

ARRESTED IN HIS BED

Chas. Stark In Jail for Larceny of A Horse.

Sheriff Obenchain at about 10 o'clock last evening arrested Charles Stark in room 17 at the Lakeside Inn, on complaint of John Alexander and H. V. Mitchell, and he is now confined in the county jail charged with larceny of a horse and saddle.

It is stated that yesterday Stark went to the Belmont stables and said that Mr. Alexander wanted his horse and saddle. After securing these he rode out to the Mitchell ranch and sold the horse to Horace Mitchell. The horse was left at the ranch and he came to town with Mr. Mitchell. They went to the Bank Exchange, where Mr. Mitchell wrote out a check for \$55 the price agreed upon, which Stark endorsed and had cashed, and claims to have later lost most of it in a card game.

When Alexander learned that his horse was gone, he knew something was wrong and making inquiries soon learned the facts. He hunted up Mr. Mitchell, and together with Sheriff Obenchain they began a search of the town for the man. He had been stopping at the east end of town, but he could not be found anywhere. At 10 o'clock they reached the Lakeside Inn, and learned from one of the men there that Stark had been there in the early evening, and it was believed he had engaged a room.

Arrested in Bed. On examining the register it was found that no one by the name of Chas. Stark had been given a room, but the clerk stated that a man had registered as Chas. Lewis and been assigned a room. As the man was a stranger to the clerk, Mr. Mitchell decided to take the chances of waking him up. They went to the room and found the man in bed. He was recognized by Mitchell as the man who had sold the horse and the Sheriff, therefore, gave him a room in the county jail, to await a hearing today.

Chas. Stark has been around Klamath Falls some time. He used to drive stage for J. L. Yaden, but has been at Olene nearly all the winter.

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BONDS HAVE OPPOSITION

Vote Stands 17 For and 53 Against Issuing Bonds to Complete School

On Saturday afternoon a special election was held by School district No. 1, to vote on bonding the district for \$4000 to complete the stone school building, on which work had to be stopped on account of lack of funds. The election resulted in the defeat of the bonds by a vote of 53 to 17.

When the question of building was first agitated and bids were advertised for, the lowest bid received was for \$19,000 by Mr. Snook who received the contract for building the County High School. At this time the valuation of the property in the district would only allow bonding the district for \$13,700, and therefore the bid could not be accepted. Some of the Board were in favor of postponing constructing the building until more money would be available.

An election for the purpose of reinducing the bonds was held, but the people unanimously decided in favor of commencing the building and doing the work by day labor, under the supervision of H. L. Boggs.

The work has progressed slowly, on account of the lack of mechanics, although everyone admits that the building is the best constructed in the city. Many of the taxpayers, however, are dissatisfied with the way the work has been done and want it finished by contract. This is the reason that the bonds were voted down. There is no one opposed to completing the building, but the majority of those who took the trouble to vote at the election Saturday expressed themselves as in favor of letting the completion of the building by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

If the district had the money when the building was first started, the bid of Mr. Snook would undoubtedly have been accepted.

Getting Ready To Ship Outfit

H. L. Holgate, the attorney, received yesterday a letter from Mason & Davis the contractors for the government work stating that they were completing the necessary papers, and expected to ship in their outfit very shortly.

CONTRACT AWARDED

For First Section of the Klamath Project.

The Secretary of the Interior on January 25th awarded contracts for the construction and completion of the first unit of the Klamath irrigation project in Southern Oregon. This is the beginning of the big \$4,000,000 project recently approved. Other contracts will follow, as plans are completed and the demand for land increases.

The larger part of the contract awarded today goes to Mason, Davis & Co., of Portland, who underbid 13 competitors from Oregon as well as other states. Their aggregate contract amounts to \$377,339. The rest of the contract, amounting to only \$2828, was awarded to the International Contract Company, of Seattle.

Nearly All for Portland.

As indicated by these figures, practically the entire first unit of the Klamath project will be constructed by Mason, Davis & Co. They will dig a canal to take water out of Upper Klamath Lake, bring it through a deep cut out onto the low land adjoining the town of Klamath Falls, after turning it into the Ankeny Canal, which the Government has agreed to buy. In the construction of this canal approximately 718,490 cubic yards of material must be excavated, 300 feet of tunnel must be cut and lined and substantial headgates installed to control the flow of water through the canal, the gates being set in solid concrete work.

The water carried through this canal will be used in the vicinity of Klamath Falls and will for the most part irrigate land already under cultivation. Not much new land will be opened up under this unit.

Other Contracts to Be Let.

Probably before this first canal is completed, contracts will be let for another unit of the Klamath project, as there is ample money at hand, five times as much, in fact, as is called for by the first contract. But the Government does not propose to rush this project through. It would be had policy to throw upon the market the 237,900 acres in the Klamath basin at a time when transportation facilities are limited. The Government rather proposes to proceed slowly, opening up new land only fast enough to meet the demands of settlers.

Lowest Bid in the Aggregate.

