

KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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A NEW DEAL

There is a new deal on hand now, although it comes from a different deck than that stacked by the promoters of the swamp land game. A new Board of Directors, containing seven new members and two of the old Board, was elected Saturday. They were chosen after a thorough canvass of the field and a perfect understanding as to how each one of the gentlemen stood on the various propositions that have been up for discussion. The Republican is glad that this change has been made. Not that it regrets the defeat of the two members of the old Board who stood for re-election, but because the selection of a practically new Board, composed of the most part of men who are beyond reproach, will demonstrate what this paper has always contended—that the administration of the affairs of the Association have been economical, free from outside influences, that the interests of the stockholders were always carefully looked after, that the old Board of Directors have at all times done everything within its power to solve the various problems that arose in a painstaking manner and that all of the business and workings of the Association, insofar as they had to do with the Board of Directors, was absolutely free from graft or negligence of duty.

This paper has no axe to grind. It has always upheld the old Board, because it believed it was right. It will just as strongly support the new Board as it keeps its skirts as free from taint as the old. It seeks no favors from the Association, and never has. What it is pointing to this office, and it is a mere pittance, amounting to less than \$25 for the past year, was awarded personally to the old Board. We were personally acquainted with but one of the retiring members, and had a special interest in supporting them. Our only aim has been to promote the welfare of the stockholders, the vast majority of whom are readers of the Republican, and in upholding the actions of the old Board we believed, and still maintain that our course would best advance the interests of the land owners, the men who own their homes here, who have lived here for years, who have waited patiently for the coming of just such an event as government reclamation.

The indiscriminate charges that were made had a sinister motive back of them. They were changed to suit the occasion and the person to whom they were told. But the real fact was always hidden. That fact was the immediate reclamation of the swamp lands. We do not believe in the immediate reclamation of the swamp land for one—and only one—reason. The expense connected with the immediate commencement of this work will jeopardize the completion of the Upper and Lower Projects. The funds set aside for this work should be devoted to that purpose and that alone. It should not be spread out thin over the entire work, for the available funds are not sufficient to permit of this and also allow continuous operations to be carried on on the entire project. The position we take, and have taken, is that the settlers who have lived here before we were born, before the present owners of the swamp lands ever heard of Klamath County, before they ever invested a cent here, before the settler whose efforts have always been directed towards the up-building and up-lifting of this great Inland Empire should first reap the benefits of this reclamation. It is the dry land man who deserves and should receive, and will get, first consideration. His home is now here. He has everything out stake, and he has occupied that position for as many as thirty, forty, fifty years. How many homes are on the swamp lands? How many years have the owners of the swamp lands lived on them? Not many, but to hear some of them howl around one would think that the interests of the community were resting wholly and solely on the reclamation of the swamp lands. But it does not and will not.

That is why the Republican supported the old Board, because it was for the reclamation of the dry land first and the swamp land afterwards. And so it will continue to uphold the new Board so long as it will look after the interests of the dry land farmer.

We do not want to be misunderstood on the question of the reclamation of the swamp land. We are heartily in favor of it. It will be one of the greatest additions to the wealth of our country. By all means it must be reclaimed, but not until the reclamation of the dry land has progressed so far that it will not be jeopardized by operations on the swamps.

admit their force. And why not. Though they are heavily interested in swamp lands they need have no fear of loss, for even though it would take ten years to reclaim them, and we do not believe it will take so long, they will still have a profitable investment, for the increase in the value of the land will be great enough to more than equal, if not exceed, the per cent of profit that the dry land farmer will make on his reclaimed land during all those years. Under such conditions, why this determined haste to bring about this reclamation at the expense of the man who has waited for it so long? We hope that the new Board will take the same stand on this question that the old Board took. If it does it will do one of the greatest works for the men they represent that it is possible for them to do.

