

REPRESENTATIVES OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS STIRRED UP

Plain Talk Heard at the Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce Last Evening

Last year at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce and business men and citizens of Klamath Falls and Klamath County, the main topic of discussion was good roads. Last Thursday practically the only subject considered was irrigation and the future of the government project of Klamath County.

The big banquet, which was held at the Lakeside Inn was attended by the representatives of the financial interests, the bankers and large interests of this city, as well as representatives of the land owners from the surrounding country, especially Bonanza and Merrill. There never was an annual meeting of this organization held where a greater interest was shown and more serious consideration given the subject under consideration.

It developed that the financial and business interests of the county have become alarmed over information received, which has convinced them that unless some radical action is taken by the land owners, there will be no further money forthcoming for the completion of the government project in Klamath County.

This is the first time in the history of the organization that the Chamber of Commerce has seen fit to take any part in influencing the action of the water users or any other body of men which has not first asked for assistance. When it is considered, however, that the banks and business houses of this city have been and are furnishing money and extending credit to the land owners under the project, it can be readily seen that they are the ones most vitally interested in the successful completion of the project. It is stated that in case the announcement should be made that work is to be stopped by the government, over 50 per cent of the loans now out would have to be called in and the result would practically ruin the country for years to come.

In view of the above facts, it is not believed that the farmers will consider that the Chamber of Commerce is interfering in what does not concern it. A number of the land owners present last evening requested the help and assistance of the Chamber and made the statement that certain actions of the Board of Directors of the Water Users' Association did not have the endorsement of over one-seventh of the stockholders in the Association.

It was shown by a number of speakers from statements made by Senator Carter and other officials that the Senate Committee on Irrigation was disgusted with the conditions existing in the Klamath Project and that very little help could be expected from Congress. On the visit of the Senate Committee to Klamath Falls, it was furnished by the Board of Directors of the Water Users' Association with answers to a set of questions which had been previously submitted for action by the members of the Association. These answers were read at the banquet last evening, and were pronounced by the speakers as conveying the wrong impression as to the facts and conditions really existing here. For instance, the statement was made by the board that land values, before and after the entrance of the Reclamation Service, were the same, and that there had been no increase in value of property. Further than this, charges of graft and incompetency were made, and the statement made that a land owner could not pay the water charges without going broke.

Another set of answers to the same questions were formulated by members of the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose, it was claimed, of setting the committee right as to the facts. This report was adopted by the meeting, and it was determined that they would be submitted to the land owners for their endorsement, and are to be forwarded to Senator Carter at Washington.

Judge H. L. Benson acted as toastmaster of the banquet, and although not in the best of health, he made the meeting interesting by his comments and remarks in introducing the speakers. Those who responded during the evening were: Vice-President Baldwin, Revs. Pratt, Bledsoe, Foose and Vallandingham, Lee Beall of Lakeview, Mayor Sanderson, W. A. Deizell, C. T. Oliver, Judge Willis, J. T. Carroll, H. G. Wilson, D. F. Driscoll and R. H. Dunbar. In the discussion of the main issue of the evening a large number of those present took part, including J. F. Adams, Hon. Chas. S. Moore and J. O. Hamaker.

After a vote of thanks to Mrs. McMillan for the excellence of the banquet, the meeting adjourned.

Warmth is half the feed for cows, and remember that foul air does not keep an animal warm.

WESTERN UNION BEGINS BUSINESS IN THIS CITY TONIGHT

Office Will Be Located in the Light and Water Building—Messenger Service Soon

Klamath Falls now has telegraph connections with the world, the Western Union having opened their office and instituted service last Thursday. Arrangements were made with the Midway Telephone and Telegraph Company to act as agent for the Western Union, and the office has been located in the Telephone Company's building on Klamath street.

Superintendent A. H. May, of the Western Union, arrived in the city last evening from San Francisco, accompanied by Wm. T. Smith, M. Hendrick and C. E. Harris, to make the arrangements for installing the service. Work was commenced early this morning in remodeling the interior of the Telephone Company. The private office of O. B. Gates has been moved to another part of the building and that formerly occupied by him will be converted into an office for the Western Union. This will allow the Telegraph, Light and Water and Telephone offices to open into the main lobby of the building.

