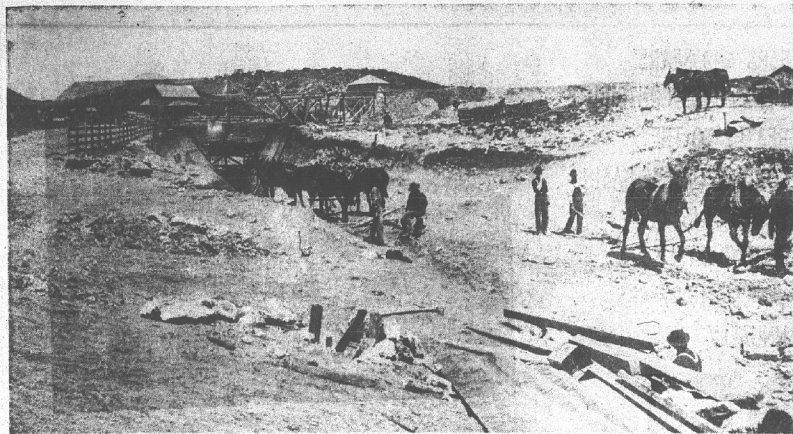




DIGGING OF THE TUNNEL — This view, taken from the Maude Baldwin collection, shows construction of the tunnel for the A Canal. This scene is at the intersection of Tenth, Eleventh and Oregon Avenue where water flows from the south end of the tunnel. The other end is by Conger School. The photo shows the method of construction, horses and scrapers. Muck was brought through the tunnel to the entrance on little

cars, and hoisted out of the way. Three shafts were drilled at intervals. The first tunnel was started and drilled in a meandering fashion along the route of Oregon Avenue by the Klamath Canal Company. Later, the federal government purchased the company and drilled the tunnel straight through the hill.

Pioneer Stockman Narrates First Effort Toward Irrigation Of Basin Farmlands

Editor's Note: Following is an account of early irrigation in the Klamath Basin by J. Frank Adams in the Klamath Falls Express for December 1900.

By J. FRANK ADAMS

Having been asked by the Morning Express to write a few lines on the early irrigation of this country, I will offer the following:

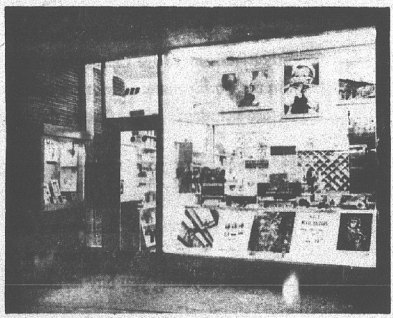
Being a stockman here in the Klamath country since October, 1872, I passed from the good grass and range, period to the time when the stockman realized that he must go further back on the range or make his present holdings produce more feed, I was ready to grasp any opportunity that would produce this result.

The Van Brimmer brothers and myself conceived the idea of trying to do this by putting in an irrigation ditch. If my memory serves me right, I think we made our first survey from the Lost River Gap in the year 1884. This we did not think was feasible on account of the light grade that we would have to use, so we next investigated the Little Klamath, or White Lake.

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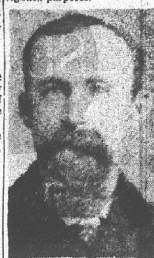


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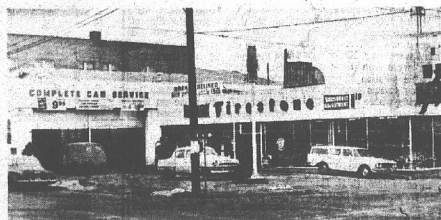
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In 1885 we organized the Little Klamath Ditch Company, now known as the Adams Ditch. I organized this company so that each share of stock would represent an acre of land, as each share now and a share of stock would be ample to represent the would cost the farmer \$2. This would have been ample to have land, and we could control our put water on every acre in the own system, I will add that but Tule Lake Valley, but I was un- a short time before the USRS able to get the farmers all to stand in with me.

I had a long, hard fight to build the ditch, as only about one-half of the farmers would buy the stock, and up to this date there is some of the ditch to be otherwise, and Ute, Sam stock that has not been sold. A good many that did buy the stock thought it of no value, and were ready to part with it at any price offered, so I being the one man that had faith in it, most of the stock drifted into

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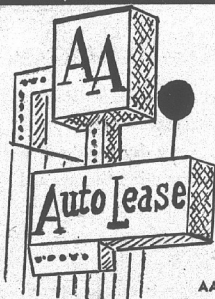
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