

IMMENSE CONTRACT TO BE LET IN JUNE

NINETEEN MILES OF MAIN CANAL

Twenty-seven Miles of Laterals To Be Constructed

Bids Advertised For and They Will Be Opened June 21—Work To Be Completed May 1, 1907.

Nineteen miles more of main canal and twenty-seven miles of laterals. This is the contract that is to be let by the United States Reclamation Service, and bids for which are to be opened on June 21, 1906, work to be completed May 1, 1907.

This is the glad news that the Republican brings to the people of Klamath county this week. It is a long stride towards the completion of the greatest of Uncle Sam's irrigation projects. Already ten per cent of the first section has been completed, and this proposed contract carries the main canal to Olene, around the hill and on to Merrill, a distance of nineteen miles all told. At Olene will be constructed what is known as the North and South Poe valley laterals, twenty-seven miles in length, and which will bring the lower part of this famous valley under irrigation.

The Reclamation Service is bending every energy towards pushing this project along. Engineers Murphy and Humphreys have gotten their plans thoroughly systematized, and from now on work will move more rapidly. J. Frank Adams has been authorized to buy horses for the government, and 100 head will be delivered on the 25th of this month. Bids have been asked for 50 tons of hay, 150 tons of rolled barley, and \$1000 worth of lumber, scrapers, plow and other implements are on the road now from Portland and Sacramento. These horses and supplies are to be used in the construction of laterals between here and Olene and north of Lost river and the Lost river slough. They will comprise an aggregate mileage of 50 miles. The reason for having this work done by the Service is to avoid inflicting a hardship on the farmers. Much of the land through which these laterals are to be run is already under cultivation. If the work was let by contract, it would be carried on regardless of the farmers. Being done by the Service, it will be possible to move the working forces from place to place and so arrange work as not to interfere with the irrigation of these lands. This could not be done if the work was under contract, for the contractors would vigorously object to such transference from place to place.

It is the desire of the Interior Department that the Indians be given an opportunity to work on the construction of these laterals, and the Indian Bureau has appointed Capt. O. C. Applegate to take charge of the Indians so engaged. He is to confer with Indian Agent Wilson, and if any of the Klamath, Modoc or Warm Spring Indians desire to work on this construction, provision will be made by Capt. Applegate with the Reclamation Service, to permit them to do so.

A schedule is being prepared and bids will be asked for during the coming month for a rock crusher and sand rolls and as soon as it is installed the government will supply all the sand used on construction work. This is done for the purpose of eliminating the uncertainty of getting good sand and to insure the best quality of construction work. Samples of sand and rock suitable for use in manufacturing sand have been procured throughout the district, and an exhaustive investigation made before the crusher and rolls were decided on. Mason, Davis & Co. have completed 10 per cent of their contract. 135 feet of the tunnel has been completed. New engines and cages are being installed, and when they are in place, work on this part of their contract will move faster. An Orange Peel dredge is being erected, and as soon as it is in shape, it will be worked night and day. The greatest difficulty this firm has had to contend with is scarcity of labor. No man who wants work need go idle, for they are employing everyone who applies. Eighty men left Ashland last night for Klamath Falls, and 120 more are expected in a few days. This will bring the working force up to nearly 400.

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TEACHERS SELECTED

At a meeting of the directors of School District No. 1, held last week, the following were chosen to teach in the public school for the ensuing term:

- R. H. Dunbar, Principal, Klamath Falls. Hazeltine Hayden, Assistant Principal, Klamath Falls. Francis Hardin Hess, 6th Grade, Weed, Cal. Stella Campbell, 5th Grade, Klamath Falls. Carrie Ridings, 4th Grade, Oregon City. Adalite Horning, 3rd Grade, Klamath Falls. Mabel Campbell, 2nd Grade, Ashland. Alice M. Pool, Primary grade, Grants Pass.

The directors of the High School elected the following for the ensuing term:

- J. G. Swan, Principal; J. Edwin Booth, Assistant and Miss Alice Applegate. Beginning next term a commercial course will be added to the curriculum of the high school. This department will be conducted by Mr. Booth, who, if he accepts, will be a valuable addition to the faculty. He is at present engaged in a like capacity in the Covington, Kentucky, high school.

