

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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ANOTHER "LAW"

Oregon has another of "the people's laws." This time it is one creating a Railroad Commission, and like many of the other fanatical measures, it is proclaimed with great eclat. But following on the heels of the proclamation comes the appointment of the members of the commission. Who are they and what will they do? No one knows, nor will they, until the members are put to the test. When the bill was passed with a salary allowance of \$4,000 a year for each of the three members, it was supposed that it would attract some "big men." But it seems that the big men did not have an opportunity to be attracted, for some apparently pretty small ones were landed on the shelf in one, two, three orders.

It was presumed that this commission would remedy many of the evils from which this State is suffering, but whether it will or not remains to be seen. Under the provisions of this bill, part of the commission will be elected in 1909 and the rest of it in 1911. If the present commission is not a railroad affair, it is a safe prediction that the elected one will be, for under the present ridiculous direct primary law the railroads will be able to nominate and elect men who will do their bidding.

A commission antagonistic to the railroads would be too serious an affair, and they are going to take good care that none of that kind will exist. With the direct primary law, the "people" will make the selection, being guided in their choice by a well directed campaign of the literary and advertising character, that will tell them how the railroad's candidate will wipe out all the existing evils and curb the rapaciousness of the monster.

To an unbiased observer these so-called laws for the people are ludicrous. It is just like so much soap handed out by a gang of irresponsible politicians to stop imaginary unrest among their constituents. It smacks a good deal of Kansas in its palmiest Populist days, is an indication of the decadence of true Republican principals and a rapid drifting towards Socialism. It is to be hoped that in the not far distant future some man will arise who will be of big enough caliber to snatch the Republican party from its present course, a course that will surely lead to destruction if the so-called leaders of the party persist in following it.

THE HOLD-UP

Abel Ady is out with a statement to the effect that he is not holding up the construction of the California-North-eastern, and designates as "bunco steerers" those who have said he was guilty of such an act. The really pertinent part of his remarks pertains to the statement that the "Southern Pacific railroad is coming to Klamath Falls without delay" and "if they cannot construct the road others will."

Maybe. It is not the desire of the Republican to appear in the role of an alarmist, but we would like to call the attention of our readers to the fact that there are many instances where a railroad was supposed to "have to" build into a town, when they did not have to at all; and in fact did not. It is to be regretted that there is a spirit manifested along the line of this "have to" idea. While it is apparent from present conditions that it would be advantageous to the railroad to come to this city, and that it will do so, yet it does not follow that it must.

During the past few weeks there have been many movements in the construction of the California-Northeastern that the people of this county cannot fathom. It might be well for them to ponder over them, and when they get through to remember that railroads have demonstrated that they are hard affairs to be forced against their will. Even if the road comes here, there are many other things that it can do that will be beneficial to Klamath Falls and Klamath county, but will be left undone if the road is antagonized. It is in the power of the railroad to make a great city out of Klamath Falls or not, just as it pleases. We know that there are many who hold different views, but if they will lay aside their prejudices and give the matter fair and serious consideration, we believe that they will come around to our way of thinking.

In the matter of rights of way, it would be wise for those interested in them to be just and fair with the railroad. We have no desire to say that Mr. Ady's valuation of \$10 an acre for his tule land is too high; that's for him to decide. But it is a dead mortal cinch that he will not be able to dictate to the railroad how it is going to run its business after it gets here. He has, of course, an old score to settle with the

Southern Pacific, and presumes he has an opportunity to make them turn the grindstone, but it is to be hoped that in his endeavor to accomplish such a result the interests of Klamath Falls and Klamath county will not be made to suffer.

MR. APPEGATE'S REPLY

In this issue of The Republican appears Mr. E. I. Applegate's reply to J. Scott Taylor. He has taken considerable pains to cover the points at issue very thoroughly, and we believe that the most critical person will admit that he has done his work well.

It would appear to us, however, that it's simply a case of threshing over old straw, with no better results than a bag of chaff. The cry of graft and intrigue that has been raised from time to time has so little foundation that it falls flat whenever made. The people who are going to pay for the reclamation of the land are satisfied almost to a unit. The only dissatisfaction seems to lurk in the vicinity of people who have a special purpose to serve, even that purpose shall be carried at the expense of ninety-nine per cent of the people actually interested. It is a self-evident fact that this one per cent tail is not going to wag the dog, and we, therefore, can see no possible good to come from constantly digging up a ghost that is too dead to skin.

