

DOGS IN THE MANGER.

Mondell, of Wyoming, is playing the dog in the manger act with regard to irrigation in Klamath county, and the dispatches of the past week gave serious cause for alarm for the immediate welfare of the project here.

He is playing the dog act in order to hog more than Wyoming's share of the National Irrigation fund—Wyoming already has two gigantic Government irrigation projects and Mondell wants a third.

At the same time Wyoming contributed only \$800,000 to the reclamation fund while Oregon contributed \$4,000,000. The two projects already undertaken in Wyoming, it is estimated, will cost \$6,000,000, and yet Mondell would block the Klamath work in order to get a third appropriation for his state.

The ways of Congress and the National representatives are incomprehensible to the common citizen who has been schooled to the idea of right and justice. He cannot understand by what plan Wyoming should get the lion's share of the irrigation fund any more than why Mondell, alone and unaided should be able to block legislation on the Klamath project. All of the other members of the committee voted favorably for Klamath, and yet because Mondell is the chairman of the committee it is believed, according to the dispatches, he will be able to stay the work in Klamath for an indefinite time, owing to the shortness of the present session of Congress.

This has riled the just indignation of the Oregon and California representatives in Congress, and they declare that if Mondell suspends the Oregon and California project, they will see to it that Wyoming shall also get cut short in her third project.

This spirit of revenge is natural and will meet the approbation of the people of the two Pacific states but will not hurry irrigation to this point.

The Republican has urged harmony all the way through in the county work, and has feared that the spirit of antagonism displayed by some of the lighter element in the local work might tend to delay irrigation. The fight at Washington should be a lesson to our people and they should get in harmonious touch with the work, for through the delays of the law and slow machinery of Government the delay will seem long even with the united effort of the people and their representatives in Congress.

The Republican believes that Government irrigation will come to Klamath in spite of Mondell and the bunglesome work of some of the local advocates of the project, but that discouraging delays will intervene there is every indication at present.

And these delays are disagreeable and damaging. Immediate railroad building is in a measure dependent upon irrigation; public improvements are based on the project to some extent, and the general upbuilding of the county is affected by the throwing of obstacles into the path of irrigation.

Let the dogs in the manger, both in Washington and Klamath be lashed out of the way.

PERSONAL JOURNALISM.

The days of personal journalism properly passed many decades ago. The old time manner of calling persons vile names and using profanity in public print is as antiquated as are many other crude customs abandoned by the intelligent and decent long before the close of the last century.

Still, there are those at this day and time who cling to the barbarous customs of the ancients, and never get out of a given rut until driven out or starved and dragged out. This class is a detriment to society and until it can rid itself of it, society must be the sufferer.

But the newspaper antiquarians are the worst of them all. They not only remain in the old ruts but succeed occasionally in dragging modern newspapers and modern institutions into the mire with them. They are often so abusive that a competitor for the time being feels impelled to, and does resort to fighting fire with fire—giving a skunk a dose of its own odor, etc., but like dabbling with all ancient and unsavory things, the clean-handed and up to date always feel a certain amount of disgust after stooping to the swirl tub.

It is unfortunate for the community in which one of these back numbers secures the control of a paper. He is not only a trouble-maker but a serious detriment to the place in which he operates. He keeps up a turmoil wherever he can and his columns reek with his spleenetic venom. The people at home read it with disgust, and only endure it to avoid being dragged into it in some way, while those abroad suspect the intelligence of a people who tolerate, much less sustain such an institution. A coarse, abusive newspaper denotes morbidity, and strangers fear it prevails where such a sheet is published.

The publisher of such a paper, he cannot be called an editor, is not only morbid, but usually unbalanced, intellectually, and a falsifier by nature and a coward at heart. He is found correcting in one issue what he falsely printed in the last to avoid a libel suit or term in jail. He shows his cowardice by saying things at long range about those he does not like because he does not possess the courage to say it to their face.

But it is fortunate that this class of men is rapidly following the class of journalism it represents—which has long since passed from the legitimate newspaper field.

KEEP WHITE MEN IN CONTROL.

The Department of Indian Affairs should not and doubtless will not hesitate in its decision as to who shall control at the Klamath Indian reservation. The attempt on the part of certain Indians to be placed at the head of reservation affairs is a farce and should be treated as such.

The investigation is proper and should it prove that the present management is incompetent or for other cause should be removed it should be done. But a white successor should be appointed.

Speculating that the Government should have the remotest idea of doing so it would be a dangerous precedent to place the Indians in charge of themselves at the present time. Better disband the reservation government and place the Indians solely subject to state laws than appoint an Indian at the head of the agency.

