

PREPARING FOR DEFICIT

Closing Town Demands New Source of Revenue

Klamath Falls going dry put the Mayor and the city council face to face with the problem of raising money to pay the expense of the city government. The twelve saloons and the brewery put out of business by prohibition which goes into effect on July 1st means that the revenue of the city will be decreased \$5000 annually. It is necessary to raise money some other way and with this object in view the Mayor and the council have been devising means for levying an occupation tax. What the amount of this tax will be has not yet been decided, but all business firms and professional men will be classified and a tax imposed accordingly.

There are more than one hundred and twenty-five persons and firms in this city that will be subject to the taxation, and from this it is expected a sufficient revenue will be derived to not only meet all of the current expenses, but also to pay off some of the warrant indebtedness of the city.

To some it may seem that the tax is an unnecessary hardship, but those who consider the situation will readily see that it is a protection. A number of the real estate men have already got together and agreed that they are willing to pay \$100 per year. This will mean that every person who engages in this line of business in this city will be subject to this tax if the council acts on the recommendation. It is very probable that the taxes will range from \$25 to \$100 per year, and at the next meeting of the council an ordinance will be introduced which will fix the tax and the amount for the various kinds of business establishments and professions.

In addition to this matter, a tax or license for all peddlers is being considered, and the council will act on the question in a way that the result will be the protection of the business firms of the city as well as a revenue for the city.

The tax that will be imposed will be collected quarterly so that it will not be too hard on the payers, and it is thought that in a short time conditions will so adjust themselves that the city will be able to get along nicely without the revenue heretofore derived from the liquor traffic.

The occupation tax is now being fully discussed not only by the Mayor and the council, but also by all of the business men of the city. Everyone is aware that something must be done to provide means for running the affairs of the city and the occupation tax seems the only solution for the question. There is also some talk of the poll tax, but this is not so important as the other and is not receiving much attention at this time.

It is realized by everyone that something must be done, but that something is causing many arguments and is eliciting many good suggestions from the business and professional men who will be called upon to pay the tax. It was proposed that real estate firms be subjected to a tax of \$100 per annum, but many of them object to this, claim-

ing that the amount is far in excess of what they should be called upon to pay when the tax upon other business firms is taken into consideration. Again, there are merchants who object to a tax of \$50 a year, claiming that it is too much for the amount of business transacted.

The council will not be hasty in taking action on this matter and when the question is finally settled it will be after due deliberation and a thorough investigation of the methods employed by other cities who have solved the same problem.

In connection with the matter of increasing the revenue of the city it has been suggested to admit a number of the additions into the municipal corporation. Most of the parties owning the additions will be willing to come in if they are sure that they will not be called upon to pay more than their just share of the city's taxes.

It is well that these matters pertaining to the finances of the city be well considered before any action is taken.

Distinguished Visitors

Klamath is entertaining as guests a number of the high officials of the Southern Pacific. The party arrived Friday and it includes Chief Engineer Wm. Hood, E. E. Calvin, general manager and vice-president of Southern Pacific, H. P. Hovey, construction engineer of the California Northeastern, Col. W. H. Holabird, who has charge of the Pelican Bay resort, Henry Crossby, who has charge of the water systems along the railroad, and the private secretaries to Messrs. Hood and Calvin. This is the first time that Mr. Hood has visited this city although some years ago he was at the head of a surveying party that ran a preliminary survey through this country. The object of the visit of the party so far as can be learned is to look over the new road and to inspect the construction work now going on.

The following is the jury list selected for the June term of the Circuit Court, which convenes on the 15th:

Frank Armstrong	A. F. Stankey
A. B. Brown	W. O. Webb
Henry Straw	R. T. Baldwin
C. K. Brandenburg	W. B. Simpson
J. H. Owen	Felix Stricklin
Fred Buesing	F. K. Jansson
Fred Stakel	Fred Shalman
Chas. Ager	W. S. Slough
Allen Sloan	Clay Taylor
Geo. F. Cline	J. C. Taylor
A. C. Lewis	C. C. Chitwood
Otto Heidrich	G. W. Offield
W. M. Mendenhall	M. H. Wampler
Henry Offenbacher	A. M. Sutton
H. L. Aldridge	Burge Mason

The election in Langell Valley will go on record as a model for all future elections. Mr. Swingle was the only candidate present. There was not a drop of liquor to be found and everything was perfect harmony. A bounteous repast was participated in by all present. The good ladies are responsible for this event for which they are entitled to the greatest praise. The dinner was fit for kings, which goes to show that though we are but farmer folk our ladies are sure good cooks.

