

REJECT CLEAR LAKE BIDS

Action Will Result in a Stormy Meeting Next Saturday

Advises have been received from Washington that the Secretary of the Interior has rejected all of the bids on the Clear Lake dam because they were too high and because the required amount of land was not signed for government irrigation in the Upper Project.

The high bids and the fact that only about 75 per cent of the lands are signed up, the Government demand being 80 per cent, are responsible for the rejection of the bids. It has not been decided what action will be taken in the matter.

It appears that there is considerable dissatisfaction in the upper project with the rejection of the bids on the Clear Lake dam. The stockholders in that section of the county have decided to hold a meeting on the eighth of June, the primary object of the meeting being to discuss the matter of discontinuing relations with the Water Users Association and the Klamath project.

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Declamation Contest

The declamatory contest at the High School Tuesday night was of exceptional interest as every participant in the event was strong in his or her selection, and the class as a whole showed remarkable talent.

The contest was won by Miss Mamie Boyd, who recited the selection "Boy Orator of Zepata City."

The large hall at the High School was crowded Wednesday afternoon when the graduates presented their class day exercises. The large attendance at all of these school functions is indicative of the interest that the people take in educational affairs.

Every number on the program was applauded and the class history, class prophecy, class poem and the class will were prepared so as to make them both pleasing and interesting.

ment asking for a change in the time of holding the regular annual meeting will be a very insignificant thing compared to the demands of a resolution that will be introduced. This paper is informed by men who are prominent in the Klamath Water Users' Association that a resolution will be introduced at the meeting asking for the removal of D. W. Murphy from the position of project engineer.

This resolution has the endorsement of some of the directors, a majority it is claimed, and is now in the hands of an attorney who is preparing the same in legal form. The grounds upon which the removal of Mr. Murphy will be asked for are not known.

It has also been stated that other resolutions will be introduced that will cause changes in the present conditions of the project.

The land owners of the upper project are very much put out over the turn things have taken, and the matter will come up in the meeting Friday afternoon. It is right that every member of the Water Users' Association should attend this meeting, so that the expression of the body will come from the members of the association and not from a small portion of them.

The persons advocating the removal of Engineer Murphy are desirous that there will be a large attendance at the meeting, so that if the resolution is passed it will come from the majority of the association members and not from a small clique that may have a majority vote in a poorly attended meeting.

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UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Table with columns: Precincts, Linkville, Lost River, Tule Lake, Wood River, Plowina, Snow, Klamath Lake, Poe Valley, Langell Valley, Sprague River, Dairy, Odell, Total, Plurality. Rows include various candidates and their vote counts.

In so far as active work goes the public schools of this city closed Friday. Next week will be devoted to examinations and the correction of the papers. The year just finished has been a highly successful one and teachers and pupils are ready for the well earned vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Niles, of Hornbrook, Cal., are visiting at the home of E. L. Niles. They will remain about two weeks.

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Farmer's Institute

Indications are that the farmers' Institute will be largely attended. A large number of the farmers residing in Linkville precinct were in the city today for election and most of them stated that they would make a special effort to attend the session. From all parts of the county come the reports that large delegations will be sent. The meeting of the Water Users' Association on Friday afternoon will be devoted largely to the discussion of matters pertaining to the best interests of the reclamation system. The amendment to the by-laws to change the time of holding the regular annual meeting will be the most important matter to come up for consideration as far as is known. However, other things of importance may come up and it will be well for every member of the association to be on hand.

No regular program will be arranged for the institute before hand. The present plans provide for Dr. Whitcomb's illustrated lecture Friday night and the next day the program will be arranged to suit those who are to take part in it. There is every assurance that the session will be a success and all that is needed is the full attendance of the farmers and stock raisers of this county in order to get a great deal of benefit from the meeting. The Klamath country is now in the experimental stage and the advice and knowledge of men of vast experience will prove beneficial in the development of the entire county.

