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THE SAW MILLS PREPARE TO MEET DEMAND FOR LUMBER

Extensive Improvements Have Been Made By the Local Mills--Will Be Ready in Six Weeks.

Last year's handicap on building operations will, in all probability be removed this year, if the plans of C. S. and R. S. Moore and Ackley Bros here are consummated, and all indications point in that direction. To-day, if the necessary lumber could be procured, many more buildings, both business and residential, would be in course of erection, but the unprecedented demand of last year used up practically all the surplus stock, and the inability of the Moore's and Ackley's to carry on operations during the winter has left matters in a worse condition than they were last fall.

During the interim, however, improvements and additions were made by Messrs. Ackley, and Messrs. Moore have their new mill well on towards completion.

Ackley Bros. Mill.
The capacity of this plant will be the same as last year—19000 feet per day. Alterations and improvements have been made in the mill so as to reduce to a minimum the cost of production and prevent the possibility of shut-downs and delays. In course of erection is a dry kiln, which is badly needed. The capacity of the kiln is 15000 feet every four days. Later in the year it is the intention of Messrs. Ackley to increase this, in order to anticipate the demand which will undoubtedly be made on them for their finished product.

This firm has not a foot of lumber on hand and if they were ready to run now, the entire capacity of their plant would be used up daily.

It will probably be six weeks before they will be ready to begin operations, but they are putting forth every effort possible to expedite the work of improving their plant, and hope to be able to start at an earlier date.

The Moore Mill.
On the south side of Lake Ewauna is located the new mill being erected by C. S. and R. S. Moore. The most modern and up-to-date machinery has been installed, and when it is in operation will have a capacity of 35000 feet per day.

The mill will be run by a 125-horse Ames steam engine and 100-horse power tubular boiler. This is supplemented by a twin engine feed for the saw carriage and a steam nigger. With these two devices the logs can be taken from the slides, placed on the carriage, carried back and forth to the saw, and turned without the loss of time or the use of additional labor.

Leading from the saw are two sets of live rolls, which convey the sawed lumber to the edger machine and to the saw trimmer, and heavy timbers to the outside of mill ready to be placed in the lumber piles. From the time the log leaves the pond, until it is sawed into the finished product, it is handled entirely by machinery.

The planer from the old mill will be installed in the new one. All saw dust and shavings not consumed in feeding the boiler will be carried automatically to a safe distance from the mill, where it will be burned.

The building, which is 36x156 feet, exclusive of the boiler house, has been so constructed and arranged as to permit of the installation of additional machinery and power. This the firm intend to do just as soon as the demand for their output requires it. By the addition of one more machine the capacity can be increased to 75000 feet per day. They hope to be able to start sawing about the middle of April.

In connection with this mill, Messrs. Moore intend to operate their old mill farther up the river, and these, with Ackley Brothers plant, ought to turn out sufficient material to meet the demands of this coming summer.

L. A. Crane of St. Johns, is the millwright and it is mostly under his direction that the work of installation and systematizing is being done. The results are a credit to his ability and experience.

Rumor has it that the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Company has been negotiating for the purchase of this mill. This is denied by Mr. Moore, who declined to be interviewed on the subject. It is to be hoped that Dame Rumor is, in this instance, correct, for it would be the entering wedge that might land the location of the immense saw mill contemplated by this corporation on the shores of Lake Ewauna.

Irrespective of the many advantages accredited to other sites, no better one can be found any where than on Lake Ewauna, and if the Weyerhaeuser Company secure the Moore property it will result in bringing forcibly to their attention the adaptability for saw mill purposes of this locality. In the great scheme now forming for a Greater Klamath Falls, one thing should have a place foremost in the field of action, namely, the location of the Weyerhaeuser mill in close proximity to this city.

