

LAYING RAILS ACROSS MARSH.

STEEL GANG HAS BEEN BUSY SINCE THE WORK SINCE LAST SUNDAY.

The steel gang has been busy since Sunday laying track across the marsh, and it is expected that they will reach Midland within a week. From Midland to Klamath Falls, it is stated, the road bed has been leveled and is ready for ties and rails, so it is only a matter of a short time when the track will be completed.

The grade has been completed for some time from the upper lake to the railroad yards in this city, and it is reported that the track laying crew will continue on to the lake and that the spur will be put in to connect with the Long Lake mill and the box factory. No definite announcement has yet been made as to the date of beginning service on the road, but from present indications the track should be completed before the first of May, and undoubtedly trains will be running into Klamath Falls by the middle of the month.

TWO TONS OF BOOZE.

Klamath Falls is not the only town in the county that is going after the violators of the local option law. Merrill has the latest case. Frank Bloomingcamp and his clerk, L. A. Obenchain, have been arrested, and on Friday pleaded not guilty before the Justice of the Peace at Merrill. Three separate charges were filed in the complaint against each man, and the Judge placed the bonds at \$500 for each complaint, or a total of \$3000 for the two men.

The preliminary hearing was set for the 19th. F. H. Mills will appear for the defendants. Attorney R. S. Smith went to Merrill Friday and drew up the complaints for Prosecuting Attorney Kuykendall, who was unable to go. Mr. Kuykendall states that he has plenty of reliable witnesses. A search warrant was issued, and it is said that two tons of "booze" were found in the cellar at Bloomingcamp's place.

MUCH FREIGHT FOR MERRILL.

Between 75 and 100 tons of freight have been received at the Navigation Company's wharf within a week for Merrill merchants. For years the Merrill merchants have been hauling their freight in from the south by wagon. It came by way of Montague and later was hauled from Mt. Hebron. This year, however, practically all of the freight for the Merrill country is shipped via Klamath Falls. Within a month the railroad will be running to this city, and Merrill can get her freight from Midland. This will necessitate only a very short haul by wagon.

SECURED BALL GROUNDS.

The base ball enthusiasts will hold a meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at the bowling alley for the purpose of taking steps toward the organization of a team. D. B. Campbell of the Hot Springs Company generously offered to furnish grounds, and some of the boys went out this afternoon to select a location and decided on an ideal tract adjoining the depot site. It is the intention to begin practice at once, and everyone interested in base ball are requested to be present tonight, so that a line-up can be made.

UPPER LAKE NOTES.

The concrete blocks being placed under the engine of the new mill will be completed in a day or two. A Mr. Stone has leased the Wood place of Alex. Adams, who has it in charge. Mr. Stone moved in on Wednesday. One of the lady fishers got an involuntary ducking yesterday. Work on the North Star will be resumed Monday. The boat is to be completed at once.

COMMODORE.

ANOTHER NEW STORE.

F. R. Olds has located a wall paper and paint store, temporarily, in a portion of the building occupied by the Calkins grocery in the east end of town. Mr. Olds is an experienced workman and will contract all kinds of painting, paper hanging, calcimining and tinting. He has a nice fresh stock of wall paper and paints.

SHALL WE CELEBRATE?

It is now up to the people of Klamath Falls whether they will have a rousing old time in celebration of the arrival of the railroad or whether they will have the usual tame affair, which is more of a detriment than a benefit. If a celebration is undertaken, the people of the city should enter into it full of enthusiasm and with a determination to make it surpass anything ever carried out here or any other place. It should be such that when the affair is over the whole country will know that Klamath county has had a celebration. No half-way affair should be tolerated. The citizens should determine to go the limit or else had better not start in.

It is easily possible to bring 10,000 people here for the occasion. Besides excursions from the outside, crowds of people from this and Lake counties could be induced to come. The accommodations in the city will be easily overcrowded without outside people, and arrangements could be made for camping grounds near the depot. People from the country should be invited to come with their camping outfits and tents and have a place provided for them to camp and a place to keep their horses or pasture to turn them into. These accommodations should all be free, and the visitors should be at no expense except what they might wish to expend with the merchants.

By providing free accommodations to those desiring to camp, it would result in having two thousand people camping just outside the city limits, who would spend two or three days here having a good time. A couple of hundred Indians could be induced to come here with their ponies, and camping grounds should be supplied them. An old-fashioned Indian village would be an attraction and would be of great interest to visitors from the outside. A water carnival at night and excursions on the train and the boat to Ady would be good features.

