

WATER USERS MEET

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Klamath Water Users' Association, following the success of the so-called "Raachers' Ticket," will be looked for in vain. There is to be no strife between these two bodies either now nor in the future if the result of the meeting Saturday is an indication of future events. Prior to, during and following the meeting of Friday the air was surcharged with prognostications of what would happen if this ticket would be successful. On all sides could be heard statements to the effect that work would stop, that a demand would be made for the completion of the project at the originally stated cost, \$18.60 per acre; that none of the demands of the service would be acceded to, and that in future the association would run the project according to its own ideas of cost and management. But all of these statements were evidently made without consulting the gentlemen who were candidates for the office of directors. That these gentlemen entertained no such radical views was indicated by the trend of affairs this morning. There is to be no breach; no antagonism; no unreasonable demands. On the contrary, there is only to be co-operation, harmony and fair and square dealings.

Immediately following the announcement of the vote on the election of directors, an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock next morning. When the meeting convened the letter from Mr. Hopson to the association was read. After its reading A. H. Naftzger introduced a resolution, signed by a number of landowners, the contents of which were as follows, with the signatures thereto and the number of acres represented by each individual and company:

"We, the undersigned, owning and representing more than 24,878 acres of land in the Klamath Project, and therefore 24,878 shares in the Water Users' Association, believing that the best interests of the Klamath Project require that closer and more harmonious relations be established between this association and the Reclamation Service, in order that the work of construction be forwarded as rapidly as possible, with the view of reclaiming the marsh lands, as well as providing water for the uplands not already supplied, submit the following:

"Resolved, That we favor the most careful consideration of the suggestions made by Supervising Engineer Hopson in his letter to the directors of this association, and hereby instruct our board of directors to use every effort to remove any and all legal and business obstacles that stand in the way of the early completion of the Klamath Project, and the board of directors is hereby instructed to appoint a special committee of qualified men to consult with the proper officials of the Reclamation Service to devise a plan for remedying unfavorable conditions and submit such plan to the stockholders of this association for action.

"J. FRANK ADAMS, 1,728
 "LAKESIDE COMPANY, 5,337
 "C. S. AND R. S. MOORE, 983
 "KLAMATH DEV. CO., 524
 "A. H. NAFTZGER, 199
 "J. B. MASON, 400
 "JAS. H. DRISCOLL, 300
 "LOLA DRISCOLL, 160
 "CAMPBELL & REAMS, 2,300
 "E. R. REAMS, 240
 "J. W. HAMAKER EST., 300
 "D. W. SHERMAN, SR., 160
 "D. P. DRISCOLL AND WIFE, 280
 "KLAMATH LAND AND LIVE-STOCK CO., 2,470
 "W. C. DALTON, 40
 "H. L. CLOPTON, 240
 "BERTHA CLOPTON, 160
 "O. A. STEARNS, 400
 "JNO. L. SHOOK, 320
 "H. V. LYTLE, 110
 "JACOB RUECK, 960
 "J. P. CHURCHILL, 6,066."

It was the discussion of this resolution that gave a true inkling of what might be expected from the new board. It was expected that it would be earnestly opposed and probably defeated. No one was more surprised than the supporters of the resolution, for instead of opposition it met with cordial support from all sides and was passed unanimously. The sentiment of those present was aptly expressed by Judge Griffith, when he said:

"After carefully listening to the contents of this resolution I cannot but believe that it voices the sentiment of all present. There is no disposition on the part of anyone to hamper the progress of the Klamath Project nor interfere with the Reclamation Service. Rather, do we want the work hastened with all possible speed, so that every portion of the project will be supplied with water at the very earliest date. It is not so much a matter of cost as it is a question of how soon the work will be completed, for we all realize that the sooner the project is turned over to the farmers the cheaper it will be."

These remarks were indorsed by

J. D. Carroll, Abel Ady, J. Frank Adams and others. When the resolution was placed on its passage there was not a single vote cast against it.

Then came the question of what would be the best course to follow to bring about the desired result with the least possible delay. After a great deal of desultory discussion it was finally unanimously agreed to place the entire matter in the hands of the board of directors, Mr. Naftzger making a motion that they be empowered to take such action as will most quickly "remove all legal and business obstacles that stand in the way of the early completion of the Klamath Project."

President Stevenson then called the attention of the land owners to the fact that they "must sign up for their land and pay the maintenance fee before June 12th in order to enable the Reclamation Service to have the money at the Lakeview Land Office prior to June 15th. "If you do not do this you will then have to pay \$3.75. There is no need of your waiting or postponing this matter, for you will have to pay the cost of construction, and the sooner you attend to this matter the better."

