

KLAMATH COMPANY

New Corporation Enters Field

CAPITAL IS ONE MILLION

Will Absorb the Navigation Co. and Will Take Other Interests

The first apparent move in the direction of organizing the new company that is to enter the transportation field of this basin was made this week when incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State, incorporating the "Klamath Company." The articles of incorporation are quite formidable, and permit of the company doing a wide range of business, such as buying and selling land, owning and operating boats, stages and freighting outfits, owning, operating, constructing and securing and owning rights of way for electric railways and power plants, and such other and sundry lines as may, from the nature of conditions make it advisable for this company to embark in.

The incorporators are G. H. Woodbury, at present head of the Klamath Lake Navigation Company, Abel Adv. of swamp land fame, J. D. Carroll, of the Bloomingcamp-Cantrell and Henley ranches and M. G. Wilkins, also of the Navigation Company. The capital of the company is \$1,000,000, fully paid. Aside from giving out the fact that the company had been incorporated and the names of the incorporators the promoters would advance no further information.

Back of the organization of this company is the strife that has agitated this section for some months past, the bone of contention being the freight and passenger traffic of this basin. When the McIntire-Davis combination entered the field and finally bought out the Oregon Stage Company it left the Navigation Company as a free agent. Negotiations for the operation of the boat in connection with the stage and freight outfits were carried on up until last week, when each side issued its ultimatum. As the terms of each was unsatisfactory to both, it was agreed to disagree and the plans, which had been under way for sometime looking towards the organization of the Klamath Company, were consummated.

What the outcome of the affair is going to be remains to be seen. New blood has entered the combination, and it is claimed they come well prepared to finance all of their plans. F. D. Woodbury, an uncle of G. H. Woodbury, and W. F. Mann, both of Minneapolis, will be prominent factors in the new company. It is through them that the proposed new financial assistance is to come.

Aside from the filing of the incorporation papers nothing definite has been done towards perfecting an organization. This will not be accomplished before May 25. It is rumored that when the new company is in final working order it will have absorbed the Navigation Company, operate a freighting and stage line from Ager, make a strenuous effort for some of the business from Pokegama and eventually do business from the terminus of the California-Northeastern, the northern terminus of their line being at Peter's Landing.

In addition to this will be rehabilitated the electric railway proposition throughout the Basin, eventually including the swamp lands when these are reclaimed.

Whether the entrance of this corporation into the traffic field will precipitate a rate war remains to be seen. On some sides it is confidently predicted that such will be the result, but it is hardly likely that they are going to be responsible for any such result, for no company cares to undertake to do business where there is no profit in the game.

New Line

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Langell Valley Telephone Company, held in Bonanza last Saturday it was decided to build a through telephone line between Bonanza and Klamath Falls and arrangements were made this week for the finances to pay

for the same. It is the intention of the company to begin its construction at once and rush it to completion. The line between this city and Bonanza has thirty five phones on it and the service on this account has not been satisfactory and it was on this account and the increase in business that caused the building of the new line.

A proposition has been made to the Yonka Valley Telephone Company by the Langell Valley Company whereby it is proposed to combine the two companies and give each the benefit of the new through line. Whether the former company will accept the terms and favor the combination has not as yet been decided upon, the question being under advisement by that company.

Another Railroad

The Medford and Crater Lake railroad, which passed into the hand of a receiver about three weeks ago, has been sold to Portland capitalists for \$82,500. It extends from Medford to Eagle Point, 12 miles, and it completed will tap one of the richest sections of the State. The new owners have stated that it is their intention to operate the twelve miles already constructed and to continue the line to Klamath Falls as fast as men and money can build it.

The Concert

Miss Berenice Noel, assisted by Mrs. E. B. Henry, gave a most successful concert at the Conservatory of Music last Saturday evening. Miss Noel is a most remarkable musician, possessing talent that will, if fully developed, place her in the forefront of the musical artists of the world. She is only twelve and has, since she was four years old, appeared in concerts a number of times, and has for the past year acted as organist in the Catholic church in this city. Her performance last Saturday evening surprised even her warmest admirers and they more confidently than ever predict for her a notable



BERENICE NOEL
The Little Musical Wonder

career. She shows a power of execution and interpretation really remarkable in one so young. This was especially noticeable in her first number, a Beethoven sonata, calling for musical versatility in interpretation. The last number, the Military Polonaise of Chopin, was played with surprising power and clearness. The whole program of seven numbers was given entirely from memory. Mrs. E. B. Henry is developing an exceedingly sweet mezzo soprano voice and gives promise of no little power as well. The Romance of Rubenstein was particularly adapted to her voice and given in a most artistic manner. Miss Applegate and Mrs. Zamswalt may justly feel proud of being able to present pupils of such real merit.

