

SECRETARY BALLINGER WANTS MORE THAN \$10,000,000

Secretary of Interior's Plans Means Rush of Work and a Higher Price for Water

In a dispatch from Washington to the Oregonian is the following information which will interest the Klamath county people:

As a result of his investigations in the West during the past summer, Secretary Ballinger is more convinced than ever that congress should authorize the issue of bonds, predicated on the reclamation fund, in order that ready cash may be available for the prompt completion of the score or more of government irrigation projects now in course of construction. Good business, he believes, demands that such a bond issue be authorized, for the more money made available for defraying the cost of construction, the quicker the projects will be completed, and the sooner will returns come into the reclamation fund from settlers acquiring water rights from the government. Some of the advocates of a bond issue have demanded \$10,000,000; others favor an issue of \$10,000,000 a year for a term of years. Secretary Ballinger has a plan differing from both, a plan which his judgment indicates is more practicable.

He would have congress authorize the issuance of reclamation bonds up to a fixed minimum far in excess of \$10,000,000, though he himself is not yet prepared to say what that minimum should be. Discretionary power should be bestowed upon the secretary to issue these bonds from time to time, in such quantities as may be justified, until the maximum is reached. In this manner, he believes that money could be obtained as needed, and not in advance of actual requirements.

That bonds of this character could be readily floated the secretary has no doubt. The reclamation fund, a permanent fund, is regarded by Western banks as the very best security, and it is a matter of record that private interests, with legitimate irrigation projects to finance, have in recent years experienced little or no difficulty in disposing of their bonds to Western banking institutions, or, for that matter, to the big financial concerns of the East.

If private capital, offering their land as security, can float irrigation bonds amounting to millions of dollars, there would seem to be little question about the ability of the government to raise necessary millions on the reclamation fund.

Secretary Ballinger, in his annual report, will deal with this question somewhat fully, and probably will go into detail as to his ideas regarding the amount of bonds that should be authorized, and the manner in which they should be offered for sale. In that report the secretary will make plain the fact that such a bond issue as he favors will not in any sense be a drain upon the Federal treasury. The interest on outstanding bonds will be paid out of the reclamation fund, and the bonds ultimately will be redeemed out of that fund, after the big projects have been completed and the settlers have paid for their water rights.

In this connection there is one point not generally understood with respect to the bond issue. Where a project is built in part of in whole by money raised by a bond issue, the interest paid on the bonds will be assessed against the lands so reclaimed, and the cost per acre to the settler will be slightly higher than if the project was built entirely of money coming into the reclamation fund from the sale of lands. The additional cost, however, will be very slight, and will be more than offset by the advantages accruing from the prompt completion of projects that, without a bond issue, would be postponed two, three or perhaps five years.

They can only get it by supplementing the reclamation fund in some manner, and to a great many Westerners the bond issue is the most feasible plan yet proposed. But if they get this money, and in consequence get water sooner than they

otherwise would, they will necessarily pay a slightly higher price for it, for under no circumstances would congress provide for a bond issue and stipulate that the interest on outstanding bonds should be paid directly out of the Federal treasury. The reclamation law was passed with the understanding that the cost of building big works should not be borne by the government, but by the settlers: any legislation seeking to impose even a small share of this cost on the government would be defeated. Eastern sentiment is too strong against any such idea to permit of its consummation.

CONNER TAKES CONTINENTAL

Former Resident of This City Secures the Big Hostelry

Walter E. Conner, the well known hotel man, is now manager of the Continental hotel in San Francisco. The Continental, formerly known as the Pacific-Grand, is located on Ellis, at Powell street, only one block from the Emporium and one-eighth block from the Flood building, in which are located all of the principal railroad and steamship ticket offices.

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The Continental is now recognized as a home of comfort.

The owners, realizing the full importance of the location, together with the general demand for a high-class, yet moderate-priced hotel, have converted an adjoining store to the enlargement of the hotel lobby, writing room and ladies' reception room, with a wide observation window. The management considers it opportune in making these announcements, to give assurance of personal effort toward the convenience and comfort of all, and the maintenance of the highest principles, believing that a well satisfied guest is the best medium of soliciting patronage. Therefore, remember: "The Continental hotel enjoys the advantageous combination of the most central location with home comforts and moderate rates." In the heart of the theater and shopping district.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR EXHIBIT FOR OMAHA

Real Estate and Business Men Enter Into the Plan With Alacrity—Will Be Fine Collection.

There was a special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Wilbur Wright's office, which all business men were invited to attend.

F. H. Thompson, the local agent for the Southern Pacific announced that he had received word from the head office saying that they would be glad to furnish a sixty-foot car in which exhibits are to be shipped to the exhibition at Omaha. The car will be furnished at any time stated by the Chamber, and will be taken when they notify the company that they are ready to have it moved.

Various committees were appointed to get exhibits from various parts of the county and to carry on the necessary correspondence.

Needless to say everyone is very enthusiastic, and that all are lending their aid in making this a real success. The exhibits are being taken to C. T. Oliver's seed store, where they will be arranged and prepared for shipment.

FIRE AT CITY LAUNDRY

On Tuesday about 9 a. m. there was a slight fire in the upper half of the building occupied by the City laundry. The prompt arrival of the hose carts and firemen made it an easy matter to extinguish the blaze that might have caused considerable damage if it had gotten beyond control, but as it was, the damage was very slight. A defective flue is what is supposed to have started the fire.

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NO EFFORT MADE TO IMPROVE PASSENGER SCHEDULE

Portland Business Men State That There is Discrimination in Favor of San Francisco

The following article from the Portland Telegram is self-explanatory, and shows the great interest the outside world is taking in the development of this section of the country.