There would be no end of attractions and entertainments which might be provided, but their success will depend on the action of the people. If they are for a celebration of this nature, they should decide to put their whole soul in it and go in for a glorious time. One of our citizens wisely remarked, "If we hired a few brass bands to show visitors coming in here that we are awake, it wouldn't be necessary to spend more money to get others to come." That is true enough—the others would hear about it and come to see for themselves. Some brass bands make music—most of them make a noise. Here is an occasion to make a noise that will be heard from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast. Let's boost. If you are a booster, now is the time to let the world know it. If you are not, send in your application at once and join the order. It pays the biggest dividends of any order in the world.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR RAILROAD CELEBRATION

A meeting was held last Friday of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and members of the committee on advertising, entertainment and exhibits. A general discussion was had on the proper observance of railroad day, and committees were appointed to start the work going and devise plans and to report at a meeting to be held next Tuesday.

A special committee was appointed to recommend plans to provide finances for the celebration as follows: A. H. Naftzger, E. B. Hall, Frank Ira White and R. H. Dunbar. The entertainment committee for the celebration will be: Geo. T. Baldwin, Alex. Martin, Jr., B. St. Geo. Bishop, Fred L. Houston and E. P. Morgan. This committee will prepare a tentative program for railroad day to submit to the directors on Tuesday evening.

PURPOSE OF TAX MONEY.

The total amount of taxes collected to date in Klamath county is \$108,851.24, and will be used for the following purposes:

County schools, \$18,485.58; High school, \$5,809.73; Road, \$16,279.38; Library, \$264.06; City of Klamath Falls, \$6,990.06; Bonanza, \$427.28; New Court House, \$10,563.20. The balance of the tax is a special tax and bonds for the school districts throughout the county.

PREPARING TO BOND CITY.

President Sanderson, Mr. Crisler and other members of the council are becoming convinced that if they wait for the adoption of the new charter and the election on taking in the additions, that the summer will be over before anything can be done in providing a sewer system for the city. They have, therefore, had the city surveyor make a plat of a survey and furnish an estimate of the probable cost of a main system. It is found that the cost will be about \$58,000, including a septic tank and certain laterals to connect with the main sewer.

Under the present charter it is possible to vote bonds to the amount of \$95,000, and as the indebtedness of the city is about \$45,000, this would leave \$50,000 with which to build a sewer. It is argued that the main sewer could be put in for this amount, and the councilmen mentioned are favorable to going ahead and bonding the city under the present charter and get work started on the sewer system at once. There is no question in the minds of the citizens about the necessity of improved sanitary conditions at once, and it is probable that if the council recommends this action that it will meet with unanimous approval.

Mr. Zumwalt in his report says: "The estimate of cost for the system is based on present prices, freight rates and wages, and covers the territory marked red on the accompanying map. The total length of sewer on the streets is 28,934 feet. The estimate on the above, including a septic tank and pump station for the low levels, and a lot on which to locate the pump plant, is \$58,000. This sum does not include the cost of billing in and grading streets, which may be necessary to prevent the sewers freezing and to protect them from travel." This estimate was made some time ago, when freight rates were higher than they will be with the arrival of the railroad.

PLANS FOR CRATER LAKE.

Superintendent Arant of the Crater Lake National Park is making his plans for the improvements to be made at the park this summer. Mr. Arant states that the snow is going off very slowly this year and believes that it will not in shape for tourist travel before the middle of July. At that time there will probably be six feet of snow on the mountain near the rim, but this can be easily traveled over, as it will only cover about a mile of the road.

Mr. Arant asked for over \$22,000 this year, but Congress only allowed an appropriation of \$3000. By judicious use it will be possible to complete certain work begun last year. The trail going down to the lake will be straightened out and improved and a wire cable will be run along the edge for the assistance and protection of visitors. A horse trail will also be cut to the pinnacle and some more buildings erected.

"SLATS" IN JAIL.

Thos. Brickell, who is better known as "Slats," has been committed to the custody of the sheriff on a charge of attempted arson at Merrill. Brickell was brought up from Merrill by Marshal F. M. Durham. It is said he was arrested at Merrill for fighting, and, failing to pay his fine, was put to work on the streets, but he refused to work. He was then put in jail, which he attempted to burn.

Brickell evidently thought he knew more than the Merrill officers and he only laughed at them and caused them as much trouble as he could. The officers tried to find some plan of getting rid of him, and finally brought in a charge of attempted arson of a building, and committed him to the custody of the sheriff to await the action of the Grand Jury. It is not as much of a joke to "Slats" now, as he has been placed in the county jail and will be handled by the state officers. Brickell was elected constable in this precinct at the last election, but failed to qualify, as he was unable to furnish bonds.

A Chicago girl's trick dog had its ear bitten by a bulldog and now she is suing the owner of the latter for \$2000. She must have heard of the value placed on his hands by Paderewski.

ARBOR DAY EXERCISES.