Mrs. A. J. Manning

Mrs. A. J. Manning died at her home on Fourth street Sunday morning, and her passing away cast a gloom over this community, for her death was surrounded by circumstances that aroused the tenderest feelings of the human heart. But two weeks before she was the happy mother of the first baby that came to brighten the happy home, and it was with visions of many happy days that the fond mother began to recover. But unforeseen complications stepped in and robbed the baby of its mother's care and the husband of a loving wife. Death is a heavy sorrow at any time, but for more so under the circumstances that surrounded Mrs. Manning. In the prime of life, being but 26 years old, with everything in the future filled with promise and happiness, the deceased closed her eyes in the last long sleep to be mourned by a kind and loving husband, who has the sincere sympathy of the community.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the family residence under the auspices of Rebeckah Lodge 104 and was one of the most largely attended held in this city. The deceased was held in the highest esteem and leaves a host of friends to mourn her death and extend to the bereaved ones their heartfelt sympathy.

HAWLEY COMING

Will Be Here For Three Days Next Week

Congressman W. C. Hawley arrived in this city Monday evening on his way to Lakeview, where he went for the purpose of getting in touch with the needs of that part of his district. His coming was unannounced and he met but few while here over night. He will return to this city Monday and will remain three days, when he will be glad to meet those who are desirous of interesting him in matters that will require his attention in Washington. The Chamber of Commerce will entertain the gentleman and that he will have a "good royal time" while here is assured.

Keno Canal

Probably next week the first camp will be established on the west side of the river along the proposed route of the Keno canal. The Reclamation Service is making preparations for the immediate commencement of work on this water way and when once begun will be rushed as fast as men can do it. Under the original contract with Moore Brothers water had to be delivered to them by October 1st, but this agreement has been extended to December 1.

Griffith Objects

County Judge Griffith has once more stepped into the lime-light as the defender of the rights and privileges of the people of this county. The issue is an important one and demands all the determination and diplomatic acumen of that distinguished gentleman, for if he should be overcome, his defeat would work irreparable injury to this great county. The cause of all the trouble is a Carolina poplar. It happens to occupy a piece of ground in close proximity to that sought for the public library, and as a consequence the building that is to house that worthy public institution remains within about four feet of its permanent location. When it was discovered that the tree interfered with the placing of the building, orders were given to chop it down. But do you suppose the distinguished County Judge would permit it? Not he. He arose in his wrath and threatened dire calamities upon the unsanctimonious hands that would dare lift an axe to chop down that noble poplar. Too few of these beautiful and rare trees already grace the precincts of the court house grounds to have one ruthlessly destroyed for a mere library building. Nor would he permit its removal to another point. No sir. That tree certainly fitted into the scheme of landscape gardening to such a nicety that its removal, be that ever so short a distance, would forever mar the beauty of the court house grounds. And strange as it may seem, the distinguished County Judge is the only man in the county who looks at it in the same light.

The building reached its present location last Saturday, and there it remains. A petition is being circulated by the ladies with the hope that it will cause the distinguished County Judge to see the error of his way.

There is a remedy and it is to be hoped that the ladies will take advantage of it. The County Court granted permission for the location of the building on this site. Two of the Board have been broad minded enough to see the necessity of removing the offending tree. They are to be commended for their public spirit, but as long as the County Judge persists in playing his dog in the manger game and will absolutely refuse to recede from his position, then the ladies are at liberty to adopt the other course, and if they do they will have the support of the people.

LATER—The petition circulated by the ladies had the desired effect and caused the distinguished County Judge to have remorse of conscience. He permitted the tree to be moved, as he should have done at first, to a point where one was badly needed. The work of placing the building is progressing rapidly, and Contractor Jacobson will have his part of the job finished in a few days.

Attempted Blackmail

An attempt was made last Friday by James Turner to Blackmail Archie Mason for \$300. Turner was employed for the purpose of keeping tally on the number of sacks of cement used in one of the mixers. He claimed that the required number of sacks were not used and presumed that Mr. Mason got the benefit of the difference. He did not know, however, that the cement belonged to the government, and that Mr. Mason did not benefit one penny from the alleged "holdout." As soon as Mr. Mason was approached he reported the matter to the authorities and immediate steps were taken to apprehend Turner. He, however, got wind of the impending trouble and left for parts unknown.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL?