Mason, Davis & Co., whose bid is accepted on schedules 1, 2 and 3 of the Klamath project, are a firm of good standing, and the Government is satisfied that they will be able to carry the work to successful completion. The Reclamation Service recommended that the award be made to them, notwithstanding that their bids on several items were higher than those of other bidders. Their aggregate bid was far below that of all the others and \$190,000 below the bid of Robert Wakefield, of Portland, the only other Oregon bidder.

It is expected that work on this new canal will begin as soon as Mason, Davis & Co., furnish bond and are able to get their machinery and workmen into the Klamath country. Work should be well under way by spring and twelve months ought to see the first unit of the Klamath project completed and in operation.

Among the Stock

Hay is getting scarce. Cattlemen will soon have to vacate the Klamath basin. It looked last October, with 25,000 tons of hay in sight, that there would be alfalfa to hold at least several thousand beef cattle for the March, and April markets, which unquestionably will be high. Within the past week we are reliably informed alfalfa hay at Merrill advanced \$3 a ton.

Mitchell Bros. will take out over 800 head of beef cattle from the Cantrall & Ankeny ranch and their own place within the next two weeks.

Frank Bloomingscamp went through Merrill last week with over 300 head of Montague. The cattle were consigned to Henry Levy of San Francisco.

Howard & Brown went through Merrill last week with the last of their cattle, some 350 head, bound for Gazelle.

Lewis Gerber started 900 mutton sheep for Montague last Saturday.

There are not over 2000 cattle left in the Merrill country belonging to Lewis Gerber, C. Swanson, the J. D. Carr Company, Henry Anderson, Horton Bros. and several small lots. While beef cattle did exceptionally well this winter, the men who gamble thousands on the game owing to no advance in prices did not much more than break even as about the cost of the hay.

S. S. Convention Postponed.

On account of a change of plans by the Field Worker the S. S. Convention announced last week has been postponed indefinitely.

TOOZE VISITS OUR CITY

Candidate For Congress Addresses Citizens at Opera House.

Hon. Walter L. Tooze, of Woodburn, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Congressman, arrived in the city Friday evening. Like that of the two other candidates for the same office who preceded him, this was Mr. Tooze's first visit to Klamath county.

Mr. Tooze spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, meeting and getting acquainted with the citizens and also renewing acquaintances. On Saturday evening he spoke at the Opera House to a large and enthusiastic audience. His speech was mainly along political lines, briefly outlining his policy and platform. Mr. Tooze was introduced to the audience by Attorney C. T. Bonney of this city, who is an old friend and formerly a neighbor of Mr. Tooze at Woodburn. As Mr. Bonney has in the past been quite prominent in politics, it is probable that he will look after Mr. Tooze's campaign here.

Mr. Tooze is the only politician of the three candidates for Congress from this district, and he is making a strong fight for the nomination. He is a good talker and a very pleasant gentleman to meet and makes friends readily. He left Monday morning for the railroad feeling assured of a good support in the county. The Brownsville Times has the following to say in regard to Mr. Tooze: "It therefore being written in the history of past elections that the next Congressman elected from the First Congressional District will be a Republican, the people are becoming very greatly concerned in who that Republican will be who shall carry off the nomination at the primary election."

"Among the candidates named who would be the most acceptable and useful in Linn county and this state, if nominated and elected?"

"That is the question that now confronts the rank and file of the Republicans of the First District, and it is up to them to decide."

"The Times, independent in all things, neutral in nothing, has only the best of feeling for the other Republican candidates, but studying the question from every point of view, the answer appears to be: Walter L. Tooze."

"Mr. Tooze is a prominent and a most successful self-made business man of Woodburn. No man is better known and esteemed throughout the district. A plain, practical man, sound on the great principles of the Republican party; possessed of a trained mind, an eloquent public speaker, a logical reasoner in debate, and a tireless worker."

"The plea of Mr. Tooze before the recent Republican conference held in Portland, for the proper development of our coast harbors, an open Willamette river, development of the Willamette valley and Southern Oregon, and the application of correct principles in the works of government, swept the convention off the floor and into the air with applause, and placed him upon a square platform that is heartily approved by the people of the First Congressional District regardless of party affiliations."

"Who will deny that this is the type of man needed by this District and State in Congress?"

A Move in the Right Direction

A numerously signed petition will be presented to the County Court at the March term for a change in the county road between Klamath Falls and Altamont.

The proposed change will run from the foot of Sixth street on a direct line to Altamont, shortening the distance about one-half mile, and over ground upon which an excellent road bed can be constructed. This is a long needed improvement demanded by the farming interests immediately contiguous to Klamath Falls on the east and south.

The present road runs around by the hill and needlessly adds fully one and one-half miles to the road, and is one of the heaviest pieces of road in the county, on account of the hills and the ditches which have to be crossed. It is claimed that it would cost the county more to put this road in condition for heavy travel, than it would to build according to the proposed plan. If the petition is granted, the new road will eventually be meadowland and lined with shade trees, and thus be made a very attractive driveway, a great advantage and convenience to the immense travel coming to the city from the south.

