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COUNTY WANTS EQUAL VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

Claiming that the present senatorial and representative districts leave Klamath county without adequate legislative representation, the legislative committee of the chamber of commerce has forwarded a request to the re-apportionment committee of the present legislature for creation of both a senatorial and representative district of Klamath county, with the county lines as district boundaries. The following telegram was forwarded today to Senator Dennis, chairman of the re-apportionment committee, and will be supported by letters to Senators Upton and Hall and Representatives Hurdick and Verterf and others, urging them to see their influence toward securing the new district.

It is the unanimous opinion of this body that the present division of the state into senatorial and representative districts does a great injustice to Klamath county.

At the present time we have no representative from this county in either house. We believe in the principle that every county should be represented in the state legislature.

In view of the fact that Klamath county has a large population, great natural resources, immediate development possibilities and a center of business of great importance to the state of Oregon, we submit to you honorable body that we are justly entitled to be constituted a separate representative and senatorial district so that we may definitely be assured in the future of representation in the state legislature.

We are confident when your committee takes into consideration the foregoing facts that you will be glad to embody this request in the proposed legislation on re-apportionment. We would be pleased to submit to the committee either a personal representative or letter the facts upon which we base our request, and suggest that you wire us when we might appear. Letter follows.

Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, by its president and secretary.

Advocate Sweeping Change.
This, it is said, is the opening edge for a demand for a change in state constitution, creating each county a separate senatorial district, and apportioning representatives according to population, each county have at least one delegate in the state house.

Inequal Representation.
The present legislative machine, it generally conceded, is considerably out of balance, and does not constitute a really representative government. Nearly one-third of the membership of both houses is controlled by Multnomah and Marion counties. Klamath county at present shares her representatives and senator with several adjoining counties and none of the legislators are Klamath countmen. Other counties of the district except the Home counties of the representatives and senator, are, of course, as equally without representation.

System Outworn.
It has been 22 years since there has been a reapportionment in Oregon and the growth of the state in the mean time has been enormous. Especially in the growth of eastern Oregon. The chamber of commerce committee believes that as redistricting must take place it would be well to change as being made to reorganize the whole system of selection make the state legislative branch government truly representative.

LEWIS IS RE-ELECTED
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 4.—An invass shows that John L. Lewis has been re-elected president of the United Mine Workers of America.

175 Elks Attended Meeting Honoring Past Lodge Heads

Last night was past exalted ruler's night at the Elks' club, about 175 members enjoying a program which was supplemented with an abundance of "eats." Past Exalted Knight J. J. Parker, presided, four other past exalted knights, E. B. Hall, W. B. Wiley, C. H. Underwood, and W. O. Smith, occupying chairs.

WOMEN GATHER TO DISCUSS THE NEEDS OF CITY

The women of the city met this afternoon at the forum room in the chamber of commerce quarters to discuss plans for civic improvement. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. H. Henry, one of the lady members of the chamber of commerce. The program was arranged by a committee of the chamber of commerce members.

Mrs. Riggs spoke on city parks, Miss Head on the value of play grounds, Mrs. Ganong on the subject of trees and shrubs, and Mrs. Fred Baker on camp grounds.

At the close of this program by the ladies T. L. Stanley, secretary of the chamber of commerce gave a talk on the subject of the great Klamath problem. Mr. Stanley said that the great Klamath problem was the fundamental one of human life and that is: How to live together. From the cradle to the grave we are subjected to the domination of other people. We must realize that we must share "America" with one hundred and ten million other people. There is only one way to do this successfully. Good will means nothing unless there is an expression of good co-operation. We must remember the lesson of the great Baltimore fire. A Washington newspaper declared that we must have a new definition for a fire proof building stated, "A fire proof building is a fire proof building that is surrounded by fire proof buildings." So prosperity and happiness are prosperity and happiness only when surrounded by prosperity and happiness.

In carrying out this program the women of the community form a strong factor. Klamath Falls needs to be made a more comfortable place in which to live. Plans are under way by the chamber of commerce to help this in a big comprehensive way and we need the women to help to put this over.

The city needs to have zone districts, it needs to have parks and play grounds conveniently located and planted with the proper trees. It also needs better lighting and water system, all of which requires careful technical planning and engineering. The people of the community must head in this plan and get it into concrete shape through the chamber of commerce in order to have a municipal government work on the problem of carrying this out and the community to back them in the undertaking.

Klamath Falls needs a big community building in which there can be a large auditorium, a plunge and shower baths, a gymnasium, headquarters for the public health and associated charity service, women's club, farm bureau, chamber of commerce, American Legion, Y. M. C. A., and Y. W. C. A. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Musical Organizations, Civic and community movements of all kinds all under one roof. The entire structure to be built as memorial for the service rendered by the soldiers and civic organizations during the late war.

Don't permit small buildings to be erected in the community. They are only white elephants on the hands of the various organizations when it comes to maintaining them. It usually takes care of only a small portion of the community and should be discouraged, but a big building should be encouraged.