Ward Dwight of the Dwight Lumber Co. of San Francisco, is in the city on business with the Long Lake Lumber Co. His company will likely handle large shipments of boxes from the local concern.

W. C. Dalton is in the city from the Tule Lake country to attend the meeting of the Water Users' Association and to take in the Farmers' Institute.

No Franchise for Keno Canal

For the second time the common council of Klamath Falls has turned down the franchise for the Keno canal. Last year it was turned down because the property owners on the West Side objected to a large open ditch along the street, and also because the right of way across private property called for such a large portion of the residence lots as to seriously depreciate the values of the property crossed by the ditch. To remove the objectionable features of the open ditch and to bring the damage to the property to the lowest possible point and keep within the money expenditure available for that part of the project, the Reclamation Service made new plans, contemplating the construction of a wooden or concrete flume, 4 feet by 3 feet in dimension, and then asked for ten foot right of way along the street and a twenty foot right of way through the lots south of lot 7 in West Klamath Falls, the flume to be constructed to all crossings and on High street, when opened, so as not to impede travel. Last night the city council laid this franchise on the table refusing to further consider it unless the Reclamation Service officials would change the franchise to call for a "concrete conduit or flume," and until the property owners along the line of the flume had been settled with satisfactorily for rights of way and had been given assurance of a concrete flume or conduit through their premises.

As the property owners objected to a wooden flume on the contention that the leakage would damage their property, Mayor Stitts was asked if the city would grant the franchise for a wooden flume upon an indemnity bond being given by the Water Users' Association, or a number of them agreeing to pay any and all damages such property owners might sustain by reason of such leakage, and he replied that the city would not, but would insist on concrete and settlement with the property owners before granting the franchise.

It is simply holding up the farmers under the project unless they are willing to let the city dictate what kind of flume shall be built with their money, and that they should accept such property owners as they might feel inclined to impose.

Who is standing in the way of improvement and progress, and for what purpose?

O. A. STEARNS.

H. M. Crooks, the President of the Albany College, was greeted by a crowded house Thursday when he delivered his address to the members of the graduating class of the High School. His subject was "Growth," and his discourse was highly interesting and replete with good wholesome thought. Prof. Crooks is an entertaining speaker and possesses the faculty of holding the attention of his audience and making it see every point, which he usually illustrated with some pungent story or suggestion. For more than an hour he took the large audience from a humorous situation to a serious one and then back again, making his address one that is beneficial to the entire audience as well as to the graduates.

The musical part of the program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Evelyn Applegate and vocal solos by Mr. T. W. Zimmerman and by Mrs. Harry Caden. This part of the program made the evening all the more enjoyable.

On last Sunday the Indian known as "Copolosity" came riding into town with blood all over his horse and saddle and said that he had been shot. The shooting occurred at Pine Creek and was done by Dan Louis. It seems that the Indian was drunk and quarrelsome and from what Louis says had threatened his life. Louis got hold of a rifle and shot "Copolosity" the ball entering the hollow of the body and coming out just below the hip. The wound is a dangerous one and it is a question of life or death.—Alturas Republican.

Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bonham in this city occurred the marriage of Mrs. Mary Brandenburg and Mr. C. H. Bish, Rev. P. Conklin officiating. The couple recently arrived here from Siskiyou county and the groom is now engaged in conducting the Palace restaurant. The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and a few close friends, and immediately following a wedding dinner was served.

A team hitched to a wagon loaded with posts became frightened this noon at E. A. Dunham's automobile and started down Main street on a dead run. Frank Bryant, who was driving the team, held his place on the seat and kept the team in the middle of the street until they had run several blocks, when he got them stopped.

Trespass notices have been posted all along Buena Vista water front and shooters must be careful, for the law will be enforced.

John Noble's new house is nearing completion, and when finished it will be quite an improvement on his homestead.

Although the wild hay crop is not as heavy as usual there will be enough to supply the demand.

