

LOWER LAKE RECLAMATION TALKED

ADVISABILITY OF PRIVATE PROJECT CONSIDERED

As Work of Reclaiming Marsh Land in Lower Lake Country Cannot Be Carried on by the Government at This Time, Chamber of Commerce and Land Owners Will Get Together on Proposition

After discussing the matter of government aid in the reclamation of the Lower Lake marsh lands, and learning that at this time the reclamation service cannot go ahead with the work, members of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce have decided to take up the matter of a private project to drain a portion of the land.

The reclamation of the marsh land around Lower Klamath Lake was one of the first matters considered by the board of army engineers when the Klamath reclamation project was first considered. After a long investigation it was considered inadvisable for the work to be done for some time, so all the private lands subscribed for the marsh land project was released.

The report of the board of army engineers follows:

"It was proposed originally to irrigate the reclaimed marsh lands by means of the main canal, which was given sufficient capacity for the purpose as far as constructed. The drainage was to be effected mainly by the construction of the Keno cut and tunnel, involving excavation in the Klamath River to lower its level, the improved channel to lead to a tunnel cutting through the bend below. Power was to be developed at the lower end of the tunnel.

"As these plans proved, on more detailed investigations to be too costly, they were abandoned. . . . Inasmuch, however, as the efforts of the agricultural department at its experimental farm near Ady to cultivate these marsh lands after being drained have been unsuccessful, the board does not consider it advisable to expend further money on the reclamation of these lands until the agricultural possibilities are better known.

"In connection with the marsh land sub-project, request was made by parties interested that the government require the railway to close its embankment across the marshes and install the gates for the control of the inflow and outflow of Lower Klamath Lake in the concrete structures provided for the purpose; that the connection of the Adams and Van Brimmer canals with White and Lower Lakes be severed, and the lands under these canals receive water from the main canal, as contemplated in the final completion of the project; that the government make a small amount of excavation, estimated to cost \$50,000, in the upper part of Ankeny falls, Klamath River.

"The parties then desire to be released from their subscriptions and to be allowed to experiment with reclaiming their marsh lands, which lie south and east of the railway embankment. In view of the conclusions of the board with regard to this subdivision, any work in connection with these lands involving additional expense to the United States is considered inadvisable. It is recommended that private lands in this sub-project be released from their obligations."

Although the project as a whole was suspended by the reclamation service, the officials stated that the work could be done by a private project, and there are assurances that every possible assistance in the securing of data, etc., will be given by the government. Before the whole work could be undertaken it would be necessary to have all of the private lands re-subscribed, and this would take some time, say local officials of the service.

It is the opinion here that as the neighbors of J. H. Morris, the Lower Lake rancher who brought the matter up this time, are in favor of reclamation, they could form a private enterprise, and reclaim their acreage by diking.

The Morris ranch is at the southern part of the lake in California, at what is known as Oklahoma. The settlers there recently took the matter of reclamation up through Congressman Raker, but he was informed through the department of the interior that the government was not in a position to carry on the work at the present time.

Tom Conner returned Thursday from a trip through Eastern states and California. He has been away several months.

H. N. Wood left Thursday for Oakland to attend to business matters. Mr. Woods has just disposed of his interest in the Klamath Tub and Pail company to Sperry Bros.

A rubber partition to be placed in a bath tub when only a portion of it is to be used has been invented by a New Mexico man to save water.

Ackley, Charles J. Ferguson, J. E. Bodge, Perry O. De Lap and John Houston. They have been working on the proposition for some time, and from whisperings that go out, the occasion will be the greatest ever attempted in Southern Oregon.

A set program has been arranged, jammed clear full of unusual stunts, and this will be enlivened by the "something-doing-every-minute" style of affair that the Bills will give.

Novel invitations are being prepared. They will be sent out within a few days.

MRS. BAILEY NOW

A DEPUTY CLERK
Mrs. Lottie L. Bailey has been appointed deputy county clerk by County Clerk De Lap, and she will take up the work performed by Deputy Clerk George Chastain, who soon becomes clerk of the circuit court.

Mrs. Bailey has been connected with the court house for the past two years as stenographer to the county court, and she is well and favorably known by all who visit the court house.

Swiss opticians have developed an arc light in which the carbons are impregnated with iron salts, producing a light rich in ultra-violet rays, for scientific purposes.

LAVENDER CLUB IS THE LATEST

ORGANIZATION IS EFFECTED AT WEST TAYTON TO RAISE LAVENDER FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

WEST TAYTON, Ore., April 4.—The first lavender club ever formed has been organized at West Tayton, starting with fifteen members, with the following officers. Mrs. H. S. McGowan president, Mrs. D. B. Connors vice president, and Mrs. S. D. Turner secretary and treasurer.

