

## ENGINEER'S ESTIMATES

### Mr. Applegate Gives Facts and Figures in Reply to Mr. Taylor

#### PRICE PAID IS NOT EXORBITANT

#### Complete History of Purchase of Canals and Water Rights -- Erroneous Impressions Corrected.

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., Feb. 26, 1907. EDITOR REPUBLICAN:

I desire sufficient space in your newspaper for a short exposition on the subject of canal and reservoir site estimates and purchases for the Klamath Project. It is a matter of regret that there should be any occasion for discussion of a subject that was satisfactorily disposed of nearly two years ago; nor would there be any were it not for certain agitators who ought to know better.

Some more statements and figures by J. Scott Taylor, published in last week's Republican and the Express, are quoted with amazement by those who are acquainted with the facts in the case. This letter of Mr. Taylor's purports to be a reply to my communication on the subject appearing in The Republican of the preceding week.

It is but fair to state that Mr. Taylor has had exceptional opportunities to acquaint himself with every detail in connection with the matter of discussion. He is therefore assumed that he knows the truth. With this understanding I herewith submit statements and figures along with those of Mr. Taylor, a comparison of which will, I think, enable anyone to measure the degree of credence to be placed upon what Mr. Taylor says.

Referring to the cost to the government of all the canals and reservoir sites in the Klamath Project, he makes the following statement: "Now what were the engineers' estimates of cost? As near as we can ascertain they were less than \$200,000; so \$450,000 was (or will be) paid over and above the original estimates, and the Express was rather conservative in stating the amount at \$400,000." (Conservative seems to be rather an elastic term with Mr. Taylor.)

Following are estimates of cost of canals and reservoir sites copied from the original "Estimates and report on Klamath Project, April, 1905," now on file in the office of the United States Reclamation Service at Klamath Falls, Oregon, which report and estimates were submitted to the Board of Consulting Engineers of the Reclamation Service which met in Klamath Falls during the month of April 1905:

Clear Lake reservoir site....	\$187,700 00
Horse Fly reservoir site.....	26,894 00
Ankeny-Henley ditch.....	50,000 00
Ankeny-Henley vested water right for 1799 acres.....	30,745 00
Klamath canal.....	150,000 00
Adams ditch.....	100,000 00
Van Brimmer ditch (water for 3368 acres).....	57,559 00
Moore Brothers' rights on Klamath Lake.....	15,000 00
Total.....	\$617,698 00

NOTE: A previous estimate on the Clear Lake property was \$225,000, exceeding the one given above by..... 38,000 00

Making a grand total of \$655,698 00 It will be noted that there is a difference between Mr. Taylor's figures and those of the engineers' of nearly half a million dollars! Perhaps this is due to Mr. Taylor's conservatism!

The Editor of the Express submits an itemized statement of cost amounting to \$851,500, adding thereto the following: "That, Mr. Editor, is what the stockholders of the Water Users' association will have to pay for canals and reservoir sites, eight hundred and fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars." (!) Another slight divergence!

Let us analyze an item or two in this statement: "Moore Brothers' ditch, 7,000 inches water for power, \$300,000." (Whew!) A perusal of the contract and agreement between Moore Brothers and the United States, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Water User's association, shows the following facts: Moore Brothers retain

insuring its sale in small tracts to home-makers. They also surrender their contract with Mr. Adams under which these lands were to have been irrigated from the Adams canal.

Adams canal. Estimated original cost to the builders, \$72,873. Revenue for the year prior to purchase by government, a little over 7 per cent on this amount above expenses. Cost to government \$100,000, netting a little more than 6 per cent on this amount the past season. Just reaching a point where it was possible to greatly increase its revenues. All land under it, including Mr. Adams', subscribed to the Association and will pay its proportional part of cost of project. Entire canal system to be used in government system without waste. The Keno Cut will take away the entire water supply. Same must have been supplied at expense of water users. Rights were involved which might have meant almost endless litigation and loss of time and consequent abandonment of the project.

Ankeny-Henley Canal. Estimated original cost to owners, \$50,757. The

tion Service makes a mistake in its policy or practice in carrying out the system, the Express will not hesitate to criticize it." Mr. Taylor might tell why he not only "hesitated to criticize" but upheld the Reclamation Service in these "exorbitant" canal and reservoir site purchases for nearly two years.

Yours for Irrigation,  
ELMER I. APPELGADE.

#### TO ABOLISH POSTOFFICE

#### Movement to Close Up Whitelake City and Change Route

A movement has been started to close the Whitelake postoffice and have the few people who now receive their mail there served from the Merrill office. The matter has been taken up with the authorities in Washington.

