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J. B. Mason Writes Entertainingly of Klamath County.

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Klamath Falls, Or., July 3, 1905. many more may see. I have waited pense of the quality. in order to get better acquainted with

deed not cease to accumulate, I will sweet corn, which seems to do well. therefore now try to tell as nearly as In dry farming, i e., without irri-

his short acquaintance. miles wide from cast to west in the the acre. central and southern part, by one Blue grass and white clover have

Blok River and the beautiful little tions and feed. They have the finest eighteen below. I have seen no hard them, and as they have been reported sell at a fair price. while the outlet of this lake is Klam- range seven to nine months in the lightning. The country is claimed to will not suit everybody, but here is plans, those who do not sign the re-

The town has a population of about 1200 and it has a beautiful location,

Then there is the lake and the val-Across the valley to east the same level as this valley. scourged the valleys above, brought around the foot of Stukel mountain skurried away down the valley to the lava beds, where there are great caves people say that it is useless to try to lava beds, where there are great caves Indians had cached food, and were able to hold out indefinitely.

To the southeast the valley is a we can see for about twenty-five mountains rising abruptly from the lains, and back of which open out from this, other valleys as beautiful and fertile as this one and all combing in a scene which for beauty and picturesqueness is really charming. But for Klamath river these valleys ould be a lake. Upper Klamath is some twenty-live miles long

and two to twelve miles wide. Lower Klamath lake is about 12 miles south of Klamath Falls and is part in Oregon and part in California and some or 20 miles long. There is a on the upper lake large built here for the lower lake and the

The lands in these valleys are of ere brush lands is a sandy loam, aying from a darker heavier soil

four feet long and I take it with me berries, gooseberries and red currents selling at from \$12 to \$30 per acre ac- what one hundred, yes, two hundred, ing care of an immense amount of

HESSAGE FROM THE WEST the crop now on the same land looks well. I have seen the which Land well. I have seen rye which I am told is volunteer and the sixth crop since sowing, I have also seen volunteer wheat which promises a fair light crop and with more rain it would have been good. Also volunteer potatoes which promise a fairly good crop. I am told that potatoes on the slopes of the hills and moun-Dear Editor-Having promised tains next to the valley without irriseveral of my Greenwood County gation, yield well, but not heavily, deads, that I would write them a and that very little cultivation is re description of this part of the country, quired. This much I know, that and finding that a description which there are plenty of last year's pota would give anything like an intelligent toes here now, and the quality I have idea of what is to be found here, never seen excelled. I am informed would require such lengthy letters, I that the yield can be largely increashave concluded to ask The Herald to ed by irrigation, but unless it be judipublish a letter which they all and clously done, it will be at the ex-

The cereals grown are wheat, oats, the country and conditions here, be barley and rye. I have been told of fore writing, and still hesitate, as I some very large yields of these grains never like to pass on a case until the under irrigation, the truth of which I have no reason to doubt, the largest Realizing in this case however, that being 63 bushels of wheat to the acre. evidence will continue, and in- Corn is not grown at all except the

I can what this section of country has gation, stockmen grow a great deal of offer the immigrant, as I see it on rye for hay, as it is easily produced, growing a volunteer crop year after It is possible that I may make some year. Alfalfa appears to be very fine mistakes, but I do not mean to, and on irrigated lands producing in two to If anyone shall come from there here three cuttings from four to six tons and will bring the paper containing per acre according to best reports obthis letter with him, I think he will tainable, and the feeding quality is find it to be substantially correct. So of a very high order: Timothy is far at least as the statement of facts also excellent in these valleys, prois concerned. Klamath County is 72 ducing, it is said, two to four tons to