As the instruments and tables of the Western Union did not arrive last evening as expected, temporary instruments have been installed. Wire connection was made this afternoon by Messrs. Hendrick and his assistant, C. E. Harris. Wm. T. Smith will remain here permanently and will have charge of the keys.

A messenger service is to be installed in the very near future. Night service will not be put on until it is justified by the business.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Chamber of Commerce Decides It Can Not Improve on Present Directors

The annual business meeting and election of officers of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce was held last Thursday at the store of Mr. Dolbeer, one of the directors. By an unanimous vote all of the old officers and directors were re-elected. President Delzell, before the election, stated that he had served over two years as the head of the organization and asked that he be relieved of that responsibility, and stated that he believed that new men in the several offices would be better for the Chamber. He promised that he would still continue to work with the organization but asked to be allowed to do so as one of the members, rather than as the head.

Mr. Delzell has made an excellent president and each of the directors has been as energetic in their work and has accomplished so much good for the city and county that it was the unanimous opinion that it would be impossible to improve in any way on the personnel of the officers and the members present would listen to nothing but that they consent to serve another year.

The officers elected are: W. A. Delzell, president; George T. Baldwin, vice-president; R. H. Dunbar, secretary; Alex. Martin, Jr., W. H. Dolbeer, Frank Ira White and E. B. Hall, directors.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS HEALTHY GROWTH

The work of the Christian Church is moving right along, the excessive cold weather seeming only to increase the zeal and inspiration. In the two Sundays of the new year, four have been added to the church, two by statement and two by confession, one being yet to be baptized. On those two Sundays the Bible school has had an attendance of 109 and 118 respectively. The contest in the Bible school will close at the end of this month, and the Ladies' Aid will provide an evening's entertainment in honor of the winning class.

At the January meeting of the Missionary Society one new member was added, while eleven were added to the roll of the Ladies' Aid. At the meeting of the latter a cash pledge was made on the piano and thirty-four visits were reported by the members since the beginning of the year.

A training for service class will be organized on Thursday night of this week in connection with the prayer meeting.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

Donated to the Public Library by a friend, the following books: "The Judge," by Ella Peattie; "The English Orphans," Mary J. Holmes; "Molly Bawn" by The Duchess; "Rose of the World," by Agnes E. Castle; "In London's Heart," George R. Sims; "Picked Up Adrift," Prof. James DeMille; "Hero," "Hero-Worship," "The Heroic in History," "Vicar of Wakefield," Oliver Goldsmith.

About three-eighths of the coal produced in this county is mined by machinery, nearly 12,000 machines being in use.

URGE CONGRESS TO USE NEW CALENDAR

Inventor of Thirteen-Month Calendar Wants U. S. to Adopt "Civil" Method of Reckoning

Charles Fisher, of San Francisco, inventor and promulgator of what is known as a new "civil calendar" to take the place of the present Gregorian calendar, is in Washington, where he hopes to interest Congress and the State Department in securing its general adoption. He is hopeful that through the assistance of the State Department he may be able to arrange for the calling of an international calendar conference in this country, to which other nations shall send official accredited delegates to bring about the proposed revision and modification.

Congressman Hayes, of California, has already arranged to bring the matter before Congress with a view of petitioning the State Department to gather data as to what if anything others have done in the way of suggesting or exploiting the calendar revision idea.

It has already been discovered that since Mr. Fisher first propounded his plan and published his prospectus, at least two other men of science have suggested revision along similar lines. One is Prof. P. M. Solodiloff, a Russian, and the other is Paul Hesse, a Peruvian astronomer. Their ideas are strikingly like those of Mr. Fisher but have been brought out subsequent to his. Fisher has scrap-book and correspondence to show that his scheme is regarded with favor by business and professional interests in many sections of the country. It has been favorably commented upon by schools, colleges and scientific institutions both in this country and abroad.

