

OPPOSES DONATION OF CITY FUNDS

Taxpayer Criticizes Town Council for
Attitude in the Matter.

Klamath Falls, Ore., March 6, 1907.
To the Editor:—
It appears from information printed in the Herald that all it requires is the vote of one councilman to make a donation from the city treasury of \$250 to a few citizens, so that they will become the owners of property that they fenced in some years ago. The owners of the property, which is affected by a strip of land owned in fee simple by the Light & Water Co., were well aware of the state of affairs and bought their lots at a price accordingly. We were much impressed with the stand of one of the Town Council on this subject, as printed in the paper some two or three weeks ago, and we note similar objections by another Councilman, in Tuesday's issue of the Herald. We heartily approve of their position, and we question most seriously the position taken by those members who favor such an ordinance, as it does not seem possible that they have displayed the same amount of wisdom in their actions in this matter as they would have done, had it been their own private business. It is common talk on the street that the funds of the City of Klamath Falls have been lavishly spent during the past year or two, and many predictions are made that there will be trouble sooner or later. Nobody seems to know anything about the financial condition of the town, and in this connection, will ask why it is that no account of expenses, receipts and financial statement of the town is printed, the same as is done in nearly all other cities and towns. It is time that Klamath Falls takes on some of the business instincts of a thriving city. Publicity in all matters pertaining to finances, and anything of a public interest, is always beneficial. Our Town Council has no doubt made mistakes, and no matter who is elected to fill the honorable position, the Council will continue to make more or less mistakes, but by giving publicity to all their actions, their chances of mistakes will be greatly reduced.

Now, while on this subject, I would refer to the subject of the coming town election. It is currently reported that certain persons are seeking the nomination for mayor, and reason given are that they can control a certain vote, or are merchants, bankers, barbers, lawyer, etc., or reputable citizens in some other walk of life. Not in one single instance do you hear if the proposed nominee is competent to fill the position, and to my way of thinking, it matters not whether he is doctor, lawyer, merchant or chief. The question that should be settled is: has the nominee the necessary qualifications, such as honesty and business ability, and if his standing in the community is such as to command the honor and respect of the majority of the tax payers? Let us set aside all animosity and select the most suitable Mayor and Town Council, for the coming term; men who are public spirited, and who are prepared to devote a portion of their time to the welfare of the community, and to handle the affairs of the town with as much care as though it were their own private business. It takes men of stamina to fill these positions, for the reason that unfortunately there is always a certain class of people who are trying to keep the Town Council for their own private gain. When money is appropriated for improvements, it should be made a special duty to see that competent men are put in charge to see that the money is expended to the best use.

Yours respectfully,
Citizen and Taxpayer.

Additional Briefs

J. O. Hamaker, editor of the Bonanza Bulletin, was in this city this week wearing that benign smile so characteristic to people on whom Dame Fortune is smiling. The growth of Bonanza is making the Bulletin something to be proud of.

Jacob Rneck was in the city Saturday attending the meeting of the Water Users Association and incidentally looking after the interest of the landowners from his district.

Miss Lillian Stilts returned from Portland last Saturday, where she had been for several weeks studying the latest styles in millinery. She placed a large order for the Stilts Dry Goods Company for spring millinery and other seasonable articles that will delight the feminine heart.

The members of the Spoon Club and their husbands and a few invited guests were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pierce, assisted by Mrs. Don Zumwalt, Saturday evening. The customary game of 500 was played, Mrs. C. Ross Ander-

TAYLOR REPLIES TO APPLIGATE

Does Not Agree With the Latter's Appraisal of Water Rights

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—
As your time and space is limited I will only take up one phase this week of the controversy between Secretary Applegate and myself, and that is the water to be furnished Moore Bros. The stockholders of the Water Users' association undoubtedly know enough to make a distinction between the estimates that went to make up the \$4,400,000 given to them as the probable cost of the project and the "Engineers' estimates and reports on the Klamath Project," in which reports the prices were recommended in accordance with the figures quoted by Secretary Applegate.

