

FEDERATION ORGANIZED

Large Number of Prominent Citizens
Manufacture a Big Stick

URGE ENFORCEMENT OF LAW

Appoint Committee to Visit
it Officials--Club to be
a Permanent Feature
of Civic Life of City

Municipal reform is the keynote that summoned together a large number of the leading men of this city to a meeting, held in the court house Thursday evening. The result thereof was the organization of the Civic Federation, the object and purpose thereof is set forth in the following preamble and resolution, which was introduced by W. S. Slough:

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the laws of the State of Oregon and the ordinances of our city are being violated persistently within the corporate limits of Klamath Falls, Oregon, to the serious damage of our business, social, educational and moral interests, it is

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, agree to associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

First--To give our moral support to each of our public officials as shall faithfully discharge the duties of their respective offices.

Second--To assist in bringing to trial and conviction all offenders against the laws of our State and city.

Third--To report faithfully to the duly constituted officers and committees of this organization all violations of law coming under our notice within the corporate limits of our city.

Fourth--To contribute money to aid in prosecuting offenders.

Resolved further, First--That our organization shall be called "The Civic Federation Club of Klamath Falls."

Second--That its officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, to be elected by ballot, annually.

Third--That there shall be the following standing committees: Executive, investigation, publicity and finance, each committee consisting of five members, each appointed by the president.

Fourth--Regular monthly meetings shall be held. Special meetings shall be called by the secretary on the order of the president or of the executive committee, or of ten members of this body.

After the resolutions were adopted the following persons affixed their signatures to them and became members of the federation:

W. T. Shive, Roy B. Banks, W. S. Slough, O. C. Applegate, P. Conklin, O. A. Stearns, W. Lennox, H. C. High, J. M. Finkerton, C. R. DeLap, C. E. Widdoes, W. H. North, J. B. Griffith, Alex Martin, Jr., J. W. Bryant, J. W. Siemens, G. K. VanRiper, Chas. DeLap, Chester DeLap, C. C. Brower, W. P. McMillan, Frank Ward, J. L. Yaden, E. P. Morgan, A. M. Worden, F. J. Boorey, E. R. Reames, Harry Caden, G. W. White, J. G. Swan, C. A. Howard, L. T. Boorey, Frank M. Upp, C. C. Hogue, R. H. Dunbar, T. W. Zimmerman, W. E. Leonard, Geo. T. Pratt, Jno. R. Stills, A. H. Berry, J. L. Fielder, W. T. Elliott, W. A. Faught, Chas. I. Roberts, W. H. Mason, W. A. Folsom, A. J. Santamaw, M. Hanks, E. W. Gowan, Robt. Brubaker, T. H. DeLap.

The meeting was called to order by W. T. Shive. On motion, G. W. White was made chairman and Harry Caden secretary. A number of those present made addresses, in which they stated that the condition of affairs in the municipality of Klamath Falls had reached a point where it became necessary for every citizen who favored good government and the strict enforcement of the law to join in a movement looking toward the accomplishment of such a result. Among those who so expressed themselves were W. S. Slough, Rev. Conklin, W. T. Shive, C. E. Worden, C. C. Hogue, Prof. Dunbar, Prof. Swan, G. W. White, Capt. Applegate, Judge Griffith and C. O. Brower.

W. T. Shive added spice to the meeting by stating that they "met there for the purpose of asking the mayor to enforce the law, and if he does not do it,

Resolved, That it is the sense of the meeting, that we as citizens of Klamath Falls demand that the officials of the city and county strictly enforce the laws of the State having to do with the regulation of the liquor traffic, gambling and other vices, and that a committee of three be appointed to carry these resolutions to the proper officials.

In compliance therewith the chair appointed Alex Martin, Jr., C. E. Worden and W. S. Slough as a committee to carry out the purpose of the resolution. G. W. White was elected president and W. T. Shive vice president of the Federation, after which the meeting adjourned until Saturday evening.

Friday the committee called on Mayor Bishop and presented him with a copy of the resolution, stating the source from whence it came and the object of the meeting where it originated. The Mayor stated that he did not wish the prerogatives of his office encroached upon and that he wanted none of their advice; that when he was elected Mayor he clearly stated what his course would be and he has seen no reason since, nor any now why he should alter that statement or change his course. However, if there were any of the city's ordinances being

violated and the members of the committee, or the Civic Federation, knew it, then he would be glad to receive such information and would take immediate steps to bring about the enforcement of the law and the prosecution of the offenders. As to the Sunday closing, he stated that that rested on a state law, and if a majority of the citizens petitioned him to enforce that law he would do it, but would not confine the enforcement to the saloons, but would extend it to every business establishment in the city.

Following the conference with the mayor the committee proceeded to the court house to present the resolutions to Sheriff Obenchain, but as that official was absent summoning jurymen the presentation was postponed to a later date.

