

## MORE LAND TROUBLES

### Sooners Have Hear- ing in June

## GRANTED ON APPEAL

### Commissioner Of General Land Office Concedes Rights to Settlers

The "sooners" in the land rush of Klamath Falls have gained their first point. When they made application to enter the Lakeview office the officials refused to receive their filings because they alleged settlement before the lands were thrown open to selection and settlement by the order of the Secretary of the Interior. The matter was at once appealed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office. Some time ago it was reported that the Lakeview office had been instructed to allow a hearing, and now this report is confirmed by notices to all parties concerned that the hearing will occur the middle of June. Parties participating in the rush did not consider the sooners, but now they have been granted a hearing they will figure more prominently in the fight for the most valuable pieces of timber in the entire section restored to entry. The sooners went out into the land long before the Secretary made a restoration order and built cabins, and notices of settlement and resided on the lands. The restoration order contained a clause prohibiting this, but the sooners claim they are not affected by the order as they had already established residence upon the land before the order was made, and they argue that one cannot violate a law before it exists. The Horning-Clopton case was one of a similar nature, Miss Horning, who won the contest was real-estate lawyer, as she settled upon the land before it was restored to entry. Most of the claims settled on by the sooners have a timber and stone filing

on them and two or three homestead filings. These are the most complicated cases accruing from the rush. Some of the interested parties have already had hearings, and in most instances the cases have been decided in favor of the party securing the first filing, regardless of its being timber and stone or homestead. In some cases those who got the decision from the Lakeview office have posted notices on the claims ordering the other settlers to remove their improvements or they would appropriate the same. As fast as the decisions in the cases are rendered appeals are taken to the General Land Office. The parties who have been scrambling among themselves for the lands must now face the sooners, for in granting them a hearing the Commissioner admits that they have certain rights in the matter.

### Waiting for Machinery

The Wool river boat is now completed and is awaiting the installation of the machinery. The boiler was ordered from the East and is delayed on the road. As soon as it arrives and is installed the boat will be put into service. Owing to the lateness of the season only a little dredging will be done on the river this year. It is not likely that Congress will make an appropriation for the improvement of the river this year. All the work that will be done on the river will be the removal of the brush and the clearing of the channel.

### Directors in Session

The Board of Directors of the Klamath Water Users' Association is holding its regular monthly meeting this afternoon. With the exception of W. C. Dalton the entire Board is present. The regular routine business will be transacted and considerable time will be given to the discussion of the Clear Lake dam.

### Klamath in Commission

The steamer Klamath goes on the regular run in the morning. The boat will leave at 4 o'clock and will connect with the stage at Teeter's for Dorris. The boat has been off the run for several weeks and has had all of her machinery thoroughly overhauled.

## DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



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## SEARCHING FOR ANDREW NICHOLS

### Left Bonanza Yesterday Evening for His Home But Never Reached There--Shoes and Socks Found on Bank of Lost River by Searching Party

E. W. Ritchie, who was formerly located at Merrill, is now in this city and is employed in the O. K. barber shop. He spent the winter in Portland.

L. D. Ross, of Poe Valley, is in the city today on business.

BONANZA, ORE., May 2--Andrew Nichols a farmer living about three miles from here, came to town yesterday to transact business, and after he had completed all important matters he imbibed pretty freely of the Bonanza whisky and when he started for home that evening he left town with his horses on the dead run. The last seen of the man was when he was taking his departure. This morning his team turned up at home, and a search was at once begun for the man. Searchers found his shoes and socks on the bank of Lost River about two miles from town. The supposition is that he was thrown from his wagon while in an intoxicated state and attempted to wade the river and was drowned. A party of about forty people has been out since this morning dragging the river. Nichols is a man past fifty years of age and has a family.

and has complied with the law and the entry is not held for cancellation because of back charges such party may relinquish in favor of another person and the person securing the filing through the relinquishment will be entitled to credit for all of the payments that have been made under the Reclamation Act.

