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STOP AND THINK.

The question which every thoughtful citizen of Klamath county should ask himself is: Have I done my part towards the success of the Klamath Reclamation Project? On all sides is to be heard criticism of the Reclamation Service, but we have yet to hear any criticism of those who should render the Reclamation Service effective support. This support should come from the people themselves, and it is rather hard to expect the people to hurl criticisms at themselves. But the time has come when it is necessary for every man to become thoughtful and to think for himself. Heretofore the vast majority has been letting the minority do the thinking and talking for them. Suppose for a few minutes the situation is changed and we do a little thinking for ourselves.

We all know that the body politic, so far as the Klamath Project is concerned, is sick—very sick. Is this sickness due entirely to the Reclamation Service? If so, how much? Now, it is not necessary for a man to "fly off the handle" and jump to conclusions before he gives this matter very careful consideration. He can rip and rant against the Service, but he is not getting to the bottom of the trouble for the reason he does not think for himself.

When the government came in here it told the people that it would do certain things, provided the people would also do certain things. Have the people done all that was asked of them? The government did come in here and up to a certain point did exactly as it agreed to. When it got that far it found certain stumbling blocks that the people agreed to remove. When the people were asked to remove them a certain element raised the cry that the government was not living up to its agreement, that it should overlook these stumbling blocks and go ahead. That is a very nice way to look at it, but is it according to agreement? If you buy a certain piece of land, on which there is a cloud on the title, you agree with the person from whom you bought it that you will pay so much, but that if by that time he has not secured for you a clear title you will withhold further payments until he does. What would you think of that man if he came around and demanded further payments or return of the property, when the title was in the same condition it was when the agreement was first made?

It is so with the government. The people here, when they asked the government to come into this basin, agreed to do certain things relative to signing up the land, giving trust deeds and other requirements. Everything looked very rosy and it was easy to make promises. Now the time has come to "deliver the goods" and there is raised objections. While we are not all satisfied with the progress the government has made and while we believe that conditions can be improved, yet the government cannot be expected to be entirely satisfied with us. Let us begin at home. Let us get at the bottom of the trouble in our own household and when we can present a clean bill of health, then we will be in a position to go to the government and ask that certain things be done. Don't let us get excited. This is a situation that requires cool-headed business judgement. Do not permit yourself to be worked into a wrong position by the frenzy of your neighbor. Stop and study out the situation for yourself and then, when you are sure you are right, go ahead.

Word comes from certain sections of the Upper Project that they are going to secede. We believe that this is due to hasty action and the step taken without due consideration of facts. No man is in a position to say that work will not begin on the Clear Lake dam next year. That question is being examined into right now, and when the engineer who has the matter in charge reaches a decision the people will know definitely what to expect. So far as withdrawing from the project is concerned, that is a question that is fraught with a great deal of danger. If the matter is taken into court, and we cannot believe such radical action will overcome the good judgement of the people of that section, the suit will be against the United States. It requires no argument to prove that any effort to coerce the government is a big undertaking. The best plan for the people to follow is to wait a little longer. None of us expected anything of moment this year. We all agreed that next year would be the hummer. Nothing has come up to cause the people to change their mind on this point. We believe that not only will work commence on the Clear Lake dam next year, but that the Lost River drain will be started and the work on the Lower project will be carried on. In the mean time, it would be well for the people to take council with their

cooler judgement, look over the situation carefully, ask themselves if they have done their part and if they have not, then to go ahead and do it. If such a course is followed we feel certain that there will be no cause for complaint next year, when labor conditions will be better, when we will have transportation and when the greatest handicaps that have been placed on the government are removed.

Relative to our remarks about the difficulty experienced by the soliciting committee in raising the funds for the exhibit at the Irrigation Congress, made in our last issue, the Bonanza Bulletin says:

"By reading the above article it would be taken that Klamath county lies only in the corporate limits of the town of Klamath Falls. This is certainly a mistake. If the amount desired for the display of Klamath county products is short, why doesn't the committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce visit the Tule Lake, Poe Valley, Yonna, Lost River and Langell Valley sections and we think they would have no trouble in getting the desired amount. The farmers east and south of the county seat would be pleased to have their ranch products displayed in Sacramento next month, as they are proud of their cereals, fruits, etc., even if they are not irrigated goods. Make the round trip is what we ask of the committee."

