

ABEL ADY RETURNS FROM THE CAPITAL, WHERE HE HAS BEEN WORKING FOR EXTENSION BILL

SAYS KLAMATHITES HAVE TWEN-
TY YEARS TO PAY ALL THE
PROJECT CHARGES

President of Water Users Association
Was a Big Factor in Getting Action
on the Extension Bill at This Ses-
sion of Congress—Bill Brings Great
Relief to All Water Users Under All
Reclamation Projects.

"Instead of twenty years, as asked for, Klamath project water users will have twenty-seven years in which to pay off the construction costs," said President Abel Ady today, following his return from Washington. "The bill, as it passed the senate provides for the payment of all charges in twenty years after the public notice is given. This in addition to the seven years the settlers have already had."

Mr. Ady is being congratulated today by water users for his work in getting the measure before congress as an administration bill, and they are all certain that the money they raised by private subscription for his expenses in the capital was a very wise investment. With the bill passed by the senate and certain of passage by the house, they felt that they have a splendid chance to properly build up their farms and get the necessary stock, etc.

The following regarding Mr. Ady's trip to Washington, and what it accomplished, appeared in the Portland Journal:

Bringing a message of hope to the thousands of people on irrigation projects in Southern Oregon and in other states, Abel Ady, president of the Klamath Water Users Association, arrived in Portland on his way home from Washington. Three months' work has resulted in a bill recommended by the house and senate committee extending time for payment to the government for construction work on irrigation projects twenty years, he said, adding:

"I have been working for the past three months in behalf of the Klamath Water Users' Association, endeavoring, first, to secure extension of payments on amounts due the government on construction charges for irrigation projects. Second, in behalf of legislation looking to the establishment of farm credit banks.

"The reclamation act as now enforced requires the payment of construction charges within a period of ten years. This act did not anticipate the necessity of the farmer needing the first five years during which to clear his land, fence and improve it, and make proper provision for living before construction charges should begin.

"The original mistake was doubtless due to both the reclamation service and the farmer being over-optimistic as to what the farmer could

meet. The result was that the farmers became so involved in debt in attempts to meet the government charges that relief was essential.

"Secretary of the Interior Lane has devoted more attention to the relief of the settlers than to any other one feature connected with his office.

"The result of three months of conferences and committee hearings in Washington is a bill now approved by the irrigation committees of both the house and senate, which, if passed, will give practically all the relief the settlers have a moral right to ask. It provides for twenty years in which to pay the balance due from these settlers who have heretofore made partial payments.

"Most of the projects of the West have made partial payments extending over periods of from two to six years.

"Settlers of about twenty-five projects will be aided by the passage of this bill; two of the projects are in Oregon and on them are approximately 1,000 families, or about 5,000 people. Having paid on their lands for the past two to six years, the settlers under present law would be required to pay up within the next four to eight years. The passage of the bill will permit the to pay on the amount still due 2 per cent per year for four years, 4 per cent per year for two years, and 6 per cent per annum for the remaining fourteen years.

"The bill also provides that the Water Users Association may be appointed as fiscal agent of the government, making all collections of money due the government, thus eliminating the present government fiscal agent on each project, thereby saving salaries of two to six men on each project.

"The passage of the bill will insure the success of actual settlers who are earnestly attempting to cultivate the soil and build homes and pay taxes. I predict the passage of this bill."

Mr. Ady is not satisfied with the form of bill submitted by the rural credits commission. He believes the local farm land banks should be empowered to make short time loans, and that they should be permitted to do a general banking business.

Again With U. S. R. S.

Deputy Sheriff R. R. Brewbaker has accepted a position with the local headquarters of the reclamation service.

Highest Cost of Living Passed

According to this month's bulletin of the department of labor, the price of necessary foods was higher on November 15, 1913, than at any other time during the twenty-four preceding years when they reached the maximum of 72.8 above the average for 1890-1899. Last December's prices were below the average for the year in the case of seven articles—sirloin steak, pork chops, bacon, ham, hens, flour and sugar.

