

STRONG ORGANIZATION IS BACK OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Institution Will Have One of Strongest Directorates in State; Continue Conservative Policy

Corporation Underway to Build New Six Story Home for Bank on Central Site; Men Who Have Attained Success Along Many Different Lines Will Lend Experience to Strengthen the Organization.

Reorganization of the First National bank, in which Charles Hall, president of the state chamber of commerce and state senator from the Coos county district, and J. O. Goldthwaite, a well-known local timber operator, recently acquired a controlling interest, promises a year of accelerated development for Klamath county. The reorganization leaves the old personnel of the bank unchanged and adds new experience to the directorate that will undoubtedly benefit the institution.

Six Story Building
Before leaving the city today, after spending several days in conference with his associates, Mr. Goldthwaite states that he and some of his associates contemplated the construction of a six story building, as a new home for the bank, on a site recently purchased at Seventh and Main streets.

A corporation for the purpose of constructing the building is being organized by Mr. Goldthwaite and some of his associates. Plans for the building are not entirely completed but will be announced at a later date.

The present quarters of the First National bank at Fourth and Main have been outgrown in the rapid increase of the bank's business. It is a significant fact throughout the history of the institution the annual business has consistently shown a gain averaging 50 per cent in excess of the previous year.

Before leaving the city for his plant and home at Chiloquin today, Mr. Goldthwaite stated that it was indeed gratifying to have associated

Broach Plan for Men's Bible Class

A non-denominational Bible class, open to all Klamath county men, is proposed. All local churches now have limited classes, which it is proposed to co-ordinate. The Christian church men's class has been holding successful meetings at the Star theatre each Sunday morning for several months and it is proposed to build the larger class upon this foundation, using either the theatre or the auditorium of the new chamber of commerce quarters in the American National bank basement as a meeting place.

The general plan is to conduct the meetings as non-sectarian; to have singing by the assemblage with the enthusiasm that always attends such gatherings to fill in with special numbers by men's quartette and orchestra; and to have at each of the meetings a well-chosen speaker to present a lecture upon the general current bible class topic or otherwise, these speakers to include local ministers and such others as can be obtained from time to time. The instructor of the class meeting at the Star theatre, is the Rev. C. F. Trimble and the president is W. A. West. They have both expressed their willingness to give way in those respective capacities in the establishment of the larger organization. If other classes are disposed to consider this matter favorably, they may communicate with either the Rev. Mr. Trimble or Mr. West.

It is hoped and firmly believed that in a comparatively short time a class of several hundred men can be built up in the manner indicated; its meetings will be extremely interested and beneficial; and its influence for the common good will be inestimable.

himself with the splendid directorate now arranged for First National bank of Klamath Falls.

It has been learned by The Herald that in the reorganization of the bank all of the present directors will continue on the board and in addition there will be added several financially strong men of the county.

A glance at the list of names below is convincing proof that the First National bank will be one of the strongest factors in the great era of development that is opening to Klamath county:

EVAN R. REAMES, a pioneer of Klamath county, president of the First National bank for many years, and one of the original incorporators thereof. A man of sterling qualities and recognized by all as a very conservative citizen. The Reames family has been identified with the history of the state of Oregon for many years. Mr. Reames has been associated with the most substantial enterprises of Klamath county, and responsible for much of the remarkable growth thereof. He continues as a director of the First National bank, realizing the great responsibilities of the large business now enjoyed by this bank.

CHARLES HALL, the newly elected president of the First National bank and one of its directors, is one of the best known men of the state of Oregon, having been honored by the presidency of the state chamber of commerce for three consecutive terms. He is also president of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon, of Marshfield, which is considered to be one of the most successful and conservative banks of the state. He is also president of the Coos and Curry Telephone company, the second largest telephone company of the state of Oregon; a member of the Fish commission of Oregon and of the Northwest Tourist bureau; likewise, the State Land commission, and is now taking his place as a senator from Coos and Curry counties in the present legislature. Mr. Hall is recognized as being one of the most progressive men of the younger generation of the state, and is especially interested in the agricultural development of Oregon. We believe Klamath county is to be congratulated on securing a man of his caliber and abilities. Mr. Hall becoming associated with this institution assures to the county of Klamath a deep and practical interest in agricultural and livestock problems. He has had many opportunities to identify himself with other counties in Oregon, but believing that Klamath county has one of the brightest futures before it, decided to cast his lot with what he believes to be one of the most progressive sections of the state.

LESLIE ROGERS—It is conceded by all bankers of Oregon that the proud position of the First National bank of Klamath Falls, Oregon, is in a great measure due to the guidance of its popular cashier, Mr. Rogers has had exceptional training in banking affairs, having been identified with the Central National bank of Oakland, California, before coming to Klamath Falls in 1906, at which time he became assistant cashier of the Klamath County bank, and upon the occasion of the consolidation became the cashier of the First National bank, in which capacity he has ever since served. The success

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YOUNG ARTIST WORTH SEEING SAYS CRITIC

If advance notices count for anything those who attend the entertainment at the Elks Temple tomorrow night, at which Miss Alice Shrode, 12 year old impersonator, whistler and all round entertainer is the attraction, will have an evening of unalloyed pleasure. Fred High, who has managed Chautauqua platforms, where the little lady appeared has the following comment to make of her personality and performance:

For months I have been trying to find time to do justice to an article that might better present the wonder artist of the Chautauqua—little Alice Shrode. We have read pages and pages of praise of the work that this little girl really does, but with it all one can never know Alice Shrode, on and off the platform, until you have met her as a friend.