The meeting then adjourned sine die. The new directors are: J. S. Stevenson, president; N. C. Gunn, John Irwin, William Welch, C. A. Bunting, F. H. Downing, S. T. Summers, C. G. Merrill and James Dixon.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

A. E. Elder Will Be Secretary and R. S. Smith Attorney for Water Users' Association.

The board of directors met Saturday afternoon and perfected their organization by the election of A. E. Elder secretary and R. S. Smith attorney. The salary of the attorney was increased from \$500 a year to \$900. In compliance with the resolution adopted at the meeting this morning, the following committee was appointed to meet with the Reclamation Service and complete the plans whereby all obstacles to the progress of the work here are to be removed:

Judge George C. Noland, L. F. Willets, J. B. Griffith, E. R. Terwilliger and Abel Ady. This is a committee that will undoubtedly meet with the approval of all factions in the project, and presages the ultimate settlement of all questions in a reasonable and rational manner.

NOT FIGHTING SERVICE

President and Members of New Board Were Misrepresented—Will Assist Service.

"The statements in the papers to the effect that we propose to antagonize and fight the Reclamation Service and hold up the work is a gross misrepresentation of the facts." Thus did President J. G. Stevenson express himself when asked for a statement of what he thought would be the future policy of the board of directors, of which he has the honor to be head. "You never heard any of the newly-elected members of the board give voice to such sentiments; you never heard me so express myself, and you never heard any one in authority make any statement that could be construed into such a conclusion.

"So far as I am concerned, I cannot tell what the board is going to do. It will act as the majority of its members deem best. I am simply president, but being so does not delegate to me any plenary powers. I simply carry out such directions as may be given to me by the board. Aside from that I have no greater powers in the affairs of that body than any other individual member."

"What are your personal views, Mr. Stevenson, relative to the matter of trying to force the government to complete the project at the originally estimated cost of \$18.60 per acre, and, if it refuses, then stopping work until the question is finally and definitely settled?" was asked.

"What is the use of asking the Reclamation Service, the Interior Department, or the Secretary of the Interior (who is really the head of it all) to do something that he has not the power to grant? The law is specific on the question of cost. If we want any relief on that point we must seek it somewhere else. We must seek it through an act of Congress. My own personal feelings in the matter are that we should co-operate in every way we can consistently do so with the government. Let us get this thing on a business basis; let us get the project completed; let us get water for the Upper Project. In a word, let us work for the interests of the real farmers of the county. Then we will have accomplished what we set out to do. Each side is striving to reach the same common point, that of the prompt completion of the project, but we seem to have taken different routes to get there. It is my honest belief that the result will be precisely the same, no matter which side was successful."

"I am willing to pay \$10 an acre

more than I at first thought I would have to, provided it will secure water for every part of the project at the earliest possible date," was the way James Dixon put it. "I want the work to go ahead, and am willing to co-operate with the Reclamation Service in every possible way. I am willing to go even a little farther, I would willingly stretch the blanket quite a bit to suit the Service if in doing so it would mean the early completion of the project and the delivery to the farmers of the upper country the water they so much need. There is nothing in this fight between us and the Service, so far as I am concerned. We want the water delivered just as soon as it can possibly be placed on the ground, and to accomplish such a result we stand to do our full duty."

BONANZA WILL CO-OPERATE.

Supported Conservative Ticket, But Will Now Heartily Support the New Board.

A large delegation of water users from the vicinity of Bonanza remained for the adjourned meeting of the association Saturday. They had supported the "conservative" ticket and were most agreeably surprised at the result of this morning's meeting. At their request H. L. Holgate made the following statement:

"In the contest for directors, there was no element of personality. With us it was a matter of results. In view of the attitude expressed at the meeting this morning by Messrs. Stevenson, Ady, Carroll and others of the successful force, we now feel that if the new board follows the course indicated by those expressions the best interests of the project have been served by the election of the 'farmers' ticket. The conservative element will support the new board heartily in its friendly co-operation with the reclamation service and in any efforts to remove the existing obstacles that might delay the completion of the work. The same efforts made by the conservative board, if elected, would have encountered obstacles that will not confront the present directors. We do not care as to the personnel of the board. The people of the Upper Project want the work prosecuted to completion. We think that the present board can help us, and it will have our active and hearty support as long as it does so. We do not want to fight anybody. We wish only to get results. If the expressions at this morning's meeting are any criterion the election of the farmers' ticket is the best thing that could have happened to us. Time will show. Meanwhile, we naturally will prepare for contingencies."

See O. Short's auction ad on page 6.

THE TENNIS TOURNEY.

Although the tennis tourney for the championship of the Middle-Pacific Coast is more than one week off, a large number of entries have already been received. Many inquiries are being received from outside points and the outlook is very bright for a successful tournament. Mr. Max Snow, the crack tennis player of the University of Oregon, has entered and expects to be accompanied here with a number of other players from the University. Mr. Snow is regarded as one of the best players in the State, and will undoubtedly be a strong contender for the championship. Mr. W. I. Barclay and H. G. Wilson of Klamath Agency have again entered this tournament and can be expected to give a good account of themselves. Their fine playing last year will be remembered by all those who witnessed the play. It is somewhat doubtful whether E. L. Swartzlander will be able to play this year owing to recent illness.

