

## GOVERNMENT NOW HAS FIELD

### KLAMATH CANAL CO. HAVE AGREED TO SELL

#### The Price To Be Paid Is Approved By Engineers and Directors of Water Users' Association.

### NEEDS SECRETARY'S APPROVAL

#### No Obstacle Now in the Way of the Best and Cheapest Irrigation project in the United States. No Delay Will Occur in Active Work.

Every obstacle to government irrigation of the Klamath project has been removed. The Klamath Canal Company has accepted the wishes of the majority of the land owners in the Klamath Basin and has given an option to the government on their irrigation property. The terms of the agreement have been approved by the Water Users' Association and were submitted, on Tuesday, to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. In view of the secretary's action on the options of the other systems it is stated that the matter is as good as settled.

T. H. Humphrey, Engineer in charge of the Klamath project, returned Monday from Los Angeles where he has been in consultation with the Board of Consulting Engineers. He is now busy at the head quarters of the Reclamation Service in this city getting ready for active work in the field.

Mr. Humphrey stated to a Republican representative that the officers are now preparing a list of supplies needed and that bids would be received from the stores, stables, hotels and farmers of Klamath County for supplying the same. The Service desires to purchase all its supplies possible from the people of the county. The supplies for head quarters and the main camp will probably be bought in Klamath Falls, but the people of Merrill and Bonanza will be given a chance on supplies and provisions to be used near those towns. Applications can be made to Mr. Humphrey for a list of supplies needed. These will include groceries, dry goods, meat, livery hire, feed, hay etc. They expect to start furnishing by May 15.

Government field engineers are arriving and by the first of the week eight parties will be started on survey work. About June 1, two or more parties will be put in the field to locate the permanent canal. A diamond drill outfit arrived at Pokegama Monday and work

will commence with it as soon as it can be brought here. Mr. Humphrey reports that the Board of Engineers were very much elated over the Klamath project and that it was considered by every one who had visited it as the best project in the United States.

As the advertisement of Klamath County is bringing a great many people here, part of whom are looking for employment, Mr. Humphrey was asked what was the outlook for work for laborers. He stated that they would put on at once about 40 men. These however would be men with some experience in surveying. The men that were needed were good, young active men for work in the field. As soon as the Diamond drill arrives from Pokegama some mechanics and laboring men could be used. Also a good reliable barn man is wanted. The government wants to buy a good driving team.

As soon as the secretary announces his approval of the project, a statement will be prepared as to the cost and it then can be ascertained what the land owners will have to pay for irrigation. The cost will be apportioned equitably according to the location of the land.

In speaking of his visit to the project in Nevada, Mr. Humphrey said that it was a magnificent undertaking. He said that the belief expressed here that so much land being reclaimed and thrown on market at one time would more than supply the demand, has been proven false by the experience in the Truckee-Carson project, in Nevada. The land under this project is mainly wild desert land and out of 24,000 acres of government land which has been surveyed and subdivided, 6,000 acres have all ready been entered. The people have gone so far as to make entries on 11,000 acres which have not as yet been subdivided. By the time water is put on the land it is expected that not an acre of vacant land will be left.

### DYNAMITE EXPLODES

#### Workman Blown Up With Giant Powder.

### AT LIME KILN

#### Albert Nelson Has Head Nearly Blown Off But Is Still Alive.

One of the most frightful accidents known here occurred Wednesday afternoon at the Willson lime kiln about two miles from town.

Albert Nelson, one of the workmen at the kiln, was thawing out some giant powder, which in some way exploded. One hand was blown off and part of his face. It is believed that both of his eyes are gone. His face is so badly torn that it is simply unrecognizable. Seven or eight men were working at the kiln at the time. C. D. Willson, the proprietor of the kiln, was within 30 feet at the time of the accident. He says that he saw Nelson go by with four sticks of powder in his hand. Nelson went to the furnace to thaw out the dynamite and a short time after he heard an explosion. The next thing he knew he was on the ground, having been knocked down by the force of the explosion.