Considering the cool and unusual backward weather the outlook for crops is very good.

Horace Mitchell has returned from San Francisco and Ashland.

School Matters

The first eighth grade graduation exercises of the public school was held in the school house on Friday evening. A representative audience was present to lend encouragement to ambitious youth. The exercises were opened with a song recited by the school. A number of school patrons then voiced their ideas on school affairs and in general gave hearty approval to the efforts put forth during the last year to raise the school at this point in manner of equipment and efficiency. Prominent among the speakers were W. P. Sedge, Orrin McCumber, W. L. and J. R. Welch and H. S. Oden, County Superintendent. Wight, presenting the Diplomas, preceded the talk to the class by making a few remarks on cooperation between teacher and parent. After the speaking the tables were spread with good things the ladies had prepared. In reporting the work of ten months an average daily attendance of ninety six and one third per cent was attained. Pupils neither absent nor tardy were Waid, Elsie, Carmie and Gerald Oden. This establishes a record for regularity and punctuality in this district. While the visits by parents were few, yet patrons having children in school have shown marked interest in the work. A healthy school spirit has been engendered and sustained throughout the school year and a class of graduates is the result. Those graduating have signified a determination of fitting themselves for the higher things of life. Miss Zelma Sedge will enter high school at Antioch, Cal., and will afterwards take a course at San Jose Normal. Miss Ella Anderson will enter high school at Berkeley, Cal. Miss Ella passed a creditable examination and gives promise of a strong student. Miss Elsie and Waid Oden will probably enter the State Normal at Weston. Our teacher, Mr. Hall, is an alumnus of this institution and these worthy young people have hopes of becoming proficient teachers. The following are candidates for honors next year: Ivan Welch, Gerald and Carmie Oden, George Gray, Helen McCumber, Jessie Anderson and Henry Stoehler.

DAIRY

Wm. Wight made final proof on his homestead June 28.

Election at Dairy went off very quiet and orderly. Old timers say it was the best election crowd ever seen in Dairy.

A new girl came to Mr. and Mrs. Early Arant June third.

P. H. Gray took a load of veal to Klamath Falls Wednesday.

Jacob Ruack and C. W. Sherman went to Klamath Falls to attend the Water Users' meeting.

F. M. Bennett, J. R. Welch, D. Y. Gray and Ludwig Sterns went to Klamath Falls Monday, June 8, to make final proof on their respective homesteads.

J. Q. Willits, County School Superintendent of Lake County passed through this place in a four horse caravan Monday accompanied by some friends.

A mass meeting of the Water Users' was held at Bonanza to discuss some important matters in regard to the reclamation work, chief of which was to unite in urging an early beginning on the Clear Lake dam. Much dissatisfaction is apparent on account of the numerous delays.

Horace Mitchell was in Dairy Sunday.

Toney Murrat is engaged painting a sign for W. P. Sedge today.

Klamath Falls Military Band at its meeting Friday night decided to give a grand picnic on the Fourth of July. No steps have been taken towards a celebration in the city so the musical organization decided to give a picnic in Grand View Park, which is situated on the west side of the Upper lake. Arrangements will be made to convey the people to the boat landing and from there the boat will make a trip to the grounds every hour. A platform will be put up for dancing and there will be all kinds of amusements for everyone. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the band. The program for the day will be announced later.

Jas. W. Jory has been awarded the contract for the construction of schedules 2, 3 and 18 of the South Branch laterals. The work includes the construction of five and a half miles of laterals and the removal of about 25,000 cubic yards of dirt. Maney Brothers & Co. bid on the same work. This is the first instance where a land owner under the Klamath project has taken a contract for the construction of a portion of the irrigation system.

James Lindsay is suffering from a bruise or sprain in his hand that is causing him much pain.

The range stock is all in good condition and the recent rains have made the grass good.

Oscar Campbell's new house is completed and is quite an imposing structure.

While near the summit of Langell Valley mountain Dave Vinson's horse got away from him, leaving him to walk home. We are of the opinion that Dave used language that is not in our text book.

The bids on the Clear Lake dam having been rejected makes our farmers wonder what will happen next.

Circuit Court

The regular June term of the Circuit Court will convene next Monday. There are a large number of criminal cases, but many of them have been on the docket for years. There are also several of recent date and they will attract considerable attention. The criminal docket is as follows:

State vs. J. F. Munz, charged with murder.

