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## LAKE GETTING LOWER

### Flow Through Outlet Shows Big Decrease in Volume

## DUE TO RECEDING OF THE WATER

### Formation Indicates That Lake at One Time Had Outlet of Sufficient Size to Keep Body of Water Several Feet Lower Than Its Present Condition

Mysterious Tule lake is gradually getting lower, and as the water in the lake recedes the volume finding its way through the outlet gradually decreases. Some few weeks ago when the measurement of the flow was taken it was 10 second feet, but a few days ago when the Reclamation Service hydrographer measured the flow it was but 10 second feet. The measurement also showed that during the past few months the water had gone down seven inches. Of course, the lowering of the lake is not due to the water escaping through the outlet for when the small stream flowing through the outlet is compared to the enormous size of the lake, it is evident that one might as well attempt to lower the lake by dipping the water out with a thimble. Measurements taken by the Reclamation Service show that the water flowing into the lake is decreasing and this together with the increase in the evaporation accounts for the receding of the water of the lake.

Existing conditions, however, show that at one time the lake had an outlet leading to the Modoc war, in 1873, the lake was some five feet lower than it is at this time, and it is the opinion of some that the small outlet that has been discovered can be enlarged so as to materially lower the lake. The escaping water makes its way through honey-combed rock and it is a plausible theory that if it finds its way into the bowels of the earth in one place it might do so in

several other places is the strongest kind of evidence that at one time the road crossed the lake bed where the water is now more than 12 feet deep, and this in turn leads to the conclusion that the lake had an outlet of sufficient size to keep the water from inundating the fertile lands that are now covered by several feet of water.

### Mt. Hebron News

Dorris baseball team went down in defeat in a fast game at Mt. Hebron. The game was interesting to those who witnessed it. Mt. Hebron led all the way until the eighth inning when Dorris tied the score. In the ninth Mt. Hebron succeeded in making another score, winning the game by the score of 6 and 5. The features of the game were the fine work of Taber in the box for Dorris, the battery work of Ramsey and Musser and two fast double plays by Maguire and Messick of Mt. Hebron.

The new stock corral is finished and contain eight pens, the depot is nearly ready for occupancy, more sidewalk is being built and altogether things look good at Mt. Hebron.

Barnum & Kelly have bought the hotel building and will run a first-class hostelry. They will also add a livery and feed stable.

Maguire Mercantile Co. has increased its stock and has a large amount stored in the new warehouse, which has just

## Crops Are Good But Will Be About Average

Throughout the entire Klamath basin the prospects for average crops are very good. Dry land crops are looking quite well, but are not as far advanced as they usually are at this time of the year. In the vicinity of Merrill the alfalfa fields, which are under the ditch, give promise of at least an average yield at the first cutting. The haying season will be a few weeks later this year than last year, and the cutting of alfalfa will

begin in a week or two. In some of the lower part of the valley a few patches have already been cut, but on all of the large ranches preparations are just being made to begin the hay harvest. Most of the large stockmen are of the opinion that there will be enough hay to supply the demand and that the price of stock cattle will keep up throughout the entire feeding season.

## CROPS NEED WATER

### Canal Fails to Supply Moisture For Tule Lake Alfalfa and Grain Fields

That irrigation is the making of the Klamath country is demonstrated by a drive through the fields in the vicinity of Merrill and Tule lake. The farmers who have been using water judiciously have by far better crops than those who have been using water either too sparingly or too freely. In some places near Merrill it is apparent that much water is being wasted and owing to this and to ditch troubles the ranchers at the lower end of Tule lake valley have for not less than twenty days been unable to get water for their fields. Many of the small farmers in that section are sure to suffer the loss of practically their

entire crops, while on the Carr ranch, W. C. Dalton says that on two hundred acres of alfalfa the growth has been stunted and the crop is already heavily damaged. Early this Spring he sowed about 600 pounds of alfalfa seed and because of lack of water this is a total loss.

In the lower part of the valley there are several small ditches which are not working satisfactorily. There is also trouble in getting water out of the lake through the Adams' canal. Because of these things the lower end of the Adams' canal is dry for several miles.

### Court in Session

County Court convened this morning and Judge Griffith and Commissioner Melhase put in the day checking over the books of the Clerk and the Sheriff. Commissioner W. A. Walker arrived in the city this afternoon to be in attendance at the session.

Most of the time of the court will be devoted to checking the books preparatory to the officers-elect assuming their positions. The new officers come in on the 6th and the outgoing ones are plan-

### Langell Valley Items

Crops are looking well. Although the grain is a little backward it is coming out fine.

If the farmers in this vicinity would all unite and build a dam across the lower end of the swamp with the proper headgates the hay crop could be more than doubled, and then there would be no shortage.

