

EXCESS LAND TRUST DEEDS

Now Ready to Advertise for Bids
on Tunnel Work and First Ten
Miles of the Big Ditch.

At the conference on August 8th, between the Directors of the Water Users Association and the officials of the Reclamation Service, the latter consisting of F. H. Newell, Chief Engineer, J. B. Lippincott, Supervising Engineer, T. H. Humphreys, Project Engineer, and J. Jacobs and Wisner, consulting Engineers, it was announced that the estimates and specifications for the parts of the Klamath Project to be first constructed, had been examined and approved. They are now ready to advertise for bids on this part of the work consisting of the tunnels near Klamath Falls and the first ten miles of ditch and if the proper arrangements are made with reference to excess land, contracts for this work will be let this fall and work will be actually commenced on the project before the end of the year. This part of the work and especially the tunnels can be built during the winter and the spring will see men at work over the principal part of the project.

The Excess Land Trust Deed as proposed by the Reclamation Service and as published in the columns of the Republican last week seems, on the first reading, to be rather drastic but on consideration it will appear that the conditions will not be hard on the excess holder. It was understood by all that it would be necessary to cut down individual holdings to 160 acres and the trust deed plan is the only satisfactory arrangement so far proposed for insuring such reduction and at the same time allow the owner to control the disposition of the excess lands during the period of construction. The owner has the absolute right to handle his lands as he pleases so long as the United States is assured that when the water is ready to go on the land a person qualified to perfect a water right will be there ready to apply. If the owner has not made such arrangements at that time the Secretary of the Interior may direct the Water Users Association to advertise and sell the lands but at any time up to the hour of sale the owner can himself make a sale to qualified persons and stop the sale.

Before a sale can be ordered there must be concerted action on the part of the Secretary and the Water Users Association and neither could have any desire to sacrifice the interests of any owner. The Reclamation Service depends on public opinion and if injurious were done in this project it would be practically impossible for them to get the landowners elsewhere to co-operate with them in the construction of another project. The Directors of the Water Users Association are elected by the landowners and are responsible to them for the proper administration of their trust. Most of them are themselves excess land owners and would certainly do nothing to injure their own interests even if it were conceded to be possible for them to betray the trust of the people.

There has been expressed by some that large quantities of land would be thrown on the market at once but at the conference mentioned above assurance was given that the project would be constructed and extended just as fast or as slow as the land owners under the project desire. That is plain and ought to be convincing.

So far as has been learned no owner of excess lands has so far, after consideration, refused to sign the trust deed and those who have expressed a willingness to sign it include the owners of the largest tracts under the project. Let us not delay the project any longer by refusing to make our word good when we said that we would cut our holdings to 160 acres.

Many land owners have intended to do part of their land to members of their families and where such intention exists it should be carried out at once as this plan will dispose of the excess

lands as satisfactorily as by a trust deed. The main thing is to do something and do it now. It is now an assured fact that as soon as 75 per cent of the excess lands under any part of the whole project are under satisfactory arrangements as to trust or other deeds, bids will at once be advertised for and contracts let. This statement applies to both upper and lower projects.

Owners of excess lands should at once go to the office of the Association in Klamath Falls or to the notaries public in Merrill, Bonanza and Dairy and execute these trust deeds. You can keep out of the deed the 160 acres you intend for your farm and should select this to cover most of your improvements. If, however, you should sell this home place you can then at once select from your other lands another 160 acres and this cannot then be sold under the trust deed.

The best time to sell lands will be while the boom of construction is on, while the eyes of the country are on the Klamath Basin, and while the government is advertising the project. The United States and the railroads, and settlers will then be putting money into the country and land will see its highest valuation. When the boom has somewhat subsided and money begins to go out of the country the man who has a large lot of land to sell will be up against it. Your own interests require a sale within the time allowed you under the trust deed to sell it. Nothing would be gained by longer delay.

