

GRANGE AND MERRILL FOR RAIL PLAN

Pass Resolutions Saturday At Meetings Favoring G. N. Route

Two resolutions favoring the amended application of the Great Northern Railway company for its line south from Klamath Falls to within a quarter of a mile of Merrill and a half mile of Malin were passed yesterday by county groups.

The Pomona grange passed a resolution of intervention in favor of the line as did the city council of Merrill at a meeting held last night. The resolutions passed yesterday were voted unanimously and no dissenting voices were heard as was the case Friday when the Klamath irrigation board of directors and the joint railway committee passed similar resolutions.

NO OPPOSITION
So far there has been no opposition voiced in the county to the change in the route from the former plan, with most residents considering the change a minor one and the main argument regarding the building of the line settled by the original order of the commission.

The following resolution was passed by the city council of Merrill at a meeting last night:

"Whereas the Interstate Commerce Commission has duly issued a certificate to the Great Northern Railway company authorizing it to construct a line of railway to connect Klamath Falls, Oregon, and Malin, California, and the railway company has filed an amended application to locate its line of railway on the east side of Lost river from Klamath Falls and extending to a point immediately adjacent to the city of Merrill on the north side thereof and running therefrom easterly to within half a mile of Malin and then directly south to a point on its original survey as shown in its original application about 12 miles south of Malin, and hearing thereon has been set for February 10th, 1931, at Klamath Falls, we therefore be it:

"Resolved that the city of Merrill approve of the change of location of the line of the Great Northern Railway company and believe that it will much better serve the interest of the city of Merrill and of the large amount of irrigated and irrigable lands immediately adjacent thereto than the location as originally proposed for the line of the city of Merrill is hereby authorized and directed to collect whatever evidence may be necessary and available to support such amended application and to appoint representatives and select witnesses and arrange for their attendance at such hearing, and to urge upon the commission that the amended application be granted and that said line be located as prayed for in that application or as near thereto as may be justified by the evidence produced at the hearing.

The foregoing resolution was duly and unanimously passed at the meeting of the city council of the city of Merrill, on the 10th day of January, 1931, and is hereby so certified.

"G. W. Offield, Mayor, Attest, G. A. Thomas, city clerk."

GRANGE BACKS PLAN
The following resolution was passed by the Pomona grange at its meeting held at Henley Grange hall yesterday: The Pomona grange is composed of farmers throughout the county and of property owners along the proposed new route and the lines of the Southern Pacific in this county.

"Resolved by Pomona Grange of Klamath county that it is in the best interests of the agricultural community of Klamath county and county of Pomona grange that the amended application of the Great Northern Railway company to locate its line of railway east of Lost river and the line of California highway and north of Merrill and as prayed for by the railway company in its amended application in the proceeding be granted and the officers and directors of the grange are directed to secure evidence and produce it through witnesses and representatives at the hearing of said line of railway as set at Klamath Falls for February 10, 1931, and to take whatever steps may be legitimately necessary to the securing of the location of said line of railway as prayed for, or as may be shown to be practical upon the hearing.

"Passed and executed at a regular meeting of the grange this 10th day of January, 1931, at Henley Grange hall, Klamath county, Oregon.

"Pomona Grange of Klamath county, by R. E. High, master of the grange; G. A. Schultz, secretary."

DEATHS
HANS NYLANDER
Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services for the late Hans Nylander, to be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine Avenue 316. The services will be conducted by the officers of Klamath Falls lodge of Masons. Interment will be made in the family plot in Linkville cemetery.

NELLIE COLEMAN
The remains of the late Nellie Coleman were forwarded by the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home to Rawlins, Wyo., where services will be held at the Rawlins Catholic church. Interment will be made in the family plot.

STRAYED
Ited Durham cow, age 7, branded H. C. on right hip, ear mark under bit each ear, dapple on left side neck, to H. Flornan, Malin, Ore. 11-11*

CITY BRIEFS

Miss Bernice Hector was expected to arrive last night from Seattle, Wash., where she has been making her home for the past year and a week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Hector, of North Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lanckenbach are planning to move from Chillicothe where they have resided for several years to this city where they will make their home.