If the energy that is put forth to cast discredit on everyone and everything was turned in a different channel it would produce more beneficial effects. It should be turned towards the home-seeker and investor, the people to whom we must look if Klamath county ever amounts to anything. This thing of kicking a straw man from one end of the county to the other ought to stop, and in its stead should be placed the greatness of the Inland Empire.

Obituary

Mrs. Govan High died at the home of her son, William High, in Picard, Wednesday, February 18, 1907, death being due to pneumonia. Some months ago Mr. and Mrs. High came from Woodland, Cal., where they had been residing for the past three years. The funeral was held in the Congregational church, Rev. H. Wilkins, officiating, and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends. Many beautiful floral offerings covered the rosewood casket, tributes of loving friends, who had learned to love the deceased. At the time of her death, Mrs. High was 84 years and 4 months old.

A short service was held at the grave, where she was laid away in the quiet church yard with the everlasting hills keeping guard.

Three years ago, Mr. and Mrs. High celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary by a family reunion and dinner at the home of their son, Deston High, in Ashland, Oregon, at which were present all the children then living, except three, and a few invited guests. The aged couple stood up as they did sixty years ago to embark on their long career of matrimony and Squire Milton Berry made a few remarks of congratulation and comment appropriate to the occasion. The old couple exhibited a remarkable mental and physical vigor for persons of their age. Mrs. High, who was Miss Mary Jane Lincoln, was born in New York in 1822. James Monroe was then President of the United States, and the present empire of population and wealth west of the Mississippi, especially the Missouri river country, was practically unknown, save what the Lewis and Clark expedition had revealed of the country. Mrs. High's father was a nephew of Benjamin Lincoln, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and a conspicuous general of the Continental army. The family was also connected with that of Abraham Lincoln. When she was eight years old, her father built a flat boat of capacity to carry five families, and they floated down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Illinois, where they settled in Montgomery county. She had a good recollection of the Black Hawk war in which several of her family and neighbors participated. She was married to Govan High on Feb. 4, 1844.

In 1857 they moved to Missouri, but in 1860 the war feeling became too hot for them and, disposing of their property at a sacrifice, they hastily removed back to Illinois. In 1863 they crossed the plains to California by ox team, being six months on the way. After a residence of fourteen years in California, Mr. High moved his family to Oregon, and in 1883 settled in Ashland, where they have resided continuously until about three years ago, when they dis-

posed of their property and went to Woodland, living there until a few months ago, when they came to Picard to live with their son, Wm. High.

Govan High, the husband, is 83 years old. He would easily pass for a man twenty years younger. He was born and raised in "Old Virginia." He went to Illinois with his parents and was there married to Miss Lincoln. Nine children have been born to them, seven of whom are living. They have had sixty-one grandchildren of whom fifty-one are living, two of whom were in the Spanish war. Two of their children served in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion.

EXCHANGES

[Merrill Record]

The many friends of H. S. Farris are pleased to see him on the streets without crutches or stick after a very bad compound fracture of the leg.

Miss Garrison, who has been teaching in the Merrill schools, has given up the place. She will be succeeded by Miss Conn, who has been teaching at Olene.

W. H. McClure, who has sold his Poe valley ranch, was in town this week. Though he has sold his farm "Bill" says he has no idea of leaving Klamath county.

The "Private Secretary" here last night played by the Klamath Falls Dramatic Co., was a very creditable presentation of the laughable drama and kept the house in an uproar most of the time. Each of the actors deserve special mention as all were good, but the Record is unable to give them the mention they deserve. After the performance the Merrill Baseball club gave a dance which lasted until the wee small hours and was indulged in by many of our people and was a very pleasant affair. At midnight an elegant chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Ratliff at the Riverside hotel. Tonight "Farmer Joskins" is to be presented.

