KLAMATH REPUBLICAN.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1903.

LOCAL NEWS.

Congress adjourned yesterday.

Bicycle thieves have been operating in Grant's Pass lately.

Election of town officers comes off next Monday.

Lakeview is already making plans for a celebration July 4th.

This town needs fewer cats. The supply greatly exceeds the demand.

The county commissioners' court is holding it's regular meeting this week.

C. Swanston started about 200 head of cattle yesterday for Little Shasta, Calif.

A fall of snow covered the ground to a depth of a couple of inches Monday night.

It is the unanimous verdict of this town that there is nothing too good for the firemen.

Fred Flock was granted a liquor license by the county court yesterday to run a saloon at Keno.

Last Friday Louis Gerber started 175 beef cattle from the Colwell and Ball ranches for Montague.

Eulogies on the late congressman Tongue were given in the United States senate last Sunday.

Last week Judge Benson granted divorces in the cases of Liskuski vs. Liskuski and Little vs. Little.

A district convention of Christian Endeavor societies is to be held in Grants Pass March 6, 7, and 8.

It is reported that the northern transcontinental railway lines have decided to maintain reduced rates from the east until June 15.

A. L. Leavitt has purchased the residence and lots of E. I. Applegate on Conger avenue. We understand the consideration was $2,000.

Numerous Indians passed through town the past few days on their way to Lost river, where they go each year at this time to catch and dry mullets.

Judge Willits' store room has been enlarged and is now receiving the finishing touches. This improvement enables him to greatly increase his stock of goods.

We are informed that an expert civil engineer will be here this week to make an accurate survey and estimate of cost of construction for the Merrill Mutual Canal Co.

Joseph Franks, formerly of Ashland, committed suicide by taking opiates at his home on Evans creek, near Woodville, in Jackson county, on Thursday night of last week.

The Grants Pass Courier reports that J. L. Calvert of that place has sold his livery business there with the intention of moving to Klamath county to engage in the stock business.

The stockmen of Jackson county will meet at Medford next Saturday and effect an organization. Dr. Withycombe, of the state experiment station at Corvallis, will attend and address the meeting.

The entertainment given in the opera house Friday evening for the benefit of the Presbyterian library was largely attended and netted a a good-sized sum. The singing, recitations and lecture were very good and thoroughly enjoyed.

The town board had its regular meeting Monday evening. Little was done, aside from providing for the needs of the fire company. It was ordered, among other things, that any team hauling a hose cart to a fire hereafter should be paid $2.50.

It is reported that two newspapers are soon to be established at Silver Lake in Lake county. Also another paper is to be started at Bend in Crook county. There promises to be no dearth of locally generated literary provender in Eastern Oregon communities.

A place has been provided in the Union depot at Portland for exhibits of products of Oregon counties, to be maintained for the information of visitors from the East. Klamath county could gather together an excellent display of substantials, in which home-seekers and investors are particularly interested, and we hope it will be done.

Lakeview Examiner: John Drumm of Summer Lake, killed a cougar about ten days ago, that measured six feet from tip to tip. Leslie Russell was cutting fence stays on the rim about a quarter of a mile from the Harris ranch, and the cougar took possession of "Tuffs" saw and stays. Drumm heard the rumpus and went to Russel's relief. There were two cougars but the dogs treed but one.

The fury with which our building smoked and threatened to catch fire Sunday night shows that we are neither too green nor too soggy to burn. Our establishment seemed to be in exactly the right condition to go up in smoke and would have done so had it not been for the intervention of a torrent of water from the hands of the expeditious fire company. All praise to the boys and the waterworks.

The Lakeview Examiner reports an influx of Italians into the New Pine Creek country and says that farmers of that vicinity frown on such accessions to the population, because the foreigners become rivals in the horticultural business and live so cheap that they can thrive by reducing the price of vegetables, thus forcing old settlers out of that business. Another objection to the Italians is that they have been distributing anarchistic documents through the neighborhood.

For several months C. H. Withrow has had two men constantly employed in the preparation of a complete set of abstract books and plats for Klamath county. At times three and four men have been engaged at the work. It will be the first and only complete set of such books in the county. As soon as possible Mr. Withrow will also have books and plats covering Lake county. People can readily appreciate the great expense of the task undertaken by him, and we hope the result will amply justify it. It is a decided credit to Mr. Withrow in securing such much needed references.