They would make poor managers of themselves. They have not so much respect for one another as they have for the white man, and would not obey the laws and rules of the reservation so well under an Indian as agent.

It is also stated that the Indians who seek the leadership are not all considered proper persons for any responsible position. A portion of the refractory element, it is considered would be dangerous men to place in places of power. They possess crude views of Government and would doubtless carry these into the management of the reservation, which would not be for the best interests of an aggregation just emerging from the disgraces enacted in the lava beds a few years ago.

OFFICERS SHOULD BE PAID.

There has been some adverse criticism against Clerk Chastain and Sheriff Obenchain for asking the legislature to allow them an increase of salary with which to secure additional help in their respective offices. The argument is used that they knew what the salaries were when they asked for the offices and that they should be contented to accept the amount fixed by law at the time they entered office.

This is not logical argument. It should be remembered that since these two officials were elected an unparalleled wave of prosperity has struck the county. Business of every kind has increased, property values have advanced and along with this the duties of the county officers have increased accordingly. The clerk and sheriff are overworked and unable to employ the necessary help out of their present salaries, and have decent compensation for themselves.

It is all ways poor policy to underpay public officers and rich Klamath county should be last to set such a precedent.

LETTER TO KLAMATH PROPERTY OWNERS

Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce Issues an Address Which is Self Explanatory.

Geo. T. Baldwin, President.
Appraisers of Values of Real Property Subscribed.
Alex. Martin Jr., G. W. White, Chas. E. Worden.
Trustees of Deeds and Subscription Papers.
Klamath County Bank, First National Bank, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

W. S. Worden, Secretary, also Secretary of Committees.

KLAMATH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OFFICE AT

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON.

W. A. Wright, Vice President.

Committee for Soliciting Subscriptions and Right of Way to Railroad of Klamath Development Company. (Weed Railroad)
R. S. Moore, L. F. Willits, J. G. Pierce.

Committee for Raising Funds for Chamber of Commerce.
B. St. Geo. Bishop, H. Fred Schaffack.

January 25, 1905.

Dear Sir:—The Klamath Development Company, which incorporated in San Francisco this month, to succeed to the interests of the Weed Railroad Company, proposes to extend the Weed Railroad, which starts from Weed, Cal., near Mt. Shasta, from its present terminus to Klamath Falls, Oregon, providing this town and county will subscribe the right of way from the California line, and \$100,000, the latter to be either cash or lands, the latter to be accepted at present market value, and the valuation to be passed by the Committee of Appraisers appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. This committee proposes to end its work on the 31st day of March, 1905 and either turn over the full bonus asked for by the Railroad builders or abandon the undertaking. The company then has until March 31st, 1907 to build and have in operation the road from Weed to Klamath Falls, in which event the subsidy will be turned over to them, otherwise to be returned to the subscribers.

As there is a great amount of work attached to this undertaking, we would ask you to consider that your interests are the same as ours, and what we are asking is only such as you no doubt would be willing to give unhesitatingly, but some one has to do the organizing and work required and we have been asked to do it and have accepted the task. We therefore only wish to ask that you will send in your subscription or deeds to either of the Banks, who are trustees, as promptly as possible, and that before doing so you will consider well the great rise in values and the increased opportunity to sell at this railroad will bring about, and if we mistake not it will be greater than anyone now thinks, for few localities are so favored as this with its great water power, magnificent timber which can be logged and driven to the Upper Lake and Klamath river, its large areas of fertile valleys now to be so thoroughly irrigated by Government and private companies, and its hundreds of resorts so attractive to the tourists, who will come here by the thousands every summer.

Please do not assure yourself with the assertion that the railroad will come anyway, for it very probably will not, and it might be years before a road did come, as it has already been a quarter of a century, while we were expecting it every year, and further, are they not entitled to that much consideration, for while the road will surely pay after awhile, it will not the first year or two, and the amount asked for will only pay one year's interest on the estimated cost at 5 per cent.

Were not your interests so identical with our own, we might attempt to go more into details, and offer all the arguments in our power, but you should offer to yourself all of these arguments, and decide to do the same as every member of the Chamber of Commerce proposes to do, namely, subscribe every dollar or acre of land that your property in this county by its probable advance justifies you in doing.

As it is only fair that every man should do his just part in acquiring benefits and not expect to stay out and benefit by the fair-mindedness of others, we ask every man interested by reason of business or property in Klamath County to subscribe land or cash to the subsidy asked for, and we trust it will be done very promptly.

In executing deeds (use the enclosed forms without any alterations) which will be held in trust, please see that descriptions are correct, that husband and wife join in deed, or that it states they are single, and that all signatures are scrolled and witnessed and the notary's acknowledgment properly made.