That is a pretty narrow view to take of it. The business men of this city have paid out a great deal of money to be used in advertising this county. They have received practically no assistance from the outside. There never has been anything to prevent the people outside of the city from contributing, and it would come with all the more welcome if sent without the asking. In the case of the Irrigation Congress the people outside of the city have not been asked to contribute a penny, but they have been asked to send in the "cereals, fruits, etc.," that they are proud of in order to make the men who have made the exhibit possible proud of the farmer and proud of the county. While a man has been employed to gather these exhibits, Klamath county is too extensive to pre-suppose that he will be able to cover all of it. The people as a whole are asked and expected to send in the best of everything they have. Do not wait for a man to call, but send it to the Chamber of Commerce. Mark your name and address on it, with the section, township and range wherein your ranch is located, in order that anyone who wishes to do so may visit your property and see that the stuff was grown there. All this information will be attached to the exhibit, so that strangers may write for further information in case they desire to do so.

It is up to the Bulletin to get in line and urge that the people of the Upper project send in their exhibits in order to make the best showing possible. Klamath Falls has furnished the money. Now let those living elsewhere in the county "deliver the goods."

While some of our people are busily engaged in painting thunder clouds of the darkest hue and predicting all kinds of calamity because their advice has not been taken in the conduct of affairs in the construction of the Reclamation Project, it is refreshing, and not a little pleasing, to see that there are others who are just as busily engaged with a silver lining. The announcement that E. H. Harriman is sojourning at Pelican Bay and that he may buy the property will come as a great surprise to the people of this county. The Republican has been aware of this fact for the past five weeks, but certain conditions were imposed that prevented our publishing the news until this week.

E. H. Harriman is not squandering his money. He is admittedly the most farsighted of the present day magnates, and his coming here means that he has the faith in this section that the people residing here ought to have. It means further that the Upper Klamath Lake will be the greatest summer resort on the Pacific Coast and that Klamath Falls will become as well known throughout the United States as in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The Schools

The Klamath Falls schools will probably open for business on September 9. It is expected that the attendance will exceed 500.

Following is a list of text book adopted by the State Board:

The change of textbooks ordered by the State Authorities will make it necessary for pupils to supply themselves with new books, and the course of

study in the Public School is herewith given in full and is as follows:

First Year—Wheeler's Primer, Wheeler's First Reader, Oral Arithmetic, Oral Language, Oral Geography, Spelling, Oral Physiology.

Second Year—Wheeler's First Reader, Wheeler's Second Reader, Oral Arithmetic, Smith's Primary Arithmetic, Oral Language, Oral Geography, Spelling, Oral Physiology, Outlook Writing System No. 1, Outlook Copy Slips No. 1.

Third Year—Wheeler's Third Reader, Smith's Primary Arithmetic, Oral Language, Modern Lessons in English, Oral Geography, Spelling, Oral Physiology, Outlook Writing System No. 2, Outlook Copy Slips No. 2.

Fourth Year—Cyr's Fourth Reader, Smith's Primary Arithmetic, Modern Lessons in English, Natural Introductory Geography, Word Lessons, Krohn's First Book in Hygiene, Outlook Writing System No. 3, Outlook Copy Slips No. 3.

Fifth Year—Cyr's Fourth Reader, Thomas' Elementary History, Smith's Practical Arithmetic, Modern Lessons in English, Natural Introductory Geography, Word Lessons, Empire Writing Speller, Krohn's Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, Outlook Writing System No. 4, Outlook Copy Slips No. 4.

Sixth Year—Cyr's Fifth Reader, Thomas' Elementary History, Smith's Practical Arithmetic, Modern Lessons in English, Natural School Geography, Word Lessons, Krohn's Graded Lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, Outlook Writing System No. 5, Outlook Copy Slips No. 5.

