

COMMITTEE HERE NOV. 9TH

Officers of the Water Users' Association Will Have a Report Prepared for Presentation.

The following letter was received Monday by Secretary Elder of the Water Users' association:

Helena, Mont, Sept. 27, 1909.
"Mr. Albert E. Elder, Secretary, Klamath Falls, Ore.:

"My Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your's of recent date in reply to communications sent officers of your Water Users' association some time ago, and note your statement that the committee there-in contained will be accorded appropriate attention. It is important that answers be prepared in writing to the questions propounded, the same to be filed with the committee on the occasion of our visit to your project. Such answers should, of course, be indicative of the views entertained by a majority of the members of the Water Users' association.

"I herewith inclose copy of the itinerary of the committee for the second portion of the tour of inspection, which is to be resumed at Denver, October 31st. You will observe from the schedule that the committee will reach Klamath Falls at 7 o'clock on the morning of November 9th to inspect your project and meet with the water users. Very truly yours,

"THOS. H. CARTER."

The communication to which the secretary of the committee refers was one from Mr. Elder advising the committee that steps had been taken for the purpose of securing answers to the various questions propounded by the committee and asking for definite information as to the time the committee would be here.

In a former letter from the committee Mr. Elder was advised that the delay of the committee in reaching this city was due to the protracted session of congress.

Attorney Smith and Secretary Elder of the association are busy preparing a report for presentation to the committee. Every question that is of importance to the land owners will be presented to the committee, condensed in such a manner as to make it easily examined by the senators. No intimation has been given out as to the nature of the document and none will be made public until it is formally presented for consideration. It may be assumed, however, that included therein will be the question of payments. The committee has already announced that it will not consider anything less than the repayment to the government of the actual cost of the projects. President Taft has also gone on record to this effect, so that all that is left for the land owners to do is to ask for the first payments to be made nominal.

This is only one of many other matters that will be presented for the consideration of the committee; but inasmuch as it has only about ten hours to this project most of the questions will have to be presented in writing for the further consideration of the senators.

The committee will arrive on a special train at 7 a. m. and leave at 3:30 that evening.

HALL-SHEPHERD DISSOLVES

The real estate firm of Hall-Shepherd company has been dissolved, Messrs. Shepherd entering the field themselves. They have opened an office in their new block opposite the American Bank and Trust company, where they will conduct a general real estate business. In addition, Howard Shepherd, under the name of the City and County Abstract company, will conduct an abstract business in the same building.

P. O. Parsons of Bonanza was among the Bonanzaites who were in the city shopping this week.

BIGGEST IN THE STATE

Other Vegetables Grown by Him Smash All Records for Size and Quality.

Klamath county can rightfully lay claim to raising the biggest squash in the state, if not on the Pacific Coast. It was placed on exhibition in the show window of Chastain, Langell & Co. this morning, and is the result of the labors of H. Newnam. Everyone who saw it was amazed. There are three squash on exhibition, weighing respectively 199, 78 and 72 pounds. With them are other articles, notably a parsnip weighing four pounds and a sunflower measuring 55 inches in circumference.

The squash were grown on vines from the same hill, and demonstrate the remarkable fertility of the soil in this county. All of the vegetables raised this year by Mr. Newnam have shown a growth that has in every case been remarkable.

If you want to see something that is a real eye-opener, something that will make you a booster for Klamath county, that will make you regret that the fair association failed in its duty in not having a county fair, and that will prove to the pessimist that things will grow here, then take a look into the window of Chastain, Langell & Co. Mr. Newnam is not a ledgerdeman artist—he is simply a plain, easy-going individual, who spent his hours of recreation raising a few vegetables. The results speak for themselves.

SUSPECTED OF ATTEMPT TO SHOOT PRESIDENT TAFT

Man Placed Under Arrest in Portland Has Revolver and Cartridges

A dispatch from Portland of recent date has the following:

Carrying a revolver of heavy caliber and a pocket full of cartridges, a man giving his name as Arthur Wright, and says his home is Lowell Center, Mass., attempted to thrust his way toward President Taft today while the chief executive was passing in an automobile, but was seized, disarmed and arrested before he could reach the president.

