

## IRRIGATION IN KLAMATH COUNTY WILL NOW PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY

### GOVERNMENT FEARS NOT MONDELL

#### Whether or not Bill Passes Congress Federal Project Will go Ahead.

"Congressman Mondell's stand will not retard irrigation work in Klamath County," said Government Engineer Humphrey yesterday.

"You may state positively," continued the engineer, "that nothing will stay government irrigation in this county. The government means business, it has laid its plans and work will go right along."

"Even if Mondell should temporarily block legislation in the House it would not effect our work," said the engineer earnestly. "The bill has passed the United States Senate, a bill has passed the Oregon legislature and one also passed the California legislature yesterday or will pass in a day or two. I have positive information that there will be no opposition in California."

"And Mondell's work cannot hurt us. I do not believe he can block the passage of the bill and if he should, as I said before, we shall go right along and the bill will soon be passed."

"Oregon is entitled to the appropriation, Klamath county is a favorable field and the fund will be applied to it."

The engineer then gave the Republican a copy of the bill which has passed the United States Senate. It reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct any irrigation or reclamation works which may be found advisable under the provisions of the reclamation Act of June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, in and along the shores of the bodies of water hereinafter named, to lower the levels thereof to any extent that may be necessary, and to utilize the same for the storage, distribution, restraining, or pumping of water: Lower or Little Klamath Lake, Tule or Rhett Lake, and Goose Lake, all lying upon the boundary between Oregon and California, and any river or

"The opposition of Mondell, of Wyoming, will not interfere with government irrigation in Klamath county. Even if the bill should not pass the house it would not stop the work. The bill only affects the swamp lands of the lower lakes. The Upper Klamath lake and arid lands of the valley forming the great Klamath Basin are not affected by the bill. Should it fail to pass, only the swamp lands would be cut off from the people. The source of water supply and the lands to be reclaimed by water are in no way involved in the bill. "The plan of reclaiming the lands now above water will go right on in spite of Mondell" and the passage of the bill. But I am reliably informed that Mondell cannot block the passage of the bill."--T. H. Humphrey.

other body of water connected with said lakes."

The bill which has passed the Oregon legislature is as follows:

"Section 1. That for the purpose of aiding of the operations of irrigation and reclamation, conducted by the reclamation service of the United States, established by the act of congress, approved June 17, 1902, (32 Stat. 388), known as the Reclamation Act, the United States is hereby authorized to lower the water level of Upper Klamath Lake, situated in Klamath county, Ore., and to lower the water level of, or to drain any or all of the following lakes: Lower or Little Klamath, and the Tule or Rhett Lake, situated in Klamath County, and Goose Lake, situated in Lake County, Oregon, and to use any part of all of the beds of said lakes for the storage of water in connection with such operations."

"Section 2. That thereby, and hereby is ceded to the United States all the right, title, interest or claim of the state to any lands uncovered by the lowering of the water levels, or by the drainage of any or all of said lakes, not already disposed of by the United States, free of any claim on the part of this state, in any manner that may be deemed advisable by its authorized agencies, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Reclamation Act."

Mr. Humphrey, who recently returned from Portland and Salem stated that the people here who have not been outside, cannot imagine how much attention Klamath is attracting from abroad. He says that her irrigation project and bright outlook are the talk of every body everywhere. He was accosted by interested persons at the hotels, on the trains and wherever he went. He predicts that the local accommodations will be inadequate to meet the demands of the coming spring when people who are planning to come begin to arrive.

### FORMER CITIZEN OF KLAMATH TELLS NEBRASKANS OF HER GREATNESS.

"One of the most promising of western localities that during the past few years has been prominently coming into notice is Klamath county in Oregon. It is an immense county, as large, in fact, as all the New England states combined, and contains several million acres of rich land and equally as great an area of sugar and yellow pine forests. Besides its forests and prairies, this favored county has many large lakes and rivers, and scenery which cannot be surpassed on the continent. It is a country of health and enjoyable climate where the rivers are filled with trout and the forests abound in game. Therefore it is a delightful locality not only for ranchmen and speculators but for hunters and fishermen."

