

THE PEOPLE MUST PAY ABOUT EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TAXES THIS YEAR

AN ELECTION IS ORDERED BY COUNCIL

Five Trustees and Recorder and Treasurer Will Be Elected—Monday, March 13, the Day.

A city election has been ordered to take place in Klamath Falls, Monday, March 13, 1905, at which time five trustees and a recorder and town treasurer will be elected for a term, each, of one year.

City Recorder Brower has issued notices and they will be posted accordingly. The election would not have been held at this time but for the failure of the governor to sign the bill for the new charter with an emergency clause. Since the new charter does not go into effect until after 90 days the council decided to hold an election under the old law.

There will be one voting place, which will be at the town hall, and the polls will be opened at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at 7 in the evening.

P. L. Fountain, C. K. Brandenburg and J. F. Goeller were appointed judges to hold the election.

QUARRY OF BUILDING STONE FOUND IN CITY

The Owners, Klamath Canal Company, Will Donate Use of it to School Board.

Joe G. Pierce and W. K. Brown while walking over the Marion Hanks tract of land which the Klamath Canal Company purchased from Mr. Hanks, in company with Mr. Hanks yesterday made a discovery of inestimable value to the company and to Klamath County. They found a ledge of fine building sand stone, which is pronounced as the best quality yet discovered in the neighborhood of Klamath Falls. The outcroppings of the ledge extend entirely across a 40 acre tract, and the deposit is inexhaustible.

This discovery is valuable to Klamath Falls from the fact that she will be bad-

ly in need of this class of building material since under the new charter, only buildings of brick and stone will be permitted to be constructed within certain boundaries on Main street. It is also stated that the Klamath Canal Company will present to the school district sufficient sandstone to construct its new building, which is now about ready to commence.

By this gift the district will save a large amount of cost in buying building material and will thus be enabled to construct a much better edifice with the limited amount received under the recent election for a bond issue.

NEW TAX ROLL READY FOR SHERIFF

Property Owners May Begin Pay Saturday Morning. Taxes are Over \$20,000 Above Last Year.

The County Clerk practically finished the 1905 tax roll yesterday. Only a little more work is to be done until the new roll will be turned over to the sheriff. He stated this morning that it would be in the hands of the sheriff by Saturday morning, at which time that officer would be ready to receive the same.

The total amount of taxes to be collected is \$84,450.49. This is about \$20,000 more than were the taxes last year. In addition to this amount the sheriff will make a number of assessments upon property which has escaped the notice of the tax assessor in the way of timber and other lands owned by non-residents.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Washington's Birthday was observed yesterday as a national holiday by both banks and the post-office. Beyond this but little was done out of the ordinary run of affairs.

FIGHT AGAINST ICE AWAITS NEW CHARTER

City Attorney Rutenic Does not Find Law to Sustain the Theory of Confiscation.

The ice question which aroused so much excitement at the February meeting of the town council is quieting down. When asked about the matter this week, B. St. Geo. Bishop, who was among the most outspoken against the sale of impure ice, stated that nothing had been done since the meeting at which it was taken up.

City Attorney Rutenic stated yesterday that the matter would probably lie over until the new charter goes into effect ninety days hence. It is the policy of the council to adopt as few new ordinances as possible under the old charter, since it is the purpose to make

a general revision of ordinances and pass a number of new ones under the new charter when it goes into effect.

Mr. Rutenic stated however, that under the investigations he has made of the matter, he had about determined that the only thing the council can do is to pass ordinances providing where the business men shall take their ice in the future, and prohibiting the taking of ice within certain limits of the city. He does not think that the council has the right to confiscate any ice already taken as that would be an interference with the private rights already acquired by a number of the business men.

ORGANIZING THE WATER USERS

Attorney on the Ground—Big Arbitration Will Be Held in Klamath Falls First of April.

Supervising Engineer J. B. Lippincott of the Government Reclamation Service, left Washington, D. C. yesterday for San Francisco, to attend a meeting of the Supervising Engineers of the Department, which will take place early in March. Local Engineer Humphrey will attend the meeting and collaborate with that body.

H. L. Holgate, attorney for the government, specially detailed to look after the legal department of the Klamath project arrived the first of the week and has been provided headquarters in the local government irrigation offices. Mr. Holgate is preparing legal documents for the organization of the Klamath Water Users Association. This organization will be perfected in time to meet the Federal Consultation Board, which convenes in Klamath Falls the third of next April.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS WILL EXHIBIT AT THE PORTLAND FAIR

Professor Slough Has Started the Matter on Foot in Klamath Falls Public School With Bright Prospects For Success.

