

## KENO POWER CO. PURCHASED BY K. D. PRESIDENT

Announcement was made today of the sale by the Keno Power company of its entire plant and business, including equipment, lines, franchises and in fact every bit of property possessed, to W. B. Parker, of the Klamath Development company. The price has not been divulged but it is understood to have been in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

The company owns about 20 miles of transmission lines, covering all parts of the territory contiguous to Klamath Falls on the south and west sides of the city. Its plant on the Klamath river started in 1911 with a capacity of 250 horse-power, which has been increased to a present capacity of 850 horse-power, and possesses possibilities of developing 2,250 horse-power under present conditions.

By tunneling through a mountain shoulder and providing a greater drop for the stream, the possible capacity can be greatly increased. Before closing the deal with Kerns brothers, former owners, Parker and his associates, a few days ago, purchased a 34-acre lot from J. F. Goeller, which gives a clear right of way for the tunnel. The project resulting in the diversion of water through the tunnel is a large and expensive undertaking, involving not only the boring of the tunnel but the building of a new plant or removal of the old one to a site further down the river.

At the present time the company has the right to use 800 second feet of the water of the Klamath river for power development.

Associated with Mr. Parker in the purchase of the power enterprise are two other men whose names are not revealed, one being a San Francisco capitalist and the other a wealthy Spokane man.

It is supposed to begin work at once, it is definitely reported on various branches of the work necessary to put the system in shape for delivering power on its numerous existing contracts in the territory covered by its location.

The new purchasers have announced their intention to continue to operate under the old corporation title and the concern starts as a competitor of the California-Oregon Power company.

Whether it will remain an active competitor is a matter of general conjecture in which any one's guess is as good as another's. It is known that the Fleischhaecker interests of San Francisco hold the hypothecated securities of the Klamath Development company and it is said that they bear the same relation to the California-Oregon Power company. It is, of course, only a reasonable assumption to believe that in order to protect their interests they are acting through the present purchasers of the Keno Power company to

## DEFEAT UNION HEADS; WILL JOIN STRIKERS

CHICAGO, Apr. 7.—Representatives of 8,500 members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, employed in the Chicago switching district, today defied union officials and voted to join the unauthorized switchmen's strike.

Freight traffic through an extensive Chicago district is already restricted seriously and both sides agreed if the force of strikers was augmented such traffic would be brought to a virtual standstill.

## MALIN SHOWS STEADY GAINS

Another proof that Malin is going to be the second biggest city in Klamath county is shown in the decision of Messrs. C. C. Jalo and N. M. Marchand of Klamath Falls, who are going to erect a two-story structure building next to the new bank building for the purpose of conducting a moving picture show down-stairs and an up-to-date dancehall as well as living apartments for private use up-stairs.

The building will be 46 by 130 feet, the main room of the motion picture house will measure 46 by 80 with additional 20 feet for the stage, and the seating capacity will be about 700. This will be one of the largest, if not the largest movie show in Klamath county.

The up-stairs dancehall with a maple floor will measure 46 by 80 feet, with additional 50 feet floor space for a double apartment, and in the rear of the moving picture house will be an up-to-date carpenter and contractor's shop 46 by 30 feet, which will be also conducted by Messrs. Jalo & Marchand. There are quite a number of buildings going up at Malin and the populace there will find it very convenient to get their building desires realized through these first class mechanics.

Another item of great importance will be the supplying of Malin with electric power and lights, and in about six or seven weeks from date the oil lamps will be a thing of the past.

The furniture and fixtures for the new movie house, the name of which will be "The Broadway Theatre" are all ordered and are expected to arrive within the next few days.

F. J. Wilde's new building, where a hotel, restaurant, billiard parlor and barber shop will be conducted, will be another building up-to-date, and work on it will start in a week or so from date, the new bank and the new Kalina store will also open their doors in about two weeks.

## CITIZEN FACES TRIAL ON CHARGE OF BIGAMY

A community social will be held by Mt. Laki residents at the Mt. Laki church Friday evening, at which a varied program of entertainment will be staged.