The object of these fifteen women is to raise lavender for commercial purposes. Having irrigation available during the dry summer months, they believe that the results will be highly satisfactory.

Dr. Withycombe of the O. A. C., at a recent meeting held at West Tayton, spoke very encouragingly in regard to the possibilities of the undertaking of this club.

TRUANT BOYS SAW WOOD; GIRLS STAY AFTER SCHOOL

Students of the high school who figured in the wholesale half holiday epidemic Tuesday afternoon have come to a stern realization of the fact that "every pleasure has its pain." This follows the pronouncement of sentence on the truants.

The fact is brought home very forcibly to the ten or more boys who "cut" school on the beautiful afternoon of April 1. Before they can consider that they have fully atoned for their misconduct, each laddybuck in the party must convert a cord of four-foot wood into sixteen-inch length by the use of a bucksaw.

The girls who figured in the truancy are also serving a sentence, as they were informed that for the next two weeks, they will be kept after school. In addition to the punishment meted out to them, the truants were given severe lectures at school—and it is rumored that several heard of the affair at home.

The work of sawing the wood at the high school is proceeding merrily, blistered hands and aching backs notwithstanding. It is figured that the money saved by the school in having the students subdivide the cordwood into desirable lengths will amount to several dollars, possibly enough to purchase a flag, should one be needed.

Although they are getting it "rubbed in" on every hand, the students who are "in bad" are bearing up well under their sentences. One of the party, possibly still dreading of the beautiful spring day that caused it all, has broken into poetry, his offering running thusly:

School and all the pupils,
Majesty of the law—
Just tell them that you saw me—
But you didn't see me saw.
Nix upon the woodpile,
Or I will tell my maw.
Just tell them that you saw me,
BUT—you didn't see me saw.
I'll cook bread and apples,
Peaches, prunes and squash,
But tell them that you saw me,
Though you didn't see me mash.
I simply would not saw wood,
As I am not a man.
Just tell them that I wouldn't,
And that I got the "can."

So, into the discard,
At a sad, slow rate;
Just tell them that you saw me,
—But I didn't graduate.
So I'm a lone, forgotten—
Just for cutting school.
Please, above my tombstone,
Write simply, "April Fool."

THE ELKS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

E. B. HALL FOR THE SECOND TIME GUIDES DESTINIES OF ORGANIZATION — WILL MAKE APPOINTMENTS NEXT WEEK

With stirring speeches showing the progressive work that has been carried on by the order since its organization two years ago, a new corps of officers for Klamath Falls Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, was installed Thursday night. Past Exalted Ruler Hunter Savidge was the installing officer.

The new staff of elective offices consists of the following:
Exalted Ruler—E. B. Hall.
Esteemed Leading Knight—Will W. Baldwin.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—J. J. Parker.



E. B. HALL
New Exalted Ruler

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Thad McHatton.

Tyler—J. E. Bodge.
Trustee—Harry Ackley.
Secretary—L. H. Bath.
Treasurer—Leslie Rogers.
The appointive officers will be



HUNTER SAVIDGE
Retiring Exalted Ruler

named next Thursday by Hall.

This is the second time Mr. Hall has been elected to the highest office in the local order, as he was chosen at the time the lodge was organized. He has always been active in promoting the interests of the lodge, and has taken a prominent part in all of the order's activities.

Babies Are Ill

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mosier, who has been critically ill for several days, is gradually recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lyle's daughter has been very sick for the past few days, but a turn for the better is expected shortly.

FLOOD BENEFIT AT MT. HEBRON

Quite a number of local people are planning to attend a benefit ball to be given by the Mount Hebron Club at that city next Saturday night. The proceeds from the affair will be donated to the Middle West flood victims.

The Mount Hebron Club has given a number of successful affairs this winter and spring, but the club members intend to make Saturday's event surpass all previous efforts. Excellent music has been engaged, and arrangements have been made for a midnight supper.

Pete Vogel, A. H. Swazey and Jas. McFarren, who have been visiting here for the past few days, left on Friday morning's stage for Bly.

Robert Mays of Chiloquin is here for a business trip. He will return on tomorrow's train.

Percy Gilmore is here from Dalry, attending to business matters.

CHANGE OF VENUE DENIED BY GOWEN

JUSTICE REFUSES TO TRANSFER CASE TO CIRCUIT COURT, AND PROCEEDINGS GO OVER UNTIL THE 21ST

A motion for a change of venue to the circuit court, following the disagreement of the justice court jury in the case of Chris Conley, charged with game law violation, was made Friday morning by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for Conley.

In the afternoon Justice of Peace Gowen overruled the motion, and set the second trial of the case for April 21. At that time, the defense will ask for a change of venue to the Plevna Precinct justice court.

The motion for a change of venue was made this morning by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for Conley, at the time set for the beginning of the second trial.