Kindly send your trust deeds and cash subscriptions direct to either The Klamath County Bank or The First National Bank at Klamath Falls, Oregon. The smallest area of agricultural land that will be accepted is 20 acres and the smallest area of timber land is 40 acres.

Thanking you in advance for the subscription, which we can not doubt you will send, we beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

R. S. MOORE,
L. F. WILLITS,
J. G. PIERCE,
Committee for Securing Subscriptions and Right of Way.

COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

Warrants drawn at the January Term of Commissioners Court.
The following is a list of the county expenditures for November and December, 1904 ordered paid at the January term of Commissioners court for Klamath County, Oregon:

Rabbit Sesp claims	62.70
Jurors, Circuit Court	702.00
Witness claims, Circuit Court	270.19
Judges and clerks of election	335.90
Road supervisors claims	1338.25
W. A. Walker, stock inspector	42.00
A. F. Padgett, canvassing vote	5.43
S. C. Graves, canvassing vote	3.20
M. E. Hutchinson, platting and recording Co. books	63.50
P. L. Fountain, revising school map, etc.	60.00
J. V. Houston, meals for jury	4.05
J. M. Emery, drawing precinct jury list	3.00
Chas. Stark, work in court room	2.50
W. A. Stone, making and putting up election booths	2.50
Silas Obenchain, boarding prisoners	49.99
Klamath Falls L. & W. Co., lights and water	18.35
M. E. Hutchinson, bailiff for district attorney	3.00
Geo. T. Baldwin, supplies for court house	36.15
Geo. T. Baldwin, stamps and express charges	46.80
Lewis & Fish, mending typewriter	1.50
D. E. Riedorf, transferring	3.00
S. C. Graves, drawing precinct jury list	3.00
P. L. Fountain, drawing precinct jury list	2.00
C. E. DeLap, drawing precinct jury list	2.00
J. M. Fountain, work in court house	7.50
Wm. Lubke, work in court yard	24.50
M. E. Carrick, work on hitching rack (by A. D. Carrick)	6.00
Irwin Hudson Co., circuit court journal	17.50
F. G. Butler, drawing precinct jury list	2.00
R. B. Hinton, work in court rooms	5.00
O. B. Busch, drawing precinct jury list	2.00
K. K. Stone, supplies for county poor	8.50
J. Scott Taylor, printing and publishing	22.80
W. O. Smith, printing for circuit judges	14.05
Joe Seeds, care of county poor	30.50
H. S. Whiteline, care of county poor	25.00
Ryan & Butler, supplies for county poor	48.50
J. H. Anderson, constable fees	10.35
G. W. Offield, justice fees	4.65
W. D. Ball, witness fees justice court	1.90
Jas. Eaton, witness fees justice court	1.70
John Buckley, witness fees justice court	1.50
G. F. Fish, witness fees justice court	1.50
R. H. Anderson, witness fees justice court \$1.50 disallowed	
Hert Wilson, fixing election booth \$3.00 disallowed	
Sam Padgett, rent of house for election \$1.00 disallowed	
N. S. Merrill, commissioner's salary	20.80
W. I. McIntire, taxes refunded	4.51
C. H. Dwirymple, taxes refunded	17.08
ROAD CLAIMS	
C. B. Crisler, extra work in road district No. 7	8.80
T. M. Durham, extra work in road district No. 3	64.85
Wm. Flackus, work on Williamson river bridge	89.50
Wm. Flackus, work on Miller Creek & Malone bridge	18.00
Ackley Bros., lumber by Ratliff	26.49
Ackley Bros., lumber	18.43
John Ratliff, lumber for bridge	59.51
GENERAL CLAIMS CONTINUED	
C. C. Chitwood, drugs, etc.	8.25
Merryman & White, drugs, etc	12.40
Fred Melhase, commissioner's salary	36.00
Geo. H. Merryman, drugs, etc.	7.00
H. B. Hargus, county physician disallowed \$12.00, allowed in the sum of	66.00
Kimball & Doohar, cruising timber	200.00
HIGH SCHOOL CLAIMS	
J. G. Swan, teacher's salary	200.00
Alice A. Applegate, teacher's salary	140.00
J. F. Goeller, lumber and moulding	1.95
J. W. Hamakar, lot for high school	250.00
J. Geo. Chastain, County Clerk of Klamath County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct list of the expenditures of the County Commissioner's Court for the months of November and December, 1904, except such expenditures as are provided for by law.	

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of January, 1905. GEO. CHASTAIN, County Clerk.

FACTS OF PAPER-MAKING.

Maine Mill Turns Out in One Day a Strip 144 Feet Wide and 180 Miles Long.

