

ARE OPPOSED TO DIVISION

Mass Meeting to Protest Against Loss of Territory

RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED

And Forwarded to Mem- bers of Legislature-- Delegate to Go and As- sist Representatives in Fight On Bill

The citizens of Klamath Falls are unalterably opposed to the proposed Deschutes county bill, in so far as it relates to taking part of this county to complete its organization. This was the sentiment expressed at the public mass meeting held in the Court house Monday night, when resolutions were passed urging the senator and representative to use every legitimate means to defeat the measure.

A call for a mass meeting for Monday night was issued by Col. M. G. Wilkins, president of the Chamber of Commerce. A large number of citizens were present, but owing to the illness of Colonel Wilkins the meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gates. Hon. H. L. Benson was called to the chair, and he briefly stated the object of the meeting.

"I feel," he said, "that the people of this county are not being fairly treated in this matter and that it is their judgment that Klamath county should be left as it is. For that reason it gives me great pleasure to be here tonight, to lend at this time, as well as all other times, what assistance I can in the prevention of a great wrong to Klamath county."

On motion a committee was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee named consisted of O. A. Stearns, chairman, L. F. Willets and F. H. Mills. Following are the resolutions reported and which were unanimously adopted, copies thereof being ordered sent to the members of the legislature:

To the Citizens of Klamath County in Mass Meeting Assembled:

We, your committee, heretofore appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sentiment of the people of our County, in relation to the organization of a new county, to be known as "Deschutes County," and which proposed organization contemplates the withdrawal of considerable territory from Klamath county, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Whereas: The proposed cutting off from this county of some 25 or more townships of taxable land from the northern part of this county would be an injustice to the taxpayers for the following reasons, to-wit:

That while the county contains some 172 townships of land, there are embraced in the Cascade Timber Reserve, and the Indian Reservation, 76 townships of non-taxable land, or 44 per cent of the entire area. There are also large areas of waste land that are untaxed, and,

Whereas: The indebtedness of this county is now in excess of the legal limitation, and the depriving the county of one-third of its taxable area at a time when the citizens of the County have assumed an obligation to pay for the construction of an irrigation system by the United States Reclamation Service, of over three million dollars, the remaining area would necessarily have to bear the rate of taxation that would hamper the future development of the county by crippling its resources, therefore,

Be It Resolved: That we earnestly protest against the loss of this territory from our county organization, and urge upon our senator and representative to use every proper and legitimate means to prevent so great a loss to us.

Resolved Further: That we cordially indorse the outlines of a general law as suggested in the Morning Oregonian of January 25th, providing for the condition under which new counties shall hereafter be organized.

Resolved Further: That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the senators and representatives in the state legislature, now in session.

On motion it was decided that a delegate be named to go to Salem for the purpose of lending any assistance he could to the representative from this county and a committee of six was appointed to raise funds for defraying his expenses. Three of the committee were from this city, one from Fort Klamath, one from Bonanza and one from Merrill. The fol-

lowing gentlemen were named: J. Scott Talor, chairman, T. W. Stevens and E. W. Gowan, Klamath Falls; Dan Ryan, Jr., Fort Klamath; J. O. Hamaker, Bonanza; J. Frank Adams, Merrill.

Following the action of the county division proposition, the proposed irrigation law that is now before the legislature came up for consideration. It developed that those present were not very well versed on the proposition and it was decided to leave the matter to five actual farmers of the county to examine the proposed law and pass judgment thereon and report to a future meeting. The committee was selected by Judge Benson and consisted of the following gentlemen: J. B. Mason, S. T. Summers, L. C. Sisemore, E. S. Phillips, J. F. Adams.

The general law, providing conditions under which new counties shall be hereafter organized, to which the committee made reference, contains the following provisions:

No new county shall be created unless it is voted for by 75 per cent of the voters in the territory proposed to be so made into a county and 25 per cent of the voters of the old county. The new county must have a population of 3000 and an assessed valuation of not less than \$2,000,000. The new county must share its proportion of the debt of the old county but cannot share in the county property. It shall share in the money that may be in the treasury at the time the new county becomes a political organization. Not more than 25 per cent of the area of the new county shall be within the limits of forest or Indian reservations. This plan has been discussed by a number of members and has been generally approved. Attorney General Crawford has been asked to draw a bill for a general law on the subject and unless unexpected opposition develops the bill will very probably be passed. This will remove from the legislature all the local fights over the establishment of new counties and leave the people affected thereby to settle the question among themselves by popular vote.

