

RIGHT OF WAY SHOULD BE OFFERED TO BRING IT HERE

Citizens There Offer Free Depot Site and Right of Way One-Half the Distance

MERRILL, Jan. 28.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held here last evening, at which there were present Chief Construction Engineer H. P. Hoey, of the Southern Pacific, and W. S. Worden, right of way agent. The purpose of the meeting was to take steps to build a line to Merrill, and from expressions of the officials of the railroad company, it is believed that Merrill will have railroad connections this summer either with Klamath Falls or Midland.

A proposition was submitted to Mr. Hoey by the Chamber of Commerce, in which the people of Merrill offer to furnish the Southern Pacific depot grounds at Merrill and a free right of way for half the distance either to Klamath Falls or Midland.

The Southern Pacific already has a line located from here to these two points, and Mr. Hoey would not make any statement as to which line was favored by the railroad company, but it is believed that the selection and the building of the road to Merrill will depend entirely on whether the company is offered a free right of way. The distance to Midland is two or three miles shorter than to Klamath Falls, and it is reported that Abel Ady and others, at Midland, have already guaranteed depot grounds and a right of way to connect with that offered by Merrill.

Mr. Hoey thanked the Chamber of Commerce and stated that their offer would be submitted at once to Chief Engineer Hood for his approval. A committee was appointed to secure the necessary grounds and the right of way, and the people here are enthusiastic in their belief that Merrill is to have a railroad this summer.

The above is the best news that has been sent out for some time, and the citizens of Klamath Falls, to a man, should step forward and offer every assistance in their power to help secure railroad connections for the town of Merrill. The fact of Klamath Falls having a railroad should not deter every one assisting in the extension of the line to other sections of the county. A railroad will be a boon to the Merrill country as it will open the markets for their immense grain crops and stock shipments.

Another thing the people of this city should not lose sight of. It is quite certain that the Southern Pacific will build to Merrill and Alturas sooner or later, and steps should be taken at once, not only to encourage immediate building, but to see that the line is built from Klamath Falls instead of Midland or any other point on the main line. If the line is built to Merrill this summer, it will mean a local train, and if the line goes to Midland the crew naturally will have to lay over there. This is only a small matter, but it is important. Besides, if there are to be shops and round houses, Klamath Falls should get them and be the main headquarters. This can unquestionably be done if the people are interested enough to furnish free rights of way. Instead of entering into petty quarrels the people of this city and the Chamber of Commerce should be giving their attention to matters of importance, instead of letting all the good things slip away. This is a matter of vital importance at this time, and it is to be hoped that the people of this city will see it in that light.

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYED IN STORM

Swept From Its Moorings and Driven Ashore

United Press Service.
LONDON, Jan. 28.—The British torpedo boat destroyer was wrecked today on the shore of Dover. It broke from its moorings during last night's storm. The crew of forty men were rescued today, no lives having been lost. The channel is in the grasp of one of the fiercest storms that has visited this section in years, and many wrecks are strewn along its shores. Several bodies have already been recovered, but the full extent of the damage has not yet been learned.

The steamer Laura has been lost near Coruna, Spala, according to advices, and its entire crew of thirty was drowned. The Italian steamer Giupusco foundered near Bilbao, Spain, and several sailors were washed overboard before the life boats could be lowered. It is now believed that the loss of life from the coast storms will aggregate between three and four hundred. Hundreds of small craft were lost and the loss of life in these will never be known.

A New York street railway company is to thoroughly test two self-contained motor cars, one operated by storage batteries, the other by a combined gasoline-electric engine.

RESOLUTIONS BY DIRECTORS WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION

Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association at the regular meeting held in Klamath Falls, Ore., January 3, 1910:

1. Resolved, That the partial report of the Committee on Investigation of causes of variance between U. S. R. S. officials and stockholders of the Klamath Water Users' Association is hereby approved, and the entire partial report ordered copied on the minutes of the Board of Directors. Welch moves adoption. Bunting seconded. Carried.

2. Resolved, That we, the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association in regular meeting assembled, hereby recognize and approve the obligation on the part of the stockholders of the Klamath Water Users' Association to repay to the Reclamation Fund of the United States, every dollar that may be properly used from said fund in the reclamation of lands of the Klamath Project, and hereby insist that the Board of Directors of the said association is entitled to a complete and comprehensive statement of all expenditures immediately following the times when such expenditures are made, for the reason that intelligent investigation into said expenditures can not be made after a lapse of years of time, nor would a failure to find irregularities in such belated statements at all vindicate the honesty and integrity of the officials who make such expenditures without rendering statements thereof at the proper time. Bunting moves adoption. Welch seconded.

3. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association is hereby instructed to make request from the Secretary of the Interior for immediate transmittal to the Board of Directors of an itemized statement of all estimated costs and expenditures estimated to be necessary for the completion of the Klamath Project, as prepared by Project Engineer Humphreys, and averaging \$13.65 per acre for the Lower and \$15.59 per acre for the Upper Project, together with all other estimates of probable costs that may have been prepared by Reclamation officials prior to May 15, 1905.

