

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS U. S. MUST CONSTRUCT DAM

Arguments for the building of the California-Oregon Power company, Link River dam work on which was suspended several weeks ago by the California Oregon Power company, are contained in the letter reproduced below from Senator George Chamberlain to John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior. The date shows that the letter was written two weeks ago. Within the last few days the secretary has announced that the matter has been reopened and a hearing set for December 2 in Washington, D. C. It is quite probable that the arguments contained in this letter influenced the secretary's decision to consider the controversy further. It follows:

Portland, Ore., Oct. 4, 1920.
Honorable John Barton Payne,
Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.
My Dear Sir:

Upon my return from a trip through the central and eastern portions of the state, I found your favor of the 8th ult. on the subject of Klamath reclamation contract. In that letter, you advised me that you were in the receipt of a long letter from the California-Oregon Power company, the burden of which was that the company had expended some \$75,000 and insisted that the contract between it and the government is in the public interest and cannot be disturbed. You asked me for my views on the subject.

In reply, permit me to say I do not believe I can more succinctly or more clearly express my views to you than was done in a recent telegram sent to you signed by Congressman N. J. Minnott and myself, covering the whole of this subject. I can, therefore, only repeat the substance of what we then submitted to you.

You are familiar with the situation, and will agree with me that Klamath Lake is the greatest natural reservoir in the world, completely surrounded by highlands and mountains and perpetually supplied with water by mountain streams and surplus snow waters. The waters in the lake do not vary very much, and the lake is situated above many thousands of acres of land either under irrigation now from waters taken therefrom or susceptible of irrigation later by the construction of other ditches and laterals.

For many years prior to the time when the government entered upon the Klamath irrigation project, waters were taken from the lake through privately owned ditches, and were utilized for the irrigation of privately owned lands. In 1905, while I was governor of the state, the then secretary of the interior, through the director of the reclamation service, entered into negotiations with the state of Oregon and with the state of California with reference to said waters and rights belonging to the two states which were necessary. It was thought, to enable the government to proceed with the Klamath irrigation project. The legislature of the state of Oregon, pur-

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INGERSOLL ENTERS NOT GUILTY PLEA

Gilbert Ingersoll, entered a plea of not guilty, in the circuit court this afternoon, to the charge of murdering Henry Stoeheler at Dairy last July. Judge Kuykendall announced that he would fix the date of trial tomorrow and Ingersoll was returned to jail.

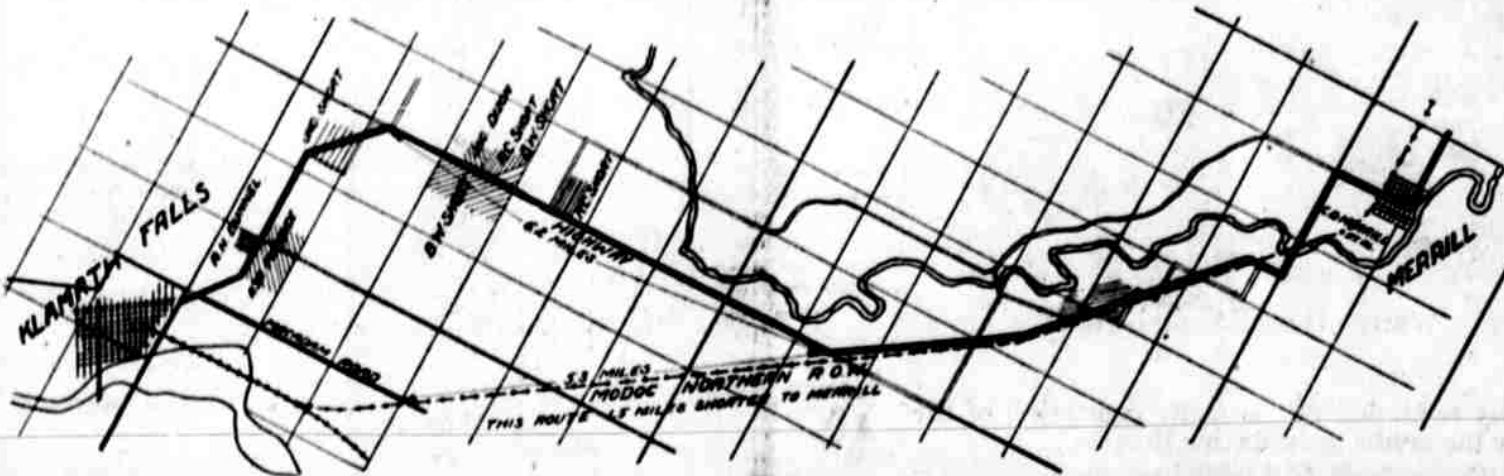
REGULAR C. OF C. MEETING SET FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