AN AMENDMENT TO CITY CHARTER

Dr. Merryman introduces Bill For It
in the House.

Representative Merryman has introduced in the lower branch of the legislature a bill for the purpose of amending the charter of this city. The following is a copy of the same:

Section 1. That Sec. 94 of an Act entitled an Act "To incorporate the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, and to provide a special charter therefor, and to repeal all charters in conflict herewith," filed in the office of the Secretary of State February 13, 1905, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 94. The council shall have power and authority, whenever it deems it expedient, to establish the grade of any street, and to improve or tear any part thereof now or hereafter laid out or established within the corporate limits of the city, and the kind of improvement or repair shall be such as the council shall provide; such power and authority shall include the right to improve, build, or repair the sidewalks, pavements, or curbing on any street or alley, and to determine and provide for anything convenient or necessary concerning such improvement, alteration, or repair; to provide for the construction, cleaning, and repairing of side and crosswalks adjacent to property, by the owner thereof, or by the city at the expense of such owner, and that such expense be a lien on such property.

The city of Klamath Falls shall not in any event be liable for any damages to any person for any injury caused by any defect or dangerous place at or in any sidewalk, crosswalk, street, alley, bridge, public ground, public building or ditch unless the council has received written notice of such defect or dangerous place, and a reasonable time thereafter in which to repair such defect or dangerous place before the happening of such accident or injury; and in no case shall more than (\$100.00) dollars be recovered as damages from the city for such accidents or injury.

FIRST SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN MADE

Government and West Side Property
Owners Getting Together

The property owners on the west side have finally decided on where they want the road located, and thus the first step towards the adjustment of the difficulty between them and the Reclamation Service has been taken. There yet remains the question of damages to be settled, and when this is done that part of the right of way of the canal between the Upper lake and Martin's mill will be freed from obstacles.

Already Paul Breitenstein has reached a basis of settlement with the Service, and has turned his rights over for \$2000. This is a long step in the right direction and it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty met with in reaching a basis of settlement with the other property owners.

The suggestion that there is a probability of the Keno canal not being constructed this year is not well founded. At least the Service has not stated one way or the other in regard to the matter, and if it were likely that this decision had been reached or contemplated an announcement to that effect would have been made public. Under the contract with the Moore Brothers the government will have to deliver the 7000 inches of water to which they are entitled on the first of next October. Inasmuch as the Moores have purchased the Casey property they may ask to have the water delivered to them at that point, and if so it will have an important bearing on the canal.

THE CONTEST

There is no change in the position of the contestants for the free trip to the Jamestown Exposition since the last publication of the vote. Each candidate, however, with the exception of Miss Erb, has made a gain in the number of votes, the greatest gain having been made by Miss Keese. There are many of the subscribers of The Republican who have not paid up their subscriptions and voted in this contest. This they should do, for the contestants are anxious to secure every vote possible. During the coming week The Republican will place a collector in the field and it is hoped that he will be successful in securing many votes. He will cast your vote for whatever candidate you may choose. All that is necessary is for you to pay all arrearage and one year in advance. This entitles you to a vote and one year's subscription to The Pacific Northwest and The Republican. So, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.

The vote to date is as follows:
Miss Stella Campbell..... 73
Miss Louise Sargeant..... 70
Miss Archie Keese..... 42
Miss Ada Erb..... 20

Woodard's Bill

EDITOR, THE REPUBLICAN:—

I hand you herewith a copy of my bill against the county for the repair of the rock crusher. When this order was given me they told me to go ahead and rush the work, order the necessary material by telegraph and express and that they would stand the expense. They told me to get it out with the least possible delay and that if it was all right they would pay me a good round sum; but that if it were not all right I would not get a cent. Well I got it out and it was all right. I submitted the attached bill, and the Court allowed me \$200—about \$37 less than I actually expended. I do not like to kick, but I do like to get a square deal, and I want the people to know that I was giving the county a square deal in this matter. That is the reason I ask you to publish the itemized bill.

BILL.

Bill in Portland..... \$28 90
Telephone messages..... 7 90
Express on irons..... 22 00
Walter Took 19 days of work..... 76 00
Snider 12½ days of work..... 37 50
Iron from shop..... 3 50
Thos. Keath 1 day and coal..... 8 00
Chas. Norton 3½ days of work..... 21 00
Files and oil at Hurns..... 5 25
Drayage..... 75
Iron from Mason & Davis..... 2 30
Three sacks of coal..... 21 00
Chas. Woodard's work, profit and guarantee..... 75 00

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CHAS. WOODARD.

