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**Letters From  
The People**

**SAYS COMMUNITY IS ASLEEP AT SWITCH.**

Mr. Editor:

Among the many good turns and able efforts done, put forth and fostered by Capt. Siemens, in promoting the progress and development of this section, none have been better placed or more timely in the putting than his article published in the Herald on the 21st inst. A reading of that article enables the most superficial observer of the situation as it is to answer, "right off the bat," "Nowhere"—when meeting a friend on the street who inquires "where do we go from here?" It has brought home to us all a sense of impending stagnation, in the not far distant future, in the development of this section to which we, as a community, have looked forward to with so much of pardonable pride and hopefulness. We have been made to feel that the complacency heretofore encountered everywhere as we discussed the present awakening and flattering prospects of a rapid development of the resources of the county and city, has been superceded by a feeling that something has really happened that we didn't realize could happen; that the development of the forces upon which we counted as the most potent in promoting, extending and stabilizing the future development of our resources had been arrested at the very moment in our progress calculated to work the most harm.

The truth is, we have been asleep at the switch, and that too under an opiate whose effect is just beginning to wear off. Something over a year ago when we were being suffeted with a discussion through the press of the pros' and cons' of the "Dam" controversy, the Offield-Marshall-Bradbury episode and the resulting repudiation by the farmers of the Bradbury proposition, it was not realized where the obstructive tactics being then and since employed, would land us. We appreciate, fully now, that the farmers were in full possession of their faculties when, by the result of the "Straw" vote, they repudiated the Bradbury proposition. Right then was the time that the progressive element of the county and city should have come to the front and supplemented the action of the farmers, giving the Interior department indubitable evidence that we repudiated the opposition and obstructive propoganda that has since resulted in an indefinite postponement of the governmental plans for Upper Klamath Lake conservation and reclamation of its marsh lands.

It is pertinent, right at this point, to inquire, what has the county, the city of Klamath Falls, or the individual citizen gotten out of it all? Absolutely nothing. The net result, up to

date, has been the setting back of the clock of progress, not one year, but indefinitely; the delayed construction of the "Dam" that must, eventually, be, and, but for the initiation and persistent maintenance of that controversy, would be constructed right this minute, and work begun this season on the dyking and reclamation of the marsh lands surrounding the Upper Lake shore.

It takes time, and the good Lord only knows, how much, to undo mischief of that sort. It would scarcely be possible to estimate the loss, present and future, to this section, that has been made possible by the frustration of the government's plans for the ultimate utilization of the complete resources of the Upper Lake in the development of the potential resources of this county and city.

W. E. SEEHORN.

**CUPPER STATES VIEW**  
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Upper Klamath lake would of course carry with it the right to require sufficient water to flow into the lake, each year, to meet the requirement of storage.

To the best of my knowledge, there are no complications which affect Laagell valley or lands in that vicinity. They propose to secure their water largely from Clear lake and the Horsefly reservoir proposed to be constructed on Miller creek. Both Clear lake and Miller creek contribute to the flow of Lost river, which flowing as it does into Tule lake, is not involved in any question affecting the flow of Klamath river.

The California-Oregon Power company has filed an application in this office for permit to appropriate the waters of Klamath river for power development at the Copco plant. This application is prior in time to that of the Lower Klamath drainage district, though neither application has been acted upon by this office.

No application has been filed for the storage of water in Upper Klamath lake for power development. Whether or not the right to appropriate the storage of water in Upper Klamath lake for power development was granted by the state to the United States is, I believe, open to question. The character of the grant from the state to the federal government under chapter 5, session laws of Oregon for 1905, has been discussed at considerable length by the legal representatives of the interior department and it has been held that this was a grant in present, complete in itself, which enables the federal government to use the land so granted for any purpose they see fit. However, it appears to me that the grant of the lake-bed to the federal government was limited to the extent in area that the same might be necessary for the uses of the reclamation service in the reclamation of land.

Taking all matters into consideration, I am inclined to the belief that it will be necessary, before water is used for power development, to secure from the state not only the right to appropriate the same for this purpose, but also to store the same in Upper Klamath lake as a reservoir.

Trusting that this information will be of value to you and that you will advise at any time I can be of service, I remain,

Very respectfully,  
PERCY A. CUPPER,  
State Engineer.

**TURKS WOULD KEEP CAPITAL CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 7.**—(By Mail.)—Meetings have been held throughout Turkey for several weeks to protest against the removal of the sultan and his government from Constantinople, which has been rumored. One hundred thousand



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Turkish men and women attended the meeting held here. The crown prince occupied a seat on the speaker's stand and, for the first time, it is said, in the history of the Turkish empire, the women addressed a political meeting and discussed measures to be taken to save the remnants of Turkey in Europe.

Resolutions were adopted and delegations appointed to deliver them to representatives of the Entente here. In these it was declared that Constantinople, being the seat of the Caliphate, and the Thracian hinterland around Constantinople should remain Turkish; that Smyrna, "the only outlet of western Anatolia," should be saved from foreign hands; that the southern and eastern provinces in which Turkish populations are in the majority should remain Turkish and that the rights of the minorities of the Christian elements in Turkey and Turkish elements in the Balkans should "be settled on an equal basis."

**CITIZENS MAY BUY YREKA RAILROAD**

YREKA, Cal., Feb. 27.—A committee consisting of R. H. DeWitt, Chairman; S. H. Williams, Secretary; C. J. Luttrell and J. E. Turner are representing citizens of Yreka in taking an option to purchase the Yreka Railroad connecting this city with the Southern Pacific at Montague.

It is proposed to raise \$25,000 for the purchase of the road by popular subscription. And it is estimated that it will require \$10,000 more to put the road in running order.

The city owned and operated the railroad until it was bought by San Francisco capitalists who claim they have been losing money by the operation of the short line. At one time the road paid well, but since the automobile has come into general use the revenue of the road has been reduced considerably.

The option will expire March 1st, but the committee is confident the money will be raised and the road will again become the property of the city. If not purchased by the city, the present owners say the road will be junked and Yreka will be deprived of rail communication.

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