Arbor Day was very appropriately observed Friday, both during the forenoon and afternoon, by the pupils of the public schools. The exercises were held in the assembly room on the third floor of the school building, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion by the pupils and teachers. The walls were draped with flags and bunting, and on stands around the room and along the stairway and in the windows were many beautiful potted plants.

The greatest attraction, however, was the extensive display of birds and animals which were arranged on pedestals and shelves around the room. The large collection contained many beautiful specimens of native birds and animals which would do credit to a museum. Most of the animals were captured by the pupils of the school in their study of animal life. The mounting was all done by Walter Donart, one of the seventh grade pupils.

The forenoon exercises were conducted by the pupils of the first four grades, and consisted of songs by the school and the several grades, and recitations and reading by the following: Constance Miller, Ernest Stearns, Nellie Price, Fern Hanks, Stanley Santinaw, Dorothy Maston, Madge Shive, Flora Warn, Aiden North, Josephine Fink, Ted Shipley, Lois Chitwood, Clutes Lockwood and Elvie Hubbard. A solo was also rendered by Miss Masten.

In the afternoon the program was opened by a song by the school, and was followed by an address by Judge Benson, who talked to the scholars on bird and animal life. Attention was drawn to the great lessons to be learned from observation of the habits and life of animals and birds right here at home.

Following the address by Mr. Benson the remainder of the program was rendered as follows:

Song, "We Love the Grand Old Trees" by Fifth grade girls.

Address on Arbor Day by Mr. Dunbar.

Song, "Beautiful Spring Time" Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Debate, "Resolved That Suffrage Should Be Given To Women" between Seventh and Eighth Grades.

Judges—Mesdames Hurn, Hanks and Alford.

Affirmative—Glenn Beales, Maysel Sanderson, Henderson Mulkey.

Negative—Edwin Cox, Nina Noel, Albert Jacobson.

Drill recitation, "A Spring Flower Gathering" Fifth grade girls.

Speech, Judge Baldwin.

Solo, Mrs. Morgan.

Principal Dunbar and his corps of assistants are entitled to great credit for the enthusiasm manifested in their work by the scholars, and the creditable appearance they made before the public. Careful drilling and training were shown in the recitations and the debate. The effect of the past year's musical training was also apparent and many excellent voices could be distinguished in the choruses by the young people.

TURN ON WATER.

Water was turned into the big Government irrigation canal Wednesday. A small head will be used until the ditch is primed and then the regular irrigation season will be on.

As yet only about twenty applications have been made for water, and as there are several hundred land owners, it is probable that the applications will soon begin to come in very fast. According to the regulations, no water will be delivered until an application has been made and a contract signed. In order that the applications may be approved, each land owner must furnish an abstract of title of his land, which must be passed upon by the attorney for the Water Users Association, R. S. Smith.

Ability to juggle figures is necessary to the railroad that would escape rate regulation. Recently juggling has been done to show the people that all of the railroads have operated at a loss in all of the western states, where 2-cent rates are in effect. At the same time it is confessed that these roads have all earned dividends. The skillful manipulator, however, will credit all of the earnings to 3-cent inter-state business and all of the losses to 2-cent state business.

Jas. H. Driscoll and H. L. Holgate are in the city from Bonanza.

LUMBER STOCK GETS LOW.

The stock of lumber in the yards of the saw mills in Klamath Falls is becoming very low. There has been more than the usual sale of lumber during the past winter. One mill man states that his company sold more lumber during the winter than they did all of last summer. The mills are now making preparations to begin sawing for the summer.

Ackley Bros. have only about a half a million feet of rough lumber on hand, and most of this is box lumber and will be re-sawed for box material. They will start sawing on Monday and expect to run steady all summer. They have a million and a half feet of logs in the water to begin sawing on. By using their kiln they will have dry lumber within ten days after beginning sawing.

Moore Bros.' big stock has been reduced to not over a half million feet. This is good dry lumber, but all common grades. They are practically cleaned out of uppers. They state that last fall they expected to have enough lumber to run them late in the summer, but that the demand during the winter was far heavier than they anticipated. The Moore mill will begin sawing about the first of May.

The Long Lake Company has about 400,000 feet on hand. Most of this is in the woods near the location of the old mill, but teams will begin hauling it to the city right away. Nearly half of this stock is of the better grades suitable for finish. They state that they have been able to fill all orders so far, and expect their stock to last until the new lumber is dry and ready for market. The Long Lake mill will start up on Monday. Nearly all of their cut lumber will be used for boxes, so that they will have a good stock of upper grades to dispose of in the local market.

PREPARING TO CELEBRATE.

