

RAILROAD TO LAKEVIEW

Carroll Succeeds in Financing His Electric Line

HEWITT LAND CO. BACKERS

Means the Entrance of Hill and Gould into the Klamath Basin and a Coalition of Harriman's Worst Enemies

The Lakeview Examiner of last week says:

"We are reliably informed that a party is expected here this week who has plans for the irrigation of the west side of Goose Lake valley. There is a body of almost level lands lying on the west side of the valley comprising 64,000 acres, that is susceptible to irrigation, and will warrant the expenditure of a sum of money per acre equal to that spent by the government. The government reclamation agents who visited this section preparatory to beginning a government project here believed it a feasible proposition, only the size of the body of land to be irrigated kept the government off the ground. When their report went to the department, the higher officials decided that the number of acres of land to be irrigated was not quite sufficient to justify the government taking hold of the project.

"When it was heard that there was little likelihood of the government undertaking the irrigation of the land on the west side of Goose Lake valley, a number of the business men of the country commenced at once to interest private capital in the project. Some time has elapsed since the determination of the government to drop the project, but we are informed that the scheme has never been out of sight of certain capitalists."

The number of acres in the project are 64,000.

For the past two months this project has been under way, and options on hundreds, if not thousands, of acres of land have been taken. Back of this move is one of the most gigantic schemes ever inaugurated in this state and if the present plans are consummated, will change the face of the railroad map in this great inland Empire. The prominent factor in the movement at this time is the Hewitt Land company of Tacoma, Wash.

Last August The Republican stated that a movement was on foot for the building of the Northern Pacific railroad from the north and the Western Pacific railroad from the south into Lakeview where connection would be made with the proposed electric line that was being promoted by J. D. Carroll. This story was accepted, as all railroad stories generally are when they first appear, as a paper story. But unless the fight now raging between Hill and Gould and Harriman is settled, this railroad program will be carried out to the letter.

Up until about six months ago there were in the field several corps of engineers seeking a feasible route for the Western Pacific through Oregon and Washington, into Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. During this time the Northern Pacific had men in the field doing a like work for a route to San Francisco. Suddenly orders were issued recalling these engineers.

The reason for the sudden recall was not accounted for until The Republican published its article of last August. It was then made known that Hill, on learning the purpose of Gould, and not caring for an antagonist of his mettle, made the proposition that both roads meet at a point to be agreed on later. From this common point each should use the others tracks, one north, the other south. This agreement gave Hill and Gould what they need and joined the forces of Harriman's worst enemies.

After a careful reconnaissance Lake county was decided on as the meeting point, thus placing both roads in close proximity to a great territory for traffic—the great Klamath country. The next step was the construction of a line into Klamath county. Several gentlemen came to Klamath Falls—ostensibly with the Portland excursionists on a sight seeing expedition; in reality to see what could be done to-

wards the line from Lakeview. These gentlemen had been approached before in an effort to interest them in the Carroll project. A cursory examination of the enterprise convinced them of its practicability, and in the course of their investigations they became acquainted with the Hill-Gould agreement, for one of them—Mr. Hewitt—is pretty close to Mr. Hill.

When Hewitt and his party came here they divorced themselves from the Portlandites and made their headquarters at the Hendley ranch—Carroll's home. Many excursions were made from this point, included in which was one to Lakeview. While there the Howe Lake scheme was heard of, investigated and practically decided on. But Carroll was a hard nut to crack. He had the situation well in hand and in a fair position to dictate terms. So a campaign of waiting was decided on, so far as the railroad was concerned. But the Howe Lake irrigation enterprise was to go ahead. C. H. M. Kendree, of donaxia, who was really the man who brought the proposition to the attention of the capitalists, was authorized to go ahead and get options on as much land as he could secure. In this work he has been engaged for the past two months or more, and has been quite successful in his efforts, tying up a big body of land at from \$2 to \$5 an acre.

In the meantime negotiations were carried on with Carroll, and The Republican is in receipt of reliable information that the Hewitt Land company has consented to finance the electric road, and that it will be built on to Lakeview. Carroll is now in Seattle making final arrangements to complete the deal.

HOLMAN-JONES

In the presence of a few intimate friends, Miss Myrtle K. Jones and J. M. Holman were united in marriage last Monday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Willard. Mrs. Willard is a sister of the bride.

The parlor was tastefully decorated in white and green, a beautiful marriage bell suspended from the ceiling. Under this the couple stood while Rev. W. G. Smith performed the ceremony, the ring service being used.

The bride was daintily attired in a Princess gown of cream silk and carried a large bouquet of white chrysanthemums with fern.

The groom wore conventional black.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received by Mr. and Mrs. Holman, many of which came from their former home, Dallas, Oregon. They will make their home here for the present.

