been here from Oakland for some time left for that point this morning.

William Tingley was among the County seat visitors yesterday from his ranch in the Spring Lake District.

Miss Martha McGee, who has been visiting here for some time from Grants Pass, left this morning for Ashland.

G. R. Pheneger and C. G. Twohy came in on the train last night from Dorris for a short business visit. They returned to that point this morning.

See Charles S. Hood, Klamath Agency for health and accident insurance. 12-tf

W. H. Chrisman a well known resident of the Algoma section is in the county seat looking after business interests.

Mrs. C. J. Ferguson was a passenger this morning on the train for Portland where she expects to visit for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harrison left this morning for Hoquiam Washington, where they expect to remain for an indefinite time.

Mrs. W. L. Beasley, who was formerly Miss Helen Applegate, left this morning for her home at Sacramento after a visit with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thomas, who have been here for some time visiting the formers father James Thomas, left this morning for their home in Oklahoma.

E. E. Edmunds, E. H. Stone, and L. A. Taylor were among the train arrivals last evening from Portland. They are registered at the White Pelican Hotel.

J. M. Bedford is among the city visitors from the outside county districts. He resides at the Klamath Agency. Roy H. Bradley is also in from that point.

Ask Chilcote & Smith about the LOW COST life, accident and health policies of the Travelers. 1-tf

HAROLD BELL WRIGHT CHARACTER IS DEAD.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 19.—"Mutton hollow" missed "old Matt" today.

Representative Truman W. Powell, 67 years old, who died last night after two weeks' illness, was the owner of mutton hollow, and the original "Old Matt" in the "Shepherd of the Hills." His son was Harold Bell Wright's character of young Matt.

Powell furnished much of the legend and characters for the book.

See Charles S. Hood, Klamath Agency, for Indian grazing lands and timber. 12-tf

PROMINENT METHODIST PASSES AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, March 19.—Bishop James W. Bashford, who was prominent for many years in the Methodist Episcopal Church died here yesterday after a long illness.

See Charles S. Hood, Klamath Agency, the real estate agent. He will write your contracts and other legal papers. 12-tf

TOO BAD THIS SOLDIER COULDN'T SHOOT STRAIGHTER.

LONDON, March 19.—The Red soldier who attempted to kill Trotsky at Dno Sunday succeeded only in puncturing his hat with a bullet, according to a Helsingfors dispatch to the Daily Mail. The Bolshevik leader was unharmed. A member of his staff was killed by the red soldier, however, and another wounded.

Life insurance companies have paid $110,000,000 on account of influenze. Heed the warning and get a low cost policy from Chilcote & Smith. 1-tf