

# KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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REPUBLICAN IS OFFICIAL PAPER

Awarded County Printing Because it Has the Largest Bona Fide Circulation.

Subscriber after subscriber has quit the Republican and come over to the Express, until the former, realizing it had to make a desperate effort to stem the defection, hit upon a gambling scheme by which it hoped to get enough new subscribers to take the places of those who deserted it. But the scheme didn't work.—Extract from the Express, late official paper of Klamath County.

The Republican is now the OFFICIAL newspaper of Klamath County. The Express will proceed to take down its sign and go way back and sit down. The County Court of Klamath County this week awarded the county printing to the Republican, not because of favoritism, not through sentiment, not because of its politics, not because of its stand upon the irrigation question, but because it is entitled to it under the law. The Editors of the two papers were present. The sealed subscription lists were on file with the clerk. The sworn subscription list of the Republican, of subscribers living in the county was first opened. Judge Baldwin said: "I find that the Republican's list shows 267 subscribers in the county." Then the Express envelope was opened. This was a mere statement without the jurat of any official appearing. Judge Baldwin again spoke: "The Express list shows 321 subscribers in the county." The Court then examined the lists and the editor of the Express did like-

## SCOLDING EDITOR IS CRITICISED

The Pretending Percy of the Express is Unmasked Once and for All.

"I believe the editor of the Express has gone clean daft on the irrigation question," said a citizen Friday. "The fellow seems to have abandoned all news features of his paper and is devoting his time and space to trouble-making," said another. "If the old New England laws were in force here he would be a fit subject for the ducking stool, used in those days to punish common scolds," said another. "I think he has been sleeping under a crazy quilt until he has gone bug-house," remarked a town wag. "He is keeping up his old reputation," said another. "I am reliably informed that wherever he has been he has been a trouble maker. They say he butts in to a new place and attempts to run it from the start, but soon gets too rank and is called down. He then opens a tirade through the columns of his paper upon his imaginary persecutors, which include everything in sight. He neither spares church nor state, and is perfectly regardless of the etiquette of his own profession. His usual limit is a year at a place, but he sometimes hangs on longer."

"He came here with a flourish of trumpets, fresh from the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle," stated another, "yet that paper wrote to Klamath Falls within the past week for a competent correspondent here, and it did not apply to its old 'staffman' either." "He ought to be taken from the position of secretary of the irrigation committee," said a large property owner. "He has kept the committee involved in a quarrel ever since it was organized. He has persuaded it to send out numerous printed circulars foreign to its mission in order that he might use his vituperation against private institutions, and his latest effort is to involve the committee in his personal newspaper controversies."

"I do not blame the poor devil so much," said a man with a philanthropic turn of mind. "He is a born dispeptic and has enlargement of the spleen. The world and nothing in it has charms for him. All the beauties and grand-children of nature are but curdled milk and vinegar mother through his vision. Nothing looks good; everything bad. It is as natural for him to scold as it is for a wet hen to cluck and peck at her sunny companions in the barnyard. He can't resist it. You place that fellow where he could not scold and find fault and he would collapse. Abuse and trouble-making are the component parts which constitute the life of the man. He is excusable for following his unfortunate nature, and the mantle should be thrown over his mistakes so far as possible." "But some of his mistakes are unpardonable," said a Dairy citizen. "He dug up an unfortunate homicide that occurred in our community years ago, the publication of which had a tendency to revive an old feud that we are trying to forget."

"His unwarranted attack on the energetic pupils who are publishing a bright and new sheet from that institution, the pride of Klamath county, is another illustration of the depraved condition of the man's digestive organs," said a patron of the school. "And with it all, he is such a consum-

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# GUS BENNETT LOSES HIS WAY IN A SNOWSTORM AND DIES FROM COLD AND EXPOSURE

BODY IS RECOVERED AND SHIPPED TO HIS HOME IN PENNSYLVANIA STATE

Augustus E. Bennett, of Caminal, Pa., was found dead in a snowbank by a searching party last Saturday in the woods about 20 miles in a northerly direction from the town of Bonanza, in this county. He had evidently lost his way in a blinding snowstorm, and after wandering about in a vain search for shelter for a number of hours, floundering about in the deep snowdrifts, finally became exhausted and fell headforemost into a bank of snow and died without a struggle. The unfortunate man left Klamath Falls on horseback Friday morning, December 30, at 10 o'clock, for his homestead north of Dairy. His friends insisted that he should remain over until the storm should abate, but he stated that he had a borrowed horse from the Callahan ranch which he wished to return, and also had some mail for some friends at the Egert ranch which lay on his way to his claim which they were anxious to receive.

