

## NEWELL TESTIFIES POWER CO. CAN BUILD THE LINK RIVER DAM MOST ECONOMICALLY

When the Link River dam inquiry reconvened this morning Chairman Brewer announced that the committee had gone into the various statements and documentary evidence submitted and the board would hear testimony, permitting, after its own direct examination, material cross-examination from all interested parties.

The first witness called was H. D. Newell, Klamath project manager, who kept the stand practically all morning. After the direct examination he was under cross-examination by L. H. Holgate, reclamation service counsel, J. H. Carnahan for the American Legion, R. C. Groesbeck for the California-Oregon power company; W. A. West for the chamber of commerce, A. L. Wishard for the Klamath irrigation district and various members of the commission.

Whether all the cross-examination was material or not is a question, but it assuredly was thorough, touching upon a thousand and one legal and physical aspects of the upper lake storage question.

### McKee Now On Stand

Mr. Newell left the stand shortly before the noon adjournment and the chair was occupied by Paul B. McKee, general manager of the California-Oregon power company.

Vital points raised in the examination of Mr. Newell were the scope and sufficiency of the water rights of the United States in the Klamath watershed; the effect of abrogation of the contract with the power company upon the seven-mill pumping rate for electric current; and the ability of the United States to raise funds to build the dam if the power company's contract was cancelled.

Mr. Newell declared in the face of persistent questioning that the water rights of the United States were paramount to all filings since 1905; the year of the cession by the state to the federal government of rights to Klamath lake water. All the original filings of the United States, he said, were intact and as valid as ever.

### Kills 7-Mill Rate

He said that he believed that the cancellation of the contract for building the dam would wipe it out in its entirety, thereby abolishing with the rest of the provisions the seven mill rate per kilowatt hour for pumping units' use of electricity.

He said, despite the newly enacted oil and coal leasing act providing increased revenue for reclamation development, that the Klamath project could not reasonably expect its pro rata to be more than enough to take care of new construction and extensions. For, he said, there were 30 projects to split the five million dollars of annual revenue from the lease of oil and coal lands and nearly all of them were in a more favorable position to demand money than the local project. At best he said this project could get only approximately \$160,000, whereas the budget for this and the next fiscal year contemplates the expenditure of \$400,000 each year, and the costs for several following years will run as high for betterments and extensions.

### Project Statistics

For the information of the committee Mr. Newell, in reply to direct questions from Chairman Brewer, stated that approximately 50,000 acres are now under irrigation in the Klamath project; 45,000 more are reasonably assured of water under the present plan, and that further irrigation depends upon developments but eventually 150,000 acres might be brought under water taken from Upper Klamath lake. There are 23,000 acres more in present and proposed pumping units.

The main canal as it now stands will carry water for 100,000 acres. There would have to be enlargements of 150,000 acres were irrigated from its flow.

Mr. Newell defined the Klamath project as lands that can be irrigated in the Klamath basin, from the waters of the Klamath watershed, such waters to be used above Keno.

### U. S. Hasn't the Money

The water rights of the state are subject in every instance to the United States where made subsequent to 1905, he said.

In reply to a question as to the possibility of the government building the dam rightaway, the witness said that there were no funds available for construction this present fiscal year, and in view of other pressing needs he did not believe that funds for the dam would be available from the government for several years.

Regarding diking on the Upper Lake he estimated the cost per mile at \$10,000, and said if all the need-

ed dikes were built there would be a total of about 100 miles.

He said it was his understanding that the power company's filings on the Klamath river were only good to prevent the diversion of the surplus water flowing out of Upper Klamath lake by other users, and were not good against any control the government might exercise over the flow of its source.

### Land Owners to Pay

On cross-examination Mr. Newell said that if the government builds the dam the owners of lands subsequently brought under irrigation will pay most heavily. Some cost will fall upon present users in case they require storage. As long as the natural supply meets the requirements of present users they will not pay extra charges for reservoiring the lake.

The seven mill rate for pumping was a reasonable charge for current, he said, and he did not believe that any other source but the California-Oregon power company would deliver power as cheaply, and if the contract were cancelled they would no longer be obliged to make this rate.

Land owners in the project will be in much better position, if the company builds the dam than if the government builds it, both from the standpoints of economy and promptitude of construction, said Mr. Newell.

On cross-examination by Mr. Carnahan Mr. Newell said that time would determine whether the Tule Lake lands would be irrigated from the Upper Lake or Lost river. If, as seemed probable Langell Valley and Bonanza use all the Lost river water, then eventually the supply for the lower lands of the Klamath basin must come from the Upper lake.

