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Good Water, Good Land, Good Men

AT the current hearing on irrigation water charges, one of the special commissioners, Dr. Peterson, made the comment in effect that Klamath irrigators would feel differently about water usage and restrictions if there was not so much water in Upper Klamath lake. He made the comment in reference to conditions on some California water projects.

Dr. Peterson is right, but the fact remains that the local irrigators need not feel differently because they do have the abundant supply in Upper Klamath. They are in a position to use all the water necessary to the maximum production from their land, and they should have opportunity to take full advantage of the opportunities thus afforded them.

One witness before the commission told of operating on his ranch for 40 years, and the land is more productive now than it was when he started. Another had the same experience in 25 years of operation. Such records are a tribute to the sound practices followed by these and other farmers like them on the lands of the Klamath project. In their cases, at least, they have not abused the privileges afforded them through the advantages of a great natural reservoir. It was also testified at the hearing that more land is coming back from Class 5 (unfit for sound cultivation) than is going into that classification, which is an indication of general prevalence of sound practices upon the project.

A fair appraisal of the situation on the Klamath project, of course, will take into consideration the presence of a great natural supply of good water and the ability of the land to produce abundantly and indefinitely when that water is properly applied. It will also take into consideration the high calibre of farmers who make up the vast majority operating on this project.

Charter Discussion

A NUMBER of important questions may be opened up if the city council proceeds seriously with its proposed consideration of a new charter for Klamath Falls.

There is, for instance, the possibility that the people of the city should be given an opportunity to vote on a city manager form of government. A city manager proposal was defeated here many years ago, and it may be that prevailing sentiment is still against it. But a number of Oregon cities are operating successfully under various forms of the city manager plan, such as the council-manager plan, and perhaps Klamath voters would like at least to have opportunity to express themselves on such a proposition.

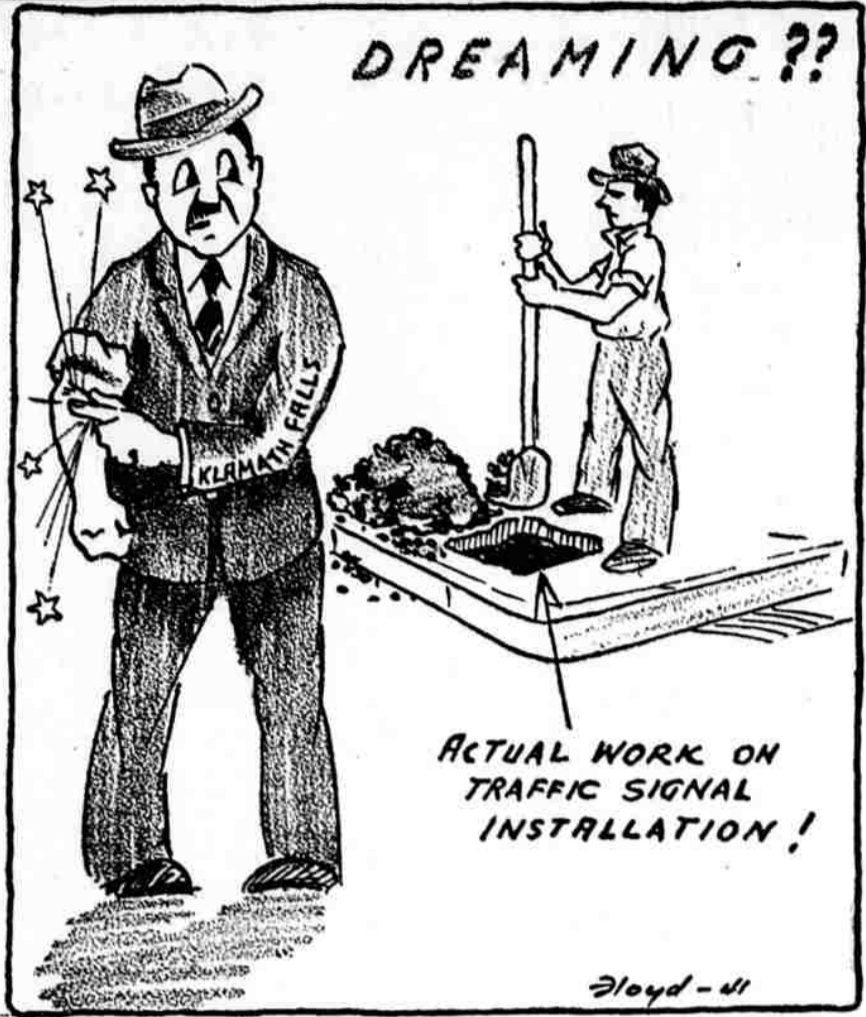
It is possible that if a vote is to be taken on the charter, it would be advisable to offer certain alternatives and permit the people to make their choice among them. These things are mentioned here chiefly because they indicate an opening field of discussion in which those interested in city affairs should participate. Formation of a new charter means the opportunity to modernize and re-vamp local government and to correct any faults that may be existent in the present set-up. It should focus constructive attention on the city government.

