

## ANONYMOUS LETTER ACCUSES W. H. McCLURE OF CATTLE STEALING

### FRISCO WILL ASSIST US

#### Commercial Bodies Appoint Committee to Solicit Money for Bonus.

Two representatives of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce appeared before a meeting of representatives of the various Commercial bodies of San Francisco yesterday and appealed for assistance to receive a bonus that will insure the construction of a railroad from Grass Valley, Or., to Klamath Falls. Their representations promptly secured an endorsement on the part of the assembled men of business and a committee was appointed, consisting of Isaac Upham, Andrew Carrigan, R. D. Loveland and J. F. Courrier, to visit business men this week and secure pledges of money to be paid on the completion of the road which will not take place earlier than the last of 1905. With the San Francisco committee will go President Baldwin and Secretary Warden of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce.

summer and became thoroughly acquainted with its resources. He said that the area would all be permanently tributary to San Francisco in a trade way if this city would help to build the railroad. Very little was asked from San Francisco in the present instance. The total sum that was asked of Klamath county was \$100,000. Of this the county had raised all but \$19,000. The Klamath valley was nearer, he said, to San Francisco than to Portland. It was a rich country in many ways. By private enterprise irrigation works have been constructed to put 30,000 acres under cultivation. The United States government would expend between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 in its great irrigation project.

Incidentally Mr. Carrigan said that Klamath county was about the size of the entire state of Massachusetts. He had never seen a section that had greater promise. The trade territory of San Francisco had been much contracted. Here was a field that it was the duty of San Francisco to bind to itself. President Baldwin of the Klamath Chamber and others spoke. T. C. Friedlander submitted resolutions that endorsed the Klamath railroad project, and these were adopted without dissent. —San Francisco Call.

### REPORTED DELAY

Washington.—The Reclamation Service has a telegram from the Board of Consulting Engineers in Oregon saying they have examined the Klamath Irrigation project, and are highly pleased with its attractive features. The Klamath Canal Company, which stands in the way of the government work, has refused to sell out at a reasonable figure, which means that they will be forced out by the Government. This may mean a year or more of litigation before the Government can begin. Were it not for this obstacle, work could begin at once. The above dispatch, which appeared in the Oregonian and other coast papers in direct contradiction to the statements made by the engineers while here. It was stated positively that the Klamath Canal Company could not in any way interfere with the work of the government and we do not believe that the Consulting Board of Engineers after leaving here, would report that the work would be held up for a year or more on account of not being able to make deal with the Canal Company.

### BIRDIE McCARTY AGAIN

Miss Birdie McCarty, who won an unenviable reputation in the famous Herford breach of promise suit last summer, is again heard from. This time she has caused the arrest of Edward Marshall, at Stephenson, Wash., for threatening her with a Winchester rifle. On Friday Miss McCarty and George Howland went to a cabin on a homestead in the Big Basin claimed by them, and found Marshall in possession. Words passed between Marshall and his visitors and Marshall laid hold of his rifle. He raised it to his shoulder, and it is alleged, pulled back the trigger. He ordered them off the claim, threatening them with instant death if they tarried. They went, returning to Stephenson, where they secured a warrant for Marshall's arrest. The garbled reports being sent out from Washington in regard to the Klamath Irrigation project, are sure to result in a great harm to our country. The Reclamation officials are reported as making statements in direct contradiction to what has been told the people here. The Novelty has just received a new stock of Ladies underwear.

### A REWARD OF \$50 OFFERED FOR PARTY WHO SENT LETTER

#### A Prominent Rancher of Poe Valley Receives a Letter Purporting to Be From Stock Association Accusing Him of Stealing a Certain Red Steer.

BONANZA, April 20, 1905.  
"I think you had better settle for a certain Red Steer which was traced to your place about six weeks ago. They are on to you and will endit you at next term of court. I can if not settled, settle it for you now I know what I am about you killed a certain Steer which will be a costly one for you.  
"this thieving business must be stopped. we will get the whole lot  
"Secretary Klamath Stock association  
"you can send the amount 35 dollars to C. Horten the President"  
I, the undersigned, now have deposited in the Klamath County Bank \$50 for the person or persons who wrote the above letter.  
Dated Klamath Falls, April 25, 1905.  
W. H. McCLURE.

