

STILTS NEXT EXECUTIVE

Elected Mayor of this City Last Monday-- Light Vote

Klamath Falls underwent one of the most quiet elections that it has had for several years. There was no public vote getting. Apparently every voter went to the polls and cast his ballot the way he considered for the best interest of the city, and it may well be said that the result represents the will of the majority of the people. Both candidates for Mayor were good men for the place, and the election of John R. Stilts assures the city a chief executive who will devote his time to the business of the city and will do his best to straighten out the present bad financial condition. Mr. Stilts, as a member of the council, was attentive to his duties and gave freely of his time to the city. His record as a councilman is assurance that as Mayor he will manage affairs in a manner that will be satisfactory to the general public.

In the first ward F. E. Ankeny had no opposition for councilman, and in the second Silas Obenchain was elected by a large majority. In the third ward Marion Hanks had no opposition for the unexpired term and F. T. Sanderson was elected over Dan Cofer.

The newly elected officers go in to the harness the first Monday in June. The council for the ensuing year will be as follows: First ward; A. Castel and F. E. Ankeny; Second; Silas Obenchain and one to be elected by the council to fill the vacancy to be created by the resignation of Mayor-elect Stilts, and in the third ward Marion Hanks and F. T. Sanderson.

A. L. Leavitt was re-elected by a large majority and will be police judge for another year. Capt. J. W. Siemens was re-elected city treasurer and will serve his sixteenth year in that capacity. The vote in the various wards was as follows:

First Ward: For Mayor, John Stilts 31, Frank Ward 22; Councilmen, F. E. Ankeny 50; Police Judge, A. L. Leavitt 45, O. A. Stearns 8; Treasurer, Capt. J. W. Siemens 42, A. M. Worden 13.

Second Ward: For Mayor, John Stilts 88, Frank Ward 51; Councilman, Silas Obenchain 78, H. Bolvin 60; Police Judge, A. L. Leavitt 111, O. A. Stearns 27; Treasurer, J. W. Siemens 16, A. M. Worden 22.

Third Ward: For Mayor, John Stilts 48, Frank Ward 36; For Councilmen, Marion Hanks 66, F. T. Sanderson 63, Dan Cofer 15; Police Judge, A. L. Leavitt 90, O. A. Stearns 25. For Treasurer, J. W. Siemens 68, A. M. Worden 14.

Chamber Re-organizes

The reorganization of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce was effected at the meeting Tuesday. New by-laws were adopted, and hereafter the business of the Chamber will be transacted by a board of directors instead of by the entire body. The new by-laws provide for a board of seven directors of which the president, the vice president and the secretary are members and the other four are elected. The election of the directors was quite lively as several were nominated. Those elected are:

Alex. Martin, Jr., John Ellis, W. H. Dolbeer and Frank Ira White. The Chamber had been without a vice-president and Judge Geo. T. Baldwin was elected to this office. W. A. Delzell was continued as president and E. H. Dunbar as secretary. There will be seven important committees to manage and look after matters that are to receive the attention of the Chamber, and these committees are to be headed with one of the directors as chairman. This gives every officer a special duty to perform and will have a tendency to keep up interest in the meetings.

The only clause in the by-laws that was not accepted was the one providing for firm membership. It was the wish of the body that only individuals be permitted to become members of the Chamber.

According to the new order of things the Chamber as a whole will have but four regular meetings each year, but special meetings can be called at any time it is deemed necessary. The board of Directors will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month, and the first meeting will be held tonight. The first regular meeting of the Chamber will be held on the first Thursday in July.

No change was made in the initiation fee and in the dues. The former remains \$2.50 and the latter one dollar per month, or rather \$12 per year, payable quarterly.

The Chamber is becoming a greater factor for good than it has ever been, and every business man of this city should be a member of the body and assist in the up building of the community. Many important matters came before the meeting, among them the plans for the float at the Rose Festival, a proposition for the establishment of a woolen mill, an exhibit at Weed, excursions during the Summer and a general advertising campaign.

Woolen Mill Next

J. L. Clark, of Oregon City, has written to the Chamber of Commerce that Jacob Bros., the proprietors of the Oregon City Woolen Mills, were thinking of establishing a woolen mill in this city if they were given any inducement by the local people. The machinery they have in Oregon City is too large for the location and if suitable arrangements can be made it is their intention to move a part of their plant to this city. The Chamber may investigate the matter and will submit the proposition to local capitalists. As soon as the railroad reaches the navigable water there will be a splendid opening for a woolen mill in this city. Southern Oregon produces a large amount of wool and a mill at this place would provide a close market. The water power would make the operation of a plant inexpensive, and with these natural inducements it should not take much encouragement to induce a factory to locate here.