In his motion, Carnahan cited that there was a prejudice on the part of the court toward the defendant, and for this reason, it would be impossible to secure an impartial trial in that tribunal. He stated that the objections of Prosecuting Attorney Irwin which were sustained ruled out evidence of value to Conley.

After a deliberation of several hours, the jurors in the Conley case were discharged at 10 o'clock last night, as they were hopelessly deadlocked. Conley is charged with having deer meat in his possession out of season.

WESTERN NIGHT STAG TO BE GIVEN BY ELKS

There is a great hurrying and scurrying around on the part of Elks and their friends for boots, chaps, sombreros, flannel shirts, and the like, following the announcement that "Western Night," the big stag party to be given by the Elks Thursday night is to be "western" in every sense of the word, and the costumes will be strictly of the period when a "billed" shirt and a stiff hat were looked on with more suspicion than disdain in these parts.

The younger generation are not the only ones who are agog over the announcement, as sedate old business men of the city, long since pillars of the churches, have caught the fever, and they are digging around the old woodshed in an effort to exhume the shooting iron and holster they discarded when they quit punching cattle on the Klamath range to settle down here. It is reported that there are threats of serious breaches in several families over the disputed ownership of sundry articles of wearing apparel generally affected by cow gentlemen, miners, lumberjacks and others in the days when this section was in its infancy.

In charge of the arrangements for the affair are E. B. Hall, Harry M.

An electrical device has been invented in England which automatically awakens all sleeping firemen, switches on all the lights and opens the doors of a fire station when an alarm comes in.

Instead of bullets, a new German gun shoots a combination of gases, which temporarily blind and choke a victim, enabling him to recover later.

A new heel plate to aid in walking on slippery places has pivoted pawls, pointed to engage the sole of the shoe to which the plate is attached.

Egg production in the United States increased from 450,000,000 dozen in 1880, to 1,300,000,000 dozen in 1900, and to 1,705,000,000 in 1912, the exports last year amounting to 19,000,000 dozen.

Apparatus invented in England for preserving fish in carbonic acid gas under a pressure is said to keep them perfectly fresh for at least six months.

To prevent a cow switching her tail in the face of a person milking her, a Maine man has patented a chain and hook to hold her tail against one leg.

An eminent German scientist has offered a medal to be awarded each year for the best device developed in the United States for safeguarding life in the electrical industry.

Several metals, in sufficiently thin sheets, become transparent when heated to high temperatures, but aluminum, despite its lightness, so far has proven impenetrable by light.

Self operating wireless equipment has been invented for marine stations along the coast of France to warn vessels in foggy weather by code signals.

One of the newer German toys is a jumping-jack mounted on the end of a tube, its movements being regulated by blowing through the tube.

ARBOR AND BIRD DAY TO BE OBSERVED SOON

Arbor and Bird Day is to be observed by all the schools of the county, according to County School Superintendent Fred Peterson. The day, as designated by the legislature, is next Friday afternoon, and many school yards will be cleaned, trees planted and appropriate exercises rendered.

There are several districts where shade trees will be planted, following the program, and in nearly every country district the observance will be taken as an occasion to beautify the school grounds in every possible way.

In the local schools, programs pertaining to Arbor Day, also to the proper treatment of birds will be rendered. Each grade room will hold its own program.

In order to assist the teachers, the department of education for the state has sent out an Arbor and Bird Day manual, which contains a number of selected Arbor Day exercises. In addition, there are articles on tree culture, a contribution on bird life by State Game Warden William J. Finley, who is, perhaps, the foremost ornithologist in the West, and data regarding forest fire protection and dangers by State Forester Elliott.

PREACHER BEATEN OVER MRS. SPARKS

FORMER PROPRIETOR OF THE STAR THEATER HERE FIGURES IN FIST FIGHT IN REDMOND STREET

REDMOND, April 4.—Because it is alleged that he attacked the character of Mrs. A. B. Sparks in his sermon at the M. E. church Sunday night, Rev. J. M. Crenshaw, the pastor, was knocked down on Main street by A. J. Haney, a friend of Mrs. Sparks. Crenshaw, in his sermon, said the moving pictures were instructive, but that the woman who conducted the house was of bad character, and that the mayor knew of this and harbored her here.

When questioned as to his source of information regarding Mrs. Sparks, Crenshaw said that all he knew about her was gossip he had heard.

Crenshaw was the secretary of the Fidelity League that operated in Redmond last summer. A petition from members of the M. E. church, asking the council to close the moving picture house on Sunday evenings, was presented to that body recently, but he council declined to close the place, and this action by the council, it is said, led to the attack.

Mrs. Sparks, referred to in the foregoing, is well known here, as she founded the motion picture theater in the Bristol building, which is now known as the Star theater.