PENDLETON CITIZEN HERE

W. H. Dindinger is Seeking a Business Location.

W. H. Dindinger of Pendleton arrived in the city Saturday evening, and is making a quiet investigation as to the advantages of Klamath Falls as a place for opening up a stock of boots and shoes. He has just sold out his business in Pendleton.

"When I reached Portland and let it be known that I was seeking a location I heard only one thing on all sides—'go to Klamath Falls,' and here I am. I have not fully decided as to just what I am going to do yet, but I am convinced of one thing: Klamath Falls, and in fact the whole county has a great future. The government irrigation, alone, is sufficient to insure the permanency of this place, and the expenditure of \$1,000,000 by the government will, of itself, make good times for several years. Added to this is the money to be expended on improvements, buildings, etc., by settlers. So it is easy to see that times will be good, the town grow and the entire county improve."

A VOICE FROM OHIO

"I am well enough satisfied with what I have seen during the past month to put my money into Klamath county real estate, and have, consequently purchased a farm," said F. Oliver, of Mansfield, Ohio. "Of course, irrigation is somewhat new to me," he continued, "but I can readily see its many advantages, for under such a plan a farmer is certain of a full crop. Being under government control it means a square deal to everyone, and at a minimum cost. Ohio is a good state, and there are many opportunities there, but I'll choose Klamath county for mine, and if I had my wish I would have every farmer in the middle west do likewise."

Mr. Oliver has invested quite extensively in farm property, and it is not unlikely that through his influence many of his friends will do likewise. This is the proper spirit, for there is plenty of room here for new-comers. He is of the stripe that believes when he has a good thing it ought to be passed along.

NOTES FROM BONANZA

Happy Hugh Clopton. It is a girl this time, and Hugh is left to cut wood and make fires. Such is life, Hugh. In other words there was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Clopton, in the town of Bonanza, on the morning of February 28, 1906, a fine girl baby. Mother and child are getting along fine, but Hugh had to be measured for a new suit of clothes as the old ones were too small for him. Also, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCall, in Bonanza, a fine baby girl on the morning of the 6th inst.

On last Sunday afternoon the hay stack of Robert Sparks, on his place, took fire and burned all the hay he had for his cattle, amounting to about 75 tons. This is a hard lick on Bro. Sparks. The fire is supposed to have originated from a little child playing around the stacks.

We are informed that on March 6, some one, with felonious intent, went to the ranch of L. Gerber and set fire to about 100 tons of hay that Mr. McKendree was feeding to his sheep. The parties are then supposed to have cut the telephone wires to prevent the alarm being given. They are said to have pulled a wagon and set of harness away so that they would not be destroyed, and then set fire to the hay. This is a terrible state of affairs and the guilty parties will surely have to answer for their lawless deeds some time. If it is not stopped we are afraid there will be more serious trouble, and perhaps loss of life, before the thing is ended.

G. K. VanRiper informs us that he has sold his interest in the new Fairview addition to the town of Bonanza to Lewis Gerber, and Mr. Gerber will hereafter be one of the principal owners and promoters of the new town site or addition. Mr. Gerber is a live business man and one of the best posted men in the county on general resources and advantages of the same. We gladly welcome you, Mr. Gerber, as one of our fellow townsmen, and hope you will, "as we know you will," succeed beyond your expectations, for we truly believe that in a short time Bonanza will be recognized as one of the best towns in Klamath county. Perhaps in the next ten years the population of the present county will demand that the same be divided and in that event there is no doubt that Bonanza will be the county seat of the new county.

A NEW BANK FOR MERRILL

April 1 It Will Open Its Doors Ready For Business.

The branch of the Klamath County Bank which is to be established in Merrill will open its doors for business on April 1, all arrangements having been completed and the necessary supply of printed matter, books and fixtures having been secured. It has met with the hearty co-operation from the people of that section and will begin business with a clientele that practically includes every depositor of that section.

A FARMERS' INSTITUTE

To Be Held at Bonanza, Merrill and Klamath Falls.

