

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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LEADING NEWSPAPER OF INTERIOR OREGON.

TWO DOLLARS THE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

THE MERRILL BRANCH

The announcement of the proposed construction of the branch line from Midland to Merrill, made through the special edition of The Republican, was received with a great deal of surprise by the people of this city. After the first few hours after its publication, there were and still are, a number who assume to believe that there is nothing in the story and that it is simply a trick on the part of someone to boom realty; that it "amounts to nothing," and that the proposition will disappear like a mist before the rising sun of this city's greatness. This, of course, is a philosophical view to take of it, and it may bring a good deal of comfort to the mind of the man who chooses to follow that line of reasoning. But to the man who looks ahead and who is willing to concede to his fellow man the same modicum of purity of purpose that he demands for himself, this realty boom idea will not hold water.

In the first place, The Republican comes to its readers with clean hands. It is not a tool to be turned to the purpose of any one. Its only purpose is to publish the news, and do so in a manner that will best serve the interests of its readers and the public. The news of the Merrill branch was made public with the least possible delay after it was open to publication. Perhaps it would have better served the purpose of some if it had leaked out in certain directions before the general public had it, and in this may be found the cause of some dissatisfaction. Be that as it may, this paper was not used in the channel that the promoters of the realty boom idea would like to have had it used.

The question of whether it is a trick, or whether it has some ulterior motive back of it is a side one. The Republican is free to confess that it has good reason for believing that there is nothing ephemeral about it, and it further believes that its readers will think so too before very long. It would, therefore call the attention to the business men of this city to the significance of this branch line. The most casual observer will admit that if it had been run from this city instead of Midland, it would have meant thousands of dollars annually to Klamath Falls. This city is on the edge of the great reclamation project, while Merrill is well towards the center of it. With railroad connections such as this and other lines will give it, it is not hard for a man to imagine that the once little hamlet will spring into full power and glory as a competitor of this city. The people of Merrill have demonstrated their mettle before and have proven that when it comes to making a fight for supremacy they can deliver the goods. On the other hand is the new town of Midland. True, there is practically nothing there now. This makes little difference. It is represented by something else far more potent than buildings. It is represented by energy and backed by capital. With these two factors going hand in hand it is bound to grow.

Here at its door Klamath Falls finds two competitors for its laurels. But we are the county seat! We have but to go to our neighboring county of Jackson to see another county seat that is not the chief town of the county! While we may feel secure for many reasons, when subjected to the cool analysis of reasoning, we have not as many legs to stand on as we might at first glance believe.

The Republican is not getting scared nor panic stricken. It is not time for that yet. But it wants to say to the business men of this city, and especially to those who claim such supreme wisdom as to be able to positively state that this Merrill branch is but a realty boom, that if the people of this city do not get together and stand solidly and unflinchingly for the interests of Klamath Falls, that they will get scared and panic stricken before this is ended. We believe that this city has many natural advantages in her favor, but who has not seen many cities with similar superiority outstripped by little giants that were at first scorned. History may repeat itself.

Secretary Hitchcock and the Reclamation Service have accomplished a thing heretofore deemed impossible. They have shown that in an engineering enterprise a government dollar can be made to go as far, or farther, than any other dollar.—Maxwell's Talisman.

The Merrill branch is another indication of the growth of Klamath county and the confidence capital has in it.

When you want to get the news watch The Republican. Moral: Subscribe for it today.

GRAFTING

It was and is somewhat amusing to see how industrious some of the people in this city have been since the issuance of the special edition of The Republican in making the statement that this paper was paid by certain real estate men for the publication of the Midland-Merrill branch story. Their original lies had to be revamped when they learned that the resolution were on file in the office of the County Clerk. But they experienced no difficulty in doing this. They have the entire details of the "deal" on their anger tips, going so far as to state the amount paid and other minor particulars to add color to their statements.

For their information, as well as for those who may be interested in the matter, the Republican will state that there was not a man in this city, so far as this paper knows, who was aware of the fact that this resolution was passed. Our source of information has nothing whatever to do with any real estate firm or corporation and is not known to a single individual in Klamath County, if in the State. We would now suggest that these busy individuals put their thinking caps on and make another guess, and try to ascertain how we knew of this resolution nearly three days before our special was issued.

So far as the charge that we were paid for issuing the edition is concerned, we will say that any person, firm or corporation can have us issue a special edition every hour in the day, if they pay for it. But when they indulge in that luxury, our readers will be made aware of the fact that it is issued for advertising purposes by the people who pay for it. Our news columns are not for sale.

