

C. OF C. PLANS CONGRESSMEN'S ENTERTAINMENT

At the meeting of the directors of the Klamath county chamber of commerce held at the rooms of the chamber on Fifth street, Tuesday, an organized plan was worked out, as far as practicable at this time, for the handling of the congressional committee which will arrive here by train at 7:30 p. m., July 7, to look over the Klamath project.

On the arrival of the party at the White Pelican hotel an informal reception will occur to enable farmers and others to become acquainted with these visitors upon whom so much depends as to the proper and continued development of this reclamation project.

It is hoped that many of the farmers residing under the various canals can make it convenient to be on hand for this "free for all" and informal reception.

On the morning of the 8th, as soon as can be arranged, say at 8 a. m. sharp, eight or nine of the best cars to be had, and under intelligent control, will be ready to convey the party through the agricultural district, via Merrill and Malin to Tule lake where these solons and those who accompany them can see how the intelligent distribution of water has transformed the erstwhile sandy sage covered plains into some of the finest and most productive alfalfa and grain fields on the coast.

They will also see another marvel which has been wrought in the basin of Tule lake by taking away Lost river, Tule lake's only feeder, so that the lake, once covering 95,000 acres in Oregon and California, has fallen already 20 feet and has uncovered 30,000 acres of land, much of which is now in grain and alfalfa.

Returning via Poe valley, a rich area now blossoming as the rose through irrigation, and Bonanza, the clover leaf city, which through irrigation plans now maturing, is to be the business center of one of the richest areas in southeastern Oregon, the party will be back in Klamath Falls about 12:30, enjoy a repast at the White Pelican with a number of our citizens, and then proceed to Fort Klamath and Crater lake in the afternoon, where it is planned for the party to remain one day to view that great natural wonder and enjoy the facilities to be provided for their convenience by the management there, and the next day, July 10, proceed to Bend in cars to be provided by that community.

Members of Party

Following are the members of the congressional party:

Appropriation committee—James W. Good of Iowa, chairman of the committee; Joseph W. Bryan of Tennessee, J. M. Bryan of Montana, James A. Gallivan of Massachusetts, C. B. Shemp, W. R. Wood of Indiana, Louis V. Cramton of Michigan, Burton M. French, J. J. Hagan, N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, chairman of the public lands committee; N. W. Shrove, Joseph G. (Uncle Joe) Cannon, former speaker of the house of representatives.

Reclamation service committee—A. P. Davis, director and head of the reclamation service; F. G. Wymoth, chief engineer; J. B. Beadle, director of system.

National park service—Stephen T. Mather, director of parks; J. A. Gallivan, Jr., stenographer; A. K. Barta, stenographer.

The party will be met at Weed by H. D. Newell, project manager, the board of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district, and perhaps other local citizens.

Pt. Klamath to Fore

"The progressive people of Fort Klamath, the business center of that great meadow called Wood River valley, do not propose to be outdone by other sections in contributing to the convenience of the congressional committee while they are swinging around the circle in Klamath land," said Capt. C. C. Applegate, secretary of the local chamber of commerce today, "and they will be on hand with their best cars to pick up the

LITTLE PROSPECT OF REACHING VOTE TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Prospects for balloting late today for presidential candidates went glimmering as the delegates to the Democratic national convention met for the fourth day's session. A long and bitter fight over the league of nations declaration, in which the supporters of President Wilson were forced to accept the administration's plank before it could be adopted, so delayed the work of the platform committee that there is little likelihood of balloting beginning before tomorrow.

DEATH CLAIMS OLD RESIDENT

A losing, but bravely fought battle of nearly a year's duration, came to an end early this morning, when August W. Piel, 56 years old, a resident of Klamath Falls for the past 15 years, died at the family residence here. He leaves to mourn him, his widow, Mrs. Ellen Piel; three sons, Forrest A. of Klamath Falls, Charles H. of Wolf Creek, Josephine county, and Glen E. of Klamath Falls, and two brothers, Emil Piel of Ashland and Frank Piel of Medford. The brothers arrived here yesterday and were present during the last hours.

August W. Piel was born in Sweden and came to the United States when a boy of 16. He moved west and settled in Idaho where he farmed for some years. Moving to Klamath county about 15 years ago he established a blacksmith shop and implement business near the Link river bridge, in partnership with the late A. C. Lewis. The business later developed into Farmers Implement & Supply House on Sixth street. Some seven years ago Mr. Piel disposed of his interest in this concern and until his illness forced him to retire last fall he was blacksmith for the U. S. Reclamation Service here for about six years.

