

**BUILDING BURNED  
AT KLAMATH AGENCY.**

**Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys the Chapel and Class Room.**

The Chapel and class room, the second best building at Klamath Agency, was completely destroyed by fire about midnight Tuesday. The cause of the fire is unknown. Superintendent H. G. Wilson, who is in the city, was notified at 12 o'clock last night. It is stated that the fire was first discovered about 10:30, but it was then so far under headway that it was impossible to do anything beyond preventing the spread of the flames to other buildings. The Chapel was newly remodeled and improved a little over a year ago. A modern steam heating plant was installed and the building was lighted by electricity. The loss is roughly estimated at between \$8,000 and \$9,000. After the fire was well under way a search was made for the night watchman, and he was found in the basement of one of the other school buildings reading a book, and did not even know that there had been a fire. Superintendent Wilson, who intended going to the railroad, returned today to the Agency. He stated that it would cost about \$12,000 to replace the building, but the new structure will probably be fire proof. During Mr. Wilson's management of the affairs on the Indian Reservation, many extensive improvements have been made on the grounds and buildings at the headquarters at the Agency. They now have modern heating plants in all of the public buildings, electric lighting system and water works. Irrigation has been introduced on the farming lands and the schools greatly improved. The location of the Agency is an ideal spot, one of the prettiest in Klamath County, and it is stated in point of equipment and buildings it equals any of the Indian Agencies in the United States.

**WILL HAVE COURT HOUSE.**

The County Commissioners have found a law which they believe gives them authority to go ahead and make a levy for the construction of a new Court House, and it is their intention to add two mills to the levy determined upon to be used for that purpose. A two mill levy will raise about \$15,000 and this is believed to be sufficient with which to make a start. Plans and specifications will be secured and actual construction commenced this summer. There will be no reduction in the amount of the road levy on this account. The levy for road purposes which was determined upon is 3.35 mills and will raise about \$23,000.

**TWO AND A HALF YEARS.**

J. B. Melton, William Thompson and Milton Hale were this morning sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary at Salem by Judge Noland. It is quite probable that the case will be appealed. While the amount of bail has not been set, it was intimated from the bench that it would probably be \$15,000. It is stated that no attempt is to be made to raise bail for Thompson and Hale, but it may be that Melton will be able to get his property in shape so that he will be able to raise the amount of the bail. If not the three men will be taken to Salem Thursday to begin serving their sentences.

**TWO HOLLANDS.**

Postmaster Emmitt states that recently many letters have been mailed at the postoffice addressed to Holland, Oregon. It is probable that these letters are meant for Holland, the terminus of the Klamath road. At present there is no postoffice at this station, but there is an office of Holland in Josephine County, and unless letters are addressed to Klamath County they will have to be sent to Josephine County.

**LAKEVIEW GUESTS.**

The following prominent businessmen of Lakeview were present Thursday night as guests of the Chamber of Commerce: Harry Bailey, Dr. E. H. Smith, A. L. Thornton, F. O. Bunting, Dr. W. R. Boyd, Charles Arthur, Charles Rice, Guy W. Ingram.

Watch for sale on ladies collars at THE DEAL.

**DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.**

**Two Men Killed By the Explosion of Missed Hole in Railroad Tunnel Near Dorris.**

DORRIS, Jan. 12.—Fred Clarkson and A. Neilson were killed by the explosion of a missed hole while drilling in the California Northeastern Railroad tunnel Saturday night. Neilson was striking, and was instantly killed, his head being blown nearly off. Clarkson was turning, and was terribly mangled by the explosion. He lived about six hours. Dr. Atkinson was on the scene immediately to aid Clarkson. In addition to several broken bones he sustained internal injuries which caused his death. The men had been working in the heading of the tunnel on the south side of the hill, and had drilled in the missed hole more than half an hour before the explosion occurred. They were employed by the Erickson & Petterson Company, which has the contract for putting through the tunnel. Coroner Kuch was summoned from Sisson to hold an inquest.

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PINE GROVE NEWS.  
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Clarence Harris and brother drilled a well on the former's place last week.

Mrs. Kirkendall has won the contest on her timber claim.

Lawrence Shaw brought some horses from the Falls to the Conn place to pasture last week.

