

### SMITH RETURNS HOME.

States Government Will Be Lenient With Klamath Project.

R. H. Smith, attorney for the Klamath Water Users Association, returned Sunday night from Washington where he went in the interest of the landowners under the Klamath Project. He will only remain here a few days when he will go to Salem where he has a case before the Supreme Court the latter part of the month. He will probably be unable to be present at the regular meeting of the directors of the Association the first of the month, but the records of his work in Washington will be presented to the meeting.

In speaking of the results of his trip to Washington, Mr. Smith said that with the help of Senator Fulton he made a strong effort to secure relief in the payment for water rights, but that as practically every other project had asked for help before his arrival in Washington, and had been turned down, the Secretary would not allow the graduated payments as asked. However, he was promised that while the landowners would be notified of the payments as they became due, if it was shown that they were unable to meet their obligation, the payments would not be forced before the end of the first year. That is, they would be able to get water for the first two years if they made their payments for maintenance. The payments would have to be made the third year, however, before they could secure water. By that time the land would all be well under cultivation and able to pay for the water.

Mr. Smith stated that he believed that from now on there would be a much better understanding between the landowners and the Washington office and that the feeling would be much more friendly. Secretary Garfield knew absolutely nothing as to what was being done here, and even Mr. Newell was sadly lacking in knowledge. As a result of Mr. Smith's visit, the Klamath Project will receive much more attention in the future. Senator Carter, who is chairman of the Irrigation Committee, informed Mr. Smith that he would visit all the projects this summer, and stated that he would make a careful investigation of the work being done in Klamath. Mr. Chamberlain has been placed on the Irrigation Committee with Senator Carter, and the prospects are that Klamath will be looked after.

It is also quite probable that Secretary Ballinger will visit Klamath County this year on his trip to the West. Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Fulton are very close friends, and at the request of Mr. Fulton he promised to give attention to the Klamath Project as soon as he became settled in office.

Mr. Smith stated that in order for the government to go on with the work it would be necessary for the Water Users Association to file supplemental articles increasing the capital stock. This was a matter that would have to be settled by the stockholders themselves.

### HOTELS ARE FULL.

There has been a steady increase in the incoming travel and it is stated that the hotels are kept full all the time and some have been forced to turn away people on account of lack of accommodations. When the heavy travel, which is expected, begins, it is feared that there will not be accommodations in the city for all the people. The homeseekers from the East have hardly begun to invade Klamath County and it is expected that when they begin to arrive about next month, rooms will be at a premium.

### Childers-Nickerson.

Guy A. Childers and Miss Leta May Nickerson were united in marriage at 8 o'clock last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Nickerson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Price of the Methodist Church. The groom is one of Klamath Falls' successful business men and with his brothers is engaged in the brick and mason contracting business. The bride is very popular in both social and musical circles. The young couple will make their home in this city.

Warren D. Kingdon is in the city from Fort Klamath on timber business.

### GET READY FOR RAILROAD.

The time has arrived at last when it is possible to come within a reasonable distance of guessing the day when the first train will reach Klamath Falls, and with the approach of this much-to-be and long-awaited event comes the question, "What are the people of this city and county going to do about it?" Custom has established the rule that whenever a railroad has been completed, the final act, that of driving the golden spike, is attended with appropriate ceremonies, and that the same custom should be followed in this city will be admitted by everyone. Those who have lived here for nearly two score years, everyone of which carried with it the rumor that "a railroad is coming," need no longer look forward to the opportune time, but may realize at last his long wished for desire. The railroad will be here and with its coming should be one of the greatest celebrations that this city or county ever dreamed of.

Many celebrations have been attempted in the past, attended with more or less success, but the one in honor of the completion of the railroad should be of more than the ordinary type. It should be dignified in character and yet filled with the genuine enthusiasm natural on such occasions. This is a work that properly belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. The directors of that organization are men of ability and integrity and such a celebration may properly be delegated to them without the fear that it will either be neglected or the commission abused.

One suggestion that might be offered at this time is the advisability of inviting, and endeavoring to secure the presence of the Governors of California and Oregon; likewise the two United States Senators and Congressman Hawley from Oregon and such other persons of prominence in public and business life as will make the event a noteworthy one.