During his long residence here he acquired a reputation for integrity, loyalty and good citizenship upon which the slightest reproach never rested. The community will share the grief of relatives in the passing of an exemplary citizen.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from Whitlock's chapel. There will be no services at the chapel. The I. O. O. F. will conduct the services at the cemetery. Three pall bearers will be chosen from the I. O. O. F. lodge and three from the Woodmen of the World, to both of which fraternalities the decedent belonged. Burial will be in the local cemetery. From 9 to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the body will lie in state at Whitlock's chapel and friends may call.

HYDRANT BURST BY AUTO DRIVER

The Oregon-California power company asks that automobile drivers notify them in the future when it is their intention to run over fire hydrants. The pipe at the corner of the W. O. Smith place on Conger avenue was run into by some unknown person yesterday and the Smith lawn was irrigated with city water free of charge; and the pet gold fish had a narrow escape from being washed into the river.

People in the west part of town were without water for several hours yesterday afternoon, and as a result the Japanese laundry made wild mutterings about their clothes which were in the steam, and in danger of being ruined.

party at Fort Klamath on July 8, when the men of Klamath Falls land there with them. They will convey them to Crater lake themselves. At Crater lake the Bend party will be on hand to move them on to the metropolis of central Oregon, after they have spent a day at the crater.

Captain Applegate received the information of the plans of the Fort Klamath people in a telephone message from that place this morning.

COALITIONS ON ALL SIDES TO BEAT M'ADOO

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—Irreconcilable opponents of McAdoo claimed a block of at least 400 bitter enemies who would stand to the left and prevent his nomination. McAdoo leaders claimed to have within 50 votes of the necessary two-thirds and declared they were sure of accessions, attracted by their showing of strength.

During the debate in the resolutions committee, Senator Glass and Bryan clashed over Bryan's published criticism of the sub-committee as a "secret body." When Senator Glass objected to it Bryan replied he would use it again, or any other word he should choose.

Voting for presidential candidate will not begin until the platform has been adopted. The convention proceedings today called for the final nomination speech. The one set speech on the program was that of Governor Cornwell of West Virginia placing in nomination John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain.

Cox, McAdoo, Palmer, Gerard, Hitchcock, Cummings, Edwards, Smith, Meredith and Owen had been formally placed before the convention before last evening's adjournment.

McAdoo Is Leading

Frankly admitting that McAdoo seems to have the inside track in the race for the nomination, the inner circle of old line Democratic leaders worked through the night devising means to stop his nomination.

Champ Clark was being discussed as a possibility. The answer of the McAdoo people to that move was that unless an inner circle combination forestalled them there would be disclosed another coalition which would produce a Wilson backed dark horse.

The name of Homer H. Cummings cropped out when ever an administration dark horse were being discussed. The name of Vice President Marshall was generally linked with that of Champ Clark when a combination of candidates to break the McAdoo wave was being discussed. Former Representative Carlin, Palmer's chief of staff, refused to admit that the attorney general could not be nominated.

Cox-Palmer Combination

E. H. Moore, of Youngstown, Ohio, the Cox field marshal, said "this may be a grasshopper convention but I haven't been informed as yet that any of the Cox delegates are going to jump."

Nevertheless the report persisted that there was some kind of an understanding between the Cox and Palmer men and that the manager of these candidates favored the nomination of any one rather than McAdoo. Claims of strength for the leaders ranked about this way when the Cox convention got ready for business today.

INSURANCE MEN FORM ASSOCIATION

Local fire insurance agents met Tuesday evening, and planned a temporary organization to be known as the Klamath Insurance association. A. R. Wilson was made temporary president and Perry O. De Lap temporary secretary. A meeting was arranged for July 12, for the purpose of forming a permanent organization.

Those present at this first meeting were: Daggett & Clements, Paul Bogardus, Arthur Wilson, R. E. Smith, Dunbar & Dunbar, De Lap & Hayden. The following additional agents have signified their desire to belong: Jas. Driscoll, Klamath County Abstract company, Fred Buesing, W. S. Slough, Joel T. Ward.

