

THE BIGGEST CONTEST YET

Which Section of the County is Going to Carry Off the Honors

BONANZA IS WORKING HARD

But Fort Klamath and Merrill are Taking Notice and Say They Will Be There With The Goods

The interest that is being manifested throughout the county indicates that the next county fair is going to be one of the biggest in the history of the county. Bonanza is going to try and make October 18, "Bonanza Day," a memorable one and will try and dwarf into insignificance the efforts of Merrill and Fort Klamath. Regarding the big time that the Bonanzaites are going to show the people of the county, the Bulletin says:

Go in your Sunday meetin' clothes, Go in your overalls, We'll all be there At the County Fair— The Fair at Klamath Falls.

In your book of forget-me-nots write down in red letters "October 18th." That is to be "Bonanza Valley's" day. Then you and I and all of us will fall down upon the meek-eyed denizens of the county seat to let them and the world know that the inhabitants of the Upper Project country are brilliantly alive; that we are able to furnish conclusive evidence of a substantial present, and a vociferous faith in a glorious future.

On Bonanza day the Bonanza Creamery company will go some. It will dispense to all comers fresh buttermilk and buttered crackers or biscuit. The Bonanza Bulletin will distribute a "Bonanza Valley's Day" edition. There will be a parade of Bonanza valley's vehicles and people. There will be a special program to entertain the crowds. And the committees have hardly straightened on their thinking cap.

You can find on the ranch something to exhibit—grain, grasses, vegetables, fruits or live stock. Send it, except the live stock, to the store of the Driscoll Mercantile company, with your name attached. Some member of the committee will probably call upon you, but do not wait for that. Do your share and do it early.

Fort Klamath is hard at work gathering an exhibit that will place in the shade anything else that will be shown at the fair. The people of the northern metropolis simply say "watch our smoke." That Bonanza is going to make things hum is certain, and the boosters from the little giant are going to set a pace that will be hard to beat. But the denizens of Fort Klamath and Merrill seem confident that they will get away with the trick. From Merrill comes the story that when she gets through with the rest of the county there will be nothing left but a shadow for the other fellow.

It has been decided by the fair management to dispense with the horse racing part of the program and devote the money to a bronco busting contest and increasing the premiums to be offered for the best displays of farm products. This seems to meet with a great deal of favor and will result in a stronger effort being made to bring out the best that county has. Already the Republican is in receipt of four inquiries from farmers of the middle west, who at present are in the Willamette and Rogue River valleys, asking when the county fair is to be held. They state that they are looking for a location and would like to come here at the time the fair is to be held in order that they may have an opportunity to see what can be raised in this county. Doubtless there are others of the same mind, and if the farmers will get in and bring in the best they have on their ranches it will be productive of much good. Everyone who is engaged in ranching or gardening ought to remember that they are liable to get a handsome premium for their exhibit. Many there were who thought that Klamath County would not have a look in at Sacramento; yet she walked away with the best to be had. The same may be true of Bonanza, Merrill and Fort Klamath. These sections have all that is necessary to carry off the

honors, if they will just send them in. All that is necessary is confidence, and if the people residing in these localities have not confidence in their own territory they must not expect others to have. The way to prove supremacy is to come to the fair with the determination to carry off all of the prizes and then lay claim to having the best section in the county. You have the trophies to back up your claim, and it will be a potent factor in convincing the homeseeker where he had better locate.

Special pains are to be taken to secure the worst outlaw horses of this region for use in the bronco busting contests. As a special inducement a prize of \$50 will be offered for the horse that scores three throws. All horses entered will be kept free of charge. The first prize to the cowboy making the best score will be a \$50 saddle. This may be increased to one costing \$75. Those entering the contest will have to put up a \$10 entrance fee. This will, however, be refunded if the person paying it puts in an appearance at the contests. In addition to refunding the entrance fee, \$2.50 will be paid for each saddle thus making it possible for some of the riders to pull down a good sized purse. A horse that scores one throw will not be ridden again that day, so that the animal entering the contest will not be fatigued. Every effort will be made to have the contest one of the fairest ever held and one of the most interesting.

