

WATER USERS CONVENTION

Annual Meeting Held and Directors and Officers are Elected

The board of directors of the Klamath Water Users Association held a meeting Friday evening which was attended by Engineers Henry, Murphy and Heilmann. The meeting was devoted largely to a general discussion of the project, and especially to the Upper Project. Mr. Henry stated that he will do all in his power to help along this portion of the system, but that it was largely up to the directors and the people themselves. Bids on the Clear Lake dam will be opened on the 5th and if the contract is let work will begin just as soon as the required per cent of the lands is signed up for government irrigation. The percentage required is 85 and only 79 per cent is signed at this time. The directors will make a determined effort to induce landowners to sign up at once.

Francis J. Boone was up at the meeting and agreed to sign up his large tract near Bonanza, about 2200 acres, on conditions that the government purchase his water right and that he is protected from litigation because of a certain option on the land. The directors agreed to the purchase of his water rights and it is very probable that this large tract will be signed up at once.

When the meeting of the shareholders of the Klamath Water Users Association was convened the attendance was better than had been expected, but still only a very small per cent of the associate members responded to roll call. Most of the farmers remained at home until the last minute so as not to lose time from their work which is more important to them at this time than the annual meeting. A large majority of those who attended did not arrive until nearly noon, which made it appear that the attendance was to be very light.

The first matter to be taken up immediately after roll call was the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year. On the call of the several districts the following names were placed in nomination: Langell Valley, R. C. Cowley, and Robert Williams; Bonanza and Poe Valley, John Irwin and D. F. Driscoll; Yonka, Jacob Rueck; Merrill, H. T. Anderson; Keno, O. A. Stearns; Spring Lake and Pine Grove, J. G. Stevenson; Klamath Falls, Alex Martin, Jr.; California, Wm. Dalton; For delegate at large, Frank Adams and James Dixon.

The unofficial count of the vote on the contested Directors was: E. R. C. Williams, 831; R. C. Cowley, 424; John Irwin, 760; D. F. Driscoll, 5219; Jas. Dixon, 6024; J. F. Adams, 5991.

The Water Users found it impossible to finish their work at the afternoon session and an adjourned meeting was held in the evening. The attendance was not as large as in the afternoon and owing to the small number of shares represented it was impossible to take action on the amendment to change the time of holding the regular annual meeting. The matter was laid over until the next meeting. The evening session was short and after it was found that the proposed amendment could not be considered the only motion acted on was by A. H.

Naftager, expressing the Association's appreciation of the officers and directors. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned until June 5 and it is the understanding that a farmers' institute be held at that time and the matter will be taken up with the State Agricultural Board at once. The new board met Saturday night and at once proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. There was no contest for any of the offices and the following were elected: President, Alex Martin Jr.; vice president, Jacob Rueck; secretary, C. P. Chastain; treasurer, G. W. White; attorney, R. S. Smith.

The Next Senator

One week from tomorrow will be the day on which the people of this district will make the final decision as to who will be the next state senator from this district, and in view of that fact it would not be amiss to call attention to the condition of the "senatorial market" as it appears today. The general opinion is that Dr. G. H. Merryman will be the successful candidate. He is admittedly the strongest man before the people of this district, and that he will carry this county is certain. Lake county is conceded to him, and while there is a dispute about Crook county, Dr. Merryman's attitude on county division insures that he will more than break even over there. Had it not been for him Crook county would have gone a good deal of Klamath and Lake. He would listen to no compromise at any stage of the game and was able to defeat it and thus save the interested counties. His record in the house was one of the best ever made by a Klamath representative. His standing among the leaders of the state is well known and if he goes to the Senate he will be stronger than any other man the county can send. Everyone knows that it is strength of this character that counts when it comes to getting things for the district represented. Merryman has this strength and it is this that makes him more capable of representing the interests of this district more than any other man.

One of the important bills introduced by him and passed by his sole influence, was that refunding the Incorporation Tax and Annual License Fee of the Klamath Water Users Association for the past three years and forever remitting the same. This brings it right home to the pockets of the stockholders of the association and they are not apt to forget it, either.

Dr. Parker has decided to retire from the practice of medicine in this city, for the present at least. This action has been prompted by a desire on the part of the doctor to go on a long prospecting tour. This information will come as a surprise to the people of this city and will be received with regret, for Doctor Parker is recognized as a leader in his profession and one of the best surgeons on the Coast. During his residence in this city he has built up a large practice, and particularly among his present and former patients will be the news of his retirement be received with regret. Like many men who reach a high place in their profession the doctor has his peculiarities, but have never been of such a nature as to prevent his gathering around him a wide circle of friends, whose one wish will be that he return to this city and resume the practice of his profession.