The regular monthly meeting of members of the Klamath county chamber of commerce will be held tomorrow night at the city hall. The last monthly meeting filled two-thirds of the seating capacity and this meeting is expected to produce a full house.

DIVORCE SUITS FILED

Divorce suits have been filed in the circuit court by Ople M. Blachly against Claude J. Blachly and by Mabel F. Weedon against Cecil F. Weedon.

MAP SHOWS BIASED COURSE OF COUNTY COURT IN ROUTING ROAD



DETOUR LENGTHENS HIGHWAY BUT SERVES RANCHES OF FAVORITES

Indignation, expressing itself in injunction suits, the last of which resulted in a tie-up of all county road bond moneys, and in angry recrimination of various sorts, has been rampant in the valley south of here all summer in connection with the building of the Klamath Falls-Merrill section of The Dalles to California highway.

Study of the map printed above and perusal of the letter from John Matney, rancher, printed below, reveal the inward reasons for all the bitterness and acrimony. It is the American sense of justice appealing from high-handed methods, and favoritism to a few citizens temporarily in power, but at the expense of protesting but powerless neighbors.

Following is Mr. Matney's letter, giving clear expression of his sentiments on the subject:

CHARGES ROUNDABOUT ROUTE FOLLOWED TO FAVOR COUNTY COURT AND ITS FRIENDS

Klamath Falls, Ore.,
Oct. 18, 1920
The Editor of the Evening Herald,
Dear Sir:

Being a farmer who lives in the vicinity of the highway now being built by the county court and the state from Klamath Falls to Merrill and then to the Oregon line I feel that I should have a voice in the matter. And first of all let me say right here that I believe that the highway should extend from Merrill to Klamath Falls following the Modoc Northern railroad survey.

The county court and the highway commission, when they located this road, did follow the Modoc Northern survey from the town of Merrill until that survey intercepted the old Klamath county road just north of Bob Cheyne's place. Why it should have been necessary to follow the Modoc survey from Merrill to that road and then depart from the Modoc survey is rather difficult to figure out. I say this because it is just one and one-half miles farther going up by Lum Short's Burrell Short's, John Dixon's, through the old John A. Short place, which is dry land, then by the Asa Fordyce place and the Robert H. Bunnell place then it would have been to follow the Modoc Northern survey. The reader can see the map printed with this letter in proof of this assertion or he can measure the distance for himself by section lines if he prefers. Either way will prove that the man from Merrill or Malin coming to Klamath Falls and returning will travel just three miles farther than he would have done had the road followed the Modoc survey.

The fact Lum Short, county commissioner Burrell Short, John Dixon, and the old John A. Short place were placed upon the Merrill highway by this means, to say nothing of Asa Fordyce and Judge Bunnell's places, might have some influence in causing Burrell W. Short, R. H. Bunnell and Asa Fordyce, the county judge and commissioners, to locate the road in this roundabout way.

Some of the county court have claimed that the Lakeview highway would have to be built in any event so that it was best to turn from the Modoc Northern survey where it intersects the Merrill road on the west line of Section 7, T. 40 S., R. 10 E., and run straight to the Lakeview highway. But as I have stated before, this route makes the farmers of the valley travel three miles

farther, every time that they come to town, than they would have traveled had the road followed the Modoc Northern survey into Klamath Falls. Then, too, by looking at the map, it will be seen that nine-tenths of a mile would have been saved in road construction had the county court followed the Modoc survey into town instead of going the way they did with the road. So I say that it is difficult for me to determine why the road should have gone around by Burrell's, Lum's John Dixon's Asa's and Bob's places instead of following the shorter and less expensive way.

