

## KLAMATH NEVER LOOKED BETTER, SAYS ASSESSOR

### CAPTAIN LEE LOOKS FOR A BANNER YEAR

After a month's trip through farming districts, official says there is more acreage under cultivation, more attention being given to farming, and more encouragement than ever before.

"If Klamath county's land produces a normal crop this year, the farmers will be practically on easy street by fall."

This statement is made by County Assessor J. P. Lee, who is in town for a few days after a month's assessing tour of the country. He has been in Merrill, Malin, Poe Valley, Barnes Valley, Dairy and other sections, and by such a trip is able to tell pretty accurately the county's prospects.

"There is much more land in cultivation this year than ever before," the Captain continued. "Land that was last year covered with sagebrush has been broken and sowed to grain."

"Nor is this the only improvement to be noted. There are better dairy cattle in almost every rancher's barn. There are better barns and outbuildings. Quite a few farmers have erected fine new houses, and the automobile is common among the ranchers of Klamath county."

"Besides putting acreage in crops, the farmers seem to be giving better attention to farming methods. The 'horseback' farmer is a thing of the past, and I can truthfully say that crop conditions never looked better for Klamath county farmers than they do now, with every reason to expect big prices for everything raised."

"There is another thing that I wish to state," added the Captain. "That is that the recent cold snap did not hurt the grain crop."

### Business Men to Meet.

The Klamath Falls Business Men's Association will meet this evening in regular session. This meeting, and all future meetings, will be held in the new city hall. Business of importance will come up for discussion at this time.

It is proposed that a war medal of uniform design, and bearing the simple inscription, "I was there," should be distributed among all the allied troops.

## Money Voted for Band Then Is Reconsidered

For several minutes last night the Klamath Falls Band, now in course of organization, basked in the wealth of a real income of \$75 per month. But only for a few minutes.

In behalf of the musicians, E. R. Willis appeared before the council and asked for an appropriation of \$75 a month, to be used toward paying the salary of a capable leader for the organization. In return, it was stated by Willis, the band will render weekly concerts during June, July, August and September, the months during which the \$75 a month was to be paid by the city.

After some discussion, Councilman Hamilton moved that the appropriation be made for the four months. This carried with Matthews, Hamilton and Lockwood voting yes and Rogers and Owens no.

The vote did not settle the discussion, however. After this was taken, there was talk about the advisability of having the appropriation made through the passage of an ordinance to that effect.

As a result of this, Lockwood

## Tried to Make His Fiancee Shoot Him



The strange tragedy by which Arthur Hern Cowl, grandson of the late James A. Hearn, millionaire New York department store owner, met his death has aroused widespread interest. The young man tried to have his fiancee, Miss Emily Wheeler of Bridgeport, Conn., shoot him by pulling a ribbon which he had attached to a revolver beneath his coat. He asked her to take the ribbon and turn her head. She did so, and pulled without result. He asked her to pull again, and then there was a loud report. The investigators have come to the conclusion that the pull of the ribbon was not strong enough to snap the revolver, but that the young man pulled it himself with his finger.

Miss Wheeler was hysterical after the tragedy, and could not tell much about it. She felt she had caused the death of the young man, and it was said that to relieve her mind of that an inquest would be held to prove otherwise. The young man had been sick for some years, and had recently returned from a trip to Bermuda, where he was apparently benefited.

### Files on Buck Island

Kire P. Hamilton today sent to Lakeview land office his homestead filing on Buck Island, an isle in Upper Klamath Lake that has been the cause of seven years of scrapping between Hamilton and J. F. Kimball.

Of the total world production of commercial cotton in 1913, the United States contributed 69.9 per cent. Next to corn, cotton is the most valuable crop grown here, and it is the largest single item of export.

A school for training of servants has been opened in Kenosha, Wis.

## FIVE ACQUITTED BY GRAND JURY; 2 INDICTMENTS

### REPORT IS MADE LATE THIS AFTERNOON

Dohr, Ansel, Johnson, Ward and Reese Are All Exonerated by "Not True" Bills Returned by the Inquisitorial Body—Jurymen Were in Session Until Midnight Last Night, Examining Witnesses.

The Klamath county grand jury, after three days deliberation, this afternoon at 3 o'clock returned the following:

**True Bills**  
Cody Warner, charged with arson.  
John Doe, charged with statutory crime.

**Not True Bills**  
Joe Ansel, charged with furnishing liquor to minors.  
J. Y. Johnson, charged with assault with dangerous weapon.  
John Ward, charged with furnishing liquor to minors.  
Theodore Dohr, charged with larceny by bailer.  
George Reese, charged with larceny.

