

# KLAMATH REPUBLICAN

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TWO DOLLARS THE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

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## MERRILL

(The following is the contents of a small folder issued by the business men of Merrill.)

IS SITUATED on the north bank of Lost River, a stream known far and wide as one of the many wonders to be encountered in Southern Oregon. It has its source in Clear Lake and after traversing a distance of about seventy miles through a part of California and Oregon winds its way back to Tule Lake where it empties within a distance of ten miles of the place from whence it comes. It is also wonderful from the fact that in several places along its devious course it suddenly sinks into the earth, to reappear again after a distance of a few miles under earth. At Merrill the river has a very slight fall and is from 100 to 150 feet wide with a depth of from ten to thirty feet.

### MERRILL

Is in the center of the vast area to be irrigated by Uncle Sam. A round circle taking in this whole territory covering 250,000 acres to be irrigated will show Merrill right in the center topographically of this vast and incomprehensible area to be irrigated under the great Klamath project. The valleys lying round Merrill will blossom forth into a veritable garden of Eden the moment water is placed on this land, which will be within the next year.

### MERRILL

Is a town now containing more than two hundred people and at the rate now coming are locating within its borders will contain 1000 souls within the next eighteen months. It has the best public school building in the county of Klamath which was finished and placed at the disposal of the patrons of the district during the school term just closed. This building was erected at a cost of something like \$6000, with the money spent on the grounds in improvement. The last census for the 1906-7 school term shows this district to contain an even 100 pupils.

### THE KLAMATH BASIN

In the center of which Merrill is located, is one of the richest and most productive portions of Southern Oregon. The town is just one and one-half miles from the Siskiyou county, California, line on the south, and on the northeast and about two miles from town lies the low range of hills from whence comes the lumber supply for building material for this town and country. These hills abound in vast timber belts which are ample to supply the demand here for many years to come. Ten miles to the southeast is the great body of water known as Tule Lake and into which Lost River empties. This lake covers an area of 90,000 acres, 50,000 of which will be reclaimed and placed on the market to be homesteaded by the Government Reclamation Service under the Klamath project. This lake lies directly between Merrill and the country known as the Lava Beds. Here it was that the early settlers of this valley in the '70s encountered the hostile Red Man, who objected to having his country taken from him by the onward march of civilization, and here it was on the banks of Tule Lake where the never-to-be forgotten bloodthirsty Captain Jack made his desperate stand against the handful of sturdy and determined pioneers who wished to wrest this country from the grasp of the shiftless Modocs and make of it a country where the thrill of the white man could build for himself a home and develop its wonderful resources. But few recognized the wonderful possibilities in store for these sturdy pioneers who fought with Captain Jack and his band of Indian warriors at the time these battles were raging. Then the country known as the Klamath Basin was only recognized as a stock country and the sturdy stockman who braved the dangers of encroaching on the unsettled soil of the Klamath only saw the opportunity to make money from the ranging of his cattle, horses and sheep and growing hay for feed during the few winter months they have to be fed. Little did he realize that the time would ever come when this valley would blossom forth with cereals and fruits of every kind, and become the favorite home of the farmer as well as the stockman. Let such have been the case. The man who thought the stockman would ever reign supreme here has gradually seen the country converted into one of quite diversified farming, but at the same time he has lost little of his prestige, as the stock industry will always rank among the leading stock countries of the west.

### UNCLE SAM WILL SPEND \$4,500,000

For irrigating this great Klamath basin. A little less than two years ago a corps of engineers were sent to the Klamath basin to investigate its future possibilities and the advisability of government irrigation. These men reported favorably and Uncle Sam decided to build one of his greatest and most extensive irrigation systems under his entire supervision. Consequently bids were let last winter for the commencement of the work of building a great ditch to take the waters from the 100,000 acre natural reservoir known as Upper Klamath Lake, which lies from 60 to 100 feet above this entire valley, and

spread the waters of this lake on the soil that it might blossom and bring forth the best of everything. Up the valley this ditch will divide and one will run on either side of Merrill. These main ditches will pass within two miles of the town and from these laterals will be run onto every piece and parcel of land round about. When this irrigation system is completed, and on which work is being rushed as fast as possible, every kind of cereals, vegetables, fruits and hay will be grown in abundance. Wheat grown in this valley took the first prize at the Louisiana exposition and an acre which will not produce from 25 to 40 bushels is considered a poor yield.

### THE MERRILL VALLEY

Produces the greatest yields of alfalfa hay of any country under the sun one year after another. Two crops averaging from two to four tons at the cutting are secured from each acre. Following the second cutting the pasture that comes from the alfalfa is valued at \$2.50 per acre, and hundreds of head of cattle are turned off to market annually from these alfalfa pastures.

### OTHER GRASSES

Such as timothy, red top and clover yield good quantities to the acre, and eye runs from three to six tons to the acre. When this vast irrigation system is completed and water on all these lands, all the products of our soil will increase in quantity, and all these grasses will become a much more productive crop.