After the explosion the men rushed to the furnace and found Nelson lying on his face. The door and side of the furnace were blown out and the surrounding rocks were shattered. Nelson was picked up and with the assistance of two men walked to camp about two hundred and fifty yards away. A messenger was sent to town for Dr. Hargue, who went immediately to the scene.

The accident occurred at 3:40 and after the arrival of the doctor the unfortunate man was brought to town, arriving here about 6:15. Later in the evening the arm was amputated below the elbow by Doctors Hargue, Merryman and White. He has been conscious part of the time and would keep asking Charley Willson to take him home.

One of the men had been thawing dynamite under the grate of the furnace before the fire was very hot. When Nelson went there, however, the furnace was good and hot. It is believed that he must have been bending over with the sticks of powder in his right hand when the explosion occurred.

Albert Nelson is a Swede, and was known as a good worker. He has been employed by Mr. Willson for about a month. He came here from Bend, Oregon about the first of March. He is a young man under thirty years of age and nothing is known of his relatives. It is believed he is a married man but where his family lives is not known. On account of his wonderful constitution, the doctors say that there is just a possibility of his recovery. They say however that if it had been any other man he would not have lived an hour.

### HONORS FOR KLAMATH GIRL.

Two San Jose girls have distinction thrust upon them. They are among the eligible 17 Seniors who rank the highest in scholarship in the graduating class of about 200 that were initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity last night at the Delta Upsilon house on the campus.

Alice Grace Stone and Bessie Bell Applegate were the fortunate candidates to be so honored in this city and are worthy of becoming members of the oldest fraternity in college history, as they have been earnest and thorough students throughout their four years at Stanford.

They are certainly well fitted to occupy prominent positions in the world of education and doubtless their talents will be readily recognized by prominent educators.

The Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest Greek letter society and was founded December 5, 1776, at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va. A chapter was formed at Yale in 1779 and soon after at Harvard, Dartmouth, Bowdoin and Amherst. The membership in 1902 was 11,000. The National Council meets triennially, and has selected as the official badge a golden key.

Among the prominent members now before the public eye are T. W. Higginson, Seth Low, Joseph H. Choate and Hamilton Wright Mabie. There are two chapters in California, one at University of California and the other organized last semester, at Stanford. Only colleges of the highest standing are allowed a chapter, which must be voted them by the National Council.

The fraternity was formerly a secret

### SALOON IS HELD UP AND REGISTER RIFLED

#### Masked Men Enter Spray of the Falls Saloon at Three O'clock Saturday Morning.

### TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS STOLEN

#### Felix LaFrance and Arthur Farrow Arrested for the Crime on Complaint of the Barkeeper and are Bound Over to Circuit Court.

The saloon of A. M. Meagher, known as the Spray of the Falls, on Main street, was entered about 3 o'clock Saturday morning by two masked men and the barkeeper was held up and the cash register emptied of its contents, about \$25. Robert O. Jones, the barkeeper, recognized one of the men as Felix LaFrance, who had formerly worked in the saloon. LaFrance was arrested Saturday morning after the information was read to him a hearing of the case was set for Monday. Later in the day William Michel was placed under arrest as an accomplice. He asked for an attorney, stating that he was without money and was unable to pay for legal advice. Attorney O. C. Stone was appointed to defend both cases by the court.

When the case against Michel came up for trial on Monday, the attorney for the prosecution asked that the defendant be discharged as there was not sufficient evidence against him, and he was, therefore discharged by the Court.

The case against Felix LaFrance came up for hearing at 2 o'clock Monday. After the prosecution had submitted their evidence and rested, the attorney for the defense waived examination and asked that the prisoner be discharged. The motion was overruled by the Court and the prisoner was bound over to appear before the June term of the Circuit Court under \$1,000 bonds.

Monday evening a charge was preferred against Arthur Farrow, who had been held as a witness, and he was placed under arrest. The case was tried Monday afternoon. Practically the same witnesses were used as in the former case and the evidence was such that the Judge bound the prisoner over to appear before the circuit court. The bonds were placed at \$1,000 the same as in the former case. LaFrance and Farrow were committed to jail on failure to furnish bonds.