List of Prizes

DRAFTS HORSES

Stallions	
1 Three year old and over	25 00
2 Two year old	15 00
3 One year old	10 00
Mares	
4 Best Mare and suckling colt	12 50
5 Best two year old and over	7 50
6 Best one year old	5 00
HORSES OF ALL WORK	
Stallions	
7 Best three year old	15 00
8 Best two year old	10 00
Mares	
9 Best mare and suckling colt	12 50
10 Best one year old, either sex	7 50
Best Brood Mare and Family	
11 Any class	25 00
2nd Prize	
Jacks	
12 Best three year old and over	20 00
13 Best two year old	10 00
14 Best one year old	7 50
15 Best jennett	10 00

CATTLE

Shorthorn Durham Bulls	
16 Best three year old and over	15 00
17 Best two year old	7 50
18 Best one year old	7 50
Cows	
19 Best three year old and over	12 50
20 Best two year old	7 50
21 Best one year old	5 00
Herefords—Bulls	
22 Best three year old and over	15 00
23 Best two year old	10 00
24 Best one year old	5 00
Cows	
25 Best three year old and over	10 00
26 Best two year old	7 50
27 Best one year old	5 00
Jerseys—Bulls	
28 Best three year old and over	15 00
29 Best two year old	7 50
30 Best one year old	5 00
Cows	
31 Best three year old and over	10 00
32 Best two year old	5 00
33 Best one year old	5 00
34 Best cow and calf	10 00

SWINE

35 Best boar of any age or breed	10 00
36 Best sow of any age or breed	5 00
37 Best sow and litter	5 00

POULTRY

38 Best trio Plymouth Rocks	5 00
39 Best trio Buff Cochins	2 50
40 Best trio Brown Leghorns	2 00
41 Best trio Rhode Island Reds	2 00
42 Best trio Bronze Turkeys	3 00
43 Best trio turkeys, other breeds	2 00

VEGETABLES

44 Best half bushel red potatoes	2 00
45 Best half bushel white potatoes	2 00
46 Best half bushel, any variety	2 00
47 Best 3 cabbage, any variety	2 00
48 Best 3 Hubbard squash	2 00
49 Best squash, any variety	1 00
50 Best half bu. Mang. Wur. beets	2 00

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The New Bank

The First Trust and Savings Bank will open for business on October 15. It was the intention of the founders of the new institution to begin business on the first of this month, but all of the details were not perfected in time to admit of the carrying out of such a program. The new bank will occupy quarters in the same room with the First National Bank. While both institutions are distinctly separate, the stockholders of one are equal stockholders in the other, thus preventing any conflict of business.

At a meeting of the stockholders held Monday afternoon, the following officers and directors were elected: President, G. W. White; vice president, George T. Baldwin; cashier, J. W. Siemens; assistant cashier, W. A. Dezell. The board of directors will consist of the officers and George P. Lindley and W. J. Vawter. The last two are prominent bankers of Medford, and it speaks well for Klamath when such men become interested financially in this county.

Interest at the rate of three per cent per annum will be paid by the new institution, payable semi-annually. One of the features of the bank will be debenture bonds which it will issue. These bonds will carry a higher rate of interest than that paid on saving deposits and will be doubly secured. It will likely prove a popular method of investment.

The opening of this bank marks another epoch in the growth of Klamath county. It is the fourth financial institution, the second to be established within the past year. The rapid development of this city and county is such that it will, as have the other banks, undoubtedly have a prosperous business.

Baldwin Returns

"It is impossible to estimate the value of the advertising that Klamath County received from the exhibit at the Irrigation Congress," said Hon. George T. Baldwin, who returned home last Saturday. During the past three weeks since the close of the Congress the Judge has been in California, and has had ample opportunity to learn the benefits accruing from the work done at Sacramento.

"Since the close of the Congress I have been in California and I was surprised to learn that there are few people in the parts of the Golden State visited by me who have not heard of the victory gained by Klamath. It was a victory not only for Klamath County, but for the whole state of Oregon, and the credit for the immense amount of advertising Oregon received is due to Klamath and Malheur counties. Those of us who attended the Congress realize now that if Klamath County had done her best we would have carried away several thousand dollars in prizes instead of \$1550. But the most of us have not sufficient confidence in our greatness. We do not seem to realize that what can be raised here is superior to anything of the kind on the Coast. I saw many things there that surprised me, and I have only one ambition now, and that is for Klamath County to go to the Seattle exposition with a representative exhibit and show the people of the Pacific Coast that Klamath County is a prize winner from the start. We have plenty of time to make preparations for this event and I hope that when the time comes that every man, woman and child in this county will place a shoulder to the wheel and push it on to victory."

