

BOARD MEETS THIS WEEK

Amount of Work to be Done Next Year Under Consideration

ALL ESTIMATES ARE REVISED

The Indications Are That Great Progress Will be Made Towards Comple- tion Next Year

The Board of Engineers will meet in Portland Thursday and will decide on the work that is to be done on the Klamath Project next year. Consulting Engineer Sanders, who has been here for several months for the purpose of going over the plans and specifications, and Project Engineer Murphy, went to Portland this week for the purpose of assisting in the reaching of a decision.

The meeting of the Board is a mere formality, provided the usual course is followed in such matters. This course provides for the approval of the plans of the Project Engineer where they come within the funds set aside for the project under consideration. In this case not only the Project Engineer but also one of the Board of Consulting Engineers prepared the plans and specifications that will be gone over in Portland this week. This work has practically been in the hands of Engineer Sanders, Mr. Murphy having his hands full in running the affairs of the Project. He, however, was always in consultation with Mr. Sanders, and the plans and specifications submitted will have the approval of both gentlemen. When Engineer Sanders was seen by a representative of this paper and asked for an expression of opinion on what might be expected here next year he said:

"I would very much like to make a statement for the people of this project, but that is manifestly impossible at this time. We have the plans and specifications ready to submit to the Board of Engineers, which meets in Portland this week for the purpose of going over them and either approving them or making such changes in them as in their judgment seem proper. We have gone over the ground very carefully and, by adding to and taking from in various sections of the project, believe we have a program that will meet with the hearty approval of the Board as well as the people of this project. While the Secretary of the Interior has not officially apportioned the funds that will be given to each project next year, he has done so tentatively and it is on this tentative apportionment that we have based our plans."

"Are you in a position to state at this time whether or not there will be any work done on the Clear Lake dam next year," was asked.

At this question Mr. Sanders smiled. "No, I cannot say anything about that, or in fact about any other part of the Project. I will say, however, that I am very much interested in the Upper Project and its people, and if work is done on the Clear Lake dam next year it will give me much pleasure and satisfaction. As to the plans as a whole I may say that I am confident they will give entire satisfaction to all of the people of both the Upper and Lower project."

But as stated in the Republican some weeks ago, the people of the Upper Project may get their money that the Clear Lake dam will go through. Messrs. Henny, Sanders and Murphy are on the Board of Engineers that will pass on the program for next year, and these gentlemen are all favorable to the Upper Project. The people of the Upper Project surprised Mr. Henny when he visited that section, and since then he has been a friend of the Clear Lake dam. Of course, he has not given public official utterance to his opinions in the matter, but it comes from a reliable source that he thinks the people of the Upper Project are all right.

As near as can be learned the amount that will be set aside for the Klamath Project next year will be about \$30,000. This will be sufficient to make a big start on the Clear Lake dam, continue the East Branch canal almost to completion, if it does not complete it entirely, and continue the work on the Keno canal. The prospects now are that there will be no trouble in securing all the men needed to carry on this work and the

probabilities are there will be several contractors in the field bidding for the work.

Another thing that may have a considerable bearing on the work to be done here next year, is the readjustment of estimates in accordance with present conditions. The original estimates were made when labor was plentiful and did not command such high pay. The last estimates are based on the high wages and scarcity of labor. If labor conditions revert to the original conditions then the first estimates may be used; if, on the other hand, the conditions prevailing last year are in force next spring, then the new estimates will be used as a basis.

Before it will be possible to secure an official statement as to the amount of work to be done here next year it will be necessary to await the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of the plans passed upon by the Board of Engineers and forwarded to Washington for review. This will likely consume several weeks.

Exhibit At Chicago

Klamath County is to have an exhibit at the International Stock Show, to be held in Chicago beginning November 27. General Passenger Agent Fee of the Southern Pacific made a special request that this county be represented by an exhibit, offering to transport the same free. Judge Baldwin immediately got busy and prepared for shipment samples of grains and grasses and such fruit and vegetables as he could secure on short notice. These were forwarded Monday evening.

This request is a direct outcome of the work done at Sacramento, where the Klamath County exhibit attracted so much attention that the Southern Pacific officials are anxious that Klamath make a showing wherever it is possible to do so. When the request was received, Judge Baldwin telephoned throughout the county in an effort to secure some representative exhibits, but he was rather unsuccessful, although the samples that were sent will make some of the people of the Middle West sit up and take notice. It is safe to say that this county will be the only one in the state that will have an exhibit there and will attract a great deal of attention from its individuality as well as from its fine quality.

