

REPORT FAVORS POWER COMPANY BUILDING DAM

Although the secretary of the chamber of commerce has refused to take the public into his confidence regarding the report of the special committee that investigated the Link River dam controversy last week, there appears to have been a rent in the mantle of secrecy with which the report was enveloped.

Some of the interested parties, according to talk on the street, seem to have a very clear idea of what the report contains. According to statements from sources which purport to have the information tolerably first hand the jealously guarded document in general tenor is an expression of the belief that the development of hydro-electric power is necessary for the development of the Klamath basin, that the power should be developed from local water supply and not brought in from outside, and that the California-Oregon power company should build the dam. It recommends, it is said, some minor changes in the existing contract between the United States and the power company.

Before publishing the foregoing statement regarding the purport of the report as generally repeated by persons who claim to know its contents, The Herald asked T. L. Stanley, secretary of the chamber of commerce, for permission to publish the final report in the committee's own language.

Mr. Stanley sticks to his original contention that the report should not be made public until after it had been received by Secretary Payne and reviewed by the directors of the chamber. The Herald has constantly held that any delay at all would be detrimental to the public interests.

Mr. Stanley says he sincerely believes his way is best. He said the chamber of commerce, holding delegate power from the public, should be the best judge of what is best for the public welfare. The report would have to pass under scrutiny of the directors before being made public, he said. In the meantime, President Hall and himself, acting for the board of directors, felt competent to assume the responsibility of withholding it.

Mr. Stanley stated that he had accorded to spokesmen of parties at interest the privilege of seeing the report, and if they had made public any information thus gained they had betrayed a confidence.

EUGENE HAS LOWEST FIRE RISK SAYS STOKES

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 24.—Fire-risk conditions are better in Eugene than in any other city in the state of which he has made a survey, said George W. Stokes, deputy state fire marshal. Mr. Stokes was sent here a week ago to make a thorough survey of the city as to fire risks and will be engaged at the work for two more weeks, he said.

"While I have found conditions here to be bad in places in the way of faulty electrical wiring and rubbish piles, taking the city as a whole I have failed to find any other city in the state with conditions that equal those here," said Mr. Stokes.

After the fire-risk survey is completed the deputy marshal will make a survey of the fire-fighting equipment and the water system.

STORY WRITER IS HELPED BY CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Nov. 24.—The unusual service that the chemistry department of the University of Oregon is sometimes called on to give is shown by the technical assistance rendered an Oregon short story writer in his boy's adventure story, "Three Barrels of Water," recently published in Improvement Era of Salt Lake City. The author had his resourceful hero get a large quantity of gold dust from the mine through a country infested with robbers by melting the dust in three barrels of aqua regia, a mixture of nitric and hydrochloric acid in which, and only in which, according to the story, "gold dissolves like a snowflake in water." The author wrote to the chemistry department for an opinion on how much gold a barrel of the acid could hold without looking suspicious, and how the gold could afterwards be recovered. The chemistry department gave the writer a satisfactory solution to both difficulties.

The early Romans broke a cake over the bride's head as a symbol of plentifulness.

Patriotic Program Given by Pupils of Central School

Thanksgiving descended with such speed upon the teachers and pupils at Central school that they had no time in the rush of regular school matters to prepare and execute a regular Thanksgiving entertainment, but quite made up for it with an impromptu exhibition this morning.

At 11 o'clock, without any formal instructions, the pupils marched out of the building to the patriotic tap of the drum, and formed in a semi-circle, eight rows deep, in front of the building.

It was a picture to see the tiny people in the first grade decorated with paper cocked hats and wide paper collars to represent the Pilgrims, keep their positions throughout the hour, and equally as interesting to watch the older boys and girls setting an example of deep attention.

The program follows: "Star Spangled Banner," led by Miss Pauline Bond; Salute Pledge, given by Joan Thompson; Harvest Song, by school; Pilgrim Story, by Tom Watt. Father Marshall spoke on "Thanksgiving; song by fifth and sixth grades; story by Leon Thomas, and closing remarks by Rev. E. P. Lawrence.

THANKSGIVING THEME OF THE C. OF C. FORUM

A religious meeting, of Thanksgiving import, was the way the weekly forum of the Klamath county chamber of commerce held in the Rex cafe this noon was termed by one of the speakers. As usual, the luncheon tables were surrounded by members.

President J. H. Hall introduced the first speaker, Secretary T. L. Stanley, as a "man of accomplishments," and referred to the many things he had done during his short time in the office.