The board of managers of the Inland Empire Club has closed the club rooms and some disposition will shortly be made of the furnishings. The club has been in existence for over a year, and the suspension follows the lack of interest on the part of members.

Moore Bros. have a force of men at work putting the heavy machinery for the power plant in place. It is rather slow work handling the largest pieces which weigh 1500 pounds. As soon as the machinery is installed the building will be completed.

C. C. Hogue has moved his family into the Miller house on 6th street above Pine.

Schools Growing

Klamath Falls public schools are a splendid indication of the progress of the city. The terms of 1906-7 shows the largest enrollment in the history of the town. This is accounted by the fact that Mason, Davis & Co. employed a large number of men who had families and the children attended school while residing in this city. This year the city has practically no transient population and still the enrollment is almost as large as it was when so many families resided here temporarily. This is indicative that the town has had a gradually growth.

The greatest gain in the enrollment was made when the country first began to attract attention which was about three years ago. At the close of the 1905-6 term the roll contained 354 names, at the close of 1906-7 there were 462 and at the present time there are 410. At the beginning of the present term there was an enrollment of but 285, the present figures showing a remarkable increase during the year. Many new students have entered school this Spring and each week there is an increase in the enrollment.

The increase in the school enrollment for the past few months is conclusive evidence that a number of families have come in this Spring to locate. Everything is being done to keep the schools up to the highest possible standard, and in this Prof. Dunbar and his corps of assistants have had exceptional success. The schools are now fairly crowded, and it will be but a few more years until the city must have another large school building.

Park Gets Small Sum

Crater Lake National Park must get along with the sum of \$3000 this year. This, however, is not the fault of Representative Hawley, for immediately upon the receipt of the protest from the people of this city and of Medford he began his efforts to have the allowance increased. He tried to secure an additional appropriation of \$1200, but the proposition was voted down. Just why Crater Lake should be cut short when a park in Washington was allowed \$50,000 for the construction of one road is a matter that makes the people of Southern Oregon feel that they have been slapped in the face.

An appropriation of about \$3000 means that for one more year improvement cannot be carried on. It will pay the salary of the superintendent and will keep in repair the roads that are already built.

Labor Not Scarce

Although many more men are now employed on the government canal than a few weeks ago the Reclamation Service is experiencing no difficulty in getting all the laborers needed. The wages paid range from 22 to 28 cents per hour and eight hours constitutes a day. The Service has been advertising for men lately, and received many applications in response. Laborers seldom remain long, but work is not so plentiful this year as it has been for the past two years and as a consequence labor does not roam about as much and men seem satisfied to stay with a job even if the salary is not all that they think it should be.

Maney Bros. will begin work on their contract about the 10th, and their outfit which is coming overland from Winnemucca, Nevada, will arrive here within a few days. They will employ a large force and will rush the work as they have but five months in which they must complete the contract.

Lost in Timber

According to the story told by homesteaders returning from the Big country it is very probable that during the Summer some hunter or timber man will find the bleached bones of a human being in the vicinity of Gerhart Mountain. The story told by a Swede homesteader who lived on his claim during the entire Winter is that a few months ago when the snow was about ten feet deep, one evening a Dago came to his cabin. The man was traveling northward and was without snow shoes. The homesteader wanted him to remain over night but this traveler refused to do. The following morning the Swede attempted to track the fellow, but soon lost the trail in the snow. It is very probable that the man perished in the mountains and that his remains will be found sooner or later. The homesteader who tells the tale remained in the woods throughout the entire Winter and the story was not learned until the homesteaders began to go back to their claims a few weeks ago. A number of parties have been on the lookout for the remains but no trace of the man has been found.

Father Finds Boys

J. H. Gee, an Englishman residing near Plush in Lake county, arrived here yesterday looking for his two boys whom he recently had come here from Seattle. He sent the boys money to come on, but when they reached here they had not sufficient money to continue their journey. They wrote to the father telling of their predicament and in the meantime built a shack out of some old boards near the old fair grounds and went to keeping house. The boys were without funds, but they caught fish and managed to get along until the father arrived. When he came here he experienced considerable difficulty in locating the lads and finally appealed to Chief of Police Low for assistance. The Chief had met the boys and directed the father to their humble abode. It was a happy reunion when the father and sons were brought together.

New Attorney

John Irwin, who has opened offices in the Withrow-Melrose block is the latest addition to the legal fraternity of this city. Mr. Irwin has been a resident of this county for over a year, during which time he interested many of his friends in Klamath realty and taught school at Olene. He is sure of a cordial welcome from his legal brethren.