Courthouse Records

MONDAY
Complaints Filed
 Bertha Lillian Stout versus Curtis Clarence Stout. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Montesano, Wash., August 17, 1931. Plaintiff charges desertion. Defendant in state penitentiary at Walla Walla. W. C. Van Emon, attorney for plaintiff.
 Thomas B. Wilson and Beulah E. Wilson versus J. G. Conley and L. M. Dunn and June E. Dunn. Plaintiff's first cause of action, suit to collect note. Damages of \$1200 sought in plaintiff's second cause of action. Edward B. Ashurst, attorney for plaintiffs.
 Marie E. Peterson versus Vernon W. Peterson. Suit for divorce. Couple married at Klamath Falls January 1, 1937. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment and asks custody of one minor child and \$25 monthly for support of child. J. C. O'Neill, attorney for plaintiff.
Decree
 Betty Williams versus Fred Williams. Divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Plaintiff granted custody of minor child and \$20 monthly from defendant for its support. Henry E. Perkins, attorney for plaintiff.
Plea
 State of Oregon versus Emery William Tibbetts. Defendant pleaded not guilty to charge of rape. Trial will be set at time new court docket is scheduled, September 2.
Justice Court
 William Chancy Jerome, void foreign license. Fined \$5.50.
 Donald Peterson Donalson, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
 Walter William Stanton, no operator's license, no tail light. Fined \$5.50 on each charge.
 Kenneth Lawrence McKinnie, failure to stop at highway intersection. Fined \$5.50.
 Joseph Ray Yoeman, no oper-

ator's license, no tail light. Fined \$5.50 on each charge.
 Roy Ruffus Schneck, overloading truck. Fined \$25, \$15 suspended.
 Harold Dean King, no motor truck license. Fined \$5.50.
 Louis Alden Brunner, only one headlight. Fined \$5.50.
 Carey Clark Ellis, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.
 Freddie Elton Zimmerman, no operator's license, no tail light, defective muffler. Unable to prove ownership of car. Committed to jail for 10 days for investigation.
 Everett Harold Smith, no operator's license. Fined \$5.50.
 Leodor Joseph Gerrus, no operator's license, no proof of financial responsibility. Fined \$5.50 or three days on first count, \$75 or 30 days on second. Committed to county jail 33 days.
 Jack McNiles, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.
 William Chancy Jerome, failure to signal. Fined \$5.50.
 Walter Lee Adams, selling liquor to an Indian. Fined \$25.
 Alfred Fredo Bonotto, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.
 Donald Richard Olson, no tail light. Fined \$5.50.

Dr. Robert Hill Dies in Texas
 DALLAS, Tex., July 29 (P)—Dr. Robert T. Hill, 82, who entered Cornell university in 1882 with only sixth grade schooling and received a B. S. degree four years later, died last night.
 Dr. Hill was principal geologist for the United States geologist survey from 1886 to 1930.
 He located oil bearing sands and artesian waters in Texas where he conducted most of his research work.
 Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, could throw a punch at a speed of 135 miles an hour.



ACTUAL WORK ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION!

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City Councilmen Discuss New Charter for Klamath

Mayor John Houston was authorized by the city council last night to appoint a charter committee to study the possibility of preparing a new charter for Klamath Falls.

Last week, Councilman Rollin Cantrall proposed the city "do something" about its ancient charter, copies of which are said to be scarce. Herman Kehrl, secretary of the League of Oregon Cities, in a letter read last night suggested the appointment of a charter committee and said the league will help Klamath Falls prepare a new charter.

It was decided to get estimates of printing cost in time for consideration of the budget committee this fall.

A new charter would have to be adopted by vote of the people of the city. The next city election is in November, 1942.

Mayor Houston did not indicate how soon he will appoint a charter committee.

R. H. Corey, consulting engineer of Portland, wrote the city suggesting the council consider purchase of the water system from the California Oregon Power company. He said bond demand and interest rates are now favorable.

Mayor Houston referred the matter to the public works committee headed by A. H. Bussman. The mayor said it might be advisable to get a price commitment from the company for future use, but said the matter should be given further study.

Councilmen pointed out that a water bond issue was defeated a few years ago.

Park Proposed
 A new city park between Ewauna and Second streets above Main was proposed by A. B. Epperson. He told the council flood waters in Sunday's rainstorm swept down First

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street and flooded Main street. General improvement of that area, he said, could be brought about by a park which would add to the city's attractions for tourists.

Mayor Houston will look into the matter of property ownership and other possibilities in connection with the proposal.

"Movie Week"
 The city endorsed plans for "Movie Week" to be held here in the first week of duck season. When Charlie White's movie exhibit will be shown here by the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

Referred to the airport committee was the matter of using paint, provided by the state aeronautics board, for Klamath Falls markers on building tops here.

KLAMATH YOUTHS ENLIST IN ARMY

Among the enlistments in the United States army at Portland this week were the following Klamath youths: Claude D. Kennerly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlie A. Kennerly, 1133 Pine street, Sterling B. Dodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Doege, 1413 Homedale Road, William I. Cabaniss, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Cabaniss, 517 North Tenth street, Richard L. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Tur-

COINCIDENCE?