Also, that itemized summary statements be furnished said board of all expenditures charged up against the Klamath Project prior to the beginning of the present year, with immediate information as to how soon said statements will be ready for transmittal.

Also, that itemized statements of quarterly expenditures charged up against the Klamath Project be transmitted to the Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association at the earliest possible date after the close of each quarter. Abel Ady moves adoption. Seconded by Bunting. Carried.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE REFRIGERATOR LINE MONOPOLY

One of the Wings of the Beef Trust Will Be Examined

United Press Service.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 28.—It was learned today that one of the first things to claim the attention of the Federal Grand Jury in its probing of the Beef Trust will be the refrigerator car line monopoly, which is believed to be controlled by the packers. It is reported that United States District Attorney Sims is in possession of evidence that the fruit growers of California let fruit rot rather than ship it east, because the icing charges are so heavy. One of the principal sources of revenue for the refrigerator line is the icing charges. The company owning the car line contracts for the ice and then charges the shippers exorbitant rates for what they get at a very low figure.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 28.—Following on the heels of the report from Chicago that the Federal Grand Jury is preparing to look into the refrigerator car line monopoly comes a mass meeting of the fruit growers of Northern California, held here today. It was decided at this meeting that the growers would maintain their organization and continue their fight for lower freight rates, icing charges and the standardization of fruit.

FLOODS IN ITALY DESTROY MUCH PROPERTY

United Press Service.

ROME, Jan. 28.—The surrounding country is flooded and immense damage has already been done. Rome is not yet seriously threatened, despite the continued rise of the Tiber, now almost over the bridge arches. The River Arno is far out of its banks. The railroads are suffering heavy losses and the service is seriously interrupted. Reports from the outlying districts indicate a loss of life reaching close to twenty.

CREST OF FLOOD REACHED AND RECESSION EXPECTED SOON

Nearly Every Cellar Is Filled With Sewage and It Will Take Many Weeks to Remove It

United Press Service.

PARIS, France, Jan. 28.—Relieved of the apprehension incident to the rising water, the people of the city are today turning their attention in other directions and are now beginning to fully realize the extent of the damage inflicted by the floods. Nearly every cellar in the city is filled with sewage. The breaking of the sewers has crippled the pumping stations and it will be many weeks before the sewage can be moved. Already fear of a pestilence has taken possession of the people and the government and every effort will be put forth to avoid such a catastrophe. The authorities are furnishing free supplies and are having the people burn all refuse and sprinkle disinfectants.

Hotel keepers fear that the floods and the unsanitary conditions following them will have the effect of keeping tourists away from Paris during the coming season. That their fears are well grounded is indicated by many of the booking offices having been requested to cancel hotel accommodations heretofore engaged and a striking of Paris from the list of the places to be visited.

Several balloons, carrying parties of sightseers, made their ascent from the Aero Club grounds at St. Cloud today and floated over the city, taking snap shots of the flood.

The suffering among the poorer classes is appalling, although the damage is greater in the fashionable quarters. Hundreds of destitute have succumbed to sickness. Every physician in Paris has volunteered his services, in the hope that it may result in the amelioration of this condition and save some of the lives that will otherwise be sacrificed through neglect and ignorance. The mayor's offices and the Arrondissements are crowded today with refugees seeking food and shelter.

The River Seine became stationary at 9 o'clock this morning. It is expected that it will begin to fall soon. It has already begun to recede forty miles up, and this cheering news has been received with hysterical joy by the populace. The Marne is also falling and everyone is now convinced that the crest of the flood has been reached.

NOISING COMMITTEE AT WORK ON INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Testifies That Secretary Ballinger Ordered Him to Make Searching Investigation

United Press Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 28.—Louis R. Glavis, testifying before the Congressional committee, which is investigating the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, today stated that he had been instructed by Secretary Ballinger to go ahead and make a searching investigation of the Alaska coal lands and the alleged conspiracy connected therewith. These instructions followed an interview between the Secretary and Mr. Glavis, during which the latter told Mr. Ballinger that he thought all of the entries could be cancelled, because many prominent men interested in them had formed a pool.

"Secretary Ballinger told me," stated Mr. Glavis, "that many of the claimants were friends and business associates of his, but that that must not interfere with a thorough investigation. He said, 'I want a thorough investigation of these cases whether they are friends of mine or not.' He further told me that when I returned to the State of Washington I was to let it be known that I had instructions to make a full investigation."

In the course of his testimony it was brought out that these instructions had been later rescinded, the order therefor having been issued by Schwartz of the department.

MENNONITE COLONY TO FARM IN SISKIYOU

YREKA, Cal., Jan. 28.—The Union Pacific Railroad, through its land agent, George L. McDonough, is preparing to settle a large tract of land in the Butte Creek Valley, Siskiyou County, with Mennonites from the East. The Mennonites are members of a religious sect similar to the Dunkards.

The tract to be settled comprises 20,000 acres, owned by the California Butte Land Company. It is fertile and lies in the vicinity of Macdoel, on the Weed-Klamath Falls line, and is adjacent to the land now being cultivated by a large colony of Dunkards.

