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THE LAKE COUNTY PROJECT ASSURED

Official Statement is Issued Settling Forth Facts

As announced three weeks ago in The Republican, the Goose lake irrigation project in Lake county is assured. Last week's Lake County Examiner contains the following official statement from Mr. Swartout, the representative of the Hewitt Land company, part of which is very complimentary to two of Klamath's citizens—M. D. Williams and C. H. McKendree.

"In August of 1906, Mr. M. Swartout and Mr. C. H. McKendree came to Lakeview for the purpose of inspecting the possibilities of an irrigation project in Goose Lake Valley. The conditions existing on the West side were found so favorable that the purchase of lands tributary to Drews Creek was considered a safe investment. F. M. Miller of the Bank of Lakeview and Mr. C. H. McKendree were authorized to make such purchases as they might deem advisable, and Mr. McKendree has, since that time, acquired title to several thousand acres of land. The unbounded faith of this company and its representatives in the future of Lake county, and in Goose Lake Valley in particular, has led to spare no expense in investigating the possibility of reclamation of what would now be considered arid lands.

For this purpose the services of Mr. M. D. Williams, a Civil Engineer, now located at Klamath Falls, were retained, and he has been for the past two months engaged in making a study of the lands, reservoir sites and the water supply, and has submitted a favorable report on the entire project. Mr. Williams is an Engineer of exceptionally varied experience as regards irrigation, having followed that particular line of work for the past ten years throughout the entire West. Four years of that time having been with the U. S. Reclamation Service as Reconnaissance Engineer, which work has made him familiar with the conditions existing on the projects of the U. S. Reclamation in the 17 Western States and with the private systems adjacent to them. This familiarity with irrigation matters has led the Company to place implicit faith in his judgment.

The Engineers' report having determined the feasibility of the project it is now the intention of the company to proceed with the work of construction as soon as the necessary details can be arranged and weather conditions will permit.

It is hoped that water may be furnished for the irrigation of approximately 30,000 acres of land, the larger portion of which will be in private ownership.

To Mr. C. H. McKendree is due the credit of interesting the Hewitt Land Co., in the above project and to his untiring energy is due the carrying of the project to its present issue. Should the people of Lake county see fit to lend us their support and by so doing make it possible for us to carry out our present plans Mr. McKendree will continue as he now is in entire charge of the interests of the above Company.

AN HONEST MAN

All honor is not yet dead, although one might think so if he were so unfortunate as to get some of the jobs handed out nowadays. But when one is beginning to have belief in that old saying that "there's not an honest man on earth and scarcely one in heaven," it is refreshing to bump up against an incident that a Republican man witnessed last Monday night.

It occurred in the Baldwin hardware store, the principals being I. T. Davies of Dairy and Judge Baldwin. Mr. Davies is in the mercantile business in Dairy and purchases considerable hardware etc. from Judge Baldwin. Monday he was in town and called at this store to pay up. His bill was presented, after examination Mr. Davies asked if that were all. Receiving an affirmative reply, he insisted there must be something else, but examination of the books revealed nothing. Then Mr. Davies stated that he had bought a half dozen hay forks last summer for which he had not paid and to which purchase he had before called attention. No memorandum was to be found of the purchase, but the Dairy merchant paid the bill.

The amount was small, but the principle great. Mr. Davies could have "forgotten" about those forks; he could have pocketed the few dollars; he could have stifled his conscience. But how much better he must have felt in mind and body with the realization of the fact that he had "done unto the other"

that which was right. He may not die a rich man whose revenues were swelled by ill-gotten gains; he may not ride around in a coach, visit resorts and tour the world; he may not be pointed out as the community's greatest man—when greatness is measured by cash considerations—but he is more than all this—he is an honest man. He can meet his fellow man face to face in the full consciousness that he has given everyone a square deal, and when he shuffles off this mortal coil and solves the mystery of the great beyond, he can do it with the belief that better things are in store for him. His example might be followed with profit by many in Klamath County.

THE STORERS

The press for the past ten days has been full of the controversy between President Roosevelt and Bellamy Storer and his wife. The latter sought to take advantage of the President's friendship for them to promote their own selfish ends, and when he refused to be made a tool of, they retaliated by publishing portions of the personal letters they received from the Chief Executive.

The Storer's are only a type of a class of leeches, species of which infest every community. They trade on the friendship and confidence of those they dupe and extract from their victims, by every artifice known to their hypocritical nature, the service that may redound to their financial or social welfare. When they are discovered they turn like the Storer's, on their benefactors and assume the role of martyr.

Few have escaped being victims of these vultures. Like the Storer's, they garble the conversation of the home and distort the sentiment of correspondence to serve their purpose; they betray your confidence and ignore the sacredness of their word of honor; they violate contracts and defraud their friends—they indulge in everything that will bring them a little blood money. Their victims are to be pitied, for, though the antagonism of such parasites is never effective, it too often causes temporary embarrassment to the dupes. The public, however, is a good judge, and metes out the proper punishment to such Judases.

