

## HOLGATE OBJECTS

### Files Bill of Excep- tions to Our Remarks

#### HIS MOTION OVERULED

### And the Republican Again Appeals to its Readers to "Stop and Think"

Bonanza, Oregon, August 19, 1907.  
Editor Republican:

Your recent editorial headed "Stop and Think", in its reference to the landowners of the Upper project, implies a misconception of the attitude of the people in these valleys.

The term "secede" employed by you and used by others in discussing our situation, itself indicates an unfamiliarity with the reasons that may impel the upper landowners to definite action. Nor are the landowners laboring under any excitement or "frenzy", nor do they intend to take hasty or unconsidered action.

No known opportunity for urging early construction of the Upper project, or for securing information as to the intentions of the reclamation service, has been neglected by local land owners or their representatives. And resident owners have been exceptionally diligent in smoothing the way for the advent of the service. The net result of their efforts is found in the statement of Mr. Henny, supervising engineer, that "We cannot begin work on the Upper project until 95 per cent of the lands in private ownership are under contract with the Water Users Association." Any person at all familiar with the situation, knows that it will be impossible to secure contracts for another acre until construction work is begun. Mr. Henny's statement was made in the presence of Mr. Davis, chief engineer of the service, and we are compelled to accept it as authoritative. Practically, it means that the service will never begin work on the Upper project.

With government irrigation indefinitely postponed, it would be worse than folly for the landowners to neglect other opportunities at hand for watering their lands. But they cannot afford to incur the expense of installing other systems of irrigation, and continue carrying any liability in respect to the government project, however remote. Any irrigation development requires money, and perhaps the majority of the landowners who may wish to install an irrigation system for their lands will have to borrow. The only present low-interest money available for farm loans is the state money, which cannot be secured as long as the contracts with the Water Users Association are existent. These facts constitute the reason for the desire of many landowners under the Upper project to sever their relations with the Water Users Association. The association has no funds with which to build the works, and the government officials have demanded impossible conditions before beginning construction. The landowners are unable to understand why they should be bound by a contract that binds no one else.

Practically no expense has been incurred by the Reclamation Service due to any dependence upon the existing contracts between the landowners of the Upper Project and the Water Users Association. If my memory is not at fault, most of the contracts were executed subsequent to the date of the government's contract to purchase the Clear Lake reservoir site. No landowner has entered into direct contract with the government, and none has the slightest idea of engaging in a lawsuit with the government.

No steps have been taken by the landowners, nor will there be until certain investigations are completed. While the organization of the Water Users Association is a peculiar one, from a legal standpoint, its right to claim a legal existence will not be involved in the possible suits to compel a cancellation of contracts by the association, except in the remote possibility of the government intervening; nor would a decision compelling the cancellation of these contracts necessarily affect contracts on land elsewhere.

It is quite within the realms of probability that the officials of the reclamation service are powerless to do or promise more than they have. That they regret the situation is not unbelievable. At any rate recriminations will not assist in solving the problem.

Those familiar with the campaign to secure contracts from the landowners will recall that the signature was obtained under official assurance as to the limit of cost and the limit of time in which construction work would begin. Both limits have since been removed without the consent of the contracting landowners. While it is true that the assurances of the officials were not given in a manner that might be considered legally binding upon the association or government, it is equally true that contracts without some such limits are of doubtful validity.