The new paper-making machines which make the modern magazine possible are wonderful. There is one paper mill, for instance, at Rumford Falls, in the woods of Maine, which turns out every day a strip of paper 144 feet wide and 180 miles long—long enough to put a sash around the earth every six months, declares the Woman's Home Companion.

There are, all told, 1,100 paper mills in the United States, producing \$200,000,000 worth of paper a year. They burn up 3,000,000 tons of coal yearly, and shed 2,500,000 cords of wood into pulp. About 12,500,000 trees are cut down to feed these paper mills, every tree being at least nine inches in diameter. One month's issue of the Woman's Home Companion requires as many trees as there are on a good-sized farm. If you tear off a tiny corner of this page, and put it under a strong microscope, you will notice the little splinters of wood of which all paper is made.

NOT THE JUDGE'S INITIALS

Bright British Clerk Puts the C. O. D. on Glass Decanters of Law Dispenser.

There is a justice of the supreme court in Washington whose guests have often noticed the letters "C. O. D." cut in impressive type upon a beautiful set of English glass decanters. Now, the judge's family name does not commence with a "D," and neither did the maiden name of Mrs. Justice. This is the simple story which explains it all, says the New York Times.

The English do not use the mystic collocation of letters which, to the American, demand cash on delivery of the goods, and so it was that when the justice's son-in-law, visiting England not long ago, selected the decanters at a famous London firm for the judge, and added, after giving directions where the package should be sent, "Be sure you put on C. O. D.," it came about that the intelligent British clerk conceived those letters to be the initials of the gentleman for whom the bottles were designed.

More Stoical Than Red Indians.

No red Indians were ever more callous to pain than the aborigines of Australia. In their tribal fights, which still occur frequently, the severest wounds are treated with indifference. Old Australian settlers are fond of telling a famous story of a tribal chief who walked 60 miles with a spear sticking clear through his body before he could get help to pull it out. They insist that the story is true.

See Newton for Livery.

MICE INCESSANT WALTZERS

The Tiny Creatures Keep on the Move Almost Constantly During Waking Hours.

Waltzing mice are curious and interesting little animals, says a writer in Country Life in America. They are not quite so long as the common gray mouse, and much more slender. They are spotted black and white at each end of their bodies, and are clear white in the middle. They whirl around on their four feet as if on a pivot; sometimes stopping and reversing the direction. Frequently I see two or three of them going around together in a large circle. Although they waltz sometimes as long as five minutes without rest, they appear never to get dizzy. They can, if they choose, run in a straight line, but they seldom do. Instead of running away when disturbed or frightened, they begin to waltz. They come out of their nests about sundown, and waltz until nearly midnight. Then they go back to their nests to sleep.

One of the curious things about them is their fighting. They waltz until they run into each other, when they bite, squeal, jump into the air—and then start waltzing again. They keep this up until they are seriously injured, sometimes having their tails and legs bitten off and their skins torn.

There are several theories as to the reason they can whirl around in this way and yet not get dizzy. One is that it is because of a disease of the brain that they inherit.

"You are common clay, after all!" he exclaimed, vexed with himself, with the world, but above all with her. The beautiful wretch laughed lightly. "I only wish I were," she said. "Then I could have my colors fired in, instead of having to have a high-priced maid to put them on fresh every day."—Puck.

What a Baby Can Do. Friend—I don't understand why you and your husband should have separated so soon. Mrs. Aftermath—It was all owing to the baby's temper. "Mercy on us! How could that be?" "We couldn't agree as to which one of us the baby took after."—N. Y. Weekly.

TEACHERS LOCAL INSTITUTE

TO BE HELD AT MERRILL, OREGON, FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 1905.

The program being as follows: FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Opening Address..... Mr. George Offield
Music..... Merrill Schoe
Short Address..... Mr. J. G. Swan
Entertainment..... Merrill Schoe
Talk on Alaska..... Miss Elva Gallawa

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M. TO 12 A. M.
A Lesson in History..... Mr. F. O.
A Lesson in Arithmetic..... Mrs. Zumath
James Russell Lowell..... Mr. W. S. Slough
Teaching Exercise..... Mrs. Week

School-room Discipline..... Miss Emma Busy
A Primary Geography Lesson..... Mrs. Cogswell
Teaching Ex. in Grammar..... Mr. J. G. Swan
Co-operation of Parents, Teachers and School-boards..... Mr. J. G. Wight

All teachers and friends of education are cordially invited to attend. The executive committee suggests that Friday, February 17, 1905, be given to teachers wishing to attend.

ALICE A. APPLIGATE,
W. S. SLOUGH,
J. G. SWAN,
Committee



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