

Klamath Enjoyed Great Prosperity During 1926

While Building Was Greatest In All History The Present Year Promises To Eclipse That of Past 12 Months

KLAMATH FALLS		
	1925	1926
Building Permits	850	976
New Buildings	636	675
Alterations	218	381
Value of Improvements		
	1925	1926
Building Permits	\$1,631,847	\$2,985,192
Assessed Valuation		
	1925	1926
County Assessments	\$26,292,166.71	\$30,251,328.90

Klamath county, familiarly known throughout the west as "An Empire Awakening," probably made better progress from an industrial and business standpoint than any other one particular section in the state of Oregon.

Klamath Falls, which is believed destined within the coming twelve months to become the second city in this state, experienced a remarkable growth during the year 1926.

With a population of 4095 in 1920, Klamath Falls has experienced a steady and substantial growth during the intervening period, but the year 1926 saw the greatest expansion within the history of the city. On January 1, 1925, the estimated population was given at 7690, but with the advent of the New Year the number of people making their homes within the confines of this city is conservatively given at between 11,000 and 15,000.

Figures Reliable

These figures are based upon telephone directory and also a city directory that is now in course of preparation, and which will be ready for distribution within the next few weeks.

Building of the Cascade division of the Shasta line of the Southern Pacific company brought new life into Southern Oregon, and naturally Klamath Falls received the greatest benefit. From a frontier town of a few years ago this bustling little city has developed into a coming metropolis, and its expansion has been so rapid that even men versed in realty values of city and country have been unable to keep pace of the times.

Millions Are Interested

Investments totaling millions have been made in and around Klamath Falls during the past 12 months. Large timber transactions have been made, new industries have been established, and the sound of the hammer and saw has resounded in every locality. Numerous subdivisions to the city have been platted, rural communities have been launched and the life of the bustling little city on the Pacific coast has been replete with sensational growth until the whole atmosphere is permeated with a high sense of enthusiasm.

Building permits totaling \$2,985,192, with the month of December averaged with the preceding 12 months, were issued by City Clerk L. L. Goughen. This is in comparison with \$1,631,847 for the year 1925, when Klamath Falls put on long trousers with the expectation of quickly entering upon maturity.

Still a Youngster

Klamath Falls, however, appears only at this writing to be a small youngster. The city is just beginning to expand, and the coming year promises to eclipse that of the predictions made by dreamers of a few years ago that predicted a new empire for Southern Oregon—a city of manufacturing on a broad scale, a railroad center, a community of homes, and an ideal place in which to settle down and enjoy the fruits of nature that have been so lavishly bestowed upon a hitherto barren region save for the great forest of Oregon pine that had been awaiting the advent of man with genius to open and develop our resources that all the world so inclined might benefit.

Great Terminal Completed

Perhaps the greatest boon to this district, both as regards city and country, can be attributed to the building of Southern Pacific terminals within the city at an expenditure of approximately \$500,000. Fourteen tracks have been laid within the railroad yards for the handling of the vast amount of traffic that is expected for the future, and a ten-stall round house has been provided.

Numerous buildings dot the terminal yards, while the capacity of the freight house has been doubled to meet any emergency that may develop within the immediate future as regards increased incoming and outgoing shipments.

Great Paving Program

Klamath Falls has shown its progressiveness in many ways. A paving program necessitating an expenditure of approximately \$500,000 is nearing completion, and many of the inaccessible sections of the city during stormy weather have been furnished with arteries that has resulted in homebuilders taking ad-

vantage of the inviting and attractive surroundings.

New City Park

Ever alert to the welfare of the growing generation the city fathers have not been neglectful of their interests, and plans have matured whereby 11 acres of land near Upper Klamath lake have been officially accepted for a playground, the gift from the Moore estate. Landscaping of this beautiful tract of land on the southwest shore of the lake will follow during the present year with an expenditure of about \$50,000. It is planned to make this playground one of the most attractive and pleasing playgrounds in the west, with boating and swimming in addition to the various forms of entertainment that will be provided.

