KLAMATH REPUBLICAN SAN FRANCISCO CALL DISCUSSES GREAT **GOVERNMENT IRRIGATION PROJECT UNDER** W. O. SMITH, Editor and Proprietor. CONSIDERATION IN THE KLAMATH BASIN LEADING NEWSPAPER OF INTERIOR OREGON. Klamath Falls, Ore., Thursday, February 2, 1905.

· · · · · · · ·

-l'among parter . .

Some of the California Solons Leary About Passing Bill in aid of Government Project for Fear That it Would Tend to Encourage "Recession" of Rights of State to Federal Authority, but the Call Maintains That the Point is not Well Taken.

AND ALL OF THIS TALK ASSISTS IN ADVERTISING ABROAD THE GREAT COUNTRY OF LAKES AND RIVERS

There was a slight hitch in the lower house of the California Legislature over the passage of the bill in aid of Federal irrigation. In discussing the matter the San Francisco Call says :

"With some of our worthy solons the word 'recession' has come to be such a bogey that it is shied from with fear and much frantic voicing of warnings whenever met. The matter of the Klamath lake drainage scheme is a case in point. Because when the joint action of Oregon and California shall have brought about the irrigation of thousands of acres of heretofore barren bad-lands, and the marshy borders of upper and lower Klamath lakes shall have been drained as a consequence, the Federal Government will assert its title to all lands so drained, there are certain of the California legislature who see in this a dangerous 'recession' of State lands to the National Government.

"Here again, as in the case of the Yosemite, it is necessary to call attention to the fact that nothing can be receded to the Federal Government which already belongs to it by inalienable right. The title of the United States to the beds of such bodies of water as those of the two lakes along the northern boundary of the state is undisputed and when a portion of these lake beds is exposed by draining under the joint action of the Oregon and California legislatures, makes but formal asseveration of the Federal Government's right to the same.

"Though Oregon's interest in the proposed reclamation project is paramount, California has a great deal to gain from the successful prosecution of the work. By the lowering of the levels of upper and lower Klamath lakes vast reaches in Modoc and Siskiyou counties in this state and of Klamath county in the neighboring state will be turned over to irrigation and made a rich country. The proposed engineering works will necessitate the diversion of waters from one state to another. The Government reclamation service has made provision for conducting the work. It needs only the joint action of the two legislatures in affirming the Federal title to marsh lands thus drained to insure the immediate commencement of operations. A quibble over 'recession' should not be allowed to divert attention from the main ends in view."

Newly Initiated Clubman Tells Row It Seems to Bevel in

Luzuries.

"It's a queer thing, this belong. ing to club," said the man who had just paid his first dues," relates the New York Sun. "But it's fine to feel rich, even once in a while. "Take the simplest thing in the

world going into the house. All my life I've been used to fishing around for a latchkey, wriggling out of my overcoat, and hollering to know who was home.

"But when I go into my clubnotice 'my club,' I can say it easily now-when I go into my club, as I say, I don't even push open a door. Some one in livery does that and bows as I stalk past. I am allowed to lift my hat off, but that's about all And every one says 'Sir' to me until I feel as if part of the mint was mine.

"Same way if leat there. Takes a head waiter and at least one every day waiter even to get me into a chair. And as for wondering what we're going to have for dinner and if Sunday's roast beef isn't about finished-why, I can have roast beef fresh every day.

"You can do all that in a fine hotel or restaurant, but you don't get called by name unless you're more of a rounder than I amand what's worse is that you're not expected to sit around and be waited on unless you're spending money when you're in such a place. "Oh, it's great to feel rich now

and then, and I don't know that it makes home seem any worse."

MADE CRABS GATCH CRABS

Novel Scheme of a Fisherman Which Froved to Be an Immenes Buscan

They were sitting in the general store in the seashore resort of ATslon, telling the usual Jersey fish stories. It was Ezra Cresse's turn, says the Philadelphia Press, and he spun the following yarn:

"Some springs ago the crabs were scarce on account of the hard winter. Every summer I make a ousiness of shipping crabs to the ity, but the spring I speak of it seemed as though the crabe hed all died. You know that the ice kills the crabs, and those what's left alive always keep in deep water the following summer. Well, I tried my best to get some crabe; I went along the bank of the creek with a net; I fished with large hunks of meat, and I tramped around to all the salt ponds on the

PREPARE FOR THE RUSH.

The year 1905 will bring the greatest rush of people to two given points in Oregon ever recorded in her history.

One of these points will be Portland and the cause of the rush will be sightseeing. Thousands of people from all over the world will visit the Lewis and Clark Fair. From this point they will scatter throughout the Pacific northwest with various objects in view, a large number of whom will be in search of homes and places where they can better their condition.