Ashland Tidings: A special agent of the general land office, D. L. Sleeper, was in Albany last week, investigating recent entries of timber lands in the Lakeview land district by Albany people. There have been claims in the Lakeview district to the number of 123 filed upon by residents of Albany, and the special agent was directed to investigate as to whether the entrymen filed on the claims with honest intentions or in the interest of outside parties. It is reported that Mr. Sleeper found no reason to question the genuineness and validity of any of the claims and will so report to the general land office.

The tunnels of the S. P. Co. in Northern California and Southern Oregon have caved in frequently of late, delaying traffic and causing great annoyance and expense. Tunnel 9 in Shasta county has had four such accidents within the past month. All those tunnels, involving millions of dollars in construction and a perpetual expense in loss by accidents and making repairs, might have been avoided had the north and south line been run via Klamath river as was contemplated when the present route was selected. By building this way such heavy grades as those over the Siskiyous would also have been avoided, and the comparatively small rain fall east of the Cascades would have greatly reduced the cost of maintenance. When north and south railway lines are secured through Crook and Klamath counties by the promised connection of the Columbia Southern and road building up from Laird, the bulk of the traffic between San Francisco and Portland may be carried on this way and thus wash-outs and cave-ins on the old line will not interrupt transportation.

DITCH MEN HAVE ARRIVED.

The Republican is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Brong who was here a few weeks ago in the interest of the Merrill Mutual Canal company:

PORTLAND, OR., March 2, 1903.

Messrs. W. Huse & Son,
Klamath Falls, Ore.

Gentlemen: Our ditch man, Mr. Bever, and the engineer leave here to-night for your place and will at once commence work on the survey of the canal. Yours Truly,

E. BRONG.

The men referred to in the foregoing letter arrived here this morning.

TO PAYTHE INDIANS.

Monday's Oregonian publishes Representative Moody's report from the committee on Indian affairs, on his bill to pay the Klamath Indians for lands relinquished to the government. Here is the closing paragraph of the report:

"Your committee are of the opinion that this measure of justice should be accorded these deserving Indians, who gave to the Government a magnificent domain, and in return therefor have received partically nothing. It is the belief of the committee that the modified agreement proposed by this bill will be quickly ratified by the Indians, and that the sale of the lands and a start toward doing justice to these wards of the Nation may be made before the assembling of the next Congress."

NOTICE.

All those knowing themselves indebted to R I. Hammond will please call and settle at once. His great loss by fire makes it necessary for him to collect all due him without delay.

How often you hear it remarked: "It's only a cold," and a few days later learn that the man is on his back with pneumonia. This is of such common occurrence that a cold, however slight, should not be disregarded. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy countracts any tendency toward pneumonia. It always cures and is pleasant to take. Sold by Chitwood & Co.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Postoffice Block Burned and Other Damage.

ORIGIN IS INCENDIARY

Water System and Prompt Work of Firemen Rescue Town.

NONE OF THE PROPERTY INSURED

Mr. Hammond Loses Everything, but will Bravely Begin Anew. Postmaster Had Narrow Escape.

The most destructive conflagration since the town's acquisition of a water system took place here Sunday night, and only for such system and the excellent efficiency with which it was handled, most of the business part of town would inevitably have been reduced to ashes. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. At 11:30 o'clock flames were discovered leaping up from the postoffice block, owned by R. I. Hammond, and they had gained such headway that nothing could be saved from the building, and neighboring property seemed in imminent danger.

Losses may be summarized as follows: R. I. Hammond, building and stock of gent's furnishing goods, tobacco, stationery, etc., valued at between $4,000 and $5000, with no insurance; Wells Fargo & Co., few packages of express; Postmaster Murdoch, postoffice fixtures, $500, no insurance; H. H. Van Valkenburg and Ky Taylor, damage to buildings, $250, no insurance; telephone exchange slightly injured; building of REPUBLICAN office charred and damaged somewhat, covered by insurance.

When the dread alarm of fire was spread through town, the postoffice block was a roaring, billowy sea of flames, the heat one hundred feet distant from it being almost intolerable. The firemen responded quickly and had three lines of hose laid, made connections and were throwing water within a few minutes after reaching the ground. All adjoining buildings which seemed doomed, took on a different and more hopeful aspect when water began flowing from the mains. The lights of the town were turned off to guard against danger from electric currents and the pump at the station was kept in rapid motion. Everything movable in the jewelry store of H. H. Van Valkenburg and barber shop of Ky Taylor was quickly removed to places of safety.