Last fall we had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Shrode in our own home and know that parents miss most of her real worth if they know only the really wonderful little artist that they see on the platform.

Two years ago we heard Alice on the Rockport (Mo.) Lecture Congress and Chautauqua program, and, as we were there serving as platform manager, we had a chance to learn first hand of the real worth of this attraction. We thought of her as a child, but when we read the Chautauqua booklet we felt that there was more in store for those people than a mere child's program. We wish to repeat what the Rockport committee set forth in its announcement of her appearance there:

"If you people of Rockport don't say that little Alice Shrode, 12 years old, is one of the best things you ever had at your Chautauqua, write me and I will pay her fee," said De Willo Semerau, the trick accordionist who appeared on the course here last winter. He insisted that the secretary take his card and was in dead earnest. We have De Willo's card attached to Alice's contract and intend to hold him to his bargain—if it is necessary. But we don't expect to get out of paying the little girl's fee. Grown-ups and children alike will be interested in the remarkable programs of the little girl. Her mother accompanies her on the piano and is a source of great inspiration to the little girl. Gifted with unusual ability, little Miss Alice has an almost uncanny conception of the art of entertaining, and she is able, through her talent of imitation and love for music, to transmit to others the keen joy and delight of living, which is her birthright. Although she has been acclaimed a wonderful artist, and has delighted many thousands of people in her brief span of life, little Miss Alice is altogether unspoiled and is a thoroughly likable and unaffected little girl. She wins the heart of every member in the audience."

The entertainment is the second of a series of six, secured by the Elks lodge for the winter months from the Menely Lyceum system. A number of tickets have been distributed for the series. Single admissions will be on sale at the door tomorrow night to all Elks and friends of the lodge.

U. S. Will Never Be Bone Dry, Declares Enforcement Officer

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The United States will never be literally dry, Prohibition Director Kramer, declared here today, but he expressed the further opinion that national prohibition is here to stay. Sentiment throughout the country, he said, was continually growing stronger for prohibition and practical prohibition will come after the present generation has passed.

SEEK ELEVEN MILLIONS FOR NAT'L FORESTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Hearings on a national forestry program bill, calling for the expenditure of \$11,000,000 annually for the protection and development of the national forests began today before a subcommittee on appropriations. R. S. Kellogg, secretary of the newspaper print service bureau, said that the news print paper produced in the United States and Canada this year, if put into a roll 73 inches wide would unwind to the length of 13,000,000 miles.

Local Men Placed on Important Irrigation Congress Committees

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—More than 200 delegates were in attendance at the tenth convention of the Oregon Irrigation congress which opened here today.

A. L. Wisnard of Klamath Falls was made a member of the resolutions committee, and C. T. Darley, Klamath county engineer, was placed upon the credentials committee.

STORK LED THE REAPER, 1921

The stork outran the reaper in 1920 according to the annual report of Dr. A. A. Soule, retiring city physician. There were 101 deaths in Klamath Falls during the 12 months preceding January 1, 1921, against 69 during 1919 and 81 during 1918.

Births for 1920 numbered 157 against 142 in 1919 and 114 in 1918. Of the 1920 births 81 were boys and 76 girls, reversing the feminine lead of the previous year when 75 girl and 67 boy babies arrived.

Of the 101 deaths, number of those under 5 were 20; number 5 to 20 years, 6; number 20 to 40 years, 32; number 40 to 60 years, 10; number 60 to 80 years, 18; number 80 years and over, 2.

The Causes of Death Were: Accidents, including the fire, 12; suicide, 1; senility, 1; heart apoplexy and myocarditis, 10; lung, pneumonia and influenza, 32. Other causes of deaths, 13.

The report of the health officer contains a number of recommendations, including improvement of the garbage system, supervision of milk supply, a water system supplied from springs in the Wood River valley, and a larger fund for the conduct of the municipal health work.

GOVERNOR WILL TAKE TIME TO MAKE APPOINTMENT

SÁLEM, Jan. 7.—Governor Olcott today said that J. H. Dobbin had wired a definite refusal of the appointment of state highway commissioner. The governor said he would go slow to make another appointment.

Power Line Is Up Again; Factories Are Operating

The crew from the California-Oregon Power company which had been detailed to find the break in the high line in the mountains back of Dorris, returned last night about 10:30 o'clock, having found it after much trouble and repaired it effectively. This morning all the box factories are in operation with adequate power.

The linemen are now in the Keno district, prepared to repair without delay and breaks that may appear, as the power company depends upon the Keno plant to give relief here in the event that other lines are put out of commission again.