He said further that had it not been for the temporary dam in Link river the water supply for lands now under irrigation would have been insufficient during the past season.

### Power Company's Stand

Testifying regarding the power company's attitude, Mr. McKee, general manager, flatly declared that if the government had an appropriation available to construct the dam the company would willingly step aside and let the government build it.

In other words, the company would offer no objection to a rescission of the contract. All it desired was a building of the dam in order that it might get the use of the surplus water, and did not care by whom it was built. He said that the company had no desire to regulate or control the lake.

### Yesterday's Happenings

Brief statements were received at yesterday afternoon's session, outlining the position of various organizations and individuals represented at the hearing.

R. C. Groesbeck, speaking for the power company, says the company realized that it could acquire no rights superior to the United States in Upper Klamath lake. All it asks is power to control the surplus water, he said. In hope of getting enough water power out of surplus water flowing over the dam, without interference with normal lake levels, to meet its requirements for several years to come, it is willing to furnish a site to the United States and build the dam thereon.

The power company realizes, he said, that in a few years the United States may need all the water of the lake for irrigation, but in the meantime hopes to have gotten enough power from the surplus water to reimburse it for its outlay for site and construction.

### The Legion's Attitude

J. H. Carnahan, representing the American Legion, whose interest in the investigation is to protect the water rights of undeveloped lands which may later be available for soldier settlement, characterized the contract between the United States and the power company as an ambiguous document.

He referred to the recommendation of abandonment by a board of army engineers who investigated the local project in 1910, and said it was his opinion that the power company's contract with the United States protected the government only to the extent of 50,000 acres, the area of the original project.

The contract, he said, should be clear, to protect to the utmost the rights of irrigationists of the future, when time comes that every drop of available water will be re-

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## Algoma Road Is Now Open to Travel; Is Big Improvement

The state highway department has announced that the Algoma road, extending north out of this city from Eighth street, is now open to travel, after having been closed since last summer. The road, highway office states, is somewhat rough, but it is decidedly better than the old road even at this time, without the former slippery conditions, usual in wet weather, to contend with.

## BAZAAR DATES ARE SETTLED

The date of the bazaar which was to have been held by the ladies of the Sacred Heart parish during the first week in December has been changed to December 8, 9, 10 and 11. By that time the Scandinavian hall, where the bazaar will be held, will be completed far enough to insure comfort, elbow room, and every other essential needed to insure a happy, delightful event.

The committee in charge of the bazaar has arranged to present a number of unusually interesting features, and mother, father, the children, grandma, grandpa, and all the rest will find something to make the time pass pleasantly.

The feature of the opening evening, Wednesday, will be the big dance. Thursday afternoon and evening the sale of goods will be held, and the afternoon tea on this day will also be a pleasing event. Thursday evening the "conversations" will take place, and, of course, this will interest everyone, especially the ladies.

Friday afternoon will be children's day, and there will be a wonderful exhibition of dolls, all "dolled up" and looking their very best. Judges will decide which doll makes the nicest appearance, and the report is that 99 per cent of ladies and girls, and some of the men, who have heard about the affair are making diligent efforts to win the distinction of being the cleverest modiste in the community.

Dancing will again be indulged in Friday evening, and then on Saturday afternoon there will be another sale of goods, and an afternoon tea from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Saturday evening there will be a closing dance, but the dance will be only a small part of the program. Special events—the ladies will not disclose their exact nature—will be put on for the benefit of everybody who likes real fun, and the ladies assure the public that there will be oodles of fun, the real kind, without cessation. Of course, more announcements will be made in regard to this "big time" bazaar, but the ladies are firm apostles of preparedness, and want everybody to be prepared for the biggest jollification held here in a month of Sundays.

## BIG MAIL THEFT IS CLEARED UP

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Nov. 19.—More arrests, one confession, the recovery of a large amount of money, in \$10 bills, and the discovery of a mission automobile last night, resulted in the clearing up of the \$3,500,000 mail car robbery which took place here four days ago. Two of the men arrested are T. A. Daly and H. A. Reed. Five negroes who had been arrested were later released as they had no part in the robbery. Money, the amount of which was not announced, was found in a chicken house at the Daly home.

Fred A. Poffenberger was arrested today. He is not suspected of having taken part in the robbery, but he is being to explain something said to have taken place in the Poffenberger home, said to have a bearing upon the robbery.

