

RAILROAD TO MERRILL

A Fourteen Mile Branch to be Built From Midland

IT IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MOVE

It Is To Be Built By the California Northeastern, Public Notice to that Effect Having Been Given This Week

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—(Special). The first move in what may be a network of lines for Klamath County was made in this city last Saturday, when the Board of Directors of the California Northeastern decided to build a branch from the town of Midland on the main line to the town of Merrill, fourteen miles distant. Resolutions to that effect were adopted and forwarded to Salem and Klamath Falls for filing. While this will come as a great surprise to Klamath County, it has been under consideration for a long while. It means much for Midland and Merrill. It is the forerunner of greater things for these two towns and will result in the upbuilding of cities at these points. When asked for a statement regarding the matter the officials refused to be interviewed, remarking that the resolutions were self-explanatory.

Resolved, That it is the desire and intention of this company to construct a branch or side line of railroad from the main line of this company, in the state of Oregon, and that said branch or side line is defined, and the termini thereof hereby designated as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a point on the railroad of the California & Northeastern railway, in Section 36, Township 39 South, Range 8 East, W. M., and extending thence in a generally southeasterly direction to and through the town of Merrill, situated in Township 41 South, Range 10 East, W. M., a distance of fourteen miles, more or less. All of said branch or side line of railroad and the said termini thereof being situated in the County of Klamath, State of Oregon.

Resolved, Further, that the Secretary of this company, be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to cause a copy of the foregoing resolution and all thereof duly certified by him under the corporate seal of this company, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and in the office of the County Clerk, County of Klamath, State of Oregon, pursuant to the law of said State in such case made and provided, as set forth in No. 5145 of Bellinger & Cotton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of the State of Oregon.

(Sd.) J. L. WILLCUTT,
Secretary.

It rested with the Republican to be the first to inform our little neighbor of the good fortune in store for her, and the people of Klamath Falls that this is only the first step in the direction of greater advancement. No greater will be the surprise of Merrill than will be that of this city. This is a move that should awaken the business interests of Klamath Falls to a realization of the fact that their supremacy is not as secure as it might be. If this paper were in a position to further discuss plans that are contemplated, it would cause greater consternation than will the announcement of the construction of a branch that could have been secured by this city if proper steps had been taken. It will have to confine itself to the statement that the time has arrived when the people Klamath Falls must get together, and

stand shoulder to shoulder and fight with a solid front for the upbuilding of a great city here. If it still continues to remain indifferent and divided against itself, it will have a more serious problem to face than the loss of a branch line that would have meant thousands of dollars a year to the business interests of the county seat.

MR. APPLGATE WANTS TO KNOW

Would Like to be Enlightened Regarding Certain Statements

The following letter from E. I. Applegate will be of interest to the water users of the basin, for it contains some pertinent inquiries that need some "explaining":

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., Feb. 13, 1907.
Editor Republican:—

In commenting upon Supervising Engineer Henny's letter of January 21, to the Klamath Water Users' association, relative to some of the conclusions arrived at by the board of engineers which met in Klamath Falls recently, the Klamath Falls Express of February 7th said, among other things: "We would state that in our opinion the board would have come nearer the truth if they had stated that the increased cost over the original estimates was caused mainly by paying exorbitant prices for canals and reservoir sites, some \$400,000 more having been paid for these than the original estimates called for," and adding that this amount was "squandered."

Inasmuch as the total amount paid for canals and reservoir sites is considerably less than \$500,000, and which payments were recommended by all the reclamation officials, approved by the director of the geological survey, chief engineer and the secretary of the interior, endorsed by the board of directors of the Water Users' association, ratified by the stockholders of the association, and sanctioned by J. Scott Taylor, erstwhile secretary of the national irrigation committee, it would seem a bold statement on the part of the Express to say that more than eighty per cent. of the entire sum was "squandered."

As a member of the board of directors who endorsed the canal and reservoir purchases, and as one who is in a position to know the facts of the case, I can not allow the assertions of the Express to go unchallenged. The editor of the Express knows the facts too, and it is now incumbent upon him to explain to the people just how he reconciles them with the statements above quoted.

E. I. APPLGATE.

At the Opera House

The Home Dramatic Company will present the Comedy Drama "Over the Hills to the Poor House" at the Opera House next Saturday night February 16th. The cast will include Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, Miss Maude Belmour, Earl Whitlock, Fred C. Bamber, Wm. Wagner, C. T. Oliver, Leslie Wright, Mrs. A. E. Gale and little Miss Bamber. This promises to be one of the most enjoyable entertainments yet given by the Home Talent Club and no one should miss it. The play will not be repeated as it is the intention of Mr. Lowe to put on a new play every Saturday night till further notice. New professional talent will be added to the cast from time to time and some delightful entertainments are promised. Illustrated songs and new moving pictures will soon be added to the performances—also singing and dancing specialties.