We concede that the estimate quoted for the Moore Bros.' rights on Klamath river is correctly made at \$15,000 and is a just estimate of the values actually owned by them and the limit to which they would have been damaged. The real values secured to the Moore Bros. does not seem to have dawned on the Secretary of the Water Users' association, we judge, from his expression of surprise at our estimate of \$300,000. We think there are few men in the county, who have given the matter any consideration, who believe Moore Bros. ever used one-tenth part of 205 second feet of water. It is commonly admitted that the water heretofore used by the Moore Bros. was equivalent to less than 50 horse power.

Power in Klamath Falls is worth \$2.50 per horse power per month or \$30 per year. Fifty horse power would therefore be worth \$1500 per year or 19 per cent on \$15,000, a very liberal estimate on what the Moore Bros. really had.

In "Water Supply and Irrigation Paper No. 105," published by the U. S. Geological Survey, is the following rule for computing power from water falls with 80 percent efficiency: "Multiply the number of second feet by the number of feet fall and divide by eleven."

Secretary Applegate tells us that the Moore Bros. are to receive 205 second feet of water. This water is to be delivered at the foot of the rapids where the present fall is 56 1/2 feet. After the river is lowered the fall will be 87 feet greater. According to the above rule we have the following result: 205 times 56 equals 11480 divided by 11 equals 1043 7-11. The horse power the Moore Bros. get in return for 50 horse power—1043 7-11 horse power at \$30 per horse power per year gives an annual income of \$31,309, or 10 per cent on \$313,090, a not too liberal estimate on what the Moore Bros. actually get.

After Klamath river is lowered by the Reclamation Service at the expense of the stockholders of the Water Users' association, the 205 second feet of water (collected to the Moore Bros. by Secretary Applegate and a few engineers who call themselves the Reclamation Service) will pay 10 per cent on \$350,000.

Had the astute secretary and engineers rendered unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's the stockholders of the Water Users' association could have returned to the Reclamation fund \$15,000 in ten annual payments without interest and retain for themselves the 1043 7-11 horse power, or 10 per cent or \$313,090, or an annual income of \$31,309, which would for all time pay the cost of ditch maintenance and other expenses.

Secretary Applegate and the Reclamation engineers seem to be extremely anxious to construct the Keno canal far enough to deliver the 205 second feet of water to the Moore Bros., who pay the fiddler, can dance for water.

Moore Bros. have publicly announced their intention to sell power to us by next Fall, and as long as the river flows we will pay to them or their successors 10 per cent on \$300,000 for the use of the power our wise employees are practically giving away, while the stockholders of the Water Users' association are unable to inform the Moore Bros. when they will have produce to sell from their irrigated lands.

J. SCOTT TAYLOR.

Bits of Information

The world uses at least 170,000,000,000 matches yearly.

New Zealand has 2,374 miles of railroad in an area of 104,000 square miles.

The longest fence in the world, it is thought, is one of wire netting in Australia, 1,236 miles long. Its object is to keep rabbits from the cultivated fields.

The world has only 10,000,000,000 tons of iron ore available. Of these Germany has twice as many tons as the United States. Russia and France each has 400,000,000 tons more than this country. Our consumption is placed at 35,000,000, which is more than a third of the world's total consumption.

In the last 500 years more than \$12,000,000,000 worth of gold is estimated to have been dug from the earth. Not much more than one-half of this is definitely known to be in existence in the monetary stocks of the globe. Of this, however, the United States is believed to hold \$1,250,000,000 to \$1,500,000,000.

The highest bridge in the world will be the trolley bridge now under construction across the famous Royal Gorge, in Colorado, which will be 2,627 feet, half a mile, above the river below. As far as height goes, this little bridge—only 320 feet long—will be in a class by itself, its nearest competitor being the recently completed Zambesi bridge, in Africa, 450 feet in height.

Notice

Sealed bids for the purchase of the M. E. church building will be received until noon, March 30, 1907. Also sealed bids for the removal of the building onto lots one block north of the public school. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Address the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the M. E. church, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

For bargains in city property see Mark L. Burns.

Subscribe for the Republican and vote for the most popular girl to represent the county at Jamestown.

TWENTY-ONE CLUB GIVES BANQUET

A Notable Event in the Social Life of This City

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was the dance and banquet given by the Twenty-one club last Friday evening.