**New Year's at Egert's.**  
He spent the first night near Dairy and proceeded the following morning to the Callahan ranch where he ate dinner and, leaving the horse, started on foot. He soon reached the Egert ranch two miles away, where he delivered some mail, and at the request of the men at Egert's remained over with them from Saturday afternoon until Monday morning. The boys prepared a sort of New Year's dinner Sunday and passed the time away rather pleasantly for a bachelor's camp. Monday morning the men all started out together from Egert's, the men from the latter place accompanied Bennett to a point on the trail where they were building a cabin. After getting directions Bennett proceeded alone on his journey early in the forenoon. It was his intention to go to Kehrlie and Dickson's cabin on their claim about four miles away. The trail passed his own cabin at a distance of about two miles.

**Denied Being Lost.**  
To the great surprise of his friends, Bennett returned to where they were at work on the cabin about fifteen minutes to 11 o'clock in the morning. They accused him of being lost, but he smilingly denied it and started out again about 11 o'clock. This was the last seen of the living homesteader. Nearly a week passed before it was positively known that he was missing. Joe Smith had business in that portion of the county in making some locations and visited Kehrlie and Dickson's cabin. They inquired about their absent friend. This caused an investigation which resulted in finding the unfortunate man's body, stiff and cold, half buried in the snow in a lonely place in the mountains. **On the Trail to Death.** Joe Smith took up the trail of the missing man on his return to Klamath Falls. When he learned that Bennett had left Egert's place he feared the worst. He hurried on to Callahan's and reported the matter to the first persons he met. Jim Callahan and a man by name of Johnson, both experienced woodmen, and familiar with country, immediately started on the trail. They picked up his trail where he had twice left the men at work on Monday morning. It was easy to follow. The strong man doubtless irritated by losing his way the first time forced his way through the snow with all his strength. About a mile out from where he left the men the second time who were building the cabin he lost his way. The trail led directly to his cabin only a mile away and the cabin of Kehrlie and Dickson was only two miles farther on. But the snow covered the ground deeply and was still falling. The surveyors had fallen some small trees here and the brush was scattered in every direction. The trail was completely obscured. **A Sad Sight.** Callahan and Johnson found that Bennett had circled around the brush-pile a number of times and doubtless becoming bewildered struck off in a northerly direction. His zigzag trail indicated that he was partially unconscious of his

## PROPERTY VALUATIONS LEAP HALF MILLION ABOVE FORMER RECORDS

The County Court fixed the levy last Monday at 25 mills on the dollar. This is three mills higher than last year; but in the present year's levy the provision for the new high school building to cost \$25,000 is included. A levy of \$25,000 in all is made for the high school, but \$1000 of this is for the maintenance of the institution. The levy of 25 mills is subdivided as follows: State, three and six-tenths mills; school, five mills; roads, one and five-tenths mills; high school, eight mills; county, six and nine-tenths mills. The county levy includes salaries of officers, expenses of circuit, county and justice courts, support of county poor, road supervisors, maintaining bridges, rabbit bounty and interest and redemption funds. It will be seen that but for the building of a new high school structure the levy would have been much less this year than last. Still the increase in valuation of assessable property in the county for the past year is the greatest in its history. It has reached a total of \$3,193,955 over a valuation of last year of \$2,753,600, or an actual gain of \$440,355. While some would argue from this showing that the levy should have been still lower than last year, yet this is not a fact. The growth of the county and its general advancement in every way requires more public improvements, more public expenditures, and therefore demands a higher levy. The financial condition of the county is good. It probably ranks with the best in the state. While it is nearly four years behind with its warrants yet it has the full confidence of the commercial world, for its larger warrants, when they can be obtained, are selling at a premium immediately upon issuance.

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