And by way of closing, we may be permitted to remark that there is another special edition coming that will contain information that may be a little more interesting than was that published Tuesday.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT

On January 23 the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution unanimously elected Charles D. Walcott to fill the place of the late Samuel P. Langley as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Walcott was born at New York Mills, N. Y., on March 31, 1850, and became an assistant in the New York surveys in 1876. He was appointed assistant geologist in the Geological Survey in 1879, and took up a study of the Cambrian rocks, the oldest known on the globe. His paper presented before the Geological Congress in London in 1888 was epoch-making concerning studies of these formations.

In 1894 Mr. Walcott became director of the U. S. Geological Survey, succeeding Major J. W. Powell.

To Mr. Walcott is due much of the success of the Reclamation Service, and under his direction this service has grown and increased until it now employs more than 500 civil engineers and assistants in constructing works in all parts of the arid West, under an expenditure of upward of \$1,000,000 a month.—Scientific American.

To out-of-town readers of The Republican we would suggest that they send to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the little pamphlet just issued by that organization. It tells the truth without the slightest exaggeration. After you have read it, pass it on to your neighbor. He is as much interested in this county as you are. When you give it to him, ask him to pass it along to someone else, and thus make it do the greatest amount of good to the greatest number.

The issuance by the Chamber of Commerce of an eight-page pamphlet is the first real work this organization has done since the issuance of the booklet nearly a year ago. It is to be hoped that this is an indication of a re-awakening and that instead of scrapping over immaterial things it will get down to business and work for the good of the entire county. If it does not, then it rests with some other organization to take up the work of advertising this county and city and try and make a success of it.

Some people would have us believe that this city is like the fat man with a full stomach—has everything it wants. That may be true, but we have seen such people die from apoplexy.

FRIENDS COMING.

If so, meet them at the railroad with one of the Mammoth stable teams. It assures them an easy, comfortable ride. They won't be tired when they get here. Rates very low.

EXCHANGES

(Tidings)

The Myers family of California have been incorporating savings banks by the wholesale in Oregon during the past fortnight, each with a capitalization of \$5000. Most of the important towns of the State are covered by the separate articles of incorporation filed with the secretary of state, and Ashland is on the list for one of these prospective institutions. It is suggested that one strong reason for hurrying up the filing by the California promoters is to get ahead of the new state banking law, which will fix the minimum figure at which any bank may be capitalized at \$10,000.

The joint committees which have been working upon railroad legislation, as a result of their work have reported some amendments to the Chapin Railroad Commission Bill, and the measure will now be considered by the houses as amended. The important change made in the Chapin bill is to raise the salaries of the commissioners provided for, from \$3000 to \$5000 a year. One chief clerk is provided for at \$1500, instead of three clerks, which the original bill calls for. The commissioners shall also pay their own expenses when traveling.

E. R. Reames, the Klamath Falls merchant who has been spending some days in Ashland and vicinity, will leave for San Francisco in a few days on a brief business visit.

Horace Mitchell returned last night from a trip to Sacramento and San Francisco. He will visit relatives here for a few days before returning to Klamath Falls. Mrs. Mitchell and son have been staying with relatives here during her husband's trip below.

Monday, the Senate by a unanimous vote, adopted Muhl's Senate joint memorial No. 3, urging Congress to compel the Oregon & California Railroad company to comply with the provision of its land grant requiring it to sell its lands to settlers at not more than \$2.50 an acre.

The petition to Congress recites that vast tracts of public lands within Oregon are claimed and held by the Oregon & California R. R. Co., as grantee in succession, under the act of Congress of the United States of July 25, 1866 and April 10, 1869. That said tracts are withdrawn from sale, whereby development and progress of the State are retarded. That said railroad company, so claiming said lands has not complied with the terms of the said Act of April 10, 1869, as to the terms of sale and the quantities of land to be sold.

That said conditions are claimed to inure to the United States as grantor to the predecessor in alleged interest of said Oregon & California railroad company, and have not been complied with.

Therefore your memorialist most respectfully asks that the Congress of the United States be and is hereby requested to enact such laws and take such steps by resolution, or otherwise, as may be necessary to compel said railroad company to comply with the conditions of said grant, and to enact and declare some sufficient penalty for non-compliance therewith by way of forfeiture of the grant, or otherwise, as in the wisdom of Congress may seem best.

That the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the state of Oregon and all land grant States, be and they are hereby requested to use their utmost endeavor to procure the needed legislation in the above matter. That this memorial be forwarded to the President and all Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Her "Kismet"

A fashionable woman had a bit of statuary bearing the inscription "Kismet." A housemaid dusting the room asked her mistress:

"Shure, ma'am, what's the m'anin' of the 'ritin' on the bottom of this?"