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(The Republican still maintains that any steps taken at this time by the landowners of the Upper Project, looking towards the cancellation of their contracts with the Water Users Association, are hasty. It further maintains that no one is in a position to state that work will not proceed on the Upper Project next year; neither is anyone in a position to state that it will. Engineer Sanders is here for the purpose of passing judgment on that very point, and when his decision is reached, if we properly understand the situation, it will be an easy matter for the people of the Upper Project to secure what they want. Our understanding of the proposition is this: The contention has been advanced for sometime that certain overflow lands in the Upper Project should not be included in the computation of the percentage. It is more than likely, in fact quite certain, that these lands will be eliminated. If so it will bring the percentage for the Upper Project within bounds that will admit of the work being done. At the time the Board of Engineers were in the city, when Mr. Holgate had the memorable discussion with Mr. Henny, the writer discussed this proposition with them on the evening prior to their departure. He gathered from their remarks that time that the percentage for the Upper Project would be no greater than it was for the Lower Project; and Mr. Henny expresses himself very forcibly on his desire to begin work on the Clear Lake dam as soon as he possibly could; that Mr. Sanders was here for the purpose of deciding that question and that that part of his work would be the first he would undertake. We were impressed by the evident desire of the engineers to do just what the people want them to do—push the project, but we all know that they have their limitations, and they are facing many serious problems that we are apt to forget, that they cannot get bids on their specifications, nor men to carry on the work under force account. The men who have charge of the Reclamation Service are human just like we are, are just as liable to make mistakes, and no doubt have made them; but we believe that they are doing the very best they can. It was with these things in mind, and the firm belief that the work on the Upper Project will not be delayed and that in the end the entire enterprise will be completed with satisfactory progress that the Republican suggested to its readers last week, and again repeats, that they "Stop and Think."—Editor.)

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#### Another Site

The Directors of the Fair Association have another site for the fair ground at their disposal. It was submitted by R. S. Smith last week. It is a portion of the Altamont ranch, located on the macadam road, about two miles from town, and was formerly used as the Jay Beach race track. The land is fenced on three sides, and is so located that it can be watered from the irrigation canal.

In submitting the proposition Mr. Smith placed this 40-acre tract at \$3,000, and offers terms that should prove very attractive to the association. He included in the proposition provisions for the supplying of fresh water for drinking purposes on a basis that will make its cost a mere trifle.

This property is so easy of access to the people throughout the county as to weigh largely in its favor. The Directors are considering the matter very carefully, and they are not likely to make a selection that will prove so unpopular as was that made the last time.

Another place also being considered is the Reams tract, but there are many who do not believe it to be a desirable site, while its adaptability and accessibility have many sponsors.

Inasmuch as the fair is to be held at the old grounds this year and there is no necessity for haste, the Directors are taking their time and sounding public opinion. It would not be a bad idea to postpone any definite action until after the fair, and while that is in progress ascertain the sentiment of those who attend that event.

#### Killed at Keno

KENO, Aug. 20.—(By Special Correspondence.) George Solts was shot and killed at the Wise & Maxwell lumber mill yesterday afternoon. Solts was endeavoring to make his escape after robbing Mrs. Ida Martin of \$80. Mrs. Martin was alone in the kitchen shortly after noon when Solts appeared and drawing a knife demanded that she give him all the money she possessed. After securing the money Solts attempted to assault Mrs. Martin, but in this he was frustrated. He ran from the house and sought to make his escape on horseback, but was intercepted by George Barneburg, who grabbed the horse by the bridle. Solts pulled a gun on Barneburg and threatened to kill him. At this point R. W. Wise appeared on the scene and taking in the situation came to Barneburg's assistance with a neck-yoke. His aim missed the mark, however, and Solts turned the gun on him, dismounting at the same time.

Attracted by the screams of Mrs. Martin, Albert Cole, an employe of the mill, came to the assistance of Barneburg and Wise. He ran into the house and securing a 22 rifle took deliberate aim at Solts and fired. The bullet hit him in the right side, lodging just above the heart. As soon as he was shot, Solts turned and ran about fifty feet and dropped dead.

The dead man is given a hard name by those who know him, and the crime he is guilty of here would indicate that he is deserving of the reputation he has. He was formerly employed on the J. F. ranch. It is not believed that Solts was his right name, for he had tattooed on one of his arms the name of George Harnyak, which would indicate that he was an Austrian. An examination of the dead man's pistol revealed the fact that it was empty, which accounts for his failure to shoot and to which fortunate circumstance Wise and Barneburg owe their lives.

Immediately after the shooting the sheriff and coroner were notified and Sheriff Obenchain, Coroner Martin, Dr. Merryman and Court Reporter Richardson came here. A jury was summoned and on hearing the evidence returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

Mr. Cole is a son of Dr. Cole of Picard. He regrets the notoriety he has secured, but he has every reason to feel satisfied with the service he has rendered this community.