If you want to see dirt fly before snow flies sign the trust deed and urge your neighbors to make haste.

Bought Business at Bly

S. C. Hamaker, of this city, has returned from a business trip to Klamath County. While absent he negotiated for the Watts Bros. general merchandise store at Bly, and as soon as he can arrange his business affairs here, he will go back to Bly to take charge of the business and conduct it. Their many friends here will regret to have Mr. Hamaker and family leave Ashland, but they retain considerable property interests here, and will be linked with the city in that way—Tillings.

First Section Located.

W. S. Warden returned Wednesday evening from Weed, Cal., accompanied by A. H. Naltzer of Los Angeles, who is connected with the California Northern Railroad Company, and says the first section of twenty miles of the new road this side of Grass Lake has been located by the surveyors and that bids will soon be called for by contractors. The road will be first class and will not exceed a one per cent grade.

Farm House Burned.

The residence of Mr. Kelley at Pine Grove was destroyed by fire Tuesday. There was no one at home at the time. The fire, but the neighbors happened to see the flames and arrived there and saved most of the household goods, but these were afterwards ignited as the wind carried the sparks which caused the loss. A good subscription was raised and presented to them by the people.

Big Loads for the Falls.

George Chase was in town Saturday from his ranch down the Klamath. He reports that everything is going along smoothly in his section of the country, but he does not like the big loads of freight that these towmen are hauling as they take four horses and two wagons, bring their loads to his place and go back after more and then double to get to the Falls.

The Steamer Winema will give an excursion Sunday to the Lake at Philian Bay. There will be a dance and the Ford family will furnish the music.

KLAMATH COUNTY'S PROMISING FUTURE

Probabilities as Regards Coming
Development of Resources by
Projected Railroad Lines.

Mr. Jas. Jacobs, consulting engineer of the Reclamation Service and formerly engineer of the Southern Pacific Company, made the following statement in regard to probable railroad business:

"It is, of course, difficult to predict the exact future tonnage this country might yield for transport by rail, as a result of the building of this project, but the following data may, in a measure, indicate its possibilities.

"Klamath Falls, the county seat of Klamath County, has at the present time a population of 1,000 and the population of the county is about 5,000. The Federal project, as now planned, contemplates the irrigation of 250,000 acres of land, an area easily capable of supporting a community of 50,000. The dry lands with irrigation, are adapted to culture of the harder fruits, grain and alfalfa, while the swamp lands, when reclaimed, will open up rich tule lands, admirably adapted to truck farming and to culture of the various forage plants required for dairy interests, an industry which has proven so highly profitable in the bottom lands of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. Best culture also promises to become an extensive industry in this Basin.

"The extensive hill pasturage afforded here, makes this an excellent stock country, and there is now being shipped from this district some 25,000 head of cattle per annum. With the large increase in forage crops for winter feeding that will result from irrigation, this industry will expand and is sure to become one of the chief elements of the future wealth of the country.

"The timber interests of the country are highly valuable through a rich belt of yellow pine and red fir. The country abounds in unsurpassed pleasure resorts, with fishing, hunting, boating and the proximity of Crater Lake, to make it an inviolable Mecca for the summer pleasure seeker. There exists here hydro-electric power possibilities to assist in the general development of the country and some of these are now being exploited.

"When the full agricultural possibilities of the country will have been achieved its exports, it is believed, will aggregate not less than 20,000 cars of freight per annum, and most of it will be a class to yield substantial tariffs. One other matter worthy of mention is the advantageous eastern outlet for any line of railroad built into the Klamath Country. Lying in a general northerly direction from Klamath Falls there is a series of irrigation projects, embracing in the aggregate about 800,000 acres of land. Some of these are now being seriously considered by the Federal Government and doubtless all are destined, some day, to be built, when transportation and other elements, affecting their cost, make them feasible."

From Our Merrill Correspondent.

