

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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TWO DOLLARS THE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

Two amendments are proposed to the direct primary law, one providing for a primary nominating convention and the other providing for a modification of Statement No. 1, so that the signer will be pledged only to vote for the choice of his party.

Press dispatches say that these amendments will have little chance of passing the legislature, and if they did get through, they will be sure to be vetoed by the governor. If this is true, it is a pity, for the direct primary falls far short of meeting the ideal pictured by its sponsors. The best amendment that could be added to this law is to repeal it entirely, but the people of the state need look for no such good luck for a while yet—not until they wake up to a realization of the fact that they have been sold a gold brick.

Speaker Davey is accused of being opposed to the passage of the irrigation bill and in the appointing of the irrigation committee he selected men whom he knew to be against the measure. To this charge he has entered a vigorous denial, stating that he selected the irrigation committee with the single purpose of having the members thereof representative of the interests it is presumed to have care of. However true this may be, and without passing any opinion upon the merits or demerits of the bill in question, it looks strange to the people of Klamath that he failed to place Merryman on that committee. Coming from a county that has the largest irrigation project in the United States in course of construction it would seem that he was entitled to this consideration, whether the Speaker thought so or not.

SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE CHANGED

President McCormick so Informs the Chamber of Commerce

In reply to the petition forwarded by the Chamber of Commerce to President McCormick, that gentleman makes the following answer:—

Tacoma, Wash. Jan. 25th, 1907.
Mr. C. F. Stone,
Secretary Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

I have your letter of January 17th, enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce regarding the present schedule now in effect on the Klamath Falls railroad. I wish to say to you that this matter has had a great deal of consideration at our hands, and after the experience of last summer when the Chamber made a special point of the mail service as being the most important thing for the citizens of Klamath Falls, we have felt as though that must be taken care of at all hazard, as it was a daily service and one that all of the citizens were equally interested in. If there is any inconvenience in the present schedule I wish to say that in the first place we must on account of the dangerous character of our railroad run our trains in the day time; next that we cannot leave Pokegama any later than we do to make connection with the mails on the Southern Pacific road at Thrall. If we do not make this noon connection at Thrall mails would reach Portland and San Francisco 24 hours later than under the present schedule.

The trip from Pokegama to the Falls by stage is at a very pleasant time of day and could not be improved; the only trouble and annoyance comes from getting to Pokegama early enough to take the train to Thrall. This can be remedied by the stage line leaving Klamath Falls the afternoon before and stopping at Spencer's over night, which would give them ample time to reach Pokegama for the train; and I wish to ask you if this really would not be better for the few passengers who travel this winter to put up with this inconvenience, and have the whole community promptly and efficiently served in every other way.

I will refer your letter and the accompanying petition to our manager, Mr. E. T. Abbott, at Thrall, so that he may be informed of your request; but under the circumstance I cannot see my way clear to meet your views and at the same time serve you any better than we are doing at present.

Yours very truly,

KLAMATH FALLS RAILROAD COMPANY:
By R. L. McCORMICK,
President.

The Republican is also in receipt of a letter from General Manager Abbott, in which he states that he has been unable to find anyone who is in favor of a

change, the traveling public being perfectly satisfied. It was received too late for publication.

Fort Klamath

F. G. Butler was down on the reservation a few days last week on business.

Miss Garrison of Yainax and Miss DeCora of the Agency were in town Saturday evening.

The question, in regard to building a new county court house, is meeting with much disapproval in this part of the county.

O. C. Applegate of Klamath Falls came up on the stage Saturday to visit his daughter, Miss Annie, and remained over Sunday.

Justice Kingdon of Willamette Valley came home with his brothers, Sam and Warren, who have been making a tour in northern Oregon.

John Hessig who has been here for the past few weeks looking after telephone business, left for his home at Shovel Creek, Calif., last Saturday.

Walter Simpson and Collie Gray gave a surprise on "Sandy", manager of the Weed ranch last Tuesday night. There were about sixty present and all were well entertained by games and other amusements until the hour for refreshments, when all were abundantly supplied.

Literary was well attended last Friday night, and a good program was rendered. The subject for debate was: Resolved, That Asiatic laborers should be admitted to the United States. The new officers are: president, L. C. Sismyre; vice president, J. W. McCoy; secretary, Bessie Loosley.

THE COLD WATER ORDEAL.

It Was Once an Important Test of Guilt or Innocence.

The cold water ordeal was one of the most important tests of guilt or innocence a few hundred years ago. If the accused floated, he was guilty; if he sank, he was innocent. In the twelfth century some altar vessels were stolen from the cathedral of Laon, and the learned Anselm proposed that a child from each parish and then a child from each household should be put to the test and so on until the guilty one was found. The proposition raised a great outcry, and the people clamored that those who had easiest access to the church be the first to undergo the ordeal.

This looked reasonable enough. So the bishop ordered the six priests of the cathedral to prepare for the test. In the meanwhile Anselm thought to try the experiment himself as a preliminary test. So he was bound and placed in a tub of water. To his great satisfaction as well as discomfort he promptly sank. The day arrived and with it an immense crowd to see the trial. The first priest sank, the second floated, the third sank, the fourth floated, the fifth sank, and then Anselm himself—wonder of wonders—in spite of experiments and protested innocence floated around with the buoyancy of an air bubble. While he was serving his sentence in prison Anselm found time to write a learned treatise on the "Inexpediency of the Water Ordeal and Its Failure in Many Cases."