#### A Recital

Misses Grace and Leta Nickerson will give a recital in the Houston opera house Saturday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. It will consist of elocutionary numbers by Miss Grace and vocal and instrumental selections by Miss Leta. That it will be an entertainment worth going to is certain. Everyone here knows of the ability of Miss Leta Nickerson, and may feel assured that she will not disappoint her admirers. Miss Grace Nickerson has appeared in public in this city on one or two occasions, and this is sufficient to lead to the belief that her part of the program will be very entertaining. The admission will be 50 cents, children 25 cents. The tickets are now on sale at the usual place.

- The program of the evening follows:
- Solo—Ave Maria (Cav. Rusticana)
  - ..... Mascagni
  - Miss Leta Nickerson.
  - Mrs. Mavor's Story (Black Rock)
  - ..... Connor
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - A Sisterly Scheme..... H. C. Bunner
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - Solo—Somebody Loves Me..... Starr
  - Dear, When I Gaze..... Rogers
  - Miss Leta Nickerson
  - Be r Story..... Riley
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - Afterwhiles..... Riley
  - When De Folks is Gone..... Riley
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - Solo—The Letter..... Caro Roma
  - Miss Leta Nickerson
  - How Miss Lucy Backed..... Dunbar
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - Sally Ann's Experience..... Eliza Hall
  - Miss Grace Nickerson
  - Club Swinging.....
  - Miss Grace Nickerson

#### WEDDING BELLS

##### ANDERSON—WITTE

Miss Emma Witte and Ray Anderson were married at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of Louis Bieln, Rev. J. W. Bryant officiating. Miss Witte is quite well known in this city, having for a long time made her home with Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Maston. Mr. Anderson resides near Spencer creek, where he is the owner of some valuable ranch property. The young couple have the good wishes of their many friends.

Bring in your exhibits.

#### Additional Briefs

Charles J. Brown of Oakland arrived here Friday evening for a visit with his friend, Leslie Rogers.

Loe S. Robinson of marsh land fame was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Applegate visited Swan Lake this week.

Miss Edna Houston returned this week from her trip to Portland and California points.

S. M. Yoran of Eugene arrived here last Friday evening and delivered a lecture before the local Masonic lodge Saturday evening.

Dr. William Martin left for the east Wednesday, whither he goes as delegate to the National Aerie of the Eagles as a delegate from the local lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Burns left for their home in Grant's Pass Saturday, after a visit with their son Mark L.

MARRIED—In this city Thursday evening August 15, Miss Lulu Vinson and Jonas Sparks, both of Bonanza, Justice of the Peace Nicholas officiating.

G. W. Morine of Bonanza was in the city for several days this week on business connected with the hostelry that bears his name.

Dell Thomas, of the H. L. Whited jewelry store, left Thursday evening for a two weeks' vacation visit at the home of his parents near Merrill, Klamath county.—Ashland Tidings.

J. E. Hughes, who was arrested here last spring on a charge of murdering a man near Yreka, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. At one time the jury stood eleven to one in favor of hanging.

W. O. Smith left for Harrison, Idaho, Monday morning, where he was called on account of the serious illness of his father. He expects to remain north for several weeks.

District Attorney Moore passed through this city Sunday on his way home to Lakeview from Ashland, where he had been for the purpose of seeing his family comfortably located. His children will spend the winter in Ashland for the purpose of attending school.

Misses Georgia and Clarice White, Miss Bernice Angle of Medford and Messrs. C. L. Roberts, Thad McHatton and Harry Benson comprised a party of young folks that visited the Swan Lake country Sunday. They were chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. F. M. White.

The following were the successful applicants for teacher's certificates at the examinations held in this city last week: Florence Foster, first grade; Edna Norris, second grade; Millie Garrison, Grace Lytle and Uel Bussey, third grade, and Mabel Campbell, primary grade.