The big feature of the program will be a mock trial in which the defendant is accused of bigamy. Friends are suppressing the name of the accused, but divulged that they had retained able counsel in the person of T. E. Griffith, whom they rely upon to cleanse the reputation of the victim of the charge from every stain.

purchase a competing concern and eliminate it by merger, or otherwise, from the local field.

The Keno Power company, under the Kerns ownership, was a family corporation in which James and B. E. Kerns were principal stockholders and George Kerns a nominal stockholder. In addition to the power plant Kerns brothers owned some 1,200 acres of land near Keno, which was recently sold to George Watt, so that they have disposed of their entire holdings.

James Kerns recently purchased the Jackson building on Main street, near the White Pelican hotel, as an investment and will devote his attention to that property in the future. B. E. Kerns is going to California for a time and on his return plans to make a local investment.

## BREAK GROUND FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL MAY 1

As a result of the negotiations just closed and the placing of the finishing touches on the plans that have been in course of preparation for months, Klamath Falls is assured of one of the largest Catholic academies in this state. Rev. Father Marshall, pastor of the Sacred Heart church announced today that he has completed arrangements for the purchase of the property at the corner of Eighth and Jefferson streets, thus giving him what is equivalent to one block facing on Eighth street. The property just bought was owned by the Redfield estate, Captain Calkins and J. H. Hamilton. The Redfield property is occupied by a four-room bungalow, the Calkins lot is vacant and there is a five-room residence on the Hamilton lot. These houses are to be moved to Ninth and Jefferson.

Architect Helde is placing the finishing touches on the magnificent three-story academy and high school building that is to be erected on the property. The structure is to be placed at the corner of Eighth and Jefferson streets and will cover practically all of the ground just purchased, leaving that heretofore owned for the erection of such additions as the development of the community and the growth of the institution will demand.

In addition to the necessary reception rooms, living quarters for the sisters, music and art auditoriums and rooms for the teaching of the high school branches, there will be accommodations for 100 boarders. Every convenience demanded by modern methods of sanitation is to be installed and the latest educational equipment will be included in the furnishing of the music, art and classrooms. Only the high school courses will be taught in the academy, the present school building remaining in use until such time as conditions will warrant the extension of the proposed structure to accommodate the lower grades.

That this is only the initial step towards what will lead to one of the greatest institutions of learning in the west for girls and young ladies is the confident belief of Father Marshall. The sisters in charge, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, have such an institution at Nazareth, Kentucky. It is the largest institution of its kind in the south and is equalled by few in the United States and has gained such favor that there is always a long waiting list of applicants for admission. The sisters in charge of the local school have all been trained at Nazareth and bring to Klamath Falls all of the efficiency, technique and methods of educational refinement for which the Kentucky institution is noted and which is so much desired by parents for their daughters.

In discussing his plans today, Father Marshall said:

"When I first thought of this project it was felt that it was too early for such an undertaking, but as I continued to discuss it with citizens throughout the county I began to realize that the time was ripe for it and I decided to undertake the work. Since then I have met with so much encouragement, especially from those not affiliated with the Catholic church, that I had no hesitancy in enlarging on our original plans until today they have developed into something of which Klamath Falls will have reason to be proud. Ground will be broken for the new building on May 1 and we will have it ready for the reception of boarders in September.

"Ultimately I hope to develop this institution into a normal school unless we of this part of Oregon can bring about the location here of a state normal, a project to which I am earnestly committed and for which I shall never cease to labor."

## WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Thursday, showers; moderate southerly winds.

## C. OF C. SELECTS OFFICERS AND ADOPTS BY-LAWS

Constitution and by-laws were adopted and officers elected at a meeting of members of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce last evening and the development organization is now in a fair way to start functioning. The organization will not be complete until a board of 11 directors are chosen. As the constitution provides for their selection from any part of the county, and as it is the intention to spread the choice through all the principal districts, it was felt that time should be taken in selecting the personnel. Accordingly A. B. Epperson, H. N. Moe and M. P. Evans were appointed a committee to nominate directors and report the list at the next regular meeting, April 20.

