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## WORK IS STOPPED.

Orders are Received Suspending Operations Outside of First Unit.

A communication was received on Monday by the local Reclamation office from the division headquarters at Portland, ordering the discontinuance of all work on the Klamath Project, except on land which was now being covered by water.

This will mean that there will be no further progress on the project except the first unit, for the present at least. Nothing will be done on the Clear Lake system, the Keno project or the swamp lands. The worst blow will be to the upper project, the greater portion of which was confidently expected to be constructed this year.

When seen by a representative of this paper, Project Engineer Murphy admitted that he had received such instructions, but stated that he had no knowledge of the reasons for same and had no information to give on the matter.

Secretary Chastain, of the Water Users Association, stated that the only information he had in regard to the matter was what he received from Mr. Murphy, which he had no authority to make public until it was communicated to the directors for whom it was intended.

While no explanation of the order can be obtained either from the Reclamation Service or the Water Users Association, it is believed to be the result of the recent action taken by the Directors and members of the Association in regard to the payment of the \$30 cost for water rights. Attorney R. S. Smith was sent to Washington as a special representative of the Association and the carrying out of his instructions has probably resulted in a discontinuance of work until an investigation is made.

It is asserted that Mr. Smith was armed with a considerable number of affidavits showing the statements and promises made by officers of the government as to the cost of water, when contracts were being signed for water. If the Water Users have instructed their attorney to notify the service that they refuse to pay the \$30 cost, it is probable that they would spend no more money on the project until the matter was settled.

The order received by the Reclamation Service will have very little effect on the operations at the present time, as very little work is now being done outside of the first unit in what is known as the Klamath Basin. On account of the weather there is nothing being done at the present time on the Clear Lake dam, except that a few men are preparing wood for next summer. The work on the laterals from the main canal will be continued. If the order is made permanent it is possible that some of the engineers and office men will be transferred to other projects.

While a number of the people are very much worked up over the stopping of all new work, a strong sentiment in favor of the recent action of the directors of the Water Users Association. This sentiment has been found particularly among the farmers and property owners under the irrigation system.

It has not been possible to interview many of the land owners from the distant portions of the project, but those seen were unanimous in their expressions of satisfaction at the action of the directors in asking an investigation.

One of the large land owners said: "We have been promised everything by the government officials from cement ditches to a drainage system, but as yet we have received nothing more than a dirt ditch which could easily have been thrown up in one-tenth of the time they have been at work. What most interests the farmer is how much he is going to have to pay. We have never received any satisfaction in this matter. We now have no assurance that the cost will be \$30. When the price was first fixed at \$18.60 we were assured that the price was then put high enough to cover any unforeseen additional expense that might arise. We never believed that it would be possible for it to go over \$20. But now they add \$12 to the cost, as if it was only 12 cents, and for all we know, they are liable to raise it ten or twelve dollars more before they get through.

"The farmers are getting tired of this guessing business, and I for one don't care much what they do. I believe, now they have started, it would be better to have this matter settled once for all. It has got to be fought out some time. Us farmers who have excess land cannot sell

it as long as it is impossible to find out what the water is going to cost. New people coming in here are not as anxious as we were several years ago to buy something before they know how much they will have to pay for it.

"People coming here looking for land must all be from Missouri, for the first thing they ask is, 'How much will the government water cost?' When you confess that you do not know exactly, but guess it will be about so much, they tell you that they guess they will wait and come back when the matter is settled."

One man from the Bonanza section strongly condemns the action of the Association. He said: "You fellows down here begin kicking and we have to suffer. It isn't fair that the people who never complained should have their work stopped. I expected that something like this would happen when they sent a man back to Washington. I believe that the upper and lower projects ought to be separate. We are willing to pay what the system covering our lands costs, but it is not just to ask to help pay for Moore's power plant, Ankeny's and Adams' ditches and a lot of other things, including the old Klamath canal tunnel. If you people want those things you ought to have to pay for them. The people of the upper country want water and are ready to pay for it and have a right to kick at the work being stopped."