The affair occurred at the corner of Sixth and Morrison streets at the corner of the Portland hotel. The parade in honor of the president had reached the corner when a secret service man accompanying the president saw Wright working his way through the crowd. He seemed in such a hurry and jostled people so severely that he attracted attention. Calling to several policemen, the president's body guard sprang toward the man and jerked his hand from his coat pocket, from which the revolver was taken later. A sharp struggle ensued and when Wright was handcuffed a 38-caliber revolver and a score of cartridges were taken from him, also a camera. He was locked up charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Police Captain Bailey, who participated in the arrest, said Wright's actions were most suspicious. Not only the fact that he was grasping a revolver and endeavoring to reach the president in a great rush, but his method of carrying his revolver aroused suspicion.

Wright refuses to make any statement, but that he was trying to get near the president to take his picture. The police, however, place little credence in this assertion, and believe that Wright was using his camera as a blind to get closer to Taft.

Today (Thursday) is the day for the ladies of the city to go to the Monarch Mercantile company's store and enjoy a cup of delicious Tree tea or M. J. B. coffee, to be served with a delicatessen luncheon. Everything free.

VOTE IT DOWN, SAYS CITIZEN

No Sane Man Would Make Such a Selection for Himself, Says a Prominent Taxpayer

To the Editor of the Republican:

I notice that you had an article in the paper last evening in which you state that there is opposition to the placing of the new school building on the west side of the river. Don't you think there ought to be opposition? Does any sane man or woman think there ought not to be opposition? When the petition was circulated asking the school board to locate the structure there I was surprised at the names I saw on it.

Whoever saw Mr. Breitenstein interest himself in any matter unless he had an axe to grind? Does anyone for a moment suppose that he was working in the interest of the children of the city—in the interest of the taxpayers—in the interest of the future of the town? If he had been it would be the first time in his life. It is little attention he would have paid to the matter if he had not owned property on the west side of the river. Supposing he had owned property in the northern part of the town, would he then have gotten out with a petition asking for the location of the building on the west side? I hardly think he would.

I hope every citizen in the town will get out and vote against this proposition. The site may be free, but it will be a costly one to the city if through negligence of the taxpayers it is chosen. The school should be located where it will serve the greatest number of school children, and if that place is, as stated in last night's Herald, the northeast section of the city, that is where the school should be placed. Anything less would be criminal.

There is one thing that every community has fought since the creation of the nation—the using of the public schools for the benefit of the selfish schemes of individuals. Let us hope that Klamath Falls will keep up the good work. Get out and vote down this proposition. Let the vote be so emphatic that never again in the history of the town will another attempt of like nature be made. We want our schools free from the aggrandizement of individuals. I appeal to the mothers whose little darlings will be forced to travel through sunshine and storm and ask them if they want to see the school placed where it will cause your children the greatest hardship. Another factor that should not be overlooked is the crossing of the bridge. While the danger may be remote, it is nevertheless present. Children are careless and often in their frolics one might fall into the river, and if such should ever happen rescue would be impossible.

But leave sentiment out of it and get right down to a business consideration of it. Is there a man in the community, leaving all selfish ends out of the question, who would erect a structure that he wanted to use for the accommodation of the public—is there one who would place it on the west side—on the extreme edge of the city and in a location where the chances are so great against rapid development? I do not think there is one. I have no fear of the result if the people will get out and vote. The great danger lies in the possibility of four or five people making the selection. If this should happen and you failed in your duty, Mr. Citizen, then keep your mouth shut after the result has been announced. You are to blame, and you alone.

TAXPAYER.

J. F. and D. F. Driscoll, the Bonanza merchants, are in the city on business connected with their extensive interests in the upper country.

KNOWLTON CREW HERE

Neither He Nor Any of His Party Know Where They Come From Nor Where They Are Going.

