

WILL FOLLOW HOOD SURVEY

Huntington In Favor
Of This Route 25
Years Ago.

TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

Railroad Problem Is Now
Settled—Look Out For
The Cars.

San Francisco, Cal., June 25

W. H. Holabird—

The Railroad will

be incorporated at once and active

work begun.

A. H. Naffziger, President

Klamath Development Co.,

All doubts as to Klamath Falls having

a railroad are now at an end.

The above telegram was received by

Mr. Holabird in reply to the notification

that the bonus of \$100,000 had been com-

pleted.

The railroad which starts at Weed,

Cal., on the Southern Pacific, between

Grass Valley and Shasta, at the foot of Mt.

Shasta, has already been built around

the north slope of Shasta through Sheep

Rock Pass to Grass Valley, a distance of

twenty-four miles.

The probable route will be from there

down Butte Creek valley to the Boise

river, across Butte Valley to Hole in

the Ground. From there it will go to

Treter's Landing and thence following

the east side of the Klamath River to

Klamath Falls. The road will probably

cross the swamp about five miles above

Keno near Wild Horse Butte and con-

tinue on east side of river to this city.

After passing through Klamath Falls it

will be extended so as to connect with

navigation on the Upper Klamath Lake.

The distance from the present termi-

ne to this city is about 65 miles with no

perceptible grade. The summit has al-

ready been reached at Grass Valley,

which is only 800 feet higher than

Klamath Falls. This will make a slight-

ly down hill haul the entire way.

It is probably unknown to many of

our readers that the route which is

about to be adopted by the Weed Rail-

road will follow the line of what is

known as the old "Hood" survey, which

was made by Mr. Hood, now Chief En-

gineer of the Southern Pacific, about 25

years ago. At that time C. P. Hun-

tington made a personal reconnaissance

through this country and it was con-

sidered by him that this was the best

and most practical route to Portland.

No doubt we would have had railroad

connection at that time had it not been

that the Oregon & California railway

built south from Portland to Roseburg,

and Huntington, in order to prevent a

rival road running to San Francisco,

extended his road north over the Siski-

you, met the Oregon & California, and

eventually gained control of the whole

line. The fact that the Weed road will

follow practically the same route sub-

stantiates the statements that this is a

road of easy grades, short distance with

very little trouble from snow, and the

only practicable route in this country.

Land of Small Farms

A leading Portland newspaper printed

strong editorial upon the subject of

farm units, which is so much to the

point that it offered as "fit" reading for

all large land owners:

"The small stockmen of Eastern Wash-

ington are up in arms against the men

who hold under lease large areas of state

land. A legal contest is to be instituted

with a view to securing annulment of

the leases. The fight now on was hasten-

ed by passage of a law at Olympia last

Winter restricting the running at large

of stock. This measure together with

the steady encroachment of the big

stockmen and ranchers, has practically

crowded the small stockowner out of

business, and unless a change is made

in the law, he will have to abandon his

calling and make way for the rancher.

Owing to the fact that they have con-

siderable in common in the leasing sys-

tem, the big whistlers will also be

affected should the small stockmen win

and succeed in overturning the present

system of leasing state lands.

"There are many thousands of acres

of good wheat land under control of in-

dividual ranchers or corporations, and

HALF MILLION BRICK NEEDED

The prospects for good brick, to be

made near Klamath Falls, are very

good.

H. Snook, who has the contract for

the construction of the High School

building, has laid out a brick yard in

Marion Hanks' field above town, and

has a crew of men at work making

brick. He will burn about 125,000 in

his first kiln. If this proves as suc-

cessful as he anticipates, he will double the

next kiln.

Mr. Childers, who has reopened the

old yard on the west side of the river,

has already been successful in drying

his first lot of brick. As this is the most

important part, there is no doubt but

that the town will be well supplied with

good brick. Childers has finished burn-

ing his first kiln of 30 thousand brick,

but these have not been drawn out yet.

The new High School building will

probably take about 250,000 brick, and

it is estimated that fully a half million

brick will be used in Klamath Falls this

year for building purposes.

A small farm highly cultivated, with

some diversity in the crops, will sus-

tain more people than a large farm

poorly handled, or used exclusively

for the production of wheat. There

has been a gradual disappearance of

the big wheat farms of the famous coun-

try, and gardens and fruit orchards

have taken their place a dozen families

finding a livelihood on the same area

of land which was formerly used by

some wheat king solely for production

of the cereal.

"The labors of the small rancher or

small stockmen are much more arduous

than those of the man who controls

many thousands of acres, but the small

operator in most cases gets all there is out

of the land, while the large owner is

more inclined to handle it in a careless

slipshod fashion. Land throughout the

Pacific Northwest has increased quite

rapidly in value within the past few

years, and it is falling into the hands of

experienced farmers who are coming in

from the Middle West, where high cul-

tivation and careful management are

much more of a necessity than in this

country. With the increasing value of

the land it becomes necessary to secure

the maximum in the way of production

in order that the land may return a fair

percentage of profits on the investment.

