

## COUNTY COURT CUTS OFF \$124,667 DEBT

During the year 1915, under the management of the present county court, the indebtedness of Klamath county has been reduced a total of \$124,677.63. At this rate of progress, Klamath can be out of debt in three years. In one short year of business management its warrants, which were almost a drug on the market, and only cashable at a big discount, have appreciated in value until today they are accepted at par value at the banks and by other purchasers of warrants.

During the past year the new county court has accepted, without comment, abuse and criticism from certain unfriendly sources, whose only hope of existence was in maintaining a condition of internal disturbance in public affairs in the county. The record of the county court for its first year's work speaks for itself, and is meeting hearty commendation from the taxpayers and the real citizens of the county.

Realizing the jumbled conditions of the county finances it was freely predicted that the new court would be unable to make any headway in straightening out the affairs of the county for a good many years. The court went to work without any blare of trumpets or unwise promises of what it would do. It has finished its first year's work, and the records show for themselves what has been accomplished, whether for good or bad.

Even with the great reduction made in the county indebtedness, it will be possible for the county court to carry out its plan of extensive road improvement for the year 1916. The old road fund indebtedness has been practically wiped out, and the court this year will have the use of all of the money coming into this fund, in addition to the amount collected from delinquent taxes. When the present court took office there was an indebtedness against the road fund of \$18,496.02. Of this \$4,014.69 was for unpaid warrants, and there was a total of \$14,581.33 in claims, which indebtedness had been incurred by the former court and not allowed. To pay this indebtedness for road work there was only \$103.53 in the treasury.

On January 1, 1916, there remained \$225.88 in unpaid warrants and claims to the amount of \$13,237.01, but to offset this there is now in the treasury cash to the amount of \$3,540, which will leave a balance of indebtedness against this fund of only \$2,912.78, providing all of the old claims are found proper and allowed. It has taken a world of work to honestly investigate all of these old claims and act on them in fairness to both the county and the parties interested.

The new court house fund had a total of \$7,331.56 of outstanding warrants, and claims to the amount of \$21,264.99, with only \$100.28 cash on hand, leaving a balance indebted-

ness of \$38,496.27. This indebtedness has been decreased by a total of \$17,666.11 by the present court. There still remains an indebtedness in warrants and claims against this fund of \$20,830.16.

There was a total of \$4,823.74 in claims against the county library on January 1, 1915, and \$4,250.26 in cash, leaving a balance of indebtedness of \$573.48. This has been paid off, and there is now \$2,767.74 cash in the treasury, making a total reduction in indebtedness against this fund of \$3,341.22.

On January 1, 1915, shortly before the new court went into office, the general fund showed that there were outstanding warrants to the amount of \$470,345.99, and claims (except current) against this fund amounting to \$4,475.26, making a total general fund indebtedness of \$474,821.25. On January 1, 1916, unpaid warrants amounted to \$388,608.25, and there were no claims, except current expenses, for salaries, etc. The general fund has a credit of \$2,874.06 cash in the treasury. This leaves a balance indebtedness against the general fund of \$385,734.19, or decrease during the year of \$89,087.06.

Following is the decrease made in the indebtedness against the several funds, whose expenditures are controlled by the county court, during the year ending January 1, 1916:

Road fund	\$14,583.24
New court house	17,666.11
County library	3,341.22
General fund	89,087.06

Total decrease \$124,677.63

A comparison of the expenditures from the general fund for the past six years is interesting. Warrants drawn on this fund are for the general expense of conducting the county business:

1910 J. B. Griffith, Judge	\$47,591.83
1911 W. S. Worden, Judge	205,255.14
1912 W. S. Worden, Judge	199,920.80
1913 W. S. Worden, Judge	296,179.01
1914 W. S. Worden, Judge	85,364.68
1915 Marlon Hanks, Judge	63,361.25

1914 was the year that county warrants and expenditures were attacked by R. N. Day, and judging from the previous year's expenditures from the general fund, Mr. Day saved Klamath county taxpayers a total of approximately \$210,000, which must be admitted is some saving for one year.

**Up Again.**  
H. A. Lincoln of the Star Drug company, is out today after a serious attack of pleurisy.

**Home From the East.**  
Frank Vannice returned home from a trip to New York and other points in the East. He arrived Saturday night.

O. T. McKendree is in this city from Berkeley, Calif.

The quickest way to get what you want is to let people know what you want. Advertise.

### Wants Wilson's Place



Austin Colgate

Austin Colgate's ambition to be the republican candidate for governor of New Jersey and sit in the chair Woodrow Wilson occupied, has led him to buy an interest in the two Newark papers of James Smith Jr., sold when the democratic politician went into bankruptcy. These are the Newark Morning Eagle and the Newark Evening Star. While Mr. Colgate's name does not figure publicly in the sale, he is believed to have put up considerable of the money.

