

LINK RIVER CHANNEL

Plan to Secure Construction By Public Subscription

THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS

If the Plan Succeeds it May Have a Very Important Bearing in the Material Progress of This City

"We the undersigned citizens of Klamath Falls, Oregon, being interested in the upbuilding and welfare of said city and being opposed to giving any particular person or company a monopoly on the Klamath or Link Rivers, for the purpose of floating logs or for any other purpose, and realizing the necessity of making the same navigable for the floating of logs from Upper Klamath Lake, through the rapids, to Klamath Falls and Lake Ewauna free to all persons and without discrimination, do hereby subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names to be expended by such persons as shall be designated by the County Commissioners, County Judge or the Common City Council of the City of Klamath Falls, Oregon, for the purpose of making a channel in the Klamath or Link River suitable for floating sawlogs from Upper Klamath Lake to Lake Ewauna."

This is the preamble of a petition that is to be circulated for the purpose of raising approximately \$3000 to be used, as set forth therein, in opening a channel between the Upper lake and Lake Ewauna through the Link river rapids. Sometime ago Moore Brothers, who hold a contract for the constructing of this channel, made application to the county court for an order to begin work, as provided in the original grant, stating, however, that they would waive all rights under the original agreement if someone else would construct the proposed canal. This petition is the outcome of that proposition. The court took the question under consideration, and as yet, has rendered no decision.

This channel is a necessity that requires and ought to receive most careful consideration. It is very essential to the future progress of Klamath Falls. Ever since the Weyerhaeuser Lumber company entered this field for the purpose of purchasing timber land, the hope has been entertained that some day this corporation would erect in this city a mammoth saw mill. That this proposition has been considered is a well known fact, and in connection therewith has also been considered two other important factors—a means of transporting logs from the Upper lake to Lake Ewauna; whether the bleaching of the lumber is due to climatic conditions or to imperfect methods of handling it. The latter question must be settled satisfactorily before any mill will ever be erected here by the Weyerhaeuser Company. As one gentleman, who is pretty close to "the powers that be," expressed it: "The disproving of the theory that the bleaching of lumber is due to climatic conditions will do more to bringing the Weyerhaeuser mill here than any other one thing." The matter has been given little serious consideration by this company, for there are other obstacles in the way at present. Chief among these is the obstruction to rafting logs from the Upper lake. If this channel is built, it will be a long step in the right direction.

Another factor that will play an important part will be the Keno canal. Its construction along the west side of the river will make it possible to have for use sufficient horse power to operate not only the Weyerhaeuser but other mills and factories. The amount of power thus available is problematical, but that it will be great is quite true.

The construction of this channel may meet with a stumbling block if it will interfere in any way with government irrigation. The Reclamation Service has a record of safe-guarding the rights of those depending on the source of supply for irrigation, and it is not likely that they would make an exception in this case. Whether the channel would infringe on the rights of the landowners remains to be seen, for the plans are not sufficiently far advanced to pass on this very important point. If the

channel can be constructed, however, it will mean much to Klamath Falls, and may be the means of opening the doorway for the location here of a gigantic saw mill.

ANKENY CANAL WILL REMAIN

Impression That it Will Be Abandoned Is Incorrect

The prevailing impression that the Ankeny canal is to be abandoned by the government and that it will be filled, is wrong. Not only will it not be given up by the government, but it will be used as an artery of the great irrigation system now in course of construction by the Reclamation Service.

When Chief Engineer Newell was here a short time ago the question of abandonment was mentioned to him, and he expressed surprise that such an idea should have gained belief. He said:

"The Ankeny canal will be improved and will for all time remain an integral part of the Klamath Project. The Service paid \$50,000 for this property, and why anyone should think that it was going to throw away this vast sum of money by relinquishing the use of this canal is more than I can understand."

This will doubtless come as a surprise to many, especially those owning property abutting the canal, for it has come to be a confirmed conviction that it would be abandoned and filled in by the government. Next year it is the intention of the Reclamation Service to greatly improve the Ankeny canal, and remove many of the unsightly objects along its banks. It will be possible for the city to make arrangements to procure water from it for use for irrigation and street sprinkling purposes, and also for citizens, whose property is below it, to secure water for irrigating their lawns, trees, etc.