A BIG HOTEL FOR MIDLAND

Horace V. Mitchell Will Begin the Erection of one Immediately

The new town of Midland is to show signs of life at once. They are not to be those of the hot air variety, either, for a few days hence will see the commencement of the construction of one of the biggest hotels in Southern Oregon. Horace V. Mitchell, who is well and favorably known throughout the length and breadth of this section of the state is the prime mover in the matter, and when the hostelry is ready for business he will preside over its destinies, and those who know him will know where to go for something good to eat.

This project has been handled so quietly that it was the merest accident the fact leaked out, and it was due to the shipment of a barge of lumber that the enterprise became known. When inquiry was made as to the destination of a barge of lumber it elicited the reply that it was for Midland and it required considerable persuasion to gain the additional information. Mr. Mitchell could not be found to confirm the story, but it was learned on unimpeachable authority that he had let the contract for the erection of the building to Mr. Brooks, who has about completed his contract on the Withrow-Melrose building.

It is the belief of Mr. Mitchell and those who are interested with him in the enterprise that Midland is going to be a town, and they base their belief on the fact that it will be the cattle shipping point of this section. Extensive cattle yards and pens are staked out along the railway right of way, and it would seem to be the intention of the California Northeastern people to provide adequate facilities to care for all such business at that point. In addition to this, it is intimated that Midland is to be the site of a flouring mill, that capitalists have already investigated its availability as a location for a sugar beet factory, are quite favorably impressed with it. These and other good things are in store for our southern neighbor, and what lends color to the rumor is that those who are acquainted with the facts are very silent on the matter and refused to either affirm or deny them.

New line of Japanese hand painted china, at Winters'.

KENO SUBSCRIBER

Expresses His Views on Irrigation Question

I would say in reply to the Secretary of the Water Users Association in a former issue of The Republican when he says "he does not see why the members of the Association do not all send in their cards, voting on the question of assessing themselves to advertise Klamath county." One reason is the Association was formed for the purpose of irrigation, and not advertising, and many members do not think it their business to vote on the question of advertising.

Many of the small land holders do not want to sell their home, but want water and they do not feel like taxing themselves to help the rich land holders to advertise their land for sale. If the large land holders want to boom the country to sell their lands let them make a tree donation of their own funds for that purpose. It has been announced that a majority of the votes cast was against the levy, and others who felt satisfied with this did not send in their votes.

What the people of the Keno Project want is water and that as soon as they can get it. If some parties on the line of the ditch refuse to take a reasonable compensation for the right of way let the government condemn the land and appoint disinterested appraisers; let them say what the land is actually worth; then let Uncle Sam pay this amount. This will do away with speculation in the matter of rights of way and no one will have a right to complain.

DANDER SPEAKS AGAIN

KENO, OREGON, Dec. 24, 1906.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN: It is regrettable that the main portion of Citizen's letter in the last issue of The Republican, was lost in transmission. It is to be presumed that such was the case, for it purported to be a reply to my letter but didn't come within halloo distance of any point I raised.

Citizen worries himself over my identity, without revealing his own. My personality has nothing whatever to do with the case, or, as Kipling says, is quite another story. But out of regard for Citizen whose letter, if meaningless, was at least courteous, I will confess that I am not and never have been a citizen of California, live and own land in Klamath county, have never held, nor tried to hold office in the county, and in fact have no official position of any kind. But these facts, though true, have no public interest.

It is idle business to accuse me of stirring up enmity against Klamath Falls. For whatever resentment is felt against the county seat by the rest of the county, Klamath Falls, and no one else, is responsible. If the town does not know this, it is even duller than I thought it was. And that your business men will begin to feel the force of this resentment, if they allow this thing to continue, any man with common sense can discover for himself. Citizen attempts to deceive himself by burying his head in glittering generalities. He takes the foolish ostrich for his model.

My former letter was directed to Klamath Falls, and was designed to benefit the town. I was not wasting any sympathy on the United States because the little collection of houses on Link river spite at Uncle Sam. If I yell at a yellow pup barking in front of an approaching railroad train, it is because I want to save the pup—I have no fear for the train. I charged Klamath Falls with civic idiocy, and Citizen replies by saying that I live in California, and Klamath Falls wants a new court house.

WHY?

MERRILL, OREGON, December 22, 1906.

TO THE EDITOR: I have seen a lot in the papers about force account and I am interested. I pay taxes in this county. So do my neighbors. I have lands under the government ditch and expect I will have to pay for water. I heard that the county court or part of it is taking some part in this talk about force account, and I want to know some things.

