

## THE GREAT \$4,500,000 GOVERNMENT PROJECT IS NOW UNDER WAY CONTRACTORS BEGIN WORK

### THE RECLAMATION PROJECT STARTED

First Section Will Be Completed in Eight Months

Five Hundred Men Will Work Night and Day and Are Expected to Make Record Time

Archie Mason, of Mason Davis Company, contractors for the first unit of the great irrigation system which is going to transform the Klamath basin into a perfect garden, accompanied by A. D. Miller, book keeper and J. A. Paquet, timekeeper, arrived in Klamath Falls last Friday evening. Sunday they were followed by a large force of men, who brought in horses, scrapers, and supplies from Ashland, and which is part of the equipment to be used in the work.

Two camps will be established at once, one at the east end of the tunnel and one midway on this piece of work. Just as soon as the weather will permit, operations will begin on two shafts, and will be pushed night and day until completed.

The contractors are obliged to complete their work within one year from signing of the contract. It includes the driving of a tunnel 3100 feet long, about 720,000 cubic yards of earth excavation, more than 5000 cubic yards of concrete work and nearly 8000 square yards of rubble paving. The Government furnishes the cement and rods for use where it is necessary to re-enforce concrete. There will be consumed in this portion of the work something like 3,000,000 pounds of cement.

Exactness and strict adherence to defined regulations are characteristics of contracts entered into by the United States Government. And contracts awarded to the Portland firm is no exception to the rule.

The tunnel is a most interesting feature of the work. At each portal the canal level will be at a point about 40 feet below the surface of the respective slopes of the hill to be culverted, while at the highest point of the hill the elevation of the crest is about 130 feet above the tunnel floor. The tunnel will be concrete lined, with six inches on the floor and a thickness of eight inches on the sides

and forming the arch of the roof. Completed, the bore will be 13 feet 6 inches in the clear in width and 14 feet 4 inches perpendicular at the center. The canal will generally have a width of about 40 feet at the bottom, 60 feet at the top and a depth of 11 feet; this will at points vary to a width of 44 feet at the bottom and other points not exceeding 13.5 feet. This narrower width, however, is at the approach to the portal of the canal there is no deep cut and but few points where stone of any character occurs.

The use and sale of intoxicating liquors on the work is prohibited, except for medicinal purposes, and then only under direction of the engineer or his agents. Sanitary and police regulations may be established by the chief engineer for all forces employed under the contract. All lumber used in the permanent work must be of the best quality. All steel used in structures, chiefly in this case in the headgates, will be of the open-hearth variety.

In discussing the task, Mr. Davis said: "We will give work to every man who applies. We will also employ the Indians from the reservation, if they can do the work. I anticipate no difficulty in completing this contract in 8 months. We will have, when under full headway, about 500 men and 300 horses engaged in the operation. I expect to purchase some horses here, if I can be suited. All the hay and grain necessary has been procured. Arrangements have been made to secure electric power from the local company, and it will be used whenever practicable."

Mr. Mason will remain here permanently, and will have the active management of the work. No sub-contracts have, as yet, been given. Several parties are figuring on parts of the work, and it is not unlikely that portions of it will be sublet.

The Secretary of the Interior executed the contract and approved the bond of the International Contract Company, providing for the construction of schedule 4 of the main canal of the Klamath irrigation project. This contract calls for the construction of five highway bridges at \$1158 each, with 80-foot Howe truss spans, superstructures complete in place, and one bridge with 80-foot Howe truss spans and superstructures at \$1028.

### Proceedings of County Court.

At the meeting of the County Court, held in the Court house, on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the following business disposed of:

Ira Hansen was appointed road supervisor of District No. 9.

The deed of Mabel Patterson of a strip of land for road purposes in Township 41, Sections 2 and 11, was accepted, and a board of road viewers were appointed. A liquor license was issued to C. D. Wilson and Fred Stahlman, for a saloon in Sprague river precinct.

The polling places were designated as follows: Linkville precinct, Court house, Lorella.

Tule Lake precinct, school house, Merrill.

Sprague River precinct, school house, Bly.