## Aged Woman Goes To Final Reward

Mrs. Mary E. Webb, aged 75 years, mother of Mrs. B. A. Deyo, died at the Deyo home at 430 Washington street at 6 o'clock this morning. Her death is attributed to the infirmities of old age.

Funeral arrangements will not be announced until after the arrival of another daughter who is expected to reach here on tonight's train.

Mrs. Webb was born in Winchester, Kentucky, and has resided here about six years.

## BOY SCOUTS WILL CANVAS FOR RED CROSS

With contributors to the Red Cross lagging behind their usual record in Red Cross drives, and with the Red Cross workers, solicitors especially, working consistently and in some cases futilely, the Boy Scouts of the city, under the direction of Scoutmaster Paul T. O'Dowd, are preparing to enter the campaign, and to do their level best to bolster up the amount of local contributions. Boy scouts all over the country have proved that they can do splendid work in campaigns like this, and the local scouts are out to break any record they may have established here.

A committee has been appointed, and a thorough canvas of the city will be made. In this campaign, as in all others, the scouts will be "gleaners," and will try to ferret out every person who has been overlooked by the adult solicitors. Campaign headquarters have been established in The Herald office.

Incidentally, Scoutmaster O'Dowd announces that the boy scout manuals, which have been looked forward to for some time, have arrived, and can be procured for only 50 cents each at the Star drug store. Primarily these manuals were intended for the instruction of boy scouts, but they contain a wealth of information which should interest any person who is interested in boy scout work, and they can be obtained by anyone for the nominal sum mentioned above.

## UNDERWOOD TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT WEATHER

Another delicate and expensive instrument known as a Tyco "Cyclo-Stormograph," or simplified weather forecaster, has been added to the weather bureau equipment installed at Underwood's Pharmacy for the information of the general public. Easily read and conveniently placed at the front entrance of the building, the passerby can readily consult the instrument and make his own deduction of weather changes likely to occur within the next 12 to 24 hours. The readings, as indicated by the chart of the "Cyclo-Stormograph," will also be printed each evening in the Evening Herald, with the announcement of general weather conditions and temperature.

The new instrument automatically writes on a chart a continuous record of changes in the weight of the air, operating as a barometer or "weight measurer," and notes them correctly both as to day and time. Its ingenious construction is so sensitive that it will immediately show how much change there is and, when the "weight" changes happen, "weather" changes of some kind will take place. When the weight decreases, the weather will become warmer, it may become windy, and rain or snow, dependent upon the season, may fall. By its use one can tell at a glance the condition of the air as regards its weight, see if the change taking place is a slow or rapid one, or if the weight of air is being maintained. A forecast of the average weather probabilities can be readily formulated. The charts, which are changed weekly, thus also furnish an accurate and consecutive record of weather conditions as indicated by barometric readings.

A continuous "low" has prevailed all this week, but this morning at 6 a. m. the pressure began to rise rapidly, and at 11 a. m. was still rising. This indicates clearing weather, and seems to foretell the end of the storm.

## ASSISTANT TEACHER FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HERE

Miss Lucille Springer of Portland has been engaged to teach in the Summers school, and arrived here yesterday to assume her duties. Mrs. J. H. Short, who has been teaching in this school, has demonstrated her efficiency, and is meeting with splendid success, but the 28 pupils in her charge proved to be too many for one teacher, and it was found necessary to provide an assistant for her.

## Visiting Schools In Northern Part Is Arduous Trip

County Superintendent Twyla Head is absent on a tour of the northern part of the county, and Miss Maud Carlton of the county superintendent's office said that the date of her arrival home will probably depend a great deal upon Providence and her ability to wade through the mud she encounters. Traveling in that part of the county at this time of year is anything but a pleasure. This is Miss Head's maiden trip to the up-country districts. Miss Carlton stated that it was so hard to get either in or out of that part of the county, and that teachers up there seldom attended the teachers' institutes here, but attended those held in Bend instead.

## NEW MANAGERS FOR MOOSE HALL

Inquiry this morning developed the fact that the regular Thursday night dance was held in the Moose hall last night, and that no attempt was made to prevent it by city officials.

The city clerk's office explained that the dance hall management had been transferred to Messrs. Allen & Cochran, and that every precaution was taken to conduct the dance in an orderly manner. The Moose hall, as promised, will keep an eye upon the place and keep it beyond criticism. Last night, attendants were placed at the doors, and no person who exhibited the slightest evidence of intoxication or over-exuberance was admitted. It is understood that the former management has been entirely relieved of its responsibility in the conduct of the dances.