Warner is charged with setting fire to the Peterstetter cafe some weeks ago. He is at liberty under \$3,000 bonds. Of the men exonerated by the grand jurors, only one, George Reese, was in the county jail. The others were at liberty under bond or upon their recognizances.

The grand jury has been working hard to get the cases attended to. Last night the jury was in session until midnight, examining witnesses.

## BALDWIN HERE FORTY YEARS

### PROMINENT LOCAL MERCHANT IS OLDEST CONTINUOUS RESIDENT, AND HIS FIRM IS CITY'S OLDEST BUSINESS HOUSE

It is just two score years ago that George T. Baldwin, with a small stock of goods, came over the hills from Ashland and cast his eye upon his new location, Linkville. He had been working as a clerk in an Ashland store, and as there was considerable stock shipped to this section, he concluded he'd move over here and grab this trade.

Baldwin's first thought after seeing the little hamlet along the river was that he'd like to leave. But he couldn't—all his money was invested in merchandise.

It was forty years ago that he established his hardware store, and it is still in the ring, though doing business on a much larger scale than ever dreamed of in the old days. Also, it might be noted that it is the oldest business establishment in the county, and that Baldwin is the oldest continuous resident of Klamath Falls.

However, Baldwin has not confined his attention solely to the selling of goods. He was quick to realize that the cattle country he moved into would grow into a city, and he has done much work toward bringing this about. He served with credit as county judge, and during his administration the Klamath County High School was erected. He also was active in the early day commercial club work, and his efforts when visiting Portland and San Francisco have called much attention to Klamath.

One of the most expensive woods in the United States is boxwood. It has been quoted at 4 cents a cubic inch, and about \$1,300 by the thousand board feet.

## English Nose Guard Used for Protection Against German Gases



This nose guard is now worn by the allies in the trenches in the fighting around the Yser canal, where the Germans just the other day released poisonous gases to drive them from their trenches. The nose guard was invented for use earlier when the Germans shot bombs containing poisonous gases. Now it will be used against the chlorine, which has become a German weapon of war.

When a heavy yellow cloud of acrid fumes went drifting south from the German trenches at evening on Thursday, April 23, and rolled over the French lines near Langemark, the defenders were taken by surprise.

To stay in the deadly cloud meant asphyxiation. Some made their escape. The stubborn ones who stayed at their posts perished without a wound. When the cloud had blown past and the German infantry could advance, they found trenches vacant or held only by dead men. Pressing on, they took whole batteries of artillery which stood silent and harmless. Following up their advantage, the German troops rushed the second and third lines of their enemies, and at one point, without much difficulty, actually crossed the canal which forms the base of the great Ypres salient.

### Owing to the trouble in the distribution of electric power, Nate Otterbein and his linotype were handicapped in getting into type the usual quota of news today.

## SCHOOL TERM TO END MAY 21ST

### FINAL STATE EXAMINATIONS TO BE TAKEN TOMORROW AND FRIDAY BY GRAMMAR SCHOOL STUDENTS

With May 21 as the date for the expiration of the present term of school, the pupils are beginning to count up the days until freedom comes again. In the schools, preparations are being made for the final tests, etc., incident to the closing.

There are sixty-four eighth grade students who will take the state tests tomorrow and Friday. P. L. Fountain of the school board will conduct the examination, and it will be held at the assembly room of the Central building.

As physiology is finished in the sixth grade and geography in the seventh, it has been decided that the eighth grade tests in these studies be given the pupils in these two grades. If they pass successfully they are given exemptions, and will not have to review and take these subjects in a later test.

Friday the sixth graders will take a physiology test, and the seventh

graders will take geography. These tests will be conducted in the grade rooms by examiners appointed by Mr. Fountain.

### Squirrels Cause Washouts.

Ground squirrels burrowing in the embankment along the main irrigation canal caused the water to wash out the banks in two places near the Thomas ranch Monday, and flood considerable area.

### Home From Hospital.

Mrs. Josephine Cacka, who recently underwent an operation at Blackburn hospital, was taken to her home at Malin today, greatly improved in health.

### In From Chiloquin.

R. C. Klepper, who is engaged in the mercantile business in Chiloquin, is in the county seat on a business trip.

### In on Business.

Allen M. Stansbie came in today from Wilson's flat for a day's trading.