Seventh Year—Ayr's Fifth Reader, Burket, Stevens, and Hill's Agriculture for Beginners, Smith's Practical Arithmetic, Modern English Grammar, Natural School Geography, Doub's History of the United States, Word Lessons, Outlook Writing System No. 6, Outlook Copy Slips No. 6.

Eighth Year—Cyr's Fifth Reader, Burket, Stevens, and Hill's Agriculture for Beginners, Smith's Practical Arithmetic, Modern English Grammar, Natural School Geography, Doub's History of the United States, Civil Government, Word Lessons, Outlook Writing System No. 7, Outlook Copy Slips No. 7.

The course of study for the High School has not been decided upon by the Board as yet, but it will probably be as follows:

First Year—Modern English Grammar, Composition and Rhetoric for Schools, Hand Book of English Composition, Algebra for Secondary Schools, Office Methods and Practical Bookkeeping, Myer's General History, First Latin Book.

Second Year—Hand Book of English Composition, Composition and Rhetoric for Schools, Modern English Grammar, Algebra for Secondary Schools, New Physical Geography, Plane Geometry, Myer's General History, Caesar's Gallic War, Latin Prose Composition.

Third Year—Hand Book of English Composition, English Literature, Plane Geometry, First Course in Physics, Solid Geometry, Cicero's Orations, Academic Arithmetic.

Fourth Year—American Literature, Hand Book of English Composition, The Elements of Economics, Student's History of the United States, Government of the American People, Virgil's Aeneid, Elements of Botany, A Treatise on Physiology and Hygiene, Elementary Study of Chemistry, Introduction to Zoology, A New Astronomy.

Gerber Returns

L. Gerber returned from Montague Monday, where he has been with a shipment of cattle. He states that while at Mt. Hebron he heard the blast of the graders on the California Northeastern, and that it is certain that the railroad will reach the Boyce ranch by November 1.

"If the road reaches the Boyce ranch by November 1, and I believe it will," says Mr. Gerber, "it will be the shipping point for cattle this fall and winter. Already the material for the construction of stock corrals is being brought to that point, and this would indicate that it is the intention of the railroad company to be ready for business by that time. As stated in the Republican some time ago, there must have been orders issued by someone to rush the California Northeastern to completion, for never have I seen so much stir in that neighborhood. It indicates that someone is getting down to business. The people of that section seem to be catching the fever already and everyone and everything is full of life."

It seems to be the understanding in that section that the shoo-fly track will be constructed over the grade, and if this is true then the prediction that the railroad will reach here next spring is not far off."

Mrs. Frank Applegate and daughter, Elizabeth, who have been visiting relatives in Medford for the past several weeks, returned home last Friday.

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.

Sunday horse racing is becoming quite popular and exciting on the new track of L. Hessig & Co. A new horse was rung in last Sunday that surprised some of the sports.

Dr. Magilton will be in Fort Klamath on the 17th and will remain for two weeks. He will be pleased to meet those in need of dental work. 8-22

Will G. Steel was down last Friday from Crater Lake. He reports heavy snow and rain at the lake on Thursday. He says he will begin permanent buildings this fall, his architect being now on the way from Portland with plans.

Mr. Kiser and assistants, of the Kiser Photo Co. of Portland, will spend a month at Crater Lake and vicinity taking views of upper Klamath county, like those with which they have made the Pacific Monthly famous.

John Sismore is visiting his son, Lindsey C.

Mrs. A. Castel and son, Alfred, are visiting Mrs. George Hoyt.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jackson has been very sick, but has now made a good recovery.

The severe rains of Thursday and Friday interfered with the haying some, but did very little damage.

Nearing Brays

August 20th has been set as the date on which regular train service will be established between Weed and Brays. Every effort is being put forth to rush the work, and it is admitted by everyone who has visited the scene of operations that the railroad will reach Dorris, twenty miles from this city, this fall.

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