

ASSOCIATION TAKES ACTION

Repudiates the Chamber of Commerce Resolutions

ENROLLMENT FEE IS RAISED

After April 1st Those Who Have Not Signed Up Must Pay Increased Charges, Which Will Later Be Doubled

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water User's Association was held in this city last Saturday. All the members were present with the exception of the president and vice president, both of whom were absent from the city.

A great many things of interest and importance to the stockholders of the association were discussed and much routine business was disposed of. One of the most important actions of the meeting was the adoption of a resolution in reference to the action of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. The Board took cognizance of the set of resolutions adopted and forwarded by a committee of the Chamber, and in reference thereto passed the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has formulated and promulgated certain recommendations, termed "Recommendations of the Irrigation Committee of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce" said recommendations being signed by Abel Ady, C. K. Brandenburg and J. Scott Taylor, and which recommendations purport to be an endorsement of the position of the Klamath Water User's Association relative to the construction of the Klamath Reclamation Project; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the supporters, and especially the three framers and signers of said recommendations were actuated by selfish and speculative motives rather than by feelings of interest in the general welfare of the water users themselves; and

WHEREAS, Our intimate relations with careful observations of the actions, methods and policy of the United States Reclamation Service, lead us to believe in the honesty, efficiency and judgment of its officials. Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water User's Association, in regular meeting assembled:

That the said "Recommendations of the Irrigation Committee of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce" do not correctly express the sentiment of the Klamath Water User's Association.

That we have every confidence in the honesty, efficiency and judgment of the official of the United States Reclamation Service; and have reason to believe that the entire Klamath Reclamation Project will be carried to completion as substantially and economically as conditions will permit, and as expeditiously as funds become available therefor and the settlement of the lands thereunder will justify.

Be it further resolved, that the Secretary of the Association be instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the Secretary of the Interior, the Chief Engineer of the United States Reclamation Service, members of Congress from the western states and other officials interested in the Klamath Reclamation Project.

Dated January 5, 1907.

Final action was taken on the proposition to levy an assessment for advertising purposes. This question has been submitted to the stockholders for their indorsement or rejection, and in compliance with the wishes of the stockholders, as expressed by the votes cast, the Board decided not to make the levy, the following entry being made in the minutes:

Inasmuch as the proposition to levy special assessment for advertising purposes was left with the stockholders, and it appearing that a majority is against it, the Board of Directors decided to drop the matter. Only about half expressed themselves by returning the cards sent out to them. The returns are as follows: Shares against advertising, 29854; shares for advertising, 25430; stockholders for, 79; stockholders against, 141.

Another increase will be made in the enrolling fee to be charged after April 1,

1907. Pursuant thereto the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water User's Association, that on and after the first day of April, 1907, the enrolling fee to be charged and to accompany all contracts hereafter submitted, except as stated below, shall be seventy-five cents per acre on all lands not to be irrigated from any section of the Klamath Project now under construction, and one dollar per acre on all lands to be irrigated from sections thereof now under construction.

Resolved further that as soon as construction work shall be commenced on any section of the Project the enrolling fee for the land to be irrigated shall be one dollar per acre; and

Resolved further that as soon as water is ready to be delivered to any land the enrolling fee therefor shall be two dollars per acre.

Provided, however, that the following lands are excepted from the enrolling fees as provided herein; first, land owned by minor children; second, land under any proposed pumping systems or further extensions of the Klamath Project.

All printing for the association will be submitted for bids and the work awarded to the lowest bidder.

American Bank Elects Officers

The election of officers for the ensuing year for the American Bank and Trust Company was held at the bank last Monday, when the following were chosen:

President, Major C. E. Worden; vice president, Fred Melhase; secretary, Gus Melhase; treasurer, W. T. Shive.

Following the selection of officers the following board of directors were chosen: Fred Melhase, W. S. Worden, W. T. Shive, C. E. Worden and Gus Melhase.

The election is held on the first Monday in January of each year. Since the institution has opened for business, it has been very successful, and with the continued growth of the city and county will undoubtedly meet with continued prosperity.