Word has been received by Mrs. Roy Brazen of this city of the death of her mother at her home in Seattle, following an illness of several weeks.

Meetings of the Delphian groups are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, January 13, at 2:15. Mrs. W. E. Lamm's group will meet with Mrs. Horace Manning on North Eleventh street, and Mrs. Don Zumbach's group will meet with Mrs. H. E. Gatz on Pacific Terrace. The subject for study will be Greek Mythology.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wira and family have moved from their former home at Chillicothe to Klamath Falls and have 175 as a residence on Reclamation street. Mr. Wira is an employee of the California Oregon Power company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Jensen will leave today by motor for a two weeks' vacation and business trip to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Martin and children left Friday night for San Francisco where Mr. C. H. Martin expects to undergo a major operation some time this week. In the St. Francis hospital.

Mrs. E. H. Henry will leave this morning by train for Modesto, Calif. She will be gone for an indefinite period on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Two marriage licenses were issued yesterday at the office of the county clerk, to Earl Kleun, 22, blacksmith's helper, Algoma, and Zelma Lewis, 23, telephone operator, Klamath Falls; and to William L. Bell, 48, farmer, Malin, and Elizabeth Lowery, 42, Tappan, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stinson and son Frank, who have been in Oakland for the past three months have returned to Klamath Falls to move their restaurant equipment to Oakland where they are opening a restaurant in the Woodson hotel. They are visiting at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stinson. Stinsons were formerly owners of the Marshall house in Klamath Falls.

Births out numbered deaths by 20 during the month from December 10 to January 10, according to the monthly report compiled by the Klamath county health unit. Total number of deaths were 20, and births numbered 50. Contagious diseases are diminishing, according to the report, with six cases of pneumonia, one of whooping cough, one of chicken-pox and two of diphtheria.

Members of St. Paul's Episcopal church are preparing for their annual meeting and parish dinner which will be held at the parish hall on January 23. Rev. Joseph Ewing is in charge of arrangements. All members of the church and friends are invited to attend.

N. S. Nissen, connected with the Portland Bureau of the Burns Detective Agency, is in Klamath Falls on a business trip. Mr. Nissen is transacting special business with V. G. Klock, local representative.

Avis Schack, present secretary to Arthur Schack, his law office, is leaving today for Salem where she will act as Mrs. Schack's secretary during the legislative session.

There was a large attendance at the Episcopal Guild meeting held Thursday afternoon in the parish hall. The business meeting was followed by a social hour and refreshments.

Mrs. Mary Wilson, of Medford, formerly stenographer for J. H. Carahan, local attorney, is in Klamath Falls for a short visit with old friends and acquaintances.

Jack Haley, of the offices of Ida B. Momver, motored to Upper Langell Valley Friday, stopping at the Crystal ranch on his return trip to this city.

Children may coast safely on Portland Avenue, as the street is closed to automobiles it has been announced.

Battery D. To Get Pay Monday
Battery D, 24th Coast Artillery, will receive nearly \$2000 Monday, the first pay-day for the year. Members, which number 74, are paid four times each year.

All members are asked to be on hand for drill and to receive their pay Monday.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Miss Catherine Nowlen in Klamath Falls, please notify Ellen Nowlen, 102 Eldorado St. 11-11*

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District Water Users Form Against Buying Of McCormick Site

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The year approximately 1100 feet and foot of water, 601,000 acre feet a year, or more than two-thirds of the average yearly run off of the Klamath water shed for the past 16 years, as shown by the water records of the Klamath river.

You must consider that this power development is located at a point below any possible diversion for irrigation. The water users have for years opposed the granting of power rights that would endanger irrigation. The development of the McCormick site will force the district to compete with itself for water.