Construct New Jail

Realizing that the county of Klamath was far behind the times, the county court during the past year has made provision for the building of a modern and roomy county jail at a cost of \$35,000 which will be located directly back of the court house. Contract is to be awarded within a few days, and stipulation is made that the structure must be turned over complete within 90 days, and ready for the reception of criminals.

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side of entrance to the theatre will be leased out to business firms.

Room Accommodation

The Williams building on Main street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, will provide hotel accommodations for the two upper floors for 70 rooms.

Apartment houses on a large and small scale, as well as business structures making provisions for office rooms have been numerous. The Melrose building on Main at Third was hardly completed before every foot of available space for offices and business was occupied.

New Public Library

One of the real municipal undertakings was the building of the new \$10,000 library building at Fifth street and Klamath avenue, and which was thrown open to the public during the past week. Spacious in every detail and beautiful in architectural design this building, located in what may be termed the civic center of the city, gives promise of being liberally patronized. A special head home was provided for the care and maintenance of this municipal enterprise.

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30 cents per hundred pounds on the western and eastern markets in each of all others produced, the Yakima brand not excepted.

Stock Raising Grows

Stock raising has experienced a rapid growth, including cattle, sheep and swine, and during the past few days a shipment of seven carloads of hogs was made to coast points, the first one in over a year.

Chiloquin Lumber Co.	70,000
Klamath Lumber Co.	135,000
Campbell-Towle Co.	75,000
McCallum Lumber Co.	30,000
Anna Creek Lumber Co.	50,000
Ackley Bros.	50,000
Swan-Hortman Co.	75,000

Much Manufacturing

In addition to the mills and box factories there is in operation in Klamath Falls the following manufacturing plants: Swan Lake Moulding



\$10,000.00 LIBRARY BUILDING

Movement of cattle and sheep to north and south points during the fall and winter season was heavier than at any time in the history of the county.

Small farms—suburban homes—have been much in demand during the past year, and here tracks are growing in popularity. Raising poultry, rabbits and truck gardening has taken a firm hold among home-lovers, and suburbanites promise to grow in number at a surprising rate during the coming year.

company, R. E. Wattenburg, White Pine Moulding company, Ellingson Lumber company, Big Basin Lumber company, Klamath Moulding company. There is also the Lakeside Lumber company, which operates a detail planing mill in connection with its lumber yard, and the Sixth Street Lumber yard, which transacts a retail business.

During the year a stucco manufacturing plant, with a capacity of 16,000 daily, was brought into op-

which was destroyed by fire, is also in the ascendancy, and business men of the city have signified their intention of financing the proposition. The Fleischacker interests of San Francisco, which owned the White Pelican hotel, have signified their intention of becoming heavy stockholders, and it is generally agreed that something worth while will shortly develop from the efforts of the local interests who are fathering the proposition.

Home Building

A great campaign of home building is promised for the new year. The plating of numerous subdivisions has resulted in hundreds of realty transfers, and scores of lot and acre owners will begin construction of homes with the advent of spring.

When official announcement has been made that the Northern lines are to rush construction of the Oregon Trunk line from Bend to Klamath Falls, then the Weyerhaeuser interests will proceed with a broad campaign of lumbering and manufacturing. They control enormous acreages of the finest timber stands in Southern Oregon and Northern California, and official announcement was made a short time ago that the building of mills and establishment of lumber camps would be inaugurated as soon as it was known that the Northern lines were to be extended to Klamath Falls.

Prosperity Predicted

Realists, as a whole, predict a great season of industrial activity during 1927. Some even go so far as to make the broad assertion that the population of Klamath Falls will be doubled during 1927. Stranger things have happened, but to one familiar with the west and who has followed the big mining boom the outlook is certainly more promising than has usually been the case with the exception of a mining camp such as Dawson, Alaska; Goldfield, Nevada, and Cripple Creek, Colorado.

