

COUNCIL MEETING

Breach Between Mayor and Dads Reopened

ULTIMATUMS ISSUED

Bishop Stands Pat and the Council Promise to Turn Down His Bills

The decks are being cleared and the guns unlimbered for the final skirmish between the mayor and the city council. The opening gun was fired Monday evening, when the bills for the payment of the police force were presented to the council. Councilman Shallock objected to their being paid and proceeded to enter a vigorous protest. The mayor was perfectly willing to let the matter drop, shake hands across the bloody chasm and establish an era of good feeling from now on, but the objectors could not see it that way. Shallock and Stilts thought that the mayor wanted his way too much, irrespective of the wishes of the council, and they did not propose to have their prerogatives infringed upon. You see, it is all the same President Roosevelt and the United States Senate.

Councilman Castel thought that he would cast a little oil on the troubled waters and moved the bills be allowed. But this almost raised thunder and resulted in the issuing of the ultimatum from three members of the council. The silence of the council greeted Castel's motion, and he was seen to pinch himself to see if he were dreaming or in the council chamber all alone. The silence became so oppressive that Bennett could stand it no longer and he seconded the motion. On the motion being put Castel and Bennett voted yes, while Shallock, Stilts and Maston voted no. This proceeding did not suit Bennett's idea of business and he asked the council why they did not pay the police force and fire them, if they were not wanted. But Bennett overlooked a bet on this point, for it is a much mooted question as to whether or not the council has the authority to go so far. Therefore those opposing the mayor feel safer in keeping a tight string on the city's purse, and in this way play a freezout game that will make some fellow holler.

Mayor Bishop was as game as his opponents, and after declaring the motion lost stated that he did not care and that he would see that his appointees were paid. This started the discussion anew and Maston relented sufficiently to say that he would "for the last time" vote to pay the salaries, doing so only to give the mayor ample time to make different arrangements. Shallock and Stilts were not to be outdone by such magnanimity and offered to do the same thing, but Bishop replied that he would make no promises, that he was going to do what was right and that he would stand by his appointees. He stated that he did not believe in "turning the saloons loose to run rampant; neither did he believe in closing the town up so tight that the city would suffer."

The mayor stated further that he did not believe that the charges against Broderick were sustained, but if the council desired to go into the matter further the place to do so was in the circuit court. The mayor further stated that ex-Marshall Smith had accepted certain sums of money, and yet some of the councilmen wanted him to be appointed marshal. Smith was present and proceeded to vigorously deny that he was a candidate or that any councilman ever suggested to him that he become a candidate. And more, he did not want the appointment.

Things were getting rather interesting and Policeman Ramsby looked toward the bell rope with the evident intention of sounding an alarm, but it turned out that this was unnecessary for the mayor at this point demanded the regular order of business and everyone quieted down.

The matter of lowering the grade at Center street, where that unsightly hump has marred the metropolitan beauty of Southern Oregon's metropolis, was taken up and the program heretofore proposed—that the abutting property stand the expense—seemed to have been forgotten and the expense is to be paid out of the general fund. The lowering of this hump is one of the biggest pieces of foolishness that has ever

been perpetrated in this city, for there was no more necessity for it than a dog has for two tails. It entails a needless expense on the property owners at this point, for they will have to lower their buildings to conform to the grade, and takes money out of the general fund that ought to go to pay off some of the illegal debt of the city.

The council adjourned at 10:30.

Directors Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held last Saturday and another of the moves that have so seriously hurt the Klamath Project was made. Mr. Stevenson stated that he had no confidence in the figures given out by the Reclamation Service. That he did not believe that they were correct. He therefore moved that an auditor be appointed by the Water Users Association to go over the books of the Service and certify to the correctness of the figures. The motion prevailed, and W. A. Delzell was appointed for the task.