On Thursday evening Mrs. Philanda Spencer, wife of the late Judge Spencer of Lassen county, spoke in the M. E. church to a small but interested audience on the subject of woman's suffrage. She is a fluent and forceful speaker and those present considered that they had experienced an intellectual treat. Mrs. Spencer expects to canvass the county. She will speak here again Saturday evening, and everyone is invited to attend.

W. F. Arant superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, is visiting relatives and friends in Ashland today, having arrived yesterday from the Klamath country. He is preparing for the construction of a dwelling and other improvements for the use of the superintendent in the park during the summer. These will be located at the head of the famous Annie Creek canyon, the superintendent's headquarters.—Ashland Tidings.

Buy a home in South Klamath Falls.

THE NEW BANK RECEIVES CHARTER

Stockholders Meet and Elect Directors and Officers

The charter for the American Bank and Trust Company was received Monday and a meeting of the stockholders was held, at which directors of the institution were chosen and officers elected and cashier named.

The following are the directors: C. E. Worden, Fred Melhase, Gus Melhase and W. T. Shive.

The directors elected the following officers:

President, C. E. Worden; Vice-president, Fred Melhase; Treasurer, W. T. Shive; Secretary, Gus Melhase; Cashier, J. W. Siemens.

The contract for the new building is held by H. C. Chamberlain. It will cost between \$15000 and \$17000, and the office of the banking company will be modern in every respect. It is expected that the building will be completed about September 1, when the bank will open for business.

The directors, officers, and cashier are men well known throughout Klamath county, as careful, conservative and conscientious business men, who will insure the safety and stability of the institution and bring to the bank a fair share of the business of this district.

COMMENCEMENT CALANDER

Of the Klamath County High School May 20, 8 P. M.

Baccalaureate Services at Houston's Opera House. Sermon by Rev. Dunlap—Special music.

MAY 24, THURSDAY, 8 P. M. At Houston's Opera House. Popular benefit entertainment. Proceeds to pay balance on piano. Admission 50 cents.

MAY 25, FRIDAY, 8 P. M. At Assembly Hall. Commencement exercises. Address by Principal R. H. Dunlap.

MAY 30, ALL DAY. Local field meet and ball game at the fair grounds.

Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, who has been in Salem on business for the past two weeks, returned home Monday.



AT LENZ RANCH

Oregon Eastern Surveyors Working This Way.

The surveyors of the Oregon Eastern railroad are camped at the big springs on the Lenz ranch, at the northern edge of the Indian reservation. They are running the preliminary survey from Madras south to connect with the line now being surveyed from Natron to Klamath Falls.

Notice was served last week on Chief Engineer Graham by Indian Agent Wilson that his corps of surveyors would not be permitted to carry on operations within the reservation. This was done on telegraphic orders from the Secretary of the Interior. The cause for this injunction is the failure of the Harriman people to file their papers with Secretary Hitchcock and get a permit to enter the reservation. Steps have already been taken to comply with the requirements of the Interior Department, and before many days the survey will be again begun.

Surveyors on the Natron line have already reached the summit. One corps is coming this way on the preliminary survey and another has started west making the permanent survey. As soon as this is completed, contracts are to be let and grading operations commenced immediately.

Charles Graves, who is in the employ of Chief Engineer Graham was in the city this week purchasing supplies. He returned to the camp Wednesday.

A. M. Taylor, of Hanford, California, arrived in this city Sunday, and will remain here permanently. Mr. Taylor is a builder and contractor of prominence and an architect of ability, and will prove a valuable addition to our city. He intends to go into the contracting and building business here, and is already preparing estimates and figures on work.

T. W. Stephens is in receipt of a letter from the Hoag mining district, near Ft. Bidwell, Calif., stating that a dump had been found in that district indicating operations of 30 or 40 years ago. It was found on property adjoining that owned by Mr. Stephens. Last week Mr. Stephens sent B. Modesto, a well known prospector, to Hoag to do work on his claims.

John Kelley, of Eugene, a member of the Booth-Kelley Lumber Company, was in the city this week on his way to the Indian reservation to look over the lieu land offered his company by the government in exchange for the land now located in alternate sections.

E. B. Hussey, Chief Engineer of the California and Oregon Development Company, left for Seattle last Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

BY BERYL BALLARD

Chapel exercises were held Friday morning.

School drawing to a close, the students are preparing for monthly and term examinations.