Is it true that the road the county is building between Klamath Falls and Altamont is going to cost the taxpayers \$25,000?

Is it true that it is a bungling job?

Is it true that it is costing twice as much by force account as it would have cost by contract?

Is it true that it could have been finished before winter set in and spoiled it?

Is it true that some of the county official's relatives are getting big wages on the road for doing nothing?

Some man in the last legislature said something about "See how the honest watchdog's bark sinks to kindly welcome as we draw near home." Maybe this county court interest in government force account is meant to draw attention away from county business we ought to kick about.

Please fix this letter up for me. I don't write much.

FARMER.

KENO JOTTINGS

John Hitchcock has installed a three gang edger in the Keno saw mill and is now prepared to fill orders for lumber on short notice.

Finley Padgett was on our streets the other day. He says he will soon have neighbors, as quite a number of strangers have filed on homestead claims near his ranch.

The Christmas tree was well filled with presents and the program was successfully carried out, but on account of the rain and mud there was not a very large crowd. All seemed to enjoy themselves.

On last Monday John Depay and others put their loaded freight wagons on the Steamer Canby and shipped to the Falls in preference to drawing through the mud by horses. They led their horses to the Falls.

Harry Wall, who has a logging contract for the Moore saw mill at Klamath Falls, has built a cabin near Mrs. Cann's house and has taken up his abode there in order to be near his work. He expects to put in a large amount of logs during next summer.

We are reliably informed that Thomas McCormack has received from Uncle Sam \$10,000 for the right of way through his place for the cut that is to lower the Klamath river will destroy all his water power that runs the sawmill. This looks as though Uncle Sam meant to do some work here in the near future.

Ross-St. John

At Poe Valley, on Tuesday, Dec. 18, a very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Ross, when Miss Emma St. John was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Losson Ross of Poe Valley. Rev. John Griffith performed the ceremony.

The parlor was tastefully decorated in smylax and evergreen. Promptly at 3 o'clock, while the wedding march was played the wedding party appeared, led by Miss Pearl McFall as maid of honor, and Mr. John Fall as best man. The bride looked charming in a creamy white robe of cashmere bedecked with orange blossoms.

The gifts were numerous, combining beauty with usefulness among which was a deed for 160 acres of land in Poe Valley upon which Mr. and Mrs. Ross will make their home.

The bride is a sister of Mrs. Provo of this place.

The bridegroom is the son of I. D. Ross a prominent stock man of this place. After congratulations all

adjourned to the dining room where a bountiful feast was provided.

In the evening a reception was given the happy couple, when forty-five Poe Valley friends were entertained, and judging from the pile of refreshments we were forced to leave—all were satisfied.

ONE OF THEM.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Little Klamath Water Ditch Company will be held at their office at the Klamath County Bank, Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Monday January 7th 1907, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this December 17th, 1906.

ALEX MARTIN, JR., Secretary.
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\$80,000 IS PAID BY UNCLD SAM

Settlement is Made With Little Klamath Ditch Company

Uncle Sam has taken another step forward in the completion of the Klamath Project. This week the government has paid to citizens of this county \$80,000—\$70,000 of which goes to the stockholders of the Little Klamath Lake Water and Ditch company and \$10,000 to Thomas M. McCormick of Keno.

The principal owner of the ditch company is J. Frank Adams, the man who had the nerve to back his judgment with his last dollar when so many of his friends were advising him to keep hands off. In settling with the government he accepted for his company's holdings \$100,000, the amount paid this week being part of the settlement. The remaining \$30,000 is withheld, as per agreement, as a guarantee on certain titles not yet perfected and on account of water rights ceded to the Carr Land and Livestock company.

There is perhaps no one in the county more deserving of the payment of the large amount that Mr. Adams will get than he; first because he has earned it by hard knocks and indefatigable energy; and, second, because he will dump every dollar of it back into circulation through investments and improvements in this country. Mr. Adams has always had faith in Klamath

county and was willing to back that faith to his last cent. He is beginning to receive his reward now, and it is the hope of everyone in the county that it will not stop here, but that it will continue until Mr. Adams' fondest wishes are gratified.

The \$10,000 paid to Mr. McCormick was for lands, rights-of-way and loss of water power incident to the making of the Keno cut that will lower the lakes and reclaim the tule land. This sum will little more than recompense Mr. McCormick for what he will lose, but he is willing to waive his rights to any additional damages so that the great enterprise will not be obstructed—a spirit many others might emulate.

Chaffing dishes at Newsom & Underwood.

Something good at the opera house next Saturday night, Dec. 29th. A Mountain Daisy produced by local talent assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Lowe. Reserved seats on sale at the Perfection Confectionary store.

For business location, don't overlook the Hot Springs tract. The Company offers special inducements to those seeking permanent business locations.

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