### Altar Society Meets.

The Altar Society of Sacred Heart church will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. F. Maguire on Melrose street.

### Guild Meeting.

Grace Episcopal Guild will meet at 2:30 Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gerry B. Conard.

### From Odessa.

M. H. Wampler of Odessa is in for a short business sojourn.

Although the United States refuses more nickel than any other country, practically all the ore used comes from Ontario and New Caledonia.

Three women are employed as factory inspectors in Michigan.

## OLD WARRANTS TO BE KILLED

### COUNTY COURT WILL ANNUL WARRANTS THAT HAVE BEEN OUT FOR SEVEN YEARS AND HAVE NOT BEEN PROTESTED

Have you any unprotested county warrants that you have been saving for seven years? If you have, you must present them for payment before September, or over afterwards keep them, not for their monetary value, but as evidences that at least once in your life, you really did perform some kind of lucrative work.

The county court today decided that sixty days after July 1st all warrants in the hands of the county clerk which were issued and not protested for a period of seven years will be cancelled, and payment stopped. There are between \$400 and \$500 worth of warrants in this classification.

## "RIPPER" RUNS AMUCK IN N. Y.

### TWO CHILDREN MURDERED IN TENEMENT DISTRICT, AND THE MURDERER SAYS HE'LL KILL WHENEVER HE WANTS TO

NEW YORK, May 5.—The city is terrorized by a "Ripper," who has murdered two children in hallways in East Side tenements within the past five weeks.

Mother's keeping their children indoors, and the detective department is exerting itself to apprehend the fiend.

Mrs. A. Cohn, the mother of Leonard Cohn, who was slain March 29th, recently received a letter in which the writer declared that he was the murderer of her child. The writer ridiculed the efforts of the police, and said: "I will kill children whenever I want to."

The police profess to believe that it is the work of some maniac.

### Silver Tea Sunday.

Another of the series of silver teas being given by the Woman's Relief Corps to raise money for the cemetery improvement work, will be held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Edward Martin, corner Sixth and High streets. Mrs. Henry Newham, Mrs. Della Arnold, Mrs. E. B. Ramey and Mrs. Martin are the hostesses, and all women are invited.

### Young Girl Dies.

Mercy Boggs, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boggs, died last night of peritonitis, following a recent operation. The funeral services are to be held tomorrow afternoon at the Christian church, beginning at 2:30.

## Oregon State College Is Declared Standard

(Herald Special Service)

OREGON AGRICULTURE COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 5.—Stating that "the only thing which this great and magnificently equipped institution lacked to meet the requirements of a standard college was the foundation of a full four years of secondary work for entrance," the specialist of the United States bureau of education says that the Oregon Agricultural College should be rated as a standard college when its requirements of a four year secondary course for entrance to the degree course go into effect in September, 1915.

The report further notes the fact that the college has added one year

## WAR TALK RIFE AGAIN IN EAST; CRISIS IS NEAR

### TWENTY-FOUR HOURS MAY SEE TROUBLE

Ultimatum Has Been Issued, Asking China to at Once Answer the Demands Made by Japan—It is the General Consensus of Opinion That This Reply, if Made, Will Be Contrary to Japan's Requests.

TOKIO, May 5.—The result of today's conference between the cabinet and the elder statesmen, is being withheld, but it is believed that the discussion was along a warlike trend.

The government has delivered an ultimatum to China, demanding that China consent to the demands of Japan within twenty-four hours. It is expected that the reply will be a refusal, and this will undoubtedly mean war.

There is much dissatisfaction expressed here at the attitude of China. Peking reports say that China is preparing for eventualities.

A refusal of Japan's demands, it is generally believed here, will be the signal for a hostile action against the republic.

## WILL OBSERVE MOTHERS' DAY

### CHURCHES WILL NEARLY ALL HAVE APPROPRIATE SERVICES AT SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. MANY FLOWERS ORDERED

By the wearing of white carnations Klamath Falls people will observe Mother's Day Sunday. Already there are orders pouring into the local florists for the symbolic flower.

Besides the wearing of carnations, there will also be appropriate sermons at several of the churches.

### Fractured Leg.

Louis Robin, a Sweet Lake ranchman, sustained a "potts fracture" of the left leg yesterday afternoon, when his horse, shying at a pile of hay, threw him on Sixth street, near Klamath avenue. He is at the Blackhawk hospital.

In Northern Idaho and Montana, which had heavy fire during the last summer, 35 per cent of the area on national forests were caused by railroads, 36 per cent by lightning and 10 per cent by campers.