Three-Quarters of a Million Expended for Business Blocks And Dwellings Here In 1920

Similar Amount Spent in Erection of New Mills in and Adjoining City; Building Program for 1921 Not Definitely Mapped Out, But Two Projected Buildings Alone Will Cost Nearly Half Million Dollars.

Too often in fast-growing communities, the spirit of optimism becomes so badly confused with the spirit of true loyalty and legitimate community boosting that common sense becomes completely submerged, and as a result wonderful and glaring stories, stories which the person versed in general community progress affairs knows are inflated, are sent out broadcast, and while these stories have the effect, sometimes, of entrapping the unwary or unsophisticated investor or homeseeker, as a general rule they fail to redound to the welfare of the community from which they emanate, and all this energetic boosting, which might have been more conservatively employed, does nothing more than to give the communities in question permanent "black eyes." The moral is that the truth is always good enough. Facts well stated, will do more to help a community's progress than all the over-enthusiasm and misstatements that might be conjured up in a life time.

The city of Klamath Falls is one of the fortunate cities which has substantial facts to rely upon, particularly from industrial and building viewpoints, and some of these facts, in the shape of incontrovertible figures, are herewith given out for the benefit of public spirited citizens who want to do some bona fide boosting, and for the information of many non-residents who are interested in this city and the opportunities awaiting them in this county. Before submitting these figures, it might not be amiss to remind readers that the growth of any city, and the progress of that city, is almost entirely dependent upon the resources in the territory surrounding it.

127 Dwellings

During 1920, 127 building permits were granted by the city council to people who desired to erect dwellings. And, investigation shows that all of the dwellings for which the permits were granted, were erected as contemplated. The cost of these 127 dwellings reached the gratifying, if not amazing, total of \$166,900, and even this amount may not cover the full cost, as there undoubtedly were other amounts expended which do not appear upon the records. These dwellings ranged from five or six one and two room houses, of \$200 or \$300 each, to two residences built by R. E. Wattenburg at costs of \$8000 and \$9000 each.

20 Business Buildings

Passing from the dwelling houses, the records show that 29 substantial business buildings were erected at a cost of \$529,650, averaging \$18,265 each. The majority of them are magnificent buildings which would be considered valued additions to many of the bigger cities of the country.

The Winters building cost \$45,800, according to the official record. The Moore-Collier building on Main street, between Sixth and Seventh, totaled \$37,000, and the Acme Motor company garage cost is given as \$36,000. Other buildings and their costs are: Ford garage, built by Goldthwaite & Van Emon, \$25,000; Sacred Heart academy, \$60,000; Central hotel, \$20,000; Shrieler block, \$12,000; Beardsley garage, \$10,000; Evening Herald, \$10,000; Chisholm-Chrysler building, \$35,000; Scandinavian hall, \$40,000; Collins building, \$25,000; La Prairie garage, \$50,000; Fairview school, \$35,000; St. Francis apartments, \$10,000. Twenty-two small private garages

approximated \$5600. Barns, woodsheds, repairs, and additions amounted to \$11,300.

The Big Basin Lumber company secured a permit to construct \$6700 worth of buildings, and the Sawmill Construction company's permits totaled \$36,000, including its plant on Lake Ewauna, a warehouse, and an office.

Summing up these totals it is found that the total cost of new buildings erected within the city limits during the year was \$756,150. There was an immense amount of street improvements, which were given in a previous story, but this amount speaks volumes for the city of Klamath Falls.

It is hard, at this time, to offer even a fair estimate of what this year will mean to the city in the building line, but two buildings, the Pelican theatre, and First National bank building on the corner of Seventh and Main streets, will approximate \$250,000 and \$200,000 respectively. The excavations for the theatre building have already been dug.

Figuring in Sawmills.

It will be observed that the foregoing figures do not include the several new sawmill plants completed during 1920. Figuring the Pelican Bay company's new plant at \$300,000; the Ewauna Box company mill at \$125,000; the Big Lakes mill at \$75,000; the Klamath Pine Manufacturing company's mill at the same figure; the Shaw-Bertram mill, partly completed, improvements and additions to the Ackley Bros. and Lakeside company's plants and another three-quarters of a million dollars is obtained as the total for all mill construction and betterments during 1920.

COLLIER SELLS BUSINESS SITE

R. E. Smith, acting for Andrew M. Collier, has sold a business site, 50x65 feet, on the corner of Sixth and Klamath, to Al Melhase, for \$11,500. This is the site upon which the Standard Oil company service station stands, and the oil company will retain possession of the corner under a three-year lease at \$95 a month.

Mr. Melhase bought the property knowing its value as a real estate speculation, and has made no plans for its occupancy or disposition after the three-year lease expires.

Want No Change In Anti-Alien Law

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 7.—The state senate has adopted by a vote of 29 to 0 resolutions requesting the government to agree to no treaty with Japan that would nullify the state anti-alien law, or grant citizenship to Japanese.

MILINER GOES EAST TO BUY SPRING STOCK

Miss Gertrude Eckman will leave in the morning for New York city where she will purchase her spring supply of millinery. She expects to be gone about six weeks, and will visit St. Louis and Chicago while away.