It is his intention to go to Alaska, where he will engage in prospecting for some time, after which he will again return to the practice of medicine. Wherever he locates that place will acquire the services of a skilled surgeon and a practical physician.

Dr. Parker Retires

D. V. Kuykendall has been appointed attorney for the State Land Board for Klamath County Vice C. H. Withrow, who has resigned.

It will be the business of Mr. Kuykendall to look after the interests of the board in this county and to pass judgment upon loans on Klamath County lands that may come before the board.

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Heitkemper for Mayor

The mention of the name of G. Heitkemper for Mayor has had the result of almost forcing him into the race, for he has been urged on all sides to allow his name to be used. He has not, however, consented to enter the race and will not unless he is convinced that the people of the city want him to be a candidate for the office. As he says he has no political aspirations and would sooner attend to his business than to take on the onerous task of caring for the interests of the city, but he will lay aside his personal feelings in the matter if it appears to him that it is the wish of the majority of the people that he become a candidate.

The question of who will be the next Mayor has been a much discussed subject for the past few days and in connection therewith Mr. Heitkemper's name has been favorably mentioned. If he should be elected he would undoubtedly make a strong race and from present indications would be certain of election.

The name of T. F. Nicholas has been most favorably mentioned in connection with the office of City Recorder and Police Judge, but he states most emphatically that he will not be a candidate and will not serve if elected. Mr. Nicholas is eminently well qualified for the position and it will be a matter of much regret to his friends that he so positively refuses to be a candidate.

Conventions April 22-23

The Police Judge has set the dates for the Ward and City ward nominating conventions. The convention for nominating Councilmen will be held in each ward on Wednesday April 22nd, and the general convention for nominating the other city officers will be held Thursday April 23rd at the Court House. The convention on both days will be called at two o'clock and will adjourn upon completion of the business.

The Council Monday evening named the following judges and clerks: First Ward Judge, Frank Armstrong, O. A. Stearns and M. G. Watkins; Clerk, Fred Stahlman and Roy T. Ford; Second Ward, Judges, N. Langell, Wilbur White and John Fountain; Clerks, Roy Hamaker and Burge Mason. Third Ward Judges, Wm. C. Winkler, C. B. Clendenning and Will Humphrey; Clerks, Carey Ramsby and W. C. Sanderson. For the City Convention Judges, P. L. Fountain, O. A. Stearns and Marion Hanks; Clerks, R. L. Hammond and E. M. Babb.

DAIRY

Mrs. Schmore made her regular trip to Bonanza Monday.

Mrs. John Forbes, from Langell Valley, was trading in Dairy Saturday.

John Ward, from the Conner ranch, has purchased seed oats from Loui Sterz Monday.

Jas. Colahan, Ed Avery and Claude Clifton took 23 head of cattle to the reservation for feeding and pasture.

Miss Hazel Fitch was thrown from a horse last evening and had her collar bone broken. Dr. Johnson was called to attend the patient.

Pecks Bad Boy was in Dairy selling paint Wednesday. We thought he was dead long ago. He wanted to paint us red, but we wouldn't stand it.

Mrs. F. M. Bennett, who has been seriously ill for sometime, is now reported improving, and some hopes are now entertained for her recovery.

Thursday P. H. Gray moved his family to Dairy from Poe Valley. Since that time Mrs. Gray and her children have been very sick with grip, but they are some better.

Geo. Ritter says their dam is leaking, as the dirt has not had time to settle sufficient to hold good. Others are watching this dam and if it proves a success there will likely be more of them built in Yonka district.

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The High School teachers are elected as Prof. Butcher, Prefs. Faught and Howard and Miss Bessie Applegate. It is a corps of excellent instructors and gives assurance that the High School will have a very successful year.

Engineers Are Here

Supervising Engineer D. C. Henry and Consulting Engineer J. H. Quinton, of the Reclamation Service, arrived in the city Thursday on business connected with the Klamath Project. They will be here for several days, and there are a number of things that will come up for consideration, but chief among these is to take action on the bids received on the South Branch canal. The bids were opened at Portland and but two were received which were transmitted to the local office by wire. They were as follows:

Malley & Co., of Winnemucca, Nevada, schedule No. 1, \$19,195; No. 2, \$42,908; No. 3, \$17,194; Total, \$79,297. Mahoney Bros., of San Francisco, schedule No. 1, \$16,968; No. 2, \$94,008; No. 3, \$15,555; Total, \$96,531. These bids will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for final determination, but the action of the Secretary will depend entirely upon the recommendations made by Mr. Henry and Project Engineer Murphy.