### NEARLY A MILE WIDE AT EUGENE

**WILLAMETTE RIVER IS UP AND A-COMIN' AS RESULT OF RAIN FALL OF TWO AND A HALF INCHES IN THIRTY-SIX HOURS**

EUGENE, Feb. 7.—The Willamette River is nearly a mile wide at this place now, and the crest of the flood has not reached here as yet.

A rain fall of two and a half inches in thirty-six hours has greatly augmented the raise. The crest of the flood is expected this evening.

### WEATHER BUREAU ISSUES WARNINGS

**AVALANCHES PROBABLE IN THE MOUNTAINS OF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND IDAHO AS RESULT OF WARM RAINS**

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—The weather bureau has issued warnings to the Northwest of the great probabilities of slides and avalanches caused by the warm rains following the heavy snow fall.

### SENATOR STONE FOR CHAIRMAN

**HIS BOOM IS ON TO PLACE HIM AT THE HEAD OF THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS**

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—The committee of arrangements to prepare for the democratic national convention to be held in this city, meets tomorrow to arrange for the meeting. Senator Stone is being boomed as chairman of the convention.

### RAGGING UNDER A POLICE BAN

**ONE DANCE HALL DECIDES NOT TO OPERATE SATURDAY NIGHT AND POLICE VISIT ANOTHER AND ASK A CHANGE**

Dancing to syncopated music, which is styled the one-step by some, and plain old ragging by others, was seriously threatened Friday and Saturday. This went to such an extent that one of the usual Saturday night dances was cancelled, and a policeman called at another hall, and suggested a change of step for some of the dancers.

The parties in charge of this dance asked the officer for a copy of the ordinance regulating dances, that it might be read to the assemblage. This could not be found, for although the charter empowers the council to legislate in the dancing matter, no ordinances along that line were ever drawn up.

Dancing, therefore, can be indulged in as the dancers see fit, so far as city laws are concerned.

### SWIFTS BUY BIG TRACT IN HARNEY

**CHICAGO PACKING HOUSE BECOMES PART OWNER OF CLOSE TO 150,000 ACRES OF RANCH LANDS THERE**

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—The Swift interests of Chicago, well known packing house people, have purchased a half interest in approximately 140,000 acres of land located in Harney county, eastern Oregon, from the Corbett estate of Portland and William Hanley.

The property was formerly owned by the Blitzen Valley Land company, for which Mr. Hanley acted largely in the capacity as manager. With the entrance of the Swifts, the lands are taken over by the Eastern Oregon Cattle company, the incorporation of which was recently announced.

The center of the vast tract formerly owned by the Blitzen Valley Land company is the "P" ranch from which radiate a dozen or so units comprising thousands of acres. These include the Sod House ranch, Buena Vista ranch, Grain Camp ranch, Diamond ranch, Happy Valley ranch, Riddle ranch, Rock Creek ranch, Roaring Springs ranch and Home Creek ranch.

The new owners of the lands have as their ultimate purpose to colonize to the extent made possible by future railroad development.

### TIMBER TRACT WILL BE SOLD

**SMALL AREA IN CRYSTAL CREEK WATERSHED WILL BE OFFERED TO BIDDERS BY UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

The forest service is advertising for bids for the live timber and the merchantable dead timber in a 45-acre tract in the Crystal Creek watershed. The tract is a part of Crater National Forest.

The timber is estimated at 390,000 feet. It consists of Western yellow pine, sugar pine, Douglas and white fir and incense cedar.

Bids are to be opened March 9th. The base price is \$3.15 per thousand for pine and 50 cents per thousand for other species.

### This Woman Is a Newspaper Correspondent in Serbia



MISS MARGARET VISCI

Miss Margaret Visci found it necessary to go with the army to do her work as a war correspondent. She said she was treated with great courtesy by the troops.

### HENLEY SCHOOL PLAYS THE HOST

**OVER A HUNDRED PUPILS AND PATRONS FROM SURROUNDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS SPEND DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON**

(By One Who Was There)

The Henley school was host to five of the neighboring districts Friday: Midland, Mt. Laki, Fairview, Olene and Spring Lake schools, with their teachers, being the invited guests. Several patrons from each of the districts were also present, besides County School Superintendent Peterson and wife, J. T. Gartel and Delbert Hutchens of Klamath Falls.

The gathering assembled about 1 o'clock. All were served with a hot lunch, such as is served every noon at the Henley school under the auspices of the Henley Parent-Teachers Association. The lunch was a feature that appealed decidedly to the youngsters.

Following lunch spellers were chosen by John Hutchens, Miss Neva Reynolds, Miss McKee, Miss Crapson and M. B. Ford of the visiting schools, and a spelling match was held. Henley won first place, Olene second, with Spring Lake a close third.

After the spelling match Mrs. Gartel entertained the audience by rendering an excellent recitation, "The Palmetto and the Pine," one appropriate, as well as instructive. Over 100 people were in attendance, and Principal F. W. Sexton and the Parent-Teachers Association are to be congratulated upon the splendid affair. The excellent spelling of the pupils bore witness to the good work being done in our schools, and the school spirit shown at the meeting by pupils and patrons should inspire all to even greater efforts in promoting the cause of education among the "Makers of Our Future United States."

Save on Accounts.

Exit to collect \$180.51 on assigned accounts has been filed against A. Kinney by A. C. Yaden, through Rutledge & Kent.

### ZIMMERMAN TALKS A BOOMERANG TO GERMANY'S HOPES

**ALLEGED STATEMENT IS NOT BELIEVED HERE**

Remarks Anent Lusitania Demands Being Increased Are Not Believed at Washington, Nor Does the German Embassy Give Them Credit. Latest Memorandum Prepared by Bernstorff May Bring Settlement.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Secretary of State Lansing today declared that the statement that America had increased her demands in the Lusitania case is untrue. The statement is attributed to Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Zimmerman at Berlin, and it is not thought here that Zimmerman made the statement.

"The government has not increased its demands as they were set forth last year," said Lansing today. "I doubt if that statement was ever made by Zimmerman."

The report gives the Lusitania controversy a sensational turn. It is believed that it bodes ill for the hopes of Germany that the American administration might compromise.

The German embassy today said it had no knowledge of Zimmerman making the statement credited to him.

"We do not know whether he said it, or why, if he did. This may have been given out in Berlin as some 'crisis' rumors are here."

The Germans say that tentative proposals regarding the Lusitania affair offer an entire agreement from the American viewpoint. President Wilson has not as yet examined the last memorandum prepared by Bernstorff.

Home From North.

Judge Baldwin returned last night from Portland, where, at the recent meeting of the Oregon Retail Hardwaremen's Association, he was re-elected president. After the snow storms, sleet, silver thaw and other discomforts of that section, the Judge is glad to be back in balmy old Klamath.

### Land Office Getting Many Letters Regarding Grant

**ROSEBURG, Feb. 7.—A total of 13,440 acres in Klamath county are involved in the Oregon & California land grant suit, according to the Roseburg land office. This is all in townships 38, 39, 40 and 41 south, range 5 east.**

The land office here is daily in receipt of a number of inquiries relative to the Oregon & California Railroad grant lands, asking information as to the status of these lands, their location, character, when they may be entered or purchased, etc., etc.

A list of these lands by township and range has been prepared for each of the several counties within the Roseburg land district, containing these lands. These lists are intended to give merely an approximate area of such lands in each township, based on the list of lands given in the decree of the federal court. This list for any county or counties will be furnished on request.

The following statement has been issued from the land office regarding the matter:

This office has no map for distribution, nor does it prepare blue prints, but will furnish township plats showing location of all vacant land and unsold railroad land, at \$1 per township. In ordering township plats, both the range and township number must be given, and remittance should be made by certified check or United States postal money order, payable to R. R. Turner, receiver. Personal checks may not be received in payment.

This office is not in a position to give advice as to the character of the land in any locality, and cannot attempt to advise any one in this regard.

As to the disposition of these lands, nothing can be determined until congress shall act in the matter. It is probable that such action will be taken some time within the next six months, and until such action is had no information can be given by this office. It is suggested that parties interested to watch the daily papers, as whatever action congress may take will be given therein before this office has official information thereon to give out.

Based on the list of lands given in the decree of the court, the approximate acreage of unsold railroad lands in the several counties of this district, at the time the suit was instituted, was as follows:  
Lincoln, 1,049; Benton, 37,710; Linn, 14,420; Lane, 209,110; Douglas, 607,860; Coos, 106,220; Curry, 8,400; Josephine, 175,400; Jackson, 444,500; Klamath, 17,440; Total, 1,670,220.

### Rabies Traces Found in Brain of Cow From Bly

There is every evidence of rabies in the Bly section, despite the denials made by some people. Last week, negro bodies were found in the head of a coyote shot there, and regarding the brain of a cow sent to Dr. Robers of the state board of health, the following was tendered E. F. Averill, field agent of the United States biological survey:  
"Negro bodies were found in the brain of the cow received from you. The coyote received from you was also positive."  
The report was sent the Herald by Mr. Averill, who, since he made invest-

igations for the government at Bly has been called to other fields.

"This would seem to remove the last doubt of the existence of a serious epidemic of rabies in Klamath county," writes Mr. Averill.

Twenty-three head of cattle have so far been lost by William Finley and James Givans, stockmen of the Bly section. Unless every precaution is taken regarding muzzling dogs and confinement of cattle and stock, there is a possibility of a serious outbreak.

As yet, the rabies situation here is in an incipient state. It can be eradicated if all will join in carrying out the provisions for safeguarding man and beast from the malady.