

## ASSOCIATION TO BUILD IT

### J. Frank Adams Says Bid on Contract

### MEETS WITH APPROVAL

### Would Solve Many Problems Now Confronting the Service

The adjourned meeting of the Water Users Association was held in the Houston opera house last Saturday. The attendance was small, but what it lacked in numbers it made up in earnestness. The object of the meeting was the amending of the bylaws, but as the proper notice had not been given it was decided to postpone action until the next meeting, which will be called sometime this fall. The Board of Directors were requested to prepare the proper legal notice and have it sent to all of the stockholders at least thirty days prior to the date set for the meeting. This will be done and will enable the stockholders to give the question consideration.

When the question of amending the bylaws was disposed of, the meeting resolved itself into one of general discussion. The old force arguments were to be heard coupled with other issues. This debate led up to the making of the most novel, and if feasible, important proposition that has yet been presented to the stockholders of the association. It was advanced by J. Frank Adams, and was nothing less than the proposition that the association resolve itself into a contracting corporation and undertake the construction of the project.

His remarks were electrical and everyone seemed to be filled with suppressed excitement. In brief Mr. Adams' proposition was this: Let the association, through its board of directors, bid on a small section of work advertised by the Reclamation Service. If it can be demonstrated that this work can be done at a reasonable figure, or one that will be acceptable to the Service, then bid on a large contract and so on until the association has a perfect organization and equipment for the carrying on of operations. If a profit is made, then it can be applied on the next contract. If a loss is sustained, then increase the next bid to a point that will eliminate loss. Any profit earned will be for the benefit of the association; any loss will be met with an assessment.

The loss, if any, will not be serious and the assessment consequently small, for the reason that it would probably be on the initial contract. If it were found that the bid on the initial contract was too low, subsequent bids would be raised to a point that would assure a sufficient recompense and yet be within a limit that would make them acceptable to the Service.

There are many obstacles in the way of the consummation of this much to be desired result. The first is a legal one, but this can be overcome by a slight amendment to the articles of incorporation. Another is possible opposition from the stockholders of the association.

This can be of sufficient strength to prevent the carrying out of the scheme. It is difficult to understand why anyone should object to the proposition. Here is a two million dollar corporation that is being maintained at a cost of upwards of \$5000 a year that can be made useful directly to the stockholders at this time. It will entail a great deal on the officers, but they are willing. The only real problem is as to whether the work can be carried on in such a manner so as not to produce a deficit that will have to be met by a heavy assessment.

The originator of this experiment, and the man to whom is due the credit, J. Frank Adams, is a man of practical experience. He has proved his practicability by success. He states positively that the work can be done without loss to the stockholders. He further says that he believes the work can be done at the estimated cost. That if the work is done by the association it will save to the land owners the profits that would naturally go to the contractors.

In order to bring the matter directly before the stockholders a petition has been prepared and sent out asking for an expression of opinion on the question. The proposition is concisely

stated and if it is carefully considered by the stockholder it will be possible to reach a fair estimate on the sentiment existing on the proposition.

The stockholders want to hear in mind the fact that at present it is impossible to secure any reasonable bids for the work. That it is being delayed on that account. That the Service does not seem to have the co-operation of the farmers throughout the basin, and as a result are handicapped in its operations. That if this work is done by the association it will be placed in the hands of practical men. That it will have the prestige of being a home enterprise. That it will have the support of practically every man in the basin who is in a position to render service in the carrying out of the contract. That it is as possible for the association to do this work as it is for the average contractor or anyone else. That if there is a profit, it will be for the benefit of the landowner. That if there is a loss it will be like taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another, for since there are no contractors to bid and since the association can do the work as cheaply as anyone else, the work could not have been done any cheaper than it was done by the association, the only difference is that instead of paying for the cost in the ten annual payments, part of it was paid at once by an assessment.

If it is found that the stockholders of the association are opposed to embarking on the proposition, then there is only one other thing to do, and that is to organize a separate company, composed of such stockholders who favor it. This can be easily done, for the overwhelming sentiment prevalent among the stockholders in favor of the association undertaking the task indicates that the founding of an independent company would be an easy matter.

When supervising Engineer Murphy was asked as to his attitude on this question he said: "That is a matter that rests entirely with the association. If it seems its way clear to enter the field and submit bids on contracts, then the Service will consider them just as it would consider any other contractor. The Service is always glad to receive bids, and this case would be no exception."