Mrs. Kirkendall has resigned her position as teacher in the Pine Grove school. Miss Baker has taken her place and is boarding at Mr. Cunningham's.

Chas. Mack, S. E. Icenbice and Frank Mills were in the Falls Monday.

Mr. Plum and Berry Stiles were visiting with John Hibberts Sunday.

Mr. Rum was a Falls visitor Monday.

Mr. Linsey passed through Pine Grove on his way to the Falls Monday.

Mr. Plum and Berry Stiles went to the Falls Monday.

J. S. Mills has a sick horse.

John Shepard went to the Falls Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Short have returned from Ashland.

Tommy Short, S. E. Icenbice and Chas. Andrews went to Poe Valley last week.

Mr. Snow has had his horses taken from the Grigsby ranch to his own place.

Tommy and Johnny Short butchered some hogs Wednesday.

Tom Barkley, a farmer from near Dairy, was found almost frozen to death near the J. S. Mills ranch Wednesday night. He was on his way to the Falls as a witness.

Jasper Hibberts went to the Falls Thursday.

Johnny Short went to the Falls Monday.

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POKEGAMA NEWS.  
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E. L. Coburn returned Tuesday night after spending his vacation in Portland and other points.

E. T. Abbott, accompanied by Mrs. Abbott, returned Wednesday evening. They have been spending the winter in St. Paul, Minn.

The young folks gathered to enjoy a taffy pulling at Mr. and Mrs. Noster's. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Shute, Mrs. Walker, Misses Iva and Ida Monaghan, Belvia and Winifred Walker, Messrs. Earl and Lester Monaghan, Archie Sanders, Ray Chase and Charles Walker.

Charles Walker left last Saturday for Gold Hill.

Mrs. N. H. Fennel was quite ill last week.

Quite a number enjoyed a dance New Year's eve.

Mrs. M. Hoover spent the holidays on the river with relatives and several friends.

Elmer Whalen is staying with Mrs. Hoover and attending the school at Pokegama. He registers in the 5th grade.

**FIRST INDICTMENT  
IN LIQUOR CASES.**

The Grand Jury last Friday returned the first indictment in the liquor cases. The indictment was against Ike Wright. The Jury has been considering evidence in the other Local Option cases, but they have made no further report.

**TO REORGANIZE ASSOCIATION. CATTLEMEN DEMAND  
NEW FENCE LAW.**

An effort is to be made to reorganize the old Klamath County Agricultural Association. At present there are a large number of men, each owning a few shares of the stock who are scattered all over the county. When the Association was formed several years ago a canvass of the county was made and many of the stockmen and others contributed toward the organization and were given stock. Many of them have moved away since then and the Association has been managed by a few men. They are at present practically out of debt, but if anything is done in the future it will be necessary to raise sufficient money to put the track and grounds in good condition. This will take quite an outlay of money and as the stock of the Association is non-assessable it can only be raised by a reorganization of the Association and making the stock assessable so that the money can be raised among the members. This is the plan suggested by President Bishop who has had active management of the Association for the past two years.

As the stock is practically of no value as an investment it is believed that it will be possible to get nearly all of the small owners of stock to reconvert it to the Association. Then the Association can be reorganized and the stock made assessable. If this is done Mr. Bishop states that he has a few men, who are interested in the success of a fair grounds and race course, who are ready to buy up the stock and put up enough money to complete the track in first class shape and construct all necessary buildings. One party has also offered to personally build stables on the grounds and employ a trainer for horses.

Unless this is done it is believed that the prospect for the annual fair and race in Klamath County is very slim, as the Association has no capital to work on and there is not enough stock that could be sold to raise any amount of money worth mentioning. With the arrival of the railroad and the development of the country there is need of a suitable place for holding events of this kind, and some of the men of the city are willing to assist with money if the old Association is reorganized and placed on a business foundation.

**REBEKAHS INSTALL OFFICERS.**

Prosperity Rebekah Lodge installed officers last Thursday evening at the A. O. U. W. Hall. After the business of the evening was transacted an elaborate banquet was served to the members by all of the Past Grands of the lodge. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Ellen Pell, Deputy Grand President for this district.

The new officers are: Noble Grand, Laurinda Sauber; Vice Grand, Emily Farrar; Secretary, Lula Straw; Financial Secretary, Frances E. Boyd; Treasurer, Jennie E. Boyd.