PRIZES TO BE AWARDED FOR THE BIGGEST TROUT

Although the fishing season is only a few days gone, there are already stories told by some of the fishermen about the whalloping big trout they landed while out on their last trip, and from now on to the end of the summer these stories will be dragged to town with amazing frequency.

Klamath county's streams have always been noted for the largest and gamiest trout in the West, so these stories are brought in are by no means far fetched.

However, it is the intention of J. B. (Barney) Chambers of the Gun Store to settle for good and for all the question of who lands the biggest fish this year. He has just announced that he will award three prizes for the three largest trout caught in any Klamath county waters from now on until July 1st.

For the biggest trout landed, Chambers will present the lucky fisherman with a \$12 rod. The angler making the second largest catch will be given a \$5 reel, and the third prize will be a \$3 line.

In order to be considered for prizes the fishermen must have witnesses as to the weight of their rod and the weight of the fish, as one of the provisions of the contest is that a telegraph pole with a rope tied to it cannot be considered good fishing tackle. The rod used must not weigh over eight ounces.

There is no ruling regarding lure, Spoon, bait and fly all are permissible.

PASTOR SUPPLIES ANOTHER PULPIT

Rev. J. J. Brendel, who for the past ten months, has been pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has accepted a call to supply the Baptist church at Patterson, Calif. He left for that community, accompanied by his family.

W. L. Luckett came in from Dorris last night. He will remain several days.

WET AND DRY FACTIONS TO FIGURE

PROHIBITIONISTS WILL NAME FULL TICKET

"Klamath Dry" Faction Is Going to Name a Man in Each Ward—Petitions of Leonard in Third and Matthews in Second Are Being Circulated—Upp and Townsend Mentioned in Second Ward.

With the time for filing petitions drawing nearer, politicians in the different wards of the city are beginning to bestir themselves, and the meeting of two men from the same ward is invariably the occasion for a discussion as to the best available aldermanic timber. So far, only two candidates have circulated petitions, but others are being urged to make the race.

O. D. Matthews, a plumber, is the first man in the Second ward to announce his candidacy, and his petition is being circulated for signatures. In the Third ward, Dr. W. A. Leonard is an avowed candidate. Both of these men were strong supporters of the commission charter.

It has been rumored that Frank M. Upp, jeweler, will make the race against Matthews, but this has not been verified. W. C. Townsend has been urged to run for the short term in the Second ward, but he states that he will allow his name to be placed on the ticket, but he will not make any campaign himself.

The same attitude is taken by Horatio Orem, whom the dry element is endeavoring to induce to run for council from the Third ward.

James Thomas is spoken of as an aspirant from the Fourth. He may be opposed by Councilman Ben S. Owens, as many of his constituents would like to see the Mills addition man remain in the council.

Russell A. Alford is the retiring councilman in the First, and W. O. Huson in the Fifth wards. They have not yet signified their intention of entering the running again, but so far nobody has been named who seeks to succeed them.

That the question of "wet" and "dry" will figure in the coming municipal campaign is evidenced by the meeting of those behind the prohibition movement. It was the sense of the meeting that a strong candidate be named in each ward. Several were discussed, but their names are withheld until they can be interviewed as to their intentions.

At Saturday's meeting of "drys" arrangements were made for the circulating of petitions, asking for the submitting of the local option question to the voters of the city at an early date. The petitions will be circulated during the coming week, and they will be presented to the council as soon as possible, in order to hasten the date of the election.

KLAMATH DEBATERS LOSE TO NORTH BEND TEAM

The debating team of the Klamath county high school, champion of the Southern Oregon District, lost its chance to compete for the state championship Friday night, when at North Bend, in Coos county, the judges decided in favor of the North Bend high school's arguments. The vote was two to one.

The question was, "Resolved, That the United States Should Maintain a Larger Navy." The negative view was taken by the Klamath debaters, Edwin Cox and Forrest Piel, and their arguments, according to telegraphic advices, were remarkably good.

The Klamath lads were unfortunate in being assigned the negative side of the question to debate in a seaport town, as the residents there are naturally interested in every manner of maritime expansion.

The two local debaters and Principal W. E. Faught of the high school, who accompanied them, leave Marshfield this evening, going to San Francisco by steamer. From San Francisco they will return to Klamath Falls via the Southern Pacific.

ITALIAN RANCH HAND INHERITS BIG ESTATE

An Italian ranch hand, who has been working for some time on the Goor ranch near Teeters' Landing, was informed today by a letter from the old country that he is one of the heirs to a large estate, and that his share will amount to between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

The erstwhile ranch hand leaves this afternoon, on his way to Sunny Italy, to claim his inheritance.

He has been working in this country for several years, apparently contented, and ignorant of what fate held in store for him. He was greatly surprised to learn that he was one of the missing heirs so often described in paper-backed fiction.

China has opened a public competition for a new alphabet, as simple in form as possible, to replace that nation's complicated word signs.