This is a matter that must be considered fairly and dispassionately. No selfish motives should be permitted to enter into the question and it is hardly likely that there will be for it a movement for the benefit of the whole community, and whether the result is attained through the association taking hold of it or by a separate company composed of stockholders the thing to be reached out after is the construction of the Project with all the speed commensurate with the welfare of the community and its completion at the least possible cost. The Republican believes that one of the two alternatives should be adopted, and the one that promotes the greatest harmony and good is the one that should be followed.

### Through Tickets

Arrangements have been completed whereby it will be possible for anyone coming to Klamath Falls to purchase through tickets to this city at any Southern Pacific station and have their baggage checked through. A coupon ticket office will be established in this city and it will be possible for anyone to purchase a ticket and have baggage checked to any point on the S. P. line. The S. P. office at Thrall is made a joint office, and will be under the management of General Manager Abbott.

### The Council

The regular meeting of the City Council was held Monday evening, when the question of establishing a harbor line was settled by the passing to third reading an ordinance placing the line 100 feet from the southerly side of Klamath avenue, between the river and Center street, thence around the lakeshore to Kinlock avenue. This line was established by City Engineer Zumwalt.

The question of purchasing a street sprinkler was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Roberts and Woodbury. The approximate cost will be \$550.

A liquor license was granted to W. C. Foulks.

### Loosley Wins

Before leaving for Merrill Thursday morning, Congressman Hawley announced that he had decided to endorse the application of H. B. Loosley for postmaster at Fort Klamath, leaving the question of the location of the postoffice to be settled by the people of that town.

On receipt of two cents in stamps I will send descriptive literature of Klamath County to any address.—Mark I. Barnes, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

### MISS CAMPBELL GOES TO JAMESTOWN

#### Klamath County's Popular Daughter Starts on Trip

Miss Stella O. Campbell, who was the successful candidate in the Republican's contest for the selection of the most popular girl in the county, left for Portland Sunday morning, where she will join the party that is to visit the Jamestown Exposition and other eastern points. The party left Portland Tuesday morning, and no jollier crowd of girls ever left the Rose City. That they will have a good time is assured, for every arrangement has been made to add to their comfort and pleasure. The trip will consume nearly a month, during which time the young ladies will visit each of the principal cities in the east, including Washington, where they will be tendered a reception by President Roosevelt.

### Hunter Here

H. A. Hunter, president of the Oregon Military Land Grant Company is in the city for the purpose of looking over this section as a possible gateway for the proposed travel into the section of the State wherein the lands of his company are located. In conversation with a Republican representative, Mr. Hunter said:

"I came here for the purpose of looking over this section to see if transportation facilities were such as to make it available for us to bring our people this way on a tour of inspection of the lands controlled by our company. I am afraid that conditions along this line are not favorable and consequently we will have to enter from some other point. After railway transportation is further advanced our company will bring in large numbers of settlers and as this will be the natural gateway Klamath Falls will greatly benefit from our efforts.

He stated further that there is a possibility of his company constructing a railroad to tap the great section of country controlled by his company, although this is a question that remains to be settled. If the Union Pacific carries out its plans to open up Central Oregon, then his company will do nothing in the railroad line, but otherwise they will be forced into that field.



HON. W. C. HAWLEY

### The Theatre

During the past week the Lowe Stock Company has fulfilled its promise to the theatre goers of this city. The plays produced by this organization have been well patronized, but no more than they deserve, for its productions have been excellent. Mrs. Lowe, Miss Belmont and Ed Harrington are deserving of much praise, as are J. L. Swift and Daisy Swaybell. The specialties between the acts are always good and relieve the monotony that would prevail during the interim. Mr. Lowe is to be congratulated for the success with which his efforts are meeting and the public will undoubtedly show its appreciation by its continued patronage.

### Miss Worden

The Redlands Daily Facts has the following to say about Miss Mae Worden of this city. It is an excerpt from a write-up of a concert given in Redlands recently.

"Miss Worden who is an advanced pupil of Mme. Lord-Wood was heard in two of Grieg's compositions, 'An den Fruhling,' op. 43, and 'La Regata Veneziana.' Both of these were given with much artistic feeling. She has delicacy and precision and a command of delicate tonal shades seldom heard in so young an artist."

### WATER USERS ASSOCIATION

#### Interesting Meeting at Which Many Topics Are Discussed

The adjourned meeting of the Water Users Association was held Saturday. It was called to order at 10 o'clock, but owing to the small attendance it was adjourned until two in the afternoon.

When the meeting was again called to order by Vice President Stearns upwards of forty stockholders were present. The question of acting on the amendments was the first to come before the meeting, but owing to the fact that legal notice had not been given to the stockholders it became necessary to defer action along this line until next fall, when the board of directors were requested to call another meeting and take all the preliminary steps necessary to permit of amendments being made.

