

Many Buildings Added to City Survivor Describes First Battle of Bloody Modoc Conflict

KLAMATH'S HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PLAYHOUSE

Over a million dollars has been spent for business buildings in Klamath Falls in the last four years, and buildings now in the course of construction will cost \$265,000.

The largest of the buildings now under way is the McCarthy building at Seventh and Pine streets, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The foundation will be done in another week, and contracts will then be let and plans completed for the rest of the structure which is of three stories. The first floor will be devoted to stores, and the others to apartments.

Hotel Addition

Chris Blanas is building a four story brick hotel building in the rear of the Arcade hotel. It will contain 15 rooms, all with private baths, and will cost over \$20,000. The first floor will be a store. Blanas built the Arcade three years ago at a cost of \$40,000. The new building is not an addition, but a separate structure, and will be connected with the Arcade by bridges, so that it will be easy to pass from one to the other.

Another Hotel Started

Ground is being turned for the foundation for a three story brick hotel of 40 rooms, which is to be built by Tony Molatore at the corner of Tenth and Main streets adjoining the Metropolitan hotel at a cost of \$24,000. Molatore will rent the bottom floor of the Metropolitan for a store and keep the top for a rooming house. C. N. Coseboom is the architect for this as well as for the McCarthy building.

At a cost of \$10,000, W. S. Slough is adding a story of office suites to his building at 520 Main street. There will be room for nine tenants. Oak floors and satinwood trim will be used, and the offices are fully equipped with plumbing, over one half mile of pipe being used.

Churches Not Overlooked

The Christian church, when completed, will cost \$45,000, and will be supplied with a large auditorium and class rooms for every grade of the Sunday school. The church so far has cost \$11,000, and when the small existing debt is paid off, about three months from now, building may be resumed.

The Episcopal church will soon be completed at a cost of \$7,000. It is hoped to have it ready for services in a few weeks.

The Presbyterian church was built three years ago at a cost of \$15,000, making, with the two

The Hart theater building, completed last year, cost upwards of \$100,000, and the interior fittings brought the total cost to approximately \$175,000. While the latest, the Hart building is but one of many fine structures erected in Klamath Falls during the past four years.

churches being built, three new churches here.

Building Record of Four Years

Included in the list of buildings erected in the last four years are four schools—the Mills, Fairview, Pelican and Sacred Heart Academy; six garages, the Ford, Buick, R. R. R., Dunham, Imperial and Acme; and two stores and apartment buildings, the Evans and Winters buildings. The two largest structures are the Hart building and the Col-

oil station, Oregon Harness shop, ad-

dition to the Hirvi bakery, Brett buildings at Seventh and Main, and Scandinavian hall.

Residences Not Included

Only brick and concrete buildings are included in this estimate. There have been several beautiful brick residences, a number of small frame buildings put up for business purposes, and thousands of dollars have been spent for repairs and alterations to business buildings. There are no available records of



BY CAPTAIN O. C. APPLEGATE

Perhaps few places on earth, of like area, have cost so much in blood and treasure as Klamath land, and yet it may be worth the price, dear as it was, for it is one of nature's brightest gems. The native possessors held it with a tenacity which compels us to admire his patriotism, his reverence for the land of his ancestors, while we deprecate the methods of his warfare. As he would put it: "Here is the dust of my fathers. Better for me to die here than to be removed to any other country. If I die here I go down to dust with my father and my people. If I die in some other land I shall be lost forever." The Modocs stood as bloody sentinels along the line of the emigrant road. As far back as 1852 they began the work of ambush and slaughter and Modoc land was for a quarter of a century the scene not only a savage treachery and cruelty, but of heroic deeds and tragic incidents. Weary immigrants toiling inward towards the setting sun—no record tells how many—were here sacrificed almost on the very threshold of their land of promise. Later when enterprising white men, having seen and appreciated this land of green meadows, silvery lakes and crystal streams, determined to possess it, brave settlers, representing that hardy race of men and women who have led the hosts of civilization across the continent, planted settlements here; but a band of

the number of residences built, but there have been several hundred of them. In addition, a number of sawmills and other plants have been built throughout the county by the lumber companies.

about 300 renegade Modocs under the leadership of Captain Jack, renouncing the authority of brave old Schonchin, the rightful chief inaugurated a reign of terror throughout the lake country. During the summer of 1872 many petitions were forwarded through the Indian department asking the authorities at Washington to order the removal of Captain Jack's band from the vicinity of Tule lake, their ancient home, to the Klamath reservation, and to keep them there. Orders were finally received by the superintendent of Indian affairs in Oregon, Gen. H. Odeneal, to secure their removal, peacefully if possible, but by force if necessary. On arrival from Salem, Odeneal, having by messenger called upon the Modocs to return to the reservation without avail, determined to place the matter in the hands of Captain James Jackson, of the U. S. army, an officer of well-known discretion and courage. At noon, on the 28th day of November, 1872, Captain Jackson, with thirty-five men, of Co. B, 1st U. S. Cavalry, left Fort Klamath, and arrived at the pioneer town of Linkville at a little after dark. Here he met Supt. Odeneal and received instructions as follows:

"When you arrive at the camp of the Modocs, request an interview with the head men and say to them that you did not come to fight or to harm them, but to have them go peacefully to Camp Yainax on Klamath reservation, where ample provision has been made for their comfort and subsistence and where, by treaty, they agreed to live. Talk kindly but firmly to them, and whatever else you may do, I desire to urge that if there is any fighting let

the Indians be the aggressors. Fire no gun except in self-defense, after they have first fired upon you. I. D. Applegate will accompany you as my representative; will also act as guide and interpreter."

"During that dark rainy night we made our way from Linkville down the Klamath valley towards the stone bridge on Lost River, where Capt. Jack was encamped on the west side of the river. About a third of his forces under Hooker Jim and the early-headed doctor and some other of his trusty lieutenants were encamped on the east side of the river near the Dennis Crawley cabin."

"We found it very difficult in the darkness to make our way through the heavy sage brush, for we had to leave the road in order to avoid being discovered by the wily Indians who doubtless were observing as closely as possible every movement. We followed along the foot of the chain of low hills west from Lost river, and at day light we were about one mile west of the Modoc camp, which was at that point on the river bank where Dan Colwell's residence now stands."

The company was formed into two platoons and we rode directly through village and halted upon the river bank, facing the encampment. As we came near the river, Scarface Charley, who had crossed just before we came up, fired at us from the other side of the river, shouting at the same time to arouse the sleeping Indians. In a moment there was great excitement and commotion. As soon as the men were dismounted and advanced in line, standing at order arms in front of the horses, I was directed to enter the camp to see

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