Mr. O. A. Stearns received the following letter from James Withycombe, President of the Agricultural College, which explains itself:

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 27, 1906.
Mr. O. A. Stearns,
Klamath Falls, Oregon.
My Dear Sir:—Have your letter of the 23d and in reply beg to say that we will arrange to hold a Farmers' Institute at Bonanza on April 4th, Merrill on April 5th and Klamath Falls on April 6th. We would like to have this matter worked up as well as possible among the farmers so as to have a good attendance to discuss all phases of agriculture in which they are interested. We will take up the matter of general agriculture, dairying and the control of fruit pests, and would like to have, in the way of local assistance, some papers from some of your successful agriculturists on practical subjects in agriculture, also papers from some of your leading women on topics pertaining to the home, etc. Will take up the matter regarding farm programs later.

Again thanking you for your interest in this work I beg to remain,
Cordially yours,
JAMES WITHYCOMBE.

SURVEYORS HERE.

Chief Engineer Griffiths and his corps of assistants have moved to the city and will immediately begin the running of the permanent survey from here to a point about ten miles distant, to which they have already made the final survey.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Miss Kuykendall of Eugene has recently become a teacher of the Klamath County High school. She has been teaching in the Drain Normal school at Drain, Oregon. Both students and teacher appreciate the interest and work of the Board toward securing this extra teacher. With her aid every thing will soon be moving systematically.

Harry G. Benson has been appointed the latest professors languages.

The boys of the High school have organized an Athletic club. J. G. Swan was elected Manager and Jesse Siemens Captain. Were they to continue practicing as they have been, undoubtedly they will become the champions of Southern Oregon.

Large Realty Transfer

One of the largest transactions in real estate that has occurred for some time was consummated last week when Abner Weed purchased the property owned by James L. Hanks, comprising 2333 acres and located three miles northwest of this city, on Upper Klamath lake. The consideration is said to have been \$30,000. What disposition Mr. Weed contemplates making of this property has not been made public, but there is a rumor coupling this deal with extensive sawmill operations. Mr. Weed is non-committal on the subject.

The sale of this immense tract brings into the limelight one of the pioneer residents of Klamath county—J. L. Hanks. He located on the land just sold to Mr. Weed in 1873, and since that time added to his original homestead until his holdings amounted to the area disposed of last week. In 1876 he was elected county treasurer on the democratic ticket; and in 1878 he was the successful candidate of his party for sheriff, to which office he was twice re-elected. Following this he was elected as commissioner, and retired at the close of his term to private life. Mr. Hanks is a cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

COLORADO'S REPRESENTATIVE

F. E. Knox Sees Great Possibilities for Klamath Basin.

F. E. Knox of Fruita, Colorado, is one of the substantial citizens who has cast his lot in Klamath county and invested in a ranch. Mr. Knox is at present located in the city, but he contemplates moving to his property in the near future.

"I am perfectly satisfied with conditions here," said Mr. Knox to the REPUBLICAN. "Coming as I do from a state where irrigation has been practiced for years, I am in a position to more fully grasp the possibilities of this section than the average person who is not familiar with this kind of farming. To my mind, when the government completes its plans, the most complete and cheapest irrigation system on the continent will be here. The opportunities for the farmer are almost unlimited, and I believe that as soon as those living east learn what you have here, they will begin to investigate, and once investigating it means their coming."

IOWA GETS IN LINE

Last week a deal was closed which transferred to B. Kerr ten lots in the north end of town. Perhaps no more enthusiastic individual can be found in the county than Mr. Kerr, and with all new-comers evincing the same push, Klamath Falls is bound to grow.

"With government irrigation, hundreds of thousands of acres of the finest timber on the coast tributary to the town, unlimited water for all purposes, magnificent climate and beautiful scenery, is it any wonder that I anticipate a great future for this section and this particular locality. You may think me over sanguine, but I'm not. You will have one of the largest cities in the state, and in a few years you'll see I'm right. The Klamath country has a great future—greater than one dare imagine. The time is not far distant when things will so shape themselves that you will have to "sit up and take notice," and instead of an obscure town, you will have a city of national reputation. I am here to stay, and I intend to bring as many of my friends here as will follow my advice."