hundred miles north and south only been grown on lawns and in small patches where they got started through the central part. small patches where they got started apparently by accident, but where of the state of Rhode Island. It con- irrigated I have seen the tallest and tains within its borders a marvelous I think the heaviest growth of both spring they get very muddy. variety of mountains and valleys, of especially the white clover, that I lakes and streams, of hot springs and ever saw anywhere. I showed this springs that are ice cold, of sage blue grass and white clover, to three brush plains and tule marshes, of pine strangers from California and Coloraforests abounding in wild game, and do. Men who understand irrigation, lakes and streams teaming with fish. and I asked them if this land seeded In the north west part of the county like that would not support one good it is not subject to sudden changes, has purchased land for an addition to of the year. is Crater Lake National Park. Crater dairy cow to the acre, during the pas- and thus far. I have found that to be the town, and announced a few days 1t seems to me to be a good plan Lake is one of the wonders of the ture season. They said "It will sup- the case. The summer weather is de- since that it is now ready to begin to construct the canal in sections and lope. The lake is said to be port more than two." Cows seem to lightful. Just now we are having the work of constituction. This road about ten miles across and the water do exceedingly well here on the native some hot days, but it is pleasant in comes from Weed, about 80 miles put the land upon the market a little about 2100 feet deep, the rim from grass, and the milk and butter is fine. the shade and the nights are cool. It 1000 to 2000 feet above the water, All stock seem to do well. Horses in is said that the snow fall is somewhat The McCloud road is now under conand 9400 feet above the sea. Klam- a general way seem livelier than they larger here than in Kansas and for struction and has about 40 miles to vantage. If all the surplus land in ath Falls, the county seat, is situated do elsewhere that I have been. It is the last two winters the mercury has build, to reach Lairds, at the lower in the south west part of the county claimed by some that they can stand not fallen below zero, and to that end of the lower lake, where it will the 250,000 acres to be reached by the about one and a half miles below the more work. If this is true it is point on two or three mornings only, meet transportation by water. lower end of Upper Klamath Lake, on doubtless due both to climatic condi- but it has been known to be as low as Lake wauna. Link River flows from and cleanest threshed oats that I ever storms here and it is claimed there to me from what seem to be reliable Upper Klamath lake into this lake, saw. Stock is said to do well on the are none, and very little thunder and sources. This country and climate

the foregoing that the writer means free from summer complaints. It very reasonable prices. nestling as it does in a cove of the foot to convey the idea that here is to be would seem that the marshes would The fact that the government is hills, which are "rock ribbed and found a place of perfection, or even afficient as the sun," while in the disapproaching it. The more I see of be scarcely any of it. The absence of \$4,400,000 shows the confidence it be required to pay a slightly higher tance are to be seen mountains, some this world, the more I am impressed it thought to be due to the elevation, has in these lands and waters after a rate in order to place them upon an of which are snow capped, the most with its beauties and wonders, and which is 4086 feet. An abundance of year's thorough investigation by a equality with those who paid earlier. prominent Mount Shasta about one the ample provision made in it by "the good soft water is very easily obtained, corps of competent engineers. Peo-California, towering aloft in his white for the sustenance and development feet in depth and no rock. The Gov. loads to look at the country and a the cost of constructing the system, mantle 14400 feet high and reminding of man, but he who expects to find ernment has decided to put in a sys- large immigration is confidently ex- the money paid by the other 25 per one of ghostly sentinel keeping guard perfection in country or people, this tem of irrigation in these valleys, lo- pected. The vast amount of money side of the millennium, is doomed to cally known as Klamath Basin, em- to be expended here by the governdisappointment.

is the gap where Captain Jack in late spring of course shortens the without interest. This will amount contracts for the work of construccomparitively level plain across which they say that industry and persever- being interstate waters, the Govern- in my heart. With kind regards and toiles. On either side are hills and rewarded. One thing I have noticed streams, and the immense water power wherever I have been, and that is, in them becomes a part of this enterpeople who do not plant things are prise, so that the owners of the land few gardens here and there and in own the water power. The fall of some of them, the growth of vege- Link river from the Upper lake to this tables would, I think, satisfy the town, 11 miles is 65 feet, and the fall most exacting. They are simply im- in Klamath river from where it leaves mense. While there have been cases the valley, is 1800 feet in twelve miles in which there was material damage to say nothing of the rapids in other done by frost, I have asked several old streams. about the 28th of May in which there water right for more than 160 acres,