Marsh Will Delay Road

If Klamath Falls does not have a railroad early in the Spring of 1909 it will be entirely due to the fact that the road cannot be built across the marsh. Ever since Archie Mason first took the contract for the dike the work has progressed in a very unsatisfactory manner. It is a cost a year since the first dredge went to work, and still scarcely nothing has been accomplished. Mason sold out his interest in the dike and the new proprietor seems to be under the influence of the same hoodoo as the Mason Construction was. Over two weeks ago the old clam digger broke down and since then has been lying idle on a mud bank. The pieces have been ordered from the foundry at Ashland and it appears that the establishment is having trouble manufacturing them.

This delay means that the road will be held up at navigable water. However, it will be but a short time now until another dredge will be on the work. It has been a long time coming, but at last a force of sixteen men is working on the barge, and the machinery is held at the railroad terminals awaiting the completion of the same. The new dredge is a modern machine and is more adapted to the swamp work than the one heretofore in use. Those familiar with conditions say that the clam digger has been a failure on the dike work, but that the new dredge will be able to do much faster work.

There is little or no question but what the road will be completed to the water some time this Fall, and those familiar with the work think that it will reach there about December 1st. Just how long it will be held up at that point cannot be said at this time. If the dredging work should be as unsuccessful the rest of the season as it has been during the Spring it will be more than a year before the steel gang can lay track across the swamp. The officials in charge of the construction of the road are using every effort to have the dredging rushed as they realize that this is the only point on the line where any delay will occur.

Klamath's Float

Through the Chamber of Commerce Klamath county will be represented by one of the best floats that will be seen in the parades during the Rose Festival at Portland. Judge Geo. T. Baldwin, assisted by W. A. Delzell and J. D. Carroll, completed all arrangements for the float while at the state metropolis, and the Chamber of Commerce paid for the same with the funds left over from the Sacramento exhibit which gave this section such extensive advertising. The float will be a representation of irrigation, agriculture and stock raising, and besides it will be decorated with large photographs of Crater Lake so as to attract attention to the magnificent scenery of this country.

Upon request of the State Fair Association the float will be taken to Salem after the Rose Festival and will be on exhibition there during the Summer and at the fair this Fall.

Colonizing

W. G. Smith, formerly the pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, is now located at Wolf Creek, and has started a colonization movement. J. M. Pinkerton, also formerly of this city, is associated with him. Rev. Smith and Mr. Pinkerton have an interest in about 2000 acres of land adjacent to the station of Wolf Creek, on the line to Portland. The land is close to the depot, the most remote being not over two miles away. About 1000 acres of it is especially adapted to fruit raising. The tract is being sub-divided and will be sold in small acreage tracts.

Several families from the East have already settled on the tract, and this season several acres of apples and pears and 2000 grape cuttings have been set out. A considerable acreage will be cultivated this year. The property has enough timber on it for the use of the colony and mountain streams and springs supply enough water for irrigation if it should be found necessary. The large hotel at Wolf Creek is a part of the estate and Ohio friends of Mr. Smith have taken charge of it. Rev. Smith has quit the pulpit for the present and is devoting his entire time to the colonization business.

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Asks for Franchise

Again the city council is asked to give to the Government a portion of West High street for canal purposes. The matter was brought before the council in the shape of an ordinance granting the United States a perpetual franchise for a wooden or concrete conduit along this street. This same matter was before the council several times last year and on every occasion the property owners along this street appeared before the council and protested against the granting of the franchise. The matter was finally postponed until such time when the Reclamation Service officials and the property owners should arrive at some sort of an agreement. The council held at that time that it was a question if it had a right to deed away a street for canal purposes without the consent of the parties owning the property adjacent thereto. Nothing has been heard of the matter for some months and it appears that no effort has been made to get the property owners to agree to some plan for the construction of the conduit or canal. When the ordinance was presented last night Paul Breitenstein appeared before the council and protested against its passage.

The completion of the Keno canal depends upon the granting of some kind of a franchise along this street, and it is very probable that if the Government will consult with the property owners and will agree to put in a concrete conduit that no difficulty will be experienced in getting a franchise from the council. Last year the council refused to grant the franchise until the property owners had been consulted, and it is very probable that the same thing will occur again.

DAIRY

V. O. Erwin was delivering lumber to I. F. Davis and S. D. Tooker from Hamaker's mill on Thursday.

J. P. Lee, our genial assessor, was looking after the amount of wealth of our neighborhood the past week.

Mr. Litton is building a residence on the hamlet he took lately.

J. B. Mason and Daniel Pease were in Dairy on Thursday. Mr. Pease is recently from near Chicago and is looking the country over with the intention of investing in some land.

May day has arrived but no picnic. This doesn't seem right to Californians.