### VEGETABLES

While there are perhaps many places where vegetables of the tenderer nature grow more abundantly and it takes less care to produce them, there is not any country that can outdo the Klamath basin when it comes to quality and almost every variety will grow here. Potatoes grow to perfection without water and are of the finest quality known to the world. They are the sweetest and mealest potato to be found anywhere and for quantity the place does not exist that can outdo the Klamath basin.

### CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

In the Klamath Basin are such that few can grumble. We do not have the rainy seasons so much encountered in the central part of the state, although the rainfall here is ample for all purposes. During about three summer months we have very little rain, but during the fall, winter and spring months we have more or less rain while there occasionally comes a snowfall sufficient to insure a few days of good sleighing. Zero weather is seldom reached in winter and it is something very unusual for the thermometer to go above 85 in summer. Life-endangering storms are unknown in Klamath county and malarial and typhoid fevers are practically not encountered in this country. Merrill is over 4000 feet above sea level and this accounts for its wonderful health-giving ozone which are wafted over the valleys from the pine-covered forests of our foothills.

### THE HUNTERS' PARADISE

The Klamath country is known far and wide as the "Hunters' Paradise." In fact it cannot be surpassed in its provisions for the sportsman of every turn of mind. In the foothills and not far from the town of Merrill one may find almost every kind of big game. Deer, elk, antelope and bear are very plentiful, and in the low land abounding with lakes and streams the shotgun devotee can find all the sport he desires in shooting ducks and geese. The rivers and lakes tributary to Merrill abound with fish and the disciple of Isaac Walton can find plenty of fun in landing the sportive trout.

### LAND VALUES

In the Klamath Basin are very low considering the real value of the land when we get transportation facilities and water. Plenty of land can be secured at from \$10 to \$75 per acre, according to location. In the town of Merrill lots are selling at ridiculously low prices considering the present outlook for the development of the country. Prices everywhere have advanced almost fifty per cent during the past six months, but at the present rate of development values will double within the next year.

### EXCELLENT CHANCES TO INVEST

Can be found in every part of the valley as well as in town. These investments will show handsome returns in a short time. Merrill now has two general merchandise stores stocked with everything the citizen can wish for his home, one furniture store where the home can be furnished from top to bottom at prices that compare favorably with those of the metropolitan cities, three well-equipped hotels doing an excellent business—so much so that they are not sufficient for the needs of the town—and an up-to-date restaurant building is now being fitted up with lodging rooms in connection, two cigar and confectionery stores, two blacksmith shops, one drug store, one butcher shop, the only creamery in the county, two livery barns and a big feed barn under course of construction, four saloons, bank, doctor, newspaper, very large and fine opera house, harness shop, shoe repair shop, millinery store, flouring mill of fifty barrel daily capacity, a real estate firm and is represented by most of the leading fraternal societies as well as churches. A large capacity brick yard was recently established and a large brick building is to be constructed.

a once along with several other business houses as well as many new residences, one of which is to cost \$6000.

### THE BEST PLACE TO INVEST

Merrill is today the safest place for investment in interior Oregon. Property is very reasonable and there is no mushroom growth here, as can be seen by a look over our town. There is no rush or excitement in building up the place, and only the healthful growth of a prosperous community is felt. It takes less money to invest in Merrill property than in that of any other town in the county, size compared, and these investments will bring larger returns here than in any other town in the county.

### TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Two railroads are building into the county, one coming direct to Merrill. The McLeod road is now completed to within forty-five miles of here and several hundred men are employed rushing construction work to complete it to Lairds Landing this year. Lairds is less than fifteen miles from Merrill. This road does not aim to stop there, but will come directly through Merrill en route to its future destination, the head of the Deschutes. The Weed road is building into the north end of the county and the time is not far distant when we will be on the main line of the Southern Pacific, as that road now has men at Fort Klamath, 51 miles from Merrill, surveying a route for the main line of this road from coast to coast.

### THE PUBLIC FOUNTAIN

Explanation As to the Origin and Proposed Improvement.

KLAMATH FALLS, July 8, '06.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN—Dear Sir: In order to correct some statements heard on the streets the "4th" with regard to the public drinking fountain at the corner of 4th and Main streets, Klamath Falls I send you the following for publication.

About three months since the question of placing a public drinking fountain somewhere on Main street was discussed at a regular meeting of the Klamath Falls W. C. T. U. The result was a committee was appointed to see about the matter and report. One person on this committee interviewed the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting held on the 20th of May, asking that we be allowed space in the court house yard for such a fountain. She had no difficulty in obtaining their consent. After assuring them that it should not cost the county anything as the water would be kindly given free of charge by the Klamath Falls Light & Water Co. and the women of the W. C. T. U. would see to the other expense.

We found after corresponding with the fountain people that it would be impossible to get the fountain placed this summer so decided to put in a temporary faucet and get the fountain later.

