

**STOCKHOLDERS MEET SATURDAY**

ernment irrigation met was the acquirement of the rights of irrigation companies already in the field. Their priority was fully recognized and the value of their franchises admitted. But it was manifestly inadvisible to have two parallel irrigation systems. Negotiations were carried on, and finally purchase was made by the government of the following ditches:

The Klamath Falls Irrigating Company (Ankeny ditch) irrigating at that time 4000 acres, \$50,000.

Jesse D. Carr Land and Live Stock Company 12 miles of canal, riparian rights at Tule lake, 15,000 acres of land, and an agreement that all land owned by this company shall be signed up to the Water Users Association, \$187,000.

Little Klamath Water Ditch Company, (Adams canal) is under contract to the association, and when the price for water furnished is deducted from the price asked, it will greatly reduce the net amount due the company, and make the price a very reasonable one.

The Klamath Canal Company, \$150,000.

**Cost of Project.**  
The cost of this project can only be approximated at this time. \$4,400,000 have been set aside by the Secretary of the Interior for use on this project. The entire cost will be equally borne by the land owners, and must be repaid in ten annual payments. If the estimated total area, 238,401 acres, is correct, the cost per acre will be comparatively small.

**Largest of All.**  
To give some idea of the vastness of this undertaking, a list of the primary and approved projects is given below, showing acres irrigable. It will be seen that the Klamath is by far the greatest of any.

State.	Project.	Acres Irrigable
1. Arizona	Salt River	160,000
2. California	Yuma	100,000
3. Colorado	Uncompahgre Valley	125,000
4. Idaho	Minidoka	100,000
5. Montana	Huntley	35,000
6. Nebraska	North Platte	100,000
7. Nevada	Truckee-Carson	150,000
8. New Mexico	Hondo	10,000
9. N. Dakota	Fort Buford	60,000
10. S. Dakota	Belle Fourche	85,000
11. Wyoming	Shoshone	125,000
12. Oregon	Klamath	238,400
13. Montana	Milk River	60,000
14. N. Dakota	Buford Trenton	18,000
15. N. Dakota	Bismark	15,000
16. Washington	Okanogan	10,000
		1,389,400

**The Association.**  
On November 24, 1904, a call, signed by N. S. Merrill, chairman, O. A. Stearns, P. L. Fountain, W. F. Hill, H. H. Burnham, Jacob Rueck, and J. Scott Taylor, secretary, as the U. S. Irrigation com-

mittee, was issued for a mass meeting to be held in Klamath Falls, on the 30th of that month.

Pursuant to this call, the meeting was held, and was attended by an immense gathering of people from all over the district. It left no doubt as to the sentiment toward government irrigation. F. H. Newell and J. R. Lippincott, supervising engineers of the Reclamation Service were present and addressed the meeting. They had made a reconnaissance of the district previously, and their statements fired their hearers with enthusiasm.

The meeting was really the starting point of the Water Users Association. There was something tangible to look forward to and work for, and immediately steps were taken to bring about an organization of the land owners of the district. About February 20, 1905, H. L. Holgate arrived in Klamath Falls and immediately began the preparation of the legal documents for the organization of the Klamath Water Users Association. On February 25, 1906, what was known as the U. S. Irrigation Committee met at the Court House and decided to form a new organization, to be incorporated and have a capital of \$2,000,000. D. V. Kuykendall was employed as counsel and articles of incorporation were filed the following week.

**Articles of Incorporation.**  
Know all men by these presents that we, the undersigned, have voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Oregon, and make and subscribe the following articles of incorporation in triplicate.

**ARTICLE I.**  
The name assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known is the Klamath Water Users Association, and its duration shall be unlimited.

**ARTICLE II.**  
The enterprise, business, pursuit or occupation in which this corporation proposes to engage is:

To acquire, condemn, appropriate, furnish, provide for, and distribute to the lands of the shareholders of this corporation an adequate supply of water for the irrigation thereof; to divert, store, develop, pump, carry and distribute water for irrigation and all other beneficial uses, deriving the same from all available sources of supply; to construct, purchase, lease, condemn, or acquire in any manner whatsoever, and to own, use, sell, transfer, convey, control, maintain, and operate any irrigation works, structures, telephone systems, electric or other power plants, and transmission lines, and property both real and personal of every kind whatsoever, necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of any of the purposes of this organization; to generate, create, transmit, use, and sell power and electrical energy; to act as trustee, agent, or attorney for the sale, disposal and transfer of lands, tributary to any irrigation system operated by this corporation, in order to facilitate the

disposal of such lands, or any part thereof, to persons qualified to perfect rights to the use of water under the laws of the United States, applicable thereto, and the rules and regulations established thereunder; to incur indebtedness, floating or bonded, and to secure the same by mortgage, deed or trust pledge, or otherwise, to acquire, hold, and dis-



N. S. MERRILL,  
Chairman Irrigation Committee.

pose of stock in other corporations, domestic or foreign; to aid and assist the Reclamation Service of the United States in carrying on projects for irrigating and reclaiming lands of the shareholders of this corporation; to drain, dike, reclaim and render fit for agricultural and other purposes, swamp and marsh lands, and overflowed lands covered by water, belonging to shareholders of this Corporation; to enter into any agreement with the proper representative of the United States with reference to the collection and payment of any



R. S. GRIGSBY,  
Director of Association.

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and all charges made under the federal statutes for the work provided for water for the lands of its shareholders; to comply with the provisions of any federal statute applicable to the work done by the United States in connection with such system of water supply, and any rules and regulations established thereunder; to perform any and all acts necessary or appropriate for the accomplishment of any of the said purposes or anything incident thereto.

**ARTICLE III.**  
The place where this Corporation proposes to have its principal office and place of business is Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon.