Another thing that strikes me with surprise is the fact this highway had to go straight when it passed over the lands of Bob Cheyne, Geo. Echehalt, Con Curtin, Mrs. Hamaker, Mrs. Henley, Mrs. McCoy and Mr. Bowman but look at the map,—it did not go straight when it encountered the lands of Uncle Nath Merrill or Guy Merrill. Why this discrimination. The fact the last two mentioned parties are friends of the county court and the first mentioned parties are not, could not, of course, have had any bearing on the matter.

Personally, I believe that this guinea sand is worse than the original soil that was on the old highways. In this I am borne out by the report of the highway engineer to the state highway commission in which the engineer, Mr. Bishop, condemned this material as no good. Not many people know this but the letter used to be on file with the state highway commission. I understand that Judge Bunnell and Asa and Burrell were so anxious to see the road pass their places that they prevailed upon the highway commission to build the road even with worthless pumice sand.

I have been over the lands in Sections 7 and 18, T. 40 S., R. 9 E., W. M., where the highway passes over the lands of Cheyne, Echehalt, Curtin, Henley, Hamaker and McCoy and it always seemed to me that it was wholly unnecessary to cut up and ruin these fine irrigated ranches when the road could have followed the old highway just as well as it did when it passed the Merrill place just north of Merrill and when it passed the Lum Short, Burrell Short, John Dixon, John A. Short, Fordyce and Bunnell ranches. In this connection the reader is requested to carefully study the map accompanying this article.

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STANFIELD TURNED BACK AT ASHLAND

Robert Stanfield, republican candidate for United States senator, who was expected by the county republican committee, to be here Saturday and Sunday, turned back at Ashland last week and returned to Portland, according to a telegram received today from Portland republican headquarters by Judge A. L. Leavitt.

The explanation of the change in plans was that Mr. Stanfield was informed in Jackson county that the road over the hills was impassable. This apparently was misinformation as the road is being regularly used, or was all of last week.

Local republicans are keenly disappointed over the failure of their candidate to appear after word had been sent to expect him. It is possible to rearrange his speaking dates, Portland headquarters said, he will make a trip into Klamath county before the campaign closes.

KLAMATH WINS FOOTBALL GAME

Klamath's triumph over Ashland Saturday with a 3 to 0 score will go down in the history of the school as its first victory from the Rogue river valley school. Never was a more friendly game fought to a finish on the Modoc Park field. The game was clean from the start and fair decisions were the order of the day. The support offered by Klamath business men and townspeople from the side lines was an encouragement for Klamath high athletics.

The Klamath Falls boys had a hard man to fight in Brown, leftend for Ashland. He was a heavy fellow and had his system of making yardage in record time down to a fine point. But captain Ted Montgomery, right guard, was a fair match for any of the Ashland men and did some commendable playing.

After the game the home team and visitors returned to the school building where a handsome duck feed, superintended by the cafeteria girls, was enjoyed.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Woman's Auxiliary of Klamath Post No. 8, American Legion, will meet in the west hall of the I. O. O. F. building, Tuesday October 19, at 8 o'clock p. m. The charter is still open and all who are eligible to membership are urged to attend and become charter members.

A CORRECTION

Through misinformation furnished by the Warren Hunt Hospital, The Herald was in error Saturday when it stated that Mrs. Fred Sparks, who was so severely injured by having her hands caught in a laundry mangle, was employed by the Superior Laundry. Mrs. Sparks was employed by the Japanese laundry. The Herald being under the impression that the Warren Hunt Hospital handled the business of the Superior laundry, we accepted the information as being correct. The Superior laundry has its contract with the General hospital, the Japanese cases going to the Warren Hunt institution.

CITY WILL USE STATE MACHINE FOR ELECTION

Here's welcome news for the voter.

There will be but one set of election boards and booths to conduct the county and city election boards and booths to conduct the county and city elections in Klamath Falls, November 2.

This announcement was made today by Police Judge A. L. Leavitt, who, pursuant to instructions from the city council, has redrafted the city ward boundaries to conform with the county precinct lines within the city limits.

Previously the city and county election subdivision lines did not conform and until the plan within the city authorities planned to conduct the municipal voting according to former custom, establishing their own election boards and designating polling places, separate from the county polls, in the five city wards.

Consideration of the matter, however, made it appear that this duplicate system would result in much confusion and discourage many electors from voting. So at the 11th hour the ward lines were redrafted to conform with the county precinct lines.

