

TO GO TO WASHINGTON.

Proposition on Foot to Make Direct Appeal Against High Charge.

All of the Directors of the Water Users Association were present at the regular monthly meeting Saturday with the exception of President Alex. Martin, Jr., and H. T. Anderson, of Merrill. A communication was considered from C. J. Blanchard, asking that the Association join with other Associations in making a general reclamation exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle. He urged the Association to make an appropriation of \$1500 to secure panoramic views and gathering material for the general exhibit.

The Directors also received the committee from the Chamber of Commerce, which was appointed to confer with the Association relative to making an exhibit for the county at Seattle. The Directors were not favorable to the Blanchard proposition and decided to join the Chamber of Commerce and the County in providing a separate exhibit for Klamath County.

The matter of the cost of the water right and maintenance was taken up and it was decided to send a representative to Washington the latter part of this month to present the matter to the Secretary and the Representatives. R. S. Smith, attorney for the Association, was chosen to represent the land owners and he was instructed to gather material relative to the cost and operating expenses and an effort is to be made looking toward the reduction of the cost and an investigation of the maintenance charge. A committee consisting of Directors J. G. Stevenson, J. R. Dixon and John Irwin, and R. C. Anderson, of Merrill, and P. L. Fountain, of Klamath Falls, were appointed to solicit subscriptions to pay the expense of the representative to Washington. As Mr. Fountain is going away another man will be appointed in his place.

IS IT VESTAL'S SADDLE?

One Bought By Bud Obenchain May Belong to Missing Man.

What is considered as conclusive evidence has been found which would tend to prove the theory that Roy Vestal was not murdered but has skipped the country.

On or about the night of November 22, Bud Obenchain, who was in the city from Merrill, bought a saddle from a stranger in the Houston place, paying \$20 for it. The money was loaned him by Jack Miller who was running the place during the night. Mr. Houston says that Obenchain was telling him the next morning about the bargain he got. He also informed him that he had borrowed \$20 to pay for it from the night clerk and he sent the money to him on his return from Merrill.

Jack Miller believes that the party who sold the saddle was Vestal as he looked very much like the picture which the sheriff's office has. The man offered the saddle for sale and said he had it and the horse in the corral at the livery stable. Obenchain went with him to the barn and they returned with the saddle and bridle. The saddle was a new one and tallies with the description of the one said to have been used by Vestal.

Bud Obenchain is now in the Rogue River Valley where he went to spend the holidays with relatives. He took the saddle with him as he intended to do some hunting in the mountains. He is expected to return here in a short time and then the saddle can be identified. An examination of the register at the Houston Hotel where he stopped shows that he registered on the 21st of November and was in town the next night, so everything seems to tally.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL GIVE BANQUET.

On Thursday night, January 7, the Chamber of Commerce will give a banquet at the Lakeside Inn at 9:30 p. m. the members and business men of the city. On the same evening, at 7:30, a business meeting will be held at Dolbeer's Furniture store, at which the annual election of officers and directors will take place.

During the banquet a general report will be made by President Delzell showing the work accomplished during the past year and the report of the treasurer will also be given to show the financial condition of the Chamber. An outline will also be given of the work expected to be done during the coming year.

At a meeting held yesterday a committee consisting of Frank Ira White, Geo. T. Baldwin and J. T. Butcher was appointed to confer with the Directors of the Water Users Association at their meeting today, to planning an exhibition for the Seattle Exposition.

L. B. Carroll and A. B. Carmody left Monday morning for Seattle.

GALE HAPPENINGS.

B. E. Cortwright and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, of Klamath Falls, were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hadley last week.

Miss Clara Anderson entertained friends Xmas. Those partaking of her hospitality were: Harrison Gray and Miss May Robinson, of Yonna Valley, Will Graham, Howard O'Connor, Jack Anderson, Dannie Anderson, Miss Blanche Robinson and Miss Clara Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry O. Johnson, of Colorado Springs, Colo., arrived last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs and B. E. Cortwright spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Woodson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Morgan.

Mr. Davis has brought 46 head of mules to J. A. Ward's to feed during the winter.

Leo Todd, Miss Vesta Todd and George Woodson spent New Year's evening with H. F. Toile.

Harrison Gray and Miss May Robinson, of Yonna Valley, and Miss Blanche Robinson visited last week at the home of Willis Johnson.

Will Whitlatch and Miss Iva Whitlatch left Sunday for Albany where they will visit friends.

Miss Blanche Robinson returned Thursday from Dairy where she has been the guest of friends.

Mrs. E. C. Albin and Miss Clara Anderson were hostesses New Year's day to a large party of friends and relatives. The guests came early and after a splendid dinner spent the afternoon and evening playing cards. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Anderson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson, Mrs. Cox, Jack Anderson, Howard O'Connor, Will Graham, Henry Cox, Herbert Anderson, John Cox, Horace Hickman, Dannie Anderson, Walter Eller, Willie Hammond, Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Albin, Miss Blanche Robinson, Miss Clara Anderson.

Mr. Mason, of Klamath Falls, brought 60 head of horses to E. C. Albin to feed for the winter.