Officers elected were E. B. Hall, president; H. N. Moe, vice president, and A. M. Collier, secretary. Mr. Moe was the first nominee for the presidency but declined to accept the honor.

A constitution and by-laws submitted by Fred A. Baker, chairman of the organization committee, was adopted after being discussed at length and subjected to a few changes. It provides for the retention of a paid secretary, who will be chosen by the board of directors. It was indicated that in the fortnight that elapses before the directors are named investigation will be made and a list of candidates for the secretaryship secured.

A rising vote of thanks was given the old officers of the organization, Capt. J. W. Siemens, president; Capt. O. C. Applegate, secretary, and R. H. Dunbar, treasurer, for their service in keeping the organization together during the inactive years of the war period. Capt. Applegate responded, reading a resume of the work accomplished by the old organization, showing that a consistent campaign obtains results, even when carried on under handicap of lack of funds, suitable quarters and other drawbacks to which the work has been subjected.

The meeting last night was not largely attended, but was a fairly representative gathering of the city's business interests. The general feeling appeared to be that the organization should start functioning, and that by retaining an experienced, energetic secretary, who will hold a position akin to manager of a private corporation, an educational campaign can be started and actual demonstration of benefits of organized effort given which will continually add force to the movement until the entire county stands united in support of its chamber of commerce.

The third Tuesday of each month is fixed in the by-laws as the date of regular monthly meeting of the chamber, also of the board of directors. An annual meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of June of each year, the date being chosen as the season when road and working conditions would permit a maximum attendance of all parts of the county.

## FINANCES GETAWAY WITH FORGED CHECK

How Fred Ford, indicted forger and jail breaker, ingeniously gave the officers the slip, was revealed yesterday, when a check bearing the signature "Charles A. Smith," was presented to the First National bank by Mrs. Etta Moore, manager of the Star rooming house, and turned down because the bank carried no account of that name.

Investigation now reveals that Ford, after his escape from the local jail last week with Guy Christ, another indicted prisoner, went to the Star rooming house and obtained a room. He told the landlady that he was afflicted with a severe toothache and kept closely to his room.

After the officers had vainly searched for ten days, Ford probably thinking that the coast was clearing and it was time to resume his getaway, tendered Mrs. Moore a check for \$32, which she cashed, taking out her room rent. After which Ford departed for parts unknown and the check, when presented

## POLICE ALLEGE PLOT FOR IRISH REVOLT

LONDON, Apr. 7.—Recent unconfirmed reports of the Sinn Fein plot for an armed uprising in Ireland were founded on fact, according to the Irish police. They state they are in possession of information indicating not only that an uprising was intended but also showing that certain Germans in Berlin had been engaged to furnish war material.

## VOTERS ASKED TO CHOOSE SITE

Notices were posted yesterday calling an election of the voters of school district No. 5 to pass upon the selection of a school site in the Fairview district. This project has been under consideration by the school board for a long time, the purpose in view being the selection of a site that would best serve the greatest number. The board desired to select two sites, so as to give the voters an opportunity to make a choice. It was this wish that has delayed the submission of the question so long. There was no trouble in making the first selection—block 5, Fairview addition. This block is bounded by Worden, Fulton, Sargent and Donald streets.

It was only after considerable skirmishing that a second site was found—block 19, Fairview addition No. 2. This block is bounded by White, Donald, Lookout and Upham.

At the election the voters will be asked to decide whether the district shall purchase a site, as well as to make a selection of one of the two submitted.

The urgent necessity for a new site and the erection of another school is so apparent that there will be no opposition to this move of the school board, as another building must be provided to take care of the children when again school opens in September. Central school is now so overcrowded that both the children and teachers are working at a great disadvantage. At the present rate of increase it would be impossible to accommodate the attendance next term.