The Emanon Club will give a chafing dish party next Friday evening, February 8, when each of the young lady members will be expected to evolve something rare and dainty from the infantile cooking apparatus. This organization is composed of the "young folks" of the city and all of their entertainments have been marked for their jollity.

OREGON BOUND

Colonist Rates to Oregon Available to
Thirty Millions of People

(Special Correspondence)
PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 28th, 1907.

—This State was never so well prepared to take advantage of the colonist one way rates to Oregon as at the present time, because many thousands of people are asking regarding farming opportunities in Oregon, and are receiving literature from many of the organizations holding membership in the Oregon Development League, representative of all sections of the State.

Commencing March 1st, and continuing daily until April 30th, tickets will be on sale for any point in Oregon, for \$25 from Kansas City and all other Missouri river points; this also means from St. Paul and Minneapolis, and all the territory west, including the most important agricultural sections of the United States, and from just where we want our home builders.

These tickets are good by way of Portland all the way round to Ashland, or to any intermediate point, also to Astoria; and to all points east of Umatilla the rate is \$22.50. Holders of these tickets can get a stop-over of ten days at any point in Oregon on the O. R. & N. The same privilege is given to all holders of tickets between Portland and Ashland, on the Southern Pacific, except that stop-overs are to be secured by depositing tickets in the Union Depot at Portland.

The rate from St. Louis is \$30, or \$27.50 to points in Oregon east of Umatilla. In fact these rates are available to thirty millions of people, embracing the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys and all the territory contiguous thereto.

The different commercial bodies in this State that are sending out literature, have adopted the very sensible plan of giving the rate to their towns. For instance Pendleton makes her advertising effective when she puts \$22.50 in big type, as the rate from all points in Kansas and Nebraska to Pendleton, while Ashland can make just as effective an advertisement by making it \$25, briefly describing the beauties of the trip, etc., etc.

Every citizen of Oregon should get busy and write to friends of this opportunity to come out to this country.

If there ever was a time where Klamath county should put forth an effort to attract the tourist and homeseeker, it is now. The inauguration of the colonist rate means that thousands of people from the middle west will come to the coast during the months of March and April. They come for the purpose of finding homes, and it is up to this county to say whether we shall have our proportion of these people or not.

The colonist rate applies to this section also. The rate to Thrall or Weed is the same as it is to San Francisco or Portland. This is the greatest concession that has yet been made to Klamath county, and the people here should show their appreciation of it by making a special effort to induce the homeseeker and investor to come here and look over the county.

One of the best mediums of advertising this county is to mail the local papers to friends in the east. Not one copy of a paper published here should be destroyed. It should be mailed "back east," and in this way stimulate an interest in Klamath county. It will not only reach the hands of your friends, but it will be passed on to others, and it is possible for a single copy of a paper to cause several families to emigrate to this county. Let the readers of The Republican do their share in this work and send their paper to some friend and write him to hand it to someone else after he has read it over.

Last Sunday the members of the Presbyterian church voted unanimously to assume self support after April 1. The present membership of the congregation is 108, and is constantly being added to. When Rev. W. G. Smith assumed charge there were twenty-four communicants. That was in May 1903. This is a fair indication of the rapid growth of this city. The congregation has no debts and the question of erecting a brick or stone church is being seriously considered. The organizers of the Presbyterian church in this city, an event which occurred in 1885, were R. T. Baldwin, W. A. Wright, Mrs. Jennie L. Wright, Mrs. Harriet Roberts, Mrs. Lucy McLean and Miss Mercedes Campo.

The concert that was to be given this evening in the Conservatory of Music rooms by Mrs. Zumwalt and Miss Applegate, assisted by the Shakespeare Quartette, has been postponed for one week on account of the illness of some of the principal participants.

The concert has been postponed until next Thursday evening, February 7. The Conservatory concert has been postponed until next Thursday evening, February 7.

FOR NEW COURTHOUSE

Bill For Purpose of Building One Introduced in Legislature

IN HANDS OF COUNTY COURT

It Is Authorized to Issue Bonds For \$75,000 to Build and Equip New Structure---Provisions of the Bill

A bill authorizing the issuance of bonds for the erection of a new court house for Klamath county has been introduced in the House by Representative Merryman. It authorizes the County Court to issue bonds to the amount of \$75,000, the proceeds of which are to be used in the erection of a structure (the need of which has been recognized for a long while) that will be a credit to the county.