T. J. Offield and M. Hart started for Montague last Monday morning. Mr. Offield will bring Miss Alice Niles, daughter of E. L. Niles, home with him, who has been employed in a telephone office at Sacramento for several months. Mr. Hart will go on to Portland to meet his mother, whom he has not seen for a long time.

John Colwell, who is a Merrill rancher, has just returned from the Klamath marsh where he has been looking after stock, and reports a good trip.

Ed. Terwilliger went to Klamath Falls Monday to take his wife's sister, Miss Timmons, of Scotts Valley, Calif., to take the stage for the railroad, who has been visiting here for the past two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferrill are cooking at the Riverside Hotel of this place.

The new butcher firm of this city is

composed of John Ratliff and Wm. Bassett who expect to keep a full supply of fresh meats on hand with which to supply their customers.

The farmers of this valley are preparing for their second crop of alfalfa and men will be very scarce as a good many have gone to the railroad to float south as winter comes on.

Chas. Laird, of Laird, Calif., was in town last Saturday.

Guy Merrill and wife returned from the Lewis and Clark Fair last Sunday and report of having a jolly good time.

The wind has been blowing terribly for the past few days, making it very disagreeable and dusty.

The ladies of Merrill showed great respect to Mr. Asher last Sunday and decorated his grave with flowers, for which Mr. Asher extends his thanks.

Our City Marshal, Chas. Adams, is always on duty and sends the bad men south.

Dr. Patterson, our city physician, has purchased a home and has moved in. He is very cozy fixed.

Drowning of Clarence Asher.

Clarence Asher and Leo C. Bell, two of the show people of the Snell-Aldridge Company, took a stroll down the river Sunday and Mr. Bell being a good swimmer went in to bathe, and Asher, who could not swim a stroke, was told to be a rope around his body and he (Bell) would teach him to swim, which he did, but the rope being very short, only about eight inches in length after being tied around his body, did not leave very much of a hand hold for Mr. Bell to get hold of and when he lost the rope, Asher went down to the bottom of the river and did not come up until Ed. Lynch, who successfully used a grab hook in bringing him to shore about one hour after he went down. There were several men who dove after the body but could not get it, the water being about 18 feet deep. The Snell-Aldridge Company took it very hard as they could not hardly give up one of their best artists, as Asher was the leading man.

The people of Merrill encouraged the company to give an entertainment on Sunday night as a benefit to bury the young man as no definite word could be had from his brother in Portland and he was laid to rest in the Merrill cemetery.

Cale Oliver of the Mascot stables at Klamath Falls, who is known all over this county took the part of Mr. Asher with this noted troupe and did very well and all gave him great credit for his work.

Death of Mrs. W. O. Smith.

Mrs. W. O. Smith died at the home of her parents Tuesday afternoon, August 15, 1905, from complications, arising from the premature birth of her child Sunday morning. The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Applegate, this morning at 10 o'clock, interment being made in the Klamath Falls cemetery.

Jessie Applegate was born in this county at Alkali Valley on the 18th of April, 1883, and spent the earlier years of her life there and at Edgewood ranch in Swan Lake Valley, moving to Klamath Falls with her parents about six years ago. After attending the schools here she went to Monmouth and Ashland Normal schools, and to an educational school at Los Angeles, California. She was married to Mr. W. O. Smith the latter part of last year, and her untimely death brings unusual sorrow to her husband, parents and other relatives and friends, who mourn that the inscrutable plans of providence should find it necessary to take one so young and happy from the circle of her relatives and friends. She leaves a husband and infant son, her parents and two sisters and one brother to mourn her loss, besides very many other loving friends and relatives.

One More Flower Plucked.