"Ham" Bound Over

Colored Man Held to Federal Grand Jury's Action

J. W. Hamilton, or "Ham," as he is universally known, must appear before the federal grand jury in answer to charges of introducing liquor on the Klamath Indian reservation and selling intoxicants to Indians. The colored bootblack was bound over this morning by United States Commissioner Charles J. Ferguson, following a preliminary hearing.

Tom Barclay, a Klamath Indian residing near the Yainax sub-agency, testified that "Ham" drove up to his ranch on the night of March 16th, and spent the night there. He stated that while putting the horses away, the colored man gave him a drink of

whiskey, and that before he left he sold him three quarts, which he turned over to Sub-Agent Holman.

The testimony of Mrs. Barclay was a corroboration of this. Other witnesses were put on the stand to establish minor points.

Hamilton made a sweeping denial of all the charges of the Barclays, saying he went on the reservation to attend the funeral of an Indian friend, and that he had no liquor with him.

W. J. Shaver, as attorney for the accused, asked for a dismissal, upon the ground that nothing incriminating had been brought out by the testimony.

Geo. Westinghouse, Recently Stricken



George Westinghouse, whose invention of the airbrake made him a world brother to Fulton, Morse, Franklin, Marconi and Edison, died unexpectedly in New York.

Death was due to heart disease, which first became manifest about fifteen months ago. He was 68 years old, having been born in the village of Central Bridge, near Schenectady, N. Y., October 6, 1846. His most prominent achievements are:

Invention of the air brake, upon which his fame largely rests, used throughout the world as the principal safety device on locomotives.

Development of the alternating current system for electric lighting and power.

Perfection of device for carrying with safety and economy, natural gas over long distances, thus making it possible to use it extensively for domestic and industrial fuel.

Invention of air spring for motor vehicles of all kinds.

Invention of geared turbine system for the propulsion of ships.

Establishment of many factories which employ today 50,000 persons, and are capitalized at \$200,000,000.

Introduction in America of the Saturday half-holiday.

PROHI CAMPAIGN STARTS TONIGHT

LOCAL WHITE RIBBONERS CALL MEETING TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR KLAMATH'S PART OF THE STATE WIDE MOVEMENT

A mass meeting of all those interested in temperance will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the court house. Plans are to be discussed for waging a strenuous campaign to assist in placing the state in the dry column.

While there will be no wet and dry question to be decided at the coming city election, it is stated that the municipal campaign will be discussed and action by the prohibition advocates decided upon. A general invitation has been extended to all who are interested in the movement to be present at the meeting.

Would Be a Citizen.

Sam Jessen, a native of Denmark, has made application for citizenship. He is a resident of Klamath Falls.

Merrillites in City.

Messrs W. C. Dunning and Frank Clubine, business men of Merrill, motored up to this city today. Mr. Dunning, who operates a furniture store, states that the farmers in his part of the county are as busy as bees, plowing and seeding, etc.

Barkers Back to Medford.

H. C. Barker and family of Medford, who have been spending a few days in the county seat, have left for their home. Mr. Barker resided in the Wood River Valley for a number of years. He is now engaged in carpentering in the Rogue River Valley town.

"SKEETER BILL" OFF TO RODEO

VACUERO-COMEDIAN GOING TO
SHELLVILLE TO TRAIN HORSES
FOR ENTRANCE AT BAKERS-
FIELD MEET

"Skeeter Bill" Robbins, the elongated cowpuncher, who was eliminated from the prize money in the bucking contest at last year's Rodeo only by a pulling, twisting broncho called "Pin Ear," is going to support the honors of the Klamath range at the Rodeo in Bakersfield next month. He leaves tomorrow to commence training.

From here Robbins is going to Shellville, Calif., where he will train a relay string and a cow pony at the Mellerick Brothers' ranch. He will ride the relay for that outfit, in addition to going in for the bucking and roping honors.

Robbins, following the Rodeo here last year, took in the Salinas Rodeo, where he won some of the prizes. After some of the other big shows he returned to Klamath, and worked on a ranch here, being now a full-fledged Klamath booster. He will be back for the Elks' Rodeo.