YONNA ZEPHYRS

Mrs. Herbert Arant of Pine Grove was out at Dairy one day last week visiting with her mother, Mrs. Burgdorf.

A buggy with a broken tongue and single-tree might be seen standing by the road-side on the road from Bonanza to Dairy last week. Everything indicated a runaway.

The fish are beginning to run up Lost river early this year. One day recently August Liskey and William Wood of Pine Flat went fishing. As for catching any fish they were not successful. They report having speared the grandfather of all the fish, but he was too much for them and got away with their spear, but as like begets like, and this is spawning season, Mr. Liskey expects that next year there will be thousands of fish in the river with spears sticking out of them.

On last Thursday morning a man leading a horse stopped in front of Hotel Yonna at Dairy, knelt down on the ground, muttered some words and then traveled on east. No one knew him or knew where he was going. Later in the day a coat and scarf was picked up on the stage road towards Bonanza by Fred Beck. The supposition is that the man was of unsound mind and probably wandered off into the hills.

Quite a number of young people, and some old people, too, attended the spelling match at Dairy on Friday evening. All present had a good time and a good deal of practice in spelling. A vote of the meeting was taken, and it carried unanimously, that Dairy should construct a new school house. The next match was set for March 15. Every one should attend. There is nothing more beneficial than to learn to be a good speller.

Dr. Johnson, of Bonanza, had a narrow escape from being quite seriously injured in a runaway last Sunday. While going to Pine Flat to attend a patient, the coupling of his buggy gave away, the team became frightened and ran with the forward gear. The doctor fortunately was only slightly scratched. The accident happened near the old Hudkins place. The team ran about half a mile to Dairy, where they were caught.

Born—On Sunday, March 4, 1906, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgdorf, a girl. Mother and daughter are doing nicely at last report. Charles is the proudest man in Pine Flat.

The colt owned by Fred Beck for which he has been advertising for some time has been found. It is up on the reservation in possession of an Indian. Godfrey Beck went after the horse but as the brand was identical with that of the Indian's, he refused to give it up. I am informed that Mr. Beck has taken legal steps to secure the animal.

THE CLEAR LAKE PROJECT MAY BE TAKEN UP SOON

Engineer Lippincott Favors Immediate Commencement of Work Thereon And will So Recommend.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Users Association was held in the offices of the association in the Baldwin building, Saturday. J. B. Lippincott Supervising Engineer of the Reclamation Service was present, and went thoroughly over the plans, present and prospective, and explained to the directors the status of affairs at present.

Little of importance transpired. The principal topic under discussion was the proposition to have work on the Clear Lake end of the project commenced at once, if possible, or as soon as the engineers could arrange the plans for this part of the project. Mr. Lippincott assured the directors that he was in hearty accord with the idea, and would do all he could to carry out the plan.

Pursuant to this, Secretary Applegate was instructed to prepare a petition to the consulting board of engineers, and have it circulated for the signatures of the land owners under the Clear Lake reservoir. The following is the petition which Mr. Applegate has already sent out:

To the Consulting Board of Engineers, U. S. R. S., Klamath Project.
Gentlemen:—We, the undersigned, owners of land under the Clear Lake Reservoir, Klamath Project, respectfully represent:
That, using the low estimate of \$20.00 per acre as the yearly value of crops that will be produced, with irrigation, upon the 40,000 acres under the Clear Lake system, each year's delay in completing the system means a loss of \$1,200,000.
That, as shown by the figures set opposite to our signatures hereto, a large portion of the lands under the said system is held by resident owners in tracts of 160 acres or less; and that the number of holdings in excess of the farm unit recommended for lands in private ownership, is comparatively small.
That, with the present and future demand for lands under the entire project by persons qualified to perfect a water right, there is no danger that the acreage, under the Clear Lake system, on the market will interfere or com-

pete with the sale of excess lands in the Lower project.
That there is now an acreage under the Clear Lake system subscribed to the Klamath Water Users Association, sufficient to pay for the cost of constructing said system; and that most of the acreage now unsubscribed will soon be under contract with the association.
That there is positive assurance that Klamath county will have railroad connection with San Francisco during the present year, thus obviating the existing objection to the beginning of work upon the Upper project.
That the owners of land under the Upper project are sharing in the expense of maintaining the Klamath Water Users Association.
That, therefore, we urgently request you to seriously consider the Clear Lake system with a view of recommending immediate commencement of the work of construction.
After the meeting Mr. Lippincott was seen by a representative of the REPUBLICAN, and said:

"Conditions have so changed that immediate operations on the Clear Lake end of the project is practicable. I propose to recommend to the Consulting Board of Engineers that this part of the project be taken up at once and I shall endeavor to have them pass favorably on it. If they do, then prompt action will be taken, looking toward the commencement of work thereon.

"Our plans have so far progressed that in the near future we will advertise for bids for another section of the main canal. This section will probably be equal in extent to the first section. Following closely on this will be the letting of the third section."

Mr. Lippincott left Wednesday afternoon for Frisco. On Tuesday Law Clerk E. H. Peery left for Washington with the final papers of the Klamath Canal Company and the abstract of the Adams property, for presentation to the Attorney General's office.

Articles of incorporation for the Association have been filed in the state of California, and most of the land under the Klamath project situated in that state has been signed up.

Rich Klamath Country

Geo. R. Hurn of Klamath Falls, Or., accompanied by his wife, was a visitor to the trade in Sacramento, Cal., and San Francisco during the past month. Mr. Hurn reports that business has been quite good in the Klamath country and that with the completion of two railroads, both of which are straining every nerve to be first in this rich section of country, he expects to see business even much better. With the completion of these roads a large fertile section of the country, which has heretofore been difficult of access, will be opened, and it is expected that there will be considerable activity in agricultural lines.—San Francisco Impartial Record.

Go to Mannings for a new pipe.

Announcement.

J. J. O. Hamaker, residing at Bonanza Klamath County, Oregon, hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Judge. If I am nominated and elected I will, during my term of office, serve the best interest of the county at large, in a careful and economical, non-partisan manner, regarding the county funds as the purse of the whole county and not as the fund of any particular locality more than another. I will keep regular office hours from 8 o'clock a. m. to 12 m., and from 1 p. m. until 4 p. m., each day, and will devote my time and attention to the business of the county, and especially to the revision of the assessment roll, as taxation is the source of revenue. I believe the rich and poor should all pay their pro rata portion of the taxes, according to their worth and value.
J. J. O. HAMAKER.

SOCIAL EVENTS DURING PAST WEEK.

An "impromptu social" was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Yaden last Friday evening when southern hospitality and western simplicity combined to furnish the guests with a most enjoyable evening. Light refreshments were served after a pleasant indulgence in the game of "500." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Misses Pearl and Marie McMillan, Whitney and Applegate and Messrs. Williams, Smith Murray and Campbell.

At the home of Mrs. H. E. Hargus Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Reames, Misses Baldwin, Applegate, Whitney, Pearl and Marie McMillan and Messrs. Campbell, Williams, Smith and Murray were the guests at a little social last Saturday evening. The popular and fascinating game of "500" was indulged in, and Mrs. Reames was the winner of the first prize. Miss Marie McMillan and Mr. Campbell succeeded in drawing the "dolores prize" which depicted the fair and handsome features of the winner. Refreshments were served, after which the guests indulged in singing, being a fitting climax to an evening replete with pleasant moments.



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