The cases have occupied three days in the Justice Court and have already cost the county considerable money. The main witnesses for the prosecution were Robert O. Jones and F. A. Brockway.

Jones' Story  
Robert O. Jones, the night barkeeper, told a representative of the Republican the following account of the hold-up:

"About 3 o'clock Saturday morning, two masked men entered the front door of the saloon, the Spray of the Falls, where I was working. One of the masked men leveled a gun on me and made me raise my hands, while his partner rifled the cash register, taking between \$25 and \$30. They then made their escape down Main Street. After they got outside they ran. As soon as they were gone I tried to ring up Central but could not get them. Then I went to Houston's restaurant and asked Mr. Ross, the cook, if he saw two men running by, he said no but he heard them. I told him the saloon had been robbed by two men. I then went into Houston's saloon, Jack Miller and some others were there, and I told them about it. Jack went back with me and I rang for Central and got the Marshal. He came and I told him about it and he went down and told Mr. Sullivan.

The masks worn by the robbers were white cloth, I took them for handkerchiefs. They must have been thin as there was no holes in them for eyes. They were tied behind and covered the face. The man that held the gun on me wore a black suit, with dark slouch hat. He was about 5 feet, 9 inches tall. The other fellow was small, wearing a dark suit of a mixed pattern and dark crush hat. The small one opened the register on the 'no sale' key. He acted very familiar with the working of the register. I recognized the smaller one as Felix LaFrance, former night barkeeper. The tall man I thought at that time to be Arthur Farrow, but changed my mind later on account of stories told me.

"LaFrance and Farrow were in the saloon about an hour or so before. LaFrance wore the same clothes but Farrow was dressed in a light suit and different hat. I had been alone in the saloon about three quarters of an hour before the hold up. I was sitting in the back room near the stove when they came in. I got up to go behind the bar when I saw they were masked. I do not know how much there was in the till, except a five dollar gold piece, a five dollar bill, three silver dollars and some change. Mr. Meagher was the only one who knew how much was taken as he made up the cash and could tell how much was rung up. That was my second night on, having previously worked at the Lakeside Inn.

"I did not feel very scared until after they were gone. It happened so suddenly, taking only about two minutes. As soon as one pulled the gun on me, the other ran behind the bar, pushed the no sale key and brushed the money into a kind of a sack then rushed out again in no time, quicker than I could have done it."

LAFRANCE AND FARROW SLEPT TOGETHER  
F. A. Brockway, who rooms next to Farrow in the McDonald building was the principle witness and it was mainly on his testimony that the two defendants were bound over. He tells the following story:

"I sleep in room No 1 in the McDonald building, over the meat market. On Friday night I was with Mr. Wright until after nine. When I was going to my room I met Farrow and LaFrance on the street, and I said to Farrow, 'Well, I am going to bed.' He said that he was going pretty soon. The two went down the street toward the Court House. I went to bed about 10 o'clock and read the Oregonian and the Saturday Evening Post through before going to sleep. I think it took me about two hours. It must of been after twelve when I went to sleep. Sometime later I was awakened by hearing two men coming up stairs and going into the next room. I heard the noise and I listened, thinking it was some one drunk, and then I heard them go into the next room. I went to sleep after that.

"Next morning I heard of the hold-up while at breakfast, and came down town to hear about it. I was told that LaFrance was one of the men and had been arrested. An hour or so later I saw Farrow and I said to him Sullivan's saloon was held up and the little fellow I saw you with last night is arrested.' He seemed surprised and said, 'Felix could not have done it.' I walked on then. Later in the day I met him and he stopped me to talk. He said he wanted to see me I asked him what he wanted. He told me to come up to his room, he wanted to see me. I went up and went first and sat down. He says, 'Say you can get Felix out of this, you can say that we came in at 11 o'clock. He said we did come in at 11 and I want you to swear to it.'