Rev. Edward Adams Cantrell will deliver his farewell lecture at the opera house tonight on the subject, "Think or Surrender." The lecture will begin promptly at 8 o'clock and will be free as have been all of his other lectures.

Rev. Cantrell has been in this city for about three weeks and has made many friends while here. He leaves in the morning for San Francisco, and will lecture there, in Oakland and in Berkeley before returning to his home in the East. He was very favorably impressed with the Klamath project and thinks it compares favorably with the other projects of the West. He says that it is very probable that he and a number of others may come West and settle in one of the irrigated districts, but no definite place has been selected.

Indians Return

After thirty years of enforced absence the small remnant of Captain Jack's band of Modoc Indians at the Quappaw Agency in Oklahoma are to be removed to the Klamath reservation in Oregon, where their friends and relatives live. This is the unanimous recommendation of the senate committee on Indian affairs in connection with the removal of restrictions on the land of all Indians at the Quappaw Agency.

The Modocs remaining in Oklahoma are but a mere handful of the band of 217 lusty braves who were taken from the Klamath reservation to Indian Territory in 1874—right after the Modoc war. Ever since their arrival in the southwest these Indians have been longing for their Oregon home. Of the 217 only forty-nine remain and ten of these have found their way back to Oregon, leaving only thirty-nine. As a matter of fact, only seventeen of the Indians originally moved are living. There is a pathetic story of genuine homesickness which has resulted in the depletion of the band.

Codling Moth

It will soon be the season of Aphid and Codling Moths, and it behooves every one having fruit trees or shrubbery to be on the watch for the early appearance of the pests. If any small collection of the eggs or larvae of these insects escaped the sulphur-line solution, a very few days of warm spring weather will make them active and so fast do they propagate their species, they will soon cover the tree in which they survived and early treatment now will obviate a summer's fight with them later.

For the Aphid green or any other kind on trees, shrubs or plants, Quassi chips and whale oil soap is the standard remedy.

For Codling moth the various arsenate of lead preparations are best. Bulletins with formulas of these sprays may be had on applications. Do not wait until you are notified formally. Get busy.

O. A. STEARNS, Fruit Inspector.

Moore Bros. started a force of men to work on the power plant Tuesday after having been shut down for several days. The plant will now be rushed to completion unless unforeseen conditions should arise and cause further delay.

Returns from Lake and Crook county give Merryman a majority of 301 votes for Joint Senator. Crook gave Springer a majority of 295, while Lake went for Merryman by 150 and Klamath gave Merryman 446.

Council Proceedings

The Klamath Falls Transportation Company made application for a franchise on Main Street, East of Third. Mayor Stilts announced the following appointments: C. C. Low, city marshal, E. B. Ramsby, policeman and John Irwin, city handy.

Councilman Castel handed in his resignation.

Motor Car Next

W. K. Brown and B. F. Gould, two of the directors of the Buena Vista company, arrived in the city Thursday and will remain several days in order to decide upon the plan of improvement to be followed by the company this season. No definite action in regard to this matter will be taken until after the directors have their meeting which will be held either Monday or Tuesday of next week.

According to the terms of the franchise held by this company for a street car line they must operate an electric or motor car by the first of August and it is very probable that they will put on a motor within the next few months. Other plans pertaining to the development of the addition will be formulated while they are here and will be carried out by E. R. Reames, who is the local manager of the company.

Within a few days the city of Klamath Falls will have the advantage of having transportation tickets for all parts of the United States on sale in this city.

T. A. K. Fassett, formerly traveling freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, arrived here last night and as soon as the tickets arrive will open an office in conjunction with the Klamath Lake Navigation Company. He will look after the passenger traffic for both the local company and the Southern Pacific. Baggage will be checked from this city the same as on railroad points and aside from not being on the railroad this city will have the same service as towns with rail connection. Passengers will be allowed 150 pounds of baggage in and out of this city.

Tickets direct to Klamath Falls will also be placed on sale in all railroad offices so that this city will have the advantage of having immigrants buy their tickets through to Klamath Falls.