THERE SHOULD BE NO WORRY

or trouble about what you want to give your friends or dear ones for Christmas. This will be clear to you on entering our establishment, as the array of beautiful things in our fine and well selected stock of jewelry, fine leather novelties, diamonds, watches, clocks, rich cut glass, hand painted china and silverware will certainly convince the most fastidious that a selection can be made to suit everyone.

Our help is cheerfully given in showing you our wares and by engraving them in an artistic manner. It adds everything to a gift.

Let us make you a monogram fob. It is a swell Christmas gift for the sterner sex.

One of the most important things is that our prices are most reasonable. You will plainly see this by looking around.

Everything we sell and all work we do is fully guaranteed.

G. HEITKEMPER, JR.
Watchmaker, jeweler and engraver
Republican Block.

One of the handsomest holiday window decorations is that displayed in the window of the Portland clothing and shoe store, where a Xmas tree is decked with small electric lights and burdened with useful presents. It is a handsome and expensive display worth seeing.

TEACHERS ENTERTAINED

Pleasant Evening Spent By Local Pedagogues

Miss Alice Applegate, assisted by Miss Maud Baldwin, entertained the teachers of the Public and High schools, together with a few friends, at the home of Miss Applegate's sister, Mrs. Lena Hargus, on Conger Avenue last Saturday evening. The guests were entertained by seeking their fortunes at the distant ends of rainbow colored strings, setting up fruit pi, college songs and a bubble bursting contest. Dainty and delicious refreshments were served at the close of one of the most delightful social events of the season. The following were the guests present.

Misses Pool, French, Horning, Riding, Benson, Stella and Mabel Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Faught, Mr. and Mrs. Swan, Messrs. B. W. Mason, W. H. Mason, W. O. Smith, E. Bulb, D. B. Campbell, H. Holgate and Dr. Mason.

Owing to her recent accident on the ice, Miss Hayden was unable to be present.

SHIPPINGTON

The latest suburb to Klamath Falls is Shippington, situated in on the shore of the Upper lake, just north of and adjoining the Buena Vista addition. The Shippington Townsite company is the title of the new corporation, which has purchased 102.25 acres of land from Abner Wood. It is a portion of the tract formerly known as the Hanks ranch, and has a frontage of 953 feet on the lake. Among the stockholders are Abner Wood, J. H. Driscoll, B. St. Geo. Bishop, Alex. Martin, Jr., Mayor C. E. Worden, W. E. Travis, F. H. Mills, J. E. Pierce, Schallack & Dazgett, Judge George T. Baldwin, Capt. J. W. Sirmens, S. T. Summers, C. D. Wilson, Judge H. L. Benson, Thomas Drake and others.

It is the purpose of this company to divide the water front into 20-foot lots, to be used for boat houses. A channel three-quarters of a mile long is to be dug, to give easy access to the boat landing. Shade trees are to be set out, streets graded and such other improvements made as will make it one of the most sightly sections for residences in the county.

Other plans of an extensive character are on foot, but not sufficiently matured to be made public, but which, if carried out will make Shippington one of the important points in Southern Oregon.

ELECT OFFICERS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural Association was held in B. St. Geo. Bishop's store last Friday, when the following officers were elected: president, B. St. Geo. Bishop; vice president, J. V. Houston; secretary, William Wagner; treasurer, Alex. Martin, Jr.

The first question to come before the officers is a site for the new race track. Already President Bishop has visited several sites, and is very much impressed with one located near Shippington. No immediate decision, however, will be reached on this matter, for it is one that will require careful consideration and thorough investigation.

Leon Anderson of Keno, arrived in the city Wednesday, for a short visit.

Geo. T. Baldwin, the hardware man, has been engaged the past few days moving into his new building.

Mrs. R. A. Emmitt, of Keno has been in the city the past few days, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Biehn.

J. S. Lane and wife, arrived in the city Monday from Portland, where they have been visiting for the past month. They left Tuesday morning for their home in Lakeview.

The big rock crusher that is being installed for the Hot Springs people under the supervision of G. A. Miller, of Yreka. The Hot Springs Co., were very fortunate in securing the services of a man of ability and experience of Mr. Miller. He has been connected with the Siskiyou Electric Power Co., of Yreka.

Miss Maud Baldwin, of the Scenic Photo Gallery returned a few days ago from a trip to Klamath Agency, Yanix and other points. She has been engaged in taking scenic views for Horace G. Wilson, superintendent of the Klamath Agency schools.

Mont. E. Hutchison returned Wednesday from Fort Klamath, where he has been engaged in surveying a road across Seven Mile creek, connecting the roads known as the Cronemiller and Pelican Bay roads. He reports that considerable snow has fallen in that valley and all the stockmen are feeding their stock.

