W. O. SMITH, Editor and Proprietor.

LEADING NEWSPAPER OF INTERIOR OREGON.

REPUBLICAN IS OFFICIAL PAPER was found dead in a snowbank by a work on the cabin about fifteen minutes on about a mile farther where he had

Awarded County Printing Because it Has the Larg- woods about 20 miles in a northerly di-denied it and started out again about 11 grogged condition, each time staggering est 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.

newspaper of Klamath County.

The County Court of Klamath County | Court so ordered. this week awarded the county printing stand upon the irrigation question, but with hands down. because it is entitled to it under the law.

first opened. Judge Baldwin said:

shows 367 subscribers in the county." Then the Express envelope was op-

Jodge Baldwin again spoke: The Express list shows 321 subscribers in the county."

The Republican is now the OFFICIAL wise. There was a long silence. But there was only one thing for the Court stead north of Dairy. His friends in The Express will proceed to take down to do. The Republican's 46 majority sisted that he should remain over until

to the Republican, not because of favor- ing the largest circulation shall be turn, and also had some mail for some

It is a lesson to the Express. It has The Editors of the two papers were told about how Republican subscribers present. The sealed subscription lists have been leaving it by the dozen and and proceeded the following morning to started on the trail. were on file with the clerk. The sworn coming to that paper. It needed nearly the Callahan ranch where he ate dinner subscription list of the Republican, of four dozen more to substantiate its as and, leaving the horse, started on foot. twice left the men at work on Monday effect that deceased had come to his subscribers living in the county was sertion. But-the Republican has He soon reached the Egert ranch two morning. It was easy to follow. The death from exposure after having loss been confident all the time. It has been miles away, where he delivered some strong man doubtless irritated by losing his way in the snow. "I find that the Republican's list gaining all the time, is still gaining and mail, and at the request of the men at his way the first time forced his way The sum of \$13.15 was found on Benexpects to keep gaining.

all, always wins.

"Yes, he willfully misstated facts in

facts about our campany," said Mana-

"I don't propose to involve the Re-

news, and not to read the personal griev-

nore the quarreling and scolding of a

dispeptic cotemporary. But it is prop-

"The Republican has expressed it-

self on Government irrigation in plain

terms. It favors it, but does not fa-

vor doing any Individual or private

"All intelligent men understand the

attitude of the paper on this point, and

ment of facts is gradually reacting upon

those who are doing it. The majesty

"As to the statement that Republican

subscribers were quitting the paper and

false. The other paper may be getting

er to state one or two things here:

institution an injustice.

The new official paper of Klamath elor's camp. County greets its friends with a due The Court then examined the lists sense of gratitude and again wishes out together from Egert's, the men from the snow covered the ground deeply and the remains notil his people could be and the editor of the Express did like- them a prosperous New Year.

SJOLDING EDITOR IS CRITICISED building a cabin. After getting direction was scattered in every direction. The was a member of the 1. O. O. F. His re-

The Pretending Percy of the Express is Unmasked his intention to go to Kehrle and Dicki-Once and for All.

"I believe the editor of the Express mate prevaricator," remarked a victim has gone clean daft on the irrigation of his splenetic pen.

question," said a citizen Friday. The fellow seems to have abandoned reference to the Republican," stated Edall news features of his paper and is de- itor Smith. voting his time and space to trouble- "He maliciously misrepresented the

making," said another. "If the old New England laws were in ger Brown. force here he would be a fit subject for | "He betrayed every principle of newsthe ducking stool, used in those days to paper honor and professional etiquette "I think he has been sleeping under paper and his silly criticism and garbled

a crazy quilt until he has gone bug- extracts from my article on the irrigahouse," remarked a town wag.

a new place and attempts to run it from which I had treated the subject," states the start, but soon gets too rank and is Paul De Laney. called down. He then opens a tirade "My mission in the Journal work here through the column of his paper upon shall be as it is for the Republican-to follows: his imaginary persecutors, which in- do everything legitimately for the upclude everything in sight. He neither building of Klamath county and the ad- school, five mills; roads, one and five- 163,955 over a valuation of last year of can be obtained, are celling at a premium spares church nor state, and is perfectly vancement of the interests of the people. tenths mills; high school, eight mills; \$2,755,690, or an actual gain of \$506,965. immediately upon issuance. regardless of the etiquette of his own The publication of the whole story would profession. His usual limit is a year at have exploded his wanton attack." a place, but he sometimes hangs on lonpublican in any further newspaper con-