The opposition is taking a great deal of comfort out of the fact that only two of the old Board of Directors were re-elected. That's right, boys, tickle yourselves as much as possible, for that is about all the fun you can get out of it. As a matter of fact the opposition only elected one of their candidates—Mr. Stevenson, and he won by just 29 votes. The king pin of the bunch was roped and branded in record breaking time by J. Frank Adams. He was not in it for a minute. Then you take the rest of the directors—every one of them is as clean as a whistle. They are possessed of too much good horse sense to be bamboozled. Oh! yes, it was a great victory, but like that proverbial ghost, it won't down.

It now looks as if William Wagner will have no opposition for the office of City Recorder. This is as it should be, for where a man, possessed of the qualifications of Mr. Wagner and whose candidacy meets with the popular approval his does, comes out for office he should be so strongly supported as to discourage opposition. He will be the right man in the right place. He will give the city efficient service and that is what it needs and must have. Remember, there is only one candidate for Recorder, and that candidate is William Wagner. See that he goes into office by a unanimous vote.

President Roosevelt is kept so busy nowadays swinging his big stick that he reminds one of a drum major. Most of the anti-Roosevelt politicians and corporation chiefs are going around with a wooden hat for fear that it is their head that will get the next crack.

Additional Briefs

All kinds of finest perfumes at Newsum & Underwood.

120 acres all under ditch, fine soil, eight miles from Klamath Falls, \$20 per acre. E. E. Fitch, Merrill. 4-11-4

160 acres choice farming land, 80 acres fenced, small house, \$6 per acre, four miles from Merrill. E. E. Fitch, Merrill. 4-11-4

NOTICE TO BRICK AND STONE CONTRACTORS.—That the bricklayers and stone masons have organized a B. and M. I. U. in Medford and on the first day of May, 1907, the eight-hour law will go into effect. The jurisdiction of this union includes Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. For further information inquire of Robt. M. Huggins, Medford, Ore. 4-11-4

FOR SALE—I have ten lots in First Addition to Klamath Falls, overlooking both lakes; nice residence property; five-minute walk from High school; good drainage, city water, etc. Prices from \$150 to \$350 each. Lots will surely double in twelve months. Easy terms, \$100 down; you set your time on balance at 7 per cent interest; or will exchange for cattle, large horses, or mules. E. W. Gowen, Klamath Falls. tf

DAIRY

Dairy is pleasantly situated on the west side of Yonna Valley, near the center of Klamath County. It has two good general stores with enterprising, up-to-date dealers who enjoy a large trade from surrounding valleys; a hotel and feed barn, and a school house. It is surrounded by a rich farming community with which it is connected by a farmers' telephone line and also a long distance line. Is on the stage line, twenty miles east of Klamath Falls.

Among the Yonna valley farmers who attended the annual meeting of the Water Users Association at Klamath Falls last Saturday, were: W. L. Welch, Joe Welch, Henry Stoehsler,

Mike Rueck, Jack Rueck, Peter Petersteiner, M. P. Nelson, Bob Laughlin, Alois Steral, Wm. A. Flackus, Theo. W. Flackus, Hank O'Brien, W. P. Sedge and C. W. Sherman. Of these, Mr. O'Brien came back about the best satisfied man of the bunch. He now thinks the Board of Directors have been doing as near the right thing as any set of men could, and he admits that he now knows more about its duties and responsibilities than he did before he attended the meeting. It was wonderful what an amount of enlightenment can come from free discussion.

The snow storm last week was a case of "Winter lingering in the lap of Spring."

If it wasn't for the blue pencil, lordy what a good paper the Republican would be!

Bill Wood has gone into the saloon business at Riv. Orrin McCumber is working his farm in Pine flat.

After feeding his father's cattle through the winter, Theodore Flackus has again moved to his homestead.

John Jones and his family came out from Klamath Falls last Sunday for a stay on his homestead near Dairy. They have been living in town for some time.

The German friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stoehsler met with them for a social time last Sunday and enjoyed themselves as only Germans can. There was music and dancing and refreshments without limit.

W. P. Sedge thinks he has discovered "signs" of coal in this vicinity recently. If his "signs" ever materialize it will prove a great boon for the country. There are those here also who have an abiding faith in the existence of artesian water here at no great depth.

