

THE STOCK SECTION OF KLAMATH COUNTY

Bunch of Hens From the Wood River Country. The People are Busy Gathering in Their Stock for Winter Feeding and All Are Prosperous and Happy.

It has been said that the days of the gentlemen in Klamath county, are numbered. This is true possibly in the northern portion of the county, where the government Reclamation officials have instituted their great irrigation project for the irrigation and reclamation of a vast area of arid land, but while this project will cover nearly 800,000 acres of land, this is a very small portion of the great Klamath County, which is greater in extent than many of the eastern states.

Pretty two-thirds of our great county, which lies to the north, is still and probably will be for many years to come, one of the greatest cattle sections in Oregon. Thousands of head of cattle and horses are fed here every year, and some of the best beef that is annually shipped to the California market, comes from the Wood and Williamson River Valleys.

Fort Klamath, the metropolis of this rich stock country, is keeping pace with the other towns of Klamath county. A representative of the Republicans, who visited Wood River last week, was greatly surprised at the great improvements going on in and around Fort Klamath. In the great furors over government irrigation and railroads in the southern part of the county, this vast territory to the north has almost been forgotten and has not received its proper share of advertisement. The citizens of this town, however, say that they do not feel slighted as they believe they will be on the railroad before any of the other towns in the county. They have great faith in the road from Eugene to Klamath Falls to connect with the California Northern.

L. Hoesig, the Merchant and Telephone man, has planned an addition to the town of Fort Klamath. Forty acres adjoining the town has been laid out in lots 35 by 110, with streets and alleys. The surveying was done by R. A. Emmitt.

T. J. Jackson has one of the largest and most commodious livery and feed stables in Klamath County. It is on the corner of Hoesig's new addition. He is also remodeling his hotel building and is now ready to accommodate the traveling public.

Several new residences are being built in the city of the Fort, and they are all very neat and substantial.

The public school building, which is a new structure, is a credit to the Wood River valley. The school is being ably conducted by Prof. Charles Fox and is said to be one of the best schools in the county.

R. A. Emmitt and a crew of six men finished surveying a section of the Carrvale land Saturday adjoining seven-mile creek.

Al Melhase returned Saturday from Klamath Marsh, where he had been looking after cattle. Monday morning it was reported that he was down with the grip, the result of a severe cold contracted while out in the storm of the past few days.

Fred Cronemiller left Saturday morning for Ashland on a business trip.

Ed Hoyt, the general hotel proprietor, left the Fort Monday for the Grance ranch, where he expected to buy quite a number of cattle for winter feeding.

Oscar Bunch, the forest ranger, returned Saturday from Medford, and has rented a house at the Fort for the winter. He will open up a barber shop in

Fort Klamath until spring. The creamery has now closed for the winter, as most of the farmers have stopped milking, and the only butter now made is for home consumption.

James Wheeler, a former merchant of the Fort, is contemplating building a business house and hall on one of the lots in Hoesig's new addition.

Lindsay Rosemore and James Wheeler returned Friday from Eugene river valley with 180 head of stock cattle for the Pelton & Rosemore ranch at Fort Klamath. Saturday all the animals were dehorned. The cattle will be fed on the ranch this winter.

All the stockmen of the Wood River valley are gathering in their stock for winter feeding.

John Smart has his 1100 head of sheep at his home ranch two miles east of the Fort for feeding this winter.

Ryan & Butler, the Fort Klamath merchants, are buying cattle to feed as they believe they can make more on beef than they can by selling their hay.

Sam King, the veteran horse man of the Hagan Company, is now taking care of the Grance cattle for the winter, as Mr. Grance will remain in Medford until spring.

Born—Monday November 12, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Lon Copeland, of the upper end of the valley, a son.

Daniel Ryan, Sr., the promoter of Fort Klamath, is still hale and hearty but says he mourns the loss of his old friend Ira Worden.

George Hoyt, who conducts the meat market at the Fort, returned from Klamath Falls Saturday with a load of Martin Bros. best flour. He also had a couple of four-horse teams loaded with supplies for the merchants of this place.

J. W. McCoy was at the Fort Sunday and says that he is glad that the government irrigation is a go, but that even with the irrigation ditches and the coming of the railroad to the southern portion of the county, he is satisfied with the Wood River valley and thinks he is doing well enough to remain where he is.

D. E. Noah, foreman of the E. R. Hannan ranch north of the Fort, was in town Sunday.

Chas. Tenz ranch at the Big Springs on the Marsh has moved his family to the Fort so that his children can have the advantages of school this winter.

Alex. Davis, the stockman, passed through the Fort Sunday on his way to Silver Lake.