Mr. Stanley spoke briefly and to the point. Illustrating the increased interest in chamber of commerce work, he said that during his first week as secretary three telephone calls were received by the chamber of commerce, and that last week 162 calls were answered. Seventeen letters of more or less importance came to the office the first week, and last week, during which 132 letters were received, was a good illustration of the growth of chamber of commerce work.

In July, the membership was 121. Now the chamber has 372 members, all of them keenly interested in the organization. Sixteen successful forums have been held since last July, with an average attendance of 55. The regular meetings show an average attendance of 33. There were ten directors' meetings, 42 committee meetings, and seven group meetings. Recently the chamber was admitted to the state chamber of commerce and also to the United States chamber of commerce.

The establishment of free swimming days for "kiddies," with public playgrounds as a potential aftermath, was mentioned. The chamber of commerce organ, the "County Spirit," has also been established, he said, and requests for copies of it had been received from as far east as Bangor, Maine.

Weekly forums had been instituted, and the housing and dam problems were apparently brought to a place where settlement of both questions is imminent. Lastly, Mr. Stanley stated that an intensive membership campaign to increase the membership to the limit, would be inaugurated Monday.

Father H. J. Marshall was the next speaker. He told of the accomplishment of the chamber in bringing together peoples of the different churches. For instance, there was President Hall, who was a member of "A" church, the Reverend Mr. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church, the Reverend Mr. Trimble of the Christian church, members of the Catholic church, and others. In conclusion Father Marshall spoke a few well chosen words in behalf of the Red Cross, referring to it as the most wonderful organization in the city today.

The Reverend E. P. Lawrence of the Presbyterian church was the last speaker. He spoke of the virtue of gratitude, and the reasons why all should be thankful. Gratitude, he said, has been described as the "mother of all virtues," and the "poor man's exchequer" to be drawn upon at will. He reviewed the landing of the Pilgrim fathers, their reasons for thankfulness, and compared their reasons with the reasons en-

Secretary of Red Cross Gives Practical Illustration of the Organization's Workings

To the Public—Yesterday a Klamath Falls business man called the writer by phone and stated that he had just been solicited for a fund to be used in taking care of a needy family residing on the other side of the river. The business man asked if the case had ever been reported to the Red Cross. The solicitor answered that this family had been reported to the Red Cross several times, but that nothing had been done. This case provides an excellent illustration of the need of a centralized relief agency in Klamath Falls such as the Red Cross is working for in the present Roll Call campaign, and the writer is exceedingly glad that it has come to public notice at this time. Let us take this as a typical case—for it is typical of many in this county—and look at all sides of it.

Take the business man's side first. He did not know the solicitor personally. He did not know whether this man was authorized to collect for the family. In fact, he did not know if such a family existed, and if they did, he had no way of knowing what their needs were unless he made a personal investigation, which of course he could not take time to do. Had he known the solicitor and been convinced of his honesty and integrity, still he had no assurance that the money given would be used to the best advantage. Being a practical man, his mind immediately took in the situation, and he thought of a public relief agency—one supported by and responsible to the people. The Red Cross—why was not the Red Cross handling this job?

Let us now consider the case from the point of view of the person soliciting for funds for the family. The writer does not doubt that in this case he was an altruistic person, intent upon helping a brave little woman and her children, who are having an uphill job of living. The amateur philanthropist in Klamath Falls soon finds that virtue is its own reward. He takes time from his business and goes forth on his mission of mercy. His good motives are often questioned, and he is rarely given an enthusiastic welcome by the already over-solicited business man. Even when he succeeds in getting a fund for his cause, it merely gives temporary relief to the needy family and little or no permanent good results from all his labor. The writer has a fellow-feeling for all persons attempting to do welfare work, and the only criticism to be made in this case is that the solicitor made a misstatement when he said that the Red Cross had ignored this family when the case was reported to them.

Before considering the last point of this triangle—the family itself—we wish to make clear the present position of the Red Cross. The Klamath County chapter under its present charter is absolutely not authorized to give aid to any but service men, ex-service men and their families, except in cases of public disaster, such as floods, fires and wide-spread epidemics. The Red Cross has, in fact, laid itself open to severe criticism because they have used funds which were subscribed for the use of our service men to assist civilian families. In spite of that fact, there has never been an instance in the knowledge of the writer when the local chapter has refused help to any civilian when upon investigation such person was found to be in need. It has been our policy, however, whenever possible, to get some other agency or individual to give the material relief needed. In the cause of humanity it has been impossible for the local chapter to adhere strictly to the provisions of its charter, and refuse to help whenever other help was not available. Months ago the matter was taken up with division headquarters, and they agreed under the circumstances to overlook any breaches of our charter until this Roll Call, when we might put the matter up to our membership. If they showed by their support that they desired us to go into the business of caring for all the needy of our county, headquarters will then grant us formal permission to extend our work to a peace-time basis.