Professor W. R. Slough, principal of the public high school announces that a move has been placed on foot to give an exhibition of Klamath Falls public school work at the Lewis and Clark Fair.

The matter has been taken up with the children and they are all eager to have an exhibit at the big show. The only question arising in the matter is that of funds to defray the expenses of making the exhibit, but this has been taken up by the children themselves, who will appeal to their parents for a subscription to this fund.

Professor Slough thinks the amount will be forthcoming, without very much trouble. Since the county court is thinking of taking the matter up at the March term of making an appropriation for a general county exhibit at the Fair, it is possible that the question of including a sum for general school exhibits from the county may be considered at that time.

There are a number of good schools in the county in which the work of the

children would appear well before any audience, and doubtless all of these schools would prepare exhibits. There would be no better way of showing to the people outside what progress is being made in this county than that of an exhibition of its school work. The people who imagine a benighted region because of its remoteness from railroads would be undeceived by seeing some of the splendid work turned out by the Klamath County children. While the public schools of Klamath Falls will attempt an exhibit on their own responsibility and without county aid, yet if the county court should take the matter up, a much more creditable showing could be made.

Exhibits will be made from the Indian schools of the reservation, included within the boundary lines of Klamath County, and it is said that the exhibits will be good ones. It would therefore be well to have an exhibit by the white children in order to let the world know that this country is not composed of redskins alone.

TEACHERS' MEETING AT MERRILL SUCCESS

"Merrill sustained herself for her liberality and hospitality," said County School Superintendent Wight, upon the closing of the Teachers' Institute at that place last Saturday.

"It was one of the most successful institutes I ever attended," said another teacher.

"The citizens took almost as much interest as the teachers and the whole time was spent in valuable work."

"The Merrill people are royal entertainers," chimed in a pretty little school marm. "It was just like being at home, the old home where mother and father presided."

Then one of the Klamath Falls teachers handed in the following written report of the institute for publication in the Republican: "The local institute, held at Merrill, February 17 and 18, proved to be interesting and profitable. "At the evening session, February 17, there was a large attendance of the Mer-

rill citizens, who gave a royal welcome to the visiting teachers. Mr. Geo. Offield in behalf of the Merrill people, gave a pleasing address of welcome to which Professor Slough, of Klamath Falls public school responded. Pupils of the Merrill and Gail schools presented a short program of well chosen songs and recitations. Professor Swan of the Klamath County High School then made an enthusiastic address on 'The value of higher education to the farmer boy.' The evening session closed with a monologue by Miss Galloway of the Klamath Falls public school.

"The morning session, February 18, opened with an informal discussion concerning a prospective school exhibit to the Lewis and Clark Centennial. It was decided that an exhibit be made and that work for this purpose be commenced at once. Professor Slough next gave an excellent talk on the subject 'James Russell Lowell,' in which he suggested practical plans for teaching that author's masterpieces. A class room

exercise, given by Mrs. Weeks, of the Merrill School, and her pupils, was appreciated by all. It was very instructive and showed Mrs. Weeks to be a teacher of ability. "The first subject of the afternoon session was 'Technical Grammar' ably presented by Professor Swan. A lively discussion followed. Mr. Zevely introduced the subject of school discipline which brought forth an earnest response from the teachers present. The last number on the program was 'Co-operation of Teachers and Parents' given by Superintendent Wight in his usual clear and convincing manner.

"Institute adjourned to meet at Bonanza, April 21 and 22.

"The following teachers were in attendance: J. G. Wight, W. S. Slough, J. G. Swan, Charles E. Zevely, Mrs. Trask, Myrtle Weeks, Eva Bonnell, Alice Applegate, Elva Galloway, Restora French and George Offield."

THE KLAMATH CANAL COMPANY WON CASE BEFORE FRAZER

Court Decided That Irrigation Company Did Not Own Sixty Feet Right of Way Along its Canal as it Had Alleged.

Judge Frazer of Portland who sat as special judge in the trial of the case of the Klamath Falls Irrigation Company vs. The Klamath Canal Company, in the Circuit Court for Klamath County, early in the month of last December, and who returned to Portland with the evidence and arguments of counsel submitted in writing, has handed down his decision, which is a victory for the defendant.

The plaintiff, the Klamath Falls Irrigation Company, which has been operating what is known as the Ankeny-Henley ditch for the past 20 years, sued out a Writ of Injunction against the Klamath Canal Company to prohibit it from entering within 60 feet of the lower bank of its canal, claiming that it had a right of way of that width from its lower bank to a point on the upper side of said ditch. It is alleged that the Canal Company had entered upon its right of way and asked that it be restrained from doing so, and also asked

for damages for infringing upon its rights.