When the adjourned meeting was called to order Saturday evening by President White, practically every seat in the court room was occupied. The preamble and resolutions adopted at the first meeting were read and a request made that if there were any present who wished to join in the movement and who had not already done so to come forward and affix their signatures to the temporary by-laws. Following this invitation these gentlemen signed the document:

W. A. Delzell, B. S. Grigsby, H. C. Telford, Frank Ira White, L. W. Miller, Geo. C. North, Chas. E. Worden, Geo. W. Nowlin, H. Offenbacher, C. B. Smith, C. B. Clendenning, Robt. Casey, Wm. M. Mendenhall.

The temporary officers elected at the first meeting were made permanent, with the addition of Alex Martin, Jr., as treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive--C. E. Worden, J. B. Griffith, C. C. Hogue.

Investigation--Prof. Dunbar, Prof. Swan, W. A. Delzell, J. C. Smith, Frank Ward.

Publicity--Frank Ira White, E. I. Applegate, W. H. Mason, C. R. DeLap, E. R. Reames.

Finance--Alex Martin, Jr., J. W. Siemens, A. M. Worden.

The following resolution was introduced by Professor Dunbar and adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Federation that in no way does it aim at any officer.

Frank Ward introduced a resolution directing that the attention of the grand jury be called to the conditions existing here, but when it was stated that no grand jury would meet at the next term of court, it was moved that the resolution be referred to the executive committee.

Steel Pens.
Something like 1,000,000 steel pens
than four Panama canals, says Popular Mechanics, while three of the un-

GREAT SHOWING

Klamath County Sugar Beets Once
More Stand the Test

Few communities are there that will so persistently overlook its resources as does Klamath. Argument after argument has been advanced to prove that this is an ideal section for the growth of the sugar beet, and yet it is impossible to arouse sufficient interest in the industry to induce ten men throughout the county to plant and cultivate one-quarter of an acre each, in order to prove that the theory is correct. A strenuous effort was made this year to get these experimental farms under way, but with one or two exceptions they failed. One of those who responded to the appeal was Frank Ira White, and he has demonstrated, so far as his section of county is concerned, that it is second to none. A couple of months ago the Republican published an analysis of beets grown by Mr. White. That analysis was made by the Oregon Agricultural College. Today is published the result of an analysis of beets taken from the same patch, with the exception that those sent to Corvallis were picked two weeks earlier than were the ones sent to Washington.

The Chamber of Commerce has done some great work during the past year and here is one more task that it would do well to take up. The Republican suggests that it raise a fund to defray the expense connected with the planting of ten experimental farms. This expense ought not to exceed \$500, perhaps not half that. The Republican will contribute its pro rata to the fund, the only provision it will insist on being the employment of some competent person to conduct and supervise the work.

Following is a letter received by Mr. White, giving the analysis of the beets and some statements relative thereto.

WASHINGTON, (D.C.), Dec. 13.--Mr. Frank Ira White, Klamath Falls, Oregon.--Dear Sir:--The Bureau of Chemistry has furnished me with the following report of the analysis of the sugar beets which you sent to this Department some days ago:

Average weight of beets 2 lbs.
Sugar in the juice, per cent. 21.90
Coefficient of purity, per cent. 92.00

In considering this report, I would call your attention to the fact that the beets tested somewhat higher than they would have if analyzed immediately after pulling, on account of a certain amount of evaporation of moisture which necessarily took place in transit. You will also note that the percentage of "sugar in the juice" is given, whereas the sugar factories report the "sugar in the beet." There is a difference of about one per cent in the two percentages, the latter being the lower one.

Your beets make a very good showing, and the outlook for the sugar beet industry in Klamath County is very encouraging. I shall be obliged if you will send to me the names and addresses of eight or ten farmers living in your neighborhood whom you think would be willing to grow a small area of sugar beets next season.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to the tonnage of the beets grown on your land. If you wish some sugar beet seed for planting next spring, I shall be glad to enter your name on our mailing list. You will, of course, let me know how large an area you expect to plant.

Yours very truly,
C. O. TOWNSEND,

Pathologist in charge of Sugar Beet Investigations.

Mills Missing

W. J. Mills, of the firm of Wright-Mills Company, has mysteriously disappeared, and nothing has been heard from him since November 10, when he left his former home in Kelseyville, Calif., where he had gone to visit his mother. When leaving, he stated that he would go to San Francisco and from there would proceed to this city. This was the last seen of him, and his friends believe that he has met with foul play. Sheriff Obenchain some time ago received a photograph of a man found murdered northwest of Redding. Many believe that this is a picture of Mr. Mills while a large number are as strongly of the opinion that it bears no resemblance whatever. The sheriff has written to the authorities for a more complete description, from which it is hoped a definite conclusion can be reached.

