

WATER USERS TO ASK FOR NEW CONTRACTS FROM OWNERS

Reclamation of Swamps May Be Commenced This Summer If the Owners Respond Promptly

A new stock subscription and contract has been sent to all owners of swamp lands under the Klamath Project, by the Water Users' Association, with the request that the new contract be executed at once and returned. The new form of contract is requested by the Reclamation Service and has been approved by the Directors of the Association. Practically the only material change over the old contract is in the provision which allows for sub-irrigation if that should be found more feasible than surface irrigation. A letter was sent with the contracts explaining the necessity of the change, portions of which are as follows:

"The present contract, in substance, carries the obligation to have irrigation water delivered upon each quarter section of land, with no avenue of escape from such obligation to have water delivered and to pay for same, even though these marsh soils after adequate drainage, prove of a nature that would derive sufficient moisture by sub-irrigation.

"The newly required contract adds a provision that will permit of dispensing with the surface irrigation of these lands in case we should be able to demonstrate to the Secretary of the Interior that the sub-irrigation is fully efficient for proper cultivation thereof, in which case the land owner would have no cost of surface irrigation to pay for.

"This new contract also includes a free right of way for all needed drainage and irrigation ditches, etc., from each land owner, which will avoid delays in securing same from time to time as needed, and thus secure better progress of reclamation work.

"With these two changes, the new contract remains in substance the same as the present one.

"Prompt action is urged in the return to the committee of these newly executed contracts, as the early delivery of same is necessary to meet the requirements that will enable the Reclamation Service to proceed with work that will place the marsh lands ready to seed to grasses during the coming summer. This is possible provided the land owners respond at once to this request.

"The Reclamation Service is in possession of all material riparian rights that in the past have barred the drainage of the Lower Klamath Marches.

"It is highly probable that the Secretary of the Interior will be ready to approve of the construction work of reclamation of these lands long before the contracts are all returned to the committee, and as the approval depends upon the approval of these contracts, it is urged that each land owner make it his special duty to see that the contracts are placed in the hands of the committee without delay.

"We are informed by the Reclamation officials that there is sufficient money now held tentatively to the credit of the Klamath Project to cover all urgent needs for the immediate reclamation of the marsh lands, and the owners of the lands may confidently expect prompt reclamation of the same, providing each and every land owner shall promptly do his whole duty in preparing the way for such reclamation."

BUYS OPTION ON HOTEL

Horace Dunlap Secures Valuable Right on American Hotel Property

Horace Dunlap has purchased the unexpired option for the purchase of the American Hotel property from W. E. Seehorn. The option still has five and a half years to run and Mr. Dunlap already has a lease on the building covering that period. The property is valued at \$20,000 and has produced a big revenue during the past two years. It is centrally located and is bound to greatly increase in value.

TESTS FOR CENSUS TAKERS

R. J. Hendricks, Supervisor of the Census for the First Congressional District, has announced that a test for enumerators who have applied for positions, will be held in Klamath Falls on February 5 at the postoffice. The postmaster will have supervision of the examination under rules prescribed by the Supervisor of the Census. The work of mailing supplies to all of the applicants has been completed by the Supervisor of this district.

CATTLE SHIPMENT

Louis Gerber and J. C. Mitchell shipped Friday 18 car loads, containing 500 head of cattle, to California. The Gerber cattle were shipped from Midland, while those shipped by Mr. Mitchell were loaded at Mt. Hebron.

MINORITY REPORT OF WATER USERS SENT TO WASHINGTON

Owners of About 25 Per Cent of Land Endorse Answers Prepared by Chamber of Commerce

The minority report containing the new set of answers, prepared by the Chamber of Commerce, to the questions submitted by the Senate Committee to the land owners, was forwarded to the committee and the Secretary of the Interior Friday President Delzel of the Chamber of Commerce states that 120 signatures were received, representing a little less than 40,000 acres of land.

Most of these signatures were received in the upper project, although some were sent in from Merrill and the Klamath Basin. The papers were sent to Bonanza and circulated from there. Mr. Delzell states that very little effort was made to secure signatures of farmers living between this city and Merrill, but that many of them came to town and signed up.

The 40,000 acres represented by the signatures to the new answers is about 25 per cent of the total acreage under the project. The Water Users' Association was incorporated with 100,000 shares, each of which represented one acre, but there has been an excess of about 50,000 acres signed up. At first the entire acreage was allowed to vote, but according to the State law, it would be illegal to vote more than 100,000 shares. It is not known under which head the 40,000 acres come, but it is probable that some would be entitled to vote, while probably a portion would not. A number of the signers afterward came in and requested that their names be withdrawn, but the report had already been sent to Washington.

ASKS FOR INSTRUCTED JURY

Re-Trial of H. E. Peltz for Violation of Liquor Laws Comes to Abrupt End

On motion of Attorney Manning, representing H. E. Peltz, Judge Noland instructed the jury to return a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case against E. E. Lyons was continued for the term.