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce and committee members held a meeting Tuesday to take action on the celebration for railroad day. It was decided to hold a big celebration, and some of the attractions recommended by the committee were excursions on railroad and boat, water carnival, barbecue, base ball games, parades, fireworks, Indian exhibitions, etc. The details of the celebration will be left in the hands of a competent committee. Frank Ira White and Alex. Martin, Jr., volunteered to act as a committee to solicit funds to pay the expenses. It is expected that every business man and citizen will help willingly, and voluntary contributions should be offered, as the committee will have all it can do and will necessarily have to spend a lot of valuable time. The people have expressed themselves as wanting a celebration, and now should show good faith and the proper spirit by coming through without waiting to be asked and having someone argue the matter with them for hours. Let everyone give willingly. That is the spirit.

FOREST RANGERS APPOINTED.

PORTLAND, Oregon, April 14.—The Forest Service has just announced the following appointments on National Forests in Washington and Oregon districts:

Guy P. Smith, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Washington National Forest; Sherman A. Brown, Earl Abbott, Carl M. Ewing and Gaines H. Looney, Assistant Forest Rangers on the Fremont National Forest; Martin J. Gribble, Clarence L. Henson, F. W. Stahlman, Marion Burlingame, O. S. Callison, George Ledford and G. M. Talmage, Assistant Forest Rangers on the Oregon National Forest.

Theodore F. Cadle has been restored to duty on the Fremont National Forest; Deputy Forest Ranger John B. Senecal and Assistant Forest Ranger Roy E. Thomas, who have been restored to duty on the Oregon National Forest; James Allen, Assistant Forest Ranger, who has been attending the rangers' course at the University of Washington, has been restored to duty on the Washington National Forest.

The resignation of Maurice Hamilton, Assistant Forest Ranger on the Washington Forest, has been accepted.

The Boston Store is the place to save money.

WORK STARTS AT CLEAR LAKE DAM

One of the Government engineers and a small crew have been sent to Clear Lake to make preparations for beginning work on the dam. Specifications are being prepared and bids asked for furnishing dump cars, track and other necessary equipment for doing the work. If the machinery market is such as to permit of immediate delivery of equipment, the work will be prosecuted at once.

If it had not been for the difficulty between the Water Users Association and the Reclamation Service, these bids would have been advertised for some time ago, and the probability is that the machinery would have been here and the work would have been going on for the past three weeks. Some valuable time has been lost, but unless the unexpected happens, there will be something doing on the upper project during the entire summer.

A very harmonious feeling is now prevailing throughout the entire project, especially in the upper country. Mr. Patch, the new project engineer, seems to be disposed to do everything he can to further the work on the project and help the land owners, and this disposition is meeting the approval of the people, who are anxious for perfect harmony and a friendly feeling between the Service and the land owners.

TO GROW APPLES AND SPUDS

Elmer Applegate, who owns 17.4 acres in the Enterprise tracts, is setting out one acre in apples this year. He does not expect to go heavily in the growing of fruit, although he believes it will do well here, but it is only his intention to set out a home orchard for his own use. Mr. Applegate will plant six acres to potatoes and expects to have even a better crop this year than he had last. Last year he averaged a profit of \$400 an acre on his potatoes. They averaged a yield of 300 bushels an acre. A portion of this average yielded 400 bushels per acre.

One small patch planted by Mr. Applegate yielded an average of 700 bushels to the acre. This is believed to be the record yield in this county. This would make 42,000 pounds to the acre, or one pound of potatoes to each square foot. This is certainly growing them pretty thick, but Klamath is the place where things grow.

CLEANING SAGE BRUSH.

J. F. Adams, who is in the city from Merrill, thinks he has one of the best sage grubbing machines in the country. Mr. Adams recently purchased one of the Steel patent machines and has been operating it for about two weeks.

Mr. Adams uses six horses on the machine and says he can grub from five to seven acres a day and leave it clean of brush. The brush is cut off at the roots about three to six inches under the ground. The machine can be adjusted to cut at different depths. With the small brush three inches is about right and for the larger about six. Besides cutting the brush the ground is left in a pulverized condition and could be planted in grain without further plowing. The loose brush is turned over by chains connected with the machine and as soon as the dirt dries from the roots, can be raked up with the ordinary rake.

Mr. Adams will grub about six hundred acres this year. He was late in receiving his machine, but he can do a good deal of work this fall. Then the brush will quickly dry and can be burned without hauling it from the land.

CALHOUN JURY SECURED.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—Otto H. Mackroth, a retired grocer, was sworn as the twelfth juror in the case of Patrick Calhoun today, and the jury, after proceedings extending over ninety-one days, was declared completed. Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney immediately made application to the Court for the selection of a thirteenth juror, who shall be in readiness to take the place of any of the twelve who may be disqualified by illness or some other reason. The request was earnestly opposed by counsel for the defendant, who declared it might consume another week to secure the additional juror.