Death has claimed another jewel; but has she died? No, she has gone to dwell where pain and sorrow never enters. Gone from earthly cares and sorrows, but her spirit will never die, it will live. Mrs. Jessie Smith was known and respected by every good citizen of Klamath Falls and her death is a sorrow to all who knew her, but none will ever miss her so much as the little babe who cost his mother's life. No friend nor relative can ever take the place of a mother, no hand can soothe the little aching heart like a mother's gentle stroke, and although he will never see his mother on earth there will ever be that yearning for her. His kind father has the sympathy of everyone, as also the bereaved family. No words of sympathy can heal the aching hearts, nothing but time will wear away the sorrow to a certain extent, but we must remember that "He that giveth also taketh away," and we must bow our heads to His reverence and remember that He doeth all things well.

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GOVERNATORIAL POSSIBILITIES

Henry E. Ankeny of Klamath County Again Aspiring for the Office of Governorship.

Benevolent Providence having preserved my life to death, I shall proceed to drag another reluctant "Governatorial maybe" into the calcium of publicity, to be there immolated on the altar of art and literature. The life and adventures of Henry E. Ankeny, of mining and hirsute celebration, are now to unfold with thrilling realism, under my magical and immortalizing pen. This amiable and eminent gentleman alighted upon this rotating orb at that point known as Beaver Creek, Virginia. The year 1845 beheld the momentous event. After getting his breath, he decided that the time was ripe to discover Oregon. To think that was to act with our intrepid explorer, so in the Summer of 1850 we find him taking Horace Greeley's advice. En route, being obliged to change cars at St. Louis, he was electrified by a rumor that Anneuser Busch was about to establish a brewery at that place. With great presence of mind he decided to remain in Missouri and confirm, if possible, this startling intelligence. His farewell to Messrs. Lewis and Clark and Jesse Applegate, who, I neglected to state, had accompanied him was particularly touching.

It was here that he secured the celebrated whisker recipe which has contributed so much to Missouri's fair fame and has made him at once the admiration and despair of the entire Northwest. The Berbers' Union, however, has sworn to knife him should he run for the Governorship.

It was along about '51 that Ankeny made his advent into this state. At that time there wasn't much doing. The pristine silence was unbroken save for the echo of the woodman's ax punctuated occasionally by the shrill war whoop of the sanguinary savage. The busy hum of commerce was several laps in the future. The enchanted wand of civilization had not yet conjured populous cities from out the rayless depth of an illimitable forest.

Henry took advantage of the absence of competition and established a couple of banks, which, in conjunction with a gold mine that got in his way, are responsible for the appellation of "Bonanza King" that he so modestly supports.

As an instance of his remarkable business sagacity I would here note that he called H. W. Goode's attention to the possibilities of the Oregon City falls for supplying power to an electric light plant as early as '52. The fact that electricity had not as yet been discovered should not be allowed to interfere with the course of legitimate biography. Mr. Ankeny has never held public office. He has a brother in the United States Senate, but says he can't help that.—Oregonian, by Harry Murphy.

Mrs. Reid Insane.

Mrs. Geo. Reid was brought down from Paisley last week suffering from an aberration of the mind. She was taken before the board of insanity on Saturday and a commitment to the asylum issued. The authorities at the asylum were notified and two wardens arrived here Sunday and left with her last Monday noon.

Mrs. Reid is about sixty years of age and it is said that the affliction was caused by worrying. The many friends of the family wish for the speedy recovery.—Lakeview Herald.

May Buy Klamath Lake R. R.

A San Francisco news report is to the effect that Frederick Weyerhaeuser, the Minneapolis timber capitalist, is negotiating for a vast tract of valuable timber in Northern California, which also includes the property of the Klamath Lake Railroad Company of which Hervey Lindley is president and comprises a large belt of fine timber in Jackson and Klamath counties.—Ashland Tidings.

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Grand Alfalfa Ball.

The grandest time of the season is assured. A grand Alfalfa Ball, at Houston's Opera House, Wednesday evening, August 23. Given by the employees of the Cantrall and Summers ranches. The floor managers will be Tom Kinney, Elmer Smith and Dan Lovelady. Music will be furnished by the Ford family. Tickets \$1.00.

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