two classes, viz., sage brush lands were perhaps ten per cent of the heads as the intention of the Government in and tule marshes. The soil of the turned white by having been frosted. this irrigation law, is to prepare land Five fellows say the same thing as the has made quite an improvement in and after that time saw frost which Therefore men who have large tracts much. It would buy a pair of shoes Bartles and Upton, the terminal with with not much sand to a soil lighter seemed to me must kill all garden of land may deed 160 acres to their and a pair of pants, and perhaps a neckin color and more sandy. Some places stuff and fruit, and I beleive it would wives, and 160 acres to each child, being quite sandy. It works as fine have done so in some other places, but they must agree to sell the balbut here, so far as I have seen, fruit ance before the government will pro. Prof. W. S. Slough, who was form- only was damaged. The people here ceed with the work of constructionerly Supt. of public schools of Green- say that the fruit crop is short, much At least 95 per cent of the land under But just think of all the good things it wood County, Kansas, and myself shorter than last year, but notwith- the project must be subject to such would buy. Hat, coat, vest, not pants have engaged in the real estate busi- standing this, I have seen several an agreement. Improved irrigated but trousers, shoes, and maybe a cigar ness together and as I had much to apple and cherry trees which were land is held at from \$50 to \$80 per and a stein on the side. learn about these lands we got a two very full and a few pears, peaches and acre. Unimproved sage brush land, inch auger and had a shank put on it other fruits. The raspberries, black- irrigable by government project is would buy all of this, and then think of quota of passengers, and is also tak-

when I go to show land to anyone nearly all I have seen are very full. and we bore down into the soil. Usu- The people are by the fruit like dly there is very little change in the they are by the garden, many have soil so far down as that will reach, it been afraid to plant trees on account simply growing lighter in color as we of frost and also lack of rainfall. Now go down. A small per cent of this many of them wish they had planted land is now being farmed and has years ago. As I write, there are approven itself to be exceedingly pro-ductive in favorable seasons, and I Mr. Slough, on the only tree he had, have been told of wheat making 15 which is about eight inches in diambushels per acre with no rain after it eter and from which he gathered ten was started in the spring. Grain bushels. Four bushels of these he here is almost all spring sowing except tye. I know a farm 4 miles from lar and says he has found only one detown on which I am told the wheat cayed apple among them. I do not raising, with plenty of outside range up in the paper.

more of the blush. For appearance, ernment land left, and practically

first plowing. Irrigation was begun very high order. This also seems to here some twenty years ago, and what be the home of the bee. Certainly prise is due to my confidence that the it will do on these sage brush lands is the quality of honey produced here property owners will sign the required ESPY, the Soda Water Man well known to these people. There is cannot be excelled. only a small per cent of these lands in | The people here are of an intellicultivation however.

places, which are covered a part of Scandinavians. time, with water from a few inches community has necessarily rendered to a few feet deep, and have grown schools and churches somewhat scarce up in tules-gigantic brushes. These but the fact that, in spite of difficult their land in excess of 160 acres. The immense crops of vegetation decaying ties incident to lack of transportation, trust deeds provide that the owner and mixing with the silt which is be- there is now under construction, in shall sell his land to settlers in tracts ing continually carried in from the the county seat, a county high school of not to exceed 160 acres each, or, mountains by the water, together building at a cost of \$29.500 and a with the myriads of water fowl, building for the grades at a cost of that if he fails to dispose of it before which have for ages at certain times \$18,000 speaks well for the people the Government has water ready to in the year literally swarm in these here from an educational standpoint. turn upon it, the Secretary of the Inmarshes, combine, it would seem to to make these lands as rich as soil a Methodist church which have regu-can get. lar preaching, and I am told that the

pert show the marsh soil to be eight- ize nowhere it is shallow. It is believed Bonanza and Dairy. I am sorry to oats, cabbage, celery, asparagus and saloons, but I hope to see the Haie mation Service to let a contract for root crops including sugar beets.

told that in the winter and early told that a majority of the country

the season.