That wireless messages can be transmitted through space without either station being grounded has been demonstrated by two inventors of Brooklyn, N. Y., who carry complete sending and receiving stations on their bicycles and have operated up to a mile and a half apart.

SHIPPINGTON PART OF CITY Residents Did Not Vote, but New Boundaries Take in Entire Settlement

The flourishing settlement of Shippington, on the Upper Lake, without the knowledge of the residence or even of the City Council, was taken into the City of Klamath Falls at the last special election. While the residents of this particular section believed that they were not included in the proposed extension and therefore did not vote, yet the notice of election was legal in every respect and Shippington is now a part of the city. No complaints have been heard from the residents, with the exception of regrets that they missed an opportunity to vote.

KLAMATH BASKET BALL TEAM STILL LOSING

The quintette from the High School which has been touring the State has had a hard run of luck. Two games were played with Newberg, on Saturday and Monday, in both of which the boys were defeated. The first game was a walkover for Newberg, the score being 30 to 12. In the second game the Klamath boys started out well in the lead but fell down in the second half. The score was 23 to 15. Barnes and Moteschenbacher did the star playing for the High School. Nothing has been heard from the boys since Tuesday and it is not known definitely just where they are playing. Moteschenbacher is expected home this evening as he is to take part in the debate with the Grants Pass team.

NOW IN NEW QUARTERS

F. E. Ankeny has moved his news and confectionery store to the Page-Stratton building, two doors west of the post office. The store has been entirely refitted and is now beautifully arranged with a larger stock of goods and reading matter.

RELINQUISHMENT FOR SALE

160 acres of land near railroad, cabin and barn, for \$300. Running stream. I have about eight homesteads, level and good running water. For particulars write to JOHN KRISTT, Fort Klamath, Oregon.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Basket Ball Team Returns From Trip Throughout Southern Part of State

The High School basket ball team which has been touring the southern portion of the State, returned home Saturday. The boys are all tired but happy. While they did not conquer everything before them, yet they feel that they have been well repaid for their trip. They lost seven games out of nine played, but took their revenge out of the Medford team by beating them twice, both coming and going. Those who composed the team were: George DeFaut, Marion Barnes, Vernon Moteschenbacher, Roy Fouch and Ernest Jacobson, with John Siemens and Telford as substitutes. Prof. Panek, physical director, accompanied the team.

Next Friday evening the Klamath County High School debating team will meet the team from Grants Pass in the auditorium of the High School building. This will be the first entertainment of the kind ever held in Klamath Falls. Every loyal citizen of the county should encourage such work by his presence at least. The debate will be interspersed with music. A good program will be rendered. Encourage the school interests of the county by coming.

ODD FELLOWS MAY BUILD

The local lodge of Odd Fellows are considering erecting a modern building on their property opposite the Court House on Main street. Steps are to be taken at once to determine if the necessary amount of money can be secured, and if so it is the intention to make preparations so as to begin construction early in the spring. The sentiment among the members seems strongly to favor the construction of a three-story building, the first floor to be fitted for an opera house, and the entire building made absolutely fire proof.

The only thing that might prevent the erection of the building would be the inability to secure the money, and it has been suggested that if the banks are really sincere in their Court House fight, to keep the business center near Fourth street, it would be a good move on their part to assist the Odd Fellows in raising the money for a building. It is a well known fact that the business center of town can never be built around two or more vacant blocks.

GOVERNOR BENSON AND JUSTICE MOORE TESTIFY TO HONESTY

Court Room Filled With Spectators Who Listen Intently to All Testimony

United Press Service.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—Promptly at 9 o'clock this morning the trial of Binger Hermann, charged with conspiracy in connection with the creation of the Blue Mountain reserve, was resumed. The defense opened by placing on the stand Governor Benson and Chief Justice Moore and others on the stand for the purpose of having them testify as to the reputation for honesty borne by Mr. Hermann. All of them stated that throughout the State he was considered a man of probity and that his reputation for honesty was well known all over Oregon.

Witnesses for the defense will be called this afternoon, when the actual work of breaking down the government's case will be undertaken. No prediction has been made as to when the defense will conclude its side of the case, though it is expected that it will not require as long a time as that consumed by the government.

HERMANN'S ATTORNEYS INTRODUCE DOCUMENTS TODAY

Prosecutor Henry Placed His Last Witness on the Stand Yesterday Afternoon

United Press Service.

PORTLAND, Jan. 29.—The last witness in the case of the United States vs. Binger Hermann was placed on the stand yesterday afternoon and the Government closed its side of the case in the Blue Mountain conspiracy. Attorney Worthington, representing Mr. Hermann, this morning introduced documents in behalf of the defense, following which he asked for a continuance of the case until Monday, when they would be ready to place their witnesses on the stand.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion here today that the Government has failed miserably in its attempt to convict Hermann, and it is confidently expected that a verdict of acquittal will be reached without delay.

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Following is a statement showing the standing of those for whom votes have been cast in the piano contest now under way at the Boston Store:

Willa Leonard	5500
Edith Bodach	5160
M. E. Church	3020
Red Men	1720
Marjorie McClure	780
Presbyterian Church	140

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