Connected with the event might be a week's celebration in the nature of a carnival or a street fair, if the directors deemed such a thing advisable. What was left over from the last carnival might be utilized on this occasion. Then, also, might be held a public rally, to which Tom Richardson, of Portland, might be induced to come and a permanent fund for the advertising of this county started. Throughout Oregon these rallies are being held and Klamath Falls is now among the few towns remaining off the list. The time for the preparation of this celebration is extremely short and it behooves all of us to get out and hustle, so as to make it an event that will attract the attention of the entire Pacific Coast.

### WILL SEED LARGE ACREAGE.

A full carload, 45,000 pounds, of grain and alfalfa seed was received Friday by George T. Baldwin. The seed is for W. W. Masten and will be sowed this spring on land in the Klamath Basin south of Klamath Falls. This is only one individual order but nearly all of the farmers in the valley are planning to put more acreage in grain and alfalfa this year. The demand has always been in excess of the supply and there is a good market for both alfalfa and grain and these two crops are always sure and require less work than others.

### BANK IN NEW QUARTERS.

The Klamath County Bank, the oldest financial institution in the county, will finish moving to their new quarters, and are ready for business at the corner of Fourth and Main.

The Klamath County Bank will have much more commodious quarters in the new building, which has been fitted up with handsome new furniture. All of the fittings, railings, office doors, etc., are of metal, and the entire building is as near fire proof as it is possible to make it.

### STOCK ITEMS.

The last of the beef cattle for the season left the big Merrill feeding grounds last Friday and Saturday. J. C. Mitchell started seven cars; Lewis Gerber, eight cars, and F. Stukel, five cars. Messrs. Langell and Gerber also took out one carload of fine brood mares, which were consigned to Stonewall & Company, of Williams, California.

All of this stock will be shipped from Mt. Hebron.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

It is quite probable that farmers' institutes will be held in the near future at Merrill, Bonanza and Klamath Falls, at which particular attention will be given to the discussion of the dairy interests.

President Helleman, of the recently organized Klamath County Dairy Association, requested the Corvallis Agricultural College to send a man here to be present at the meeting to be held the coming Saturday. He received a reply from Prof. Kent, who is the head of the Dairy department, stating that it would hardly pay to make the trip for just one meeting, but if a series of several meetings could be arranged for he would be glad to come.

Mr. Helleman immediately took the matter up with the people of Merrill and Bonanza and met with great encouragement and was assured that the meetings would be well attended. He has wired Prof. Kent to that effect and will learn by tomorrow when he will be able to come. It is hoped that Prof. Kent will be able to come here in time for the Saturday meeting, but if he cannot do so the meetings throughout the county will be arranged for his convenience. Prof. Kent is recognized as one of the best posted men in the state on agriculture and dairy business, and his coming here would be a great benefit to the farmers who are just starting the dairy business. His practical knowledge would save them the expense of a lot of unnecessary experiments.

### WAS ONLY MEASLES.

It has developed that Owen Heathery, the cook who was taken sick at the American House, is afflicted with nothing more serious than a case of measles. Dr. Hamilton, the Health Officer, stated that there is no smallpox at the hotel and wished to announce to the public that there is no indication of any possible spread of the disease. Every case of sickness in the city is carefully investigated and every precaution is being taken. The two original cases of the disease, which were contracted outside of the county, are the only ones in the county, and these two are progressing very nicely now and will soon be completely recovered. Dr. Hamilton is of the opinion that there is no cause for alarm, as he does not anticipate any further cases. The officers, however, will keep a careful watch of strangers coming into the city, as both cases here were brought in from the outside.

### IS THERE A SALOON, POOL-ROOM AND GOOD SCHOOL?

The following is one of many inquiries received daily by Postmaster Emmitt. It is written from Washington:

"Postmaster, Kind Sir:—As my papa is talking of moving to your city, I thought I would write and find out what kind of a school there is, and churches, and if there are any saloons or pool rooms there. Would also like to know if there are any mosquitos or fleas, as I have heard there were. What is the climate and do all kinds of vegetables and fruits do well there?"

"Is there any land to be taken? Be sure and answer these three questions, if you have the time to answer. Is there a saloon, pool-room and a good school? Thanking you in advance, I remain, Yours truly,  
MARY —"

### UPPER LAKE NOTES.

The steamer Winema will be back from Odessa where she has been for the last month, Mr. Totten having his work in hand at that place. The steamer will probably start on her regular run soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have moved back to their Crusee home on Buck Island. They will garden the island again this year as the soil is of an exceptionally productive nature.