"I told him that no one came to his room until after 12. He then said that they did not come together but that he came up about 12 and that Felix came later. He knew that Felix did not have anything to do with the robbery as he was in the room before it occurred. He said, 'Felix stayed with me last night, that is his overcoat hanging there. I am afraid that I will be mixed up in this. I have money in the Woodburn Bank and I am going to put up \$500 for Felix. I will get him out all right.' He said that he had money and wanted me to swear that they came in before 12, and intimated that he would make it right with me. I told him that I did not want to have anything to do with it. I never thought he could have anything to do with the robbery. I supposed he was simply a friend of LaFrance and wanted to help him. I thought that he seemed awfully interested and told him that I did not see why he should be afraid of getting mixed up in it as they had already had the two men arrested. 'I did not like the proposition had made to me and I got up to leave the room. As I went to open the door I found the catch had been fastened. This made me mad and as I went out at the door I said, 'I'll tell you what I do know. I know that it was a damn long while after 12 when you two went to bed.'"

ship, all records in the four years' course being thoroughly examined. About one-tenth of the Senior class are eligible.—San Jose Mercury.

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### DIRECTORS OF WATER USERS ASSOCIATION MEET.

The Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association held their regular monthly meeting last Saturday, at their offices in the Jennings building. Bills were approved and Assessment No. 1 was ordered to be made of two cents per share.

D. V. Kuykendall, the attorney for the association, was allowed \$250 for work in organizing, which occupied over a month. His salary was placed at \$15,000 a year. Secretary Applegate was allowed a salary of \$100 a month for the present, but this will probably be raised as the work increases. These salaries are considered very low for officers of a corporation which represents \$3,000,000 capital.

This assessment of two cents per share per acre is considered sufficient for the expense of the association for some time. For the benefit of those land owners who are of the belief that they will escape the expenses of organization if they delay signing their land till the last moment, it is stated that no matter when the land is signed, all the back assessments will have to be paid. This will also be the case with government land which is taken up as homesteads. Every man must pay his share of the expense in proportion to the number of acres of land he signs.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners for June, which was in session last week, saloon licenses were granted to Willson & Stahlman for a saloon at Bly and to James Wheeler for a saloon at Fort Klamath.

The petition of W. W. Smith and others for a county road, beginning at the corner of sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Tp. 36, S. R. 14E. W. M., thence due south three miles, thence due east one mile, was granted.

The petition of Warren D. Kingdon et al, for a county road near Fort Klamath was granted as was also the petition of Jas. H. Wheeler and others for a road through Tp. 33 S, R. 7 1/2 E. and 31-7, and up Anna Creek to connect with the Prineville-Klamath road.

The report of Kimbal & Doshier on the

### FAREWELL RECEPTION IS GIVEN CAPTAIN APPLGATE.

(Special to the Republican.)  
Klamath Agency, May 6.—On Monday May 1st, Capt. O. C. Applegate, turned over the property of the Klamath Agency to his successor, Mr. Horace G. Wilson. The employees of the reservation, on the evening of this date, gave a farewell reception to Capt. Applegate, to which were invited the captain's friends, white and Indian, from far and near.

The big assembly hall was crowded and dancing was the chief entertainment until 11 o'clock when the guests were bidden to partake of a bountiful feast that was spread in the dining hall of the girls home.

In the midst of festivities the Captain was presented with a valuable gold watch chain and charm, tokens of esteem and affection in which he is held by his employees and friends, white and Indian.

Very few agents in the service, if any, have been able to call forth the devotion and loyalty that have been given Captain Applegate by his employees and by the greater portion of his wards. The Captain's departure is regretted by every body that is interested in the progress and welfare of the Indian, and the good wishes of all such go with him for success in his new field of work.

### CHASTAIN-GOSS WEDDINGS.

Mr. John Chastain, of this city, and Miss Margaret Goss, of Bonanza, were united in marriage at the home of the groom's brother, County Clerk George Chastain, on Sunday evening, May 7. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. C. Starr, of the Methodist Church. The bride is a very popular young lady of Bonanza, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Goss, the well known hotel man of that place. The groom is formerly of Bonanza but is now employed in the hardware business of George R. Hurn.

estimating and platting of timber in accordance with their contract, was accepted. Another contract was entered into with them for the cruising, estimating and platting of townships 38, 39 and 40 S. R. 6 E. at \$10 per section.