**ARTICLE IV.**  
The amount of capital stock of this Corporation is \$2,000,000.

**ARTICLE V.**  
The amount of each share of such capital stock is \$20.

**First Meeting.**  
On Saturday, April 3, 1905, the first meeting of the association was held in



W. F. HILL,  
Director of Association.

Klamath Falls. People from all the different sections of Siskiyou, Modoc and Klamath counties were present. Great as was the first meeting held in November, this far outstretched it, for the time was at hand when the hopes cherished were to be realized. Everyone was filled with enthusiasm, and pitched into the work of perfecting a permanent organization with a vim and vigor that presaged the success which has crowned the efforts of this organization.

The capital was increased to \$3,000,000 and by laws adopted. At this meeting the following directors were elected: Jacob Rueck, E. I. Applegate, J. P. Churchill, O. A. Stearns, M. F. Orr, G. K. VanRiper, W. F. Hill, P. L. Fountain and R. S. Grigsby. The directors organized by electing the following officers: J. P. Churchill, president; P. L. Fountain, vice-president; Elmer I. Applegate, secretary; G. W. White, treasurer; D. V. Kuykendall, attorney.

**Work Done.**  
No great undertaking was ever carried through without great difficulties, and the work of the association was no exception. From its inception it had an uphill task. Every interest had its views and their contentions were ad-

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Chief among these was E. I. Applegate, Secretary. He was the bulwark who had to meet the onslaught of dissatisfied interests. Day and night he labored with the questions that came before him, with a

single-minded purpose and a spirit of fairness that won for him the respect, confidence and esteem of the landowners and the other interests connected with the settlement of the rights along the canals. Mr. Applegate is a comparatively young man, of varied experience, well fitted for the position he occupies, and has succeeded in establishing an enviable reputation for diplomacy. In the various questions that arose, interwoven, as they were, by many conflicting and vexatious problems, he was ably assisted in their solution by

**D. V. Kuykendall, Attorney.**  
Mr. Kuykendall was employed by the old committee to map out the course to be followed by the present organization. He was chosen on account of his untrammeled views on the questions at issue and his recognized impartiality. He came here from Eugene and assumed a task that was mammoth in proportions and filled with technical difficulties that demanded a wide knowledge of land, irrigation and corporation law. His work stands as a monument to his successful conduct of the affairs entrusted to his care.

**T. H. Humphrey.**  
To this man unalloyed praise is due. It required a man of indomitable courage and energy to take up the tangled skein of data primarily prepared, and weave it into one compact, concise and practical fabric. This Mr. Humphrey did. It might truthfully be said that the success of the project thus far is due to him. Many great enterprises have failed through the incompetency of the men in charge, and this could have been true of the Klamath project had it been entrusted to hands and brains less competent than those of Mr. Humphrey.

**D. W. Murphy.**  
On April 1st, D. W. Murphy will assume the duties of Project Engineer. This is not Mr. Murphy's first experience in the Klamath basin. He was here for about three months last year on preliminary work, and secured a pretty general idea of conditions here. This has been largely added to by his connection with the Los Angeles office for nearly a year as Assistant Supervising Engineer, so that he steps into the saddle fully equipped to take up the reins and drive ahead the completion of the greatest project on the coast.

**Newell and Lippincott.**  
F. H. Newell, chief, and J. R. Lippincott, supervising engineer, of the service are what might be termed the steering gear of this vast machine. All work done has been carried on under their direction and approval, and while the "men behind the guns" are entitled to their share of credit, Messrs. Newell and Lippincott have had their hands on the wheel and often steered the craft from shallow waters and threatening rocks. Their reputation is almost worldwide, and their statements authority on engineering and irrigation questions.

**Officers and Directors.**  
It has often been said that "great men do great things," and if this is true then those who have assisted the heads of the Reclamation Service and filled the offices and directorates of the Water Users Association are entitled to be placed in the forefront of the great men of Klamath county. Too often "the good that men do is interred with the bones," only to be resurrected years afterward. Little good does it do the person that sacrificed much that he might do good for his fellow man. These men who have been active in the promotion of this organization, those who have not been officially connected with it and who have aided in its accomplishment are deserving of the praise, gratitude and honor, not only of the present residents of this county, but all those who in the next few years will profit by the fruits of the labors of these public benefactors and take up their homes here.

**Klamath's Future Greatness.**  
When this city shall extend its boundaries, these rich valleys blossom forth in all the grandeur of nature's blessings in response to the magic touch of water and cultivation, this whole basin is dotted by happy homes, small farms and towns, when is heard the roar of the railway train, the buzz of the electric roads and the hum of the telephone and telegraph wires, when the great saw, flour, beet sugar and other mills and factories belch forth volumes of smoke from their many chimneys and this whole district becomes as one busy mart, honeycombed with industry and thrift, then will the dreams of the early settlers be realized, the hope and patience of the pioneer be rewarded and the work of those who so heroically and faithfully shouldered this great enterprise enjoy the hard earned fruits of their labors.

If the Republican had its wish, it would imprint indelibly on the mind of all the history of this association from its earliest inception to the present day. It would do more! It would hallow the memory of all its members and promoters, for they have, by their indomitable efforts and energy made the greatness of this section possible. It is a work well done, and so much more so since all the hardships and disappointments have been forgotten and there only remains that feeling of good will and fellowship that characterizes the true principle of manliness that stamps the results of all great deeds.

**The First Annual.**  
On April 7 will be held the first annual meeting of this association. For the first time many of the members will have the opportunity of seeing the actual work under way. This meeting will be a memorable one in many respects, particularly so in the fact that the actual proof of the reward of the association's labors are here at its door.

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The  
**Klamath Development Company**

Will have an  
**Important Announcement to Make in This Space.**  
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