The dance was given at the Houston opera house and was enjoyed by nearly eighty people. At midnight the merry dances adjourned to the Lakeside Inn, where an elaborate banquet had been prepared. Toasts were given by Frank Ira White, C. F. Stone, F. J. Bowne, Dr. Merryman, M. D. Williams and B. E. Hayden. After the banquet nearly half of the pleasure seekers returned to the hall, where dancing was indulged in for a while longer. The club is to be congratulated on the successful manner in which it has conducted all its dances and deserves the popularity accorded it.

Princess of Patches

The presentation of the southern comedy drama, the Princess of Patches, by the Home Dramatic Club Saturday evening at Houston's Opera House was one of the best, if not the best, of the plays presented this year. It was the general consensus of opinion that the parts were cast in the very best possible manner and each participant seemed to especially fit the character represented.

Heretofore some one or more of the participants were entitled to the greater portion of the encomiums, but in the Princess of Patches everyone had something that required special effort to properly present it. For these reasons we could not give individual praise.

It was very evident that the audience fully appreciated the efforts of the players, for some were so completely carried away by the play that they forgot where they were and imagined the acts to be a reality.

The cast of characters was as follows:
Selma Royaltan (The Princess of Patches)..... Louise Lowe
Julia Royaltan (Her Cousin).....
..... Maud Belmont
Liza Biggs (Poor White Trash)..... May Gile
Phoebe (A Quaker)..... May Gale
Judas (An Octoroon)..... Geo. W. Lowe
Weak Wagon (A Philosopher).....
..... Wm. Wagner
Jack Morris (A Northerner).....
..... Earl Whitlock
Lee Royaltan (A Planter)..... Wm. Wagner
Col. Robert Royaltan (An Old Soldier)..... C. T. Oliver

For some reason the public of this city did not patronize the play Saturday night as well as usual and therefore lost the best play of the season. The efforts of the Home Dramatic Company are worthy of good patronage and the people should make a special effort to encourage them.

There is one matter that the management of the Home Dramatic Club could put into operation that would make it more pleasant for its patrons and perhaps some who do not now attend would if the suggestion offered was carried out. The gallery gods are unusually and unnecessarily noisy and offensive. Their remarks, shrieks and whistles are not tolerated in well regulated places of amusement and need not be here. These boys should be taught that they do not own the house and that their acts destroy the comfort of many patrons for the whole evening.

Measurement of River Flow

Extracts from the report of Mr. C. E. Grunsky, Consulting Engineer, United States Reclamation Service, upon the feasibility of irrigation project in Oregon.

Mr. Grunsky states: The reconnaissance which I have just made in south-central Oregon has given me an opportunity to become acquainted with the main physical features that must be considered in planning the irrigation of lands in that part of the State.

I desire, in the first place, to confirm the conclusions of other engineers of the service who have made more or less thorough examinations throughout this region, that information relating to the amount of water that can be made available for irrigation is deficient and unreliable and that it is of great importance that a continuous study of the water resources in this part of Oregon shall be made. Reliable conclusions relating to the amount of water that can be made available for irrigation cannot be drawn from the records of stream flow until such records cover a series of years. There should therefore be no delay in extending the study of water resources to these streams.

The region under consideration is a succession of interior drainage basins in

COLONISTS RATES NOW ON SALE

To All Oregon Points From All Over the United States.

The colonist rates from all points in the United States to Oregon went into effect March 1st, and the sale of tickets from many centers was larger than ever before.

It has not been generally known that these tickets were on sale from the cities on the Atlantic Coast, and from all points in the South. The fact that tickets can be bought at any time now until April 30th, from New York City to Buffalo for \$42.50, Pittsburg for \$41, Cincinnati and Louisville for \$38, and Memphis for \$37.50, and that these same rates are available at every country town in the territory surrounding these cities, will bring thousands of people. These rates are being advertised by the various railroads throughout the United States, and this, augmented by the special effort of the Portland Commercial Club-Oregon Development League campaign, will certainly put this State to the forefront and result in a largely increased population.

Beginning in the latter part of February, citizens of Portland and other places in Oregon were buying tickets for their friends in the East, and this can be accomplished by depositing the cost of the ticket with any agent, throughout the entire State of Oregon.