## ERNEST SOULE KILLED.

Thrown From Wagon and Dragged Several Hundred Feet Over Rocks.

About 2:30 p.m. Wednesday Ernest Soule, while hauling a load of wood on High street, fell from his wagon and was seriously injured. Mr. Soule was hauling a load of wood to the Masten house on the hill and drove across a vacant lot down a steep incline. The ground is covered with large boulders and in driving over one of these he was thrown from the wagon. He fell on the tongue and then under the wagon.

The lines caught around his neck and he was dragged several hundred feet. When he was rescued he was unconscious and was carried into a nearby house and Drs. White and Gyles were summoned.

Little hope for his recovery was entertained, for it was quite evident that he had received internal injuries. His wife was notified, and hurried to the bedside of her stricken husband.

Every effort was put forth by Drs. White and Gyles, but Mr. Soule failed to rally and at four o'clock died without regaining consciousness.

## WELCH PLEADS GUILTY.

Large Crowd Waiting in Court Room at Ten O'clock for Appearance of Walter Welch.

A large crowd gathered in the Court Room at 10 o'clock Wednesday, the time set by the Court for the hearing of the plea of Walter Welch, who was indicted jointly with Liskey and Wallis for horse stealing. The crowd waited and waited and soon became discouraged and left, but it was not until 11:30 before the Prosecuting Attorney, who had been delayed at home, arrived. Welch was then brought before the Judge and entered a plea of guilty. Sentence was not pronounced and the time for doing so will probably be postponed until after the trial of the other two men.

## MASON AWARDED CONTRACT.

Will Construct Six and a Half Miles of Laterals Under Co-operative Plan.

The contract was awarded Saturday to W. H. Mason for the construction of six and one-half miles of laterals on the government canal in the Lower project. The job will mean the removal and embankment of approximately 21,000 cu. yds. of dirt. Mr. Mason's bid, which was the lowest offered, was: 22 cents for first grade; 40 cents for second, and \$1 for third.

The contract is to be completed by the 15th of April, and the payments are to be made in scrip under the co-operative plan.

The following cases have been set for hearing: R. E. Cantrill vs. J. D. Carroll, Feb. 10; State vs. Jack Berry and Ora Engle, Feb. 13; State vs. J. V. Houston and Jack Miller, Feb. 13; State vs. Chas. Walker, Feb. 13.

## PLEAD NOT GUILTY.

Liskey and Wallis Will Be Tried on February 17th-Welch to Plead Tomorrow.

Charles Liskey, Alf. Wallis and Walter Welch were arraigned at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning on an indictment charging Larceny. Attorney Stone, of the firm of Benson & Stone, appeared for Wallis, and Attorney F. H. Mills for Liskey. Demurrers were filed to the indictment but were overruled by the Court. Wallis and Liskey then pleaded not guilty, and their trial was set for February 17. Welch asked for the statutory time in which to plead and was given until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Liskey had about recovered from his recent sick spell, but Wallis had to be assisted to the court room. When the indictment was being read his attorney helped him to get on his feet, but being unable to stand alone the Court permitted him to be seated during the reading.

The indictment returned by the Grand Jury against the three men is as follows:

"Charles Liskey, Alf. Wallis and Walter Welch are accused by the Grand Jury of the County of Klamath by this indictment of the crime of Larceny, committed as follows:

"The said Charles Liskey, Alf. Wallis and Walter Welch on the 9th of December, 1908, in the County of Klamath and State of Oregon, then and there being and acting together did then and there unlawfully, wrongfully and feloniously take, steal and carry away fourteen horses then and there the personal property of Henry Vinson and one horse then and there the personal property of George Ritter, contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Oregon.

"Dated at Klamath Falls, the 30th day of January, 1909."