The two general merchandise stores conducted by Ryan & Butler and L. Hoesig are doing a good business, and their shelves are filled with a complete stock of dry goods and groceries.

H. L. Scott, the popular blacksmith, says that he has no time outside of his shop. The work has been coming in so fast that he has not been able to find time to do any duck hunting.

A week ago Sunday the sportsmen of the Wood River valley selected two teams for shooting ducks and geese, the losing team to pay for the oyster supper. In the count part of the game was missing so they are still waiting for that "oyster supper."

Chas. Westleton, the prosperous ranchman of the west side of the valley, made a trip to Klamath Falls the latter part of the week after a load of freight.

THE WATER USERS NOT TURNED DOWN

Manager Duncan, of the Langell Valley Telephone Company, Says They Cannot Give 10 or 15 People the Use of the Line For Only \$3 a Year.

EVROCK REPUBLICAN, 8th.—I saw an article in your last paper with heavy headlines, "The Water Users Association Turned Down." Now if Mr. Applegate is the WHOLE Water Users Association, I think the Phone Company ought to have sold him a share. But as we understand it, the Association is a large corporation, one of the largest in the State, and by selling a share to the corporation, every man that has a share in the Corporation will have a right to the free use of the line.

But even confine its use to the officers. There are, I believe, twelve Directors, an Attorney, and I don't know how many others attached to the office. There would be at least six or seven that have no interest in the phone line.

Now it was decided by our Directors and is part of our laws, that a share gives a man and his family, and a hired man or woman while doing business for him, the free use of the line. But it was also decided that where a man had grown children, over twenty years old, to get the free use of the line they must buy a share, and there are quite a number who have done so, although they live in the same house and only use one line or phone. To support and keep up the line and not have to pay for every message, they agreed to pay not to ex-

ceed three dollars per year for use of the line, which will be the price next year, that is for each shareholder, not each share. Now I will name a few cases: Deal Brothers, one phone but will pay six dollars; Duncan, four shares, one phone, but pay twelve dollars; E. G. Kilgore, two shares, one phone, and pays six dollars, and a number of others the same.

Now Applegate sets up a terrible howl because we do not sell a Three Million Dollar Corporation one share and give every man in Klamath Basin free use of the line, or at least twelve or fifteen of the office force. While they would only pay three dollars, the chances are that they would kick more than all the rest, if the line was out of repair.

The Company is anxious to let the Water Users Association and the Reclamation Service get the use of the line if they can do it fairly to all, which I think they can. Now then a few words more. If Mr. Applegate is getting a fee for trying to injure the telephone, that is business, but if not, I would advise him to crawl back up through the floor, get into his chair, put a wet cloth or band on his head and hold down his job. He may get a free phone at other people's expense and perhaps a chromo.

Yours for fair play,
H. DUNCAN.

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SALE.

W. O. SMITH, Klamath Falls, Oregon.

My Dear Sir:—I thank you very much for your kindly remembrance of me in sending me copies of your paper containing an account of the inauguration of government irrigation in your county.

I do not believe that I was ever more hospitably received or more magnificently entertained than I was by the good people of your city and county. I fell in love both with the people and with the county, and I sincerely trust I may have the pleasure of visiting you all soon again.

With kindest regards, I have the honor to remain,
Yours very sincerely,
GEO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.

MERRILL TO HAVE WATER WORKS SYSTEM

The town of Merrill is to have a system of water works. This was decided at an election held Saturday for the purpose of voting on the bonding of the town for \$5000 for this purpose. Only 27 votes were cast, 18 of these being in favor and 9 against.

This would seem a very small sum to expend on a water system, and it is reported that some of the largest property owners were in favor of waiting for another year until the town could afford a larger sum for this purpose. It is

claimed that by trying to do anything with this small amount the money will only be wasted without furnishing a satisfactory system. It is presumed that a pumping plant will be put in and the water pumped from Lost River.

The people of Merrill are to be congratulated on their progressiveness. They are showing the right spirit, but should make it a point to see that their money is well expended and the improvements made permanent as far as the money will go.

Miss Edna Fish arrived home last evening from Red Bluff, Cal., to spend her vacation.

Choice box bonbons at Mannings. Any old kind of glasses fitted at Winters.

PIONEER SUCCUMBS TO HEART TROUBLE

Major Daniel Cronemiller, a Wealthy Stockman and Respected Pioneer of Wood River Valley Died at His Home Near Fort Klamath November 13.

Major Daniel Cronemiller, an old and respected pioneer of Wood River valley, died at his home near Fort Klamath, Monday November 13, 1905, at 9 A. M. of heart failure, aged 74 years, 3 months and 6 days. His wife, and son Fred Cronemiller, and daughter, Mrs. Jay Beach, survive him. The funeral was held Tuesday, interment being made in the Fort Klamath cemetery.