Supreme Court Intimates That Irrigation Act is Such

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The United States Supreme Court in its decision in the Kansas-Colorado case today intimates rather strongly that the National reclamation act under which the Federal Government is spending upwards of \$30,000,000 may be unconstitutional. It is not so held in specific terms, but the opinion of the court indicates that the constitutionality of this act is in question.

In rendering the decision in the Kansas-Colorado case, Justice Brewer, on behalf of the court, declared that Congress can only legislate in respect to such matters as are specifically enumerated in the constitution and that power to legislate with respect to irrigation of arid land was not one of the enumerated powers granted by the Constitution. Upon this subject he uses the following language:

The constitution, makes no provision for National control of arid regions or their reclamation. But as our National integrity has been enlarged, we have within our borders extensive tracts of arid land which ought to be reclaimed, and it may well be that no power is adequate for their reclamation other than that of the National Government. But if no such power has been granted, none can be exercised.

The opinion holds, however, that Congress may legislate with respect to irrigation of arid land within the territories.

Even though the constitutionality of the reclamation law may ultimately be sustained, the court strongly intimates that under the law there is no authority for constructing Government projects unless the government owns a majority of the land to be reclaimed. But, it is held, "we do not mean that its (Congress) legislation can override State laws in respect to the general subject of reclamation."

Should the constitutionality of the reclamation act be later established, it is inferred from this decision that the Government may later be compelled to construct its works in accordance with State laws and construct only projects the majority of whose area is public land.

After the Dogs

Postmaster Murdoch is after the dogs and intends to get the scalps of some of them unless their owners keep them out of the postoffice lobby. He declares they have become an unbearable public nuisance, insofar as it applies to the lobby, and that he wants the owner to keep them away from there. He is determined that this shall be done, even if it becomes necessary to kill the dog.

New Realty Firm

T. D. Collis, vice president and George C. Hill, secretary, representatives of the Holcomb Realty Company, the concern that is to act as special agents for the Klamath Development and Hot Springs Improvement Companies, arrived here from Oakland Sunday and have opened up the office of their company in the room occupied by the Klamath Development Company. The Holcomb Realty Company is one of the biggest concerns in California and has a system all its own for handling property. It is a great believer in publicity and issues monthly a handsome pamphlet, contained in which is information about the different sections where representatives are working. That their advent into this city will bring good results is certain, for this firm has a large clientele that Klamath County will be glad to see interested in her resources. It is also the intention of this firm to do a general real estate business.

Disastrous Wreck

SANTA BARBARA, May 13.—At least twenty-five persons are believed to have perished in a disastrous wreck on the coast line of the Southern Pacific Saturday afternoon, when a special train, carrying three delegations of eastern Shriners who were returning from a week of merry-making at Los Angeles, left the track at Honda, a station 59 miles north of Santa Barbara, and piled up on the sandy beach. The engine, tender, baggage car and diner, with three coaches heaped in a hopeless confusion, and terror was added by the wreckage taking fire, although the flames were quickly extinguished by the surviving passengers and trainmen. Many were scalded and burned while buried beneath the shattered cars.

The wrecked train, which constituted a portion of No. 1, the northbound "Coaster," left Santa Barbara at 12:10. While traveling on the schedule of the regular train, it was actually a special

known as the Ismalia special, carrying among others, representatives of Rajah Temple, of Reading, Pa., Ismalia Temple, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Al Koran Temple, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Two irrevocable statements have been made as to the cause of the wreck. In one it is said that drifting sand along the track formed an obstruction with which the engine of the Ismalia special collided. The other report, received just before midnight from Lompoc, ascribes the disaster to a switch rail, which was broken or improperly placed. According to the Lompoc correspondent who viewed the wreck and obtained statements of the survivors, the engine, traveling at a rate of fifty miles an hour, struck three projecting points of a switch rail, ran along the rail for about forty feet and then bumped over the ties for over a dozen yards, finally plunging into the ditch.

The tender was flung over the engine by the cars behind. The baggage car and diner, which was evidently the second car, plunged under and over the engine, and following these were the two heavy Pullman sleepers. The greatest loss of life occurred in the diner, which seems to have been filled with passengers.