Langell Valley precinct, school house, Lorella.

Dairy precinct, school house, Dairy.

Klamath Lake precinct, school house, Odessa.

Snow precinct, Pokegama Railroad station, Pokegama.

Odell Lake, residence of Chas. Graves, Odell.

Poe Valley, Lower Poe Valley school house.

The following Judges and Clerks were appointed to serve in the various precincts named, to fill vacancies caused by those appointed at the January term declining to serve:

Linkville, W. O. Smith, Clerk of Second Board. R. W. Benson, Clerk of First Board.

Sprague River, E. L. Foraker, Jos. Hessig, Clerks.

Langell Valley, Geo. F. Cline, Clerk. Snow, W. M. Stephens, Clerk, Valentine Griffith, N. H. Fennell, and R. M. Richardson, Judges.

Odell River, F. M. Chrisman, Clerk. Ordered that the county execute an agreement with the United States to pay for one inch of water from the ditch of the Klamath Falls Irrigating Company, and to pay its part of maintenance and operation of said ditch when owned by the United States.

\$100 was appropriated for work in road district No. 3.

A new school district, No. 34, to be known as Summit district, was established. It will be in Township 39.

A list of the accounts approved is published on page two of this issue.

### DEVELOPMENT CO. EXTENDS ITS FIELD

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Owing to the numerous inquiries received by the Klamath Development Company and the California and North-eastern railroad, relative to farm and grazing land, town lots and other investments in Klamath county, the former company has decided to add a real estate department to their business. This branch of the business will be under the efficient management of Mark L. Burns.

Arrangements are now being made to have a representative in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago. Special inducements will be offered colonists in the way of cheap excursions. This progressive and effective method of inducing homeseekers and investors to come here will be augmented by a system of advertising all property placed in their hands that will be the most extensive and wide-spread of any ever attempted by any company in the state.

Mr. Burns is a pioneer in the real estate business in Klamath county, and is thoroughly familiar with every section of this great county. His elevation to the management of this department is a distinct tribute to his fidelity, integrity and vim, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his success.

H. M. CAKE.



Candidate for United States Senator

H. M. Cake of Portland, candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator, believes in preserving the dignity and independence of the American laborer, and is unalterably opposed to any change of the Chinese Exclusion Law that will admit of the Chinese coolie labor entering into competition with the laboring people of this country. Mr. Cake has always been a consistent advocate of the rights of the working men.

He strongly favors the opening of the Dalles-Celilo Canal at the earliest possible date, believing that the competition of this project will afford the people of Eastern Oregon a long needed relief in freight rates.

Law and Real Estate Firm.

A new firm has been organized in this city, for the practice of law, and to do a general abstracting, real estate, and insurance business, by C. T. Bonney and T. F. Nicholas. Mr. Bonney has been practicing law in this city for the past twelve months and has built up a good practice. Mr. Nicholas comes highly recommended from Texas county, Missouri, where he was for twelve years, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Recorder, and for ten years cashier and manager of one of the principal banks of Houston. He is a man of wide business experience, has a thorough knowledge of abstracting and is well versed on land titles. Mr. Bonney will handle the legal business of the firm, and Mr. Nicholas will look after the other departments.

We are in receipt of a bulletin on steel castings, issued by the Columbia Engineering Works of Portland, Oregon. The booklet is descriptive of the only steel foundry on the Pacific coast, and contains much valuable information which must prove very interesting and instructive to those fortunate enough to receive a copy. This company has made giant strides, and its progress is due to its reputation for square dealing and low prices. They will doubtless do a large business with this section for its line of irrigation supplies are so complete as to meet all requirements of the irrigator.

## KLAMATH CANAL COMPANY READY TO COMMENCE WORK ON THEIR CAR LINE

### Durham for Attorney General

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—Under the new law as to nominations, the duty of selecting good men for the various positions falls directly on those who attend the primaries. Whether the law is a failure or a success, depend entirely upon the intelligence with which the primary vote is cast, for if both parties put forward good men, we are sure to have good officials.