State vs. Goodlow and Norcross, charged with larceny.

State vs. Joshua Backmaster, charged with larceny.

State vs. Liskey, charged with the larceny of a horse.

State vs. Richard Roe, selling liquor to minors.

State vs. John Doe, sodomy.

State vs. John Doe, assault and battery.

State vs. Albert Fitch, assault with a deadly weapon.

State vs. J. W. Burk, arson.

State vs. Albert Marshall, forgery.

State vs. Fred Collins, larceny of a horse.

State vs. Hjordi, larceny of a steer.

State vs. Chas. Hamaker, larceny from a dwelling.

State vs. John Doe, killing animals belonging to another.

State vs. Jos. Coburn, larceny of a cow.

State vs. Ernest Wolford, assault with a deadly weapon.

State vs. Wm. Monroe, larceny.

State vs. Fred Liskey, Mayhem.

State vs. J. J. Arant, larceny of a calf.

State vs. S. H. Bittner, larceny of a horse.

Two of the parties, Monroe and Bittner, against whom the criminal actions are pending are confined in the county jail. Some of the others are out on bail and many have long since left the country.

In addition to the criminal docket there will be a large number of civil cases, including several actions for divorce. Court will be in session for several days.

Adams Dredge at Work

The Adams dredge is now at work on the dike for the experimental farm. The machine was taken to the farm along the railroad cut and by following this course it was necessary to take only a short cut in order to get to the point where work was to begin. The dredge is in good shape and if no accidents happen it will not be long until the dike will be completed. In the meantime Mr. Adams is having a scow built on the Upper Lake and as soon as the experimental farm work is finished the machinery will be moved on to it. It is very probable that the dredge will remain on the Upper Lake and Wood river permanently as there is considerable work to be done in that section, and if Wood river is to be kept open it will take more or less dredging every year. During the Summer the Weed cut will be made and this Winter the channel of the river will be opened and straightened.

An effort will be made to open Wood river so that the boats can go as far as Fort Klamath. In order to do this it will be necessary to remove a bridge and to do considerable dredging and it is now too late in the season to do this for Summer run. However, this Winter the stream will be made navigable to the Fort.

J. Frank Adams is making arrangements to start his dredge down the river to begin work on the dike for the reclamation of the marsh land experimental farm. It will take about one month to throw up the necessary dike. In the mean time the barge for the dredge will be built on the Upper lake and just as soon as the work on the experimental farm is finished the machinery will be transferred to the new barge and will be moved to Wood river valley. Parker & Taylor will have some work done on the channel of the river so as to make it better for navigation and then the dredge will begin work on the Weed cut which will reclaim a considerable acreage of valuable land in that section. The Weed cut will be about six miles long.

L. A. Duffy will leave in a few days for San Diego, where he will reside permanently. He has disposed of most of his interests in this city and will hereafter put in his time boosting Southern California. Mr. Duffy spent the greater part of eleven years in this city and during that time he has had his share of the country's prosperity. While a resident of this city he was a good booster for the country and it is safe to say that in his sunny California home he will always be willing to speak well of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hogue left for Portland Wednesday morning. Mr. Hogue goes to attend a meeting of the Grand lodge of Knights of Pythias and Mrs. Hogue to attend the Pythian Sisters of which grand lodge she is an officer. They will be accompanied to Portland by their two daughters Faye and Hortense.

Now is the time of the year for our farmers to begin to think of the county fair. By so doing we will be able to show what we can raise and also capture some of the prizes.

Klamath was well represented at the Rose Carnival. Aside from having a large delegation of boosters in the Rose City during the Festival the float attracted a great deal of attention as it was generally pronounced one of the most attractive in several parades. The float was first used in the industrial parade, and on last Saturday it was again used in the Woodmen of the World parade. Local Woodmen secured the float for this occasion and in addition to the many attractive features they secured the prettiest girl in the state of Washington to ride on the float to represent a milk maid. C. T. Oliver and a number of other Klamath Falls Woodmen participated in this parade and acted as a special escort for the Klamath float. They were tendered an ovation all along the line of march and frequently it was heard that the Klamath representation was an ideal one.