"There is one great lake, thirty miles long and from ten to fifteen miles wide, which overlooks a valley of 100,000 acres of choice land. The lake is sixty-five feet above the valley, and in order to turn the water upon the land a tunnel has been cut through a mountain and this year the whole of the valley land will receive the benefit of sufficient irrigation. Two railroads are building into the county and before long will furnish adequate transportation facilities, and on the lakes and rivers several steamers have already been built. Klamath Falls, the county seat, is growing rapidly and will within a few years become the largest and most prosperous city in southern Oregon. Its immense water power, great forests and fertile plains prophesy an important future."

"It is to the Klamath county that a number of the leading citizens of Wayne and Dixon counties expect to go next spring, some for pleasure and others to look for desirable investments. They are men of capital and energy and will doubtless be made welcome by the progressive citizens of that country."--E. W. Huse, once editor of Klamath Republican in Wayne (Nebraska) Herald.

## WILL TRY TO RAISE THE \$100,000 SUBSIDY

Another rousing railroad meeting was held Monday night.

Step by step the preliminary arrangements are being made for the iron horse to enter Klamath Falls.

The people have now enlisted in earnest in the work of raising the \$100,000 bonus and that is all that remains to insure the building of the road.

"We realize that the road will not pay its maintenance and running expenses for the first few years, but if the people of Klamath county will raise the subsidy we will complete the road within the time stipulated," said W. H. Holabird, representing the Klamath Improvement Company. "We see great possibilities in the future of Klamath county. You assist us in the losses of the initiatory steps in railroad building and we will all share in the profits as the road develops the country."

"We have long known that our greatest need is a railroad, and we should use every endeavor to raise the required amount," said Vice-President W. A. Wright.

"We are going to raise it," said the people as a whole by their enthusiasm and with their signatures.

At least 50 persons assembled at Bishop's store early in the evening and perfected final organization for the work of raising the subsidy to secure what is known as the Weed railroad to be constructed by the Klamath Improvement Company from its present terminus in Grass Valley, California, to Klamath Falls, a distance of 50 miles.

Those present represented the business and moneyed interests of the town. Practically every business institution in town was represented. The people are in earnest over the matter. They realize the necessity of a railroad for the development of the Klamath county, and will do all that is reasonably within their power to bring about the building of the road.

One hundred thousand dollars is a large sum, it is true, but since lands are available as subscriptions at their appraised value, and when the great benefits to be derived from a railroad are considered, the task does not look so difficult.

It is not a question of speculation, either. If the road is not built they do not have to pay one cent. It is only upon the completion of the road that the subsidy is due. The amount is required to be subscribed, however, and placed in escrow on or before March 31, of this year and is to be delivered upon the completion of the road to Klamath Falls on or before March 31, 1907. The company makes no reservation for extension of time except the happening of the extraordinary and unforeseen.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Wright in the absence

of President Baldwin, who is in Portland. The minutes of the previous meetings were read by Secretary W. E. Worden and duly approved. The contract, or promise which the Klamath Improvement Company requested the people to sign was then read and 32 persons immediately affixed their signatures to duplicate copies of the same. One copy was delivered to Mr. Holabird and the other was retained by Secretary Worden, of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Holabird then addressed the meeting. He reviewed the present condition of the road and stated that the members behind the present enterprise are worth over \$1,300,000, and thoroughly able to carry out all of their undertakings. He referred to the commercial agencies for their ratings.

The road is now completed from Weed to Grass Valley, a distance of 25 miles and within a distance of 50 miles of this city. He states that it is free from debts and liens.

He paid Klamath county a beautiful tribute and thinks there is ample room in the great Klamath Basin for 100,000 prosperous souls and that Klamath Falls will become a commercial center with a population of 20,000.

He emphasized the fact that the company would get the whole of the bonus should it be raised, stating that no one would share in this for any services rendered, as the work of the people in Klamath county is entirely gratuitous.