John Conner has leased his Swan Lake ranch for a year, and will make his home at Salem again for a time. He has started from Klamath county with several head of horses and is making an overland trip to Salem via Eugene.—Ashland Tidings.

Joe Koessel, while digging a well on his ranch near town, uncovered several veins of ore that carried values in gold and silver, the assay showing \$5 and over. It is an iron sulphide and would make an ideal concentrating proposition, provided it was found in sufficient quantity to justify the expense. Mr. Koessel is reticent regarding the matter, and refuses to give out any information.

Mr. and Mrs. B. St. Geo. Bishop and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sapp went up to Odessa this week where they are going to enjoy life for a short time. Mr. Bishop has one of the finest house boats in the county anchored up there and he expects to visit every nook and cranny of the Upper lake before he returns.

The Buena Vista was chartered Saturday for a trip on the Upper lake. In the party were Will Baldwin, Harry Ackley, Roy Hamaker, Jim Wilson, Frank Sargent, Charley Martin, Clarence Currin, Herb Baldwin, Oscar Shive, Claude Chastain and Roy Walker. With a cargo of such "warm ones" as this it is a wonder the Buena Vista was able to keep her engines cool enough to make the round trip. The boys had the time of the season, and it is not unlikely that they will go again soon.

Clarence Currin will leave here next Sunday for Hood River, where he has purchased an interest in a drug store. Mr. Currin has a large circle of friends in this city who will be sorry to hear of his leaving, but who will rejoice in the fact that he is on the road to prosperity. He will ever have their good wishes for unbounded success. He will be succeeded at the Star Drug Store, where he has ever been popular with the patrons, by his brother, C. S. Currin, who is expected to arrive from Portland this week.

W. H. Mason was up at Bonanza this week on business.

Mrs. R. Hevelyn of Keno was in the city Saturday.

A. T. Langell of Ely was in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Farrar are visiting relatives and friends in Ashland.

Mrs. C. E. DeLap and daughter are visiting friends and relatives in Woodland, California.

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector Hobbs of Eugene was in the city this week on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Driscoll of Bonanza were in the city this week.

Austin Cox paid a flying visit to the county seat Tuesday.

J. F. Dixon of Wood River valley was in the city this week.

Fall goods at the Boston Store. The first shipment arrived this week.

Miss Clara Grimes returned to her home in Medford this week, after a visit with friends and relatives in this county.

Judge Baldwin, Judge Benson and F. H. Mills are having a good time for a few days on the Upperlake and Spring creek.

J. B. Casey and wife went to Ashland this week, where they will reside permanently.

George McConnell left for Redding Wednesday, having been called there by the serious illness of his mother.

Mrs. A. D. Miller and daughter, Constance, left Monday for Portland, Butte, Mont., and Yellowstone Park, expecting to be gone about two weeks.

This week the first consignment of fall goods arrived at the Boston Store. If you want something nobby just drop in and see them.

There will be on sale at the Boston Store the prettiest patterns of fall and winter goods ever shown in this city. They are exclusive styles. The first shipment arrived this week.

Watch the Boston Store for fall and winter goods. Their patterns are exclusive and of the latest style and best materials. They are beginning to arrive.

Leo S. Robinson and Frank Ira White have been appointed delegates to the Irrigation Congress, as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, by President Delzell.

Archie Johnson has decided to locate in Portland, from which city he will conduct his timber business in this state and Washington. Archie has a host of friends here who will be sorry to hear of his decision to say adieu.

Mrs. G. W. Fish left this week for San Francisco, where she will remain for a short time getting posted on the latest styles in feminine headgear and placing her orders for fall and winter millinery.

J. G. Wight went to Dairy this week to look after the commencement of work on the Dairy school. The plans and specifications are all ready and bids will be advertised for in a short time. The plans and specifications may be seen at Mr. Wight's office in this city or at Dairy.

Representatives of a view company were in the city this week taking photographs of the different points of interest in and around the city. They are now in the northern part of the county for the same purpose. The object of this work is to fill a pressing demand that exists for views of this section.