To vote intelligently, the men who are candidates must be fairly well known, and this knowledge cannot be personal to the state offices. It then seems plain that men who have personal knowledge, favorable or the contrary, of such men, should make it known.

I have known one of the candidates for Attorney General, Mr. Geo. H. Durham many years and a short sketch, which is unsolicited, may be of interest to your readers.

He is in the prime of life, an active and energetic man; was a graduate of Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon; a soldier in the Union army during a part of the Civil war; after that was District Attorney for the Fourth judicial district, which includes Multnomah county and Portland, in 1872 to 1874 and was the partner of the one who held it the next term; has been in partnership with Geo. H. Williams, former United States Senator from Oregon, and who was United States Attorney General under Gen. Grant; also was in partnership with W. Lair Hill, who compiled the code for this state and is now associated with the firm of Colvig & Durham and living at Grants Pass.

His personal record has never been assailed and his general qualities have made him a host of friends not only in Portland, but all over the state.

He has always been a republican and is a staunch supporter of the policies advocated by the president.

For a great many years he has taken a great interest in fraternal insurance and was Grand Master of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in 1902, 1903 and has been a delegate to the Supreme lodge of that order. He has also been prominent as a Mason and is a member of other orders.

Full of ability, with a record of which any man can be proud, with a legal experience second to none, if he is elected to the office, we have no need to fear but he will fill it with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the people.

C. C. HOUSE.

### YONNA ZEPHYRS

BY "OPTIMIST."

Last Sunday was the great stormy day of the year. In the morning a cold northwest wind was blowing, and by eight o'clock it began to snow, which continued until Monday morning. The snow drifted badly but it would average one foot deep on the level. At the north part of the valley there was considerable old snow, and the ground thus covered with fresh snow makes it deep as any time in midwinter. If there are no crops raised this year, it certainly will not be for want of moisture, as the ground is in excellent condition to receive the melting snow.

Charles Flackus of Yonna valley, a few days ago purchased a fine team of driving horses from Charley Liskey. I understand the price paid was \$300.

Fred Beck made a trip to Klamath Falls last week. His business was to look after matters about his horse, which is being held at Klamath Agency, until its ownership is decided.

On Sunday morning the house of Hans Staeler near Dairy, was totally destroyed by fire. It is thought that the fire caught from the stove pipe. This is a very serious loss to Mr. Staeler as only a few things were saved. I am informed that the building was insured for \$200.

The horse belonging to the Beck brothers is being held by the Assistant Indian agent. He would not give up the horse to the Deputy Sheriff who had a writ of replevin. This is quite a serious matter and a big question is involved. Are government officials and the Indians subject to our state laws? In a case of the disputed ownership of property, like a horse, between citizens, it would come up before a Justice or Circuit Court, where each party has an opportunity to prove their ownership. But the Agent claims that on the reservation it comes directly under the government. If the matter has to go before a United States Court at Portland, the expense would be more than any ordinary farmer could afford. Hence he would lose his property. An Indian has a right to claim every animal that

gets on the reservation that has a brand something similar to his own. It is equivalent to giving him a right to steal, because in such a country as Klamath county where stock run at large many cattle and horses get over the line. Every year the settlers lose some of their stock and they are suspicious of the Indians. Now if the agent defends the Indians in this work it will make them more aggressive in stock stealing. The first thing a law abiding citizen tries to do, is to settle his trouble legally. If he cannot get justice at the courts, he will see what justice he can get out of the courts. The Indian can not expect that the white man will submit to having his property taken from him in this manner. He will go armed and several get together and when they find their stock in the possession of an Indian, if Mr. Indian will not peacefully give up the animal he will get shot. Where Indians and white men's interests clash the Indian in the end is always loser. If the Indian agent is wise and wishes to prevent future trouble he will let this matter be settled peacefully in the courts.

On last Sunday the farmers of Yonna valley had announced that they would hold a meeting at Dairy. But on account of the bad weather the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the business of the Water Users Association and nominate a man for director, for the coming year. The people of the valley intend to make every effort to get the government to commence work on the upper project as soon as possible, and they intend to pass resolutions to that effect. The people also believe that if a man stands well in the estimation of his own community that he is fitted for the office of director. If the people of every part of the irrigated section hold meetings, nominate their director by ballot, then at the annual meeting of the Water Users Association in April every section can support the popular candidate from the other sections. By this means the best men in the county will be elected.