Mr. Stanley elaborated on the plans for this building and on the plans for the future beauty of the city, called attention to trees and shrubbery, the city flower and uniform tree planting, and closed with this: "Good intentions alone will not win

Shook Manufacturer Predicts Big Demand for Boxes Soon; Rail Rates To Be Adjusted

"Two hundred and fifty carloads of oranges, or 125,000 boxes, are being shipped daily from Southern California, and the state will have one of the biggest orange crops in its history, fifty to fifty-five thousand cars being considered a conservative estimate by growers down there. The box stock in the orange districts is almost exhausted and that means that the box factories of northern California and Oregon will soon be called upon to supply the demand caused by the tremendous orange crop. I look for conditions which will enable our factory, and other factories in this district to re-open with almost our usual crews within 30 days."

The foregoing statement was made to a Herald representative this morning by A. J. Voge, of the Big Lakes Box company, who has just returned from a business trip that called him as far south as San Diego, and into the orange and fruit-growing districts of California, which could give him the most reliable information regarding the fruit-producing and box-making outlook.

They Are Picking Them Now.

At this time, said Mr. Voge, the growers are picking California navels but within a month or more the Valencia will ripen, and the month of June will be here before the end of the harvest is in sight. Approximately 40 per cent of the boxes used in Southern California are shipped from the box factories here, and with 50,000 or more cars of oranges to be shipped, aggregating not less than 2,500,000 boxes, it is obvious that the box factories here will be busy establishments during the coming season. Mr. Voge stated that about 95 per cent of the local box output always goes to Southern California, and it is therefore obvious also that the extent of the box business done here depends upon the orange harvest.

Full Crews Early in Season.

About 35 people are now employed by the Big Lakes Box Company, but as soon as box orders begin to come in the force will be doubled, at least, and gradually the usual force of 100 or more will be put to work. The other factories here employ about the same number of men and women. And four or five weeks

later, the industrial situation here will present entirely different aspect.

Freight Rates Hurt Business.

High freight rates, said Mr. Voge, knocked the bottom out of the fall business here last year. Rates on long hauls have been increased 33 1-3 per cent, and on short hauls, 25 per cent, and in either case the rates were exorbitant and prohibitive. Growers of celery, beans, cabbage, and other produce usually shipped from Southern California could not afford to pay the rates asked, and plowed their crops under instead of harvesting them. This militated against the box business, and while the factories here operated until December, business was irritatingly dull.

As a result of the refusal of growers to harvest and ship their crops, the railroads suffered an enormous slump in business, this slump placing January on record as one of the dullest shipping months in many years. The railroads, said Mr. Voge, sacrificed volume for bigger profits, and as a result have been taught a valuable lesson.

Empty Cars All Over.

"Empty box cars," continued Mr. Voge, "are standing all over the state a rebuke to the short-sighted railroad authorities who put the hold-up rates into effect." It is impossible for growers in the west to pay sky high freight rates east, and at the same time compete profitably with growers from Florida and other southern states who have shorter hauls and lower freight rates to help them shoot their produce into the big population centers.

Will Adjust Rates.

With these facts before them, the Interstate Commerce commission and the Pacific coast shippers will meet in San Francisco about the 15th of this month, and will make an effort to decide upon more satisfactory rates. These rates should become effective within 30 days from that time and the effect upon the box business will be remarkable, Mr. Voge believes. California has been drenched with rain, and big harvests are predicted in that state. This will help immensely here, and a year of brisk and bigger business can be seen in the horizon by local observers.

FUND GROWS WITH GIFTS

Recent receipts for the European and Armenian relief funds have been very encouraging, reports Arthur Wilson, treasurer. They include \$147 from Dairy sent in by Jesse B. Drew. This is the result of a careful canvass of the district raising \$112.50 and the proceeds of a dance raising \$34.50 more. The showing is very fine for the district.

Also the Shasta View Sunday school has sent in a second donation. This school has been the most consistent giver to this cause of any organization in the county as it has taken regular monthly subscriptions. Another donation of \$4.00 was left at the Bank here by a woman who earns her own way by manual labor. This makes \$10 from this woman and shows a spirit which if equaled by all would make an unparalleled record for Klamath County in any undertaking it might assume.

A. E. Johnson, buyer for the Ocean Lumber company of San Francisco, coast representatives for Pierce & Price of London, England, left yesterday after a short visit here. Mr. Johnson is the first buyer to look over conditions in local territory this season.

And it is easy enough to plan. To wish is the way of an office boy. To do is the work of a man. "Let this optimism and progress be so complete that the new Klamath Falls of the future will be a city beautiful, healthful, and happy because we planned it so."

Redistricting Plan All Cut and Dried Says Press Report

(By Associated Press)
SALEM, Feb. 4.—State reapportionment plans which are expected to cause lively debates were launched today with the appointment of a sub-committee of the general committee to draft a reapportionment bill. It is understood its general plan has been agreed upon.

The plan reported to be under consideration provides that the joint senator from Clackamas and Multnomah would be transferred as joint senator from Multnomah and Marion. Multnomah would be given one more senator by the bill and it is also proposed to take one representative from Washington, Linn, Marion and Jackson county and distribute them through new districts in eastern Oregon.