Klamath in Portland

The following from the Portland Journal indicates that we have some warm friends in Portland. Mr. Page is one of the heavy property owners of this city, among his holdings being the Republican block:

The Klamath Falls chamber of commerce has sent to this city a box containing samples of Newtowns, Bellflower, Spitzenberg, Baldwin and Northern Spy apples that are among the best ever received here. The colors are unusually good and size likewise. The chamber also sent in some samples of Peerless potatoes that are of unusually good quality. The fruit was received by Page & Son of this city and will be exhibited in a downtown store. "The samples are grand," says Fred Page, "and show what can be produced in a country that everyone thought a few years ago was not good for any sort of fruit. And land there is only about \$20 an acre."

Survey Finished

The railroad survey from Klamath Falls to Lakeview was completed Tuesday noon. The survey intersects the north and south line, running through Lakeview, at the southwest edge of town. The survey runs on a straight line from the mouth of Drews creek canyon, on the west side of Goose Lake valley to Lakeview, a distance of about 20 miles. The exact distance from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, according to the survey, is 100 miles and 283 feet. Mr. Journey, who has been in charge of this surveying crew, will return over the route, so we understand, and make the route permanent.

Mr. Journey's crew will go the Abert lake this week.—Examiner.

SUCCESSFUL PRODUCTION

Belshazzar Was Given a Cordial Reception by a Crowded House

The last of a series of successful musical events was staged in the Houston opera house Monday and Tuesday evenings, when the opera Belshazzar was presented to a crowded house. It probably ranks second with that of Queen Esther, which seems to have made a lasting impression on the public. Nevertheless so cordially was it received by the immense audience it would be a hard matter to decide wherein the difference.

Mrs. Don J. Zumwalt was again the favorite with the audience. Though suffering from a severe cold, her singing was perfect. She looked more beautiful than ever before in her queenly robes and the enthusiastic greeting accorded her showed that Klamath Falls' night-ingle is much admired and loved by her audience.

The solo by Miss Mae Worden was well received by the audience. Miss Worden has a sweet, clear voice that is very pleasing. Mrs. Jessie Brock Morgan was another favorite with the audience, although the part portrayed was not well suited to her talents. Miss Josephine Hammond surprised her many friends by the marked improvement in her singing over her former appearance and was the recipient of hearty congratulations on her success.

Owing to the illness of W. H. Mason he was unable to appear in the role of Belshazzar, and his place was taken by T. W. Zimmerman. He had but a day to master the part, and he acquitted himself magnificently. Had the audience not known that he was the understudy of a day, it would not have guessed it, but the knowledge only added to its appreciation. Barge Mason, as Daniel, was admirable and was always the inspiration for applause whenever he made his appearance.

The cymbal drill by the pages and the wand drill by the young Babylonian maidens were features of the performance that gave much pleasure to the audience. As a whole the performance was an unqualified success. To those who participated, from the pages to Belshazzar and his queen, the public is much indebted, not only for a splendid entertainment, but for the unselfish devotion to the interests and institutions that prompted the production. Few aside from those who actually participated, realize the hardships and work connected with it. Collectively and individually they are public benefactors.

Following is the cast of characters:

Belshazzar, King of Babylon T. W. Zimmerman
Nitocris, the Queen Mrs. Don Zumwalt
Daniel, the Prophet Barge Mason
Hananiah Geo. T. Pratt
Lord of the Court Willis E. Faught
Lady of the Court, Josephine Hammond
Jewish Maiden Mae Worden
Angel Mrs. Jessie Brock Morgan
High Priest of Baal Will Hurn
Cyrus, King of Persia Chas. Howard

QUEEN'S FAN BEARERS

Neva Faught Maive Jacobs

WISE MEN

Oscar Wright Alex Martin, Jr.
Will Hurn

DANIEL'S COMPANIONS

Geo. T. Pratt Roy Walker
T. W. Zimmerman

PAGES

Vera Houston Lizzie Houston
Barbara Goeller Hazel Goeller

JEWISH QUINSET

Mrs. Zimmerman Mae Worden
Chas. Howard W. A. Duzell
T. W. Zimmerman

DOUBLE TRIO

Mrs. Zimmerman Bess Bolter
Lou Leonard Maud Nail
Florence Boorey Hazel Rolfe

BELSHAZZAR'S MAIDENS

Bess Bolter Martha Taber
Hazel Rolfe Minnie Barnum
Maud Martin Alta Griffith
Myrta Carter Fannie Virgil
Eva Moore Edith Elliott
Orpha Schallock Roxa Shive
Edith Rutenic Orva Orem
Lena Barnum Jessie Telford
Agnes Marple Florence Boorey
Flora Shive Maud Nail

CELERY AND CABBAGE

Jim Straw has some very finely blanched celery of various sizes and prices. Also cabbage for present use and for burying. Also saurkraut in any quantity. Residence west end of bridge; telephone No. 823. 11-21-11

The horses heretofore in use by the surveying crews on the Oregon Eastern have been transferred to the California Northeastern and will be employed on that road under the direction of Construction Engineer Hoey.