The farmers of Yonna met at Dairy on Tuesday to discuss the business of the Water Users Association. Resolutions were passed requesting the Board of Examining Engineers to recommend to the Government, the construction of the Clear Lake or Upper project at as early date as possible. By unanimous vote Jacob Rueck was nominated as director from Yonna valley to serve for the coming year. Resolutions were passed that the shareholders from Yonna valley should support, at the annual meeting, the popular candidate for director from other sections where similar meetings are held.

### A Unique Kiln.

The fear that has pervaded the ranks of prospective builders that it would be difficult to procure seasoned lumber for operations in this city during the coming summer need hold its place no longer, for W. M. Mendenhall, manager of the Klamath Contracting Company has solved the problem. His method is so simple, that one wonders why it was not tried before.

About two weeks ago Mr. Mendenhall erected in the lumber yard of Ackley Bros., a shed 22x54. Into this he put 70,000 feet of green lumber, leaving a space of about two feet at each end of the building and about four feet in the center. Between each layer of boards was left an air space of almost one inch. In the center aisle he installed two air tight stoves and fired up. The hot air rising to the top passed between the boards in the upper half of the pile, and then, seeking the point of least resistance, passed down and returned through the lower half. This method was pursued for a week, when investigation developed the fact that practically all of the lumber was perfectly dry.

The method is so simple and inexpensive, and at the same time so practicable, that there is no danger of a shortage of dry lumber from now on.

George Dukes, stage driver between Klamath Falls and Pokegama, had the two middle fingers on each hand and both ears frozen Sunday, while making the trip from Pokegama. He did not realize his condition until he reached the stables. Dr. Maston was called in, and the latest report is that he will not lose his fingers, as was thought at first. It will be a month or more before he will be in condition to return to work. His place is being filled by "Good-roads" Decker, the old warhorse of stagemen.

### Eight Miles of Boulevards to Be Built in This Addition

Large Tourist Hotel and Free Wharf and Boat House are Among Improvements Contemplated

The Klamath Canal company is making preparations to commence improving their large addition to Klamath Falls, and when the work is completed this city will have a section that will be one of the most desirable residential districts to be found. W. K. Brown, who is heavily interested in this company, arrived in the city last Friday, and was ready to begin immediate operations, but circumstances over which he had no control compelled a postponement for a short period. In the meantime he is going over the plans very carefully, so that when work does begin it will be pushed to completion without delay.

Speaking of the plans of his company, Mr. Brown said:

"Yes, we are ready to begin work at once, and when commenced it will be prosecuted vigorously to the end. Our plans are extensive and will entail the expenditure of a large sum of money, but no expense will be spared to make our property one of the most desirable sections of the city. We have confidence in the future of Klamath Falls and propose to back this confidence with our money."

"If conditions were such as to permit of the work, I would have a force of men at work now preparing the grade for our proposed street car system. It won't be long, however, until the weather conditions will permit of our doing this work and when that is so, things will move rapidly."

"We are going to have about eight miles of fine driveways on our property, constructed along the lines of the latest and most approved methods of road building. Overlooking the lake, on the property adjoining the Hanks residence, we are going to erect a modern tourist hotel. We realize that the Pacific coast is in need of a place where the people living in the states near the ocean can spend their summer vacation. It is an acknowledged fact that no more ideal section is to be found in America than Klamath county, and it only needs the transportation facilities which we are soon to have and the erection of commodious hotels to cause a large influx of pleasure seekers. We will do our share to furnish these accommodations."

"In addition to other improvements, we propose to build a large public wharf and boat house on the lake, which will afford adequate facilities for the free storage of boats."

"Several parties have spoken to us for tracts in our addition on which they propose to erect cottages for sale and rent. We will soon be in shape to discuss these deals, and when we do, there will be extensive building operations of such a character as to add to the social welfare and architectural beauty of Klamath Falls."

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