ALFORD FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Mrs. R. A. Alford, who died early yesterday morning, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian church. The Rev. E. P. Lawrence will officiate.

John Spargo says he will not return to the Socialist party.

FARMERS BLOCK STATE HIGHWAY CROSSING LAND

Resort to legal action on the part of members to both sides of the dispute, and alleged resort to direct action on the part of some ranchers, has created a situation in the valley south of here, where Oskar Huber's highway building crew is grading the Klamath Falls-Malin section of the Dalles-California highway, that is developing considerable friction and seriously hampering the contractor.

One injunction suit, filed by Mrs. Sophia S. Henley against Klamath county, its county court, the state highway commission and commissioners, Oskar Huber, contractor, and others, is pending in the circuit court. Plaintiff alleges unauthorized trespass upon her property, which she seeks to restrain.

On the other hand District Attorney Duncan is preparing an injunction petition on behalf of the county, seeking to restrain Robert Cheyne, another rancher, from turning water from his irrigation ditches into the road, miring it so that the grading crews cannot work. This petition will probably be filed today.

A ruling on the petition of Mrs. Henley is expected today.

Petitioner asks, beside the restraining order, \$1,000 damages, which she claims has already been done to her property. Condemnation proceedings were brought against her by Klamath county, June 15, 1920, she alleges, but denies the county's authority to condemn the land. One main point of reliance is an alleged act providing that the state may start condemnation proceedings and immediately thereafter enter upon the land involved. In this instance, however, it is alleged, the state is not suing and the county is unauthorized to sue. It is further alleged that the county suit attempts to condemn the right of way but makes no mention of ditches, fences and crops, which are damaged, for which the \$1,000 reparation is asked. Petitioner declares that she has made a cash tender of \$1,000 to defendants if they would not place the road upon her land.

C. A. Leighton, Mr. Huber's superintendent, stated last evening that the action of the ranchers was seriously hampering the contractor and causing him to lose money daily. Practically all grading is completed except that in the trouble zone, which is about two miles in length. The controversy has been growing for two weeks and constantly becoming warmer. Besides turning water on the route of the highway through their property Mr. Leighton alleges that water was let loose a few nights ago on the camp of J. W. Moorman, sub-contractor, and the crew was forced to get out in the night and dike their tents to keep their beds and belongings from being soaked.

Rumors that ranchers have stopped the graders with shotguns were denied by Mr. Leighton. He said that about 10 days ago George Ebehalt, one of the opposing farmers, refused an engineering party access to his land and drove them off, but no violence took place, except in rather heated language.

The following ranchers are defendants in condemnation suits filed by the county: Robert B. Cheyne, C. Bowman, Con Curtin, Sophia Henley, George Ebehalt and Hazel Bustamante.

At this particular season the ranchers assert the damage following the road building is increased many times over work at other periods of the year on account of irrigation. The graders tear up the ditches, it is asserted, depriving the land of water at a critical period and ruining crops. The water is there now for use, perhaps by the time the ditches are repaired again the stream will not be available and the year's crop is lost. They declare that if the county and highway commission put the road through they are bound to pay for damages to crops, ditches, etc., and unless an amicable settlement is arrived at a wide possibility of future damage actions is opened up.

"The contractor is the innocent bystander in the squabble," said Mr. Leighton in discussing the matter, "and as usual is getting the worst of it. The ranchers, I believe, have no grudge against the contractor. Their battle is with the county court, but we are subjected to personal attack and the delay is costing us a lot of money."

RYAN WOULD SQUEEZE OUT ALL ALCOHOL

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—William J. Bryan's prohibition plank, around which today's fight in the platform committee is centering, reads as follows: "We heartily congratulate the Democratic party on its splendid leadership, in the submission of the ratification of the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution, and will pledge strictly to enforce the Volstead law, honestly and in good faith, without any increase in the alcoholic content of permitted beverages and without any weakening of any other of its provisions."

POLICE RAID CRAP GAME

Soft sounds of clicking ivory and clinking coin, accompanied by murmured ejaculations, such as "Come you seven," "Shoot's the whole piece," "Fads me, boy," "Oh, you 'leven," apprised Chief of Police Wilson and Price Recob, federal officer, the nefarious work was afoot in the alley back of the Gun store last evening. Quietly they swooped down on the little party and as a result of the raid Levi Knight, McKinley Cohen and C. Schonschin appeared before Police Judge Levitt this morning and paid fines of \$10 each, for that form of gambling generally known as "shooting craps," in which legal tender of the United States of America was used as stakes.

