

SACRAMENTO WAKES UP.

The merchants of Sacramento are beginning to awaken to the possibility of the loss of the Klamath trade to Portland wholesalers. The Sacramento Bee has contained a number of articles recently on the trade of this section. In a late number it has the following:

"The majority of the salesmen for Sacramento jobbers are not satisfied with trade conditions in Klamath Falls field. These keen-eyed travelers see plainly the trend of things.

"Coming into personal contact with the Portland salesmen and knowing the field from constant intercourse with the merchants there, they are in the best position to form an estimate of the situation, present and to come.

The Portland wholesalers are making a hard and well-planned fight to capture the trade of the Klamath section. They are meeting disadvantages in railroad rates and time of delivery to gain a foothold. With an eye to the future, they are willing to make sacrifices now, if necessary, with the object in view of so welding the trade to them when better railroad facilities are offered, they will be enabled practically to bar out California competition. And better railroad facilities are not as far off as may be imagined.

Just now Portland has to ship to Wood, Siskiyou county, this state, and then out over the new Southern Pacific branch, through Butte Valley, to Klamath Falls, which gives them access, also, to the Lakeview country. But though this handicapped now, the enterprising wholesalers of the Oregon metropolis are making great strides. What will they do with a straightaway Oregon line to that district? And it is only a question of time, and a comparatively short time at that, when they will have such a road.

And still another danger menaces the Sacramento wholesalers. A preliminary survey by Harriman engineers has been completed from Alturas, Modoc county, this state, to Merrill, Or., and Klamath Falls, and now men are at work on the location survey. This means, of course, that in time a railroad will be built connecting Klamath and Alturas, and with the completion of the so-called Natron railroad, the Portland jobbers will have direct access to the entire border country, including the Merrill and Lakeview sections.

Moreover, there seems no good reason to doubt that the Southern Pacific has gained control of the N. C. O., the miserable little narrow gauge that has been building from Reno, Nev., to Lakeview for years, and which has finally reached Alturas. Plans are now being made to broadgauge it. This, as a result (once Portland can get into Lakeview and Alturas by a direct rail route) would open the Nevada field, at least the Reno part of it, to the Oregon houses. Reno, be it remembered, is not a terminal point. Portland is, as, too, are Sacramento and San Francisco.

And it is safe to say that the Oregon city would work as hard and as systematically to win the trade of all this vast territory as she has done to gain a firm foothold at Klamath Falls.

"Her jobbers have already run several excursions to that city, and are planning a rousing one on May 20th—Railroad Day in Klamath Falls, to celebrate the completion of the line from Weed, which now stops at the lake.

"To date Sacramento has made no move to be represented on that occasion. Neither her Chamber of Commerce nor any other body whose duty it is to look after the trade development appears to have taken notice of this important event. Yet it would mean much to Sacramento to be well represented on that occasion. Not only that, but much should be made of the preliminary arrangements as an advertisement for this city.

"Portland never overlooks her hand. She makes the most of her excursions from the time one is decided upon, getting the full measure of advertising and duly impressing the people of the place she visits with the importance of the event. Portland realizes the value of the stake she is playing for and means to win it if she can."

Phil Armand, son of M. Armand of Meigs & Armand, arrived last Tuesday from Sacramento and will spend the summer here.

WORK TRAIN MONDAY.

O. B. Gates of the Klamath Falls Light & Water Company has received orders from the Southern Pacific to be ready to furnish water at the depot grounds in this city for the use of engines of the construction crew on next Monday evening. The railroad has found it impossible to use the water in the lake for the engines, and it is said that they have to run to Dorris each day to tank up. For this reason rails will be strung as fast as possible to this city, so that water can be secured from this end instead of having to make the long run to Dorris. The first train will reach Klamath Falls on Monday, May 3—the day of the city election.

Mr. Gates has a crew of men laying temporary mains from the main near the laundry to the depot site, a distance of 1600 feet. This will later be replaced with a permanent line. No time can be lost, as the crew will have to lay on an average nearly 200 feet of pipe a day.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The regular eighth grade examinations will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14, and on June 11 and 12. County Superintendent Swan will arrange for the examinations to be given on those dates at Klamath Falls public school, Bonanza school, Merrill school, Fort Klamath and Pokegama, so that the pupils in the various sections of the county may take it at their nearest point.

Teachers, according to the rules of the State Board of Education, should submit to the County School Superintendent the names of the students who, in their judgment, are eligible or prepared for this examination. They should also send the grades made by such pupils in their schools during the past winter. This should be attended to as soon as possible by the teachers.