Although local Southern Pacific officials began to assure Portland business interests of assistance in improving passenger connections between Portland and Klamath Falls as long ago as the first week of July, nothing definite has been accomplished. The last word emanating from the Harriman stronghold here and received by the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce was a letter dated October 19 from General Passenger Agent William McMurray, in which the promise was made that the complaint would be taken up with the San Francisco officials of the Southern Pacific. All rates, schedules, tariffs and time-cards affecting the territory in question, and for that matter the entire Southern Pacific in Oregon and California, emanate from the Bay City. Hence the constant discrimination against this city.

The Chamber of Commerce undertook to get some amendment of the schedule whereby Portland would have something like an even break with San Francisco in Klamath Falls common territory. After much correspondence Secretary H. D. Van Heekeren of the transportation committee, was advised by the Southern Pacific that the present schedule, which made Portland business men lose a whole day and gave San Francisco direct and immediate connections with Klamath Falls had been adopted on "recommendation of the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce."

The suggestion was made by Assistant General Passenger Agent John N. Scott in that communication that Portland interests had better take the matter up directly with the Klamath Falls people.

Secretary Van Heekeren took the matter up with the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce, and was informed by Secretary R. H. Duhbar that this recommendation referred to in Mr. Scott's letter had been made with the understanding that the "Shasta Limited," the new through train on the Southern Pacific, was going to handle passengers for Weed, Cal., the junction point with the Klamath Falls branch. Much to the dismay of the Klamath Falls people the Shasta Limited handles nothing but through business, and their hope for direct connections with Portland were shattered.

This new train would solve the whole question of the 22-hour discrimination against Portland if it would stop south bound at Weed and carry passengers for Klamath Falls. It would not mean a delay of three minutes, and the business men of Portland who have been advised of the situation feel that it would be no more than fair that the railroad make this concession and save the trouble of revising the entire schedule of some of the other through trains.

The local Chamber of Commerce has asked the assistance of the Klamath Falls Chamber to use such pressure as it can to get the situation remedied, but as matters now stand nothing can be accomplished until the local Southern Pacific officials have heard from the "big guns" down below. The San Francisco crowd has a habit of taking all the time it pleases in such matters.

That Klamath Falls wants to do all the business that it possibly can with Portland merchants is shown in the spirit and wording of every interchange of communication had with the Southern Oregon city. At Klamath the general feeling has always inclined toward closer commercial relations with Portland as against San Francisco, but with the train schedules sewed up as they now are local merchants are under a fearful handicap. Both Sacramento and San Francisco merchants and jobbers know this, and they are taking every advantage of it in monopolizing the trade tributary to Klamath Falls.

HOW THE WORK IS GOING

Launch Being Fitted Up; Men Employed Preparing Quarters for All Winter's Work

W. W. Patch, the Klamath project engineer, recently returned from a trip to the Clear Lake dam. By the 1st of December, he said, the work up there will be completed. All that now remains to be done is a little more excavation and about fifty feet of cement work.

Concerning the work on the Tule lake outlet, he stated that the government now had a 32-foot launch on the lake, which was being fitted up and a cabin put on and a covering of galvanized steel as a protection against ice this winter. As soon as this launch is ready and in commission, work on the enlargement of the present outlet of the lake will be actively pushed and, in all probability some of the excavating work will be done on the additional outlets planned on the southern end of the lake.

There is a gang of men at work there at present cutting wood and getting the quarters in shape so that work can continue there all winter.

Just now it is impossible to tell where the water that is draining out of the lake is emptying, though it is certain that it is bubbling up in springs on the California side of the hills. Since work was commenced on the enlargement of the outlet three times as much water is running out into the lava beds, and so seeping through and by unknown channels out onto the valleys below. When the outlet has been increased so that the stream is some forty times as large as that now flowing out, it will probably be possible to locate the springs where it comes out on the other side, and then the real work can be commenced.

REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

An Ordinance Read Allowing the Western Union Telegraph Company to Enter the City

There was a regular meeting of the city council Monday night.

After certain bills for the payment of the labor employed on the rebuilding of the crosswalks and a bill for lumber from Moore Bros. had been approved and voted paid, several petitions for building permits were read and allowed. A petition from the Farmers' Implement company was set aside. In it they asked to be allowed to hang a sign in front of the Model bakery on Main street. The council wanted more specific information concerning the sign, and set the petition aside.

The ordinance accepting a deed from the Klamath Land and Transportation company for certain land on Conger avenue and for the extending of that avenue was adopted.

An ordinance granting the Western Union Telegraph company the right to enter the city and erect all necessary poles was passed on to its second reading.

It was voted to refund certain personal taxes paid by E. C. Wilson.

The mayor and Colonel Wilkins decided to go around the outlying additions Tuesday and fix polling places and appoint the judges for the coming election, the necessary thirty days before the matter can be put to a vote being now almost completed.

The matter of the bridge at Tenth and Canal streets was again referred to the street committee to be reported on at the next meeting.

Chief of Police Carter was directed to serve notice on Engineer Patch that the nuisance of the Ankeny canal must be abated.

A motion to adjourn was then made and carried.

C. H. Walker called a meeting in the courthouse on Tuesday for the purpose of organizing a grange. It was well attended and the matter was thoroughly discussed and several committees appointed.

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"No," they answered, "the music was fine."

Doctor Hamilton, Dr. Fisher assisting, performed a successful operation for appendicitis on Miss Myrtle Carter on Monday. Dr. Merriman gave the anesthetic. Miss Elizabeth E. Taylor, who is here from her home at Janesville, Wis., visiting her brother, Dr. J. E. Taylor, took the case as special nurse.

ESTRAY

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