"He came here with a flourish of troversy," states W. O. Smith. "The trumpets, fresh from the staff of the San people subscribe for a newspaper for Francisco Chronicle," stated another, "yet that paper wrote to Klamath Falls ances of editors. I intend in future to within the past week for a competent devote the paper to news, and shall igcorrespondent 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 invole the commit- the repeated attempts to arouse prejudice against the paper by a misstatetee in his personal newspaper contro-

"I do not blame the poor devil so much," said a man with a philanthrop of the truth is supreme. ic turn of mind. "He is a born dispeptic and has enlargement of the spleen. The world and nothing in it has charms going over to the Express is absolutely for him. All the beauties and grandeurs of nature are but curdled milk and new subscribers and hope it is. I do vinegar mother through his vision. No. not envy my competitor. The Republithing looks good; everything bad. It is can is doing well, thank you! as natural for him to scold as it is for a "The paper has nearly doubled its wet hen to cluck and peck at her sunny circulation since I took charge of it. It companions in the barnyard. He can't has gained hundreds of subscribers and resist it. You place that fellow where has lost but few. It has lost three since he could not scold and find fault and he the irrigation question has been under would collapse. Abuse and trouble-mak- discussion. One of these gave as an exing are the component parts which con- cuse that he was going away for the stitute the life of the man. He is excu- winter. The other two quit because the sable for following his unfortunate na- paper did not meet their approval on ture, and the mantle should be thrown the irrigation question. The paper purover his mistakes so far as possible." sued the course of publishing the news

"But some of his mistakes are unpar- and working for the general interests of donable," said a Dairy citizen. "He the people and county rather than tear dug up an unfortunate homicide that oc- down and wage war when there was not curred in our community years ago, an enemy in the field. the publication of which had a tendency "Many have informed me that they to revive an old feud that we are trying had stopped the Express and came and subscribed for the Republican, but these

"His unwarranted attack on the en- are personal business matters and do ergetic pupils who are publishing a not interest readers. bright and newsy sheet from that insti- "This ends all personal reference to ution, the pride of Klamath county, is my competitor. The Republican will nother illustration of the depraved con- continue to give the best news service of ition of the man's digestive organs," any paper in interior Oregon and always id a patron of the school. BOAT HOUSE "And with it all, he is such a consum- people and their magnificent county."

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

Klamath Falls, Ore., Thursday, January 12, 1905. BODY IS RECOVERED AND SHIPPED TO HIS HOME IN PENNSYLVANIA STATE

rection from the town of Bonanza, in o'clock.

He had evidently lost his way in a struggle.

cember 30, at 10 o'clock, for his homecause of its pelitics, not because of its ceedings and the Republican won out his way to his claim which they were he met. anxious te receive.

New Year's at Egert's. Egert's remained over with them from through the snow with all his strength. nett's body. A firm and honest fight for the right Saturday afternoon until Monday morn-

> the latter place accompanied Bennett was still falling. The surveyors had fall communicated with. He lived at Camtions Bennett proceeded alone on his trail was completely obscured. journey early in the forenoon. It was son's cabin on their claim about four cabin at a distance of about two miles.

Denied Being Lost.

searching party last Saturday in the to 11 o'clock in the morning. They accollapsed near a large tree. He had cused him of being lost, but he smilingly started out three times in apparently a

homesteader. Nearly a week passed be- last moment he faced a large snow-bank blinding snowstorm, and after wander- fore it was positively known that he was All hope vanished. He stood but a mo ing about in a vain search for shelter missing. Joe Smith had business in ment and then tottered forward burying for a number of hours, floundering that portion of the county in making his face and hands in the drift where he about in the deep snowdrifts, finally be- some locations and visited Kehrle and expired without a struggle. came exhausted and fell headforemost Dickison's cabin. They inquired about Bennett's overcoat and revolver and a into a bank of snow and died without a their absent friend. This caused an in- package were found abandoned on his

> in the mountains. On the Trail to Death.