year. Poultry does very well indand, be and seems to be quite healthful, rich soil very productive, with an quired agreements will be unable to Now let no reader conclude from The doctors say that children are very bracing about 250,000 acres at a cost ment and the railroads and by peo-The worst drawbacks which I have of \$4,400,000,00. The project em- ple opening up farms will undoubtedsprings and liability to frost. The per acre payable in annual payments the canals, and it is expected that time it will affect one place and at an- whereas in this case at the end of the know. I shall be very glad to answer While these do not deny but that mers have to pay back only what it friends in Kansas. So long as I live sometimes somethings are injured, cost, without interest. These waters they will always have a warm place ance in this direction, is usually well ment has appropriated the use of these best wishes for everybody, I am not apt to grow them. There are a under this irrigation system, will also

resident farmers, if they have ever As a matter of fact, the amount of worst. known in the fifteen or twenty years electrical energy which may be devel- The people do not realize the position tire plant by Manager S. O. Johnson. nore and there is another now being grain so far in this immediate vicinity, cured by the Government to the ownbut some fifteen or twenty miles from ers of land under this system of irrihere I saw three or four fields of rye gation. No one person can get a cording to quality and location. These can be put in first class condition for crops at once. There are some marsh lands to be had at \$10.00 Even the thoughts of so much money up a new country. per acre but they will probably not make him feel like a man among men, last long at that price. The marsh dressed in broadcloth, and puffing a pure lands will require more time to pre- Havana. But these princely feelings pare them for crops as they contain last only a moment, like the soap bubble such a mass of tule roots except where in the air. A glance at the greasy pants, the water is deep enough so that

Ranches for dry farming and stocklast year make 35 bushels to the acre know what variety they are. They can be had for, improved \$10 to \$20 and outs 90, without irrigation and look somewhat like the maiden's blush, per acre and uninproved \$5 to \$10 Store.

ploring and quality, they are very none under the irrigation system exhard to beat. The same tree has ap- cept several thousand acres of the ples on now, but not nearly so many marsh lands, which have been with-as last year. This is the 8th day of drawn from entry, and when they are July and these look like they might restored they will probably come in be kept until those on the tree shall like the "Rosebud Agency," in Dakobecome ripe. I have heard of the ta. Also according to the irrigation soundness of the apples here, and act, the Secretary of the Interior of the Klamath Irrigation System is their freedom from worms remarked may cut down the amount of each a practical certanity," said State upon and I speak of these at length entry under any irrigation project to in order to show that in this case at not less than 40 acres. Under irrigaleast there is truth in it. It seems to tion here one does not need so much turn from a two weeks visit to Klambe confidently expected here, that land as the farming will be more in ath County. "Of course there is a when the valley shall have been all tensive, and it seems to me that the bare possibility that the project will be materially decreased. intelligent, industrious farmer in fail, but the success of the enterprise these valleys will within a very few Some of the sage brush land can be years occupy a very enviable position. is as certain as matters of that kind plowed without doing anything to it. The hills and mountains abound in can be at this stage of the proceedings The larger sage brush will cost from the fibest saw timber awaiting the The Government has required that 75 \$2.00 to \$5.00 per acre to hire it mills to turn it into lumber. While per cent of the property owners withwhich 4, 6, or 8 horses are hitched and it takes a swath 6 or 8 feet wide. blue green and reliable to the specially since seeing what in the territionies to be covered by the REFRESHING SUMMER DRINK it takes a swath 6 or 8 feet wide. blue grass and white clover will do, system shall sign agreements for the Then the brush is raked with a re- with no mid-summer drouth to cut sale of their land in excess of 160 acres, volving rake and then burned. The it short, that this locality is undoubt- before construction shall begin. My land can be put in perfect order the edly adapted to a dairy business of a confidence in the success of the enter-

gent enterprising and kind hearted The tule marsh lands are low level class, most of whom are Americans, lands along the river and lakes in with a few English, German and financial interest to make the agree-