B. F. Knowlton, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific railroad, arrived in the city Friday evening, and with him came a padlock that seals his lips so tight that all efforts to unlock them during the past three days have been futile. That Knowlton is the champion "don't know" man of the Southern Pacific must be admitted. So trained has he become in returning this answer that the waitresses at the Lakeside Inn often get this response when they ask him if he will "have tea or coffee." When a representative of the Herald called on Mr. Knowlton Saturday he fell backward and at last reports he had not recovered sufficiently to ask if he had gone. He is a pleasant fellow, and will talk about anything else but railroad matters, and when these are touched upon he just falls in a trance.

With Mr. Knowlton are twenty assistants. They are all wise as owls, and know about as much as their superior. They can't be pried loose, but instead of saying "don't know," for that belongs solely to Mr. Knowlton, they refer all inquiries to "the boss."

None knew where he came from, where he was going, how long he would remain here, nor what he was going to do. But notwithstanding all of the secrecy maintained by Mr. Knowlton and his crew, it has been ascertained that they came from the vicinity of Steel's swamp. This is just over the line in California, and would indicate that they are engaged in completing the survey between this city and Alturas. Whether Mr. Knowlton goes north or east cannot be ascertained definitely, but the preparations that are being made would indicate that they were headed for the north.

The latest folders issued by the Southern Pacific show the N. C. O. as part of that system, with the extension from Lakeview coming direct to Klamath Falls. Lakeview is left off entirely. The fact that this line has been so marked on the Southern Pacific maps would indicate that early construction is contemplated, and that the N. C. O. has passed into the hands of the Southern Pacific. Klamath Falls is to be the hub around which the railroad are going to fight, and the line from here to Alturas is one of the important spokes in the wheel. It will play an important part in the proposed bottling up of the Oregon Trunk and the attempt that is sure to be made to prevent it reaching San Francisco.

KENO ITEMS

J. M. Evans of Klamath Falls was in Keno last week looking after his fenceposts that he sold to the reclamation service.

J. L. Padgett and wife of Ashland are visiting their boys, Sam and Finley Padgett, and having a good visit with their old friends at Keno.

Ira Hanson has returned from Kansas, where he went after his father, Rev. J. M. Hanson. Rev. Hanson is a Methodist minister, and will preach in Padgett's hall next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

The reclamation service is fencing the right of way they bought of Thos. McCormick for \$10,000. The strip of land is 400 feet wide along the water's edge, and is about three-quarters of a mile long.

Dr. Stanley Stillman and wife of San Francisco, Dr. W. E. Tibbits of Weed and G. W. Starr of Grass Valley, Cal., arrived in the city last Sunday. They left the next morning for the Upper Lake country on a hunting trip.

Edgar Sanders was among the Merillites in the city Wednesday.

SURVEYORS GO NORTH

Or It May Be to Complete Work That Has Been Delayed by the Negotiations With Government

B. F. Knowlton, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific, and his crew of surveyors left this morning for some point in the northern part of the county. The same secrecy that existed during their stay here was maintained to the end. It was rumored, however, that the work to be done is simply that of completing the survey of the line between here and Natron, a portion of which has not yet been cross-sectioned.

If they continue north into the Odell country and take up their work there on the line leading north to the Deschutes country, it will mean that the story to the effect that the notes of that survey were lost in the San Francisco fire is true, and that the work will have to be done all over again. If this is the case, then the Hill men, who have been at work there for some weeks, will have a big lead in the fight that is to be made in the filing of maps covering this portion of the country, through which both of the roads will pass. When the Southern Pacific first made the survey it was not with the idea of immediate construction, but for future protection. The notes were to be kept on file to be used in case a rival entered the field. They would then be placed on record with the government and give the Southern Pacific three years rest and title to the land for that period. That Hill had some inkling of the real facts in the case are indicated by the haste and secrecy manifested by his surveyors. Every facility for speed was furnished them, and they have made a record seldom equalled.

If Knowlton and his crew remain in the vicinity of the reservation it will be to do work that has been delayed in the completing of negotiations between the Southern Pacific and the government—red tape which is now holding up the pushing of the work on this end of the line.