The arrest establishes a precedent, as it has been many a day since a gambling charge was previously entered on the police court docket.

I. O. O. F. HALL ASS'N QUILTS

Difficulties of the I. O. O. F. Hall association have apparently been adjusted, the circuit court yesterday signing an order appointing A. M. Collier trustee to safeguard the interests of the bond-holders and dismissing the suit of E. M. Chilcote against the I. O. O. F. lodge, the hall association and individuals, which has been pending for several months. Plaintiff asked appointment of a receiver to take charge of income from the organization's property. This under the adjustment that has been made is found unnecessary.

From statements of members it is understood that the I. O. O. F. Hall association will be dissolved at once and custodianship of the hall and its revenues revert to the I. O. O. F. lodge.

The financial troubles have existed ever since the building of the hall, which was financed by a \$50,000 bond issue. The issue was insufficient, and additional loan of \$8,000 had to be floated and in consequence the building started with a deficit. Then came arrears in taxes and the building, while a good revenue producer, has carried a \$10,000 deficit for years. Prospects that eventually a point might be reached where the bond holders would intervene and foreclose on the property caused the Odd Fellows to take steps to bring the property to a solvent condition.

Inasmuch as the building is probably marketable at any time for \$75,000, the difficulty was not great. It is understood that members of the lodge have pledged the amount of the deficit, \$10,000 to \$12,000 among themselves and that Mr. Collier, as trustee, has approved the plans of financial readjustment from the bondholders' standpoint.

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BOURBONS PUT D. K. ON WILSON LEAGUE PLANK

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1.—The Democratic platform as drafted by the sub-committee of nine and submitted to the full committee declared for the ratification of the peace treaty, as being required to preserve the honor and integrity of the nation; suggests that the Irish question can be brought legitimately before the league of nations for settlement, and is silent on "prohibition." It advocates collective bargaining for farmers, opposes compulsory arbitration in labor disputes, declares for the recognition of the new Mexican government when order is restored, calls on the governors of Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina to ratify the suffrage amendment.

In many respects the platform follows that adopted by the Virginia Democrats and publicly approved by President Wilson.

The league of nations plank in particular will be taken virtually as a whole from the Virginia platform, although in other respects there have been modifications and many new sections have been added. The preamble sends greetings to President Wilson, commending his achievements in the interest of the country and of the whole world, and condemns the Republican congress in general terms.

Following is a synopsis of the platform:

League of Nations—Repeats the Virginia plank with little variation, condemning the action of the senate Republicans in adopting reservations and subsequent peace resolutions and advocating ratification of the peace treaty and such membership in the league as would in no wise impair national integrity.

Conduct of the war—Praises the administration's conduct of the war and commends the patriotism of American sons to aid their government. It praises the military and naval forces, with mention of General Pershing by name.

Finance—Again incorporates the language of the Virginia Democrats in extolling the federal reserve system and financing of the war, condemning Republican extravagance.

Taxation—Criticizes the Republican congress for failing to revise the war time tax schedules and demands a sur tax by the coming congress. It denies the Republican claims of economy, declaring that no money was saved except at the expense of efficiency of government.

High cost of living—Blames diminished production for high prices and declares the Republicans responsible in that they delayed peace, by failing to provide the president with necessary legislation.

War investigation—Condemns the Republicans for their use of appropriations in investigating the conduct of the war.

Profiteering—Fledges the party to the enactment and enforcement of such legislation as may be required to bring profiteering before the bars of criminal justice.

Tariff—Refers to democracy tariff doctrines and declares for research on the subject by a non-partisan commission.

Budget—Defends President Wilson's veto of the budget bill, but advocates the budget system partially under the direction of the secretary of the treasury with consolidated auditing.

Postal service—Commends the Democratic administration of the postal service and makes a blanket declaration for higher salaries for postal employees; advocates greater use of motor vehicles in transportation of mail and the extension of the parcel post.

Free speech—Declares for free speech and free assembly speech except insofar as it may attack the life of the nation.

Agriculture—Praises the Democratic record in establishing farm loan banks and other farm legislation; endorses collective bargaining and researches into production control.

Labor—Follows the Virginia

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