No cause can be assigned that would furnish a plausible excuse for the non-appearance of Mr. Mills. His business affairs were in splendid shape and prosperous, and it is this fact that adds strength to the foul play theory.

Mr. Wright last week filed suit against

STOLE WHISKEY

Serious Charge is Placed Against
Two Young Boys

Deputy Sheriff Schallack placed under arrest Monday four boys charged with breaking into C. D. Wilson's warehouse and stealing liquor. They were Cecil Fish, Umberto Carrick, Roy Beck and Lloyd Wilson. Later John Prairie, alias Munkler, was taken into custody on the ostensible charge of gambling, but it is understood that this may be changed to something more serious, as it is thought that he was implicated with the boys either in the theft or the disposition of the liquor to Indians.

Investigation produced the fact that entrance was gained to the Wilson warehouse by the boys digging a hole in the foundation. Adjoining the warehouse is a frame building used for the storage of ice. It is practically empty now, and offered a safe cover under which to work. Some stones were piled loose and a hole large enough made to admit of the passage of one of the boys.

Young Beck confessed to the authorities, and this led to Fish and Carrick admitting their part in the affair. They, however, refused to tell what part Prairie had in the matter. Beck and Wilson were released on their promise of good behavior, the other three being held. It is quite likely that Prairie will get a term in the penitentiary and the boys sent to the reform school.

Special Jury List

Following is a list of jurors drawn to serve at the special term of Circuit Court, which convenes January 6th:

J. H. Lindsay, Lorella.
Otis Greer, Klamath Falls.
T. M. Darham, Merrill.
William Griffith, Bedford.
Almo Newton, Klamath Falls.
Fred L. Pope, Merrill.
I. T. Anderson, Bly.
F. C. Bechtoldt, Bonanza.
W. B. Barnes, Klamath Falls.
Fred Beith, Klamath Falls.
R. P. Breitenstein, Klamath Falls.
B. F. Kester, Bedford.
Eugene Hammond, Merrill.
W. E. Bowdoin, Klamath Falls.
W. H. Pankey, Lorella.
Dan Nichols, Bonanza.
Thos. Martin, Klamath Falls.
C. B. Clendenning, Klamath Falls.
C. E. Hoyt, Fort Klamath.
F. W. Broadwood, Bonanza.
E. B. Henry, Klamath Falls.
R. A. Moon, Fort Klamath.
Frank McCormack, Klamath Falls.
Clyde Bradley, Merrill.
A. J. Manning, Klamath Falls.
William Bassett, Tule Lake.
B. St. Geo. Bishop, Klamath Falls.
C. C. Lewis, Glene.
L. J. Bauman, Bonanza.
L. Jacobs, Klamath Falls.
L. B. Applegate, Klamath Falls.

Reclamation Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.--A summation of the work of the Reclamation Service for 1907 shows that it has dug 1,815 miles of canals, or nearly the distance from Washington to Idaho. Some of these canals carry whole rivers, like the Truckee river in Nevada and the North Platte in Wyoming. The tunnels excavated are 36 in number, and have an aggregate length of 104 miles. The Service has erected 214 large structures, including the great dams in Nevada and the Minidoka dam in Idaho 80 feet high and 650 feet long. It has completed 670 headworks, flumes, etc. It has built 611 miles of wagon road in mountainous country and into heretofore inaccessible regions. It has erected and in operation 830 miles of telephones. Its own cement mill has manufactured 80,000 barrels of cement, and the purchased amount is 403,000 barrels. Its own saw mills have cut 3,036,000 feet B. M. of lumber, and 23,585,000 feet have been purchased. The surveying parties of the Service have completed topographic surveys covering 10,970 square miles, an area greater than the combined areas of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The transit lines had a length of 18,900 linear miles, while the level lines run amount to 24,218 miles, or nearly sufficient to go around the earth.

The diamond drillings for dam sites and canals amount to 68,749 feet, or more than 12 miles. Today the Service owns and has at work 1,500 horses and mules. It operates 9 locomotives, 611 cars and 21 miles of railroad, 84 gasoline engines and 70 steam engines. It has constructed and is operating 5 electric light plants. There have been excavated 33,419,222 cubic yards of earth and 4,745,000 cubic yards of rock. The equipment now operated by the Service on force account work represents an investment of \$4,000,000.

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The puzzle of the whole thing is to find out what the people were scared about. There were some who withdrew their money from the banks, but they soon saw that such a move was unnecessary and proceeded to return it in drafts, for they did not want anyone to think they had gotten scared. It was a

OBENCHAIN TAKES HAND

Issues an Order that State Law will
be Strictly Enforced

WAVE OF REFORM SPREADS

office, 1126; laborers employed directly by the Government, 4,488; laborers employed by contractors, 10,789, or a total of all forces of 16,263. The expenditures now total nearly \$1,000,000 per month. As a result of the operations of the Reclamation Service eight new towns have been established, 100 miles of branch railroads have been constructed, and 14,000 people have taken up their residence in the desert.