This is a much easier problem on a small

farm than on a large one, and not until

the entire Pacific Northwest is cut up in

small farms will we secure the most re-

generative returns possible from our

farm and grazing lands.

"The land barons east of the moun-

tains may succeed in defeating the present

plans of the small stockmen, but in the

end they will be forced to succumb. We

have plenty of land here in the North-

west, but we are woefully short on people

and our farms are all too large."

Fortunately the reclamation act in

the use of water from the government

canals, restricts the area to 160 acres.

This places Klamath Basin in sharp

contrast with the balance of the great

north west, where the reduction of the

farm unit from thousands of acres each

cannot be fixed by any arbitrary means.

The very fact that nearly 250,000 acres

of the richest land in the west will be

and is now, offered to the farmer in

reasonable farm units, with five times

the water to irrigate it that can be used,

should direct home seekers to Klamath

County and it will do so. Look for a

large population and get ready for them

at an early date.

Yours for Klamath region.

H. G. HOLABIRD.

The concert given under the auspices

of the Woman's Club Friday evening

proved a delightful success and the

women realized a neat sum for the ben-

efit of the new library.

Klamath Falls is probably more

favoured than most towns in the matter of

local talent, and the audience is always

delighted by these performances which

are only too rare.

Miss Elsie Applegate showed natural

talent and training in her selections on

the violin. Her playing of Beethoven's

Romance was highly praised. Mrs.

Gates sang "Oh! That we two were

moving," and "Spring." The audience

insisted on her responding to an encore.

Whenever Miss Elsie Galloway's name

ENGINEERS TO BE HERE

Superinsving Engineer J. P.
Lippincott and C. E. Cruesky,
Consulting Engineer of the
Secretary of the Interior, will
leave Los Angeles on July 4
and arrive in Klamath Falls on
the evening of the sixth.

KENO SHOOTING AFFAIR

A shooting affair occurred in
Keno last night in which R. E.
Nurse of this city was shot by
Walter Took, a blacksmith of
Keno. The two men got into a
quarrel and it is reported
that Nurss attacked the other
man with a knife, whereupon
Took drew a revolver and
shot him. The ball passed
through the hand and entered
the groin. Nurss was brought
to this city and is now at the
Klamath House. A warrant
for the arrest of Took will
probably be sworn out during
the day.

A Minister Wanted

What can a stranger think of the
morals of the beautiful town of Klamath
Falls, who being present at the
conclusion of the trial last Friday of Stella
Watson, witnessed a court room full of
respectable looking men, many of them
prominent business men, applaud the
verdict of a jury in finding "not guilty"
the land-lady of a house of vice?

A person unacquainted with the de-
tails of the case, which has been the
talk of the town for the past week,
would naturally inquire, why the people
were so evidently in sympathy with the
defendant.

The question was asked one of the en-
thusiasts, "What is the cause of this
demonstration, are the people in favor
of encouraging lawdy houses?" His re-
ply was, "To hell with the houses and
saloons, I don't care if they are all run
out, I'm applauding because we beat
Preacher Smith."

From the above answer, which as far
as we can learn, voices the general sen-
timent even among many of his own
congregation, it appears that Rev. Smith
has adopted the wrong tactics in reach-
ing the lost souls in Klamath Falls. It
has apparently been Mr. Smith's one
aim and desire since undertaking his
work here, to drive all the sinners out
of town, to unload them on some other
community, and thus make our town a
city of perfect beings. Mr. Smith retain-
ing the right to judge who are the per-
fect ones. In our opinion this is not the
proper Christian spirit to show. For a
minister to make enemies of the very
people that he might help and by ex-
ample and christian love, lead into the
right path, is unwise, for in incurring
their enmity he thereby loses his influ-
ence for good.

There is sin in every community, but
to say that Klamath Falls, is cursed
with a greater amount than any other
town, is stating what everyone knows to
be untrue. We do not believe that
there is a more moral town of its size on
the Coast. It is true as well as un-
fortunate that we have too many saloons,
but no where can one find saloons run
on a more strictly business basis than
here. We believe it impossible to cite a
case where a man has been drugged,
robbed or unfairly treated by a saloon
man. At present everything that occurs
within a saloon in this town is open and
above board and this is to their credit.
There would be less harm result if the

TOWN AUTHORITIES STRONGLY CENSURED

MAKE THE BEST
LIME ON COAST

It is probably not generally known
that there is being produced within a
mile and one-half of Klamath Falls,
lime that is as good if not better than
any manufactured on the Coast.