Altamont Dairy

One of the greatest successes that has occurred here recently is that of the Altamont Dairy. A short time ago Nolan & Smith purchased the Klamath Falls Jersey Dairy from B. F. Lookey and removed the stock and fixtures to Altamont, where the management of the business was turned over to R. E. Bradbury. Immediate steps were taken to equip the dairy with all the modern appliances and improve the quality of the milk and cream. Mr. Bradbury has demonstrated his ability as an expert in the dairy line and the success he is making is increasing the business of his company daily. Milking machines have



MILKING MACHINE
To be installed at Altamont

been ordered and are expected every day and as soon as they arrive will be installed. The public has a cordial invitation to visit the dairy and witness these machines in operation, and many will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunity.

Mr. Bradbury has placed a small amount of Altamont butter on the market, and those who have been fortunate enough to get some of it have been most insistent he keep them supplied with it. That it surpasses any butter that has appeared in this market is testified to by those who have gotten it and as soon as the Altamont Dairy is in position to supply the demand there will cease to be a market for any other brand.

Boat Stops

The steamer Klamath will no longer run in connection with the stages of the O. & C. Stage Co., that arrangement having been terminated Wednesday evening. In future the stages will run into this city from Keno, instead of transferring passengers and baggage at that point as has been done for the past several months.

This is the first move in what will probably be one of the hottest transportation wars ever waged in this State. For several weeks negotiations have been under way between the stage company and the navigation people, looking toward the continuance of the boat, but no agreement could be reached on the question of remuneration, hence the severing of business relations.

This change will result in the arrival of the mails at the postoffice earlier than usual, as a great deal of time was lost in making the transfers at Keno and this city. The time between Keno and this city will be shortened somewhat, so that it ought to be possible for patrons of the postoffice to receive their mail at night instead of having to wait until the next morning for it, as is the case now.

The leaving time of the stages will be 3:30 a. m., instead of 3 a. m. as heretofore. The L.R. has been reduced from \$4 to \$3.50, the rate in force prior to last winter.

Fine line of stationery at Newsom & Underwood.

ADJOURNED MEETING

Of Stockholders to be Held Saturday

TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS

Farmers Busy, So Meeting Will Probably Have a Small Attendance

The adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Klamath Water Users Association will be held in this city next Saturday, when an effort will be made to amend the by-laws. In view of the fact that the farmers are in the midst of planting their crops, it is not likely that there is going to be a very large attendance. This is to be regretted, for there is apt to be a lively time before adjournment is taken.

The proposition that is to come before the meeting is to amend the by-laws as to preclude the necessity of giving the customary thirty days notice by advertising. It was the question of changing the date of the annual meeting from April to May that brought about the proposition to amend the by-laws, and at first it was the purpose to amend them in this respect only, but when the subject was up for discussion the original motion was amended to make the amendment above referred to.

The advisability of making this change is seriously questioned by many. It removes the only bar that stood between the stockholders and snap judgment. If this amendment prevails it is contended by those who do not believe in it, that it will be possible for a small minority to amend the by-laws in some vital point that will work a great hardship on the members of the association. Of course, this is only problematical, but it makes a dangerous opening that may be taken advantage of at some future time. The thirty days notice is entirely in the interests of the stockholders, and why any necessity should arise to do away with it does not appear on the surface. If a change of date for the annual meeting is desired, then the by-laws ought to be amended in this particular only. While those advocating the abolition of the thirty days' notice part of the by-laws are acting in good faith, events may arise in the future that will cause the stockholders to wish that they had not assented to the change.

The presence of every member of the association at this meeting is one of necessity, and while it may work a slight hardship at this time it may prevent something more serious in the future.

The Theater

Few larger audiences have ever gathered in the Honston opera house than that that witnessed the opening performance of the Lowe Stock Company Monday evening and fewer have been better entertained. It might be natural to expect that, isolated as is this city, only poor talent might be expected, but in the case of the Lowe Company this is not true. The performance Monday evening was above the average of that generally given by stock companies and was warmly greeted by the large audience. Mrs. Lowe and Miss Belmont were splendid and Ed Harrington, as the comedian was above par. The support accorded the leading characters was good and taken as a whole the work of the company exceeded expectations.

The one and only disagreeable feature of attending these performances was the hoodlum element that raised an almost continual uproar in the gallery. This should not be tolerated by the management, for if permitted it is going to seriously interfere with the attendance. They should either be shut out or an officer stationed upstairs who will enforce order and decorum.

Sales by E. E. Fitch

The following sales of realty were made by E. E. Fitch:
House and lots 3 and 4 in block 11, Fairview addition, this city, owned by A. J. Kubes, sold to L. D. Ward; consideration, \$1,400.
L. D. Ward to A. J. Kubes, 120 acres three-quarters miles west of Henley ranch; consideration, \$20 an acre.