PLATFORM MEET A BIG SUCCESS

LAYMEN PRESENT SOME FORCIBLE ARGUMENTS AT THE SERVICES LAST NIGHT AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH

The platform meeting at the Methodist church last night was a decided success. A good sized audience was present, and the speeches were all to the point.

H. D. Gale, who was to have presented the topic, "The Duty of the Church to the Man Outside," was not able to be present, and Judge H. L. Benson took his place. Judge Benson's remarks conveyed the following facts:

There ought not to be any man outside the church. If the church member attends merely as a matter of duty; if his worship is without life or interest; if his religious life contains no zest, the stranger who comes is discouraged and will not bother the church again with his attendance.

George J. Walton presented the subject, "The Duty of the Man Outside to the Church." His thoughts were that it is generally admitted that the church is a necessity to the community. All letters to the Chamber of Commerce contain one inquiry asking what churches are in the town. The strange thing is that a man will admit the value of the church, believe in God, receive the benefits of church life, and not identify himself with the organization. His duty toward the church is a positive, not a negative attitude.

W. A. Delzell spoke upon the topic of "Brotherhood." He cited instances within his own observation where Christian men banded themselves together in communities for definite Christian work, and reached nearly every man in the community by the simple motto, "Get right with God." He presented a plan whereby the men of Klamath Falls, without regard to denomination, might do effective Christian work Sunday afternoons in outlying districts, as well as in the city.

All the speeches were to the point and most effective, and after the service, during the social half hour on every side expressions were heard to the effect that it had been a most profitable evening. Another meeting of like character will be held next Sunday night.

Business Meeting.

The regular business meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Baptist church. It will start at 2:30.

St. Louis churches are using half-page advertisements in daily papers.

VILLA SOLDIERS ARE CLOSING IN AROUND TORREON

ATTACK IS STARTED ON TWO IM-
PORTANT SUBURBS

Five Thousand Rebels Under Villa Are Attacking Lerdo—Ortega in Command of Combined Forces Attacking Gomezpalacio—Artillery Batteries Are Sending Shells Into the City, Which is Objective Point

United Press Service

LERDO, Mexico, March 23.—The combined armies of Urbana, Hernandez and Rodriguez, numbering 5,000 men, under the personal direction of General Villa, at midnight began an attack on Lerdo, while General Angelus, serving the artillery commenced shelling the city last night.

The combined forces of Ortega, Garcia and Pereyra, with Ortega in command, commenced at about the same time an attack on Gomezpalacio. Both assaults are still in progress.

Lerdo is six miles from the center of Torreon, while Gomezpalacio is but four miles from the city's center, and both are important suburbs to the beleaguered city.

ARSON CHARGE UP IN COURT

JOE STARR IS PLACED ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED FIRING OF THE BYERS HOME—ROBBERY ALSO CHARGED

The trial of Joe Starr on charge of robbing the local home of Roxa Byers and setting it on fire, was commenced in the circuit court this morning, with Prosecuting Attorney John Irwin and W. J. Shaver as opposing counsel.

Completion of the jury at 3 o'clock allowed the opening statements and the testimony of Matilda Whittle, an aged Indian woman, who is the state's principal witness. A special venire of twenty jurors was ordered to complete the panel.

CHIEF ENGINEER IS HERE TONIGHT

MEMBER OF THE RECLAMATION COMMISSION IS MAKING TOUR OF INVESTIGATION THROUGH THE WEST

According to advices received today A. P. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, will arrive in Klamath Falls tonight, to make an inspection of the Klamath project.

Mr. Davis, who is a member of the reclamation commission, is making a visit to all of the projects, in order to familiarize himself with all conditions.

CALIFORNIANS WEDDED HERE

Preferring married life in Klamath county to single harness in California, Elmer H. Curfman and Anna M. Nelson, who have just arrived from the Golden State, were wedded this morning. Rev. E. C. Richards, pastor of Grace M. E. church, officiated.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left with Edmund M. Chilcote for a trip through the country. They expect to buy a ranch and reside here.