E. S. Atwood Dies

E. S. Atwood, who has been a resident of Klamath Falls for over a year, died at the residence of John Verlings Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Atwood has been a sufferer from Tuberculosis and came here in the hope that the change of climate might relieve him. His wife survives him. The funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

OUT FOR OFFICE

Candidates Beginning to Announce Themselves

To the Republicans of the 21st Representative District of Oregon: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of Joint Representative on the Republican ticket at the primary elections to be held April 20, 1906, for Klamath, Lake, Crook and Grant counties.

If nominated and elected I will earnestly and faithfully perform the duties of the office for the benefit of this District and the people of the state of Oregon.

In becoming a candidate, I assume that the rapid development of Klamath county, under the irrigation and other projects, justifies her in asking a place on the legislative ticket, and possibly the other counties of the District will concede one of the two joint representatives, to be selected.

GEO. H. MERRYMAN.

In announcing my candidacy for the nomination for County Judge, I do so with a full appreciation of the responsibilities of the office and of the honor I am asking at the hands of the people. If nominated and elected I will devote my time and attention to the office safeguarding the pockets of the taxpayers by an economical business administration.

With this brief announcement, to be followed later by a declaration of the policy I shall pursue in the management of the County Business if elected, I submit my name and qualifications to the Republican voters for their consideration.

A. L. LEAVITT.

The undersigned announces himself as a candidate for County Judge, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the coming primaries.

In case of my nomination and election I will favor an economical expenditure of the public funds in a manner becoming a prosperous County keeping in view the liquidation of the county indebtedness and proper repair of the county roads.

My residence during the term will be at the County Seat.

In case of my defeat for the nomination I will support the successful nominee at the June election with all the energy and zeal in my power.

H. A. EMMETT.

Keno, Or. Jan. 30, 1906.

High School Notes

Klamath County High School membership is still increasing. The names of Miss Lucile Cox, John Yaden and T. E. Griffith are added to the roll since Christmas.

A Student Body Association has been organized by the High School students. Call meetings of this body have been quite frequent during the past week.

Rev. Mr. Dunlap showed his interest in our school by making us a visit the first of the week.

Four hundred dollars has been collected and forwarded to Eiler's Piano House Portland. An entertainment will be given in the near future, after which we hope to pay the remaining sum due on our piano.

The regular literary society meeting was held last Friday afternoon. Geo. T. Baldwin favored us with his presence. We sincerely hope he was not wearied by the hour and five minute speech by one of the enthusiastic debaters and that he will come again.

The Student Body met and elected two correspondents to the city papers. To become acquainted with the outside world is our aim.

Consider yourselves invited to attend our next literary meeting on February 10, 1906, in Assembly Hall.

We expect another high school teacher in the near future. You will soon be able to obtain a thorough business course from the K. C. H. S.

The following was the program of the last Literary Society meeting: Original Study.....Atta Griffith Composition.....Georgia Hoagland Essay.....Elsie Stout Song.....School Composition.....Lester Leavitt Instrumental Solo.....Mae Martin Composition.....Winnie Withrow Essay.....Lena Barnum Original Talk.....Edna Norris Current Events.....Alexander Martin Debate-Resolved, That wealth causes more crime than poverty.

Affirmative-Harry Benson, Garrett VanRiper and Augustus Bonney. Negative-Dan Parker, Luke Parker and Carlyle Yaden.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sisemore and child arrived last evening from Fort Klamath for a few days visit in the city.

ATTEMPTS TO BURN JAIL

Insane Man Sets Fire To Bedding in Jail Early Sunday Morning.

Charles N. Baker, who was adjudged insane last week and confined in the county jail awaiting the arrival of attendants from the Asylum, came very near destroying his own life and burning up the jail early Sunday morning.

Shortly after six smoke was discovered coming from the windows of the jail, which is built of stone. The alarm was given and by the time assistance arrived and the jail door was opened, the beds and clothing were all afire. These were quickly carried outside and the fire extinguished, but not before the prisoner became nearly suffocated with the smoke. He was given attendance and the guards arriving in the afternoon they started on their return to the Asylum that evening.

Chas. N. Baker has resided on a home-stead near Bedford for about two years and has no relatives here. It is stated that he came from Columbus, Ohio, where his relatives are said to live. He is 27 years of age.

Five and Ten Acre Tracts

Frank Ira White, formerly with the Oregonian, arrived in the city Saturday and will assume charge for the owners of the Mitchell ranch near town. This land is to be cut up into small tracts from five to forty acres and placed on the market. It has been demonstrated in irrigated districts that five to ten acres, properly cultivated, will support a family, and it is expected with the advent of immigration in the spring that there will be a large demand for these small tracts, for truck gardens, rural residences and other purposes.

This land is only one and one-half miles from town, and if the change is made in the county road this distance will be greatly lessened. Mr. White will open an office in this city, possibly in the Baldwin block.

James Tobin, of Lost River, on Tuesday sold his ranch consisting of 483 acres to Dr. J. A. Best, of Pendleton, for \$12,500. The sale was made by M. L. Burns.

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