City Charters

Keno and Fort Klamath will experience a little trouble in securing charters, inasmuch as the law governing this is not with the legislature but with the towns in question. In order to incorporate it will be necessary to present a petition to the County Court, signed by at least forty qualified electors, residents within the proposed corporation. The petition must be presented at a regular term of the Court, and be published at least three weeks prior thereto in one of the county papers, together with notice of which term the same shall be presented to the Court. If granted, then a notice must be published calling for an election, both for incorporation and officers thereof.

When the boundaries of any city are desired to be changed, then an election shall be held, and a vote taken on the proposition.

For rings go to L. Alva Lewis. New line just arrived.

Fine watch repairing. L. Alva Lewis.

FOR RENT—New two-room house, at \$10 per month. Very convenient and well built. Tom Stephens. If

CLUB WILL BE INCORPORATED

Inland Empire Club Decides to Take This Step

Articles are in course of preparation for the incorporation of the Inland Empire Club. This action was decided on at the special meeting of that organization held last Monday evening. The meeting was largely attended and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Saturday, Feb. 23, was decided on as the date on which the formal opening shall take place. The members only are to be present on this date. A later date will be set, when the ladies and those not members of the organization will be the guests of the club.

Part of the furnishings have arrived and the permanent headquarters are taking on the appearance of real club rooms. A combination pool and billiard table has been ordered, and this, with additional furnishings that are expected, add very much to the attractiveness of the headquarters.

PAMPHLETS ISSUED

The Chamber of Commerce and Business Men Have Some Printed

Thirteen thousand eight-page pamphlets have been issued by the Chamber of Commerce and the business men of this city, to be used for the purpose of advertising Klamath County. The information contained therein is concise and truthful, and should do much towards attracting the attention of the homeseeker and investor to this county. These are only temporary, being issued to meet a demand that had become very great. It is proposed to issue a more elaborate publication in the near future.

Resolutions of Sympathy

WHEREAS, In view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of neighbor Bertha Knox, and the still heavier loss sustained by those who were nearest and dearest to her,

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting her removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of our late neighbor and associate on the dispensation which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to one who does all things for the best, and whose chastisements are sent in mercy.

Resolved, That the heartfelt sympathy of Ewauna Circle No. 647, Women of Woodcraft, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, be extended to her husband and family in their affliction, and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Circle, and the charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

We only know that thou hast gone
And that the same returnless tide
Which bore thee from us, still glides on
And we who mourn thee, with it glide.

CLARA DUVALL,
DOLLIE VIRGIL,
ELLA McMILLAN,
Committee.

Major Worden Sells

Major C. E. Worden has sold the block now occupied by the Stilts Dry Goods Company to E. J. Page of Portland, the consideration being \$8,750. He has also given an option on the property now occupied by the K K K and Winters stores.

Auction Sale.

H. V. Mitchell will sell at auction, on Thursday, February 28, 1907, all his household goods, stock and farming implement, consisting of horses, harness, buggies, wagons, machinery, etc. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock a. m. on the Altamont ranch. See bills for particulars.

Women of Woodcraft, Ewauna Circle No. 647, meets every second and fourth Friday in Sanderson's hall.

Mrs. Dollie Virgil, G. N.

I have a few choice lots in South Midland that I am offering for \$50 per lot. Now is the time to buy before they are all gone. Mark L. Barnes.

A PORTION OF KENO CANAL

Will Be Constructed at Once By Small Contracts

BIDS TO BE OPENED IN APRIL

Will Embrace Only That Portion From the Head Of Link River To West Klamath Falls

A portion of the Keno canal will be constructed this year and it rests with the City Council and the residents on the west side of the river as to whether all of it shall be constructed or not.

The Secretary of the Interior has instructed the Service to ask for bids for the portion between the head of Link river and the West Klamath Falls, involving about 80,000 cubic yards of rock and earth excavation. Plans and specifications are expected here in a couple of days. These are so arranged as to admit of the work being let to local contractors if they see fit to bid on the same.

A small portion of the work will be done by force account.