Investigates Death of William Benton



Arthur Charles Percival, British consul, who has charge of that government's investigation in Texas and Mexico into the death of William S. Benton, who was believed to have been shot in the office of General Villa, has found it impossible to go on with the work. The commission of British and American representatives who had decided to go to Chihuahua to see the body of the murdered man, learned that little attention would be paid to them, so they called off the trip.

Mr. Percival has talked with Mrs. Benton about the case. He has also sought Americans in El Paso, who knew something of the killing. In the meantime, however, it is not likely that much further will be done by the commission till more definite instructions come from the State Department in Washington.

WORK ON WORDEN BLOCK IS STARTED

CONTRACTOR HAS FORCE OF MEN ON THE JOB—BUILDINGS WILL BE FINISHED IN MISSION STYLE

A force of men under Contractor J. L. Cunningham this morning commenced work on the one-story business block being erected by Major Charles E. Worden on his property between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

The block will be in Mission style, with stucco front. There will be four store rooms and a motion picture theater, according to the plans drawn by Architect Veghte.

Isthmus Is Home of Birds

According to E. A. Goldman of the biological survey of the department of agriculture, there are 900 varieties of birds to be found in the limits of the Panama canal zone. Near Gatun may be found 250 species.

Danish Women Get Ballot

Suffrage is to be granted to women in Denmark, an agreement to that effect having been reached between the socialist radical and moderate parties.

Ditch Work Started

Reclamation Will Put Force to Work During Week

A tract of land beyond Merrill that has been dry farmed heretofore on account of the elevation, is to be irrigated this year. The reclamation service will this week commence work.

In this tract, there are about 560 acres, practically all of it cleared and used for dry farming. Rights of way for a ditch to water it have just been

TEN HOUSES LOST IN TWO FIRES; NO WATER AVAILABLE

MADDOX & BELLMAN ARE THE
LOSERS

Rancher's Residence on the Merrill Road Burns to the Ground—Shippington Hotel and Cottages Lost. In Both Cases All Contents Burn, and There Are No Clues as to the Origin of the Conflagrations.

As a result of lack of fire-fighting apparatus in both cases, two fires on Sunday destroyed the residence of J. A. Maddox and eight cottages and the hotel building in Shippington.

The fire at the Maddox ranch on the Merrill road resulted in a loss of about \$2,600. The cause of the fire is not known, and when it was discovered early in the afternoon, the whole house was ablaze, and an adjacent straw stack burning.

In a vain effort to save some of his effects, Maddox threw them out of the window, but before he could rescue them they caught fire and were burned.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moreland, who were employed by the Maddox, also lost everything but the clothes they were wearing.

The fire at Shippington originated in one of the row of nine cottages recently purchased by A. A. Bellman from Charles E. Worden. The cottages were not occupied, as Mr. Bellman was expending money to have them freshly painted and papered for occupancy by employees of the lumber plants this summer.

The hotel was also unoccupied. It, like the cottages, was a frame structure, and in the absence of city water and fire hose, these all burned like tinder, only one cottage being saved by the efforts of a volunteer bucket brigade.

Returns Home.

Mrs. S. F. Wilson of Olene, has returned from Riffe, Wash., where she has been spending the winter. She was accompanied by M. V. Michael, administrator of the Wilson estate and guardian.

In From Fort.

Mrs. John Copeland, a resident of the Wood River Valley is also among those who are visitors from Fort Klamath.

Visit Merrill.

Robert B. Kuykendall and Andrew M. Collier were Merrill visitors Sunday.

Moore Here.

Wm. Moore of Fort Klamath is spending a few days in Klamath Falls attending to business matters.

To Spencer Creek.

James H. Driscoll, who has been recently appointed to take charge of the Spencer Creek hatchery, left this morning with outfit and supplies to assume his new duties.

German labor unions report an increase in membership of 150,000 the last year, the grand total now being 2,500,000.