DOWN COME HIGH WAGES

An Over Production of Labor Brings a Big Slump in the Market

The well known rule of supply and demand was never more forcibly demonstrated as it has been during the past four weeks. Four weeks ago it was almost impossible to get men to work even at top notch prices. The demand was greater than the supply. Now it is different. During the past four weeks tens of thousands of men all over the country have been laid off. They poured into the large cities expecting, as of old, to be immediately employed at the old wages. But when they reached there they found that thousands of other workers were there with the same idea. As the days passed the conditions became worse and soon they began to offer their services at lower wages. This did not help matters and today thousands of men are seeking employment for \$1.75 per day. If present conditions continue much longer it will result in a drop to even a dollar a day, with no demand whatever. This condition of affairs must necessarily result in much suffering and more or less crime, for undoubtedly the great army of idle men has among it desperate characters who, whipped on by the bitter lash of hunger, will not hesitate at employing unlawful means to satisfy their appetites.

This condition is pretty generally understood among the employes on the government work here, and out of the hundreds of men employed not one is quitting and it is not likely that they will until the work here is finished, for few want to face the hardships of the approaching winter out of work and the likelihood of their securing any. Already are the scenes of '93 being enacted, when the unemployed would take possession of a freight train and travel from one section of the country to another begging for work. Last week several hundred men boarded a Southern Pacific train out of Portland and traveled south. They were unmolested by the railroad, for the officials realize the desperate straits to which the men are put. Their mission south will probably prove a failure for the same condition exists there as in the north.

Mason Here

Archie Mason, head of the Mason Construction company, which firm has the contract for the California Northeastern grade through the marsh lands, arrived here Monday evening for the purpose of personally superintending the work. He was accompanied by C. W. Miller, a member of the company.

Ever since work was begun on the contract it has been followed by one delay or another. Now it is Mr. Mason's intention to remain on the ground until everything is running smoothly and four shifts a day are permanently employed. The second dredger will be placed in commission at once and with these two it is expected that the work will be finished in plenty of time to admit of the laying of rails as soon as the construction crew reaches that point. The worst of the work is nearly completed, that remaining being of a character that will settle rapidly and be in readiness for the ties much sooner than any portion of that heretofore thrown up.

The contractors farther down are pushing their part of the work with all possible speed and are employing every man they can use to advantage. The indications now are that there will be no suspension of operations. The men now at work realize that it is better to remain than to face a winter of idleness, and the consequence is they are hanging on to their jobs and working harder than ever before.

City Tax Levy

The holiday season did not stop the wheels of the municipal machinery for last Monday night Mayor Bishop and the councilmen met and transacted the business of the city.

The most important matter brought before the council was the levying of a tax. The mayor and the councilmen were unanimously of the opinion that there should be no further delay and after some discussion the levy was fixed at 10 mills, which will raise approximately \$8,000. There may be some question as to the legality of the levy, but as an emergency existed and other cities throughout the state have taken similar action the mayor and the council feel confident that their action will stand.

A large number of bills were allowed and liquor licenses were granted to E. H. DuFault, Geo. Biehn and A. Castel. A fire plug was ordered placed on the

BIG FACTORY IS COMING

Klamath Falls Will be Center of Box Making Industry

MAY BE ERECTED NEXT YEAR

corner of Ninth and Washington streets. Several petitions asking for street lights were granted and a sidewalk was ordered built on Main street as far east as the Hot Springs brick.

Fire

A general alarm of fire early Sunday morning aroused the whole city, an investigation revealed the conflagration located in a Chinese laundry in the rear of Melton & Sullivan's saloon. The flames spread with great rapidity, and by the time the water was turned on the entire building was enveloped and the flames were licking the rear of the saloon building. The fire boys worked with a vim and it was not long before they had it under control. Fortunately for that portion of the city an almost perfect calm prevailed, thus aiding in the confining of the flames to the one building.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The Chinamen claim that the building was not occupied at the time, and indications are that the fire started in two places at the same time. The matter is being investigated.