It is expected that quite a large class will take these examinations this spring.

FINED \$350.

Attorney F. H. Mills returned last Tuesday from Merrill, where he went to represent L. A. Obenchain, Frank Bloomingcamp and others charged with violation of the local option law. Mr. Obenchain entered a plea of guilty before Justice of the Peace Geo. Offield and was fined \$350. The prosecution of the case was dropped.

The heavy fine was a surprise to the defendant, as it was not believed that it would be over \$100. It is stated that in entering the judgment no provision was made for a jail sentence in case the fine was not paid.

WELLS-CLOPTON.

Announcements have been received by friends in this city of the marriage of Katherine Agnes, daughter of Mrs. Mary M. Clopton, to Richard Herbert Wells, which took place at Berkeley, California, on Wednesday, April 21st. Mr. and Mrs. Wells will spend their honeymoon in the south, where they will visit Mr. Wells' home. They will reside in Berkeley.

COUNCILMANIC NOMINEES.

There was very little interest shown in the ward nominating conventions which were held Friday noon, and the attendance of voters was very light. The vote was the closest in the First Ward, where it stood 15 for Castel and 14 for Richardson. The following will be the convention candidates for Councilmen, being those who received the two highest votes for each office:

First Ward—A. Castel and R. M. Richardson. Second Ward—R. H. Dunbar and L. F. Willits. Third Ward—(two years) Chas. Woodard and R. T. Summers; (one year) B. S. Grigaby and B. E. Withrow.

City Agent Fassett of the Southern Pacific has been notified that beginning on Saturday, May 1, trains Nos. 225 and 226, running between Weed and Ady, will be run as straight passenger trains, and that separate trains will handle the freight. Heretofore these trains have been run as accommodation passenger and freight. No change, however, will be made in the schedule of the passenger trains until service has been established through to Klamath Falls.

JUNE 7th RAILROAD DAY

Everyone Will Be In Klamath Falls That Day To Celebrate

REFERRING TO PROPOSED EXCURSION FROM HERE TO KLAMATH FALLS ON DATE COMPLETION OF LINE IS INAUGURATED, ADVISE QUICKLY AS TO SUGGESTIVE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT CAN BE ACCOMMODATED COMFORTABLY AT THE HOTELS, AND WHAT ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CITIZENS. THROUGH SERVICE WILL PROBABLY BE EFFECTIVE BETWEEN MAY 20 AND JUNE 1.

June 7—that's the day. Remember it! Talk about it! Think about it! And when you are through doing this, write your friends about it! June 7 is the day when Klamath Falls is to be regenerated, reclaimed for civilization, recovered from the great unknown and placed on the railroad map of the United States. Is not that one thing worth having a celebration over? But there is more than this. The cause of rejoicing and justification is not the fact of the delivery from the hardships and inconveniences of travel, but the fact that Klamath County and Klamath Falls has come into its own; that it is in a position to grow and expand and place before the people of the world the products of its wonderful land. That is why the people of this city and county are going to celebrate and why it is going to be the greatest celebration that has ever been held here or will be held for many years to come. It is going to be a celebration in which every man, woman and child of the town and county are to take part, and in which three of the chief cities of the Coast—Portland, San Francisco and Sacramento—are going to take prominent parts.

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is going to lend a hand and make the celebration a notable one from a well-advertised standpoint. The telegram at the head of this article shows what the company is preparing to do and what it expects will be the result of its efforts. How many people can you accommodate? That is the question now before the people of this city and one that the Chamber of Commerce is busy today endeavoring to solve. The Chamber hopes to find accommodations for over 500 people, but this number can be greatly increased if the people of the city will give the assistance that they ought to. If you have a spare room, advise the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce or leave word at the Republican office. Make a little sacrifice for a day or two. It will not hurt you to give up a room for a couple of nights. You will get paid for it, and paid well. And here let the Republican suggest a plan: The ladies of the various churches and the public library can add greatly to the income of their respective organizations if they will donate one room for that week to the accommodation of visitors, the revenue therefrom to go to the church or the library. List the rooms with the Chamber of Commerce, and that organization will see that guests are taken to your house. In this way many birds can be killed with one stone.

Now, during the past few days, the question has often been asked: What is the Railroad Committee doing? The answer can now be given in four words—THEY HAVE BEEN BUSY! And that committee is busy now. It cannot, however, do everything alone and without assistance of the public. It is the DUTY of every man and every woman to lend a hand. Do not be afraid that you are going to do too much. Remember that this is going to be the greatest celebration this city has ever had, and then ask yourself what you can do. First of all you must become a booster. After you have become sufficiently well acquainted with yourself in this condition, then ask the committee if there is anything else you can do. There will be plenty of work for you to do.