A number of the local players are working hard to get into shape for the tournament, and from the improvement made by Messrs. Van Riper, Yaden and Bubb in their play some surprises in the tournament are sure to follow. The old veterans of the club are likewise beginning to round into form.

The club hopes to have the ladies' singles event one of the prominent features of the tournament, and cordially invites entries in this event. Two entries, that of Miss Schultz and Miss Wilson of the Klamath Agency, have already been received. Miss Wilson won this event in 1908, and Miss Schultz is regarded as a very fine player. It is well known that there are a number of clever lady players in the local club, and the people of Klamath Falls would like very much to see them in competition with outside players.

Mr. Henry Crosby, the present holder, is expected to be here to defend his title. He is believed to be in Southern California at present, but has notified friends in the city that he has arranged to be in Klamath Falls for the tournament and railroad celebration.

See O. Short's auction ad on page 6.

Warehouse and Mill Sites at MIDLAND

Will Be

On Sale May 15th

See

D. B. CAMPBELL

NEED MORE BANDS.

Arrangements have been made for the Klamath Falls Military Band and it is probable that the Bonanza band and the one at Merrill will be here on Railroad day, but many of the citizens and business men are of the opinion that there cannot be too much music. It has been suggested that an outside band should also be secured.

From present arrangements being made the big parade will be from a mile to a mile and a half long, and in that case half of the participants would not know that there was a band in the parade. It is quite probable that some of the bands could be secured from the valley with very little expense. The Chamber of Commerce could not afford to hire these outside organizations, but undoubtedly some of them would be glad to come on the trip if their expenses were paid. The Agricultural College at Corvallis has a fine 30-piece band which, it is believed, could be brought here by paying the expenses. One business man remarked to-day that if the Chamber of Commerce did not have sufficient funds for this purpose he would head the list with \$20, and he believed that there would be no trouble in raising a special fund for this purpose. There is nothing like music to help people to have a good time.

TO NUMBER HOUSES.

At a meeting of the Real Estate Dealers' Association Monday it was decided to take steps toward numbering the houses and buildings of the city. This will be necessary, as the town gets large enough for letter carrier service, and it was the opinion of the real estate dealers that numbering all houses would be beneficial in many ways at the present time. It is very hard for a stranger to locate anyone in the city when there are no street numbers.

A committee, consisting of P. L. Fountain, C. P. Gregory, T. W. Stephens, W. S. Slough and Wilber White, together with Chairman Frank Ira White, was appointed to devise a numbering system and present the matter before the City Council.

The association also decided to place a float in the Railroad Day parade and a committee was appointed to design and build a float.

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ATTENTION ORCHARDISTS.

Apple and pear trees need spraying now to prevent wormy fruit. Arsenate of lead, in some of the patent spray formulas is good. "Disparine" or "Swift's Arsenate of Lead" are recognized standards. A good, thorough spraying of either now will prevent wormy apples unless heavy rains come to wash the spray off, in which case a second spraying will be necessary.

It is not compulsory upon those whose trees have no fruit to spray, but it will be to their advantage, as every orchard sprayed aids in exterminating the moths and lessening their depredations another year.

For the best results, three pounds of Disparine or arsenate of lead to each fifty gallons of water, thoroughly mixed, should be used.

All owners of orchards will please attend to it during the next two weeks, or the results will not be satisfactory.

O. A. STEARNS,
Fruit Inspector.

STORES SHOULD PROVIDE SEATS FOR VISITORS

There will be thousands of people in Klamath Falls on Railroad Day—men, women and children—and the Chamber of Commerce requests that every business man in the city have at least one bench made and place it in front of his store, so that the people can sit down and rest. This city has an opportunity to make a reputation for hospitality and the citizens should take advantage of the chance.

People cannot enjoy themselves and have a good time when they are tired, and it would cost very little to provide benches in front of every store building in the city. The County Court will be asked to place seats and benches in the Court House park.

Geo. Constable, D. V. S.

Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist

Klamath Falls Oregon

PHONE 941

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Directors of District No. 19, Worden, Oregon, on the line of the California Northeastern railway, will receive bids for the construction of a one-room frame schoolhouse. The bids will be opened in the presence of the directors at the schoolhouse in the said district on Saturday, June 19th, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Plans and specifications may be seen in the office of the County Clerk of Klamath county, or at the residence of D. L. Gordon in the said district.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

(Signed) D. L. GORDON,
Dorris, Cal., Chairman of Board.
C. V. NELSON,
Kenos, Ore., Clerk.

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