H. S. Oden has not surrendered his contract with the government for irrigation water on his place in Pine Flat, and still has hopes that Pine Flat and Swan Lake valley will finally be made a part of the Klamath Irrigation Project. He thinks it can be done by draining the lake through Yonna valley.

FORT KLAMATH

Fort Klamath is located in the northern part of Klamath county, and is in the center of what is recognized as the Switzerland of America. In close proximity to Crater Lake and surrounded by the greatest natural and scenic wonders on the continent, it will, within a few years, be one of the greatest tourist resorts on the Pacific coast.

Ed Loosley spent Sunday at his father's.

Mrs. Geo. Hoyt is visiting relatives at the Falls.

John Schallock of Klamath Falls has been in town a few days.

M. F. Parker has been painting at the Agency the past week.

Rev. Graffions will hold services here next Wednesday evening.

Bert Colwell of Merrill is visiting with his friend Roy Wise of this place.

Lee Denton and wife returned from Medford, where Lee disposed of a band of horses.

Messrs. Hessig, Emery and Sullivan started to Lakeview Sunday morning on land business.

David Noah has bought out J. B. C. Taylor's stock in the blacksmith shop and took charge of it Monday.

There was a dance given at the hall last Saturday night, but on account of the inclemency of the weather there were only a few in attendance.

Annie Applegate took a notion to go visiting last Friday evening, so walked to George Loosley's. The road was rather disagreeable on account of water and snow, but Miss Annie wasn't to be baffled, even if the cattle did stampele in one pasture.

MERRILL

Merrill is situated in the southern part of Klamath county, very near the center of the Klamath Project. It has a population of 600. Is well supplied with good business houses. Has many fine homes. Telephone, long distance and home. Will soon have water works. Will be located on a branch of the California Northwestern, now being built into Klamath Basin. Will be one of the best towns in the county. Has a fine public school.

E. Miller went to the Falls Tuesday. Thomas Martin visited Merrill Tuesday.

M. J. Whitney left for the Dry Lake ranch Tuesday.

G. H. Carleton and Leo Parrish went to the Falls Monday.

Edward Duffy is boring a deep well for N. S. Merrill this week.

Willie Wilson is again able to be out after an illness of a couple of weeks.

The Spring Lake Baseball Club journeyed to Merrill last Sunday and crossed bats with the Merrill Club. The Spring Lake Club plays very good ball, but proved to be easy game for the

home team. The score stood 15 to 7 in favor of Merrill. The same teams play here again next Sunday.

Owing to the sickness of one of the teachers one room of the public school was closed for a week.

C. G. Merrill and wife, Mrs. C. H. Merrill and Mrs. P. R. Merrill went to Klamath Falls Tuesday.

G. W. Offield returned from Nalox the last of the week. Geo. Evidently thinks the timber in that section good, as he filed on 160 acres.

Everybody around Merrill seems to be satisfied with the election of the Water Users Association at Klamath Falls, Saturday. They all returned home Sunday.

Cox Bros. had a lively runaway on front street Saturday, but was brought to a standstill at Whitney Mercantile Co.'s sidewalk. The wagon was overturned but no one was hurt.

The little son of M. J. Whitney came very nearly being killed Monday. Mr. Whitney was putting a saddle on a horse and the horse started to run backwards and fell down on the child. Besides a 2-inch gash on the head the child was bruised on the hip and shoulders. Dr. Patterson attended the case and states he will be all right in a week.

KENO

Keno is situated in the Southern part of Klamath County, on the Klamath river, at the terminus of navigation. Two steamers land here; mail, express and passengers are transferred from the stage to the boat at this point. Adjoining Keno on the west is a large belt of timber, and on the east is a large body of marsh lands. Near Keno, on the river, is immense water power. Telephone connections with all parts of the country. Has a good school, two stores and two saw mills.

George Morgan has gone to Coos Bay on business.

Mr. Thomas McCormack, wife and daughter Midge have gone to Portland to visit relatives.

The Long Lake Lumber Co. has added another 22-horse power boiler and engine to their saw mill, which means a larger amount of work to be done this summer.