W. A. Delzell was looking after his political interests here Friday.

C. H. Daggett was interviewing his friends and looking after votes Friday. Claud is little but the other fellow better get a move on if he wants the office.

G. G. Anderson met with a serious fiasco early Saturday morning. His chicken brooder caught fire and was burned with 150 young chicks and some old chickens. The fire would have been more serious but for the timely assistance of neighbors.

August Flaekus is reported to be very sick with intestinal trouble.

The annual meeting of the Spring Valley Telephone Co. was held in Dairy May 4th. The principal business was the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year. Those elected were—W. L. Welch, Chas. E. Drew, W. P. Sedge, Louis Sternal and J. W. Logue. The board of directors organized as follows: W. L. Welch President, Chas. E. Drew Vice President, W. P. Sedge Secretary and Treasurer.

Mechanics began on the new building for I. F. Davis on Monday. The work will be rushed in order to get ready for the candidates ball to be held in the near future.

Y. M. C. A. Excursion

One of the first excursions to the Klamath country this year will be that of the Portland Y. M. C. A. While in the city Geo. T. Baldwin and J. D. Carroll met many of the members of the Association and found that they intend visiting Crater Lake this Summer. The Judge promised them that this city would treat them royally if they came here and Mr. Carroll promised to kill the fattest calf on his ranch if they would come out there and stay over night. According to the plans of the Association about twenty members will arrive here the latter part of June. They will spend the first day and night at the Carroll ranch and will then go to Crater Lake for several days outing. This excursion will give Klamath an opportunity to entertain a number of Portland's representative young men.

Brennan Found Dead

While sowing wild rice at the J. P. Lee place yesterday afternoon B. St. Geo. Bishop and J. Goeller found the body of Chas. Brennan lying in the tules between the house and the river, and indications are that it had been there for several days. Brennan was last seen on Tuesday when he came out to the river and hailed the government launch, informing them that Hamilton had taken possession of the house and run him out. He wanted them to send the sheriff or Mont Hatcher. His request was made known when the party reached town, but no attention was paid to it as it was supposed that

he was crazy with whiskey and his indignation was working over time. He was a man who drank considerably and it seems that his mind became affected, causing him to imagine that Hamilton was after him. He apparently was afraid to return to the house and lay down in the tules where he died.

An examination showed that he had not been in the house for several days for the food he had cooked had grown mouldy and nothing about the place had been cared for. Brennan was somewhat of a character and had been in this town for several years. It is not known that he leaves any relatives.

Coroner Martin and Undertaker Whitlock went to the scene of death this morning and brought the body to town. An inquest was held this afternoon at the morgue at which it was found that he had died a natural death.

The coroner's jury consisted of the following: W. T. Shive, Geo. C. North, W. S. Slough, G. Kerr, R. M. Sarter and Chester Avery.

Exhibit at Weed

Another advertising proposition of considerable merit was presented to the Chamber of Commerce for consideration by Judge Geo. T. Baldwin. The Southern Pacific is putting in a "Y" at Weed and at this point all trains, both over the main line and over the California Northeastern pass one another and must stop there for a few minutes. The proposition is to put up an exhibit building at this point. It would be a very advantageous location as it would be seen by many travelers. Judge Baldwin talked with the Southern Pacific representative at Weed in regard to the matter and he thinks that it will be a comparatively easy matter to get the necessary ground from the railroad company. The matter will be further investigated by the Chamber.

Capt. J. W. Siemens returned Monday from Corvallis where he has been visiting with his boys. He also visited Portland.

PASTURE—1500 acres of pasture for rent at Meadow Lake. Excellent mixed grass; abundance of water; good fence; reasonable terms, depending on number of stock and time. Enquire of E. L. Applegate, Klamath Falls, or of Fred Applegate, Meadow Lake. 5-7f

Mrs. G. Heitkemper, Jr., left this morning for Portland on an extended visit to relatives.

E. B. Henry has returned from the Klamath Indian Reservation where he has been working on the reclamation project. He has the work of surveying practically completed.

Notice to Creditors

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Klamath.

In the matter of the estate of George W. Maston, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the last will and testament of George W. Maston, deceased, has been duly proven and admitted to probate, and that Henrietta G. Maston has been duly appointed as executrix thereof.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same with proper vouchers, within six months from date of this notice, to the undersigned, or at the American Bank & Trust Co., in the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this first day of May, 1908.

Henrietta G. Maston, Executrix of the last will and testament of George W. Maston, deceased.

Grand Ball at Keno

The Keno Band will give a grand ball at Keno Friday evening, May 29. It will be the best of all and you must not miss it. WAIT! WATCH!! LISTEN!!!

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