## FINISHED ITS WORK.

The Grand Jury Makes Its Report and is Discharged.

The Grand Jury completed its labors Monday, and made the following report.

The Grand Jury of Klamath County, empaneled for the December term of said Court, 1908, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have diligently inquired into all crimes committed or triable within the county and have returned indictments in such cases as the evidence justified such action.

We have examined into the condition of the county jail and find that its surroundings could be considerably improved by the removal of rubbish; we have also examined into the condition of the city jail of Klamath Falls, now situated on the property of the county, and find that its condition has been a disgrace to the city and unless it is very greatly improved the officers responsible for its condition should be criminally prosecuted; that we recommend to the County Court that it shall insist that the health officer of the county see that the city jail be at once made sanitary and that it is at once very markedly improved, that the county should not tolerate such a disgraceful nuisance any longer on the county's property.

We have had but little opportunity to make examination of the various county offices but so far as we have been able to examine we have found them to be kept in a satisfactory manner.

Wherefore we respectfully request that we be discharged.

## OLIVER vs. BOOSEY.

Justice Miller's court was occupied Saturday with the case in which C. T. Oliver sued J. J. Boosey upon a promissory note. J. C. Rutenic was the attorney for the plaintiff and C. C. Brower for the defendant. The defendant, it appears, admitted making the note but claimed there was a failure of consideration for the same. The case was tried before a jury of six men, good and true, and they decided in favor of the defendant. The case will probably be appealed.

Assessor J. P. Lee expects to leave Sunday for Salem to appear before the state tax commission. It is necessary to reapportion the tax levy of the counties according to the emergency law just passed by the legislature, and the tax commission has authority to summons the Assessors to give testimony, so that they will be able to make an equitable levy.

## PLEAD GUILTY.

Judge Noland Delivers Death Blow to Liquor Traffic By Heavy Fine.

Carl Reed and C. D. Willson, who were indicted by the Grand Jury for the violation of the Local Option law, withdrew their former pleas of not guilty, and Monday afternoon pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Reed stated that he had quit business and intended to go to his home at Salem. As the case had not been allowed to go to trial and the county had been saved that expense, Judge Noland stated that he would be lenient in this case and imposed a fine of \$200, which was paid by Mr. Reed.

Attorney F. H. Mills, who appeared in behalf of Mr. Willson, asked the Court to suspend judgment pending the decision of the Supreme Court on the appeal of the validity of the Local Option election in Klamath County. He argued that it would not be justice to compel the men to pay a fine to the county, when the Supreme Court might decide in their favor, in which case they would be out the amount of the fine and would have no way in getting it back. He suggested that they be ordered to deposit with the County Clerk an amount sufficient to cover the fine until the decision was rendered.

Judge Noland gave it as the opinion of the Court that such a procedure would tend to raise a state of anarchy in this county and would be very bad policy, and a fine of \$250 was imposed upon Mr. Willson. Mr. Willson paid the fine, and informed the Court that he did not have a drop of whiskey in his place at the present time and did not intend to have. Last week Mr. Willson replaced the colored windows in his building with transparent glass and has opened up the bar to plain view from the street, with the intention of quitting the liquor business.

Judge Noland made the statement that it was his intention to give the maximum penalty for the second offense under the Local Option law, which is \$500 and a jail sentence.

It is a fact that most of the saloon men, who have been doing business in Klamath Falls since the Local Option law went into effect, have found business so prosperous that they could well afford to pay a heavy fine for the privilege, but with the liability of a trial on a charge of perjury, and a jail sentence staring them in the face in case of conviction for a second offense, there are very few of them liable to take the chances.

It is not known what the other men who were indicted about the same time by the Grand Jury on the same charge, will do. It is stated that they have already engaged their attorneys to fight the cases, but possibly recent developments may induce some of them to change their pleading. Even if they did it would mean that the saloon men would have to go out of business, or enter some other business as none of them wish to take the chance of a jail sentence.