Monday another meeting of the Board was held and Mr. Henny was present. He was apprised of the action of the action of the Board, and he did not relish it very much. He was very frank in his remarks, and stated to the Directors present that it was just such work that had in the past injured the welfare of the Klamath Project. Such actions were not expected from a Board of business men. However, he would put it up to the Water Users through its Board of Directors, and stated that if the people here did not want force account, it would be stopped. That the "Reclamation Service was ready to quit for one year, two years, three or four years, just as you gentlemen wish. What has been accomplished here has been done only through the indefatigable efforts of the engineers. There are other projects fighting for your money and it has been held here only through our efforts. But, if the people here do not want us to proceed with force account, if they are not willing to give us their moral support, if they feel that we are not doing the very best we can and working for the very best interests of this project, then we want to know, and, as I said before, if they wish it we are willing to quit for any length of time they suggest."

Henny is a man who is always dead in earnest. His every move is sincerity and action. No one can doubt but that he has had a fight of it and that he is getting tired of the lack of co-operation he meets with here is quite evident.

Small Blaze

The city was thrown into a fever of excitement Tuesday evening when the whistle at Moore Brothers sawmill sounded a fire alarm. It was quickly realized that a fire at this point would result in a great conflagration and be a serious blow to the industrial welfare of the city. Everyone seemed to be actuated by the desire to render assistance and no alarm that has been sounded recently brought out so many people as did this one, and every man was bent on giving all the help he could in propelling the hosecarts. The employees at the mill, however, worked like beavers and the blaze, which occurred in the boiler room, was nipped in its incipency, and was under control before the first hosecart crossed the bridge.

Moore Brothers had just completed the laying of a main to their mill to provide protection against fire.

L. Jacobs is in San Francisco, where he is personally selecting a large stock of fall and winter goods. It is more than likely that he will, while in California, seek to close the deal for the additional six feet of ground in the rear of his property at Third and Main streets. If he is successful in doing so it will remove the last obstacle in the way of the immediate completion of his brick block.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tucker, of Eureka, Kansas, arrived here this week and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mason. Mr. Tucker is the oldest banker in continuous service in the state of Kansas, but finds time occasionally to get out and enjoy life by visiting various sections of the United States.

Headaches many times are caused by astigmatism (a very common defect) or excessive eye strain. If you have headaches let Dr. Goble examine your eyes. He has cured hundreds. He may be able to cure you. Don't be backward about coming to have your eyes examined. It is free. If there is a defect in your eyes he will show you what it is. The examination is free remember. 8-8 +

Marriage licenses were issued to the following during the week, Charles E. Warren and Miss Hattie E. Hastings; Frank E. Dodge and Miss Cora E. Finley.

Queen Esther

Standing room was at a premium at the Houston opera house Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, when the cantata Queen Esther was produced under the direction of Martin D. Robinson of Chicago. No more critical audience ever filled this play house and none ever left it better pleased. Few realized the talent that has been dormant in this city and greater was the astonishment when it was shown what could be done by competent hands within the space of two short weeks.

Two weeks ago Mr. Robinson arrived here and began drilling his chorus. He has time and again expressed his surprise at the number of talented singers he found here. That he is a master of his work was demonstrated by the perfection of the production. Not the slightest hitch occurred. There was no delay in the changing of the scenes or acts and there was nothing to mar the smoothness of the drill of the participants.

As to the selection of the characters Mr. Robinson again showed his skill. The choice could not be improved upon. From King Ahasuerus to Haman's daughter, each member fitted exactly into the character selected for him or her. The star of the evening was Mrs. Zumwalt. Never did she look more beautiful. Her voice was in perfect form and her earnestness would carry you back to the thousands of years ago when the events portrayed are said to have been enacted.

J. B. Mason as King Ahasuerus was splendid, as was also Geo. T. Pratt as Haman and Burg Mason as Mordecai. W. H. Mason as the beggar, elicited much applause by the perfection of his acting as well as his makeup. Next to Mrs. Zumwalt he was perhaps the best. Mrs. Gates, as Zereb, sustained her role in a manner that gave great satisfaction to the audience, her rich contralto voice being well adapted to the part. Mrs. Zimmerman was a general favorite. It was her first public appearance in this city. She has a voice of great sweetness. Miss Leta Nickerson, as the Prophetess, fitted her role to a nicety and her acting was perfect.