New Zealand Mocking Birds.

The Poe honey eater is one of the commonest and at the same time handsomest of the New Zealand birds. The neck is ornamented with a frill of curly feathers of a greenish color with white centers, and the throat is adorned with a tuft of white feathers, which has gained for it the popular name of "parson bird," an appellation appropriate not only because of this decoration, but because of the resemblance of its peculiar attitudes when singing to the gesticulations indulged in by exuberant lecturers when wishing to drive home their points. The bird is an excellent mimic and can be taught to repeat short sentences with extraordinary clearness and also to whistle short songs quite as well as a parrot.

Queen Bess' Giant.

Queen Elizabeth had a Flemish porter who was over eight feet high and of great strength, and he was an extremely good natured man. Whenever he met any one who was abnormally tall he used to patronize him in a friendly sort of way, and on one occasion when he met at an inn two soldiers who were over six feet in height he said, "Come under my arms, my little fellows." And, taking them up, he walked down the room with them under his arms as if they had been children, much to their disgust.

Willing to Oblige.

Uncle (to little Bertie, aged five, who is being taken off to bed)—Good night, Bertie. Of course you always remember your aunts and uncles in your prayers? Bertie—Oh, yes, Uncle Felix! Shall I tell you what I say? I say, "God bless Auntie Kitty and make her thin, and God bless Uncle James and make him fat, and God bless Uncle Felix and"—which do you want to be, fat or thin?—Punch.

NAME OF KENO CHANGED TO RAPIDS

Town is to be Incorporated and the Little Metropolis Will Boon.

KENO, Jan. 30.—(Special Correspondence.)

Keno will be no more, if the efforts of the enterprising citizens of that burg are successful. Filled with the enthusiasm of the county seat, Kenoites called a mass meeting for the purpose of taking steps for the incorporation of the town and also for the purpose of selecting a more euphonious cognomen than that of Keno for the new metropolis.

The meeting was called to order in Padgett's hall, and after discussing the matter thoroughly, it was unanimously decided to incorporate the town and change its name. Accordingly two committees were appointed, one, consisting of R. A. Emmitt, S. Padgett and L. O. Mills, for the purpose of preparing a bill for the incorporation, the same to be presented to the legislature; and the other, composed of H. Snowgoose, J. L. Padgett and Daniel Doten, to select a new name for the city and designate its boundaries. These committees were to report to a meeting to be called by H. Snowgoose. This meeting was held last Saturday afternoon.

The committee on incorporation reported a bill which was unanimously approved and a liberal donation was subscribed for the purpose of defraying the expenses incident to work in hand. The committee on boundary lines and name made its report and the lines selected were unanimously accepted. The same unanimity was not manifested, however, in the selection of the name, the committee having chosen Plevna, as a suitable one. Six other names were submitted by those present and a vote by ballot was taken to decide which of the six would be acceptable. A majority having voted for the name of Rapids, it was so decided and if our plans do not miscarry Keno will soon be ancient history and Rapids will open a new chapter in what is hoped will be a bright and prosperous future.

The boundary lines of the town will be as follows:—The north line will be Klamath river; the east line will be on the east side of lot 6, section 6, township 40, south, range 8, east, thence west to the township line; thence north on the said line to the river. This takes in the school house, sawmill and the graveyard.

H. Snowgoose, S. Padgett and William Stone were selected to call and hold the first election of officers in May, after the incorporation is completed. If the incorporation goes through, then the postoffice department will be petitioned to change the name of the town from Keno to Rapids.

Dave Ford has moved onto J. L. Padgett's place.

The ice crop has been harvested and all are well supplied.

There seems to be an unusual number of sick horses this winter.

Thomas McCormack is putting in a lot of logs preparatory to sawing in the spring.

Lee Doten was home over Sunday visiting. He begins to look like a woodsman.

Joe Otey was five days hauling a load of hay from the hole in the ground to the Keno sawmill.

J. B. Moore on Monday unloaded his freight here, and the Steamer Klamath took it to the Falls.

The Gun club of Klamath Falls came to Keno Sunday on the Steamer Klamath to kill ducks and have a good time, and they did both.

The ice is now gone out of the river and the boats are able to run once more. This is good news to the mill men. An abundance of logs are now ready to be dumped into the river.

With the large amount of work to be done by the Reclamation Service and the opening up of the timber that joins this place, the prospect bids fair for a large amount of business to be done in the near future, and those who get in on the ground floor will be the fortunate ones in Rapids City.

The Oregon Stage Co. has rented Mrs. Pratt's hotel and feed barn, and will now change horses here. E. C. Robbins is looking after the interests of the horses and barn. They will also accommodate the travel as much as possible. John Dyer has charge of the hotel, and will prepare breakfast for the passengers before the stage leaves in the morning.

The Navigation Co. will put in a new dock in the near future and make ample preparations to take care of the travel and to handle the freight at this place.

Hon. H. L. Benson could not resist the temptation of going to Salem and seeing what the "boys" were doing, and consequently he expects to "have a look" next week.

"Lest you forget," let us remind you that now is the time to buy in the Hot Springs Addition. CAMPBELL & BERNS, Agents.

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