he time, and some of them all the The sparsely settled state of the

The tests of the government soil ex- Baptists are getting ready to organ- er the proceeds of the sale. I believe een feet in depth in many places and valley are Merrill, Whitelake City, that the land owners as a rule will so that these lands will excel in the pro- say that all of the towns here seem to duction of timothy hay, red clover, think it necessary for them to have when they will realize their mistake the construction of the first section of The roads are quite dusty and I am and be willing to correct it. I am the system as soon as 75 per cent of people are in favor of this change. the property owners reached by that There are mosquitoes here, but no One of the great needs of this valley section have signed the agreements. chiggers nor chinch bugs. There are for all these years has been transpor- I expect to see this accomplished and but few flies as yet, but I am told tation. Now that Government irri- a contract let for the construction of roads preparing to build in here. One the first ten miles of canal, including they will be quite plentiful later in gation is assured, there are two rail-As to climate, the people here claim of these the California northeastern 4,000 feet of tuncel, before the first south of here on the Southern Pacific, at a time, for that will enable the Phone Main 186

These are some of the facts as I see at once, it would be more difficult to

abundance of water to irrigate it, at secure water for their land. By later bawelve miles distant, we can see been able to find here so far aside from braces also the drainage of the marsh ly make times lively here. The gov- and I am not surprised that the drouths, which are to be over-come by lands and the irrigation of them. The ernment engineers are now making people take plenty of time to think it whole cost is estimated to be \$18. 60 surveys for the permanent location of over before signing agreements. In they will soon be ready to let the autumn is fine. The frost seems to by farmers in many localities to ir. tion. Possibly I have omitted the land to advantage or use it themselves his warriors through and, skirting vary with different localities, and one rigation companies as water rent; very thing which someone desires to unless they have water rights, and springs in them and where these raise garden stuff on account of frost. Government builds it in the best and away out here at the edge of the ment requirments, they will fall in while others say they are mistaken, most substantial manner and the far- earth, I am not forgetting the dear line and all will be working in the

#### J. B. MASON. THE WOES OF THE EDITOR.

Yours Very Truly,

It may be that a worse fate can befall a poor mortal than to be a country editor, but the average country scribe The McCloud River Lumber Co., re-

in which they have lived here, any- oped from this water power and the of the editor. He does not make his Mr. Queal has been here since last thing like a failure from frost, and possibilities as to what may be done money in big chunks but it comes in Wednesday and was very well pleased thing like a failure from frost, and possionities as to what one fails to little packages, and that is why it comes with every thing he saw. Mr. J. E. enough to carry 200 passengers or I have seen no effect of the frost on appreciate them. And this is all se- so slowly. One fellow says "I owe that editor \$2, but he wont miss that small amount." That's right, that \$2 would pany arrived on Friday last to remain buy a shirt and socks, but newspaper a few days, men are not to enjoy such luxuries. The McCloud River Railroad Co. We arrived here on the 18th of May for homes and not for speculation. first one. The \$10 does not amount to its daily passenger service between tie might be secured in the bargain. trip is made daily between these Ten fellows say the same thing as the points, and the traveling public can

or seven hundred, might do for us. It is freight. When the railroad is comtoo much for the editor to think about. pleted to Klamath Falls, it will open there are no tules, in that case they old cob pipe, and the country editor is by The McCloud River Lumber Co., can be seeded to crops as soon as they again at work, cussing secretly, his de- left Monday (21st) morning in com-

MOORE SIVES VIEWS

Klamath Irrigation Is Sure to Come-Canal Work By New Year

Salem, Aug. 24. - "The construction agreements. In other words, I think the people who own property in the district will see that it is to thefrown

"The requirment is that the property owners execute trust deeds for all There is a Presbyterian church and terior may sell it in 160-acre tracts to PHONE MAIN 185 said build. Other towns in the this is a reasonable requirment and regard it.

"It is the intention of the Recla-

"As I understand the Government.

complying with the requirments they cent to reimburse them for the excess they were compelled to pay.

"Matters of this kind take time, the end, however, I am satisfied they will see that they cannot sell their since they cannot get the water rights common cause of securing the construction of an irrigation system which means immense development to the resources of the Klamath country."-

### FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

(Simon Readlight) Mr. J. H. Queal, Vice-President of would be willing to take a whack at the turued to San Francisco this evening. after having been shown over the en-Carpenter, also a director of this Com-

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