The Scarf Dance was one of the features of the evening and met with the warm appreciation of the audience. As a whole the performance was above the slightest criticism and Mr. Robinson and those taking part have reason to feel very proud of the result of their labors.

More Stage Talk

Before many more days pass around the stage for Pokegama will resume its old schedule and leave this city for the railroad at 4 o'clock in the morning. For the past several weeks it has been leaving at six o'clock. The leaving at the latter hour was made possible by arrival of No. 16 at Thrall several hours behind schedule time, on account of the break down of the ferryboat Benicia. Repairs on the boat, however, are nearly completed, and when this is done then 16 will arrive about on time.

Dame rumor again has it that the boat will go back on the Keno run, but the old lady has handed this out so often that no one is going to believe her until the goods are delivered. It would be a great blessing to the traveling public if such an arrangement could be brought about.

WEDDING BELLS

ESPY-DENNIS

On Sunday evening a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Dennis of this city when their daughter, Izora, was united in marriage to Mr. James S. Espy. Only a few relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony and enjoy the splendid repast which followed. Rev. Conklin of the Methodist church performed the ceremony. Mr. E. L. Lawrence and Miss Ruby Craddock acted as best man and bridesmaid, and Beatrice Clendenning as flower girl. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of useful and valuable presents from their friends. They will make their home in this city.

Winema Swamped

The Steamer Winema was blown ashore and tipped over Wednesday afternoon, while on the return trip from the Landing and Odessa. The accident was due to a cyclone that came down the Williamson river with such speed and fury as to make it impossible for the captain to turn his boat so as to take it head-on. The passengers climbed to the upper side of the boat as she went over, and were later taken off by a launch. Until the Winema is righted the run to the Agency landing will be made by the Buena Vista.

Additional Briefs

Dr. Goble will be in Klamath Falls for a few days again after August 18th. 8-8-15

David Campbell, wife and son were in from Lorella this week on business connected with timber lands.

Will G. Steel was hurt last Saturday while engaged in launching a row boat on Crater Lake. The injury was not serious, but necessitated his remaining at home for several days.

I carry a fine line of mattresses at prices that are reasonable at Boller's Furniture Store. 8-8 +

Dr. William Martin has been appointed delegate to represent the Crater Aerie No. 1616, F. O. E. at the Grand Aerie, to be held in Norfolk, Va., the first week in September.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lyons returned from Crater Lake and Wood river this week, where they had been on a three weeks camping trip.

Subscribe for the Republican.

The best range in town for the money. Virgil & Son. 8-1 tf

MARRIED—In Ashland, Wednesday, July 31, Miss Elsie E. Jameson and Henry C. Hennis, both of Klamath county.

I. A. Duffy has commenced work on a park opposite Buck Island, where he owns a piece of land with a half mile water front. This year he will only clear out the brush and no charge will be made to camping parties.

A. H. Naftzger returned Saturday from a brief business trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalton were guests at the Lakeside Inn during the week, Mr. Dalton being here for the purpose of attending the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Users Association.

Tom Stephens returned from Odessa Monday, where he had been for a few days enjoying an outing with his family. Mrs. Stephens and the children will remain there for some time.

Second hand fruit jars. \$1.00 per dozen. Virgil & Son. 8-1 tf

The offices of the Klamath Falls Land and Transportation Company have been removed to the Brick Store. C. H. Withrow now occupies the rooms vacated.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burns of Grant's Pass are here for the summer on a visit to their son Mark, L.

A stone foundation is being placed under the building occupied by the Bank Exchange saloon by C. D. Willson.