## TWO PERISH IN BURNING HOTEL

SEATTLE, Apr. 7.—Two persons are known to be dead, five injured, and a number of others received minor hurts as the result of a fire which early today destroyed the Lincoln hotel, a family hostelry in the downtown district. The property loss is estimated at \$400,000.

The dead are: Fred R. Hamilton, Berkeley, Cal., and his daughter, Grace Hamilton, who jumped from the fifth story of the burning building.

More than 200 guests, scantily clothed, made their way to safety down the smoke filled stairs.

SEATTLE, Apr. 7.—Another body, believed to be that of Miss Blanche Crowe of Seattle, 20, was found in the ruins of the Lincoln hotel today. It was thought Miss Crowe was an employee of a local restaurant.

SEATTLE, Apr. 7.—Chief of Police Warren said he believed it possible that more bodies would be found in the ruins of the Lincoln hotel.

## BUSINESS MEN TO MEET

The Business Men's association will hold an important special meeting this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the White Pelican hotel. Leading lumber men will be present at the meeting and topics of common interest will be discussed.

ed to the bank was refused, Ford, no doubt, having resorted to his old nefarious skill and cleverly forged it.

## DIRECTORS ASK FOR REVISION WATER COSTS

Request for a revised estimate of acreage charges for water use during the 1920 season was submitted by the board of directors to Project Manager Newell yesterday and will be taken up with the department of the interior. The operation and maintenance charge was recently fixed by the department at \$2 for each two acre-foot per acre during the coming year, 50 cents more for the next additional foot per acre, and 75 cents an acre for each acre-foot above three-acre feet.

The former charge was on the basis of \$1.25 for every two-acre foot per acre and the big increase brought forth a storm of protest from water users when notice was published March 20, last. The main line of opposition is that in fixing the estimate the department based the operation and maintenance charges on a schedule of expenses in which were at least \$20,000 charges that were not properly chargeable to operation and maintenance.

A letter dealing by Director R. E. Bradbury, stating in detail the exceptions to the estimate, was read at yesterday's meeting. Mr. Bradbury and President G. W. Offield were the only directors present. Mr. Offield concurred in the decision that the charges were excessive and it was unanimously agreed to ask for a revision downward.

Mr. Bradbury's letter, which was read and accepted, is as follows:

To the Board of Directors of the Klamath Irrigation District, Gentlemen:

From time to time, I have called your attention to the inconsistency of the present system of dual control of the Klamath Irrigation district, as it is now administered.

It was the hope and belief of those who advocated the change from the Waterusers' association, to the district plan, that departmental rulings by the interior department of the United States would be superseded by state statute, as set forth in the irrigation district law, which is definite and comprehensive, inasmuch as this board is elected and empowered under state law. It is my opinion that the business of the district should be carried on in accordance therewith. The fact that the district has contracted with the United States reclamation service for operation is not a justification for a continuance of the exorbitant, arbitrary and unfair operating and maintenance cost, as announced for the season of 1920. The schedule of items that make the sum total of \$87,096 contains items that will approximate \$20,000, which is not properly a charge against the district or maintenance. Before going into the details of the matter I desire to call your attention to extracts from the general laws of Oregon which apply to irrigation districts. The 6 per cent limitation of taxing bodies, the provision in the district law for elections for bonding and contract for building and improvements, the section in the contract between the United States and the district, which provides that no additional construction shall be undertaken by the government except by supplemental contract, and further, referring to section 10 of Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane's letter of May 26, 1919, in answer to questions: Is the Klamath Irrigation district now liable for any defect that may arise in connection with the Klamath project as a whole and, may it become liable therefor in the future?

Answer: The Klamath Irrigation district will not be made liable in any greater amount than that specified in its contract with the United States, unless some supplemental contract is made.

Protests Charges

With the above extracts before you for reference, we may proceed to a consideration of the question of whether the items charged to the district as operation and maintenance, are all properly distributed, I submit

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