It would seem that this is the last straw on the heavy load that has been weighting down this ill-fated enterprise. Since the announcement that the Southern Pacific would build a line to Merrill the last hope of any possibility of re-

## NEW FACTOR IS LAUNCHED

### Formal Opening of the Inland Empire Club Saturday Evening

#### HAS AN IMPORTANT MISSION

Work under way on fencing and other general improvements and setting out of fruit and shade trees all denotes the tendency toward permanent and substantial improvements, making the driveways and highways more attractive and the establishment of precedents that will go far toward making the Klamath Basin numbered among the pleasant places in which to reside.

The Adams dredger is widening the railroad grade south of the Macadam road and the main canal is nearing completion to the East, where large numbers of teams are to be seen moving to and fro on the earthworks that are to control the flood of water which will be spread over broad fields by the irrigators. It does one good to drive out along the country roads and see the fields when then green is just peeping through the earth.

#### THE CONTEST

The vote to date is as follows:

Miss Louise Sargeant.....	93
Miss Stella Campbell.....	78
Miss Archie Keesee.....	47

All the late patterns in mercerized dress goods at the Stiltz' Dry Goods Co. Cement sidewalks and crushed rock will be placed on several of the streets in the Hot Springs addition this summer.

#### COLORADANS MEET

#### Organize a State Society and Will Boost Klamath County

The columbine was the flower, photos of mountain homes, mills, scenic spots and remembered dells the subject of conversation, linked with personal reminiscences, and the cordial greetings and cultivation of acquaintance between one hundred former residents of that state the crowning feature of the gathering of Colorado people at A. O. U. W. hall last night. Frank Ira White was chairman of the meeting, which decided unanimously upon a permanent organization to hold occasional social gatherings and promote interest in Klamath by letters to Colorado friends with an invitation that they come and receive some of the benefits that await all who locate in this basin. Houston's orchestra furnished music for the evening and vocal selections were rendered by Oscar Wright and Miss Wright. There was a magnificent spread in the dining room adjacent to the hall, and the ladies were tendered the courtesy of the use of kitchen and utensils of the Rebekahs.

There will be a permanent organization of the Coloradans that will endeavor to attract the interest and decision to locate here of a great many people from the irrigated districts of that state. The plans for the society were delegated to a committee consisting of eight members as follows: Mrs. A. W. Peil, Mrs. E. B. Hall, Miss Eliza Stiltz, Messrs. E. B. Hall, John Stiltz, F. L. Wright, Arthur C. Lewis and Frank Ira White.

There were short talks by F. L. Wright, R. W. Tower, F. C. Eldred, H. B. Wakefield, A. M. Worden, E. B. Hall and others, and the occasion was marked by a degree of enthusiasm that bespeaks good work in boosting Klamath, as the members intend shall be the prime object of the new society aside from cultivating sociability and closer friendships between the former residents of the Centennial state.

There is going to be something doing in the Hot Springs addition shortly. Buy lots now and save from twenty-five to fifty per cent.

It is dollars to doughnuts and a million to one that lots purchased now will show from one to three hundred per cent increase in value within two years.

#### I. O. O. F.

Regular meeting of Klamath lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., Saturday evening, March 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be work in the initiatory degree and a bunch will be served. Visiting brothers cordially invited. By order of the lodge committee.

#### Can Do Much to Promote the Welfare of the Section From Which It Derives Its Name

The Inland Empire club was christened last Saturday evening, and a splendid christening it was, too. Gathered within the club rooms was practically every member of the organization, augmented by the members of the Klamath Falls Military band, which furnished the music for the occasion. The event was a memorable one, and marked the real beginning of an organization that will play a prominent part in the growth and prosperity not only of Klamath Falls but of the entire Klamath Basin.

Occupying half of the third floor of the Baldwin block, the club has headquarters that are second to none outside of Portland. And it has only begun. The time is not far distant when the growth will make it necessary to acquire the entire third floor and fit it up in a manner that will bespeak the wealth of the great section from which the club takes its name. Though scarcely started it has shown a vigor that indicates that interest is not to be lacking, and with that as a barometer it is certain to grow in power and influence each day.

The social Saturday evening was purely an informal affair, and as such was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number of members attending. Card and other games were indulged in and members further enlivened the occasion by gathering around the piano and singing old college songs. The music furnished by the band was much appreciated.

About midnight lunch was served, including salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee, followed by soft drinks and cigars.