STEAMER KLAMATH LOSES PROPELLER

Hits a Submerged Log and Every Blade Breaks.

While on the return trip from Laird's Landing last Saturday evening, the propeller of the Steamer Klamath came in contact with a sunken log, and every blade was broken off. The accident occurred as the boat was entering the straits. As soon as the home office was notified of the accident, the Ewauna was dispatched to the scene of the trouble and the crippled steamer towed in.

It was but a short time ago that the Klamath lost two blades of her propeller, while crossing the reef a few miles below town. The company had an extra one on hand and the delay at that time was insignificant. Not anticipating a recurrence of the trouble very soon, the order for a reserve propeller had not been placed, and this will result in the laying up of the steamer for perhaps ten days. During this time the boat and its machinery will be thoroughly overhauled, and when she starts out again she will be in better trim than ever before.

CLYDE NICKERSON

The many friends of Clyde Nickerson were saddened by the news of his death, which occurred in Keno last Thursday evening. Mr. Nickerson was an exemplary young man, who had gathered around him a host of friends who admired him for his sterling qualities. He has been employed by the government for sometime as engineer on the launch Tule and was a familiar figure on the waters of the Lower lake and rivers. A few days prior to his sudden death he contracted a severe cold, and this developed into pneumonia. Every assistance known to medical science was given him, but to no purpose.

He is survived by his wife, who resides in Keno, and his mother who lives in Portland. The remains were interred in the Keno cemetery Friday.

BONANZA TO HAVE A BANK

Arrangements Being Made to Start One at Once.

The news of the construction of the Upper Project, as published exclusively in The Republican, is still agitating the people of Bonanza, and is filling the residents of that bustling city with vim and enthusiasm. It has not only affected them, but outsiders are quick to grasp the significance of the beginning of this great work and are not going to be caught napping. When government irrigation for the Klamath Basin was first announced few people in this city realized what it meant, and the consequence was that those, who by reason of their years of residence here were best entitled to the fruits of the undertaking, failed to grasp the psychological opportunity and invest in property in this city. Outsiders saw the opening with the result that they are now reaping a rich harvest. Those who got left are profiting by their experience, and feeling confident that Bonanza will be a second Klamath Falls, are getting in on the ground floor. One of the indications of this fact is the heavy purchases that have been made in Bonanza recently since the announcement that the government will begin work next year.

Following closely on this activity is the announcement of the opening of a bank at this point. This is a pretty good sign of the solidity and healthy condition of the growth of Bonanza, for capital is not apt to back financial institutions unless it sees a sure and safe return on the investment. The prime mover in this enterprise is the Klamath Commercial agency of this city. This company is composed of men foremost among the enterprising individuals of the county and who are possessed of unusual business acumen. The conservative policy always pursued by this corporation has won for them the confidence of the financiers of the state, and their indorsement of any enterprise commands for it the most careful consideration of financiers in Oregon. Bonanza therefore may feel proud of the turn of affairs that has brought it to the favorable consideration of this company, and it will find it a powerful factor in the up-building of the material welfare of the place.

Prominent among those who have during the past week purchased property in Bonanza is Alex Martin, Jr., who purchased one-half block of well located lots. The movement of ranch lands in Langell, Yonka and Lost river valleys is getting livelier every day. Land in these valleys is cheaper than any other section of the county and is recognized as being among the finest in the Klamath Basin.

What a few weeks ago looked like a bursted bubble, surrounded by gloom and inactivity, has developed into the liveliest section of the entire county and this activity is not in the nature of a boom either, for land is selling at a reasonable figure and the manifested growth is possessed of that solidity that assures its permanency.

THE METHODIST CHURCH IS SOLD

L. Jacobs Buys Valuable Property at Third and Main

The most important transfer of realty since Major Worden purchased the Willitt's property occurred last week when the property at the corner of Third and Main streets, owned by the Methodist congregation, was purchased by L. Jacobs of the Boston Store.