REFUSED BY COPCO
Referring again to the responsibility for the district's power policies, should the board of directors, as now constituted be forced to adopt the plans to purchase the McCormick site as now outlined, they will of a necessity by acquiescence, confirm and ratify all that has been done by the former board, a board which has without any question, and in a very grave manner, endangered the financial condition and water supply of the district. They have endeavored to tie the hands of the new administration by sending and keeping A. M. Thomas in Washington at district expense, a representative who is objectionable to the new administration, as evidenced by their removal of him from the office of secretary.

My past experience as a director of the district, and serving on a board of which Mr. Jacob was a member, and Mr. Thomas, secretary, leads me to doubt that the proposal to buy the McCormick power site alone entirely and solely from a desire to benefit the district. This site was in no danger of being sold. As a matter of fact four years ago when the bureau of reclamation offered this site for sale there was no bid offered to purchase it for the reason that the officers of the California Oregon Power company, after the bureau had refused to withdraw the sale, agreed with the directors of the district that the company would not bid on the property.

CHANGE NEEDED
If Mr. Jacob and his backers are so desirous of preserving the district's interests, and saving the water users' money, why did they attempt to conceal with Mr. Hammond and Mr. Dehlinger at Tuesday's meeting of the board when they offered a proposal to ask that the site be sold to provide for the purchase price of the McCormick site be paid by transferring the sum of money necessary for the purchase from a credit of \$17,000,000 which the bureau of reclamation is holding in the power account fund from the sale of the Ankeny canal? This money is held in the credit of the Klamath irrigation district, and can only be transferred by act of congress. Mr. Jacob gave as his reason for refusing to conceal that it might delay the passage of the bill. You may well ask, "Why the hurry?" Would it not be worth while to wait a time in order to save the district \$12,500,000 of money that must otherwise be raised by taxes?

Some of you have signed a petition directed to the old board of directors. That petition has served its purpose. At this time there is a new administration in charge of the district's business. New conditions have arisen that necessitate some change of policy. In fairness to the new administration, they should be free to inaugurate such new policies as they deem necessary in the interest of the district. The responsibility is theirs and they should not be forced to assume obligations that may result from plans made by their predecessors.

The accompanying petition offers you an opportunity to express your confidence in the new administration and permit them to exercise their best judgment for the protection of your interests.

Very truly yours,
R. E. BRADBURY,
PETITION

To the committee on public lands and surveys United States senate:

To the board of directors of the Klamath irrigation district:

The undersigned landowners and taxpayers of the Klamath irrigation district present this, their petition, regarding the McCormick power site bill now before the

committee on public lands of the United States senate and show as follows:

We are addressing this petition to the board of directors of the district as well as to the public lands committee of the senate because the control of the board of directors of the district will change on January 6, 1931, and we respectfully urge this new board of directors to stop the further expenditure of money on the McCormick power site matter until a complete investigation has been made, and the results of this investigation placed before the farmers of the project so that they may have some understanding of what they are undertaking.

DETAILED SURVEY
Hundreds of dollars have already been disbursed on this matter which should never have been spent at all. More money is being spent all the time. A. M. Thomas and Attorney Haney have been sent to Washington, and now we have been given to understand that the Director Jacob is to be sent to Washington. For more than a year there has been a continual drain on the treasury of the district to finance this matter, all of which is piling taxes up against our lands.

We feel that no board of directors of an irrigation district should enter upon such an expenditure of money without first putting this matter up to a vote of the people at a legal election of the district.

EXTENDING WEDGE
Certain officers of the district, without holding any such election, have taken the responsibility upon themselves of spending hundreds of dollars of the district's money for the purpose of entering into a scheme to buy a power site at a cost of \$12,500,000. This is but the entering wedge to obliterate the district to spend the additional sum of \$1,750,000 for a power plant, \$500,000 for a transmission line, and \$200,000 for a distribution system, unless this last expense is borne by the city of Klamath Falls, making a total of \$2,250,000, which is a sum greater than the total present indebtedness of the Klamath irrigation district.