Herbert Anderson is riding in Sand Hollow for his horse.

Howard O'Connor, Horace Hickman, Herbert Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Anderson attended the Gardner party in Poe Valley New Year's eve.

Howard O'Connor and Will Graham spent Sunday afternoon and evening at the home of R. C. Anderson.

J. Frank Adams butchered 20 head of hogs Sunday.

UPPER LAKE NOTES.

Tom Staten will tow logs for Noller when the ice is all off the lake. The Hazelton will be used for the work.

The steamer Mazama will be on the dry dock for a few days and will be repainted and generally overhauled.

Work on the steamer North Star will be resumed in February.

Shooting around the Upper Lake is becoming a thorough nuisance and some one will be killed sooner or later.

About all the vacant buildings in the Biehn addition are now occupied by people who will be employed in the building of Huson's new mill on the Upper Lake.

There is a man living in Buena Vista addition this winter, who, although quiet and unassuming and poor in worldly goods, is a man who has helped to make the pioneer history of the Pacific Coast. His name is J. C. Counts. He was for many years associated with Seth Kinman and helped that old pioneer to build the famous Elkhorn chairs, of which one of each was presented to Buchanan, Lincoln, Johnson, Grant and Hayes. Mr. Counts is also a great bear hunter and to hear him talk of early days sounds like a romance. He was in at the death of old reel-foot the giant California grizzly of former days. He is also a regular resin bow, one of the mellow old time fiddlers who roosted on the same pole with Ole Bull, and with his primitive melody made pioneer life endurable. Mr. Counts says he has fiddled many a race with old Seth Kinman for the whiskey in the long ago. Old Seth passed over the river several years ago. Jim Counts is among us with his rifle and violin. Talk with him some evening, then dream of grizzly bears and old Zip Coon. But whether in fact or fiction, told in the voice of the old time rifle or violin's throbbing refrain, they can never be entirely forgotten wraiths on the shores of time.

Commodore.

A half candle-power woman sheds sufficient light to dazzle most men.

JAIL DELIVERY.

Sam Walker Escapes From the City Bastille.

About 7 o'clock Friday night Sam Walker, an Indian, was arrested for being drunk and placed in the city jail. He was searched and a gun, watch and some matches taken from his clothes. He was then locked in the cell of the jail. About ten o'clock the girls at the telephone office noticed smoke coming out of the building, which is opposite the office. Chief of Police Carter was at once notified and when he arrived at the jail he found the Indian just about all in.

It seems that he pulled the staples from the door and got into the room containing the stove. This he piled in the corner with the bedding and everything else in the room and set fire to the pile. It is not known where he procured the matches as he was carefully searched when locked up.

The fire was extinguished and the Indian again locked up. Next morning the jail was empty and the Indian was gone. During the night some Indian or friend had gone to the jail and pried the bars from the window on the outside, and allowed Walker to crawl through.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT.

Friday evening at 7 committee number two of the A. N. W. Club served an elaborate New Year's dinner to the husbands of the club and a few invited guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hogue. The home was beautifully decorated appropriate to the season with evergreens, mistletoe, holly and New Year's bells.

Mr. Hogue, with the customary dignity of "Ye Host," acted as toastmaster and Prof. W. E. Faught, Prof. J. G. Swan and Prof. J. T. Butcher responded, commingling the serious with the comic, and all united in tribute to the culinary and various other excellencies of the A. N. W. ladies.

After dinner the evening was pleasantly spent in charades, and sweet music on the guitar was furnished by Mr. Newham. Feeling that the New Year had been happily begun the guests departed.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Harry Caden, I. S. Voorhees, J. T. Butcher, J. W. Piel, Henry Newham, Geo. Chastain, Geo. R. Hurn, W. E. Faught, E. S. Phillips, Ernest Soule, J. F. Goeller, R. F. Wattenburg, J. G. Swan, C. C. Hogue, Mrs. C. V. Cogswell and Mr. L. Boorby.

The Misses Helen Hogue, Faye Hogue, Fannie Virgil and Hazel Rolfe assisted in the serving.

TO PUBLISH LOVE LETTERS.

Lillian Russell Says She Has Saved Every One She Ever Received.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Lillian Russell has another surprise in store for her friends and the public. She has just announced that the love letters which she has received during her long and wonderful stage career will be published in a short time.

That the letters will make interesting reading goes without saying, for no one, on or off the stage, has been the recipient of more attention and admiration than the eternally youthful Lillian Russell. By publishing these letters the actress will give the public knowledge of her love affairs, the number and fervency of which have kept the world gaping for many years.

"Ever since I first went on the stage I've saved all the letters that were written to me, and I have a trunk full of them," Miss Russell said in explaining her purpose. "I am going to publish many of the best in two volumes. One volume will be devoted to the serious ones, the other to the outrageously funny ones. Of course, there are some I cannot publish."

CORN AND GREEN PEPPERS EN CASSEROLE.