The date selected follows the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Water Users Association. It is expected that this meeting will be the most largely attended of any in its history and that the farmers will remain over for the celebration. In view of that fact the committee has made arrangements for camping grounds. These will be so located as to be easily reached, will be supplied with water and well policed. It is proposed to give to the owner of every team or tent a card bearing a number corresponding with the location of his wagon or tent. This number he will have to produce at all times when called upon, and if he loses it he will have to be identified before he is able to again take possession of his property. This is done for the purpose of absolutely insuring safety to all property. In addition to the grounds and water, there will be supplied fuel for cooking purposes. Farmers coming to town ought to bring with them camping outfits. Thus they will be able to remain for any length of time without incurring much expense.

The most important question before the Chamber of Commerce at this time is that of accommodations for the out-of-the-county visitors. Every citizen, therefore, is urged to request to at once communicate with Secretary Dunbar, any member of the Railroad Committee or the Herald office, stating the number of rooms they can furnish for the week beginning June 5th—the Saturday preceding the date of the celebration. The ladies of the different churches and library should get busy along the lines suggested above and add to the finances in the treasury of their respective organizations.

It is also proposed that every business man in the city write to the different wholesale houses with which he is doing business, requesting that a representative of the firm visit Klamath Falls during Railroad Week, insisting that the business they get from this city demands such consideration.

GOVERNMENT FARM.

The Government farm at Ady on the lower lake is quite an attraction to outgoing and incoming passengers on the steamer. The farm is located about 200 yards from the station and is visited daily by a large number of people while waiting for the train. The government has a lease on 160 acres of the swamp land for five years, and on 40 acres of this tract the lease extends for 25 years.

The entire tract has been dyked and the water has been pumped from the enclosure, so that there are several feet of land above the surface. Laterals are being extended through the land for drainage purposes, and as soon as the tuies are burned off, the soil will be plowed and crops planted. The rich soil, which contains nearly 80 per cent of vegetable matter, can be easily examined and impresses one with the rich possibilities of the thousands of acres now partially covered with water.

ARANT FOUND NOT GUILTY.

The jury in the Arant case found a verdict of not guilty after being out an hour and a half Tuesday evening. A night session was held and the attorneys completed their arguments and after instructions by the Judge, the case was given to the jury at 8:30. The verdict was expected by the general public, as the case was a badly mixed one and had resulted in a hung jury at the first trial. There were nearly fifty witnesses and the testimony on both sides was very conflicting.

Campbell has only a few more lots in Midland to sell at the present prices. Delay in purchasing means that you will have a kick coming within ninety days.

SANDERSON AND BALDWIN.

F. T. Sanderson and Geo. T. Baldwin were selected last Saturday as the candidates for Mayor. There were 179 votes cast, Sanderson receiving 104 and Baldwin 71. Scattering votes were cast for Bolvin, Deisel, Slough and Wilkins. For Police Judge A. L. Leavitt received 160 and W. H. Harris 14. For Treasurer, J. W. Siemens received 140, and A. M. Worden 37.

Very little interest was taken in the election until nearly three o'clock. At the opening of the polls a number of friends of Mr. Sanderson were on hand with printed tickets and had the field to themselves, as the Baldwin supporters had to write their own tickets. Finally some one had some Baldwin tickets printed, but not until after over half of the votes were in.

After that the electioneering began and quite a lively time was had. The contest, however, was conducted in the most friendly manner and the best of feeling prevailed. It was conceded before the polls closed that Sanderson and Baldwin would be the only candidates, and a great many of the voters did not feel that it was necessary to come out to vote.

ELECTION FOR SEWER BONDS.

A special election will be held on May 12 for the purpose of voting on issuing \$45,000 bonds to be used in building a sewer system for the city of Klamath Falls. The sewer ordinance introduced Monday night was passed by the council last week at an adjourned meeting.

The charter provides that: "No person shall vote at any special election, for the purpose of issuing bonds of the town, unless he shall at the time of voting be the real owner of real estate within the limits of the city, which will be affected by such proposed bond, and upon which he actually pays tax, and which property was assessed on the last assessment roll in the name of such voter or his grantor."

The following judges and clerks were appointed to serve at the special bond election:

First Ward—Judges, Geo. T. Baldwin, R. S. Moore and O. A. Stearns. Clerks, F. L. Armstrong and A. Castel.

Second Ward—Judges, Chas. Lenz, John Fountain and J. M. Fielder. Clerks, P. L. Fountain and Wilbur White.