## PRICE OF GAS WILL NOT DROP

The price of gasoline is not going to come down. Not now, at least. This is the opinion of local distributors of both the Standard and Union oil companies, and from all that they can learn will be no reduction made until freight rates are lowered. There is a difference of about 10 cents in the price of oil in this city and in Sacramento, and investigation shows that the farther north you go from Sacramento the more you have to pay for gas.

In the east, gas has dropped one cent a gallon, but apparently it's different in the golden west. There is no evidence, whatsoever, at the disposal of local distributors, to justify them in prophesying even a one-cent drop.

These distributors also refer to the "exasperating" gravity test required by the state of Oregon, and say, they don't intimate, that it is one of the things that prevents auto owners and other gasoline users in this state from getting less expensive gas. It is noticeable that they say "less expensive," and not "cheaper" gas.

The only immediate relief offered is the oft repeated assertion that Klamath Falls and vicinity is liable to have oil wells of their own some day, and in the meantime, auto owners are advised to "wait and hope."

## Prices Drop; No Demand for Wheat

PORTLAND, Nov. 19.—Following a decline aggregating \$2.70 in the past week, the hog market became demoralized today. Today the price is the lowest it has been since February, 1917. The demand for dressed meats is the lowest in two years.

## POWDERMAN MEETS DEATH BY PREMATURE BLAST

William Bates, who for the past summer and fall has been in the employ of the Weed Lumber company as powder man, lost his life Monday, presumably by a delayed or premature explosion.

He was working at camp 2 where some stumps were being blasted out and as he did not come in when he was expected search was made and the unfortunate man was found dead, unmistakable evidence pointing to death by an explosion of powder.

An inquest held at Weed Tuesday afternoon brought out the above items and that the man was about 50 years of age, but other facts of his life were not obtainable.—Siskiyou News.

## WOULD DIVIDE THIS COUNTY; PETITION OUT

According to information from J. O. Hamaker, a petition is being circulated in the Bonanza section, asking the state legislature to cause to be submitted to the people of Klamath county at the next general primary election the question of a division of this county. The petition describes the proposed lines of demarcation as follows:

"Beginning at a point where the range line between ranges 11 and 12 intersect the south boundary of Klamath county at the state line between Oregon and California, thence northerly following said range line four miles, more or less, to the northeast corner of section 25, in township 40, south of range 11, east Willamette meridian; thence westerly six miles; thence northerly following said range line to the north boundary of said county, creating out of all of that part of said Klamath county lying and being east of said line as above described, the county of 'Equity'."

Definite information regarding the project has not been disclosed, but it is believed that Bonanza has county seat aspirations. Mr. Hamaker states the petition is being freely signed in the Bonanza district.

## TURKEYS WILL BE PLENTIFUL; PRICE IS HIGH

Turkey Tom, roost mighty high this year, but not high enough to prevent dealers from securing all they need to fill the local demand for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year day. Furthermore, according to the belief of the leading meat markets here, there are enough toms and their paramours in this district to meet the strongest demand. Chickens appear to be plentiful, and ducks and geese will not be lacking. It will not be necessary to ship in any Thanksgiving fowl of any kind.

So far, so good, the dealers say, but the price they must pay for the supply is another thing that must be taken into consideration. Indications are that turkeys will probably bring as much as 60 cents a pound in the retail market in order to give the dealers even a reasonable profit, and there is reason to believe that an estimate of even 60 cents might be too low. Still, there is a brighter side to the matter, for it has been intimated that 55 cents might be the limit, but as one dealer said: "We are going to make the price as low as possible, but we don't control the situation. So look out for a fairly stiff price for holiday birds."

## Busy Day at the Rummage Sale

This, the first day of the Episcopal Guild rummage sale, has been a busy one for the ladies in charge. A committee finished collecting goods this morning while another group of ladies tended store in the room formerly occupied by The Evening Herald on Fourth street. Early shoppers got many choice articles at most reasonable prices, but there are still many things left for those coming this afternoon and tomorrow, which is the last day.

A mother with several tiny children would do well to visit the sale, in view of the fact that there are good play rompers and dresses selling for 15 and 25 cents, not to mention woolen and underwear, kiddies wool stockings. There is also a big choice of partly worn shoes for the frugal family.

## LAMOINE BOX FACTORY WILL RUN ALL WINTER

The Lamoine Lumber company's factory will run all winter, says the Siskiyou News. Fifty are employed, eight being women. The company's sawmill will shut down soon on account of the approach of winter. The season's cut has been close to 16,000,000 feet. The Coggins mill at Gibson has shipped about a million feet to the box factory at Lamoine.