Postmaster Murdoch made a valiant effort to save valuables in the postoffice, but the heat was so intense that he nearly perished and could rescue only some papers, which were of exceptional value, from his safe, which he feared would not save its contents from damage. But in this he was happily mistaken, for everything in the safe was perfectly unharmed. When Mr. Murdoch saw the fire, his first thought was of the valuable papers in the safe and rushed in to get them. He half unlocked the combination and then, nearly overcome, had to hurry out for fresh air. Back he went again, finished the combination, opened an inner box and secured the papers. Instantly realizing the certain loss to the remaining contents if the door were left open, he dashed in again and shut it, but narrowly escaped dropping, exhausted, before the fierce heat of the burning wall. He succeeded in rescuing a table containing the keys which open mail sacks. Otherwise it would have been some days before people could have been served with their mail.

The fire rapidly yielded to the flood of water and within two hours was entirely extinguished. Anxious crowds watched the conflagration and with grateful and appreciative hearts saw the brave and energetic fire company conquer what seemed at first an insuperable tower of flames.

The fire started in an apartment just back of that occupied by the postoffice and opened into Mr. Hammond's main store room, being filled with a large quantity of his goods. From here the flames communicated so quickly with all parts of the store that none of the stock nor even the books could be rescued. All remaining of Mr. Hammond's building are the charred and blackened walls, and of his stock little has been worth gathering from the piles of ashes and cinders. With his entire loss and no insurance, it is a very great misfortune, which excites the sympathy of the whole community. Mr. Hammond was local agent for Wells Fargo & Co., but little belonging to that department was on hand. Some books, charred but legible, found in the ruins, will somewhat facilitate making out reports and otherwise getting his affairs into tangible shape. Temporarily he has resumed the express and stage business in the office of C. H. Withrow. As to plans for the future, he will soon rebuild that part of the destroyed block occupied by the postoffice and use it for his office and a small stock of goods. He thinks he will rebuild the entire block next fall.

The boxes and other fixtures, burned in the postoffice, belonged to Postmaster Murdoch. The government loses practically nothing. Most of stamps and other valuables were in the safe. But the small number which burned, as we understand, amount to the government only the small cost of paper and printing. Some letters and papers were destroyed—the local mail arriving from Lakeview and intermediate points Sunday evening, and the mail dropped into the office that evening and destined for eastern points. The mail for railroad points had gone at 9 o'clock. All day Monday Postmaster Murdoch, Mrs. Murdoch and Mr. Castel were busy bringing order out of chaos. Early in the morning carpenters were set at work building fixtures in Mr. Murdoch's former law office, and by evening patrons were served with their mail.

The buildings of Messrs. Van Valkenburg and Taylor were considerably damaged and a corps of carpenters began making repairs Monday morning. Furniture and goods were replaced and Mr. Taylor has quarters for his barber shop temporarily established in Mr. Van Valkenburg's apartment. Considering their immediate proximity to the postoffice block, their escape from greater loss was very fortunate and a credit to the efficient efforts of the fire department.

The telephone exchange, located in Mr. Van Valkenburg's building, was slightly damaged and required some repairs.

Waterworks and Fire Company.

The town is lucky in the possession of an up-to-date system of waterworks and the acquisition is more generally and thoroughly appreciated since the fire, which threatened the whole business section Sunday night. The system more than paid for itself then. The town is also lucky in its fire company, whose members have amply demonstrated their promptness and ability in handling a conflagration. The fact that they were drenched to the skin and had to face clouds of smoke and blistering heat did not check their efforts in any stage of the fight. They worked from start to finish with unwavering energy and determination and deserve and receive the gratitude of all business men of the town. In response to the firemen's needs, the town board, at its meeting Monday evening, did eminently the proper thing—ordered an appropriation of several hundred dollars for rubber suits, and helmets, and other things required. The board is to be commended for its promptness in thus recognizing the merits and needs of the company. We may well rejoice that we have a first-class system of waterworks and an able fire company which latter deserves substantial encouragement.

Robbery and Incendiary.