Third Ward—Judges, W. T. Shive, Chas. Woodard and Geo. L. Humphrey. Clerks, W. W. Espy and C. P. Gregory.

Ralph Ross, C. P. Gregory and C. H. Withrow were appointed a committee to confer with J. G. Pierce in regard to opening streets in the Canal addition.

RAILROAD HERE MAY 15.

Official announcement has been received by parties in this city that the railroad will be in operation to Klamath Falls by May 15th. The announcement is said to have come from headquarters, but Chief Construction Engineer Hoey, who was in the city yesterday, would not make a definite statement, but admitted that such would probably be the case.

The Chamber of Commerce requested the Southern Pacific to give them information when the railroad would be here as soon as it was definitely settled. President Deisel was seen, and stated that he had received certain information which he was not at liberty to make public at this time. The directors of the Chamber of Commerce have been getting busy since yesterday, and the information was learned through this source that the date of the celebration has been definitely set for May 20th. This fact is considered sufficient to prove that the Southern Pacific has made an official announcement, as it is known that the passenger department has offered to co-operate in the celebration and will run special excursions from San Francisco and Portland.

The ninetieth anniversary of the Odd Fellows was celebrated Saturday evening at their hall in the A. O. U. W. building. A program and banquet was given jointly by the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges. A cordial invitation was extended to all Odd Fellows and their wives and Rebekahs and their husbands.

DIRECTOR NEWELL COMING.

Before many more days elapse Director of the United States Recreation Service Newell will be in this city. Such is the announcement made by Project Engineer W. W. Patch, who returned from Weed Tuesday afternoon, where he went Monday to meet Supervising Engineer Hopson. Mr. Hopson was on his way to Portland to meet Mr. Newell, who will arrive in that city within a few days.

Not since the commencement of work on the Klamath Project will an event carry with it so much importance as the coming at this time of Mr. Newell. It is generally understood now that the real head of the Service is Mr. Newell. Heretofore it has been supposed that he was simply a figure, whose every action was controlled by the Secretary of the Interior, but recent events have gone to prove the correctness of a theory often advanced by many that Mr. Newell has full authority in all matters pertaining to the Reclamation Service. He has, so far as is known, never been over-ruled by the Secretary, and the almost sure probability is that he never will be—unless he makes a gross mistake, and it is not likely he will do such a thing, as his conclusions are generally reached after careful research and on reports made by subordinates.

Under the circumstances it behooves the people of the Klamath Project to begin at once preparations for the reception of the Director. That during his visit here will be settled the troubles and disputes arising during the past year is quite probable, although Mr. Patch stated that he had no idea what matters would claim the attention of the Director, as his presence on the Coast was a great surprise to him. Everyone recognizes the fact that the condition of affairs here is detrimental to the welfare and progress of the county. A definite understanding should be reached with the Director. All matters in dispute should be settled for all times. Every question that has arisen to cause trouble between the Service and the Association should be gone into and disposed of for all time. The interests of every land owner under the Project demands this and nothing less. Heretofore when Mr. Newell has been here he has shown a disposition to go into matters thoroughly, and it is not likely that he will adopt a different policy now. One thing, however, that he has always insisted upon, and which he will doubtless demand now, is the production of facts. If anyone has a grievance and will come to him with the facts—not theories—he may be sure of a careful consideration of his case.

Doubtless there will be a public reception and banquet for Mr. Newell. It is his due. He is one of the big men of the nation, and certainly an important man in the affairs of the West generally and Klamath County particularly. In view of the high position he occupies, custom demands that he be warmly received. Another reason why this should be done is to show him that the story that the people of this city and county are not opposed to him or the Service; that while difficulties and differences may arise, they must never be attributed to ill feeling on the part of the people; that they are the natural misunderstandings sure to arise in such cases as are in existence here and in other projects.

Another opportunity for the promotion of the welfare of this community is presented to the Directors of the Water Users Association and the Chamber of Commerce, and it is to be hoped that these two bodies will be equal to the occasion.

Eight 16 foot rowboats were shipped Tuesday to R. C. Spink of Klamath Agency, where they will be used by Mr. Spink at his fishing resort on Spring Creek and Williamson River. The boats were built by Telford & Son in this city. This firm has now begun the construction of an 18 foot gasoline launch, equipped with a five horse power engine, which was ordered by Col. L. C. Allen, a retired army officer, now residing at San Francisco. Col. Allen expects to arrive here about June 10 and will spend the summer on the upper lake.

Claude P. Chastain and bride arrived on the boat last Saturday from Forest Grove.