VAGUE GENERALITIES
It is true that two of the officers of the district and Mr. A. M. Thomas have with the utmost diligence caused petitions to be circulated over the district, petitioning the passage of this McCormick power site bill. But what information was presented to the farmers on the project regarding this tremendous scheme before they were asked to sign the petition? They were told in vague generalities that the scheme would result in enormous returns to the district. That it would mean the payment of taxes and a perpetual return to the farmers. How this was to be done was not explained except in the most general terms. In a great many instances, in order to get signatures to the petitions, it was represented that it was not the intention to develop the power but that the site would be bought and used merely as a club to hold over the California Oregon Power company. However, at Washington before the senate committee it is being definitely represented that the district intends to hold the power plant. Mr. Haney's estimate based on the figures of Engineer Kenneth Harlan which was submitted and is a part of the record before the committee on public lands in Washington, is as follows:

"ESTIMATED INVESTMENT"
"Plant \$1,750,000
"Transmission line 500,000
\$2,250,000"

SURVEY NOT ADEQUATE
The farmers who signed these petitions were in no position to do so. They could not have been properly informed on the matter. We believe that in most instances they were signed as a personal favor to the parties who were circulating them, and not upon mature judgment.

We say this because the directors of these projects in the beginning have been in no position to pass intelligently upon the advisability of this tremendous undertaking. They could not be. Apparently only the most cursory examination has been made of this proposed project by the engineers, Mr. Harlan.

So far as we can ascertain there has been:

1. No detailed survey showing topographical features, contours, head of water available, etc.

WATER NOT AVAILABLE
2. No adequate study of the water supply available has been made. We all know that to develop and market power there must be a continuous flow of water all the year around. Mr. Harlan estimates a 2,000 second foot of water for this project. We have been informed that during the years 1924, 1926, 1928, 1929 and 1930, after allowing for the present irrigation needs and vested rights there would not have been 1,000 second foot continuous flow of water available for this project. Furthermore, irrigation demands will increase in the future, resulting in even less water for power purposes.

3. We understand there is no provision in the estimate submitted for the cost of acquiring the vested rights and properties of the Keno power plant which could have to be abandoned if the total flow of the river as contemplated is utilized.

BASIS NOT SOUND
4. No provision in the estimate for payment of damages resulting from the construction of the necessary dams and flooding of the Keno lands and other lands higher up, which would be approximately \$100,000, not including cost of dam. They are proceeding on the theory that the California Oregon Power company intends to construct such a dam, which may or may not be done.

5. The estimate is based on the assumption that the city of Klamath Falls will condemn and purchase the distribution system of the California Oregon Power company at a cost of \$500,000, and then buy the power plant from the city of Klamath Falls, delivered at the city limits. We understand some members of the newly elected council of the city of Klamath Falls are taking the position that if the city of Klamath Falls is to go into the municipal ownership and distribution of power, they would not be in favor of paying a profit to the Klamath irrigation district, but would insist that the city condemn one of the power plants of the California Oregon Power company and generate and distribute its own power without any intermediate profit to the district.

FORGET DISTRIBUTION
6. No provision has been made for acquiring or constructing a distribution system to permit the sale of power to any one except the city of Klamath Falls, which may not be in the market for power at all from the district.

7. In view of the possible water shortage would the district be safe in entering into long time contracts to furnish power to the city of Klamath Falls or the farm communities without having an existing team plant to supplement the water power plant? Has this possible cost been taken into consideration?

OBLIGATES LANDS
8. When the petitions were being circulated a number of the signers were led to believe that the construction of this plant could be financed by bonding the future earnings of the power development, and that the lands of the district would not be obligated. This we are now given to understand is impossible. Even the most ardent advocates of the water and power utility district amendment which was passed at the last election have now come to

admit that it will be impossible to finance these projects in the beginning by bonding the future earnings. The initial cost would have to be financed by a bond issue which would be secured by and be a lien upon all of the lands within the district. Based upon the Harlan estimate of \$1,800,000 this would mean a bond issue of \$45 an acre against the lands of the district. And when we consider the hasty manner in which this estimate has been made it is not possible that the completed cost of the project would be \$3,000,000, or \$4,000,000, instead of \$1,800,000, which would mean a bond issue of approximately \$100 an acre against our lands?