It is also provided that all parties making homestead entry under the Reclamation Act must in addition to paying all charges reclaim at least one half of the irrigable area of the land included in the entry, and must reside upon and cultivate the lands according to the homestead laws. Any failure to make two of the payments when due, or to reclaim the lands as provided herein shall render the entry subject to cancellation.

At the end of five years continuous residence a homesteader under the Reclamation Act can make proof of reclamation and residence and after this he need no longer reside upon the land. All parties having soldier rights for claim credit will be allowed to use the same under the Reclamation Act, but they will not be able to secure patent until all charges against the lands have been paid. Heirs of entrymen under the act will not be required to reside upon the lands, but they must comply with the reclamation clause and must pay all charges before patent can issue.

The method of final proof on lands that are entered subject to the Reclamation act is the same as on other homestead entries except that final proof must be made as to reclamation in addition to residence and cultivation.

### Signing Up Lands

E. R. C. Williams is in the city to attend the meeting of the directors of the Water Users' Association this afternoon. He says in the Upper Project about 3000 acres of land have been signed up, in the past month. He says that as soon as certain deals for lands are closed the acreage will be increased. They have been making an active campaign in that section to get landowners to sign up.

### High School Loses

Yesterday afternoon the High School baseball team played the Klamath Stars at the Agency and was defeated by a score of 15 to 11. This morning they played a team made up of the Agency employes and in the eighth inning the score stood 11 and 1. The game was won by the Agency team. This afternoon the High School and the Stars are playing another game.

The band dance last night was largely attended and all who were there had a very pleasant time. The dances of the band are becoming very popular.

## CAKE WILL SPEAK HERE

### Monday Night at The Opera House

## ARRIVES TOMORROW

### Central Committee Arranges For Speech at Merrill in The Afternoon

Hon. H. M. Cake, the Republican nominee for United States Senator, telephoned L. Alva Lewis today that he would arrive here tomorrow night and would speak in this city and at Merrill. He will leave on Tuesday morning so that it will be necessary for him to speak at both places on the same day. The Republican Central Committee has the matter in charge and the present plans are to take Mr. Cake to Merrill in an automobile, where he will speak at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, returning here in time to speak at the opera house at 8 o'clock in the evening. An effort will also be made to secure large delegations from Bonanza, Fort Klamath and Keno for the Monday night meeting. C. T. Oliver, chairman of the Republican Central committee went to Merrill this afternoon to arrange for the meeting at that place Monday afternoon.

### Election Day

Voters of Klamath Falls should bear in mind that the polls for the city election open at 9 o'clock Monday morning, and that it is the duty of every resident of the town to go to the polls and participate in the selection of the men who are to take charge of the city's affairs for the next year. Despite the lateness of the hour there is no perceptible stir in the situation. None of the candidates is making an active campaign. The nominees for Mayor are apparently willing to have the people decide. The councilmen are making no active canvass. F. E. Ankney will likely have no opposition in the First ward. In the Second ward Silas Obenchain and H. Bolvin are in the race, and in the Third ward F. T. Sanderson will likely not have any opposition.

Mayor B. St. George Bishop is making arrangements for an extended camping trip through Lake County. He will leave here sometime in June and will be gone a month or six weeks. He expects to visit all sections of the county to become acquainted with the lands of that section. It is his intention to acquire lands if he finds anything that is satisfactory.

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## IRRIGATED CLAIMS

### Rules Governing Homesteads Under The Canal

The Secretary of the Interior has issued through the General Land Office instructions to Registers and Receivers governing the homestead entries made under the Reclamation Act. There are a number of these entries under the Klamath Project which will be subject to the new rulings and instructions. The first provision is that the Secretary will determine the number of acres of land that shall be embraced in an entry, and he will determine upon and fix the charges per acre against the lands included in the entry for reclaiming the same and for maintaining the irrigating ditches. The charges so attached are against the lands themselves, and as the annual installments accrue they become fixed charges against the land in the nature of a lien. If at any time an entry is cancelled the party filing on the lands next must pay all charges that have accrued against the land. The instructions also provide that when one party has filed upon lands

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