MONTICELLO, N. Y. (P)—Policeman Irving Schwartz, wearing shield 13, responded to fire alarm 13 aboard a passing fire truck.

He found the blaze at 13 Wheeler street—and he's been married 13 years.

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (P)—Soldiers have been asked to quit enclosing "get acquainted" notes to the laundry girls in their bundles of dirty shirts and socks.

For fine beer all agree: "Wieland's Has the Flavor!"

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, July 29—The Japanese grab of Indo-China appeared on its face to be a Hitler-made trick, worked through Vichy. People generally have so considered it—but not the top-men of Mr. Roosevelt's diplomatic staff.

They have direct information which leads them to believe the Tokyo cabinet was moved by almost wholly selfish opportunistic reasons. The primary consideration was to get another most easily available stepping stone toward Asiatic domination. Some day the Japs want to work northward, but not until the soviet becomes too weak to resist. The south was undefended. The seizure could be accomplished without military risk.

Only after those two sufficient reasons had been established did the Japs consider the Nazi interest of diverting U. S. and British attention, according to this information. In fact, some Jap cabinet members opposed the step for this reason.

CUTTING LOOSE

Everything inside here indicates the Japs are, in fact, mildly cutting themselves loose from the Berlin axis and striking out on their own.

If this interpretation is correct, there will be no Jap attack on Singapore, the Dutch East Indies or the Philippines. They would only occupy and consolidate their current ill-gotten gain, while awaiting a similar opportunity to sneak the next one without a fight (the same kind of game Russia played with Hitler before she was attacked).

If this runs counter to what you read and hear, remember a diplomatic war of nerves is being played around the event.

ANOTHER PICTURE

A far different version of the red-Nazi struggle than has been offered in the official communiqués is reaching the authorities of this government.

Last Sunday night, for instance, while radio commentators were making listeners feel good with announcements that the second Hitler drive had failed ("The Russian army is as strong as when the fray started," one said), a map of the actual situation was in circulation among officials.

It showed the Russians holding three giant pockets behind the German lines, completely surrounded, but with food and ammunition sufficient to last for weeks without communi-

SIDE GLANCES



"Oh, boy! Here comes the blasting committee!"

tions. Largest of these pockets was south of Luga, controlling sections of both railroads going north to Leningrad. Another was at Smolensk. Although the German line had passed east of Smolensk and the advance guard was actually within 100 miles of Moscow, nevertheless the Russians still controlled the Smolensk rail head and the terminus of a four-lane highway leading to Moscow.

The third pocket was at Kiev, where the nazis had also passed around the red city army clinging to the rail junction.

From these facts, it was evident rosy interpretations were out of order for either side. The reds were working a new military strategy employing suicide pockets of their troops around the most important railroads on a large scale (the Luga pocket was supposed to contain a couple hundred thousand red troops). How this would work out was anybody's guess, but the Germans were clearly in the best strategic position.

Stalin and the main part of the soviet government were still in Moscow. Only some unimportant bureaus had been moved east (commissar for timber, commissar for fisheries, etc.)

The British found early in this war that rosy reporting brought the same popular reaction as corn likker. An overdose might possibly make everyone feel good today, but the possibility of a correspondingly unrealistic depression tomorrow made its use distinctly not worth

Malin, Merrill Aluminum Arrives In Klamath Monday

First shipment of aluminum from the outlying districts was received in Klamath Falls early Monday morning when Harry Jackman, member of the Klamath county Triple A committee, drove in a truckload of discarded pots, pans, pieces of equipment and other aluminum articles.

The metal came from donations left at the Kalina store in Malin, and Sanford Jones, Merrill. A second truckload is expected to be sent to Klamath Falls from other sections of the county on Tuesday, committee members stated.

Let's not boo any American citizen... let's all save our boots for Hitler.—Wendell Willkie, G. O. P. 1940 presidential candidate.

ENDS TODAY!
 "Hudson's Bay"
 and
 'Petticoat Politics'
TOMORROW!
2 FEATURES
 Warner Baxter
 in
"ADAM HAD FOUR SONS"
 Victor McLaglan
 in
"DIAMOND FRONTIER"
RAINBOW

LAST TIMES TONIGHT
 Cesar Romero and Carole Landis
"DANCE HALL"
Tomorrow and Thursday
 She lured many men to doom... thrilling story of the world's most famous spy! The one and only Garbo... at her finest!
Garbo
 AS
MATA HARI
 TEMPTRESS OF THE SECRET SERVICE
PINE TREE

LAST TIMES TONIGHT!
Clark Gable and Rosalind Russell
"THEY MET IN BOMBAY"
COMING WEDNESDAY!
 THE STAR WHO
 WON THE
Academy Award...
 and YOUR HEART
 IN "KITTY FOYLE"
 falls in love all over again... in the funniest love story ever told!
Ginger Rogers
"TOM, DICK and HARRY"
 with
GEORGE MURPHY
BURGESS MEREDITH
ALAN MARSHAL
 Extras
 "Battle of the Atlantic"
 Unusual Occupations.
 Latest World News
 For Theatre Information
 Dial 8472
PELICAN Dial 4572