Joe Smith took up the trail of the misits sign and go way back and sit down. landed it safely in the saddle and the the storm should abate, but he stated sing man on his return to Klamath Callahan and Johnson immediately sumthat he had a borrowed horse from the Falls. When he learned that Bennett moned Mike Kehrle and D. W. Burrell The law provides that the paper hav- Callahan ranch which he wished to re- had left Egert's place he feared the who went to the scene and remained in worst. He hurried on to Callahan's and the snow with the corpse all night. itism, not through sentiment, not be- awarded the printing of the Court pro- friends at the Egert ranch which lay on reported the matter to the first persons | Callahan and Johnson returned and

> Jim Callahan and a man by name of structed Justice Hamaker, of Bonanza Johnson, both experienced woodsmen, to hold an inquest. He spent the first night near Dairy and familiar with country, immediately

enel. This was a mere statement with- and the people without the oppression ing. The boys prepared a sort of New the men the second time who were buil- coroner's jury; George W. Morine, J. out the jurnt of any official appearing. of any one, and fairness and justice to Year's dinner Sunday and passed the ding the cabin he lost his way. The P. Collahan, Godfrey Beck, J. R. time away rather pleasantly for a bach- trail led directly to his cabin only a mile Welch and John Lind. away and the cabin of Kehrle and Dick-Monday morning the men all started ison was only two miles farther on. But to a point on the trail where they were len some small trees here and the brush mal, in the Keystone state, where he

A Sad Sight.

nett had circled around the brush-pile a Bennett was about 27 years of age and miles away. The trail passed his own number of times and doubtless become of athleti: build. He is survived by ** ing bewildered struck off in a northerly wife of one year who expected to join direction. His zigzag trail indicated him here in the spring. He carried in-To the great surprise of his friends, that he was partially unconscious of his surance.

Augustus E. Bennett, of Cammal, Pa., | Bennett returned to where they were at | condition early after this. He wandered

back to the tree. This was the last seen of the living His third return was his last. At the

vestigation which resulted in finding the trail. The revolver had been discharged The unfortunate man left Klamath unfortunate man's body, stiff and cold, It is presumed that he fired it to attract Falls on horseback Friday morning, De- half buried in the snow in a lonely place help. The property is supposed to have

> The Night Watch in the Snow. Upon the discovery of Bennett's body

notified the County Coroner who in

The body was then brought to Calla han's ranch where an inquest was held They picked up his trail where he had The substance of the verdict was to the

About a mile out from where he left Following gentlemen constituted the

Remains Shipped East.

The local Odd Fellows took charge of latives who are well to do, reside at Cross Forks, Penn., to which place his body Callahan and Johnson found that Ben- was shipped by express this morning.

PROPERTY VALUATIONS LEAP HALF MILLION ABOVE FORMER RECORDS

punish common scolds," said another. in his personal attack upon me in his Monday at 25 mills on the dollar. This county levy includes salaries of efficers, showing that the levy should have been paper and his silly criticism and garbled is three mills higher than last year; but extracts from my article on the irrigation situation here as published in the present year's levy the provision in the present year's levy the present year's "He is keeping up his old reputation," Oregon Daily Journal. I covered it for the new high school building to cost bounty and interest and redemption quires more public improvements, more said another. "I am reliably informed carefully and truthfully, and have re- \$25,000 is included. A levy of \$26,000 in lunds. that wherever he has been been ceived congratulations from patrons of all is made for the high school, but \$1000 It will be seen that but for the build- mands a higher levy. a trouble maker. They say he butts in to the Express for the fair manner in of this is for the maintenance of the in-

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than last. Still the increase in valua- in the state. While it is nearly four The levy of 25 mills is subdivided as tion of asses-able property in the county years behind with its warrants yet it has for the past year is the greatest in its the full confidence of the commercial State, three and six-tenths mills; history. It has reached a total of \$3,- world, for its larger warrants, when they

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