Dr. Goble will visit Bonanza two days August 14-15. See him about your eyes while you have the opportunity. Examination is free.

F. M. and A. L. Brown of Astoria arrived here Thursday. These gentlemen have leased the corner room in the Withrow-Melchase building, it being their intention to divide the same, the rear half to be used for a grocery store and the front to be occupied by pool and billiard tables, cigar stand and soda water fountain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Richardson and Judge Benson are among those who went to Spring Creek this week, where they will enjoy their summer outing.

F. L. Wright returned from Lake county this week, where he has been on mining business. He speaks in glowing terms on the bright prospects of the mines and firmly believes that they will prove very valuable properties.

At the regular meeting of the Inland Empire Club last Friday evening the question of purchasing another billiard table was discussed and referred to the Board of Managers. Inasmuch as the Club will undoubtedly be well patronized this fall and winter it was thought advisable to purchase another table while the roads were in good condition.

The propeller on the launch Elizabeth, owned by D. P. Doak, was broken last week, necessitating its being sent to this city, where it was repaired at the Klamath Falls machine shops. The owners of launches are feeling easier since the machine shops started up, for it has already saved them a great deal of time, trouble and expense.

Dr. Goble was the first regular optician to visit Klamath county 11 years ago and he has been coming ever since. He places at your service in addition to a thorough optical education the benefits of 14 years practical experience as an optician, during which time he has fitted thousands of cases. For reference he refers you to the many people in Klamath Falls and county who have had glasses fitted by him. 8-8 +

FOR SALE—

1 \$12.00 violin for \$5.00.
1 \$35.00 violin for \$10.00.
1 \$50.00 violin for \$22.00.
See A. L. Camp, Worden Block. 1t

E. L. Borris of Butte Valley was in the city Saturday.

R. H. Dunbar, J. E. Rodge and Fred Houston are out in the woods after venison.

M. D. Williams and his corps of assistants are at Pelican Bay where they are engaged in surveying the property recently purchased by Col. W. H. Holabird.

K. Sugarman and family now occupy the house recently vacated by J. F. Nowlin.

George C. Hill of the Holcomb Realty company left for Portland Sunday on business connected with his company. This firm has a branch office in Portland and they are doing good work for the Klamath country through its agency.

Mrs. A. A. Cunningham of Salem arrived here Friday evening to join her husband, who is interested in the settlement of the claim of Mason, Davis & Co.

F. M. Priest is spending a few days at Merrill, where he will convince the people of the advisability of carrying life insurance.

C. K. Brandenburg has withdrawn from the Klamath Realty Company, and will engage in business by himself.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Crisler and daughter left yesterday for Wood river, where they will spend a short time renewing old acquaintances.

C. C. Brower, who has been away on a prospecting tour, returned Monday, bringing with him several samples of ore that bear indications of carrying precious metal.

C. T. Olliver was taken suddenly ill Monday afternoon and had to be removed to his home on California avenue. The symptoms indicated appendicitis, but prompt treatment prevented the necessity of an operation, and he is now well on the road to recovery.

R. C. Anderson of Merrill was in the city during the week on business connected with irrigation matters.

Jacob Rueck was down from Yonka Saturday to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Users Association.

H. T. Anderson was up from Merrill Saturday to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Klamath county's share of the state school fund this year will be \$2,689.41, on the basis of a school population of 1713.

Street car service to the Upper Lake was inaugurated Tuesday. A definite schedule has not as yet been arranged. For the present cards will be placed on the sides of the cars announcing when the trip will be made. This extension will undoubtedly result in a considerable increase in the receipts and ought to prove quite attractive to those who might desire to make a flying trip to the Upper Lake.

The semi-annual auditing of the books of the Reclamation Service was completed this week, when N. E. Webster, chief accountant of the Service was in the city. The main purpose of the examination is to maintain a uniformity in the manner of keeping the accounts in order to facilitate the work at Washington. He complimented Chief Clerk C. C. Hogue on the splendid manner in which his records are kept.