Vegetables en casserole are always most satisfactory to serve, either as an accompaniment to cold meat at luncheon or supper, or with hot meat at dinner. This arrangement is still somewhat of a novelty, even in hotels and restaurants, and such dishes on a bill of fare are quickly spied and ordered by those who love good things to eat. A mixture of corn and green peppers is a favorite with devotees of the casserole, and, when green corn is not available, canned corn makes an excellent substitute. Too much liquor must not be used with the corn, and any superfluous moisture should be drained off. Mix with minced green peppers, butter and seasoning, place in the casserole and bake in a moderate oven for fifteen minutes. Then remove the cover, add a layer of buttered bread crumbs, and leave the casserole uncovered in the oven until the crumbs have become a delicate brown.—January Delincentor.

The hope of getting what they deserve in the next world is all that reconciles some women to living with their husbands in this world.

BOURKE COCKRAN PREDICTS BILLION POPULATION SOON.

"I look to see within the present century a population of at least 500,000,000 in the United States. The mind of no man can possibly conceive of the future development of our country. So far as the race suicide theory is concerned, I believe it has been largely exaggerated, but, even if it has not, I am confident the increase in our population will be enormous."

This is the view of the future development of the United States taken by Hon. W. Bourke Cockran of New York, Tammany leader, finished orator and statesman. Mr. Cockran went even further, suggesting the possibility of a round billion souls before the end of the twentieth century.

"It is but fair to assume," he said, "that the future increase of our population will approximate that of the past. In the last 100 years the increase has been, in round numbers, twenty-fold. For the sake of convenience call the present population 100,000,000. It need only increase five-fold to give us 500,000,000 by the end of the century. Some allowance must necessarily be made for changed conditions. Granting that there is a good deal in the race suicide theory, still the population continues to increase. Scientists have developed the theory, if indeed, not the actual fact, that the increase is in proportion to the waste. We know better how to conserve life these latter days. Hence the relatively low birth rate.

"Among savage people and animals where the waste is very great the increase is proportionately greater. So much of what is called race suicide may be explained on this ground. I have applied to the population of the United States what the scientists have learned regarding other peoples. The possibilities of future development are startling. I rather look to see a population of 50,000,000 in California alone within the twentieth century. And the possibilities of development in Missouri are remarkable. Other states also might be mentioned. The soil of Missouri is as rich as can be found in the country, a feature that will play an important part in our future development when the population of the United States is counted by hundreds of millions."

MASQUE BALL.

The Most Successful in the History of the City.

Houston's Annual Masquerade Ball Friday night was a grand affair. The new opera house was able to comfortably accommodate the large audience and everyone had an opportunity to witness the great spectacle without being crowded as has been the case in past years. The interior of the opera house presented a beautiful sight and it was a picture that will be long remembered by the people of Klamath Falls. The wooden posts have been replaced with steel rods as supports for the loges and this space was filled with spectators as was the balcony and stage.

Two hundred people took part in the dance and there were many handsome costumes to be seen among the participants. Never was such enthusiasm seen as that shown by the hundreds of maskers at the ball last night. Mr. Houston can compliment himself upon the unqualified success of the annual masque for 1909.

Alex. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Sam T. Summers and W. C. Dalton were selected to award the prizes. The awards were made to the following persons, and the Judges' decisions met with the approval of the audience.

Most original character, Mahala, an Indian woman, represented by Mrs. W. W. Nickerson.

Best sustained character was awarded to Misses Goldie Barnes and Elsie Low, who represented the Star Drug Store.

For the most comical character, Jerry Martin and Edmund Gowen easily took the prize as Kolb and Dill.

A \$50,000,000 corporation headed by men whose reputation for achievement would alone carry conviction, has been organized for the purpose of manufacturing ships and establishing aerial transportation between America and Europe. Thurlow Weed Barnes of Chinese railroad enterprises, is to be president of the gigantic concern, which will be known as the Aerial Navigation Company of America; and he will be succeeded by Lewis Nixon, designer of battleships, who will be the chief engineer and superintendent of construction. "These airships are to be constructed on the patents of E. J. Pennington of London," said Mr. Nixon. "We propose to build ships seven or eight hundred feet in length with comfortable accommodations for 100 passengers. The craft will be constructed of steel, aluminum and other metals. The first of these ships will be built at the Nixon ship yards on Staten Island this year."

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Chicago is amazingly healthy. At least that is what druggists say. The drugstores in many parts of the city are closing their doors on account of decreased trade. Seven have suspended business on the south side since last Monday, and a number on the west and north sides have closed in the last ten days. The state of the public health has contributed largely to the present condition of the drug trade, but the temporary cessation of the ice cream soda, which is a big item to druggists, has played its share in the reduction of receipts. Some druggists, it is declared, have installed a chop suey and chili con carne lunch to take the place of iced beverages.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Department of the Interior, Washington, December 7, 1908.

Subject to the terms and provisions of the public notice dated November 18, 1908, notice is hereby given, in pursuance of Section 4 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat., 388), that water will be furnished under the Klamath project in the irrigation season of 1909 for the lands designated upon farm unit plat of T. 39 S., R. 9 E., W. M., approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 1, 1908, and on file in the local land office at Lakeview, Oregon. JAMES RUDOLPH GARFIELD, Secretary of the Interior. 12-31-14