The entire project will be considered by Messrs. Henry and Quinton. This morning they inspected the Keno canal work, where a large force is now at work. Unless a change should be made in the plans for this season's work this part of the project will be well advanced by next fall.

In speaking of the Clear Lake dam Mr. Henry said that the bids on the dam would be opened at Portland on the 15th, and if the same were reasonable a contract would be let. He says that in the Upper Project much depends upon the landowners who have not signed their lands for Government reclamation. It is necessary that the required per cent of all lands is signed up. The Service cannot go on with the work.

"There are funds on hand for doing considerable work this season," said Mr. Henry, "and if the people will cooperate with the Service considerable progress should be made. Conditions are very favorable this year, and the Reclamation Service will have a good season."

Mr. Henry says that there are many contractors in the field, and in all parts of the country several bids are received every day and expect to arrive shortly. The fact that Klamath is remote from all large cities accounts for the fact that no more bids are received on the project. However, he thinks that there will be several bids on the Clear Lake dam.

The harmony now prevailing in this project is a source of great pleasure to Mr. Henry, who says that its continuance is certain to work good for the project. He and Mr. Quinton will be here for several days and will make a thorough inspection of the project in order to better determine upon the season's work.

Promises to Aid Project

Supervising Engineer Henry, of the Reclamation Service, probably expressed himself more clearly before the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening, in regard to his attitude toward the Klamath Project, than he has at any time during his visit. He said that he was very much interested in this particular project and was most anxious to make a recommendation for a large appropriation for next year's work. He said that when the project is completed, he felt confident that the work to be undertaken next year he would probably be asked by the Chief Engineer, what would be the smallest amount the Klamath Project could get along with. He promised that his report would be that a larger percentage of signers under the Upper Project. According to his statements the showing made by the land owners who were able to secure water last year, was not as favorable as it ought to have been, and this fact would have considerable influence before the department in determining future appropriations.

However, Mr. Henry stated that if the land owners subscribed sufficient land in the Upper Project and made a good showing where the ditch was already completed, he felt confident that he would be able to secure plenty of money to rush the work, but even if this showing was not made he was determined to do all in his power to get as large an appropriation as possible.

Population is Increased

County Clerk Chastain has made a summary of the county registration books, which shows that 1590 voters have registered for the primary election. This is an increase of more than 300 over the registration of two years ago. The records show that there are 996 Republicans, 524 Democrats, 21 Socialists, 25 Independent, 4 Prohibitionists, 1 populist and 10 who refuse to state their politics.

The following is the registration by precincts: Linkville-473 R., 247 D., 3 Soc., 4 Ind., 5 refused to state, total 732. Tule Lake-119 R., 84 D., 2 Soc., 1 refused to state, total 206. Dairy-76 R., 18 D., 10 Soc., 6 Ind., total 110. Klamath Lake-6 R., 4 D. total 10. Langell Valley-27 R., 26 D., 2 Ind., total 55. Poe Valley-15 R., 15 D., 2 Prohibitionists, total 32. Lost River-81 R., 35 D., 2 Pro., 1 Soc., 1 Ind., total 120. Plevna-50 R., 20 D., 1 Pop., 1 Soc., 1 Ind., total 73. Wood River-69 R., 31 D., 10 Ind., total 110. Snow-7 R., 8 D., total 15. Sprague River 34 R., 31 D., total 65. Odell-9 R., 5 D., 4 Soc., 1 Ind., 3 refused to state, total 22.

For R. R. Commissioner

R. Robertson, a well known railroad man of Roseburg, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Railroad Commissioner. Mr. Robertson not only stands high among his fellow employees but is held in high esteem by the public generally, and should be successful in securing the coveted position. Being a practical railroad man he would be well qualified for the position.

City Briefs

Ed Hoyt and Lee Denton are down from Fort Klamath.

Mrs. Robert Currin is visiting relatives in Langell Valley.

Merle Houston accompanied the Mong Company to Merrill and Bonanza.

L. D. Ward has returned from a three weeks visit with his family at Ashland.

Frank Lowery who came from Ashland a short time ago, is now employed in the East End Meat market.