Last Friday Mrs. Jene Spencer had a paralytic stroke on her left side and was in a critical condition for awhile. Dr. White was summoned and now she is slowly recovering. She had just returned from the funeral of her brother, Mr. Taylor, near Merrill. She seemed to be in good health only a few moments before she received the stroke.

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 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 southeast of the town site, which has been set aside for the use of stock yards, sheds and loading pens.—MIDLAND TOWN COMPANY.

Directors Elected

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announced as the result:

E. R. C. Williams, 20,035.
Henry Anderson, 19,375.
Jacob Rueck, 14,627.
W. C. Dalton, 14,068.
D. F. Driscoll, 11,049.
J. Frank Adams, 10,991.
O. A. Stearns, 10,351.
J. G. Stephenson, 10,239.
S. T. Summers, 9,930.
B. S. Grigsby, 9,751.
C. R. DeLap, 9,524.
G. K. Van Riper, 9,466.
J. B. Griffith, 9,322.
Alex Martin, Jr., 9,160.
C. J. Laird, 5,607.
W. E. Welch, 4,028.

A number of ballots were thrown out on account of the persons casting them failing to sign their name.

Messrs. Martin or Summers failing to receive a majority it necessitated another ballot for the selection of a candidate for the Klamath Falls district. The result of this ballot was as follows:
Alex Martin, Jr., 7,920.
S. T. Summers, 5,729.
J. F. Adams, 160.

It will be seen from this that Frank Adams was still running.

A vote of thanks was tendered Hon. G. H. Herryman for the valuable work he did during the last session of the legislature, when he succeeded in forcing through the bill asking for the refund of the State corporation tax, which amounted to nearly \$500, and also providing for exemption of all future State tax, which amounts to about \$150 a year.

On motion of J. Frank Adams a vote of thanks was tendered President Churchill for his courteous treatment and efficient services during the past two years. Mr. Churchill responded in a few well chosen words, expressing the appreciation he felt of the honor bestowed on him.

Adjournment was then taken until the third Saturday in May.

Directors' Meeting

Immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting the newly elected directors accompanied the members of the old Board to the office of the Klamath Commercial Agency, where the former Board surrendered the reins of power into the hands of the gentlemen who are to guide the destinies of the association for the ensuing year.

The meeting being an executive one, none but the officials were permitted to attend. Consequently no official report can be made of the proceeding, aside from the announcement made as to the organization. But if the reports of those who were near enough on the outside to hear what was going on inside are true there was a hot time from start to finish. One or two of the newly elected members of the Board wanted to start right in making history, but soon run kerplunk against facts that acted something like a solar plexus. That old warrior, O. A. Stearns, was there paint, feathers and all, and he whooped it up for a few minutes in a manner that led the outsiders to believe that he was doing a regular Co-manche war dance on the inside. None of the members who were asked about what took place would express themselves on any subject connected with the meeting aside from the formal

statement as to the organization of the Board.

All of the members were present except D. F. Driscoll, who was not in the city. Those constituting the new Board are: Alex Martin, Jr., J. Frank Adams, O. A. Stearns, E. R. C. Williams, Jacob Rueck, Henry Anderson, J. G. Stephenson, W. C. Dalton and D. F. Driscoll, who was absent. The following are the officers elected:

President, Alex Martin, Jr.
Vice President, O. A. Stearns.
Treasurer, A. R. Campbell.
Secretary, E. I. Applegate.
Attorney, Richard Shores Smith.

The main fight was made on Mr. Applegate, he having at all times been designated as the man behind the throne. This charge was too ridiculous for belief, but nevertheless there were many who believed that it was true. His election was unanimous.

GOING TO KENO?

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

Treasurer's Notice

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the County Treasury for the redemption of all Klamath County warrants protested on and prior to October 31, 1904. Interest on same will cease from this date.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this 4th day of April, 1907.

L. ALVA LEWIS,
County Treasurer.

Notice.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Klamath Water Users association is called to meet at the Courthouse on Friday evening, April 5, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering matters to come before the annual meeting.

J. B. GRIFFITH.

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Klamath County Farm Lands

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

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