The fire started in Mr. Hammond's store room at the rear of the postoffice, and there are evidences which lead to the conclusion that the building was entered and robbed and then fired, either intentionally or accidentally. After the fire, Monday morning, five pairs of socks, identified as the property of Mr. Hammond, were found in an alley near the lake. Also the ground showed that a sack had been dragged over it. The socks did not smell of smoke, showing that they were taken before the fire. Subsequently it was discovered that the rear door of the building had been unbolted. Therefore, it is believed some fiend broke into the room for theft and then either accidentally dropped lighted matches which he had used in selecting his plunder, or to cover the burglary, deliberately applied the torch and committed a more heinous crime. Arson is one of the blackest and most despicable crimes in the calendar of crimes, and officers should and will persist in the effort to locate the guilty party and promptly bring him to justice. The law prescribes a heavy penalty for such offenders and its fullest limit is no more than commensurate with the enormity of the crime.

DEATH OF ALEX STEELE.

Alex Steele, formerly of this county, died at his home near Horse Shoe Bend, Idaho, last Friday, aged 46 years. He was born in Waupaca, Wis. He disposed of large farming interests in Klamath county about six years ago and removed to Idaho, accompanied by his wife, daughter of Mrs. Urlings of this place. Besides his wife, he leaves two sisters and one brother—Mrs. Frank Ward and Mrs. J. T. Henley of this county and Don Steele who now resides in Nevada. Mr. Steele had many friends here who regret his death and will sympathize with his bereaved wife and other surviving relatives.

APPLES: 6000 lbs Apples at 2 cts. I NEED A MEAT MARKET

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE.
LAKEVIEW, OREGON, November 25, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Charles Wilton Stone, of P. O. Box 1407, Seattle, county of King, state of Washington, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1611, for the purchase of the W½ of E½ of Section No. 32 in Township No. 37 S., Range No. 13, E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before J. W. Hamakar, U. S. Commissioner, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 21st day of April, 1903. He names as witnesses: Everett L. Peck, of Portland, Oregon; Benjamin F. Jones, of Portland, Oregon; Etta Jones, of Montaville, Oregon; Milton J. Jones, of Portland, Oregon; Christian L. Long, of Portland, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 21st day of April, 1903.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

RE-ADVERTISEMENT.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Lakeview, Oregon, February 3, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following persons have filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

William H. Flagg,
of Ashland, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1486, for the purchase of the N½ of N½, section 24, township 40, S., range 7 E.

John W. Dyar,
of Ashland, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1487, for the purchase of the S½ SW¼, NE¼ SW¼, and NW¼ SE¼, section 1, township 40, S., range 7 E., W. M.

Emma Dyar,
of Ashland, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1488, for the purchase of the S½ NE¼ and N½ SE¼, section 2, township 40, S., range 7 E., W. M.

Florence L. Trefren,
of Ashland, county of Jackson, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1489, for the purchase of the SE¼ NW¼, SW¼ NE¼, and W½ SE¼, section 12, township 40, S., range 7 E., W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before C. H. Withrow, U. S. Commissioner, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Monday, the 8th day of June, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Florence L. Trefren, John W. Dyar, Emma Dyar, William H. Flagg, of Ashland, Oregon, and J. S. Bailey, of Shake, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of June, 1903.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

(1st pub. Feb. 12.)

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878, NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION,

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Lakeview, Oregon, November 28, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of timber land in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory" as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, the following persons have this day filed in this office their sworn statements, to-wit:

Walter Anson,
of Klamath Falls, county of Klamath, state of Oregon, sworn statement No. 1614, for the purchase of the S½ NE¼ and N½ SE¼, Sec. 1, T. 37 S., R. 9 E., W. M.

Charles C. Essig,
of Harrison, county of Kootenai, state of Idaho, sworn statement No. 1615, for the purchase of the S½ NW¼, Sec. 1, and S½ NE¼, Sec. 2, T. 37 S., R. 9 E. W. M.

That they will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish their claim to said land before J. W. Hamakar, U. S. Commissioner, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Thursday, the 23rd day of April, 1903.

They name as witnesses: Charles C. Essig, of Harrison, Idaho; Walter Anson, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Wesley O. Smith, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; H. H. Wescott, of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Joseph C. Smith, of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 23rd day of April, 1903.

E. M. BRATTAIN, Register.

STATE TREASURER'S SEVENTH NOTICE.

Treasury Department,
State of Oregon.
SALEM, February 25, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the treasury with which to redeem all outstanding state warrants drawn on the State Scalp Bounty and Bounty Funds, endorsed "Presented and not paid for want of funds" prior to this date. All such warrants, if properly endorsed, will be paid upon presentation at this office, interest thereon ceasing from and after this date.

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