The high school baseball team lost two games at the Agency on Saturday, May 5. Three of the regular players could not make the trip. The score of the game with the Indian school boys was 8 to 5, with the Klamath Stars 11 to 5. The first game should have been won by the high school nine but by poor playing in the first innings it was lost. The visiting team was treated royally and everyone had a most excellent time. If satisfactory arrangements can be made a game with the Klamath Stars will be played here May 30.

Preparations for commencement exercises to be held the last week of school are being speedily completed.

In the death of Jesse VanRiper the Klamath County High School lost one of its brightest and most promising students. Jesse was the youngest pupil of our school and was held in high esteem by all the teachers and each and every student, among whom, he had made many fast friends. The school tenders its sympathy to the bereaved parents.

The program for the next high school entertainment to be given at Houston's Opera House, May 24, is as follows: Opening.....Orchestra Recitation.....Lillie Arnett Instrumental Solo.....Alexander Martin Speech.....Dwarf Trio.....Bertha Hammond Elsie Gates Beryl Ballard

Recitation.....Bertha Hammond Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Don Zumwalt Declamation.....Frank E. Wilson Chorus.....Students Hobson's Choice.....Vestal Virgins Drill

Program for Commencement exercises to be given at High School Assembly Hall, May 25th, is as follows: Invocation.....Rev. J. B. Griffith Male Quartet Oration.....John Yaden Instrumental Solo.....Miss Evelyn Applegate Ladies Quartet Address.....Prof. R. H. Dunbar Presentation of Diplomas.....Judge Geo. T. Baldwin

Charles Graves, the well known rancher of Odell is in town this week. He wanted to assure himself that his brother, Chap, was traveling the straight and narrow path, and returned home Wednesday satisfied that he could trust him to the temptations of the metropolis of Klamath county.

NEW SENSATION IN POSTAL SITUATION

PRESIDENT HAWKINS HERE

Expresses Renewed Confidence in Klamath Falls.

C. W. Hawkins, president of the Klamath Canal Company arrived here Monday, and has been busily engaged with matters connected with the various enterprises of his company. Mr. Hawkins is one of the victims of the great earthquake, it having completely destroyed his block in Hollister, and buried under tons of brick and timbers the immense stock of goods carried by him. When seen by a Republican representative, Mr. Hawkins said:

"We got a pretty hard job of it in the shake up, but not severe enough to in any way affect our faith in Klamath Falls. We are going right ahead with our plans, and intend to carry them out along the lines contemplated."

"There is no reason why the California catstrophy should have any effect whatever on this county. There is more money down there now than ever before, and they are going to re-build on a greater and grander scale than before."

Mr. Hawkins was accompanied by J. L. Buell of San Jose. Mr. Buell will have the management of the street railway. He is a railroad man, and has for years been connected with the Southern Pacific in California, being the traveling freight and passenger agent for that company. He came here a couple of months ago to look the ground over, and decided that the future of Klamath Falls was great enough for him to take up his residence here permanently, and closed the arrangements which place him as manager of the Klamath Railway Company.

The excursion to Pelican Bay Lodge last Sunday was enjoyed by over 75 people. The chief attraction was the carcass of a big black bear brought in by J. H. Rice and Tom Wilson. Wilson, who is only fifteen years old, killed Mr. Bruin, and was very happy over the affair. This has aroused the bear-hunting spirit, and the Wineria took up a party to the bay during the week, the members of which went to experience either the sensation of buck fever or killing a bear.

That there is good money in the creamery business is evidenced by the many successful establishments in Oregon, at the head of which stands the Hazlewood Company at Portland. Corvallis, Albany and many other points have handsomely paying plants, paying so well in fact that no stock in the companies is for sale.

MONEY IN MILK

Extracting Money From the Gentle Bovine

The Merrill creamery had a struggle during its first year, not because of lack of market, nor because of any difference in the cost of butter fat and the price realized from the butter sold, but because a sufficient number of contributing cows could not be secured.

The farmers gradually awoke to the fact that their cows were their best and surest money makers, and the establishment is now on a good paying basis, and the profits are constantly increasing.