LEGAL QUESTIONS INVOLVED
Fundamentally a n irrigation district is organized for the purpose of irrigating lands and not for the purpose of speculating in power or any other commodity.

Has an irrigation district of 49,000 acres of land, 5% per cent of which lands are served by gravity irrigation, any authority to incur an expense of \$12,500 or \$1,800,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of developing power? Could not any taxpayer of the district enjoin this expenditure of money for this purpose?

Argument is made that the settlers on other projects have realized large returns from power development, but on those projects power was primarily developed to meet pumping needs of the district and the surplus sold. Here the reverse is true. Ours is a gravity district with practically no need for power. We are proposing to develop power for speculative purposes. There is a very great difference between the two lines of procedure.

MANY QUESTIONS
Before entering upon a project of such vast importance to the district, all of the above questions and a great many more should be definitely answered. A consulting engineer should be employed by the district who is not in any way connected with the California Oregon Power company and who is not in any way connected with the office of Mr. Kenneth Harlan. Mr. Harlan has apparently been retained for this preliminary work on the theory that if the project could ever be put over he would be the permanent consulting and construction engineer of the district, which would result in tremendously lucrative fees for his office. It is therefore highly to his personal interest that this project go forward. We do not feel that he is a disinterested engineer. What we need is the unflinching opinion of a consulting engineer who would not be the construction engineer if the development is undertaken. Furthermore, this opinion should be based upon a detailed survey and careful study of all the questions which we have raised in this petition.

When such an opinion is delivered to the board of directors, the substance of the opinion should be communicated in the form of a report to every landowner within the district so that he would be in position to be informed and pass intelligently upon the question of bonding his lands for the purpose of financing such a proposition. When this information has been properly furnished a legal election should be called and held within the district to determine whether the board of directors should be authorized to incur such expense on behalf of the district.

PETITION BOARD
We therefore respectfully petition the new board of directors of the district as follows:

First: That the further expenditure of district money on the McCormick power site matter be stopped immediately until the opinion of a disinterested consulting engineer as to the feasibility of the project has been secured and until an election has been held within the district and the electors given an opportunity to express their wish on this matter at the polls.

Second: That no further steps be taken to urge the passage of the McCormick power site bill in congress until such time as the result of such an election can be determined.

Third: That no more representatives be sent to Washington and that those who are now representing the district at Washington be recalled so that no further expense shall be incurred.

Fourth: That if the board of directors do not deem it advisable to hire such a consulting engineer and take the necessary steps to properly inform the landowners with regard to this undertaking the matter should be dropped entirely.

We respectfully ask the committee on public lands of the United States senate to drop the further consideration of this matter at the present time.

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Tax Commissioner To Write Letter On Budget Matter

After spending Friday in Klamath Falls in conference several times with the School Board of Districts No. 1 and No. 2, and Assessor William T. Lee, Charles V. Galloway, member of the State Tax Commission, stated before leaving for the state capital that the budget of the school district is regular and proper and that it will not be subject to attack.

Commissioner Galloway also stated that the question of balances carried over by the board may be revised as to amounts, for in his judgment it would be better for the board of education to borrow needed funds to tide over from one taxpaying time to another than to carry cash balances. Heretofore the school board has levied sufficiently heavy so that money was available to make improvements and care for the upkeep of the different school properties and it has never issued warrants to be paid later. This, in fact, is the question under discussion—whether it is better to have the money on hand to pay or whether it is better for the district to borrow funds between taxpaying periods.

The commissioner complimented the school board in having looked ahead and avoided heavy debts. He said that in the very few districts in the entire state enjoyed the record for careful financing that this district enjoyed.

After going over the matter with other members of the State Tax Commission, Mr. Galloway will forward a written opinion setting out the commission's views and recommendations to the school board officials and to Assessor Lee.

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