The true western spirit prevails in Klamath county, but ingenuity is bringing about a wonderful change in conditions. With Klamath Falls again being brought back to Oregon through the building of the Natron cut-off by the Southern Pacific, a new era is dawning and this city is feeling the effects of the wonderful change that is taking place.

LONE PINE NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bowman and daughter Marjorie are spending a few days with their son Leonard Bowman at Central Point.

Those who attended the Christmas tree at Merrill last Wednesday evening from this district were: R. F. Beasley and family, C. Parker, Watson Barkley, Lon Story and family, Charley Story and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bowman and Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Beardsley and Melvin.

Margaret Tallman is spending her vacation with her mother and sister Mrs. Tallman and Beale.

Little Jackie Taylor fell in a tub of scalding water Tuesday and was painfully burned.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown is quite sick with pneumonia. Brown is also suffering with an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotman and Mary spent Christmas at the home of R. F. Beasley.

Uncle Pink Barker ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. C. Barker, where covers were laid for Uncle Pink, Uncle Bill Barker, Maxine and Billy and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barker.

H. J. Beardsley has installed a new radio.

C. C. Bowman and family spent Christmas day at the home of Mrs. Bowman's brother, M. Moore of Merrill.

Mr. Harris has moved his family from the Al Strickland ranch to Medford.

R. F. Beasley has purchased a new touring car.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barker and R. F. Beasley and family visited at the home of H. J. Beardsley Sunday evening.

Herbert and Marion Grayhael visited with Roy Beasley one night last week.

Mrs. M. Dillard of Merrill visited with her daughter Mrs. Clyde Barker Tuesday.

Mrs. R. F. Beasley called on Mrs. M. Bowman at Merrill Monday afternoon. Mrs. Beasley also attended lodge in Merrill Monday night.

Pink Barker was in Merrill Thursday.

The people of Lone Pine are all glad to know the little daughter of Mrs. R. Stevenson of Merrill, who had pneumonia is much better. Mrs. Stevenson used to live in this community.

Because dirt roads are very soft and a large number of cars have been mired in deep mud at this time of the year, a motorist will show good judgment to stay on pavements until the dirt roads have become hardened by frost.

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Reception Planned For New Minister

Honoring Rev. D. W. Haight and Mrs. Haight, who have recently come to Klamath Falls to be identified with the First Presbyterian church, a reception for members of the congregation and for all other ministers and their congregations, will be held Wednesday evening in the church rooms.

Mrs. Bert Holloway and Fred Fleet are in charge of the program, and Mrs. A. M. Worden is directing the committee in charge of the supper.

EUGENE HAS NEW MAYOR

EUGENE, Jan. 1. (U.N.)—A. L. Williamson, for the past four years a member of the city council, was elected mayor of Eugene at a special meeting called by Mayor E. U. Lee last night.

Mayor Lee was elected by the city council about a month ago to fill the unexpired term of former Mayor E. B. Parks, and was re-elected at the last election. He resigned a short time ago, effective January 1.

MAN THOUGHT DROWNED

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 1. (U.N.)—An unidentified man was believed to have drowned when a small canoe ran off the end of Fifth street into the Rogue river. According to residents near the scene one man climbed out of the car and back up the bank after the plunge, and told them another man was still in the car.

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Building Temple Planned

The Central Trades Council is planning the construction of a Labor Temple that will cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.

A community hotel to take the place of the White Pelican hotel,



AIRVIEW OF KLAMATH FALLS

for the pleasure of both young and old.

Building Permits

Building in Klamath Falls during 1926 resulted in 895 permits being issued, having a total value of \$2,757,408, as against 638 permits in 1925, with a value of \$1,621,847, of an increase of \$1,135,561.

It has been impossible to segregate the number of business structures and homes, but it is estimated that one-third of this structural program was in the form of business buildings and apartment houses and the other two-thirds, bungalows, residences and small dwellings.