One of the lessons learned at this fire that will be of advantage in the future is the danger arising from outsiders interfering with the firemen and shouting orders. The program in the future will be to listen to the orders of but one man, and when outsiders interfere they are to be promptly squelched with water, as was done to one Sunday night. This remedy will have to be adopted at but one or two fires, when the public will learn to just look and listen and stop trying to be a fire chief.

W. C. T. U. Entertained

On Saturday afternoon, November 9th, the members of the W. C. T. U. of Klamath Falls, together with the ministers and their wives and several of their neighbors, were invited by Mrs. O. A. Stearns to a reception at her home in West Klamath Falls. A business meeting of the union was held first, after which, in answer to roll call by the Secretary, each member was asked to read something or give a short talk on some of the reasons for encouragement in the temperance work. The response to the request was quite general and a spirited discussion followed, participated in by all present. Brother Pratt's talk especially was very interesting and helpful.

Light refreshments were served on the long table in the dining room which just seated 14, the number present comfortably.

We all went away voting Mrs. Stearns a capital entertainer and feeling glad that we had gone.

Coxey's Army

A Coxey's army composed of nearly 200 men originating at Portland and gathering in numbers as they proceeded southward, passed through Redding Thursday afternoon in undisturbed possession of a Southern Pacific freight train. They were on their way to secure work, if possible on the Western Pacific.

No attempt was made by the railroad men to get rid of their big passenger list.

The men were commanded by a leader and the assurance was given that the army was peaceably inclined. The men were looking for work and were proceeding to the point where they thought they would be most likely to find it—in the construction camps on the Western Pacific.—Searchlight.

Work on the new building for the Eldred Company's store and shop is under way, and Mr. Wattenburg, the builder, expects to have it completed this month. Mr. Eldred is anxious to get into his new quarters where he can turn out work faster than is possible in his present temporary place. He is highly pleased with the big business that has greeted his venture and greatly appreciates the courtesy of the Driscoll, Bradley and Broadword stores in turning all their stock in his line over to him.—Bulletin.

W. O. Huson States That Box Manufacturers Are Turning to Klamath for Future Supply

"Now that the many people are looking on the dark side of things and seeming to think that the nation is going to smash, it would not be a bad idea if some of them would stop and think of the good things of life and especially some of the bright prospects in store for this city and county," said W. O. Huson, manager of the Long Lake Lumber company of this city.

"When I was in San Francisco recently I was discussing the manufacture of boxes with one of the best known authorities on this subject that there is on the Coast. He was very frank in his statement and I was somewhat surprised when he told me the California Fruit Canners Association used last year over 17,000,000 feet of lumber in the manufacture of boxes. He said that the people of this section do not know what they have here, so far as the box industry is concerned. According to this authority this is about the only section in the United States that has marketable lumber for the manufacture of boxes. That is in large quantities. That this fact is well known to the people who are interested in this industry is evidenced by the fact that they have had representatives here for the purpose of looking over the field and seeing where best to locate factories and purchase timber.

"That this city is to be the center of the box industry is almost as certain as anything in human events can be. The location for this purpose is ideal, and I feel safe in saying that within two or three years there will be located in the city from five to ten of the largest box factories in the United States. Do not be surprised if you see work begun on one of them next year, and if it is it will be the largest one of the kind on Coast, if not in the country.

"Our company have orders for the entire output of our box factory, and we are shipping about two carloads of boxes a week. The present financial flurry does not seem to have affected the box business, for we have been urged to increase the shipments if we can possibly do so. This is another indication of the scarcity of box material and a forerunner of what this city may expect within the near future. We are making arrangements for the enlarging of our box factory and this will be done during the coming year. All that is necessary to launch this industry is the arrival of the railroad. When it reaches here you will see other factories besides ours engaged in the manufacture of boxes."

Few have paid any attention to this industry, and it opens up a new avenue for the development of the lumber industry in this county. As Mr. Huson says, this city is well located for the capturing of box factories. On the east side of Lake Ewauna are ideal sites for factories, for, with the completion of the work on the Link river rapids it will be possible to bring down the lumber from the Upper lake, while close at hand will be the railroad for transportation.

Proclamation

The following Thanksgiving proclamation has been issued by the Governor:

"The president has set apart Thursday, the 28th day of November, A. D. 1907, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Therefore, I, George E. Chamberlain, as Governor of the State of Oregon, do proclaim said day as a holiday in this State.

"Let it be properly observed. Thank God for the manifold blessings we enjoy, and pray Him that we may have more confidence in our neighbors so that the good things we have may continue to abide with us.

"In the testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed at the capitol in the city of Salem, this 14th day of November, A. D. 1907.

GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN."