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WE KEPT THE WATER

The Klamath project will keep the waters of Klamath lake!

This is the message that the farmers of the Klamath project sent winging on its way to Washington, to ring in the ears of Secretary Hubert Work and Commissioner of Reclamation Elwood Mead when they elected J. L. Jacob and R. L. Short directors of the Klamath Irrigation district by an overwhelming majority.

It was an expression of the will of those who pay the bill, of those who have paid the bill for nearly twenty years and, by reason of the vicious mismanagement of those representing the reclamation service, have been facing bankruptcy for the past several years. Trusting the promises of those whom they elected to represent them, the farmers thought that they would receive a square deal at the hands of their government. That trust was reposed in them for seven years, at the end of which they discovered that instead of the honesty and efficiency they expected, they were robbed and plundered. Then last year they rose up in protest and took away the management and placed it in the hands of men who have striven to regain that which was lost. The change was so sudden that the reclamation service could not accept the results with other than amazement. The tools here told them it was an accident and that this year they would regain control and once more place the assets of the project where they could be distributed to the friends of the reclamation service.

The answer came yesterday. There will be no talk about a crooked election. There will be no talk of an accident. There will be no talk of the people not understanding the issues. It was the largest vote in the history of the district. For two weeks the farmers were regaled with facts and figures, lies and truths, until there was not a man who did not fully understand that this was a fight to keep the reclamation service from turning the surplus water rights of the project over to the California Oregon Power company; that they were voting for the enactment of a contract that would be fair to the district and be free of the iniquitous jokers that heretofore have cursed every agreement entered into with the reclamation service; that they were giving instructions to their directors to leave nothing undone to regain that which had been stolen and to prevent the well laid plot to curtail the boundaries of the district and eliminate the tens of thousands of acres of the most fertile land in the west, to the end that the water might go to the California Oregon Power company instead of to the irrigation of this vast acreage.

The directors of the district are going to the reclamation service, not with a brick in one hand and an olive branch in the other. They are going with a demand for simple justice. They are going to meet the reclamation service as one business concern meets another, with a contract that will be as fair to the government as it will be to the landowners, with the unaltered and unalterable determination that absolute home rule shall be granted to the Klamath project—nothing less and nothing more.

Secretary Work, when he was here, stated that reclamation has been a failure. Reclamation has not been a failure, but the men who have administered the affairs of the reclamation service have been a failure. Carrying into the work of the service the idiocies of the bureaucrats, they have sought to impress upon the people their stamp of assumed statesmanship and when repulsed they have taken on the role of the autocrat. That is the trouble. Without brains or ability, ignorant and incompetent to carry on the work to which they have been assigned, they have undertaken to hide their shame under the cloak of official authority until their actions have become unbearable and their insolence detested. That is why the people of the Klamath project rose up in their might yesterday; that is why the people on every project throughout the west are bitter in their protests and why the love and affection they should have for their government is turning to hate. Appeal to those in power like Work and Mead has proven unavailing, for they have listened to the flatterers within the charmed circle. They have believed the stories of bolshevism that have been told about the best people in the west. They have not dug down deep into the facts, but have accepted the surface.

Commissioner Mead, in his back-stabbing letter that he wrote last May to W. C. Dalton, written at a time when he was protesting the keenest friendship for and interest in the people of this project, said, in substance, that if the owners of the Klamath project did not step aside and surrender to the service, it would be impossible to get settlers to come here; that the government could do nothing but bow down to the California Oregon Power company contract and that if something was not done to

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stop the farmers in their effort to keep control of their affairs, there was nothing left to do but have the government turn its back upon Klamath until such time as the people here were willing to knuckle down to the dictates of his department.

We want to warn Commissioner Mead that he must change his attitude if he expects peace on the Klamath project. Once before he was hung in effigy and that episode may be repeated here. The farmers of the Klamath project are not serfs. They are Americans with the manhood to demand and to secure their rights. They have paid the government more than its due. They have stood the plunderbund of the reclamation service in patience and resignation, hoping that the rights of Americans would be recognized by the understrappers of the service. But they have gone the limit and if Mead, or any other representative of the reclamation service wants to do business with the Klamath Irrigation district, it will have to be done with all cards on the table, with all jokers out of the deck and on the basis of a square deal for both sides.

So far as the past is concerned, the books are closed and will remain closed unless they are opened by the reclamation service. On the board of directors of the Klamath Irrigation district are three men of whom the people are proud. They are men who practice and believe in open-handed dealing and will tolerate nothing else. If the service will continue to send its dirty little tricksters here, hoping to slip something over, it is going to be disappointed. If it will send a man who has some brains and a little ability, but who has some of the rudiments of honesty and fair-play, there will be no trouble and within a short time the department of the interior will have forgotten that there is such a place as the Klamath project. But the reclamation service must not forget that the water is ours and we will keep it.

SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED

Since the date of the special election for councilman from the second ward, there have been street rumors to the effect that fully fifty illegal votes were sworn in. If this is true it is a matter that should claim the attention of the grand jury and if sufficient evidence is found to warrant indictments it should be done. The day has passed in Klamath county when an election is a joke. The law of the land must be respected and no place more sincerely than at the ballot box.

Another matter that should be brought to the attention of the grand jury are the vicious charges made during the recent water users' election. During the campaign open charges that the taxes of the district were remitted in payment of campaign debts were made. If they are true, then the officials of the district have been guilty of gross misconduct in office and should be indicted, convicted and removed. If they are untrue, then those making them and those publishing them should be indicted for criminal slander and libel.

Swearing Brings Sentence in Jail

Because he used indecent language in a public place, Everett Lynch must serve ten days in jail and pay a fine of \$25.

Lynch was arrested in Beatty and brought to Klamath Falls this morning. He was fined by Justice of the Peace E. X. Kendall.

MASONS IN CHARGE

Laying of Corner Stone of Episcopal Church to Take Place
Masons of Klamath Falls will be in charge of the laying of the corner stone of the new St. Paul's Episcopal church on next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, was the announcement made today.

CRISIS AVERTED
PARIS, Nov. 11. (AP)—A ministerial crisis for the Painleve cabinet was averted, or at least postponed, probably until early next week, when the finance committee of the chamber of deputies adjourned today to give the premier a chance to draw up a compromise plan which is expected to rally the support of the socialists.

URBANA, Ill. — Fourteen of 25 University of Illinois students, questioned at a church meeting, were unable to give the name of the vice president of the United States.

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Wilson Wiley Gives Klamath Good Send-Off

Wilson S. Wiley, Klamath attorney, gave his city and county some valuable publicity in an extended interview this week in The Oregonian's "Come and Go" column. The interview follows:

Klamath Falls is in a state of uncertainty and will remain so until the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the question of railroad development in the basin is settled, declared W. S. Wiley, Klamath Falls attorney, who was registered at the Imperial hotel yesterday. "We feel that we are on the verge of a great development era down our way," said Mr. Wiley. "However, business men are marking time on their projected plans until a settlement of our transportation question is finally arrived at. With the Dalles-Columbia highway practically completed, other highways of the section being developed, the Southern Pacific cut-off on the way to completion, and other railroad building definitely planned things look exceedingly bright to us. I cannot understand just what the opposition to the Oregon Trunk line extending its road into the Klamath basin is based on. Most of us believe that the more transportation we can get the better. We have great undeveloped resources in timber and power. Irrigation projects are also making agricultural lands most productive. Because of our altitude it is somewhat cooler and hence the section is suited to the raising of certain products which cannot be as successfully produced elsewhere. Sugar beets were tried the past year and tested so well that a sugar refinery is an immediate prospect. I understand that certain vegetable marketers have concluded a deal to secure lettuce from there late in the summer and fall when the crops elsewhere have mostly dried up. Then there is the climate. When I first went to Klamath Falls in 1907 I heard E. H. Harriman speak. At that time he predicted that Klamath Falls would ultimately become the summer playground of the west as southern California now is the winter resort. He promised immediate construction of the cutoff. Separation of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific lines postponed this, however. All in all, we think we have a great place down there that has a future." Mr. Wiley was accompanied by William McNealy. They made the trip primarily to attend the dedication of the new Elks' temple at Salem.

Masonic Lodge Will Officiate At Ceremonies

Members of the Masonic order will be in charge of the laying of the corner stone for the new St. Paul's Episcopal church on Sunday afternoon at the hour of three o'clock, was the announcement made today.

The Grand Master being unable to attend the ceremonies has appointed Grand Marshal C. E. Dennis of the local lodge, who will lay the stone.

Masons will meet at the Masonic hall at 2:30 where the lodge session will be opened in grand lodge form with work in the first degree. From the hall the members will go in a body to the exercises.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Public Schools and Women's Club Have Social Gathering

With the aid of the "Woman's Club" of Klamath Agency the public schools gave a very successful entertainment and social on Friday evening. Through the cooperation some \$70.00 was realized for the purchase of a phonograph for the schools.

COURT OF HONOR

To Hold First Meeting on November 18 in Court House

The first meeting of the Court of Honor will be held in the Court house Wednesday evening, November 18. All Boy Scouts coming before the Court must be in uniform, and be present at seven o'clock to go before the examining board. The Court goes into session at eight o'clock. Scouts must have their applications in at headquarters by the 16th and some troop official must be present to vouch for them before the Court will pass upon all scouts ready for their second class, first class and merit badge awards. This announcement was made today by Scout Executive Everett O. Nord.

NEW YORK — The Elks must show the grand jury their books to prove they don't deserve a federal beer padlock.

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