A force of workmen are raising the Monarch saloon building and will put a stone foundation under same.

C. C. Jackson, the Fort Klamath hotel man, will return home today after spending a few days in the city.

M. W. Coseboom, of Long Beach, Cal., has purchased 40 acres of the Summers ranch and will bring his family here to make their home.

Glen Fountain came in from Poe valley Tuesday where he has been for two months following a plow and doing other heavy work.

Engineer Don J. Zomwalt made the survey for the new Hurn block today. Work on the new building is to commence shortly.

Surveyor M. D. Williams has completed the sub-division of the Summers ranch, preparatory to placing the same on the market in small tracts.

Don Holgate arrived Tuesday from a two months visit to Corvallis and Portland. Accompanied by Roy Hamaker he will leave for Merrill, in the morning.

Bert Childers has moved to the city from Langell valley and will at once engage in the manufacture of brick. He will have his kiln in the same place where he burned brick two years ago.

Fred Bamber has about completed the work of painting the Taylor, Van Valkenburg building which has been rebuilt since it was destroyed by fire a few months ago. The building has not yet been rented.

Goeller & Wattenburg have ordered the machinery for their brick manufactory and expect to have it arrive shortly. They are now working on the plant making preparations to install the machinery just as soon as it gets here.

Geo. T. Baldwin went to Portland Tuesday on business. While in the city he will make arrangements for the Klamath float in the parade at the Rose festival. Klamath will be represented at the festival by a large delegation and a float representing this county would do much towards helping the Boosters advertise this section.

State Senator

In voting for public officers naturally some are actuated by personal friendship and some by private interests; but with the large majority of the voters the question of qualification is the main consideration. The principal business of a state senator is to assist in making laws. He not only has his own measures to prepare and introduce, but he should be in a position to know the effect and legality of the bills introduced by other members, and to vote for or against them intelligently. With other things equal one who has had a legal education and training has an advantage as a legislator.

In this senatorial district there are a great many men supporting the candidacy of H. L. Holgate, of Bonanza, and one of the reasons is the belief that the district will fare better if it has an attorney among its legislative delegation. Another reason is the wide acquaintance Mr. Holgate has among the public men of the state, which will give him standing and influence in the senate. Many of the leading papers of Oregon, such as the Salem Statesman, Salem Journal, Corvallis Times, Benton County Leader, Gervais Star and others have noticed the candidacy of Mr. Holgate and speak of him in the highest terms. In this district the Crook County Journal is doing the unusual by strongly supporting him editorially.

Mr. Holgate will receive a large vote in Klamath Falls despite the fact that he lives in the eastern part of the county or perhaps because of that fact. Most of the candidates for the various offices are from the county seat; and there is a strong feeling in favor of a distribution of public offices. When Mr. Holgate was attorney for the U. S. Reclamation Service he vigorously objected to the plan of organizing water users associations chiefly on the ground that it meant a heavy and useless expense to the land owners without giving them any real voice in the construction or administration of the project; but he was overruled by the Washington office. Later he tendered his resignation and opened a law office in Klamath Falls. For the past year he has been a resident of Bonanza and is cashier of the bank there. Mr. Holgate was born in Oregon 41 years ago. He has been a member of the Oregon bar some fifteen years and is familiar with legislation and legislative methods.

LANGELL VALLEY

Rev. J. R. G. Haynes preached Sunday at the Lorella school house.

Mrs. McCall, of Portland, is visiting at the home of her cousin, H. G. Bussey.

BORN-To Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stewart, Sunday, April 5, a daughter.

We are informed that a government agent has been investigating the land owned by Ben Abbeboos and has deemed it necessary to establish the corners of the land in question.

Mr. Bert Childers departed Sunday with his family for Klamath Falls to engage in the brick business for the summer. Bert and his brother Eugene are interested in the stock business in the valley, having bought Mr. McDonald's cattle and leased his farm for a number of years. Eugene will have charge of things here for the summer.

C. K. Brandenburg, of Klamath Falls who is out for the nomination of county clerk, was in the valley the first of the week making friends with the voters. Mr. Brandenburg is a bright young man and no doubt will make a good race for the office he wants.

Will Campbell and L. Gerber returned from California with one of the

finest jacks ever brought into this country. We are informed that the price paid was \$800. Messrs. Campbell and Gerber are interested in to considerable extent in the horse and mule business and realize that it pays to improve their stock with the best they can get and with the interest the people of the valley are now taking in this line demonstrates that there will be as fine horses and mules raised here as can be found in the state.