The machinery has been ordered and is now on the road for Merrill's new planing mill. The men behind this new enterprise are W. P. Rhoads and the Turner Bros. The mill will be located near Lost river in the south-western part of town where the brick yard now is. Arrangements have been made by Mr. Rhoads and the Turners for the purchase of six acres, adjoining the river, of N. S. Merrill for the mill and yards.

[Lateview Examiner]

Archie Johnson, the timber cruiser, his brother Ian Johnson and Mr. Laferty, came over from Klamath county first of the week to make proof on the timber claims of the two latter gentlemen.

You will find the best stocked Shoe Dept. in Klamath county at the K K K Store. Walk-over and Napatan brands.

Just arrived at Alva Lewis's, new line of jewelry.

For information of Klamath county, address Mark L. Burns, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

All kinds of finest perfumes at Newsom & Underwood.

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

Bell-Mitchell

A quiet wedding took place just out of the city limits of Los Angeles, at the home of the groom's parents at 2 o'clock p. m., February the 18th, the contracting parties being James Bell and Miss Angie Mitchell. After the ceremony, a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Bell.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Bell, old time residents of Los Angeles, while the bride is a daughter of Henry Mitchell of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

The young couple took the evening train for Thermal to take up their residence on Mr. Bell's ranch in Riverside county, Cal.

The good wishes of a host of friends go with them as they begin their married life.

Fine line of stationery at Newsom & Underwood.

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.

No Additions to Midland

For the assurance of purchasers of lots in the town of Midland, as well as to furnish information to people interested in lands in or near to Midland, which purchasers or owners of land might be affected by the reports to effect that several additions would be made to Midland, we take this method of stating that there will be no additions to Midland for some years. We can give this assurance, for the reason that we own land on all sides of the town site, all of which will be kept vacant, except the vacant land on the south and the south-east of the town site, which has been set aside for the use of stock yards, sheds and loading pens.—MIDLAND TOWN COMPANY.

WILL RETURN TO FORMER HAUNTS

J. H. Dick is Attracted to Klamath County

Among old timers in Klamath county who are intending to return again this year to see the changes that have taken place here, is J. H. Dick, of Eugene, who spent his boyhood in the basin and has been away for many years. Mr. Dick is a stockman who has been engaged for several years in shipping livestock. He was born in this county and in May, 1876, his parents were drowned in Lake Ewauna by the accidental overturning of a row-boat. Kind hearted people provided a home for the two orphan boys so suddenly bereft, and at early ages they were thrown upon their own resources. When 14 years old John, the elder of the two brothers, was employed on the big ranch now included in the Mills Addition to Klamath Falls and the East Klamath Falls Tracts, then owned by Alex Martin and E. R. Reames. That was along about 1884 and the country was so overrun with rabbits that the boy was furnished a .22 calibre rifle and employed to prevent the little destroyers of vegetation devastating a small field of wheat sown west of the house on the ranch and with which was seeded the first alfalfa planted on that splendid tract of land.

When in Eugene ten days ago Frank Ira White was introduced to Mr. Dick, who inquired about Alex Martin Jr., and other and of his old acquaintances, asked many questions about the development of the district. He said it had long been his desire to come back and see the country and he would certainly do so this year.

New Tailor Shop Just opened

Mr. Born has just arrived from Portland and is prepared to take your order for a good suit at the RIGHT FIGURE

A new line of Spring samples complete. Come early and avoid the rush

KLAMATH FALLS LEADING TAILORS Houston House

MAPS of Klamath County

Compiled from Official Records and Personal Reconnaissance by L. Heath of Port Gamble, Wash.

These are sectional maps of the entire territory included within the boundaries of Klamath County, Oregon, showing wagon roads and railroads, cities, towns, settlements, valleys, mountain ranges with elevation of principal peaks, rivers, creeks, lakes, marshes, main ditches of the irrigation project, the Klamath Indian reservation, the permanent forest reserve, Crater Lake Park and many other features of the topography.

These maps are blue prints and may be had in two sizes. The large size, 4 feet, 3 inches wide, by 6 feet, 4 inches high, is made on a scale of one and one-half miles to the inch. Price, \$10. The small size, 10 inches wide by 15 inches high, is made on a scale of one-eighth inch to the mile and costs \$2.

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Bonanza Lots

We own very desirable land in small tracts adjoining the town of Merrill

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