Great Hotel Destroyed

Destruction of the White Pelican hotel by fire a few weeks ago, the capacity of which was 200 rooms, cramped hotel accommodations to a certain extent throughout the city. But within the next two or three months the situation will be somewhat relieved through the completion of several hotels that will provide 500 additional sleeping rooms.

The Willard hotel at the corner of Second and Main streets, constructed by W. D. Miller, at a cost of \$150,000, will probably be opened for the reception of patrons by the middle of January. This hostelry will be elaborately furnished at a cost of \$75,000.

Many New Hotels

In course of construction is the Anchor hotel, which will have 100 rooms, and which is located at Sixth and Oak streets; the Melrose hotel on Commercial street, which will have 100 rooms and cost \$100,000.

Klamath Falls within the next three months will boast one of the finest theatres in the northwest, and which is to be known as the White Pelican, located between Seventh and Eighth streets on Klamath avenue, by Harry D. Poole, who is representing San Francisco capitalists. This playhouse will cost, when completed, \$300,000, and the rooms on the ground floor out-

is it doubted that the Southern Pacific company will proceed with the construction or extension of the Modoc Northern from this city to Alturas. In fact, it is known that steel and ties are being assembled at various points along the proposed route, and that construction work will begin with the advent of spring 1927.

Will Broadgauge Line

Broadgaugeing of the N. C. O. from Alturas to Lakeview, and which will connect with the Modoc Northern, is already in progress. The N. C. O. was taken over by the Southern Pacific through permission of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and with the Modoc Northern extended to Alturas and the N. C. O. broadgaugeed, the Southern Pacific will have a direct outlet to the east.

While the railroad situation appears to be somewhat complex at the present time, it became known during the past few days that the Northern lines have had crews of engineers running out lines in the vicinity of Lake Ewauna, where terminal rights are controlled, and that furthermore, engineers have been in the field for some time working out of Bend, making a survey for a line that is to be built from Bend to Klamath Falls.

Founding Hill Lines

This is supposedly the onward march of expanding the Hill lines that San Francisco may be reached, and competition entered into with the Southern Pacific in an effort to gain control of at least its share of the great lumber shipments that will be eventually sent out of Klamath county and adjoining districts of southern Oregon and northern California.

Advancement of agricultural pursuits throughout Klamath county has been most remarkable. Klamath potatoes have grown greatly in demand and the shipment of the lowly spud during the fall of 1926 aggregated in round numbers \$349,999. These potatoes commanded

Many New Highways
There has been much road building in Klamath county during the past year, and we can now boast of having the greatest mileage of improved highways and market roads to be found in any county of the state, the total being about 145 miles.

Completion of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway during the early part of 1927, through the surfacing of an 11-mile stretch between Rly and Beatty will open an artery bringing close connection between Lakeview and Klamath Falls, two of the greatest lumber industrial sections in the southern part of Oregon.

Values Increase

Property values in Klamath Falls have made steady and continual advances during the past year, and lots on the business streets that could be purchased a year ago for \$300 a front foot now command upwards of \$1,000 a front foot.

Farm property has made a steady gain in value, and numerous transfers have been made. Many of the larger ranches have been cut up into small tracts and community farming promises to play an important part in the future growth of this county.

Million-Dollar Payroll

Klamath Falls with its \$1,000,000 monthly payroll, continues to show prosperity. The big lumber mills continued to operate to capacity throughout the year, and no curtailment was noticeable until the first of November, when one shift was laid off for the winter in the mills and box factories.

The mills and their capacity which is given from a daily standpoint, are as follows:

Pelican Bay	200,000
Forest Lumber Co.	150,000
Ewauna Box Co.	250,000
Lamb Lumber Co.	75,000
Sprague River Co.	120,000
Albion Lumber Co.	200,000
Wholer-Olmstead Co.	75,000
Shasta View Lumber Co.	80,000