We are informed that Mr. Williams was elected director of the water users association to succeed himself, to represent this part of the project. Mr. Williams is very much interested in the reclamation work and will advocate the interests of the people.

B. S. Grigsby, one of the republican candidates for the nomination for sheriff, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the valley. Mr. Grigsby is one of the heavy taxpayers of the county and a plain every day business man whom the people of the county are glad to meet and talk with, and if it is left with the people of the upper country to decide who will be the next sheriff, Mr. Grigsby will surely serve the people in that capacity.

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Keno Items

L. O. Mills has sold his Keno property to Thos. Grubb.

John Hitchcock and W. T. Otey are moving to Odessa to run the sawmill at that place.

Sam Padgett, John Dyer and Mr. Jones went to Dorris last Sunday.

County School Superintendent Wright visited Keno last week.

Fred Mills was here last week looking after his political interests.

H. Snowgoose has registered the following voters for Plevna precinct: Republicans, 37; Democrats, 8; Socialists, 3; and Independent, 1.

Klamath's Choice

In considering their choice for State Senator the voter wants to bear in mind that the man he votes for is possessed good judgment and is conservative. In Dr. G. H. Merryman he will find these qualities well exemplified. He is on record and that is the best evidence one can have. During his term of office as representative from this district in the State Legislature, he proved himself to be a safe, conservative, honest, economical legislator, and his course was one of consistency from start to finish. It is a record of which he may feel proud and one that the voters of this district ought to have repeated. This they can have when they return Dr. Merryman to the State Senate.

The Teachers' Institute at Merrill on next Saturday promises to be a highly successful affair as an excellent program has been prepared for the occasion and indications are that the attendance will be exceptionally large. Klamath Falls will be represented by the entire teaching force of the city, as well as by a number of ex-professors and political aspirants. All of the candidates for county school superintendent will be in attendance.

EIGHT MILES FROM LAKE

Railroad will Reach Dorris by April 20, says Engineer Hoey

H. P. Hoey, chief engineer of the California Northeastern, arrived in the city Monday accompanied by Henry Crosby, who has charge of the establishment of watering places along the railroad line.

In speaking of the railroad extension Mr. Hoey said that the road will be completed to Dorris by the 20th of this month, and that there is no reason whatever why it should not be at the water front this fall. He says the work on the "shoo fly" is progressing nicely and the grade is already more than half finished. He says the delay in reaching this city will be in crossing the marsh. The company is not altogether satisfied with this branch of the work and something will be done at once to expedite the construction of this part of the road. Just what action will be taken Mr. Hoey did not state but he said very emphatically that the marsh work would be rushed from now on.

When asked if it was possible that the road might get here this year Mr. Hoey replied that he thought it very improbable but he felt sure that it would reach the water in the early fall. He would not express an opinion as to what time the road might be completed to this city, saying that the entire matter hinged upon the dike across the marsh. He says the bridges will cause no delay as they can be put up in a short time. He did not say what kind of bridges the company proposed using in crossing navigable channels.

Mr. Hoey still has his office at Bray, but will move up the line just as soon as the regular service is established to a point farther along. The road is now completed to a point a few miles beyond McDoel, and sidetracks are now being put in at both Mt. Hebron and McDoel. When this work is finished it is very probable that a regular train service will at once be inaugurated to McDoel. The time until the road will reach Dorris is so short that the other towns along the line will be the terminal for only a few days, while Dorris will enjoy that distinction until the road is completed to the water.

The labor situation is very favorable to the early completion of the road and Mr. Hoey states that he finds it unnecessary to advertise for men as he has all the applications he can handle.

Mr. Crosby is making his first trip over the route of the proposed road, but he already has a force at work drilling wells at Mt. Hebron and McDoel. He is very favorably impressed with the country and especially with the Klamath basin. He says this city has a great future and is as nicely located as any little place that he has seen.

School Superintendent

J. H. Hobbs, who is a candidate for county school superintendent, was educated in the public schools of Virginia and Cumberland College of that state and Stantbury College of Missouri. He has been a teacher in the public school for about eighteen years, nine of which have been in Oregon and three years in this county. This long experience thoroughly fits him for the office he seeks. He is conversant with the needs of public schools, both city and country and being a man of energy will devote his best efforts to promoting the welfare of the schools of this county.

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