The question of securing a statement of the cost of construction precipitated considerable discussion. Secretary Applegate read a letter from Director Newell, in which he stated that it would not be possible for the association to procure such information before it was submitted to Congress by Secretary of the Interior. R. S. Smith stated that the question ought to be carried further and something done towards securing monthly statements of the cost of construction. He said further:

"I am reliably informed that Stone & Company are ready to undertake the construction of the entire project, and give a good and sufficient bond for its delivery over to the government in a satisfactory manner, the cost not to exceed the estimate of the engineers. I saw Mr. Mason of the firm of Mason, Davis Company, in Portland recently, and he informed me that his firm stood ready to do the same thing. It occurs to me that if this is true then something should be done towards arranging it so that one or both of these firms be permitted to undertake the job."

Other statements along this line were made and was ended by Fred Melhase asking of the Board of Directors what they were doing. "What are you here for? If you cannot get what you ask for, if you cannot reach the Secretary of the Interior and have your wishes listened to, of what service are you to the association? Do not act like a lot of school boys, but get down to business and if you find that this will not result in the attainment of the desired end and that the association has absolutely no voice in this thing, then disband and save to the land owners the cost of maintaining the association."

It was this statement that brought Frank Adams to his feet and brought forth the remarkable proposition of the association undertaking the construction of the project itself, reference to which is to be found elsewhere on this page. In presenting the matter to the meeting Mr. Adams said that he wanted to accomplish something during the coming year and that if he did not, then he was going to step down and out, for he did not want to be placed in a position where he could accomplish nothing.

Abel Ady suggested the advisability of calling quarterly or semi-annual meetings of an educational character, at which speakers from the outside would have an opportunity to discuss for the benefit of the farmer agricultural questions that would be of value to them. This met with approval of the meeting and the Board of Directors was requested to include this subject in their call for the next meeting.

A committee, consisting of Messrs. Carroll, Adams, Mason, Ady and Willets was appointed to look into the feasibility of the association entering the field as a contracting firm and reporting to the Board of Directors at its next meeting.

### Bly Postmaster

Tuesday, Congressman Hawley was advised of the appointment of Miss Ada Erb as postmistress of Bly. Miss Erb had practically the unanimous endorsement of her town. She is very popular with the patrons of the office and will undoubtedly give them excellent service and entire satisfaction, as she is one of the most estimable young ladies in the county.

### A Banquet

Are you a member? If you are, the banquet which is to be given next Saturday evening is for you. If you are not a member then give some one your application for membership and the banquet will be for you. The D. of H. will be there and all of them are going to have an excellent time. Dancing, music, refreshments, and the D. of H. ladies are sufficient to insure the best

time ever had in the A. O. U. W. Hall. No expense has been spared to have a fine banquet served. Attend our meetings and be benefited. All members of the lodge are requested to come wearing a smile, to show every one that you knew we had the new cork carpet. Remember Saturday evening May 25, 1907.

### High School Commencement

Monday, May 27th, at High school Chapel—Baccalaureate Sunday—Sermon by Rev. P. Conklin. Class Day exercises at High school.

Wednesday, May 29, at 2 p. m.—Popular entertainment at opera house.

Friday, May 31, at 10:30 a. m.—Commencement exercises at High school.

Public invited.  
Admission to entertainment, adults, 50 cents, children, 25 cents.

### PROGRAM

#### Of Entertainment at Opera House on Wednesday, May 29

- Quintette....."Over the Banister"
- Miss Nickerson and Messrs. Wilson, Hurn, Rolfe and Wright
- Inst'm'tal Solo, "Moonlight Sonata"
- .....Beethoven
- Miss Leta Nickerson
- Declaration.....Napoleon
- Alexander Martin
- Music.....
- ....."We Meet Again Tonight, Boys"
- High School Glee Club
- Piano Duet.....
- Sextet from Lucia de Lammermoor
- Misses Faye Hogue and Hazel Rolfe
- Shakespeare Conversation.....
- Music....."Moonlight on the Lake"
- High School Glee Club
- Vocal Solo.....
- Miss Leta Nickerson
- Farce....."Mrs. Jones's Silver"
- Chorus, "Silent Night".....Hayden

### Completed

Mason, Davis & Company advised the Government in writing last week that they had completed divisions two and three of the first unit of the main canal and were ready to turn it over in compliance with the provisions of their contract. This was done in order to admit of the turning in of the water from the Ankeny ditch, which was done Wednesday forenoon. As to when the water will reach the farmers at the lower end of the ditch will depend on how long it will take to "soak" the big canal, but the fact that the water has been turned on will be glad tidings to the farmers who have been anxiously waiting for the occurrence of this important event.