The persons present then signed the following instrument in writing:

"Being assured by the Klamath Development Company, a corporation, that it contemplates creating a railroad company for the purpose of constructing a standard gauge railroad, from a point on the Southern Pacific Railroad at or near Weed station, in Siskiyou county, state of California, thence in a northeasterly direction by the most practicable route to the town or city of Klamath Falls, in Klamath County, State of Oregon, and the undersigned, being interested in the construction of such a railroad, are willing, and do hereby agree, to act as a committee for the purpose of securing donations of money and conveyances of lands and rights of way for the benefit of the parties building said railroad, said subscriptions of money to be made due and payable to the Klamath Development Company, or its successors or assigns, when the said railroad is completed and in operation to the Town or City of Klamath Falls, provided the same is completed on or before the 31st day of March, 1907. In the event said railroad is not completed to said Klamath Falls on or before the 31st day of March 1907, then all subscriptions shall be void; provided, however, that should the construction and completion of said

The Klamath Basin, including valleys, mountains, lakes and rivers, are to be placed on exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair in Portland the present year.

The location of the government canal, dams, syphons, irrigable areas and principal division works of the entire Klamath irrigation scheme of the government will be presented to the people of the world.

Prof. A. M. Thompson, geological survey expert has sent to the local engineers for data to prepare a small model of the entire country. It will be made of plaster paris and painted the colors of the original objects, so that the people may behold a complete facsimile of the great Klamath country. A similar exhibit of the Yuma project was made at the St. Louis.

Between the Russian revolution and the Oregon land frauds the Coast newspapers have plenty of scare-heads.

Klamath Falls is the most orderly live town in Oregon. A violation of the law and an arrest are so far apart that the officers get out of practice between jobs.

Some of the ranchers who live in the Merrill country and were expecting a railroad down there are not rushing in with their subscriptions to the Klamath Falls bonus.

Russian Revolution.

A state of riot and bloodshed has begun in Russia and that country is threatened with the greatest revolution of modern times.

The people demand a constitution similar to that of the United States and declare they will force one from the government, if their request is refused.

Portland Train Robbery.

Four bold outlaws boarded the "Spokane Flyer" out of Portland Saturday night and robbed the passengers on a sleeping car while in the city limits.

After securing money, watches and a check for several hundred dollars they compelled the conductor to stop the train, while they made their escape.

Suspects were arrested at The Dalles, but it is believed that Portland crooks did the work.

Reservation Thrown Open.

The Register and Receiver of the Lakeview land office have received notice from Commissioner Richards, to the effect that the temporary withdrawal made May 16, July 31 and August 24 1903 and April 14, 1904, for the proposed Fremont and Goose Lake forest reserves from settlement, have been revoked, but that 90 days notice will have to be given before the order goes into effect.

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### IT GOES WELL WITH K. C. COMPANY

#### Private Corporation Says It Will Continue Regardless of Federal Project.

It would now appear that what has been considered a fight between the government irrigation project and the Klamath Canal Company has about adjusted itself. It would also appear that neither enterprise is seriously hurt and that the people are to be the winners.

If the present status of the two projects as outlined by the engineers on both sides is correct, and there seems to be no cause for doubting it, the two projects will be installed without delay and independent of each other, and the work of irrigation in Klamath County will begin on a large scale the present year, and within two years two of the largest systems in the world will be in operation here.

The government engineers have repeatedly stated that no part of the Klamath Canal Company's work was needed for the Federal project and that this company was by no means in the way of the big project.

The Klamath Canal Company also states that the government is not in its way and that it will pursue its original plan as if the government had never entered the field. When seen the first of the week Manager Brown, of the Klamath Canal Company said:

"The prospects of our Company never looked better. None of the laws passed either by congress nor the state legislature has affected our rights in the least. We have changed our plans in no way. The contracts are already signed with our patrons, and we have secured all the rights necessary and we will fulfill our obligations to our customers to the dot."

"Our plan of irrigation will not interfere with the navigation of any of the lakes and we do not fear any trouble with the government on this point. We shall simply go right along with our work and give the people just as good an irrigation system as can be given by any other institution."

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