## BOWNE-CAMPBELL NUPTIALS.

Miss Ora Stella Campbell and Francis J. Bowne were married Monday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Louis Gerber, the ceremony being performed by Rev. G. T. Pratt, of the Presbyterian Church, and was witnessed by the immediate relatives and a few friends. The bride was dressed in dotted silk chiffon, made over white silk, and carried a bouquet of white roses, and presented a most charming picture as she entered the drawing room on the arm of her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mabel, who was gown in pink mousseline silk, and Miss Nett Drew, who wore a beautiful gown of white silk, each carrying large bouquets of pink and white carnations. The groom was dressed in conventional black, the best man being Mr. Claude Chastain and Mr. A. C. Campbell. Lohengrin's Wedding March was played by Mrs. Borge Mason. The ring ceremony was followed, and was performed under an arch of Oregon grape and smilax, intertwined with electric lights and surrounded by large bouquets of pink and white carnations and chrysanthemums.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, after which a reception was held, which was attended by over one hundred of the friends of the bride and groom.

No more popular young lady than Mrs. Bowne has been married in Klamath County. Coming here when but a mere child, all of her life has

been spent within the confines of this county. Possessed of a disposition that was always most charming, it was but natural that she endeared herself to a circle of friends as wide as was her acquaintance. For the past few years she has been one of Klamath County's most efficient teachers, wielding an influence over her young charges that will be a potent factor in their future welfare and success. One of the touching features of the wedding reception was the presence of a large number of the bride's pupils who, with tears in their eyes, bade her good-bye and God speed.

Mr. Bowne has been a resident of Klamath County for upwards of six years and is probably the largest individual land owner of the county. Most of his property is in the vicinity of and adjacent to Bonanza. He is a man of splendid qualities, whose integrity has won for him the esteem and confidence of the entire county. He has at all times played a prominent part in the development of the county and will undoubtedly be a potent factor in its future growth.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowne left Monday on a wedding trip of several months' duration. During their absence they will visit Mr. Bowne's old home and many places in the East, being in Washington to witness the inauguration of President-elect Taft. That their traveling companions might know they were "newly weds" their trunks were amply decorated by their friends. Nearly two hundred pounds of mementos were securely fastened to the baggage and on every available space was written the interesting information, "We've just been married."

The friends of the young couple remembered them handsomely with wedding gifts, included in which were full sets of solid silver tableware, Haviland China, cut glass, set of mink furs, fur lined coat and dozens of other articles of equal beauty and value.

The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Georgia White, and she and Mr. Oscar Shive were the recipients of much merriment by their friends.

## WANTED WELSH TO HIKE.

A story has just been made public of an attempt made last week to help Walter Welsh escape from the officers on his trip to the Dairy country. Deputy Sheriff Sam Walker and Wm. Shook went to the upper country with Welsh to get further evidence in the horse stealing case. They stopped at the Liskey place and while Walker was filling out some papers at a table, John Liskey, one of the younger brothers, tried to persuade Welsh to make his escape.

A big bay saddle horse, one of the best travelers on the ranch, had been saddled and was tied in the rear, and it is said that John explained how Welsh could get on the horse, while the officers were busy, and make his escape through a gap in the lower field. He argued that it was easy to get away and with a little start he would never be caught.

No attempt was made by Welsh to take advantage of the preparations made for his escape, and he did everything in his power on the trip to assist the officers in getting evidence. The officers were watching out for any tricks on the part of Liskey, and if Welsh escaped out of the house without Walker getting him, he would only have run into Shook who was outside keeping his eye on the horse.

## DOUBLE WEDDING AT BONANZA.

Judge Griffith returned on Monday from Bonanza where he performed the ceremonies on Sunday, which united in wedlock Katherine DeForest Skinner and James Goss, and Myrtle Simmons and Harry Nichols.