The Lecture

In the assembly hall of the high school last Monday evening was delivered a lecture by Col. W. H. Holabird, who gave his services for the benefit of the public library. Announcement of the lecture was not made until Saturday, but notwithstanding this lack of publicity a large audience gathered to hear the experience of this veteran traveler and learn something of the Orient. Col. Holabird is not an experienced lecturer, but he is a good story teller, and his talk Monday evening was in the nature of a recital of his personal experiences. Of pleasing personality and possessing unlimited command of English, the Colonel gave a delightful word picture of the customs and habits of the people of Japan, China, Korea and the Philippines.

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"Dick" Smith, former football star at the University of Oregon, and later captain of Columbia University team, is in Portland, visiting old friends. Smith is regarded the greatest gridiron hero produced by the Pacific Coast, and was chosen captain and fullback of Walter Camp's All-American team in 1903. The great Richard is the ideal of football players in Oregon, and his deeds will live forever in the football history of the little city in Eugene. Mr. Smith will be married to Miss Ida Hendricks, of Eugene, Thursday night. She is a daughter of T. G. Hendricks, a prominent banker of Eugene. Immediately after the wedding the couple will depart for Arizona and other Southern points. Upon their return they will make their home in Klamath county, where Mr. Smith owns a large stock ranch.—Portland Oregonian.

SUGARMAN BUYS PORTLAND STORE

Deal Consummated This Week—Will Have Important Results

J. Sullivan, president of the Portland Clothing and Shoe Store company came to this city last week for the purpose of becoming acquainted with conditions here and getting in touch with his local house. This company has branch houses at various points, the one here being part of the chain. Mr. Sugarman, who is one of the members of the firm and who has conducted the business here is so well satisfied with the results so far attained and the prospects of the future, decided to purchase this branch and when Mr. Sullivan arrived began negotiations which resulted in the acquirement of the business. In addition he also purchased a \$10,000 stock of clothing that Mr. Sullivan had in Portland, and when this arrives here he will inaugurate a sale that will furnish the people of this county an opportunity to buy their clothing at less than wholesale prices, for the purchase was made for fifty-eight cents on the dollar. The Portland Store has not been so long in business in this city, but in that time Mr. Sugarman has demonstrated his ability as a conservative and hustling business man and his establishment has a reputation throughout the county for high class goods and square dealing. His rule of one price for everything, and that price the lowest, has won for him the confidence of the purchasing public and brought to him increased patronage.

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Additional Briefs

Born, Friday, January 4, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson of this city, a son.

All water found running to prevent freezing, will be shut off at curb. K. F. L. & W. Co.

President A. H. Naftzger and Col. W. H. Holabird left for San Francisco Tuesday afternoon.

The new oven has arrived at the City Bakery and we are now ready to fill orders for bread, pies, cakes, etc. Leave or phone your orders. Phone 315. Mrs. Sarter proprietor.

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FARCE COMEDY AT OPERA HOUSE

Benefit Entertainment Saturday night by Home Dramatic Club

Will present for the benefit of the Fraternal Lodges, viz: Knights of Pithias; Modern Woodmen; Woodmen of the World; Carpenter's Union; Women of Woodcraft; and the Royal Neighbors, the screaming farce comedy, "The Private Secretary."

The following is the cast of characters: Rev. Robt. Spaulding..... Geo. W. Lowe Douglas Cattermole..... Wm. Wagner Benson Cattermole..... C. T. Oliver Harry Marsland..... Earl Whitlock Mr. Gibson..... F. C. Bamber Mr. Marsland..... J. Scott Taylor Miss Ashford..... Louise Lowe Edith Marsland..... Ethel Clark Eva Webster..... Mamie Boyd Mrs. Stead..... Sophia Krause

ACT I—Morning. Douglas Cattermole's Chambers, London. Douglas in debt. Gibson wants to soar. Douglas and Harry contrive a scheme. The Private Secretary. The boys off for a lark. Arrival of Benson Cattermole from India. Mistaken identity. A hot time for the Secretary. You laugh.

ACT II—Evening. Drawing room at Marsland's country residence. Miss Ashford and her Spirit book. Benson Cattermole arrives. The introduction. The boys arrive. Gibson goes to dinner. Too much champagne. The new Secretary's method of teaching. The real Private Secretary arrives. Another warm reception. You roar.