Both Peltz and Lyons, who were indicted for violation of the local option law, had been tried and the jury in both cases failed to agree. In the former case it stood nine to three for acquittal, while in the latter the jury was eleven to one for conviction. The jury in the re-trial of Peltz had been secured, and after placing one witness on the stand and asking two questions, the District Attorney stated that the state rests. As no evidence had been introduced, Attorney Manning asked for an instructed jury, which was granted.

In addition to the regular panel, a special venire of twenty-four men had been secured, and it seemed to be the opinion that it would be impossible to secure a conviction at this time, especially in the face of the fact of the first jury disagreeing.

JUDGE BENSON SUSTAINED

Supreme Court Upholds Decision in Carroll-Bowne Case

The Supreme Court has just handed down a decision in the case of John D. Carroll et al vs. Francis J. Bowne et al.

This was a case in which Mr. Bowne began an action in the Circuit Court to collect a promissory note for \$1750, executed in his favor by Mr. Carroll. Mr. Carroll filed a cross bill in equity, claiming equitable defenses against the collection of the note. Mr. Mills, attorney for Bowne, filed a demurrer to the cross bill, which was sustained by Judge Benson, and the cross bill was dismissed. Mr. Carroll appealed and the Supreme Court now affirms the decision of the lower court, holding that the cross bill did not state sufficient facts to entitle the defendant to equitable relief.

The action on the promissory note will now be tried out, without the intervention of a court of equity.

POLICE AT RAILROAD

Agent Thompson, of the Southern Pacific Company, has notified the Mayor that they would like police protection at the depot grounds. As soon as the present cold weather is over it is probable that an addition will be made to the force and a man detailed for that section of the city around the railroad yards.

This will be very necessary, especially during the arrival and departure of trains. Many undesirable people will be coming into this county, and around the railroad grounds is the best place to spot them.

Louisiana alone produces almost as much sulphur as the whole United States consumes each year. The only other States in which it was commercially produced last year were Nevada, Utah and Wyoming.

THROUGH SERVICE BETWEEN PORTLAND AND FRISCO

Sixty-Five Miles Now Under Construction Will Be Completed in Less Than Year and a Half

Chief Construction Engineer H. P. Hoey, of the Southern Pacific, has returned from Natron and Portland, where he has been looking after construction work on the north end of the Klamath Falls-Natron line. As usual, Mr. Hoey declined to make public any of the plans of the railroad company, but the announcement in the following article appearing in the Portland Journal, will be good news to the people of this city:

"We have not been heralding our doings down in that part of the State with the blare of trumpets," said Judge Fenton, "and hence little is known of the work going on there, but I will say at this time that for the present 65 miles of road are in course of construction and that it will not be more than 18 months at the most until trains will be operating between Portland and San Francisco over a road having at no place more than 1 per cent grade."

"Thus spoke W. D. Fenton, attorney for the Harriman lines in Oregon, at the banquet given to the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association at the Commercial Club last night.

"This was the first official announcement touching upon the completion of the Natron-Klamath Falls extension, and was received with a storm of applause from the 350 business men from all parts of the State assembled in the banquet hall.

Means Double Tracking

"The Natron-Klamath Falls extension, by making a detour through passes in the Cascade range to Klamath Falls and thence to Weed on the main line of the Southern Pacific in California, will practically mean the double tracking of that large section of the line and give much better time for heavy freight business by the elimination of the heavy climb over the Siskiyouos.

"The line from Weed to Klamath Falls, known as the California North-eastern, has already been completed and is now in operation, and the extension from Klamath Falls, along the east shore of Upper Klamath Lake and west of the Klamath reservation, is now under way, section contracts having been let covering a total distance of approximately 65 miles. On these stretches work is being pushed as rapidly as money and men can do it.

Will Cross Deschutes River

"The extension will cross the east fork of the Deschutes River to Odell Lake, thence across the Cascade Mountains and down the middle fork of the Willamette River to Natron. North of Klamath Falls the road is known as the Oregon-Eastern.

"From Natron business can reach Portland either by way of Springfield and Eugene, or by way of Lebanon and Woodburn, by which Natron now has connection with the Southern Pacific main line.

"The completion of the extension, it is explained, will not cause the abandonment of the line across the Siskiyouos, but will relieve the congestion and overcome the grades now making the hauling of heavy freight necessarily slow and expensive."

This is the time of year when almanacs should flourish, but those you buy in the book shops are not the ones meant. The almanacs of today are books, encyclopedias of information on every topic that an almanac buyer doesn't care for. They contain every manner of political fact, the census of towns you never heard of, the dynasties of the reigning families, and the world's record for the running high jump. But where is the almanac which used to hang by a red and white string from a nail in the kitchen; the old almanac with the billious cover and the illustration showing how a man looks after he has committed hara-kari; the almanac with the marginal notes and the signs of Gemini, Capricorn, Sagittarius, and all the other boys of the zodiac? It is all well enough to know who made the discs record in 1909 and who is representative from the Eleventh Indiana District, but what we want to know is when the best time to cut hoop poles and what cures the pip. These things can be found only in the old almanac, and we don't know where to find one.—Chicago Tribune.