The wedding took place at the Goss home at 7 o'clock Sunday evening. After the double ceremony a wedding supper was served at the Big Springs Hotel, to which about forty friends were invited. Both the young couples will make their homes in Bonanza.

## NEW MILLINERY SHOP.

Mrs. B. M. Gruttner, who is recently from the East, has leased the east store room in the building formerly occupied by the Boston Store, and will open a millinery store about the middle of the month. Mrs. Gruttner is now in San Francisco selecting her stock.

Col. W. H. Holabird arrived Tuesday from his home in Los Angeles.

## WANT TO DIVIDE STATE.

Eastern Oregon Stockmen Advocate Forming State East of the Cascades.

Some of the prominent people of Eastern Oregon are advocating the division of the state and forming another commonwealth, which is to include that part of Oregon east of the Cascade mountains. T. J. Monroe, a prominent stockman of Mitchell, in an interview in the Oregon Journal, says:

"We, east of the mountains, are in dire need of something of the kind. We feel that we have been slow to develop; and the lack of state and federal institutions only goes to prove that we have been cared for by factory made politicians. We are sadly in need of a large experiment station to assist us in the science of dry farming—to say nothing of what we need in the way of asylums for the blind, the deaf mute, the insane. A reform school would be in order, and what about a penitentiary?"

"We stockmen are forced to spend hundreds of dollars in order to get the least recognition in the way of legislation in our line. And our representations in the legislature must fight like demons to even get a pleasant smile for Eastern Oregon. In the isolated counties such as Crook, Wheeler, Grant, Malheur and Harney, we need a system of good roads, and state assistance in maintaining them, but we might as well ask for a U. S. Senator, from Eastern Oregon. This may seem foolish talk to some of you, but the older settlers will bear me out in the statement, that the forming of a new state here in Eastern Oregon is the one paramount issue when it comes to doing something for the development of our resourceful country."

"The attitude which a certain stripe of politicians displayed toward Geo. Chamberlain, the people's choice (in Eastern Oregon) goes to prove that the sooner we act the better. As I said before, I am not alone when I advocate such a move, and I shall use my best endeavor to enlist the voters of my locality in an attempt to hold a meeting in some of the larger Eastern Oregon towns—either Pendleton, Baker City, or La Grande—for the purpose of forming permanent organization, which shall have for its sole purpose a new state, within the bounds of what is known as Eastern Oregon."

Mr. Monroe is one of the oldest settlers of Wheeler and Crook counties, is a Democrat, but takes no further interest in politics than a strong desire to see a more marked improvement in the means of developing the great resources of Eastern Oregon.

## MONEY FOR ROAD FUND.

County Treasurer C. H. Daggett has received notice from the State Treasurer that Klamath County's portion of the five per cent from the sale of public lands is \$4,139.80. Five per cent of all moneys received by the government from the sale of public lands in each state is given to the state to be used for building, maintaining roads and bridges, and is proportioned out to the counties, and goes into the general road fund. The total amount received by the state was over \$60,000.

## STOCK AND WAGONS GO TO LOS ANGELES.

The McIntire Transportation Company has brought all its heavy freight wagons to this city, where the beds are to be removed. The wagons with the canvas are to be shipped to Los Angeles, where Mr. McIntire has a contract for hauling cement, gravel, etc., on the 200 mile ditch which the city of Los Angeles is constructing to furnish water to the city. The McIntire Company owns 60 head of horses and 18 wagons which will be used on the Los Angeles job.

## ANTLERS CLUB.

An Antlers Club was organized Sunday by about thirty-five members of the Elks lodge. The club was organized for the purpose of social benefit, only Elks being eligible to membership. The club has secured the old library room in the Page-Stratton building and are having the same fitted up. The following were elected officers of the club: T. A. K. Fassett, president; W. J. Brennan, secretary, and G. Heitkemper, Jr., treasurer.

Don Holgate was in the city Tuesday from his ranch near Merrill.