In order to get this permission we must have sufficient funds in our treasury to employ a full-time trained worker. We must have an adequate relief fund, we must have an emergency fund to take care of disaster, we must have a fund for office upkeep and general expense. In other words, we must have money enough to do the work right according to high Red Cross standards. The Red Cross will not permit haphazard, superficial welfare work to be done in its name.

To come back to the case in hand. A deserted mother with five or six minor children making a brave fight against adverse conditions. This case was first reported to the Red Cross early last summer. It was turned over to an organization that had expressed its willingness to aid needy families. It was later found that this organization had done nothing. The writer got in touch with the woman personally, and found her to be a proud, self-respecting woman, wanting not charity, but justice. An attempt was made to get hold of her husband and compel him to support his family. Due to the inadequacy of our laws, it was found that all we could do would be to bring him back here and put him in jail, which would do the family no good and put the county to considerable expense. At that time the woman was getting along nicely, and even refused assistance in applying for a pension from the county. The writer told the woman that should she find herself in need of assistance later the Red Cross would be glad to help her. Nothing has been heard from her since that time. Had the Red Cross been organized as a general relief agency at that time, with a full-time worker, frequent visits would have been made to the family, and as each small need came up, the proper solution would have been worked out. The present volunteer workers in the Red Cross not only do not have the time to properly care for such cases, but often have great difficulty in finding anyone with an automobile who is willing or able to take the visitor to see the family, who generally live on the outskirts of town.

This family, and the writer can name several others that are in as great need, must have help, consistent, constructive and continued help until they have become self-supporting. The easiest, cheapest and practical way is to unite our efforts under one head, everyone contributing to a common agency and working under its direction. There will be plenty of personal work for those who have the time and enjoy personal contact with the families they assist, but it will be done under the direction of a trained worker, obviating duplication of effort. If the people of Klamath county fail to come through with the funds needed within the next few days, the local Red Cross must refuse from that time on to give to any civilian family, and no just criticism can be made of its action.

CARRIE E. GANONG, Secretary Klamath County Chapter.

Weather Probabilities

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows a slightly lower barometric pressure than yesterday, but the indications are that Thanksgiving day will be pleasant.

Indicated weather conditions for the next 24 hours: "Cloudy, warmer, followed by unsettled weather."

HARDING STUDIES CANAL

(By Associated Press) CRISTOBAL, Canal Zone, Nov. 24.—President-elect Warren G. Harding is here, making a personal study of the practical workings of the canal, going through the waterway on a mine sweeper.

DETECTIVE SLAIN

(By Associated Press) EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 24.—Detective Fox was shot and killed last night by a highwayman. Charles Harris, aged 21, has been arrested as the murder suspect.

Head of I. W. W. in Northwest Jailed by Portland Police

(By Associated Press) PORTLAND, Nov. 24.—Joe Gamman, said by the police to be the representative of William Haywood, head of the Industrial Workers of the World, was arrested here late yesterday and is held on suspicion of violating the state criminal syndicalism act.

Gamman is said by the authorities to have been placed in charge of the I. W. W. activities in the northwest.

SIGN CONTRACT WITH HOLLAND TO BUILD HOMES

The committee of the chamber of commerce appointed to investigate various home building plans, from which they selected the Holland plan, today completed the contract with James Holland to assure initial management of the project and get work started here. The contract was forwarded to Mr. Holland at Eugene, according to H. D. Mortensen, chairman of the committee. He is expected to arrive here about December 1 to organize the home building corporation and a little later it is expected that the actual work of building will be under way.

The Holland plan is simple. All real estate transactions are eliminated, through the provision that the person who desires to take advantage of the plan must furnish his own lot. There are no loan features. It is a straight out home building proposition.

Mr. Holland states that in the seven years the organization at Havre, Montana, has been functioning not a dollar has been lost through failure to pay out on one of the homes.

Klamath Falls needs more homes, all agree, and the Holland plan is expected to provide about half of them. Private building for the purposes of investment will take care of the other half, it is thought. According to chamber of commerce statistics 800 persons failed to come here, or being here were forced to leave, last year because of lack of homes. Industry was deprived of needed labor, all of which could have been utilized, and the business community lost the patronage of the families who were forced to leave.