Mason, Davis & Co. may bid on this work, but this is not definitely settled. This firm has been granted an extension of sixty days in which to complete its present contract, thus making the date April 20. If the present weather continues, the work will be done in advance of that date. If this firm does not do the work on the Keno canal, the outfit will be moved 200 miles north of here, where a contract has been secured.

The Band

The balmy weather that this section is now enjoying turns the thoughts toward summer, and connected therewith is the desire of many who wish concerts to be given. This question was put up to the band this week, and its members stated that they would give weekly concerts during the summer for the sum of \$300, provided the city erected a band stand, whereon the concerts could be given. This is a pretty small figure, being less than twenty cents per man, and will do little more than pay for the music used in such concerts.

In connection with this matter attention should be drawn to the last dance given by this organization. It resulted in the receipt of \$32. This is little short of a disgrace to the city. No better band can be found on the coast. The members have been faithful in their work, and their leader, Mr. Daniels, indefatigable in his efforts to bring the band up to its degree of perfection.

This has cost the boys a good deal of money. They have in equipment and instruments over \$1,100. To secure this they have given their services, either in public concerts or playing at public functions. The impression seems to prevail that the band is public property. This is wrong. It is as much a private concern as any business house in town, but is very much a part of the public enterprise and should, therefore, meet with more cordial support than has been accorded to it in the past.

Baptist Church Notes

Preaching services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening 6:45 o'clock.

PREACHING SERVICES

Rev. Jacquemin of Los Angeles preached to crowded houses last Sunday morning and evening and will preach next Sunday morning and evening. The subject of the morning service will be "Glory in Tribulation" and the evening service will be of an evangelistic character. An effort will be made to have special music at both services. Come and enjoy the singing and preaching. Everyone is invited.

PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer service at 7:30 Wednesday evening. These services are exceptionally well attended. The present attendance nearly fills the house and there is always present a spirit of worship that makes the stranger glad they came. Come Wednesday evening and enjoy a quiet hour with us.

B. Y. P. U.

The young people's society will meet at the church at 6:45 Sunday evening. The meeting will be led next Sunday evening by Miss June Grigsby. Subject: "A Good Life versus a Bad Life." There will be special music. All young people are urged to be present.

All services commence on time.

Fine line of stationery at Newsom & Underwood.

She Was Excused

One evening as the mother of a little niece of Phillips Brooks was tucking her into bed, the maid stepped in and said she was a caller waiting in the parlor. The mother told the child to say her prayers and promised that she would be back in a few minutes. The caller remained only a short time, and when the mother went upstairs again, she asked the little girl if she had done as she was bidden.

"Yes, mamma, I did and I didn't," she said.

"What do you mean by that, dear?" "Well, mamma, I was awfully sleepy, so I just asked God if He wouldn't excuse me tonight, and He said, "Oh, don't mention it, Miss Brooks."

There has been no radical change in the transportation business during the past week, but there will be within a very short time. Capt. McIntyre is the hard nut to crack, but when that task is accomplished those engaged in the game will find a kernel that will make them sit up and take notice. There are going to be great changes both in the freight and passenger business during the next month or so. The teamsters banded together in the Klamath Falls and Pokegama Transportation company are smiling serenely, for they seem to see that they will continue to be "Johnnie on the spot" in the future as they have been in the past, and that whatever changes may be made will not interfere very materially with them. They are giving good service and satisfactory rates and it will be a hard job for anyone to jar loose the business men of this city from their support.

Representatives of the various transportation lines, including Col. Wilkins, Capt. Woodbury, W. R. Davis, W. E. Travis, Capt. McIntyre and E. T. Abbott, are in San Francisco for the purpose of securing a contract that will give them the upper hand during the coming year. As a result of this gathering of the clans, there will be a final settlement, and each will know "where he is at" when it is over. It would look to a man up a tree that there is a grand surprise in store for someone.

John Kuykendall arrived in this city Friday, February 8, 1907, via the Stork Express. This is his first visit to Klamath Falls, and the smile of satisfaction that constantly enshrines his countenance denotes that he is well pleased with the bright prospects that the future has in store for him and Klamath county. Weighing ten pounds, he is of the opinion that he is big enough to be getting busy, and has already asked for copy of Blackstone.

Miss Lillian Stilts left this week for Portland, where she goes to purchase a stock of spring millinery.

LOST—Between Keno and this city Tuesday evening, a black pocket book. Finder please leave at this office and receive liberal reward.

FOR RENT—Farm lands. Close to Klamath Falls. Reasonable terms. Tom Stephens. 11-14-21

For bargains in city property see Mark L. Barnes.