The next important point to Portland will be Klamath county, and the rush will be that of homeseekers, capitalists, professional men, mechanics and laboring men, all looking for a better field for operation. There has been so much boom matter published and spoken that the people do not any longer give such things much credence. For that reason they do not all appreciate the real notority that the Klamath Country is creating in the outside world. Some see it in the local papers and probably think that is all. Others see it in the Portland and San Francisco papers and think that is all. But this is not true. Klamath's fame is spreading all over the United States. It has been the talk of the Oregon and California legislatures; it has been the subject of discussion in the two houses of Congress and the papers throughout the country have taken the matter up and repeated the story of this county. The newspapers here, the postmaster, people generally are receiving letters of inquiry daily from every nook and corner of the country. All of these denote the trend of things. They show that from every portion of the country the people are coming. The reclamation of 300,000 acres of land for cultivation means a great deal. It means more than millions in furnaces and factories, and yet these will follow.

ture, with the certain knowledge that its presence will stimulate the development of the country's resources. "The livestock and timber productions and other interests of Klamath county, though great, had not been sufficient to seriously attract railroad building. But when it became a certainty that millions of acres of the most fertile lands were to be added to her productive agricultural area by providing moisture for her and deserts, reclaiming her swamps, and draining her lakes, then railroads saw in Klamath county a certainty of sufficient traffic to lead them to 'looking that way,' and they are racing with each other for

TRYING TO AWAKEN THEM.

strides to the front, while its own county is at a standstill, takes a sentence

from the Republican as a text and attempts to awaken its citizens to action.

ferent railroads have been looking this way."

for enterprising people of Lake county to move.

It savs :

The Lake County Examiner, growing impatient at Klamath's rapid

"Ever since irrigation became a positive assurance for this county, dif

"The above is taken from the Klamath Republican, and shows the way

"A railroad has never gone aimlessly to any place and never will. It

goes where something is already in sight to justify it in making the expendi-

pecedence in the occupancy of that field. "Klamath county saw her opportunity immediately upon the passage of the irrigation act, and seized upon it promptly, calling the attention of the proper persons to the feasibility of large irrigation projects within her borders, and persistently pressing them upon the notice of the Department until they have as a result of activity and alertness the great Klamath irrigation and reclamation scheme. It is certain that the execution of the projected work will soon begin, and must lead to the expenditure of five or six millions of dollars, a large portion of which will go to local producers, business men and laborers. This will, it is now conceded, make Klamath one of the most wealthy and prosperous counties in the state.

"Why are not railroads pressing this way ? Simply because the people of Lake county remained inactive and have not made the effort Klamath has made to inform the world of our present resources, and of the possibilities in our borders awaiting development.

"States, counties and cities which have prospered and grown, can all truthfully ascribe their advancement to the persistence of their respective eitizens in giving publicity to advantages which they offered to energetic settlers and business men of enterprise and capital. The legislatures of two states, and men prominent in the United States senate now take keen interest in promoting and advancing, in every way, possible, as a great national enterprise, the Klamath irrigation scheme, which wide awake citizens of Klamath county set in motion in a local meeting.

"For what do we wait ? Others are acting and getting grand results. They tell us plainly what turned railroads toward them. Lake county needs to organize a Promotion League to live forever, and work for progress, material, mental and moral."

WAS JUST FEELING RICH.

A well to do farming country is the most substantial and reliable. Crops never fail under irrigatiom and for that reason farming under this system is the most certain industry under the sun.

In view of this the Klamath country, with its unexcelled opportunities and virgin undeveloped resources, stands at the head to day as an attractive point to all mankind who desire the betterment of their condition.

And the rush is coming. It will bring with it every class. Competition. will grow in every line. Sharpers and fakirs will come. Boomers will be in the van. The lawless will be here. It will be a change of present conditions. Now every one is acquainted, all work for the common good and with due consideration for one another. But when the great Cosmopolitian influx comes it will be different. It will be a case of keen competition and disregard for the welfare of others.

The people who expect different conditions will be undeceived with the opening of spring. They are coming. The present hotel and lodging house accommodations will be inadequate. Houses cannot be constructed fast Merrill - - - Oregan. enough. It will resemble a mining town rush.

The people of Klamath county should prepare to meet the demands upon I am prepared to do all kinds them. This will include taking care of the new population as well as meeting a sharp competition in every line.

KLAMATH FALLS TALENT.

One of the best demonstrations of Klamath Falls talent was given in the play, the Spinsters' Convention, at Houston's opera house recently

From the older ones down to the youngest child the acting was almost up to the standard of the professional.

This is the case with Klamath people in any line of life where culture is a necessary factor to success. The citizens of this county are well read and are posted on the doings of the world, and are conversant on all current subjects of interest.

The people subscribe for and read the standard periodicals of the country and are able to discuss them intelligently. Those persons on the outside world who think Interior Oregon is a benighted region will be quickly undeceived if they will pay this country a visit.

LAW SHOULD BE PASSED

A bill has been introduced before the senate and house of the Oregon legislature providing for the publication of all laws of a local nature in the two newspayers in the county to which the laws apply. The state provides compensation for such publication.

This is a good iaw. Special or local acts are not included in the general code and persons who desire to know the contents of such acts are compelled to consult a lawyer or spend considerable time in finding a copy of the session laws, which is always a difficult task as the session laws are few in number and but little care is taken of them.

In the case of Klamath county, the game laws as passed by Mr Shook and the irrigation laws and charter of Klamath Falls, would be published in