Clouds of dust can be seen from the city in the vicinity of the new fair grounds. Contractor E. W. Smith has a large force of men at work and is building a track that will be a credit as well as a pleasure to the county when the fair is held this fall.

After July 1st, W. H. Heileman, who has had charge of the operation and maintenance department of the government reclamation, will be independent of the rest of the office force of this project. The work has advanced so that the completed part of the canal has been turned over to his department.

The counting of the ballots in Linkville precinct was not finished until 4 Wednesday morning. This was responsible for the delay in getting the complete returns, and clearly indicates the necessity for the subdivision of this precinct. The division will be made this Fall, but not until after the presidential election, so that at that time there will be the same jam as at the election on Monday. The time for the division does not come until after the election.

The Lost river flume in connection with the reclamation work is more than half completed. The flume is a trifle over a mile in length and the cement foundations have been built for fully two-thirds of it. The rock work on all of the piers is practically finished. This part of the work is being done by the Government direct. The construction of the flume itself is in the hands of the contractors, Campbell & Hoffman. They have the poles set for some distance and are making a good showing on the job.

In this connection permit me to direct the attention of the council to the fact that we have a bonded indebtedness falling due within a comparatively short time amounting to \$10,000, and that heretofore no steps have been taken to provide a means of discharging that obligation. It is incumbent upon this council to devise some way, or rather initiate a policy that will create a fund for the discharge of that obligation—indeed the contract with the city by which that obligation was assumed, provides that a sinking fund shall be created.

J. R. STILTS NOW MAYOR

The City's New Executive Assumes the Duties of His Office

John R. Stilts is now Mayor of Klamath Falls, having taken the oath of office last night. With him were also sworn in Silas Obenchain, F. E. Ankeny, F. T. Sanderson and C. B. Crisler.

Mayor Stilts addressed the Council as follows: Members of the Common Council of Klamath Falls, and Citizens: Upon assuming the station of mayor I shall avail myself of the opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me, and of the responsibilities of the position, and to assure you of my determination to render the city the best service of which I am capable, in return. The citizens of this municipality are to be congratulated upon the many advantages surrounding the city which, if properly safeguarded and conserved, will assure the future prosperity of the city.

To the hands of the common council and the mayor have been committed the task of securing to the city the natural advantages awaiting it. To them has been committed the task of providing for the health and cleanliness of the city by the construction of proper sewerage. To their hands has been committed the important duty of maintaining the peace and dignity of the city. To inaugurate a financial policy that shall enable necessary improvements to be carried forward, and give to the city that standing at home and abroad to which it is entitled.

Whatever good is to be accomplished for the city along these lines must come from the united efforts of the common council and the mayor; and let me assure you, gentlemen, of my earnest desire to co-operate with you in all your efforts looking to the betterment and the future prosperity of our city. Let our watchwords be "The interests of the City of Klamath Falls as a whole, first, last and all the time."

I feel it incumbent upon me at this time to place myself squarely before the council by briefly outlining my position upon the important civic matters that in all probability will command the attention of the council during the coming year.

The first that suggests itself is the financial status of the city and the means at hand for bringing about a healthier condition in that regard.

I have had submitted to me by the police judge a report of the financial condition of the city at this date, which I shall lay before the council for consideration. The report covers a period of two years and is loaded to the muzzle with food for reflection.

Taking this report as a basis, I feel (that until some other and more adequate sources of revenue are provided) a policy of retrenchment must be inaugurated and persistently maintained. Let this policy of retrenchment, however, be dictated by carefulness and economy as opposed to parsimoniousness and niggardliness. With that end in view I would suggest that all street work be confined to such as is absolutely urgent and necessary. In advocating this position, it seems to me we should have the indulgence of the people; let them understand through the medium of this report the necessity and be prepared to forego many much needed improvements for the time being in order that we may gain, the more quickly, a more satisfactory financial condition.

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