A visit to C. D. Wilson's Lime kilns
north of the city is well worth the trip.
Mr. Wilson's has two kilns in operation
and has had a crew of seven men at
work since the 22nd of March. He is
now able to turn out 1000 bushels of
lime a week. This is far in excess of
the demand at present, but with the
commencement of work on the new
buildings contemplated, he will find a
ready market for all he can turn out, as
the lime is of a superior quality.

The lime rock covers about fifteen
acres. There are a number of ledges,
the one being worked at present is a 16-
foot ledge. They have already gone 30
feet below surface and the rock is found
to be better the deeper they get.

saloons were obliged to put in glass
fronts and keep their doors open like
other business houses. If saloons are
considered a necessity to a town, the
same as grocery stores and butcher
shops, let them be run on the same
basis. If this plan was carried out
there would be less saloons and less evil.

To return to the question, Klamath
Falls needs Ministers but not politicians.
A minister who will butt into every pro-
position that comes up and tries to run
the town and to run politics, will only
end in gaining the ill will of every citi-
zen and also lessen the influence of his
church and thus necessarily retard the
advancement of religion and morality.

To repeat the statement made by Mr.
Smith to this paper, that there was a
grand work for a newspaper here, we
would say that there is a grand work
for a minister here. Mr. Smith is one
of the best public speakers that Klamath
Falls has had for some time, but some-
how he has failed to reach the hundreds
of young men of our city, who would be
glad of the chance to spend an evening
where they could improve their minds
listening to a good lecture.

For over a year now the people of this
county have been forced to contend with
agitations which have only been an ad-
ded expense to the tax payers without
resulting in any good, morally or other-
wise. It is now time to call a halt.
This last little experiment has only cost
the county about \$400 and what good
has it done? What right have people,
who are not contributing one cent to-
ward the expenses, to burden the tax
payers with the results of their folly?
It should be plain to these agitators that
if citizens wanted them to run the town's
business, they would have elected them
to the proper office, but evidently the
people thought different, so they ought
to submit. It is a wise law that provides
that only property owners and tax pay-
ers shall be elected as executive officers
of the town.

C. N. Hawkins and W. K. Brown ar-
rived in the city Tuesday evening from
California. Mr. Hawkins stated that
they would be in the city for a few days
as they have a few business matters to
settle up. As the water has been short
this year in the Ankeny ditch, Mr.
Hawkins has kindly offered to turn the
water that is running at present in the
Klamath Canal into the Ankeny ditch
so as to help out the farmers who would
otherwise be short of water. This is
offered free and if it is accepted by Mr.
Ankeny there will be plenty of water
for everyone under the ditch.

Grand Jury Believes
Town Is Not Run
Properly.

COUNTY OFFICES ARE O. K.

Report of Grand Jury For
The June Term of
Circuit Court.

"It is the unanimous verdict of this
Grand Jury that the City authorities
of Klamath Falls are not giving its
citizens such government as they
should have and desire."

The above is an extract from the re-
port of the Grand Jury which has just
been in session, the full text of which
is given below. The criticism is one
that reflects great discredit on our town
and our officials, and should not be al-
lowed to pass without comment.

It is known that the only excuse and
reason for empanelling a Grand Jury at
this term of court, was for the purpose
of considering certain complaints made
by Rev. W. G. Smith, against Stella
Watson and certain of the saloons, all
of which are under the jurisdiction of
the Town of Klamath Falls. District
Attorney Moore showed good judgment
in refusing to mix up in a local fight of
this kind, but the people who forced
him to call a Grand Jury, only succeed-
ed in creating an expense of several
hundred dollars for the county to pay,
without winning a single case.

The report of the jury no doubt was
based on the evidence before them but
there is always two sides to every case,
and if the Grand Jury could have con-
sidered evidence on both sides, its ver-
dict would have probably been different.
The report of the Grand Jury is as fol-
lows:

To the Honorable Circuit Court of the
State of Oregon, for the County of
Klamath.

We the Grand Jurors duly drawn and
empaneled for the June term of said
Court for the year of 1905, beg leave to
report as follows:

Some complaints of violation of law
have been made before us and testimony
furnished. We have investigated these
complaints and where the testimony in
our judgment has been sufficient to con-
vict, we have proceeded to indict.

The larger number of these complaints
have been made in regard to the viola-
tion of law within the corporate limits
of Klamath Falls. While we have not
hesitated to investigate these, and in
several cases believe that the law has
been flagrantly violated, yet we believe
that these violations of law that occur
within the municipality should be im-
partially and vigorously prosecuted by
the city authorities.

And it is the unanimous verdict of
this Grand Jury that the city authori-
ties of Klamath Falls, are not giving its
citizens such government as they should
have and desire.

We have visited the county jail and
county offices and find them in good
condition and neatly kept.