The promoters of the building plan intend to take energetic steps to prevent a recurrence of such conditions during the coming season and hope to have their building program well under way by spring.

THE HERALD TENDERS ALL THANKSGIVING GREETING

The Herald will, in common with other business houses of Klamath Falls, observe the Thanksgiving holiday tomorrow and there will be no paper issued. The past year has been one of great progress for the community. The Herald has tried to keep step with the forward march of Klamath Falls and Klamath county. The management of this paper have many things for which to feel grateful tomorrow, and not the least is the splendid support given us by subscribers and advertisers during the past year.

The Herald is now in larger and more convenient quarters. In the year to come we expect to win nearer the goal toward which we are constantly striving, 100 per cent efficiency in newspaper service. We are grateful for the appreciation and loyalty shown by the public during the past year. We hope to merit in increasing degree the same generous support in the year elapsing before we again observe Thanksgiving Day.

To all who read these paragraphs The Herald tenders heartfelt wishes that they may find in the memories of the past year much food for spiritual thanksgiving, and that their material wants may be met from groaning tables tomorrow; and that the day will furnish inspiration for a successful year to come.

WYOMING CONGRESSMAN HAS HARD RUN OF LUCK

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who fell from a haystack last June fracturing two ribs, and had his leg broken in October when a boulder rolled over him, suffered a third accident last night when his crutch broke, causing a severe fall.

CAMPBELL AND WAGNER READY FOR THE GONG

The day before his battle with Red Campbell, at Chillicothe, finds Bobby Wagner, local welterweight, full of confidence and in prime physical shape to put up the fight of his life. Reports from Campbell's camp indicate that Bobby's splendid physical condition will be a mighty fine thing for Bobby for the Brick-topped swaster is in mighty fine shape too, and if Bobby wins from him it will be only after he has become thoroughly convinced that a real man has been in the ring with him. Bobby stepped 12 rounds with his sparring partners yesterday, two more than he is scheduled to go tomorrow night, and when he finished he was all ready to start over again. All this is a pretty good indication of his condition.

The principals in the semi final, are Blondi Freeman and Young Raymond, bantams, and this is expected to be a fast bout. These boys were recently substituted for Kid Brown of this city and Young Brady of Yreka. According to the promoters, Kid Brown, the black boy, turned yellow, and then, feeling rather blue, he turned his back on the long green and streaked it toward Weed. Latest reports are that he is still going, and showing something unusual in fast colors. Anyway, two good little men have been secured to fill in the gap, and fans are assured of lots of action.

Tuffy Anderson, and Tuffy Duffy, alias Young Corbett, are on for the curtain raiser. Nuff sed.

Several truck loads of fans are going down from here, and expect to get their fill of fight, Thanksgiving turkey, and dancing.

First of Elks' Entertainments November 30th

The Elks lodge will give the first entertainment of a series planned during the winter months Tuesday evening November 30, at the Elks Temple, when "Uncle Sam's nieces," a quartet of attractive young ladies occupy the stage with a number of fun-making specialties.

The girls are adepts on the banjo, do fancy dances in Japanese and other costumes and do other stunts that display a wide range of versatility.

The series of entertainments consists of six of various sorts, ranging from a whistling and impersonation act by Alice Louise Shrode, child entertainer, who appears January 8, to a lecture by Dr. Samuel Justin Sparks, noted divine and public speaker, who will be here January 28.

Buckner's Tennessee Jubilee singers will be here February 21, the Chicago Recital company, March 13, and the Ricketts Glee club, April 7, closing the program.

The entertainments are intended for Elks and their families, with a few invited friends if seating space is available. Season tickets are being sold for the series and the committee in charge report that they are in large demand. The Elks hall seats about 400 persons.

RUSSIA PLANS STARTING ARMED REVOLT IN U. S.

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Russian soviet authorities estimate that 5,000,000 persons will be out of employment in the United States by the end of the year, and two representatives of the third international have been sent to this country to organize soviet here, according to information from Moscow.

The mission of the soviet delegates is to unite the revolutionary movement in America into one fighting body, which will bring about an armed revolution, the soviet stated.

Every precaution will be taken by the American authorities to prevent the soviet organizers from entering the United States, it was declared here today.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—Cattle steady; hogs lower, \$11 and \$11.75; sheep lower, \$8.50 and \$9.50. Butter and eggs steady.