Miss Maude Baldwin went up to the Upper lake this week for the purpose of securing additional views of this beautiful section. Miss Baldwin is establishing an enviable reputation as a scenic artist, many of the views taken by her having been published all over the United States. Although they did much to make this Switzerland of America famous, Miss Baldwin has received practically none of the credit that is her due from those who made use of her work.

Frank Ward is now associated with Frank Ira White in the land business, the demands of Mr. White's time being so great that it was necessary to have assistance. He could not have made a better selection than Mr. Ward.

Dr. Gordon came up from his ranch on the Lower lake this week, and states that he can hear the whistle of the California Northeastern trains at his place.

Fred Melhase and Major Worden went to Dorris Wednesday for the purpose of looking over that field as a possible location for a bank. Dorris has a bright future and it is only a question of a short time before such an institution is located there, and the one that is will practically control the banking of the stock men of this section.

## HARRIMAN ARRIVES

### Great Railroad Chief Goes to Pelican Bay

#### WILL REMAIN TWO WEEKS

### Comes Determined to Have A Good Time and Kill A Bear

Like the Arab that quietly folded his tent and silently stole away did the Harriman party enter the city last Saturday evening, twenty-four hours ahead of time. Composing the party were E. H. Harriman, his two sons, H. P. Hoey, construction engineer of the California Northeastern, W. V. Hill, Mr. Harriman's private secretary, Dr. Lyle, his physician, J. A. Taylor, the boys' tutor and valet. They were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nafziger, where they had dinner. The night was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Worden, from where, after breakfasting, the party proceeded to the Upper lake where they boarded the Buena Vista and went to Pelican Bay.

Mr. Harriman entered the Klamath Basin by way of the California Northeastern, being desirous of inspecting the line that is to play such an important part in the through traffic between Portland and San Francisco. He was highly pleased with the manner in which the work was being done, and several times complimented Mr. Hoey on the skillful manner in which he was executing his instructions.

On reaching Bray's, the present terminus of the road, the party was driven in carriages to Teter's landing where they boarded the Steamer Klamath and came to this city. Mr. Harriman seemed to realize the hardships encountered by passengers in reaching the Klamath Basin, for he was quite fatigued when he reached Teter's landing. This was forgotten for the time in his surprise in seeing such a fine boat as the Klamath, and pined Colonel Wilkins with many questions as to how the boat was brought here, the demand for its services and many other things connected with its operation.

On board the boat to welcome the distinguished financier were Col. William H. Holabird, whose guest Mr. Harriman will be during his sojourn at Pelican Bay, A. H. Nafziger, J. D. Church, engineer in charge of the work for the California Northeastern at this end, and W. S. Worden, right of way agent.

The man who reached this city to hide himself away from the cares of finance and railroads was not the Harriman of Wall Street. It was the man of leisure, the man who seeks a good time, a recreation, a desire to free his mind from the labors that have worn deep furrows in his brow and stamped their weight indelibly on his countenance. One would think to look at him that he was the last man in the world that controlled millions upon millions and held in his hand the welfare of thousands of miles of railroad; who has done more for the progress of railroading than any man in the history of the country; the man of all men most vilified and apparently misunderstood, was "as plain as an old shoe," and it was only when some question or subject, in which he was deeply interested was touched upon that the fire that has been so dangerous to Wall St. manifested itself, he was again the personification of the man who is the mainspring of the greatest railroad enterprise in history. He comes here for the rest he much needs, and though he will be in close touch with the outside world through the special telegraph line that was erected for his private use, he is not going to let business cares interfere with the full enjoyment of his vacation.

It is the intention of Mr. Harriman and party to indulge in all the sports and pastimes that the wealth of Northern Klamath offers. It will be a season of hunting and fishing and sightseeing. Bear, deer and mountain lion will be hunted, with possibly a few parting shots at the ducks for it is quite likely they will remain until after the duck season opens. Crater Lake and the beautiful canyons of the northern part of the county will be visited, and Mr. Harriman will be given an opportunity to see why Klamath County lays claim to being the Switzerland of America.