ACT III—Next morning. Same place. The music lesson. The medium is hungry. If you are discovered you are lost. A lesson in English literature. Douglas is discharged. Miss Ashford has a Seance. The medium appears by installments. Where is the superintendent of this asylum? Do you know? You scream.

Admission 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seats on sale at the Perfection Confectionery store.

TEACHERS' LOCAL ASSOCIATION

The teachers of Klamath county will hold an association, consisting of two sessions, at Klamath Falls in the High School building.

On Friday evening January 18, commencing at 8 o'clock, a short literary program, consisting of music, recitations, and several short talks by citizens and patrons of the school will be rendered. This will be followed by a reception, and dainty refreshments will be served. The following day will be the regular institute session for which a splendid program has been provided.

The patrons of the school are especially requested, and the general public is cordially invited to attend both sessions. Come and spend the evening with those who are trying to direct aright the boys and girls, and before the evening closes we know you will resolve to spend the next day with us too.

The teachers from outside points will be entertained by the teachers of Klamath Falls, and the former are requested to send notice to the committee of their intention to be present.

Fathers and mothers come, that we, as teachers, may become better acquainted with you, thus bringing the schools nearer the homes.

The complete program is as follows:

- EVENING SESSION JAN. 18.
1. Duet.....Miss Letta Nickerson
 2. Recitation.....Miss Mamie Boyd
 3. What the Teacher Expects of the Parent.....Prof. Swan
 4. Vocal Solo.....Miss Letta Nickerson
 5. Recitation.....Vincent Yaden
 6. What the Patron Expects of the Teacher.....J. B. Mason
 7. Vocal Duet.....Marion and Golda Barnes
 8. Public Schools from a Business Standpoint.....Judge Baldwin
 9. Quartet.....Masons and Faught
 10. Reception and Refreshments.....Everybody

- DAY SESSION, JAN. 19.
1. Music.....Miss Letta Nickerson
 2. School Management.....Supt. Wight
 3. Discussion.....Prin. Carlock
 4. Ideals.....Miss Stella Campbell
 5. Discussion.....Miss Letta Nickerson and Miss Beeson
 6. Music.....Selected
 7. Teaching Primary Pupils the Art of Attention.....Miss Davidson
 8. Discussion.....Miss Pool, Miss French
 9. Vocal Solo.....Harry Galarneau
 10. Public School Libraries.....Accompanist, Mrs. Krause
 11. Discussion.....R. H. Dunbar
- By order of COMMITTEE.

COST OF RECLAMATION

H. L. Holgate Explains Important Feature of the Law

PROPER MOVE IS SUGGESTED

Landowners Will Have to Pay Only the Estimated Cost, Even Though the Actual Expense May Exceed That Figure

When Mr. Newell, Chief Engineer of the U. S. Reclamation Service, was here a few months ago, he said, among other things, that were the Service to follow the advice of a few local people, the cost per acre of the Klamath Project would run up to \$35 or \$40. But he did not announce that the Service had the slightest intention of following that advice. There seem to be little opportunity for an intelligent misunderstanding of Mr. Newell's remarks, but still an impression that he stated that the cost of the project would reach \$40 per acre has gained some headway.

There has also been more or less comment, favorable and otherwise, as to the policy of constructing portions of the project by "force account," that is, by the government directly, instead of through contractors. This matter of cost is of concern to the land owners, and the Republican, in order to present an unprejudiced and well-informed view as to the price to be paid by water user's, has requested an expression of opinion by H. L. Holgate, who was for two years attorney for the Reclamation Service, and is now interested in considerable acreage under the Klamath Project. He said:

"It is generally believed that the land owners will pay the actual cost of construction of the project, but this impression is erroneous. The actual cost, of course cannot be determined until the project is fully completed. It is the estimated cost, and no more, that the land owner will have to pay. Section 4 of the Reclamation Act provides:

"That upon the determination by the Secretary of the Interior that any irrigation project is practicable, he may cause to be let contracts for the construction of the same, in such portions or sections as it may be practicable to construct and complete as parts of the whole project, providing the necessary funds for such portions or sections are available in the reclamation fund, and thereupon he shall give public notice of the lands irrigable under such project, and limit of area per entry, which limit shall represent the acreage which, in the opinion of the Secretary, may be reasonably required for the support of a family upon the lands in question; also of the charges which shall be made per acre upon the said entries, and upon lands in private ownership which may be irrigated by the waters of the said irrigation project, and the number of annual installments, not exceeding ten, in which such charges shall be paid and the time when such payments shall commence. The said charges shall be determined with a view of returning to the reclamation fund the estimated cost of construction of the project, and shall be apportioned equitably; Provided, that in all construction work eight hours shall constitute a day's work and no Mongolian labor shall be employed thereon."