Arrested for Horse Stealing

S. H. Bittner is now confined in the county jail charged with stealing a horse from J. D. Carroll. He was arrested near the state line by Constable John Hughes, of Dorris, and he was taken of Dorris and held there awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Obenchain and Deputy John Schallock. They returned with their prisoner Sunday.

Bittner told the Dorris officer that he was riding the horse to the railroad where he was going to leave it for Pearl Carroll, who would ride it back to Klamath Falls on his way home from Portland. He had been in the employ of Mr. Carroll for some time and was suspected of the theft as soon as it was found that the horse had been stolen.

While at Dorris Sheriff Obenchain and Deputy John Schallock each had a pair of gloves stolen from his overcoat and some one got away with the sheriff's hat.

Bittner was arraigned before Justice of the Peace A. D. Miller Thursday and was held to the grand jury in the sum of \$500 and in default of bail was again committed to the county jail where he will be confined until June term of court convenes when he will be tried for the offense.

Klamath Falls is to have the benefit of another reduction in freight rates. Friday the new rates of the McIntire Transportation Company go into effect and the reduction is 10 cents on each 100 pounds between Dorris and this city. The new rate is: 1st class, 55 cents, old rate, 65; 2nd class, new 50, old 60; 3rd class, new 45, old 55; 4th class, new 40, old 50; 5th class, same as 4th. The commodity rate on carload lots has been reduced from 50 cents per cwt. to 30 cents. The commodity rate is on salt, sugar, canned goods, nails, wire, coal, iron or steel, lime, brick, and cement in sacks or barrels.

The commodity rate will also apply on all exports from this city including grain flour and potatoes. This rate will be subject to modification on thirty days notice. Heavy bulky freight will be hauled by special contract. This reduction will mean a considerable saving on all goods shipped into this city, and should in time reduce the cost of many articles that are imported.

A. G. Duhme, J. C. Cravens and T. B. Morgan leave tomorrow for a month's trip to the mountains. They will put in most of their time hunting for bear. With seven bear dogs in the party it is very probable that they will succeed in getting big game.

J. D. Seaton found two bee trees recently containing a good quantity as well as quality of honey. Judging from the looks of him those bees were on the war-path.

While the resolution was under discussion a motion was made to adjourn, but it was voted down. In order to get an accurate vote the house was cleared of all except the members of the association. Numerous other motions were made pro and con, and discussion followed discussion, until at twelve o'clock the chair declared a recess until 2 o'clock.

Immediately upon convening in the afternoon a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned and the same carried before many of the members knew what was happening. According to a motion made in the early part of the meeting the Association will meet again on the first Friday in September.

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MEETING OF WATER USERS

Adjourned Session of the Stockholders Held Friday

The adjourned meeting of the Water Users' Association was called to order by President Alex. Martin, Jr., and the roll call showed that there was enough stock represented to permit a vote on the amendments which appear on the second page of this paper. Ballots containing the proposed amendments were distributed and the association proceeded to vote.

A resolution was introduced asking the Reclamation Service to construct the Clear Lake dam by force account and immediately thereupon the trouble began. Everyone took sides and considerable time was taken up on the arguments pro and con.

Director John Irwin introduced Engineer Henry's correspondence in regard to Clear Lake dam and immediately following this a vote was taken and the resolution asking for force account was voted down by an overwhelming vote.

A resolution then was passed instructing the directors of the association to telegraph to Director F. H. Newell, of the Reclamation Service, and to the Oregon Delegation urging them to reconsider the Clear Lake dam bids and the letting of the contract for its construction, immediately following this another resolution was introduced asking for a Congressional investigation of the Klamath Project from the time of its inception. This was placed on the table and an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

When the meeting was convened next morning an effort was made to adjourn until after the Farmers' Institute, but it was unsuccessful and a motion prevailed that the resolution asking for the investigation of the project be taken from the table.

Before a vote was taken on the resolution more than an hour was spent in debate and many personal altercations followed which should not come up in a meeting of this kind. The many parties interested in the question exploded a number of things of which many of the stockholders had no knowledge, and apparently would not have gained any had it not been that this resolution came up for debate and consideration. In the absence of President Alex. Martin, Jr., Vice-President Jacob Ruack presided, and he had his hands full during the entire morning.

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