The Canal Company claimed that it had the right to come within 10 feet of the upper side of said ditch, and that although it had thrown dirt from its excavation work within that boundary from necessity in opening its canal, it was willing to remove the same.

The proceedings involve a long list of allegations, and a number of responses of defense, besides voluminous evidence. After reviewing all this, the court finds that the Canal Company has the right to come within 10 feet of the Irrigation Company's ditch, and that since the damages claimed for placing dirt within that limit are merely speculative the court refuses to allow the claim.

Mr. Brown, of the Canal Company, states that the company will remove the dirt, and that this will doubtless end all litigation between the two companies.

DEATH OF ILGA SWINGLE

Ilga, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Swingle, died at the family home on Greenham street at an early hour yesterday morning, in her ninth year, of a complication of diseases. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their irreparable loss.

The funeral services take place this afternoon from the residence of Dr. Reeder, Rev. E. P. Hughes of the Congregational church officiating. Interment in the Mountain View cemetery.—Ashland Tidings.

NEW TAILOR SHOP

J. E. Bodge of Salinas, California, arrived in Klamath Falls the first of the week and has secured quarters in the old New York Kitchen, where he will open a tailor shop. Mr. Bodge is reported to be a first class tailor, and states that he will open a first class shop to date shop.

FOR SALE—A first class new Decker & Son Piano. For particulars call at the Republican office.

BATCH OF NEWS FROM MERRILL

J. T. King, A. F. Clubine and E. E. Fitch, all enterprising Merrill citizens were in Klamath Falls on business last week. They report Merrill booming and business good. Mr. King reported the sale of the Tom Dixon ranch at a consideration of \$2000 and the W. C. Ball tract for a consideration of \$12,500. Five other smaller deals were reported by the gentlemen.

That Merrill is to have a new Presbyterian church there is but little doubt. Rev. W. G. Smith, of Klamath Falls, returned from the Lost river town last Saturday and speaks flatteringly of the people there as well as the good prospects for the church building.

BLY AID SOCIETY

The women of Bly have organized one of the largest and most enthusiastic Women's Aid Societies in the county. At a call last week for the organization of the society, 31 ladies responded and enrolled their names.

The meeting took place at the home of Mrs. James Boyd where a pleasant and valuable convocation was held. It lasted from 2 o'clock until 4 in the afternoon. The following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. James Taylor; Vice-president, Mrs. Louis Pankey; Secretary, Mrs. Cora Finley.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Louis Pankey.

Fine watch repairing at Winters' jewelry store.

He states that a number of persons offered good size subscriptions and the work will probably be taken up at an early date.

Merrill presents every indication of a rapid growth in every line and in every direction.

If a cold snap and a very frigid one at that does not come to Merrill the business men of that town will be up against it on the ice question.

They have been watching the surface of the water reservoirs about Merrill for the much needed material to make ice cream, cold drinks and preserve the

CHANGES IN GAME LAW

One of the amendments to the game law of this state will prove quite beneficial from a point of raising revenue. It provides that every hunter who expects to hunt off of his own land shall pay a one dollar license on his gun, and every non-resident of the state who is found hunting in Oregon will be required to pay a license of \$10.

It is estimated that this will bring in a revenue of from \$5,000 to \$7,000 annually, as there are at least that many persons in the state who engage in hunting for pastime, and otherwise. The \$10 license, it is thought, will prevent so much wholesale slaughter of water fowl in this state by visiting hunters who have heretofore come in large numbers and wantonly slain game for pleasure and for the market.

more substantial things but old Jack frost has practically skipped them.

They have faith in him yet, but if he fools them they have been assured that Klamath Falls will divide with them—and sell them pure ice at that.

James Emery of Fort Klamath passed through Klamath Falls this week with 40 milch cows which he delivered at Merrill to be used in the operation of a new creamery at that place. The creamery is to be built by O. P. Mishler who also owns large interest in the Fort Klamath creamery. Mr. Mishler is in Portland buying machinery for the new plant. It will be hurried to completion on his return.

DE LANEY'S NEW NOVEL

The Oregon Journal has secured Paul DeLaney's latest work in fiction. It is a newspaper novel entitled "The Shepherd" and will be published in serial form in that paper. It not only deals with the range wars in the West, but weaves into the thread of the romance the story of irrigation and the manner in which the great timber belts of the west have been acquired, giving dramatic incidents in the life of the timber cruiser, the fraudulent official and the work of the government Civil Service in ferreting out these crimes.

It will be a new feature in fiction, and Mr. DeLaney thinks it is superior to either of his last productions, the "Lord of the Desert" or "The Toilers of the Columbia."

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