Reports have been coming in from the Eastern part of the county of the stealing of cattle in that city. Systematic cattle rustling has become a yearly occurrence in this section and while losses have been reported every once in a while, it has been impossible to find the guilty parties. The above letter was handed the Republican for publication by Mr. McClure, who states that it was sent to him by mail. Mr. McClure is very indignant at the charges in the letter and offers a reward of \$50 for the parties who wrote the letter. He says that he will make it hot for them if he can find out who did it. The Klamath County Stock Association was organized a number of years ago but for the past two years has practically been dead. It was reported a few weeks ago that they had reorganized but we do not know if this is so. It is also unknown whether the above letter was sent out with the knowledge of the Association or not. The matter has created quite a sensation as Mr. McClure is well known throughout the county and owns one of the most valuable ranches in Poe Valley.

These officers are satisfied, and have so stated, that the Klamath Canal Company appears to be holding its property not so much with a view to making a big profit and a quick profit out of the government. The Canal Company made a grave mistake when it turned down the offer last winter. The probabilities are that if the government forces this company out of the field it will reimburse them for money actually expended, and will make a small allowance for possible earnings from their canal, and will deny them all rights on the government canals. Already, by direction of the attorney general, the Klamath Canal Company has had its water supply shut off, thereby rendering its work valueless to the present owners. It is anticipated that there may be prolonged litigation before the Klamath basin is left to the government. But no matter how long or how costly, the government is going to clear out this country and irrigate it according to its own plans and in its own way.

### FORCE OUT CANAL CO. Government Determined to Proceed With Work on Klamath Project.

Washington, April 23.—Sooner or later the Klamath Canal Company, operating near Klamath Falls, must step aside and make way for a big government irrigation project. It is for this private enterprise to say whether it will be forced out, or whether it will be forced out. The fact remains that the government is going to absorb private irrigation works in Klamath Basin, and is going ahead with the construction of its own project on a grand scale. There are several private enterprises in Klamath Basin, but all except the Klamath Canal Company have made terms with the government and are ready and willing to vacate. This concern, owned by California interests, is unwilling to move unless it can name its own price, and sell out on its own terms. The government does not do business that way. That is why the Klamath Canal Company will probably be forced to vacate. Last December, when the government first entered into negotiations with this company, the officials of the Reclamation Service made a liberal offer. They were willing to pay \$250,000 for the works and property of the company, and to grant them navigation rights on the government canals. But the company held out for \$600,000. Negotiations failed. The Reclamation Service was satisfied that the Klamath canal property was not worth \$250,000; rough estimates placed the actual value at nearer \$50,000; but being anxious to build the larger Klamath project and recognizing the equities of the case, they fixed what they termed a very liberal offer. No such price will ever again be offered. It is more than the facts justify. Reclamation engineers have been established from the start that the Klamath Canal Company, in playing for time, has been endeavoring to force the government to buy them out at an unrea-

sonable price. These officers are satisfied, and have so stated, that the Klamath Canal Company appears to be holding its property not so much with a view to making a big profit and a quick profit out of the government. The Canal Company made a grave mistake when it turned down the offer last winter. The probabilities are that if the government forces this company out of the field it will reimburse them for money actually expended, and will make a small allowance for possible earnings from their canal, and will deny them all rights on the government canals. Already, by direction of the attorney general, the Klamath Canal Company has had its water supply shut off, thereby rendering its work valueless to the present owners. It is anticipated that there may be prolonged litigation before the Klamath basin is left to the government. But no matter how long or how costly, the government is going to clear out this country and irrigate it according to its own plans and in its own way.

### WORKMAN INSURANCE

Members Can Have Choice of Several Different Plans. Fraternal beneficiary insurance is a subject in which the great majority of people are interested, and the following statement in regard to the change in rates and plans of insurance in the A. O. U. W., in this state, one of the oldest and best of the beneficiary orders, will be of general interest. Especially is this so in Klamath county where over 200 of the leading citizens are members of the order. The new insurance plan provides for a reserve fund, a guaranty fund from which a part of the death loss as well as the assessments of members over 55 may be paid, and the optional assessment plans from which new members may choose that which best meets their needs. A new member may take the

