

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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TWO DOLLARS THE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

So the "committee has been sustained." Well, may it rest in peace on the thought of it. But before it mounts the house tops and proclaims its vindication it would be advisable that it take under consideration the manner in which it has been sustained and at what cost.

When the question of the raising of a bonus for a railroad was before the people of this city a Chamber of Commerce was organized for the purpose of assisting in the work. When the labor were crowned with success, it was deemed advisable to continue the organization, believing that, since it had shown its worth to the community, it would be of further benefit to the county. But soon every person who had a kite to fly wanted to have the Chamber as a tail thereto. In order to strengthen his position and aid him in his efforts he would first try and impugn the motives of the other fellow in order to divert suspicion from himself, and when he thought the opportune moment arrived he would be on hand and fry and ferret his scheme through.

Unfortunately for the organization, for the city, for the county and for the self-respecting members these tactics too often won. There success meant but one end, and that the total destruction of the Chamber. The community soon began to see which direction it was drifting and paid no heed to its recommendations. Committees were appointed and resolutions passed and beyond incorporation in the minutes of the meeting got no further—unless there was an axe to grind. A fair sample of the influence of the Chamber was shown when it asked the assistance of the County Court to assist in the publication of advertising literature, an act for which the Court had ample authority in law. The request was ignored. Was this due to a disregard of the opinions of the individual members of the Chamber? No. But the Court felt that as a body the Chamber had either outlived its usefulness or lacked that cohesive quality that would make its respected. And this has all been due to the fact that instead of being straight to the line, irrespective of whose hobby would be broken, it has departed from the beaten path and failed to impress the public that its existence was solely for the good of the whole community.

The final act of folly came in the passing of the resolution that has split the Chamber asunder and left but a handful of members of what was at one time a roster of the leading representatives of the various interests of the city and county. When this resolution was introduced those present were given to understand that it was purely supplemental to the resolution of the Water Users Association. True, they heard it read; but how many are there who will closely scrutinize a resolution of this kind, especially when they have no reason to suspect ulterior motives? None of the members present had reason to believe that it would be used for the purpose of attempting to further the private interests of one individual. They believed that it was a step taken to promote the welfare of the entire county. They were lead to believe that the purpose of the resolution was solely the urging of the government to abandon the "go slow" policy and push the project to completion.

The day following the passing of the resolution the committee was appointed, one of the members being the writer. Before a meeting was held the officials of the Reclamation Service were here and announced that work would be begun on the entire project next year, with the exception of the marsh lands. These have to wait and will not be on the market for from eight to ten years. When the writer was approached and asked if he would assist in the framing of the resolution he refused to act, giving as his reason that the object for which the committee had been appointed had been accomplished through the action of the officials of the Reclamation Service and the committee would only be placing itself in a position of asking for something that had already been granted. At the same time our opinions as to force account work and our thorough belief in the honesty, efficiency and trustworthiness of the Reclamation Service were also expressed.

This was the last we heard of the resolution or of the action of the committee until a member of the Chamber, who was not a member of the committee, brought the matter up at a regular meeting of that organization and had read the resolutions that were adopted by the committee. None were more surprised than the members of the committee themselves. They had courted secrecy and were dumbfounded when their action was exposed. The writer had never been consulted on the

contents of that document; had never been asked to sign the report and was totally and absolutely unaware that any action whatever had been taken. We would ask any fair-minded person if such action was that of a body of men whose sole object was the unselfish welfare of the county? Was there no ulterior motive to serve? If not why this secrecy? Why was not a report made to the Chamber, as should have been done? Every committee appointed is supposed to make a report as to what action was taken on the matter in hand and what was accomplished. But this committee seemed to think otherwise, for such thought would the better serve the object in view.

Now comes the sustaining of the action of the committee! Again is the Chamber ignored and the communication that of right should be first delivered to that organization is used for the purpose of vindication. It is a letter from Senator Flint of California, (whom, we are sure, had he been acquainted with the situation and the manner in which the committee acted would have thrown the resolutions into the waste basket) in which he states that he has presented the resolutions to Secretary Hitchcock and that he, the Secretary, had recommended that the suggestions be carried out. That's the point on which the sustaining is hung. Was Senator Flint sure that the Secretary said "would recommend," or "had recommended?" His recommendation is unnecessary, for the reason that the Reclamation Service had already decided on the policy the Secretary had reference to and were pushing the Klamath Project as fast as possible; that the entire project would be under construction next year; and that the marsh lands would be reclaimed, but that this part of the project would not reach a point to admit of their cultivation for eight or ten years.

If the triumvirate signing the resolution extracts any joy or comfort out of this vindication the people of the county willingly grants it, but they are not apt to forget that the Chamber of Commerce has been subverted to serve the will and ends of one man whose sole ambition is the stirring up of strife and selfish aggrandizement.

The Republican had intended to pass this action unnoticed. It had hoped that, having been exposed, the desperate tactics would cease. But it seems we were doomed to disappointment. The resolutions are to be still further used for the purposes for which they were conceived. Hence it takes this opportunity or warning its readers and those interested against being led astray.

No. 1 of Final Settlement

In the matter of the estate of Daniel Colwell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that John Colwell, Executor of the estate of Daniel Colwell, deceased, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, the Final Account of his administration of said estate and that the Court has fixed Saturday, the 2nd day of February 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time for hearing objections to said account and the settlement thereof.

Dated January 3rd, 1907.
John Colwell, Executor of the Estate of Daniel Colwell, deceased.
1-3-1-24

Contest Notice

Department of the Interior United States Land Office, Lakeview, Oregon, Dec. 27, 1906.
A sufficient contest affidavit having been filed in this office by Lynn B. Yaden, contestant, against homestead entry No. 3045, made June 8, 1903, for s¹/₄ n¹/₄ and e¹/₄ s¹/₄ sec. 27, Tp. 35 S., R. 15 E. by William A. Stovell, Contestee, in which it is alleged that said William A. Stovell has never established residence thereon, and has totally abandoned the same for more than six months last past, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States as private soldier, officer, seaman or mariner during the war with Spain or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged. Said parties are hereby notified to appear, respond and offer evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 20, 1907, before Geo. Chastain, County Clerk, Klamath Falls, Oregon, and that final hearing will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 28, 1907, before the Register and Receiver at the United States Land Office in Lakeview, Ore. The said contestant having, in a proper affidavit, set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.
J. N. WATSON, Register.

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