Negotiations had been under way for sometime, A. J. Manning and L. Alva Lewis being in the market for it. Matters reached a climax last week and Mr. Jacobs closed the deal. The transaction was not made public at once, and it was not until the beginning of this week that the deal was known. It is the intention of Mr. Jacobs to erect a \$20,000 brick block on this property, the ground floor of which will be occupied by his store.

The sale was made by Croft & Nowlin.

OCTAVIA OLIVIA CRANSTON

Mrs. O. O. Cranston died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Shallock, last Saturday afternoon, death being due to apoplexy. Mrs. Cranston was one of the early pioneers of Klamath county, having been a resident here for the past thirty years. Funeral services were held Sunday forenoon in the Presbyterian church, Rev. W. G. Smith officiating.

Watches. L. Alva Lewis.

PUSHING WORK ON RAILROAD

New Machinery and Increased Forces Bring Marked Progress

Every energy of the great Harriman organization is being exerted in forcing ahead the construction of the California-Northeastern railroad to this city. Fifteen hundred men, equipped with the most modern appliances, are engaged in the throwing up of a road-bed between Grass lake and the Hole-in-the-Ground country and the best engineers in the employ of the Southern Pacific are busily at work running lines in this much discussed part of the route in an endeavor to find an easy grade for the temporary track that is to be laid across the divide, pending the completion of the 2000-foot tunnel that is to be bored through the summit.

Two additional dredgers are to be employed in throwing up a grade across the Lower Klamath lake and through the marsh lands, and with this increased equipment it is expected to have this part of the grading completed long before next spring. Aside from the difficulties to be encountered in the Hole-in-the-Ground country, all of the heavy work is practically completed, and grading is being constructed at the rate of nearly two miles a week. This will be added to an increased ratio as the construction gangs are augmented by new recruits that are arriving daily. The percentage of desertion is growing less daily, for the opportunities are not so numerous as they were last fall and the men now being sent to the front are old employees of the Southern Pacific system.

A large number of dump cars were delivered to Erickson & Peterson last week. They will be employed in making fills, and will result in a great saving of time.

While the unavoidable delays will result in the failure of the road reaching this city in March, as at first contemplated, it will be many miles nearer here at that date than was thought possible three months ago, and it will be completed into this city several months sooner than some people are now claiming.

NEW JEWELRY STORE OPENS

G. Heitkemper, Jr., Begins Business in This City.

This city has a new jewelry store that has no equal in the state outside of Portland. It is the one opened last week by G. Heitkemper, Jr., in The Republican block in this city. Two months ago Mr. Heitkemper came here for the purpose of looking over the field to see if there was an opening for another jewelry store. While realizing that at the time there was no opening, he readily saw that the rapid growth would soon create a place for an additional store and he decided to bring in a stock at once. Arrangements were made for headquarters in The Republican building, and he returned to Portland to begin immediate preparations for the commencement of business in this city.

In Portland the name "Heitkemper" is synonymous with "Tiffany," for it has for years stood at the head of the list of jewelry establishments in the chief city of this State. When Mr. Heitkemper decided to sever his connections with the Portland house and come here it was with the determination that the Heitkemper of Klamath Falls would stand for the same high standard of quality and merit maintained for so many years by his father in Portland, and with that purpose in view he selected his stock and fixtures for his store here. That he has succeeded in his ambition is evidenced by the result of his efforts. He has an establishment of which this county may well feel proud. It represents an invested capital of many thousands of dollars and it places at the disposal of the people of this section an array of gold and silverware second to none in the State.

It marks an epoch in the material advancement of Klamath Falls and Mr. Heitkemper is most cordially welcomed to this community.

A GOOD SYSTEM

Practical Method Followed in Advertising Klamath.

One of the most practical and effective methods of advertising this county that has come to the attention of The Republican is that followed by Mason & Slough. This reality firm has adopted the policy of close inter-communication with homeseekers, and through a gradually widening course of correspon-

TO STIMULATE EXPERIMENTS

The Klamath Republican Offers One Hundred Dollars

FOR BEST SUGAR BEET SHOWING

Heads the List For Fund of Five Hundred Dollars to Be Given as Prizes to the Fifty Fanmers

The Republic believes that that the Klamath Basin is unsurpassed for the growth of the sugar beet. It has had sufficient proof of this. It further believes that the sugar beet industry will do more for this Basin than any other one thing, and that if it is so fully demonstrated that the sugar beet can be grown here that even the most skeptical will not doubt it, it will bring into the Klamath Basin at least 20,000 new settlers, thousands upon thousands of dollars in investments, increase the value of every acre of land one hundred fold and create a greater era of prosperity than the most optimistic ever dreamed of.

The first step in this direction is the proving of the statement that the soil of the Klamath Basin is adapted to the growth of the sugar beet. As suggested in last week's Republican, experiments should be carried on throughout the Basin in at least fifty localities—places that will prove the greatest scope of country. In order to stimulate an interest in these experiments, The Republican suggests that they be carried on in the nature of a contest—a contest to see who will produce the largest crop of beets on the area devoted to the experiment and who will raise beets showing the highest percentage of sugar and purity. This contest should be conducted by a committee, composed of members of the Chamber of Commerce or of citizens of this county. Those desiring to enter the contest should file their applications with this committee, and from the applicants thus entering fifty names should be selected as contestants. They should sign contracts to carry out the rules and regulations of the committee and to conduct the experiments along such lines as will produce the best results. Prizes large enough to attract competitors should be offered and the awards made on the result of the analysis.

The Republic believes that a fund of at least \$500 should be raised for this purpose, and it will be one of ten to contribute to such a fund \$50; or one of five to contribute to such a fund \$100. It would call the attention of the Chamber of Commerce to this matter and ask for the appointment of a committee to raise the requisite amount; to prepare rules and regulations governing the contest and to promote in every way possible the carrying to a successful conclusion the proving of the supremacy of this Basin for beet culture, and thus make it the most prosperous section on the Pacific coast.

KENO KINKS

Mr. Kerns sold a fine bunch of beef to the Mitchell firm. They were taken away Monday.

Rev. Dunlap preached in the Keno Hall last Sunday and all present enjoyed the discourse.

Mr. Kinney has returned the engine to the saw mill, having been away on a thrashing tour. The saw mill is now running in full blast.

Bunch grass has started as in the spring. This will make early grass. The ground is so wet that the log haulers will have to lay off a few days.

Mr. Hitchcock is constructing a logging chute from the timber to the saw mill which will make easy work for conveying the timber to the mill. He has a splendid grade on which to build this structure.

On Tuesday the stages were unusually heavily loaded with passengers, the vehicles being filled on the inside, the top and the boots with people coming in to the Klamath Basin. The passengers seemed to enjoy the trip.

There is now a large amount of logs in the river, waiting transportation to Klamath Falls. There are also several boat loads of lumber and wood on the banks of the river waiting for transportation. The boats seem to be behind in their work, there being so much to do.

On last Thursday, a sad gloom was cast over the little town of Keno, by the sudden death of Clyde Nickerson. He had an attack of pneumonia, and tonsillitis. He was sick but a few days. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dunlap of the Falls. Mr. Nickerson was 27 years old, and leaves a wife, father, mother and two brothers to mourn his death. His parents reside in Portland, and were unable to attend the last sad rites. Mr. Nickerson was an engineer and was in the employ of Uncle Sam, sounding the Klamath river. He was a man of good habits and respected by all who knew him.

Lowney's delicious bon bons at Newson & Underwood's.

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AFTER FULTON AGAIN

Rumors Connecting Him With the Umatilla Land Frauds

Rumors are afloat connecting Senator Fulton with the Umatilla land frauds and the distinguished representative of Oregon has entered a most vehement denial of the intimation, saying that "it must be the story of some insane, drunken fool."

Those said to be involved in the Government investigation are W. J. Furnish, retiring president of the Pendleton Savings Bank, who was a candidate for Governor in 1906 and was defeated by Governor Chamberlain; Colonel James H. Raley, a prominent Democratic politician of Umatilla county, who was spoken of for appointment as Senator Mitchell's successor; Frank Curl, prominently identified with the political and commercial interests of Umatilla county and one of Furnish's staunch supporters, and Thomas Thompson and John Crow, two leading farmers of Indian lands in that section. It is alleged that Crow farms more Indian lands than any other one person in Umatilla county.