A steamship 420 feet long by 50 feet beam has been converted into a floating slaughter house and refrigerator by an English firm for use in Australia to save inland charges on meats.

A wealthy New Yorker has had moving picture films of the romping of his three-year-old boy made so he can see them when he grows up.

Esparto grass, a North Africa product, one of England's most important paper stock materials, is about 56 per cent by weight available fiber.

GOVERNMENT BEGINS ACTIVE PROSECUTION OF BEEF TRUST

Uncle Sam Is Adding His Little to the Woes of the Big Combine

United Press Service. CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 24.—The Beef Barons are beginning to believe that troubles never come singly. With the boycott daily cutting off large slices of their profits harassing them on one side, Uncle Sam has added to their troubles by attacking them in the rear with a dissolution suit, with prospects of being more successful this time than he was at the last attempt.

Subpoenas were issued today for witnesses in the investigation that will have as its ultimate object the disruption of a combination that has controlled the beef market for many years. The hearing will start before the Federal grand jury this afternoon. James Wilkerson will be the chief assistant to District Attorney Sims, who will have charge of the prosecution.

It is believed that an attempt will be made to indict the individual packers, the effort being confined to indicting them collectively and indict the National Packing Company as a corporation and the boards of directors of the various companies composing the big organization.

The greatest array of legal talent that this country has ever seen is gathered in the city today for the purpose of looking after the interests of the packers. None of them will express an opinion and absolutely refuse to discuss the investigation.

NO RACE SUICIDE IN THIS FAMILY

Twelve Children in Nine Years Is a Record That Ought to Satisfy Teddy

United Press Service. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 22.—W. W. Wilson and wife, who received a letter of congratulation from President Roosevelt upon the birth of triplets, today are parents of quadruplets, two boys and two girls. In the last nine years Mrs. Wilson has given birth to twelve children, twins, two sets of triplets and the last arrivals.

London public schools taught more than 3200 children to swim last year.

TELEPHONE STOCKHOLDERS IN SESSION AT BONANZA

Meeting Held for Purpose of Deciding on Further Extensions

Special to The Herald. BONANZA, Ore., Jan. 22.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Langell Valley Telephone Company is being held in this city today for the purpose of deciding on the question of constructing a trunk line between here and Klamath Falls. The meeting was called to order at 2:30, and little headway has been made at this time. The sentiment seems to favor the building of the line, and it is quite probable that the directors will be authorized to go ahead with the work.

MEAT COMBINE EXTENDING TO PACIFIC COAST

Meetings Will Be Held in Principal Coast Cities to Take Up Move

United Press Service. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 22.—It was reported here today that mass meetings are being planned in Los Angeles, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle for the purpose of inaugurating among the working people of these cities the meat boycott. It is believed that other towns are planning to join the movement and it is confidently expected among the leaders that the working men in every city and town on the Pacific Coast will have become voluntary vegetarians.

If you wish to send a letter in a hurry, be sure to write "in haste" on the envelope. The postmaster and clerks will then fall over each other in their haste to get it in the first mail, then the postal clerk will yell to the engineer: "Pull her wide open, here's a letter in a rush." And the train will just fly. It is expensive for the railroads, as accidents are liable to happen, and the officials will not thank us for giving the snap away, but this is the way to get letters through real quick.

Pennsylvania produced nearly 60 per cent of the total coke output of the country last year, approximately 15,500,000 short tons, out of a total production of about 26,000,000.

Because the enormous rats of Uganda are so voracious, missionaries are using books bound in tin.

U. S. SENATE PASSES THE FORTIFICATION BILL

Senator Newlands of Nevada Intimated That Preparations for War Be Made

United Press Service. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The fortification bill, carrying \$6,000,000, nearly \$225,000 less than last year, and which has already passed the House, was passed by the Senate today. During the debate preceding its passage, Senator Newlands of Nevada emphasized the necessity of adequate protection of Hawaii, in view of a possible conflict with Japan. Senator Warren, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, in defense of the large appropriation made for the Philippines, stated that if the islands were given their freedom they would repay to the United States the money expended for their fortification. Newlands responded to this with the statement that he considered the fortification of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, vastly more important than the Philippines. He further states that time is not far distant when the Pacific would be the scene of a great naval struggle, growing out of the increasing power of Japan, and that in view of this fact it was imperatively essential that Hawaii be properly protected.

If the editor were to snap at all the inducements held out he would soon become a millionaire. If he ran a paper according to the popular notion he would be in the poor house. If he published all the items that were sent to him he would be in jail half the time and in the hospital the other half.

Meteors prove that the atmosphere is sufficiently dense at a height of 100 miles to make them incandescent through friction, but man has been able to partially explore only about sixteen miles of it.

STRAYED — From my stable in Klamath Falls, one bay driving mare branded Z; weight about 1100 pounds; had on a blanket and headstall of a halter. Information leading to the recovery of same will be suitably rewarded. J. B. Mason.

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