Therefore the voter on November 2 will have no worry when he, or she, starts to the polls, except to remember the number of his voting precinct. Two ballots will be handed out at the polling place, one for city and county candidates and measures, one for city candidates and measures. The voter indicates a choice on both ballots, delivers them, and goes home.

There are five city wards and ten county precincts, so the wards necessarily contain two precincts, or parts of more than two different precincts, but this has nothing to do with the voter. He or she must forget entirely their ward number and remember only the precinct number. The votes of the precinct will be allotted by the election officers to the ward in which they belong.

The change is made to conform with the new state election law, providing that cities of more than 2000 inhabitants, shall hold their regular elections at the same time as the general election for state or national officers, with the same election boards and election machinery.

This is the first municipal election to be held under the provisions of the state law in Klamath Falls.

TWO COUPLES MARRIED; ANOTHER LICENSE ISSUED

Dr. A. F. Walter Kresse, of Merrill was married Saturday afternoon to Miss Grace Fulton, also of Merrill, by Rev. E. P. Lawrence at the Presbyterian manse.

Dr. Kresse has taken over Dr. Patterson's practice at Merrill. Miss Fulton has been employed as a nurse in the same town for the past few months.

H. A. St. Clair and Clara Quigley were married Saturday evening by Rev. Lawrence at his home on Third street. Mr. St. Clair is an employee of the Southern Pacific company.

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening by the county clerk to R. A. Williams and Myrtle L. Stephenson, both of Merrill.

WOOD AFFAIR MAY BECOME CAUSE CELEBRE

A telegram to the Herald from San Francisco, received today, states that S. H. Wood, vice-president and organizer of the Timberworkers' union, has arrived there and laid before both state and federal authorities his allegations that he was run out of Susanville, California, by a mob last Monday night and threatened with hanging if he returned.

Local timberworkers will hold a meeting a week from tonight to protest against the alleged maltreatment of a member of their organization.

Wood had enlisted aid of California labor leaders in his fight to secure redress for his alleged manhandling by Susanville residents, the telegram indicated, and an endeavor will be made to make the matter a political issue, in connection with the claim of labor unions that they have the right to organize for advancement of their interests without hindrance.

In addition Wood will protest to the state authorities and seek redress for violation of his constitutional rights as a citizen.

SUSANVILLE, Oct. 15.—Formal investigation of the sensational charge made at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by Harry Wood, vice-president of the International Union of Timber Workers, that he was taken from the city jail here Monday night, threatened with hanging by a mob, then run out of town, was started here yesterday by James H. Doyle, of San Francisco, organizer of the California Federation of Labor.

Wood was arrested here on the charge he was an I. W. W., and had been acting "lawfully" around Susanville for three or four weeks.

This action is another feature of a series of sensational charges and counter charges, denial and confirmation made by friends of Wood and those on the other side.

Here are some of the developments in the affair which has stirred this coming lumber metropolis:

Friends of Wood announce that they have taken the matter up with headquarters of the International Union of Lumber Workers, and will ask for prosecution of those guilty of the alleged kidnapping.

City Marshal E. A. Massey, charged by Wood with aiding in the alleged kidnapping, is credited with declaring after the affair that "the carpenters' union took my prisoner away from me."

Members of the carpenters' union deny this and declare Wood was taken away on account of his activity in organizing unions here.

Investigations of Wood's papers show he was an organizer of the International Union of Timber Workers. Letterheads show he was vice-president.

E. A. Massey, city marshal, who arrested Wood as a suspected I. W. W., was out duck hunting yesterday and could not be reached for a statement.

Grover C. Julian, attorney retained to defend Wood, in a statement says that Massey came to him on the night of the affair and reported the carpenters' union had taken his prisoner from him as he was taking him before Judge H. D. Burroughs to have his bail fixed. He reported the mob knocked him down, rolled him on the ground and then marched him home with instructions to stay there.

When asked whether the grand jury would be called to investigate, Superior Judge Burroughs stated: "If sufficient proof is submitted to me to indicate a crime has been committed, I will call the grand jury to investigate."

Susanville is becoming an important lumbering point. A number of citizens who say that they know nothing of the Wood case, or as to whether or not he had I. W. W. or radical leanings, or was a conservative organizer acting within his rights, declare sentiment is strong here against any I. W. W. element being permitted to appear here.

It is a serious offense to ride a bicycle anywhere near the city of Constantinople.