HUNDREDS SEEK CLAIMS

Stay Out in the Rain and Wade in Snow Seven Inches Deep

MANY CONTESTS WILL RESULT

better off we are here than they are, and we never will unless we go back and see for ourselves. In western Kansas, where thousands upon thousands of homeseekers have been pouring in for the past few years, is a desolate place this season. Crops are an absolute failure, and the famine of the nineties are to be again repeated in that ill-fated section. It is dreary winter that looms in front of hundreds of families there, quite different from that to be expected in Klamath where the crops are abundant and prosperity is apparent on every hand. I am glad to get back to Klamath and never again will I have a wish to call any other place home."

WEDDING BELLS

THOMAS-HUGHES

Miss Mayme Leah Hughes and Charles W. Thomas were united in marriage at the home of A. J. Manning Tuesday evening, Rev. J. B. Griffith officiating. Mrs. Thomas, whose home is in Roseburg, is one of Klamath County's popular and efficient teachers. Though living here but a comparatively short time she has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends who join in wishing her much joy and happiness throughout life. In Douglas county, where she has spent most of her life, she was one of the most popular young ladies of that section. Mr. Thomas, who has been identified with the Klamath Falls Ice company for a number of years and is also engaged in the brick and stone business, is a man who has earned and deserves the esteem and confidence of the people of this city. His many friends congratulate him on this happy occasion and wish them both a long and happy marital life.

VAN SICKLE-McMILLAN

Wedding bells never rang out more sweetly nor with brighter prophecies than at the wedding of Mrs. Edna McMillan and Bernard H. Van Sickle, solemnized at the home of Mrs. G. W. Fish last Saturday evening, the Rev. J. B. Griffith officiating. In the midst of a host of friends they step into life's pathway hand in hand with fond words of God speed ringing in their ears and followed with the best wishes of all who know them. Mrs. Van Sickle is one of Klamath's most popular young ladies, possessed of a charming personality that has endeared her to all who were favored with her acquaintance. She has been identified for a long time with the Brick Store company, which concern has recently passed under the control of herself and husband. Mr. Van Sickle is a splendid young man who possesses the ability to carve out for himself a bright future and who will undoubtedly become an important factor in the business circles of this city.

Rev. Pratt Appointed

Rev. George T. Pratt has been appointed as pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, to fill the unexpired portion of the ministerial year. He is expected to arrive in this city about the 15th of this month. When the pastorate was tendered him, he stated that he did not desire to come here for the five months, but would favorably consider it if he was given assurance of a continuance of the appointment for the succeeding year. It is presumed that he received satisfactory assurances along this line.

The Lectures

Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Bancroft, who lectured in this city for the past week, closed their engagement Monday evening. They will visit Merrill this week, Bonanza next, then Lakeview, from which point they will go to Carson, Nevada, where they will open their winter lecturing tour. Dr. Bancroft is one of the ablest lecturers that ever visited this city, and the large audiences that taxed the capacity of the opera house gave evidence of the interest his lectures aroused and the general satisfaction he gave. It is to be hoped that he will include this city on his program next year.

The Clear Lake Dam Will Be Constructed

As stated in the Republican for the past two weeks, the Clear Lake dam will be undertaken next year. This information comes to the Republican from a source that is unimpeachable. Engineers Henny and Sanders this week made a thorough examination of the Upper Project and interviewed the people of that section. The result is that Mr. Henny is now satisfied that all matters will be arranged in such a satisfactory shape that he fully coincides with Sanders and Murphy on the advisability of beginning operations on the Clear Lake dam next year, and official announcement to that effect may be expected within the next few days.

Another Railroad

Klamath is to have another railroad, according to the sage of the Oregonian. It has discovered that the Republican long ago stated that the Mount Hood railroad is not a local affair at all, but is to be a link in one of the great trans-continental lines. The Oregonian man, however, seems to have read the cards wrong, for he lines his new find up with the Moffit road, now being built from Denver to Salt Lake, and the Rock Island. This is evidently incorrect, for according to information at this end of the line the Mount Hood line is simply a branch of the Western Pacific.

It is expected that the road will continue south, striking the Deschutes near the mouth of Warm Spring creek, thence up the river, crossing the spur of the Walker range. Proceeding south to the Sprague river, it will follow up this stream, thence across the Klamath Indian reservation, taking a nearly direct line to Winnemucca. It is known that surveys have been run that will bring the main line through this basin. It is possible, however, that entrance will be gained to this city and county by means of a branch line. Next summer will see some very interesting developments in railroad matters, not the least of which will be in the neighborhood of Klamath Falls.