**ANNUAL ELECTION.**

The annual election of officers and directors of the First National Bank and the First Trust & Savings Bank was held on the evening of January 12, 1909, and the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: G. W. White, Geo. T. Baldwin, Geo. P. Lindley, W. I. Vawter and J. W. Siemens.

W. A. Delzell was re-elected as Cashier of the First National Bank and J. W. Siemens of the First Trust & Savings Bank.

The usual surplus and dividends were declared.

The stockholders of the Ready-Made House Company held their first meeting Saturday afternoon, at which time the following officers and directors were elected: President, J. F. Goeller; Secretary, E. T. Shortt; Directors: J. F. Goeller, E. T. Shortt, H. L. Benson, Wm. Pitts and O. J. Streeter.

W. D. Harland, foreman for the Long Lake Lumber Company, has moved into the Mitchell house in the Blehn addition so as to be near the work on the new mill on the Upper Lake.

J. I. Whitcomb will log for Mr. Hudson's mill this season and supply the new mill with lumber from Crystal.

Another cold spell has struck this section, the thermometer registering 8 above Sunday night.

**MAY MAKE LEVY.**

**County Court May Start Fund for a New Court House This Year.**

It is very probable that the County Commissioners Friday will make the first levy for the building of a new Court House. The Commissioners have taken no action on the matter yet but it is known that the members realize the necessity of a new Court House and are favorable to making a small appropriation this year to start a fund so that the cost can be distributed over as many years as possible. It is argued that an appropriation can be made this year with which to secure plans and specifications and to break ground and start the foundation. By beginning now the money can be raised in time for the completion of the building so that the tax will hardly be felt by the land owners.

While many of the taxpayers throughout the county have conceded the necessity of a new building, many expressed themselves in favor of waiting a year or so. This was the view taken by the members of the board but the inconvenience experienced by the county officers during the rush of business the past year has somewhat changed this opinion it is stated.

Besides the unsuitableness of the present quarters it is found that the officers have not room enough in which to transact their business. The building is crowded beyond its capacity. There is no suitable jury or Grand Jury room, the present Grand Jury having to accept quarters offered by the Prosecuting Attorney. The county has to rent an outside office for the Assessor. It is absolutely necessary that a new office will have to be created, that of County Recorder for the handling of all conveyances. The work of the Clerk is more than one man can handle, but it is impossible to add another office before a new building is erected with vaults for the safe keeping of the records.

**FINISH EVIDENCE  
IN COBURN CASE.**

The jury was selected today in the case of the State vs. Joseph Coburn, charged with larceny of a cow, on an indictment found over two years ago. The State is represented by Harris & Irwin and Judge Drake and J. C. Rutenic are conducting the defense. After the case was presented to the jury and the same were charged by the Judge, the Court adjourned until 9:30 Monday morning. Following are the jurors: Ed Bloomington, J. H. Van Meter, John Forbes, Wm. Barks, W. T. Garrett, T. W. Stephens, John Matney, C. E. Hadley, B. F. Loosley, C. F. Galarneau, C. C. Lewis and E. Soule.

**Monday.**

The prosecution in the case of the State vs. Joseph Coburn, is presenting its evidence today. Coburn is charged with stealing a cow belonging to J. G. Wight in November, 1906. Manuel Vierra, foreman for Wight, was the principal witness. He claims to have seen the head of the animal in the pig pen at Coburn's place.

**Tuesday.**

The defense in the case of the State vs. Joseph Coburn finished the presentation of their evidence to the jury at 4 o'clock and the attorneys began their arguments. Attorneys Irwin and Rutenic opened the arguments, and it is probable that the conclusion by Drake and Harris will be heard in the morning unless the Court holds a night session.

**Wednesday.**

The demurrer to the indictment against Ike Wright, charged with selling intoxicating liquors, was argued before the Court this afternoon by Judge Drake, one of the attorneys for Mr. Wright. The demurrer was overruled by the Court and the case was set for trial on Friday, January 15. Attorneys R. S. Smith and Thos. Drake will represent the defense, while District Attorney Kuykendall will probably conduct the prosecution.