The principal owner of the Merrill plant is a non-resident and on account of other business is unable to give the establishment any personal attention. For this reason some local parties have been able to secure an option on the plant, including 11 acres of valuable land adjoining the town of Merrill, at practically cost price. To secure sufficient funds to operate this plant and to establish another in the vicinity of Klamath Falls and to add cold storage and ice-cream departments later, an incorporated company is being organized with a capital stock of \$8,000.00 to take over the business. Stock subscription lists will be ready to-day, and those who desire to invest a few dollars safely and profitably, and at the same time aid materially in the development of one of Klamath county's greatest resources, will have an opportunity. There will be 150 shares of \$50 each.

Those who have't cows can thus make money on cows, and those who have can make a double profit from them.

B. A. Ramsey of Monterey, California, was in this city Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Ramsey is editor and proprietor of a daily paper in Monterey, and at present owns a job office in Frisco. So disastrous has been the effect of the earthquake in his section, that he has decided to quit the newspaper business, and was here for the purpose of seeing what opportunities were offered in the real estate business. He returned home Monday morning.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Casey was found dead in bed last Friday morning. The parents are heart broken over their loss and have the sympathy of their many friends.

DARK HORSE SPRUNG AND CAUSES SURPRISE

C. R. DeLap is Proposed For Position of Postmaster

Chamber of Commerce Asked if His Appointment Would Be Acceptable to That Body.

A sensation was sprung on the citizens of Klamath Falls yesterday in the matter of the postoffice. Secretary Worden of the Chamber of Commerce early in the afternoon received a telegram from Senator Fulton, the contents of which he refused to make public until the members gathered together in the special meeting, a call for which had been issued.

At 8 o'clock, when the members were assembled, Mr. Worden arose and read the letter transmitting the resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce May 5. Then appeared the much discussed and much speculated telegram. It was as follows:

Washington, D. C. May 16. W. S. Worden, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Klamath Falls, Ore.—Will the appointment of C. R. DeLap as postmaster be satisfactory to the Chamber of Commerce.

(Signed) C. W. Fulton. If Mr. Worden had dropped a bomb it would not have caused any more surprise.

This was the first time Mr. DeLap's name had been connected with the postoffice, and immediately a discussion arose as to what action should be taken on the question. The general consensus of opinion was that an adjournment should be taken until this evening, so as to admit of a fuller attendance of the members, and an opportunity to "think the matter over." This was done, and it is anticipated a lively session will be on the boards at 8 o'clock tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nafziger left this morning for Los Angeles, California, where they will be joined by their son, Roy E., when they will proceed to New York City. Mrs. Nafziger and son will sail June 7 on the Grosse Kurfurst for Europe. They expect to be absent about a year.

Thad McHatton, formerly of Ashland, came in Saturday from Klamath Falls where he is employed in the jewelry store of L. Alva Lewis. He and Roy Sanford left this morning for the McHatton ranch at Keen creek.—Ashland Tidings.

The Klamath Canal Company's tally-ho will leave from the offices of the company every morning at 9:30 and in the afternoon at 1:30 for a tour of the Buena Vista addition. Everyone is cordially invited to go and view the sights.

Kodak views of the San Francisco earthquake and fire, size 3 1/4x4 1/4, 15 cents each; \$1.25 per dozen. Souvenir post cards 6 for 25 cents. Address John B. Campbell, Fort Miley, S. F., Cal.

Don't forget that the band boys need your assistance. Give it cheerfully by attending the concert Saturday, May 19. You will enjoy it and the band boys will appreciate your help.

Mrs. Philinda Spencer will speak on Equal Suffrage at the M. E. Church April 19, at 8 p. m. Free admission.

THE BOSTON

FINEST LINE of Men's and Boys' suits in Klamath County. Men's suits from \$5 to \$28, every garment 1906 style, single and double breasted sacks, straight front sacks, in all styles. Material includes handsome silk mixtures in light and dark shades, new grays in large variety, invincible checks, checks, stripes and fancy worsted, Acorn brand suits, are all beautifully tailored throughout, hand felled collar, hand padded shoulders, best Italian lining, etc.; a perfect fit guaranteed in every instance with Acorn suit.

Large variety of Stetson and Tiger brand hats. Visit our shoe department. Buy a pair of Packard shoes.

Willis C. Hawley

Republican Candidate for Congress

Will speak at the Opera House, Monday evening, May 21.

Mr. Hawley is one of the most eloquent and forceful speakers of Oregon and everyone is invited to attend and get acquainted with our next representative in Congress.