DYPHTHERIA AT LAKEVIEW

Judge Noland has been requested by Dr. Daly of Lakeview not to hold his special term of court set for next Monday at that place. The request is based on the statement that the schools have been closed and a quarantine established on account of diphtheria, which broke out in the schools and has so far caused several deaths. It is of a particularly virulent type, and the doctor is of the opinion that the holding of a term of court would be prejudicial to the health of the community, as it might offer a good medium for the spread of the disease. Every precaution is being taken to eradicate the disease and indications are that no further spread will occur. Judge Noland stated that he had not decided whether he would postpone the term or not, deferring his decision in the matter until the end of the week.

INDIAN STUDENTS LEAVE FOR SHERMAN INSTITUTE

H. G. Wilson and wife, accompanied by thirteen boys and girls left this morning for Riverside, Cal. One of the best Indian schools on the Coast, the Sherman institute, is located at Riverside, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are taking the children there where they will continue their studies for the forthcoming year. Among those accompanying them were Misses Lobert, Hill, Stokes, Crawford, Knight and Owen, the Allen children and Horace Hill.

J. L. Padgett of Ashland was here Monday shaking hands with friends. He was a resident of Keno for seventeen years, and has been there for the past ten days visiting with his son. He expects to return home about the middle of the week.

HAWLEY HERE SATURDAY

Landowners Will Request Him to Do Everything He Can to Secure New Payment Methods

Congressional Committeeman J. W. Siemens received another telegram from Congressman Hawley today, advising him that he would arrive in this city on Friday, October 8th. The telegram is as follows:

"Capt. J. W. Siemens—Will arrive in Klamath Falls Friday, October 8, and will remain there Saturday. On a trip of investigation into the needs of your section. W. C. HAWLEY."

It is the intention of Mr. Hawley to meet his friends and others while here and look into the needs of Klamath county and see to what extent he can be of service to the people of this section of his district.

He will leave Sunday for Lakeview, via auto, if possible, reaching the county seat of Lake county early Monday morning. While here one of the matters that will be presented to the congressman will be the desire of the landowners of the Klamath Project to have the first few payments for the reclamation work made easier than they are now. This will be a matter that will undoubtedly come before congress at the next session, and inasmuch as the largest project now being reclaimed by the reclamation service is within Congressman Hawley's district, he will be in a position to demand a hearing when the bill comes up for consideration. This is about the only matter of pressing importance that will be brought prominently to his attention.

FINE DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS

Finest Collection of Fruit Ever Placed on Exhibit in This City. Should Be Preserved

If anyone has any doubt of the advisability and wisdom of having held a county fair this fall it will soon be dissipated by a visit to the Portland Store, where can be seen a display of fruits and vegetables that never has been surpassed, so far as quality is concerned. It will readily be seen that a golden opportunity has been missed, and the people of the county denied an opportunity to demonstrate what they can do horticulturally and agriculturally. The display of fruit has astounded even the most optimistic, and every effort should be put forth to preserve this display for the benefit of the home-seeker, who is always desirous of seeing just what has been grown in this section.

There is no doubt but that if a fair had been held the display of fruits, grains, grasses, vegetables and other products of the farms of this county would have removed all doubts of the diversified adaptability of the lands in the Klamath Basin. The old argument that nothing but alfalfa can be grown here must be forsaken, for it is not true. Nowhere at the Seattle fair could a better exhibit be found, and in several cases the fruit on display in the Portland Store would have been awarded first premium over that brought from the famous fruit sections of the Pacific Northwest.

The only gain that the county can have from the mistake of not holding a fair is that which may be profited by the Portland Store display and the inspiration it may be for the planning of a county fair next year that will make up for the failure this fall. Mr. Sugarman is to be congratulated on the enterprise he has shown, and by the development of a similar spirit throughout the city and county this section will immediately take front rank among the communities of the state and the Pacific coast.

Mrs. R. E. Smith left Sunday morning to visit her parents at Eugene. She will be gone for two or three weeks.