The original plan as talked by our committee, Judge Baldwin and Fred Melhase was to move the fence back to the tree thereby leaving a small corner open to the street.

When Mr. Horning who had kindly promised to see that the fence was moved, went there to do the work, the business men of the east end of town headed by Mr. Melhase and Mr. Worden I believe, took hold of the matter enlarged upon the original plan, put in the seats and making it much better all around, and it is all paid for with money left, which I understand is to be used in laying a cement platform after the fountain is in place.

We women are very glad of the help and co-operation of the public spirited men in this matter and only want the credit due us as starters of the scheme.

Mrs. HATTIE WILSON,  
Pres. K. F. W. C. T. U.

### THE OTHER ONE

A story is told of a police magistrate in Cincinnati who, having an extraordinary amount of business one morning, was disposing of his cases at the rate of some two or three a minute, with great exactness and dignity, being, as is usual in police courts, judge and lawyer all in one.

To one rather refractory witness his honor said, "I am to understand that you readily recognize this handkerchief as the one taken from you?"

"Yes, Your Honor."

"How do you know it is yours?" peremptorily demanded his Honor.

"I recognize it at once because of its peculiar design."

"You must be aware, sir," declared the magistrate, oracularly, as he drew a similar handkerchief from his own pocket, "that there are others like it."

"True enough," was the unexpected reply. "I had two stolen!"—Harpers Weekly.

### Reclamation of Klamath

D. W. Murphy, Engineer, Tells of Progress

D. W. Murphy, engineer in charge of the Klamath irrigation project, was in Portland yesterday, a guest at the Oregon. He leaves tonight for Klamath Falls. While here he made several purchases of materials for the work. He says that under present conditions Portland is the most available place for the Klamath engineers to make purchases, and it is likely that as Portland is the headquarters of the Reclamation service for this district, that this city will get a large part of the purchasing contracts.

"Portland has already had a large part of the trade occasioned by the irrigation work in the Klamath country," said Mr. Murphy. "I have bought quite a lot of material since I have been here this time. Our purchases that far

consist largely of hardware and stuff for outfitting camps.

The construction of the first eight miles of the main canal has already begun. This will include 300 feet of tunnel. Work is being pushed on this main canal by the contractors, while there is a force at work on the laterals. This is being done by the Government. The principal reason why the Government purchased teams and is pushing forward this work for itself is that in this way the damage to farms and private property through which the laterals pass will be minimized.

"We expect to have water on the land from the main canal in time to grow next years crops. The project, which will cost about \$1,400,000, is a comparatively cheap one for the large acreage irrigated. Its completion will be a decided advantage to Portland.—Oregonian.

### SCHEDULE OF FREIGHT RATES

Klamath Lake Railroad Company.

E. T. Abbott, Gen. Mgr.

Schedule of freight rates in effect June 1, 1906.

All freight, regardless of classification, in either direction between Thrall, Cal. and Pokegama, Oregon, in less than carload lots, 35 cents per cwt. On all carload lots, regardless of classification in either direction, between the above terminals, 25 cents per 100 pounds, excepting all carload lots of sugar and salt, from Thrall to Pokegama, billed prior to September 1st, 1906, 15 cents per 100 pounds minimum 30,000. On sugar and salt billed after September 1st 1906, 25 cents per 100 pounds.

All freight regardless of classification, in either direction, to intermediate points between Thrall and Pokegama, 25 cts. per 100 lbs. except that sugar and salt will take the above mentioned 15 cent rate prior to September 1, 1906.

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## Buena Vista Addition

TO KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

THE PLAT OF THIS BEAUTIFUL ADDITION WILL BE ready soon, and lots therein will be placed on the market. The tract comprises 530 acres, adjoins Klamath Falls on the north and west and borders on Link River and Upper Klamath Lake for two miles. From this addition can be seen the grandest panorama on the Pacific Coast, comprising Lake, River, Valley, Hill, Mountain and Snow-capped Peaks, blend into a harmonious picture of unequalled beauty and magnificence.

Boulevards and Streets are now being graded, and these will be lined with Shade Trees. Grading work on the Electric Street Railway is now under way.

A complete sewerage system will be put in. The entire cut of the Oleson sawmill has been purchased, and those building in the Buena Vista Addition this summer will have first call on the output of this mill.

Plans for a magnificent hotel are now being prepared, and construction will begin this summer. This hostelry will be located on one of the most picturesque spots in the addition and will be surrounded by a park.

If you want a home in the most beautiful section of Klamath County, buy a lot in the Buena Vista Addition.

If you want to live where you will be surrounded with beautiful homes, buy a lot in the Buena Vista Addition.

If you want to live on the street car line then have your home in the Buena Vista Addition.

If you are looking for an investment that will yield returns, purchase property in the Buena Vista Addition.

Office: Murdoch Build'g, next door Postoffice

Klamath Canal Co.