Still Earlier

The tail of the transportation animal got another twist last Saturday, when the announcement was made that, beginning Sunday, December 22, the boat for Keno would leave at 1.30 a. m. It made all those who contemplated going out that way sit up and take notice, for few relished the idea of an all-night ride. The change was brought about by the announced intention of the Klamath Lake railroad to start its train from Pokeyama on schedule time, whether the mail and passengers from this city arrived there or not. This meant that the hour of departure from this city would have to be earlier, for the penalty for failure to make connections with the train for the delivery of the mail was too heavy for the stage company to take any risk. The action of the railroad was due to the fact that the government requires it to make its schedule at Thrall, and would not accept as an excuse that the train waited for the stage. When Manager Abbott had to pay a fine for his accommodation he thought it was two much of a good thing and hence issued the order for departure on schedule time.

The run to Keno will be made with the launch Ewansa, the steamer Klamath being reserved for the Bray route, the schedule for which calls for her departure at 4.00 a. m.

Basket Ball

A good crowd gathered at the opera house yesterday afternoon and witnessed two hotly contested games for supremacy in this popular game. The first game between the Little Giants and the Public School resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 13 to 7.

The principal game, between the White Stars and Nonpareils was won by the former with a score of 24 to 12. Although defeated it was very apparent that the Nonpareils played a much cleaner game, making but 4 fouls, while the White Stars, resorting more to football tactics, ran up a total of 13 fouls. The games were refereed by Dr. Leonard and his decisions were very fair, considering that many plays occurred that required very close judging.

The enthusiasm shown by the audience shows that this popular indoor sport is getting many followers and "rooters" in this city.

The next game is scheduled for next Wednesday, New Year's Day.

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The Sheriff's Action will Result in the Closing of All Cracks in Closed Lid

Sheriff Obenchain has served notice on all of the saloons of the city and the Klamath Club that the state law, relative to the hours of closing and gambling, will be strictly enforced, insofar as it lies in the power of his office to carry into effect its provisions. Last week Mayor Bishop issued a "close the lid" order, but this only related to the city ordinances. The lid went down, but the sheriff decided to make the order effective and issued his order, thus closing up all of the cracks. That the order will be enforced no one doubts.

There are those who are urging that the enforcement of the law be carried further and include social gatherings, but this proposition is not taken seriously. The saloon men are complacent over the turn of affairs and are not apparently worrying about it. They are not seeking for retaliation. They simply state that if the law is enforced impartially that is all they ask for, and that the officials will have no trouble from their ranks. This wave of reform is due to the organization last week of the Civic Federation and the activity of its members.

New Catholic Church

Rev. Father Feusi went to Merrill last Friday for the purpose of making final arrangements for the erection of the new Catholic church that is to be built there. The plans and specifications were approved by him and work will begin at once. The edifice will be erected on lots in the Terwilliger addition and will represent a valuation in the neighborhood of \$1,500. When completed, which according to contract will not be later than May 15th, it will be paid for and the property will pass to the congregation free from debt. That this improvement will have an important bearing on the future of Merrill is certain, for it will do much to induce Catholic families to locate in the vicinity of the metropolis of Southern Klamath. Father Feusi is to be congratulated on his achievement, for it is indicative of his unflinching devotion to the welfare of his parish and the enterprise which has at all times characterized him.

Cronemiller Appointed

Fred P. Cronemiller has been appointed as receiver of the Land Office at Lakeview. This will be glad news to Mr. Cronemiller's many friends. Ever since coming here over a year ago he has won for himself the esteem and confidence of the community, and no one will regret his departure more than the Republican. As soon as his appointment is confirmed and his commission arrives he will go to Lakeview to assume the duties of office, and will be followed later by his family, and with them they will carry the good wishes of a wide circle of friends, who, though pleased over the success of Mr. Cronemiller, are inclined to wish that fate had favored them by leaving the family here.

WEDDING BELLS

THOMPSON-MICHAEL

Miss Birdie M. Michael and William E. Thompson were married at the home of T. R. Patterson, Swan Lake valley, Wednesday evening, December 18, Rev. J. B. Griffith officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends of the contracting parties. Miss Michael is a sister of T. L. and A. G. Michael, of Pine Flat, and is one of the most popular young ladies of that section of the county. Mr. Thompson is a prosperous farmer residing at Edgewood, well known for his integrity and honesty.

A wedding luncheon, partaking of the nature of a banquet, was served following the ceremony after which the merry