WARM NOTE FROM KENO

Handles Matters Without Gloves and Wants to Know Why.

KENO, Oregon, December 10th 1906. EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

Last week I was in Klamath Falls—if I may be permitted, I will say the village of Klamath Falls. I find that a number of the villagers want a new court house, claiming that the present one is a disgrace to the county and the village; and I heard some complaint because the farmers are not enthusiastic in this enterprise.

Now with all due respect to those rare gleams of civic intelligence that all too infrequently lightens the fog of crash foolishness and short-sightedness which enwrap the county seat, it can be easily demonstrated that the present county building in thoroughly in keeping with Klamath Falls enterprise. You will find, if you investigate, that the former opposition to a new court house is only an expression of resentment of the official attitude of Klamath Falls in respect to matters that concern the rest of the county. Without reference to numerous episodes which might be considered ancient history, a recent matter will prove my point.

Although a close reader of the county papers, I cannot recall an instance where a private corporation has been refused a franchise asked of the village authorities. You not only gave the light and water company the broadest of franchises, but also built the plant for them. You gave the Klamath Canal company everything it asked in the way of permission to build canals and sluiceways. You gave two street car companies the free use of your streets for their lines. You allowed two telephone companies to erect poles throughout the town; although, I believe, the farmer company did have some difficulty in securing their franchise. You voted franchises prepared by the corporation attorneys, and in granting these franchises the council expressed no tender solicitude for the owners of property along the streets affected.

Now comes our own big public corporation, the United States Government, which without the remotest possibility of profit to itself, has begun the expenditure of five million dollars in developing the resources of the country upon which the prosperity of Klamath Falls depends. Not only is this immense sum loaned to the land owners without profit, but it is loaned for a long term of years without interest; and the government assumes and carries all the care and responsibility of constructing the works. Owing to this work, railroads have commenced building into the Klamath country; land has at least doubled in selling value; Klamath Falls property has soared far beyond what the most optimistic thought possible two years ago; and the population of Klamath Falls has increased four-fold. Except as a land owner who might wish to sell, the farmer will not reap the benefit of this work until the water is delivered to the land; but every business man of Klamath Falls began his harvest when the first laborers were paid. The farmers will have to repay this five million dollars. Klamath Falls will not contribute one cent toward the repayment, except as a few residents of the town may conclude to farm. Klamath Falls has everything to gain, nothing to lose.

Yet in spite of all this, the general spirit of Klamath Falls toward the government has been antagonistic. Every criticism of the Reclamation Service's plans and operations, everything that might tend to harass the engineers and delay work, has originated at the county seat. Just the other day the government asked for a franchise or permit from your council to build a canal on the West Side in an unopened street along a rocky hillside. I understand that it already had a right-of-way for a smaller ditch. The council asked its own attorney to prepare the franchise. Now had this been a private corporation knocking at the door, the record would show the passage of the ordinance by unanimous vote, as an emergency measure.

It appears, however, that some man a short time ago had bought a tract of land on the West Side for about \$750, which he has platted as an addition. He insists that the government (i. e. the land owners) shall pay him some \$15,000 or \$20,000 as damages to his property should it occupy that street. Another man repays our former political and business patronage by beseeching the council with tears and sobs to defeat the ordinance until it pays him a sum he has not yet decided upon, as damages to a valuable crop of rocks on his back lot. And still another, a professional gentleman, has an option, it seems, on some land not on the street but somewhere in the vicinity, and he

APPLEGATE ASKS REPLY

Secretary of Water Users Association Wants Answers

MANY CARDS NOT RETURNED

had an objection. He however is more modest than the others if I am correctly informed. He only wants enough water-power from the government to operate a factory, or some similar consideration.

It is doubtful if the greenest farmer that ever held a plow would not know that the permission of the Council would not convey any rights of the adjacent property owners. The engineers, or so the papers state, are willing to pay tribute to any damaged property owner; but that is a matter, or should be, distinct and apart from the permission of the civic corporation. If there has been any complaint that the government pays too little for right-of-way, canal rights, etc., they have not been audibly expressed. The town's permission should, of course, first be obtained before dealing with individuals.

The council refused to grant the franchise, and announced in effect, that it will not grant it until the government submits to any hold-up the lot owners might suggest. The town official says to the town addition speculators: "The government and the farmers are easy money. Work them for all there is in it. This august body will hold their noses to your grindstone." So far as I am aware, this is the first opportunity the town has had to hinder or assist the reclamation work, officially.