With a good creamery at Bonanza this is one of the best places in the state for dairying.

### Town Goes Dry

In accordance with the order of the County Court declaring the county prohibition under the local option law the doors of all saloons in Klamath County were closed at midnight last night. Large quantities of liquor were sold at wholesale before the time for closing the doors, and many of those who are fond of their little nip laid in a supply that will last for several days. All of the saloonmen and the parties employed by them are on the streets today.

Some few of the places remained open to sell soft drinks and cigars and will continue this kind of a business. Ike Wright is one of those who will continue business at the old stand.

The petition for the writ of review will be heard by Judge Benson on July 7th, but in the meantime the order for prohibition is in effect.

C. C. Hogue returned last night from Portland, where he attended the meeting of the grand lodge of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and attended to business matters for a few days. He was accompanied home by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edward Hogue, of Portland, who will remain for a visit.

### Langell Valley Items

Our carpenter is now occupying his new house.

A few lank and lean mosquitoes are putting in their bills for the collection of blood.

Haying has commenced in this valley. The wild hay crop is short on the outer edges of the swamp lands, but towards the center it is very good.

Robert Malone was quite sick for several days last week.

All of the range stock around Langell Valley is looking well. The late June rains made the feed as good as usual.

A good roads movement should be organized in Klamath county. In some portions of the county good roads are being made, still there are also places where the roads are in a deplorable condition, especially in the spring of the year. This would be a good work for the Chamber of Commerce. If the right move is made it will meet with the approval of everyone and is sure to be a success. If every resident of the county would donate a week's work or its equivalent in cash it would only be a matter of a short time until our roads would be as good as any on the coast. Let Klamath take the lead and go on record as the most enterprising county in Oregon.

### Dredging Going Ahead

Dredging on the railroad dike is progressing splendidly, but the work is not going fast enough to suit the railroad officials, and W. H. Kent, who has the work in charge, the contractors, states that another dredge has been ordered

## PROTECT THE BIRDS

### Clear Lake Should Be Made Into Large Breeding Ground

## INDIANS FEAST ON FOWLS' EGGS

### Myriads of Game Birds Could Be Protected If Hunting Were Prohibited By The Government on The Reservoir Site for The Upper Reclamation Project

and will be put on the work as soon as it arrives. The two machines that are now on the job work two 10-hour shifts daily, and Mr. Kent is of the opinion that at the rate the dike is now being built it will be not more than six weeks until it will be constructed to the navigable water. When this point is reached about half of the dike will be completed. With three dredges on the work it will be some time during the winter when the grade across the marsh will be entirely completed.

Nimrods of the Klamath country have in the past done much to protect, and perpetuate the game supply of the country, but the territory is so large that it is absolutely impossible for a deputy game warden to cover the territory. Just at this season of the year the greatest harm is done to the perpetuation of the game birds by killing the young before they are able to fly, and by the robbing of the nests.

Clear Lake is a natural breeding ground for all kinds of fowl, and after

The large steam grader recently purchased by the county has been used in grading up the low places and as soon as a heavy rain falls to settle the loose dirt the roads will be in excellent condition. The county authorities are doing good work on the highways and it is being fully appreciated by those who do much driving.

### Finish Agency Plumbing

Zim Baldwin, assisted by Rob't Baldwin, has completed his large plumbing contract at the Agency. It took two of them about two months and the job cost about \$3,400. They have moved their camp to Fort Klamath where they will do plumbing until the Fourth.

Ray P. Conklin returned last night from the northern part of the county. He has secured the graduation of Klamath pub-

with young birds and that there are still many nests with eggs in them. A party of Indians are now camped at the lake feasting on young birds and on the eggs, which they gather by the hundreds.

In order to protect these birds it has been suggested that the land acquired by the government for a reservoir might be made a breeding ground for birds and that all hunting be prohibited thereon. This matter has already been suggested to some of the officials and was commented on very favorably. With the proper effort on the part of a number of the local people the object would be accomplished and an important step taken in the protection and perpetuation of the game birds of the Klamath section.

National forests now surround the lake and the rangers riding therein could act as wardens and give the birds absolute protection during the seasons of the year when they most need it.

### Tickets Now On Sale

Tickets from Klamath Falls to Portland were sold for the first time. T. A. K. Fassett, of the Northern Pacific, is in charge of the tickets on

by the Government in connection with the irrigation project.

One of the positive signs that the lake bed was at one time perfectly dry where the water is now many feet deep is that a few days ago, Jack Crawford, who has a homestead on what is known as the Peninsula, found the pieces of an old immigrant wagon which had been burned, indicating that the party had fallen into the hands of the Indians. The finding of this wagon at this par-



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