Daniel Cronemiller was born in Center County, Pa., August 7, 1831. He learned the blacksmith trade from his father and when seventeen years of age, began to earn his own livelihood and from that time forward depended upon his own exertions for whatever he secured of this world's goods. In 1852, accompanied by two brothers, he crossed the plains with horse teams, and spent three years mining in California. In 1855 he returned via the isthmus to Ohio. Immediately after his return he took up general merchandising at Sullivan, Ohio, and on March 29, 1856, was married to Mary Jane Spencer, of Ashland county, Ohio. Shortly after this he sold out and removed to Stephenson county, Ill., where he engaged in the harness business.

In August of 1862 he answered the call of his country and enlisted in Company I, Seventy-fourth Illinois Infantry, assigned to the army of the Cumberland, under Generals Grant, Rosecrans and Thomas. Among the twenty-seven pitched battles in which he bore a part the following were especially important: Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Buzzards Roost,

Reesee, Atlanta and Franklin, Tenn. Upon the organization of the company he was elected second lieutenant, later he was promoted to be first lieutenant and afterward became captain. For gallant services at the battle of Franklin he was breveted Major by President Johnson. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and mustered out July 9, 1865, whereupon he returned to his Illinois home.

Not long after the war Major Cronemiller moved to Mason county, Mo., where he engaged in farming. In 1871 he removed from there to Oregon and settled at Jacksonville, where with a brother, David, he carried on a blacksmith and repair shop. In 1879 he came to Klamath county, where he and his wife engaged in teaching at the Indian Agency, and in addition he acted as superintendent of farming. From there he removed to the farm where he made his home since. In all of his labors he has received the sympathy and co-operation of his wife, who is a lady of gentle and amiable disposition and a broad fund of knowledge. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fort Klamath and were active in promoting its welfare. As steward and secretary of the Congregation, Mr. Cronemiller, bore an influential part in its policy and did much to enlarge its usefulness. Though not a partisan, he was a decided Republican and always voted with the party. In fraternal relations he was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Jacksonville, Oregon.

ANNEX COUNTY TO CALIFORNIA

Many of the leading Oregon and California papers are discussing with all seriousness the report that the people of Klamath county are desirous of annexing the county to California, so as to become a part of that state.

This impression was gained through a correspondence to the Oregonian to the effect that the trade of our county was naturally going to California instead of Portland. After the appearance of this article in the Oregonian, the San Francisco dailies came out with big headlines, announcing that Klamath county wanted to secede and be annexed to California. Since then all the smaller papers have had something to say on the subject, all of which will do no harm and help to advertise our county.

Klamath county is an empire of itself. With an area of 6000 square miles and containing 3,450,000 acres, we would make a pretty respectable sized state ourselves. So the papers need not waste any more time quarreling over the matter as Klamath county is large enough to look out for itself and does not need to be annexed to anything. Oregon and California will be coming to us, instead of Klamath county going to them. The Ashland Tribune has the following to say:

"There is a party in Klamath county committed to secession from Oregon and annexation to California. It dates way back beyond the time when Ashland sought to reopen the road between the Rogue River Valley and that town and to establish a mail line on that route, which was finally done, though the project was treated with indifference by much of the Klamath Falls population. The argument for secession is supported by the statement that the Klamath country naturally belongs to California, instead of Oregon. The topography of the country sustains the view, but perhaps state lines will not render secession necessary since the constitution guarantees free trade among the states. Klamath county is "some pumpkins" in Oregon, but in the fellowship of the big wealthy counties of the imperial commonwealth of California it would be markedly "little pumpkins." Her representation would be so fractional that perhaps none of her politicians could go to the legislature and those who aspire to be governor or congressman would be deprived of all hope. There is some difficulty about alienation of state territory, however, and Klamath land must hang to the Southern tail of old Oregon yet awhile along with the rest of us located near the border.

"By the way has the effect of Governor Chamberlain's "unity" speech in that country been wholly dissipated already?"

J. D. Zuercher, of Portland, a special land agent of the Hariman system, has been in the county the past ten days looking up the land holdings of the old California & Oregon Railway Company. The Southern Pacific owns about 61,000 acres along the southwestern border in Klamath county. This is mostly covered with timber, and it is the purpose of the Railroad company to lease the land for grazing purposes, and it is also probable that the stumpage may be sold on portions of it. Mr. Zuercher is a son-in-law of J. W. Howard, the cattleman, who is wintering his cattle in the Basin.

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