Though only a portion of the furnishings are on hand, the rooms presented a comfortable, homelike appearance. The floors are covered with small rugs, and writing and card tables are scattered throughout the rooms. Most of the leading magazines and many of the daily papers are to be found in the reading room. In the near future the balance of the furnishings will be installed, after which the acme of comfort, convenience and pleasure will be found by the members.

The membership of the club is now 77, and from present indications this will be greatly increased in the near future. Klamath Falls and Klamath county wishes the new organization God Speed, for it is fully realized that it will do much to build up one of the greatest sections on the Pacific Coast.

The members of the Wowan's Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular meeting Friday March 1st in the Baptist church, at 2:30 p. m. All are invited. Emma Grigsby, Rec. Sec.

25c, 35c and 40c embroideries only 16c per yard, Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Boston Store.

For bargains in city property see Mark L. Burns.

#### At the Opera House

Saturday night the Home Dramatic company will present the Southern comedy drama in four acts, entitled "The Princess of Patches." This will be one of the best bills the company has presented. The usual cast of characters will appear in the play and new feature will be beautiful illustrated songs between the acts. Seats are now on sale at the usual place.

Fine watch repairing. L. Alva Lewis. Pasture For Rent.

One field, fenced, about 40 acres, and one field fenced, about 120 acres. Apply to Hot Springs Improvement Co.

Chitwoods Toilet cream will cure sunburn, tan and freckles.

For choice farming and see Mark L. Burns.



BALDWIN BUILDING  
Home of the Inland Empire Club

This building is typical of the spirit that is making the Klamath Basin the great section that it is and the greater one that it will be. It is the only four story building in Southern Oregon.

years prior and up to time of purchase revenues paid above expenses an average of nearly 7 per cent on the above amount. Cost to government \$50,000 in addition to recognition of vested right to water for the irrigation of 1799 acres, allowing that which they already had. This canal was essential to the project and occupied a strategic position, the control of which made possible the acquisition of other properties needed. Without it it would have been much harder to have dealt with the Klamath Canal Company. Realizing this advantage, this company made the owners of the canal an offer of the same price paid by the government.

Klamath Canal. Total estimated expenditures of company up to time of purchase by United States, \$83,538, a sum much less than the Company's estimate. Cost to government \$150,000. The company had originally asked several times this amount, together with valuable concessions in the way of water for power purposes, exclusive navigation privileges, etc. In order to save time (and a little time might have cost the project) avoid long and expensive litigation, and in justice to the dignity of the United States Government, it was deemed advisable to pay this price.

Right here I want to recall a little history in connection with this matter to illustrate the feeling of the people at the time. At the conference of the Engineers of the Reclamation Service and Board of Directors of the Water Users' association with the officials of the Klamath Canal Company, April 14, 1905, the Klamath Canal Company's offer to sell for \$250,000 was rejected. As a member of the conference, I well remember the pressure that was brought to bear on us to give the company its price, or a little less if possible. I have not forgotten how we were condemned for "holding up the project," by some of the very persons who now cry "grait" and "exorbitant" prices. The chief objector, himself, stated that he would be willing to give double the total price paid for all canals and reservoir sites to save a year's delay in the construction of the project.

The Klamath Falls Express of October 25, 1905, says editorially: "This paper from the start upheld government irrigation for this section and wants to see it a success, but when the Reclamation

suscitating the remains of Whitelake went glimmering, and now that the new deal in transportation circles proposes to run a boat line to Merrill, there is little sunshine in store for the owners of lots in what was to be the gem of southern Klamath. With the abolishing of the postoffice, Whitelake becomes ancient history.

#### CITY'S GROWTH TENDS EASTWARD

#### Remarkable Activity Prevalent in the Eastern Part of City

These days there is such activity around Klamath Falls that the average citizen of the town does not realize the improvements under way or how much is being done that will result in beautifying the city and its vicinity. A Republican representative had occasion this week to make a trip out along the Macadam Road past Altamont and discovered several new residences that have lately been completed on different parts of the East Klamath Falls Tracts and the same was noted toward the south line of the same property. Sagebrush is being cleared in several places in order that the land may be brought under cultivation and other homes are to be built.

Seldon K. Ogle, who recently sold his residence property on Fifth street, at the corner of Walnut, has completed his new home, located on the Township Line a half mile East of the Macadam road, and is rapidly making it a most attractive country place.

John Matney, who built a new residence the past winter at the East side of Mills Addition, near the sanitarium site of the Sisters' of St. Francis, has sold the property to Charles E. Lewis who will soon occupy the home. Mr. Matney will probably build in another location.

Frank H. Hall, who recently purchased a lot in Mills Addition, is planning to soon begin the erection of a residence.