level rate plan, which fixes his assessment at the same rate throughout the period of his insurance, or he may take the classified rate, under which he advances every five years to an older class with a corresponding increase in the amount of his assessment. There are various combination rate plans made up from features of both the level and classified rates, and under these combinations the members may make the choice of his insurance suit his circumstances. He can pay the current cost under the classified rate plan as long as he pleases, and at any time he can transfer to the level plan, at such age and cost as he chooses. A member at 50 years may take the 40 year rate of assessment by paying in to the order an amount equal to the reserve fund his certificate would have accumulated had he joined the order at the age of 40 on the level rate plan. As between the classified, level rate and combination plans, it is simply a question with the member whether he desires to pay an increasing cost from year to year, in accordance with the death rate of his class, or whether he is willing to pay more than the mortality cost while young in order that he may have the benefit of paying less than the mortality costs when he gets old. All members pay a percentage into the guaranty fund until they have reached the age of 55, after which they pay only the mortality cost. The new plan will result in increasing the assessments against older members of the order who continue to carry the full amount of their certificates of insurance, and there are provisions to enable any member to reduce the amount of his policy, or take a half cash payment option, or a paid-up certificate option. In several ways he can keep his assessment down, but in each of these positions he is bound to make up the amount of natural accumulation that would have accrued to his policy had he paid in a reserve percentage from the beginning. The new plan is said to be based on strictly scientific insurance principals. Its advocates in the lodge are enthusiastic over its adoption. They say the Oregon grand lodge, which in recent years has been unable to make progress in securing new members, will put a large force of agents in the field and greatly increase the membership in this state.

### 100 SHEEP ARE KILLED

#### Herder With His Hands Tied Watches Nine Masked Men Shoot Sheep.

Sheep killing seems to be still in progress. This time it is reported to have occurred in Klamath County near the county line. Sixty three sheep belonging to Owen McKendree were slaughtered and one of Dave Elder's camps was burned. The Lakeview Herald has the following report of the killing: Last Friday night Chas. Seigo, a sheepherder in the employ of Dave Elder, arrived in town and reported that nine masked men shot sixty-three of Creed McKendree's sheep Thursday evening about twenty miles south of Bly, and that he heard shooting in the neighborhood of Mr. Elder's sheep when he left there Friday morning. Mr. Elder was in Warner valley and a runner was at once sent out to advise him of the reported sheep killing. He arrived in town the following day and left for the scene of the reported killing Monday morning. Owen McKendree, the owner of the sheep that were reported killed, arrived in town Monday night and reported that about 100 of his sheep were killed as re-

ported by Chas Seigo, and also confirms the report of the burning of one of Dave Elder's camps. The scene of this slaughtering is in Klamath county close to the Lake county line. Interior Oregon has been the scene of several of these slaughtering, and not a single man has been arrested for complicity in this dastardly destruction of property. What will be the end of these heinous crimes? Picture, if you can, men pierced by rifle balls, lying dead upon the ranges of our country. Imagine, if you can, the form of a human being dangling from the bough of a juniper. Is it not a horrible sight? Terrible indeed! But is it not to be expected that this sight may some day be seen in a country where the lawless destruction of property is permitted to go unwhipped? The State set aside \$10,000 to ferret out the perpetrators of these crimes. It should have appropriated \$50,000, but let them use the amount at their command, and at least one conviction should follow. It is time to act and the state should do the acting.

### NO MEN KILLED IN RANGE TROUBLE

The reports that have been circulated here and sent to the outside papers as facts, to the effect that a big range war is in progress in Klamath county and that a number of men have already been killed, have proven as false as many of the other so-called reports emanating from the same source. In trouble of this nature the facts are always had enough without being enlarged upon. Sheriff Obenchain, who went to the scene of the sheep killing Saturday to make an investigation returned last evening. He stated to a Republican representative that no men had been shot or even harmed. He visited all the camps and at McKendree's he counted about 75 head of sheep that had been killed. The herder stated that Thursday evening, April 13, nine masked men came to the camp. They tied his hands and then used the dog to round up the sheep so that they could shoot them better. The men only had four or five guns with them. The herder is a stranger in this part of the country and did not recognize any of the men. He stated that they did not attempt to mistreat him in any way, and he did not consider it good policy, under the circumstances, to make any effort to interfere with their work.

The sheriff stated that he went to the scene to make an investigation and as the sheepmen did not make any complaints there was nothing further for him to do. McKendree has moved his sheep back across the line. The difficulty between the cattle and sheep men is a very serious question and unless something is done to define the rights of the two, it is impossible to tell what the results may be. It is claimed that the country invaded by the sheep men has always been used as a range for horses and the stockmen, who own land in that section, have lived there so long that they feel that the range belongs to them. It is evident that they have certain rights and when outside parties bring sheep on to the ground and practically spoil the range for any other purpose it appears that they are justified in being incensed. However nothing will justify the breaking of the laws or the destruction of property, but it is believed that if the sheep men were as reasonable and careful to avoid trouble as the cattle men, that everything would go along smoothly. There is no law that will allow one man to use a range and forbid another, but there should be a law that would prevent any man from destroying the range.

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