ELEVEN STATE ROAD BILLS INTRODUCED

SALEM, Feb. 4.—Eleven bills embodying legislation requested by the state highway commission were introduced in the senate today. These included bills exempting highway contractors from the restrictions of the eight-hour law, and providing a fifty-fifty maintenance between the counties and the state. They also provide protection to contractors of state highway construction without entailing the necessity of purchasing surety bonds, and gives the commission authority to pave streets that are a part of the state highway in small towns. These bills would give the right to sell bonds at par.

The bill would also make the commission the final arbiter in the selection of a state board, and would require the permission of the commission before a highway may be relocated or the surface of a highway cut for public utility service, or trees cut along a highway. The free text book bill will be made a special order at 2 o'clock this afternoon, a majority report having recommended passage.

NO DANCE AT COUNTY FARM SATURDAY EVENING.

J. H. Short, superintendent of the county farm, stated today that plans for a dance at the hospital Saturday night had been abandoned on advice of the county physician, to whom a few mild cases of smallpox in the valley have been reported. The dance will be given later, when the physician thinks it is advisable.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—Cattle, steady; hogs, weak, \$10.50 to \$11; sheeps and eggs, weak; butter, firm.

LEGISLATURE IS GRINDING AWAY

SALEM, Feb. 4.—The house unanimously passed the Belknap bill prohibiting alien and disloyal persons from teaching in public schools, the University of Oregon, and at the state agricultural college.

A bill was also passed banning punchboards.

The Dennis resolution, requiring the highway commission to make all roads 16 feet wide, was killed.

No More Districts.

The senate killed the Eberhart bill making every county a judicial district, which would have increased the number of circuit court judges to 44. The bill for marking boundaries of unenclosed land was also killed.

Increase Salaries.

The senate has passed the Norblad bill for organizing logged off land improvement districts, and bills increasing the salaries of certain Multnomah county officials and affecting salaries of certain state officers.

Whether the Roosevelt highway bill passes depends upon deals between coast and eastern Oregon representatives.

COMMITTEE IS PARING ARMY BILL TO BONE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(Special to the Herald)—The appropriations subcommittee on military affairs of the House, under the direction of Congressman Daniel R. Anthony of Kansas, the chairman, is hard at work whipping the annual army bill into shape. Drastic economy is evident as the estimates of Secretary Baker are considered and passed upon by the committee. Lump sum appropriations are being eliminated wherever possible, and specific sums for specific purposes are being allotted for the various branches of army activity. The only deviation from that rule is in the appropriation for pay, where it is necessary to provide an amount sufficient to compensate the entire personnel from which the secretary can make drafts as the money is needed. In spite of the fact that the house and senate have passed a resolution limiting the size of the army to 175,000 men, it is understood to be the purpose of the appropriations committee to furnish money enough for only 150,000 amounting to a further reduction of \$5,000. Officers, too, will be cut to about 15,000. It will be up to the new secretary of war in the Harding administration to make practical application of the reductions made in practically every item of the executive estimates.

May Be A Rebate

Congressman William J. Graham of Illinois, chairman of the special committee that has been investigating expenditures of the war department, is busy at work preparing his final report to the House. It is said that it will contain some highly interesting disclosures as to some of the transactions involved in disposing of war industries and surplus materials. It is Mr. Graham's intention to seek the appointment of a special assistant attorney general under the new administration, whose duty it shall be to inquire into some of the war department sales with a view to recovering money thereon. The congressman believes that the Government can get back hundreds of millions of dollars through a vigorous prosecution of those cases. As one instance of the ridiculously low prices accepted by the Secretary of War, Mr. Graham cites the powder plant at Old Hickory, Tennessee, upon which the government expended \$90,000,000 but which never produced a pound of powder for use in the war. On October 12, 1920, the plant was sold to the Nashville Industrial corporation for \$3,505,000, the government receiving only \$200,000 cash and the balance in ten year 5 per cent notes. The man who negotiated the sale for the government was later decorated with a distinguished service medal for his services in disposing of army property "at exceptionally advantageous prices."

Mill To Grind On

It is possible that the extra session of the Senate, to be called immediately after President-elect Harding is inaugurated, will merge into the extra session of congress that it is predicted will be called about three weeks later. There will be many important nominations to be confirmed, which will have to be referred to committees and receive careful consideration. Mr. Harding will be called upon to name four members of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who will have to secure the approval of the senate interstate commerce committee before they will be given senatorial endorsement. Senator Albert B. Cummins of Iowa, the chairman of that committee, states that there are 30 or 40 other highly important nominations to be made by the new president, all of which will take time to confirm. Of course, the cabinet appointments head the list, but their confirmation is usually considered a matter of routine, as it is conceded to be the right of a president to select his personal advisers without senatorial opposition.

WAGE CUT IN SPOKANE.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 4.—The Master Builders' association has announced wage reductions amounting to a dollar a day for craftsmen and laborers.