Another Cantata

Professor Robinson, who successfully produced the cantata, Queen Esther, in this city a few weeks ago, is on his way here and will arrive between the 15th and 20th of this month. He will stage the comic opera, "Tried by Jury." This news will be received with much satisfaction here, for Mr. Robinson is recognized as a master in his line and the people can be assured of something above the ordinary.

Deer Holds Up Stage

Passengers on the incoming stage from Pookagama last Saturday had the novel and somewhat exciting experience of being held up by a deer. The first stage had reached the junction of the Ashland and Pookagama roads, when on around the road they came into full view of a handsome buck standing in the middle of the road. His buckship was not in the least disconcerted and evidently disbelieving in the right of eminent domain, whether claimed by the stage company or Uncle Sam's mail, seemed intent on remaining where he was. Doctor Parker occupied the seat alongside the driver, and when the stage came to a standstill he grabbed his Winchester and climbed down. Taking aim he pulled the trigger and it was not until the bullet had found lodgment underneath his hide did the deer move. After circling around he crossed the road about 150 yards back of the stage. Again the Doctor fired, this time placing the bullet in the deer's head. The carcass was loaded on the stage and brought to this city, where the Doctor's friends had a good supply of venison.

Home Again

Mrs. Hattie Wilson, who has been visiting in Western Kansas for the past month, returned home Saturday, and glad she is of it. "I used to think that I never would be satisfied until I could return to my old home in Iowa there to remain. But I have changed my mind. I little realized how foolish this desire was until I made this trip to Kansas. It was then I saw what a great country is Klamath and how thankful I ought to be, as well as every other resident of the county, that I was living here instead of in the much wanted Middle West. None of us realize how much

Departmental Divisions Very Plain on All Disputed points, and under Them Few Settlements are Legal

The grand rush for timber is over, and now comes the story of the great event. Realizing that this was probably the last of the large bodies of timber land to be restored to entry and that it furnished the last opportunity for many to use their timber right, hundreds went to Ely to be on hand when the appointed time arrived for the opening of the land. Estimates as to the number of people who went there differ, but the general opinion seems to be that there were about 500. The two sections 36 seem to have been the plums for which most hands were reached, and as a result as high as sixteen people were on one claim. Some of these seemed to think that the mere formality of going on the claim, posting their notices and hiking for Lakeview in order to be the first to file was all that was necessary. But there were others who evidently were acting under careful instructions. These remained on their claims, commenced the construction of their cabin and made earnest efforts in the matter of actual settlement. When the time comes in the fight for the claim, these homesteaders, whether they filed at the end of the ninety days allowed them or earlier will have tangible grounds on which to base their rights.

The law relative to entry of lands thrown open under condition similar to those governing that embraced in the Ely section is very plain, and the rulings of the Department are published herewith that he who runs may read. They are as follows:

"Acts of settlement, performed in direct violation of a department order opening lands to entry, cannot be considered in determining priorities between conflicting applicants for the same tract."

"Settlers, who without authority of law, enter upon lands that are held in reservation under departmental instruction that expressly forbid all settlers from entering thereon, until lawful permission is given, acquire no equities thereby."

"Settlement made on land, after the beginning of the specified calendar day and prior to the entry of another on the same day defeats the right of such entryman."

"One who knowingly enters and occupies the lands opened to settlement, prior to the time fixed therefor, is disqualified therefor, though outside of the boundary when the said lands were opened."

"One who purposely enters upon the lands restored to the public domain, prior to the time fixed therefor, and goes upon the tract subsequently selected, is thereby disqualified to make a homestead entry of said land."

"One who enters in person or by agent during the inhibited period, upon the lands opened to settlement, for the purpose of securing information with respect to said lands, is thereafter disqualified as an entryman."

"A person who enters upon the lands opened to settlement, prior to the time fixed therefor for the purpose of selecting a tract, is disqualified to enter said tract, though settlement is not actually made until the lands are subject thereto."

"One who enters upon the lands restored to the public domain prior to the time fixed therefor, and remains thereon until said lands are subject to settlement, is disqualified as a settler under said act."

These paragraphs are excerpts from the decisions of the Department of the Interior rendered at the time the reservoir lands were restored to entry under the act of June 20, and have formed the basis of all decisions on these points since that time. It would seem that the only person entitled to a right, as a homestead entryman, is the man who

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