Since town councils may be composed of incompetents, it might not be fair to blame the entire village for the actions of this one, but you have also a Chamber of Commerce with I am told, a large membership of your business men. It seems that this most honorable body has placed itself on record with a large number of the members of the national congress, as condemning the Reclamation Service in forwarding the Klamath Project with "force account" work, when contractors refuse to bid, and also takes it upon itself to direct which portion of the project shall be completed first. The Chamber wants Mr. Ady's swamp lands reclaimed at once, glory be, and insists that the government build this project from the roof down. It is fair to state that several members of the chamber told me last Friday that the resolutions were the unauthorized utterance of three men, and that the Chamber would repudiate their action, but so far there has been no repudiation to hurt. The Chamber is so indignant at the presumption of the three members that it is going to take a month or so to get real mad. In the meantime it is on record and the resolutions are being used for some unknown purpose.

Now as to force account work, I think I speak the position of a very large majority of land owners in saying that we believe that the Reclamation Service is building this project as well and as economically as it knows how, and that it knows how a lot more than do newspaper men and politicians, from whom all this force account criticism originates. This has been called a unique project; and presumably because the government receives from here the unique assortment of idiotic advice that ever emanated from one section of the country, Kansas in its wildest days not excepted. Then too, if the Chamber of Commerce wants to show that it knows exactly how this project should be built, let it put up the money and drain Ady's swamp land. The government will doubtless gladly turn the work over. The land owners have elected and re-elected a Board of Directors of the Water Users Association to speak for their interests, and we take some pride in the fact that we did not elect men who would make the Association ridiculous by ignorant and blatant criticism.

We would like to take pride in Klamath Falls, to pull for it, boost it and brag of it; but how can we maintain a fond and faithful affection for a jackass that kicks us every time it gets an opportunity. You are purposely and openly delaying construction of the canal that is to furnish our people in this vicinity irrigation water. We propose to kick back. The Water Users Association will be justified in request-

Inquiry as to Levy For Advertising Purposes is Received in Silence By Over Half of the Members

Relative to the matter of advertising by the Klamath Water Users' Association, it may be of interest to state that of the 500 return cards mailed to the stockholders less than 200 have been returned. Counting shares of stock, the proposition stands about 23,000 for advertising and about 21,000 against. On the other hand about 100 stockholders have voted "No" to about 60 "Yes." The owners of the largest tracts, those who would have to pay most of the money, have voted to advertise. Non-residents are almost unanimously in favor. All stockholders who have not voted still have an opportunity to express themselves. The general impression seems to be that the matter has been decided. Unless those who have not sent in their cards do so soon, it may be decided to levy the assessment on the theory that silence gives consent. It would seem from the indifference manifested, to be useless to try to ascertain the will of the stockholders. Those who have not done so are requested to mail their cards at once. If you have lost your card, use an ordinary postal or a letter.

There seems to be a difference of opinion about this matter, as well as some misunderstanding. Some have expressed themselves as being opposed to doing anything toward advertising least it might benefit real estate men. On the other hand it is pointed out that the whole thing is a scheme to convert the Water Users' Association into a land agency to the detriment of the real estate agents. Others maintain that it involves a plan to develop the Lower Project at the expense of the Upper. And yet others allege that Klamath Falls is to be advertised to the exclusion of the country. The statement has been made that Klamath Falls is jealous of Bonanza and Merrill and that it is a case of reciprocity. The little fellow looks with suspicion on the big one.

The tulle man disagrees with the sagebrush man. Once in a while you find a fellow that would rather go hungry than to see his neighbor eat. Occasionally a man who has no land to sell says that he is not interested in settling the country. A whole lot of people sit on their little knoll and gaze at the point not far beyond their noses. There are others who scale the highest peaks and view the whole landscape. Now and then you hear the word "graft." Some people are thoughtless, others use themselves as a standard of measurement.

We have elements, the proper combining of which will make a great agricultural section. The wealth is in the soil. There are not enough of us here to get it out. This is the only government reclamation project without a railroad, and it is the farthest from the source of supply of farmers. Therefore, to compete with others, it is doubly important that our advantages be made known. To do this we must advertise. Advertising costs money. Now the question is, shall we sit down and take chances on being discovered, or shall we send out a message to the tillers of the soil? If you believe in letting the world know what we have, where we are and how to find us, and are willing to trust your Board of Directors, manifested the same by saying "Yes." Contrary "No."

The plan of the Board of Directors is to get out a good, well illustrated, up-to-date pamphlet devoted to all the Klamath Basin; then to advertise the pamphlet in the Journals that reach the best farming communities in the United States.

Respectfully,
ELMER I. APPLGATE, Secretary.

Frank Wood and C. W. Racine, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived in the city Tuesday and will look over the resources of Klamath county.

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