Its general scheme will fit in admirably with the astronomical calendar but calls for a number of striking changes. For instance, it advocates 1' months instead of 12, the additional month to be known as "Vincent" and is to be inserted in the calendar between the present months of June and July. In theory it maintains that the month should be a definite and stated period of time just as the minutes, hours and days are. He has 13 months with exactly 28 days in each, covering 364 calendar days. To absorb the 365th day of the ordinary year he inserts between the last day of December and the first day of January a day to be known as "anniversary," to be regarded as a special "holiday" in the business world, and upon which business may be done only through contract. The extra day of Leap Year is absorbed in a similar manner.

The convenient feature from the standpoint of reckoning is that every week, month and year begins with Sunday, which has since the beginning of time been regarded as the first day of the week. Every week day of every month and year will fall exactly on the same date. For instance the Fourth of July will always be on Wednesday. This is regarded as a convenience from the fact that the public is very frequently calling upon newspapers to tell on what day a certain date in history fell. This confusion will forever be avoided by the Fisher calendar.

So much encouragement has been received by Mr. Fisher that he is confident he can interest not only the United States Government but foreign nations as well to the point where a formal call for an interna-

tional calendar conference will be approved by most of the leading powers. The plan as outlined is to secure this conference for some time during the current year for Mr. Fisher is extremely anxious to have his calendar go into effect by January 1, 1911, which falls on Sunday and will fit in exactly with his scheme.

WILL PLAY LEADING SCHOOLS OF STATE

High School Basket Ball Squad Will Leave on Tour Saturday

Saturday, January 15, a party of ten people representing the High School will leave Klamath Falls on a basket ball tour in which they will meet some of the best basket ball teams in the State.

In spite of the fact that many of the boys are still nursing some pretty severe bruises, they have all been practicing hard, and expect to be in good condition when the day for starting comes. The team will be composed of the following men: George DuFaut (captain), Marlon Barnes, Ernest Jacobson, Vern Mutschenbacher, Roy Fouch, John Siemens, Wilbur Telford and George Stephenson, and with these will be Mr. Panek (coach), and Mr. Walker (official).

The team is perhaps the best the school has ever had and as good as any in the future may be. The boys want to have a chance to say that the citizens of Klamath Falls are all anxious to see the boys go.

The following is the schedule: Jan. 15—Ashland Club. Jan. 17—Medford High School. Jan. 18—Roseburg High School. Jan. 19—Cottage Grove High School. Jan. 20—Eugene High School. (Not certain yet). Jan. 21—The Independence High School. Jan. 22—Newberg High School. Jan. 24—Newberg High School. Jan. 25—Silverton High School. Jan. 26—Eugene High School. (Not certain yet). Jan. 27—Roseburg High School. Jan. 28—Medford High School. Jan. 29—Ashland Club.

FOUR HAVE GONE

Owing to the uncertainty of the U. S. R. S. as to whether the water users will accede to the requirement of the government that the par value of shares be raised from \$20 to \$30, Project Engineer Patch has commenced disbanding his men.

Tuesday morning four left: Leland Cross, to Moscow, Idaho; R. L. Aldridge, to Ontario, Ore.; C. A. Beck, to Southern California, and Thomas Hawthorne, who was the engineer in charge of Clear Lake dyke construction, to Eugene, Ore. All remain in the employ of the U. S. R. S. but their services will be used on other projects.

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PARTNERSHIP FORMED

Photographers Miller and Johnson Will Construct Modern Building and Open Art Store-Studio

C. R. Miller, the celebrated photographer, left this morning for his home at McCloud, Cal. While here Mr. Miller formed a partnership with the well known local scenic artist, Glenn Johnstone of this city and arrangements were made for the construction of a modern business block to be used as an art store and studio. The building will be one story and 25 feet frontage by 75 feet deep. The contract was signed last evening for the erection of the building with the Hydraulic Stone & Brick Company, work to begin by the first of April or sooner. The building will be located next to the Klamath Development building in the Hot Springs addition.

Mr. Miller is one of the best scenic photographers on the Coast and does much special work for the Southern Pacific Company. He spent a short time last summer in Klamath County and made a trip through the northern part of the county to Crater Lake, where he took some fine views. His brief trip gave him an idea of the wonderful scenic beauty of this section and the opportunity open to him in a business way. He also has commissions to perform for the railroad company, in this territory, which undoubtedly was a factor in his determination to locate here.

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For particulars write
W. H. JONES,
21 Nelson, Butte County, Cal.

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