**Thursday.**

The jury in the case of the State vs. Joseph Coburn, after being out twenty and a half hours and failing to agree were discharged at 10:30 this morning by Judge Noland. The jury stood two for conviction and ten for acquittal.

**BOX FACTORY MEN HERE.**

Ward Dwight, of the Dwight Lumber Company, and W. I. Clarke, of the California Fruit Canning Association, who have been in the city the past four days, left Sunday for San Francisco. These gentlemen have been here looking over the site and making arrangements for the building of their box factory on the Upper Lake. They have placed their order for the sawing of the material for the factory which is to be 80 by 150 feet. The contract which was given to the Long Lake Company was doubled on account of the expected big demand for boxes the coming year and the certainty of having shipping facilities over the railroad.

**PLEAD GUILTY TO GAMBLING.**

C. L. Reed and C. F. Goodrich, two of the men indicted for gambling, appeared before the Court Saturday and on pleading guilty were each fined \$50 and costs. The Court stated that in view of the men having saved the county the expense of prosecution by pleading guilty he would make the fine in the present case a light one. He stated further that this was no indication of what he might do hereafter for second offense.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE.**

One Second Hand Traction Engine, 20-horse power. M. H. BEEBE, 1-14-121 Klamath Falls, Ore.

**DECIDE FATE OF ROAD.**

**The County Commissioners Will Act Tomorrow on the Crater Lake Road Petitions.**

The petitions, which have been generously signed by land owners all over the county, were presented to Commissioners at this term of Court asking that they contribute \$50,000 in two yearly payments toward the building of the Crater Lake road, provided that a fund of \$500,000 is secured for the work from the National government, the State of Oregon, Jackson County and other sources, according to the proposition made by the Crater Lake Road Commission appointed by the Governor.

Some of the leaders in the movement have asked the Commissioners to make a levy at this term to raise the first year's payment of \$25,000. The members of the board have expressed themselves as opposed to levying this amount at this time for road work, especially when it will probably not be needed for one or two years.

While it is not known what the official action of the board will be, the members have stated that they might consider favorably pledging the Court to contribute this amount in case the balance was raised. Most people have misunderstood the proposition. They think that the money has to be put up this year. The facts are that all that is necessary is for the County to agree to stand \$50,000 of the expense on certain conditions. If it is known that this county is ready to do its share, the Commission will then have something with which to go before the state Legislature with. If they get the aid of the state, they will then have to go before Congress. This will consume at least a year and it will probably be two years before the county is called upon to pay a cent.

**GRAIN PRICES GO UP.**

The price of grain of all kinds has about reached the top notch in Klamath County. Wheat, oats and barley are selling for two cents and rye is bringing two and a half cents. The price of flour is now \$1.75 a sack. It is said that this extreme price is due to a shortage of crops the past year and the increased demand over last year. More land was put in grain this year than last but the crops were not nearly as heavy as usual.

Nearly all of the farmers of the county have disposed of their grain, although there are a few who are still holding on. Those who are familiar with the market state that they do not believe that grain will go any higher as it has already reached the limit. There is no prediction that there will be any suffering from a grain famine but it is quite certain that the entire supply will be cleaned out by spring.

The farmers of Klamath County are as well off this year as in the past as the high price they have received for their grain and hay has offset the shortage in crops.

**McARTHUR ELECTED SPEAKER.**

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11.—McArthur's election as Speaker of the House was made unanimous shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. The name of the caucus nominee was presented to the House by Campbell, chairman of the caucus. Munkers, of Linn, representing the House minority, nominated his colleague, Corrigan, of Yamhill, for Speaker. McArthur cast a complimentary vote for Conyers and himself received the votes of the other 50 Republicans present. Corrigan voted for Munkers and received the votes of seven of his Democratic colleagues. Before the vote could be announced officially, Corrigan, after thanking his supporters, withdrew and moved that McArthur's election be made unanimous. Libby, a State member from Marion, had refused to go into caucus, but he accepted the inevitable and cast his ballot for McArthur.

**BIG MEAT CONTRACT.**

Crisler & Stilts were given the contract the first of the year for supplying meats to the camps of Erickson & Petterson, the railroad contractors. It is estimated that during the coming summer the Company will use on an average of 90 head of beef each month.

Tom Ballis was in the city from Merrill this week.