About the only objection to the measure is the amount. While apparently \$75,000 is a large enough sum for the erection of a substantial and ornate building, it is the opinion of many that the sum to be expended should be greater. \$100,000 would be none too much for Klamath county. With a future second to no other section in the United States, with a rapidly increasing population, with an increasing valuation, this sum would not be noticed by the taxpayers. Extending over a period of fifteen years, the bonds will be retired without the least burden to the taxpayers, and the additional \$25,000 would never be noticed. However, it is the opinion of practically everyone that a new county building is imperative and the figure has been set at \$75,000 as being sufficient to meet the present and future needs of Klamath for many years.

One of the hardest blows this county receives is the appearance of the court house. It is admittedly a disgrace to the county. Strangers coming here for investment, leaving cities and counties where the finest of public buildings are in use, form a pretty poor idea of the stability of this section when they see the structure that is representative of the wealth and prosperity of Klamath. It has a like effect on the homeseeker. There is no one but who will admit that the clothes has more to do nowadays with the making of the man than it had a few years ago. The same is true of a community. First impressions are the best and most lasting, and if Klamath is represented by a public building commensurate with its importance, it will make the good impression that the most pessimistic desires.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Authorizing the county court of Klamath county, state of Oregon to issue bonds to provide funds for the erection and equipment of a court house, and to provide funds for the redemption of such bonds, and for the construction and equipment of a court house and jail.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That the county court of Klamath county, in the state of Oregon, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue interest-bearing bonds of an aggregate face value not to exceed seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars. Said bonds to bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, said interest to be payable semi-annually at Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon.

Section 2. After the issuance of said bonds, the said county shall sell the same for cash, in gold coin of the United States, to the highest bidder therefor, after advertising them in one daily paper, published in San Francisco, state of California, and one daily paper published in Portland, state of Oregon, for at least 30 days, and said bonds shall not be sold for less than their face value.

Section 3. The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, shall be turned into the county treasury, there to be kept separate and apart from all other funds, and shall be held in trust by Klamath county, state of Oregon, to be applied to the erection and equipment of a county court house and jail, and the improvement of the grounds upon which said court house and jail are constructed, and for no other purpose. Said fund shall be known and designated as the "Court House Fund."

Section 4. Within ninety (90) days

after the sale of said bonds, the said county court shall accept plans and specifications from some competent architect, suitable for the needs of said Klamath county, and, as soon as convenient thereafter, shall let the contract to build said court house and jail on the block now occupied by said county for such purpose, in the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, which contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. Said building to be constructed of stone, brick and wood, with fire-proof vaults for the protection of the county records, and a secure and comfortable jail in basement thereof. And said building shall not exceed in cost the sum realized by said county court by the sale of said bonds.

Section 5. The bonds herein before provided for shall be issued in such denominations as shall be deemed, in the judgment of the county court, most desirable, and shall be payable, one-third (1-3) in five (5) years, one-third (1-3) in ten (10) years, and one-third (1-3) in fifteen (15) years, from and after the date of their issuance.

Section 6. The County clerk of Klamath county, Oregon, shall issue warrants of said county, on the "Court House Fund" to pay for the cost of constructing said court house and jail, as aforesaid, which said warrants shall be issued upon bills duly audited and allowed by the county court of said county, and it shall be the duty of the county court, of said county to levy a tax on all taxable property within said county, each year, for fifteen (15) years, sufficient to raise a fund that will pay the interest on said bonds, at the times when such interest shall become due thereon, and to create a sinking fund that shall be sufficient to pay the principal of said bonds at the several dates when said bonds shall mature, and the said county of Klamath, state of Oregon, shall hold the money so collected upon said tax in trust to pay the interest and principal of said bonds, according to the tenor thereof.

Section 7. No part of the cost of said court house and jail, nor any bonds issued in pursuance of this act, as hereinafore provided, or of the interest thereof, shall be paid out of the general fund of said county, or out of any fund, or the proceeds of any tax other than the fund and tax provided for and pledged in section six (6) of this act, and this provision and limitation shall be recited in said bonds, and each of them.

Teacher's Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Klamath county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state and county papers at Klamath Falls as follows:

FOR STATE PAPERS

Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 16, at 4 p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, mental arithmetic, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS.

Commencing Wednesday, February 13, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 15th, at 4 o'clock p. m.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, mental arithmetic, school law, civil government.

PRIMARY CERTIFICATES.

Wednesday—Penmanship, orthography, arithmetic, reading.

Thursday—Art of questioning, theory of teaching, physiology.

Yours truly,

J. G. WIGHT,

Co. S. Supt., Klamath County.

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