A dispute has arisen between Mason, Davis & Company and the government relative to compensation for some of the work done by the former. The contractors claim that they have not received proper classification and have employed the services of two well known engineers to substantiate their claims. They refuse to sign up the final vouchers until the matter is adjusted to their satisfaction. What result this will have on the turning in of the water at the headgate when that work is completed is problematical, but that the contractors are going to put up a stiff fight for their claim is certain.

The point at issue is the classification of class 2 dirt as class 1. That the contractors have lost heavily is a well known fact and if they are compelled to accept the classification of the government, it will mean that Mr. Mason will leave Klamath County without a dollar in the world. No one wants to see such a result, for he has labored faithfully ever since he undertook the work, and everyone will be glad to see him receive just compensation.

Miss Elsie Anpigeate, who is a pupil of Henry Bettman, the celebrated violinist, is expected to return home about the first of June. While the term of the Conservatory of Music will close the last of May, it is the intention of Mrs. Zumwalt and Miss Applegate to continue giving private lessons during the summer. In addition Miss Elsie Applegate will give private violin lessons. Mr. Bettman, who is known to many residents of this city, is one of the most noted violin instructors in this country. He finished his studies under that past master of the violin, Ysaye, and Miss Applegate is fortunate to be able to receive instructions from such a competent teacher.

The Misses Bowne, who have been visiting with their brother for the past month, returned to their home in Iowa this week.

Fine line of boys' and youths' suits at the Boston—They grow at ridiculously low prices. From \$1.75 up.

## HAWLEY IS HERE

### Looking Over Field to Ascertain Needs

### HAS A STRENUOUS TIME

### Klamath Citizens Warmly Welcome Their Con- gressman

Congressman Hawley arrived here from Lakeview Monday night, and since that time has had a strenuous time of it. That he will leave Klamath with a warm spot in his heart for her citizens and her needs is certain, for ever since his arrival here he has been shown every honor, courtesy and consideration. It is the first time that Klamath has really needed the assistance of its representatives in Washington, and nothing was left undone to show to Mr. Hawley what was most desired for the success and prosperity of this Inland Empire.

Most of Tuesday was devoted to receiving prominent citizens and politicians of the city and county, and answering his mail. One of the vexing questions that he had to settle was the appointment of postmaster at Fort Klamath. This he did by endorsing H. B. Loosley for that office. In making this appointment, Mr. Hawley placed himself on record as favoring the recommendations of the organization, and it is certain that if he follows out this line of action he will not go far wrong and enable the party throughout the Congressional district to build up a strong, effective organization.

Tuesday evening he addressed the Chamber of Commerce, and went on record as favoring the completion of the Klamath Project with the least possible delay. He outlined his policy on many questions of interest to the citizens of Klamath, and declared that it is his intention to work indefatigably for the welfare of its people. After the Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended a reception tendered him by the Woodmen of the World, of which organization he is the head officer in Oregon.

Wednesday was devoted to receiving delegations from Fort Klamath, visiting the Government works and learning facts relative to the construction of the canal. He went into the general details very thoroughly and will carry with him an understanding of the conditions here that will prove very valuable when he reaches Washington. In the evening he was the guest, with Chairman of the County Central Committee Smith and Representative Merryman, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Murray.

Thursday he went to Merrill, by way of the Lower lake, returning overland from the southern metropolis. A large number of prominent citizens accompanied him on the trip. He will confer with the citizens of Merrill and get into close touch with their needs and necessities and will thus be familiar with the conditions existing throughout the entire county.

Friday he will devote to a continuation of his study of local conditions, particularly as to reclamation work and Friday evening will be tendered a banquet at the Lakeside Inn, at which the leading ladies and gentlemen of the city and county will be present. Saturday morning he will leave for Salem.

The earnestness with which Mr. Hawley is undertaking the duties of his office is to be commended. He is starting out to get into close touch with his district, with the one purpose in view of working unceasingly for its needs. Perhaps there is no part of his district that will demand so much of his time as will Klamath and that this County will receive his assistance is certain. The Chamber of Commerce is to be commended for the thoroughness of the manner in which it grasped the situation and carried out its plans and Messrs. Wilkins, Heitkemper and Dunbar are to be congratulated for their labors in this direction.

Do not buy blended whiskey. When you want pure whiskey see that it is put up under the government's "bonded warehouse stamp," as is the Continental whiskey, Water Mill whiskey, Normandie rye and F. F. V. rye. Sold by C. D. Willson.

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