"It will be noticed that the law requires the Secretary to give public notice, at the time he announces that the project will be undertaken, of, among other things, 'the charges which shall be made per acre.' In his contract with the Water User's Association, which is his legal obligation in respect to the Klamath Project, the land owner agrees to make prompt application to the United States for a water right, and duly proceed to the perfection thereof, in full compliance with the law applicable thereto. It would seem doubtful if the land-owner is under obligation to pay any more than the per-acre cost as estimated, and not actual cost that is the real concern of the land owners.

"An announcement stating the estimated per-acre cost would be of great service, both to the land-owners and to the project engineers. A recorded legal contract, which is a lien upon the land, to pay an indefinite amount, is anything but satisfactory to

the land-owners; and tends to hamper and harass the engineers in charge of the works.

"If the actual cost of construction exceeds the estimated cost, the government, and not the land-owner, loses that much; so it behooves the engineers of the service to exert themselves in keeping the actual cost within the estimates. Those who have nothing else to do, and who delight in being miserable, may wallow in worry over the matter of 'force account,' but it really is not nearly so much their business as they imagine. Personally, I wish the government would do all the work by force account, as I believe that would be the more expeditious method.

"There would have been, some time since, a strong effort made to have the estimated cost of the Klamath Project announced at once; but in view of some agitation over inconsequential matters, echos of which reached Washington, it was considered that the present is not a good time for making an effective demand. Inconsiderate criticism often stands in the way of accomplishing things of importance.

"The Secretary of the Interior usually 's a couple of dollars per acre to the estimated cost fixed by the engineers. Of course I have no means of knowing, but I would be extremely surprised if the estimated cost per acre as fixed by the Secretary exceeded \$25. But as probably the amount will be announced within a few months, guess works is idle. At \$25 per acre payable in ten annual installments, without interest, and with the first payment not delinquent until the end of harvest two years after water is turned on the land, the real cost, based on the value of that money if paid in advance, would be, I believe, something in the neighborhood of \$15 per acre."

FORT KLAMATH NEWS

Jas. Pelton has gone to Jackson Co., to spend the winter.

Lee Denton is engaged in breaking horses these winter days.

Mr. James Emery and Ora Engle were among those who visited Klamath Falls last week.

Fort Klamath supports a good Literary society, but on account of the bad weather there was no meeting held last Friday evening.

J. H. Rice proprietor of the Pelican Bay Lodge, came down Friday for supplies. He was accompanied by Carl Brown of Crystal Creek.

Miss Clara Richardson and Annie Applegate, teachers of the Fort Klamath school, spent the greater part of the holidays with relatives in Klamath Falls.

A large crowd of people attended the New Year's ball given by F. M. Parker, whose efficient management and geniality afforded everyone a good time.

The Christmas-tree and entertainment here was a success in every particular. Everybody took great interest therein, which was duly appreciated by the management.

J. B. C. Taylor, the blacksmith has been more busily employed at sleigh-building than any other kind of work in his line, the past few days. The snowfall at this writing is about 14 inches on the level.

Mr. James Wheeler who has been trapping near Crater Lake for the past few months, came down to spend the holidays with his family. He reports having been quite successful and expects to return as soon as the weather will permit.

Mr. Harvey Scott and family left on Christmas eve for Spokane Wash., where they will place their little son Eli, in the hospital in charge of Mrs. Scott's brother, who is an able surgeon. The little boy is afflicted with tuberculosis of the bone. Mr. F. M. Parker has charge of Mr. Scott's business during his absence.

Holgate & Kuykendall are preparing for presentation to the legislature a bill for the incorporation of the City of Fort Klamath. It will be submitted to the legislature on the opening day of the session.