"Oh, you mean 'Kismet.' It means 'fate,'" replied the mistress.

Bridget was limping painfully when out with her sweetheart not long afterward, and he asked:

"What's the matter, Bridget?"

"Faith," was the answer, "I have the most terrible corns on me kismet."

The Statue of Liberty.

The Colossus of Rhodes probably never brought any returns in cash to the city, but its tradition will last when everything else Rhodessian is entirely lost from history. So with this Statue of Liberty. It gives a welcome to every stranger who comes to America to seek his fortune in a country which has been the friend of the oppressed for centuries. It is hailed with joy by every American who catches a glimpse of it as he returns from a sojourn in Europe. Its meaning is more apparent after a short absence from America than perhaps it was before such an experience. It is one of the few things which we have which is not commercialized.—Chicago Tribune.

The Wrong Line.

A society which disseminates moral literature once sent a railway manager a large number of free tracts to place in the waiting rooms. One was entitled, "A Route to the New Jerusalem." The letter which the moral literature society received in reply declined the tracts. "We cannot place the tracts," wrote the manager, "as the N. J. is not on our system."

Denatured Alcohol

In Reply to a criticism of the law on the ground that regular distilleries only can engage in the manufacture of denatured alcohol, enabling the whisky trust to secure practically a monopoly, Mr. Yerkes said:

"This office knows of no process by which alcohol can be manufactured except by distillation, and as regular distilleries are the only kind recognized by the law, alcohol manufactured under the supervision of this department must be manufactured at regular distilleries. There are absolutely no limitations as to the size of a distillery that can be operated under the law. There are over 1000 distilleries in operation now at each of which the daily spirit producing capacity is less than 30 gallons. Many of these were set up on an outlay of less than \$200. So far as the internal revenue laws are concerned, either in theory or practice, the smallest and crudest distillery can produce alcohol, if as a business proposition it is deemed advisable to do so. The small distilleries have always been treated by this department with the same consideration as the larger ones.

HOW A FARMER MAY PRODUCE DENATURED ALCOHOL.

"If a farmer or other person desires to go into the business of manufacturing denatured alcohol, at a plant however small, he will be required to construct his plant in the manner prescribed by the general laws and regulations. He will be required to give a bond, the effect of which is to prevent him from defrauding the government of the tax on any distilled spirits produced by him. He will be required to establish a distillery warehouse; to deposit the spirits produced by him in this warehouse; to establish a denaturing bonded warehouse, and to pay tax on denature, just as he may wish, the alcohol produced by him. All of this will be done under governmental supervision. The manufacturer of alcohol does not bear one cent of it. There is no objection to a farmer manufacturing his alcohol in his 'back yard' provided he wants to establish a distillery there. If you will take the trouble to investigate you will find, in my opinion, that the laws and regulations relating to the manufacture of alcohol in Germany do not differ to any great extent from the laws and regulations in this country."

You won't go wrong if you order your spring and summer clothes from us. We guarantee a perfect fit and satisfaction. K K K Store.

For sale—The north half of the northeast quarter, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section nineteen, south of range eleven, east of Willamette meridian. Inquire at this office.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to L. F. Willits on store account, may settle the same at my old stand, with Shive Brothers & Co. where my books will be kept during my absence from the city. L. F. Willits. tf

GOING TO KENO?

If so, get a rig from the Mammoth Stables. Fine, gentle horses, good buggies, reasonable prices.

Grand Ball

The W. O. W. will give their regular Grand Annual Ball in the Houston opera house Friday evening, February 22. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and have a good time.

JAMES HUGHES,
H. P. SHIDLER,
C. T. OLIVER,
Committee on Arrangements.

NOTICE.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America met in regular meeting in Sanderson's Hall, January 31st, 1907. It was moved and unanimously carried that we adopt the 8 hour day, same to commence the 1st day of March, and retaining the old standard wages of last year, \$3.50 per day, and public notice to be given of the same.

A. E. BAMBER, Pres.
A. M. TAYLOR, R. S.

Dress goods of all kinds reduced, the Brick Store Co's Saturday sale.

We have just received a lot of their lands with us. Our extensive correspondence and Mr. Mason's advertising trip have put us in touch with several parties who will want land for actual settlement. MASON & STOVON. tf

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Klamath county, Oregon. In the matter of the estate of Harry Slayton, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Harry Slayton, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the proper vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at his office in the city of Klamath Falls, County of Klamath, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, dated this 12th day of February, 1907.
2-14-3-14 C. F. STON, administrator.

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