The business men and property holders of the city of Portland are exceedingly enthusiastic relative to these low rates and are liberally subscribing their money to advertise the resources of Oregon. Large display cards "ALL RATES LEAD TO OREGON" are being shown in the windows of the stores and offices of Portland, which give the details and particulars of the colonist rates, and there is no other subject that is being more thoroughly discussed. Never until the present occasion has Oregon taken full and complete advantage of this opportunity to get increased immigration, and now that the rates are available from such a vast portion of the country, every commercial organization in the State will certainly improve the chance, by inducing the people of the State to write letters to old friends and old-home papers, in which they will give good and sufficient reasons why Oregon is the State in which to settle.

These rates apply to the Klamath Basin, being good to Weed or The Dalles.

Stewart Niles

Miss Carrie Niles and John L. Stewart were married in their own home at 8:30 o'clock by Justice Nichols. Mr. Stewart is one of the proprietors of the Midway Bar, and has been a resident of this city for the past year. He has a host of friends who esteem him for his many good qualities and who join in their congratulations. Miss Niles is the daughter of E. L. Niles, former proprietor of the Log Cabin restaurant. She has the good wishes of her many friends.

The popularity of Mr. Stewart was manifested by the numerous charivari parties that serenaded him. They started in immediately following the ceremony and followed one another until after eleven o'clock. The band boys turned out in full force and testified to their esteem to the happy couple.

An elaborate dinner was served at nine o'clock. Among the guests were W. H. Dulaney and wife, C. O. Morgan, Mr. Harlow and wife and the members of the bride's family.

Contents of the March Delicater

Ida M. Tarbell on Woman's Plaque in the World.
Mrs. Osborn's Letter.
The Laudable Dishonesty of Women. By Lillian Bell.
That Gawk Boy of Yours. By Henry A. Shute.
On the Road. By George Henry Payne.
The Abuse of Medicine in the Nursery. By Emelyn L. Coolidge, M. D.
Dressing to Please Men. By Myra Emmons.
Doing the Thing You Can't. By Lida A. Churchill.
A Revel of Mad March Hares. By Winifred Fales.
Concerning Women. By Martha Martin.
The Care of the Woman. By Anna M. Galbraith, M. D.
The Spring Millinery of Paris.
Little Problems of Married Life. By William George Jordan.
The Dawn of Womanhood. By Gabrielle E. Jackson.
The Lighting of the House. By Alice M. Kellogg.
The Elderly Widow: How shall she support herself?
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Franlein Schmidt and M^a Anstruther. (Serial, Illustrated.) By the author of "Elizabeth and Her German Garden."
The Chauffeur and the Chaperon. (Serial, Illustrated.) By C. N. and A. M. Williamson.
The Advantages of Being an Aunt. By J. J. Bell. Illustrated by R. Cory Kilvert.
The Romance of Double Mountain. By Morley Roberts. Illustrated by J. N. Marchand.
The Celestial Vampire. By Abby Meguire Roach.
The Country Cat. A plantation story. By Grace MacGowan Cooke.
GOING TO KENO?
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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. ¶

Everybody's For March, 1907.

Drawing to accompany "The Gentleman Burglar." Frontispiece.
The Adventurer. A Story. Chapters I-III. By Lloyd Osbourne.
Myrtle Smith's Little Brother. A Story. By Margaret G. Fawcett.
"War Against Christ." By Vance Thompson.
Dogdom's "Four Hundred." By R. F. Mayhew.
The Gentleman Burglar. A Story. By Eleanor Hoyt Brainerd.
The "Shadow" in High Finance. By David Ferguson.
The Needless Slaughter by Street-Cars. By John P. Fox.
The Air Fight. A Story. By Morgan Robertson.
Friday, the 13th. Concluded. By Thomas W. Lawson.
Calumny. Verse. By James E. Richardson.
The Marriage Charm. A Story. By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow.
The Players.
The Rag Doll. A Story. By Harvey O'Higgins.
One Room in My Heart Shall be Closed. Verse. By Arthur Stringer.
The Undoing of Man. A Story. By Mary Heaton Vorse.
The World's Half-Citizens. By Olivia Howard Dunbar.
Little Stories of Real Life:
Oral and the Parade. By Bossie R. Hoover.
The Beggar. By Alphonse Courlander.
The Ghost in the Snow. Verse. By Georgia Wood Pangborn.
A Row of Books. By Johan Barrett.
Straight Talk. By "Everybody's" Readers.
With "Everybody's," Publishers.