Messrs Berry and Peck of the Klamath Falls machine shops are demonstrating every day that they are the right men in the right place. When the Republican purchased its power press it was the first one ever brought to this city. There was no one here who understood the erection of this complicated piece of machinery, and as a result the adjustment was not perfect. Last week the services of Berry and Peck were called to the rescue and the trouble was easily remedied. Their work was most satisfactory and the result all that could be desired.

One of the finest small launches ever seen on the lakes was launched this week by Telford & Son. It was constructed for the use of Game Warden Hutchison, and will be known as patrol boat No. 5. In the execution of their work this firm outdid all previous efforts and demonstrated the fact that they are "second to none" when it comes to fine workmanship. The local name of the boat will be "Grebe." It has been furnished to Hutchison by the Audubon Society for the purpose of preventing the extinction of the grebe. The demand for grebe has been so great and the market value so high that it resulted in the carrying on of a slaughter by the hunters that has been most ruthless. It is to be hoped that the efforts of the Society will be successful.

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

Take Up Claims of Mason, Davis & Co.

CAREFUL EXAMINATION

Is Made of all Disputed Points and Board Adjourns to Portland

This has been a strenuous week in Reclamation circles. The Board of Examining Engineers, consisting of A. P. Davis, D. C. Henny, Morris Bien and William H. Sanders arrived here Monday morning and immediately went to work to investigate the claim of Mason, Davis & Co. Every detail of the affair was gone into thoroughly and a careful examination of the ground in dispute was made. In addition to this they also went over a mass of testimony, presented in the form of affidavits. Representatives of Mason, Davis & Co., were given a hearing. Thursday morning Messrs. Davis, Henny and Bien left for Portland where they will conclude their work, it being their purpose to meet Mason there and hear his side of the case. They will then make their report to Mr. Newell, who will in turn make a report to the Secretary of the Interior, when the decision will be made public.

Mr. Davis was seen by a representative of the Republican Wednesday and asked for a statement relative to the conclusions reached, but he declined to make anything public. "We are here for the purpose of giving the contractors an opportunity to present their side of the case. We have small discretionary powers. The law on these things is very explicit, and all we can do is to follow it. Nothing will be made public in regard to this matter until it comes from the Secretary of the Interior."

Mr. Henny was present and a general discussion of the work of the Service at this point was indulged in, in which both of them expressed themselves on the point of the settlement of the land already under irrigation.

"I wish I could make the people here see the wisdom of having every acre of land now under the canal settled," said Mr. Henny. "There is a vast difference in the condition of the reclamation fund now and a few years ago. Every section is crying aloud for money, and none of them are going to get what they are asking for, for the reason the money is not available. Some will get more than others, for the reason the lands of these projects are being settled rapidly. Don't you see what a powerful argument this project would have if we could go to the Secretary of the Interior with the statement that practically every acre of land now under canals was under cultivation and there were settlers waiting for more? The people here ought to get together and organize an effective movement for the purpose of bringing in settlers. If they do this and see that the lands are cultivated it will be an easy matter to push this project. I am particularly interested in this project. It is a real one and I want to see it a success. But the engineers cannot do it all. The people must do their share."

"How about the Clear Lake dam and the Upper Project?"

"That very thing is under consideration right now. Mr. Sanders is here for that purpose. He will remain probably two or three months for the purpose of going over the ground thoroughly, and after he gets through he will know just what will be done next year. The Clear Lake dam will be one of the first things he will take up. But there is one thing in connection with it that I wish to call the attention of the people to, and that is the fact that there is not enough of the land in that section signed up to make it a safe proposition for the government. The percentage is too low. Some of the overflow land may be excluded and in this way increase the average, but I hardly think there will be enough of it to make it sufficiently high. However, after Mr. Sanders concludes his work that will be known definitely."

Published herewith is a table showing the number of acres of land that have been signed up, and otherwise, in the Upper Project.