Commodore.

Word received from Rev. Geo. T. Pratt states that Mrs. Pratt underwent her second operation in the Mercy Hospital at Roseburg on Tuesday. The operation was in every way successful and Mrs. Pratt is doing nicely. A speedy recovery is looked for.

### TAFT DISCUSSES FINANCES.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—At the longest Cabinet meeting of the present Administration, with a full membership attending, finances were discussed in detail to-day. The discussion turned upon the subject of raising revenues to replenish the Treasury and to provide against a further reduction in the event that there is an actual reduction of revenues from the revised tariff bill. Among the many measures that have been brought forward is that of a two per cent tax on dividends of corporations other than banks, trust companies and insurance companies. It was stated to-day that although President Taft had gone so far as to ask for an estimate from the Treasury Department as to the amount of revenue that might be derived from such tax, he was by no means committed to the proposition. The Treasury estimate was \$15,000,000. A decision as to what measures of taxation shall be adopted apparently is a long way off, for there is no unanimity of opinion as to any of the propositions so far considered. The only proposition that has assumed definite form is that of an inheritance tax, and this method already has aroused a storm of protest from the States where such a tax already is levied to raise State revenues.

The President and his advisers believe that some acceptable substitute for an indirect taxation will be devised.

### KLAMATH HOSPITAL NOW OPEN.

The Klamath Hospital is now open to patients. The first shipment of surgical apparatus, etc., arrived from Chicago yesterday and another is following one week behind. It is expected that that department will be in complete working shape the latter part of next week at the latest.

Medical and maternity cases will be received at any time. Special effort will be made to have the dietary service as perfect and pleasing as possible. The rates are \$25 per week for private rooms and \$15 a week for rooms containing two or three beds. The usual additional rates will be charged for those cases requiring or desiring a private nurse. Cases waiting for operation or confinement will be charged at hotel rates until they require nursing.

A fee of \$5 for minor surgery and \$10 for major operations will be required of physicians desiring the use of the operating room.

EMILY A. HUMPHREY,  
Owner and nurse in charge.

### GATES TO BE GIVEN NEW FRANCHISE

An informal meeting was held on Monday between the members of the Council, H. V. and O. B. Gates and the City Attorney. The meeting was held for the purpose of getting together on certain provisions to be inserted in the new franchise to be granted to the Light & Water Company.

The city asked for certain concessions from Mr. Gates in regard to a new lighting system and other improvements. These were agreed to by Mr. Gates and were embodied in the ordinance introduced at the meeting of the Council Tuesday night. There are no indications that there will be any hitch in the passage of the ordinance, as the city was given what it asked for and Mr. Gates concurred in the concessions. Mr. Gates will remain until Thursday before leaving for home.

### SHOULD GET VACCINATED.

County Health Officer Dr. Hamilton advises all persons who have not already done so to lose no time in getting vaccinated. Every passenger who arrived on the boat Thursday with Harry Pearson should take this precaution at once so as to prevent any spread of the smallpox. The two cases are now being carefully guarded and all persons known to have been exposed have been vaccinated.

It was discovered that Harry Pearson, who returned Thursday from Salem, had the smallpox. He occupied the county jail for the night and Friday taken to the Ankeny ranch where he will be kept with Claude Clopton. It is believed that Pearson must have caught the smallpox at Weed as it is reported that there are a number of cases at that place.

### ACKERMAN ON ARBOR DAY.

The second Friday in the afternoon in April of each year has been set aside as "Arbor Day," and the law provides that it shall be observed by the teachers and school children throughout the state. In a circular just issued to the teachers by State Superintendent Akerman he says:

"The grounds of many of our school houses have been made much more beautiful during the past few years, through the planting of gardens and shrubbery, but in a large number of districts very little has yet been done. For this reason I wish to reiterate some of the things which I have said to you before, and to remind you that before any appropriate exercises can be held on Arbor Day you must begin at the very beginning. That is to say, any discussion as to how to make more beautiful your school grounds is entirely out of place in a building that is not kept in a clean and attractive condition. It is argued by some that this is not a part of the teacher's work, but the fact remains that whether or not you have an attraction interior, rests very largely with the teacher. If the patrons of the district are not interested in putting down a new floor in a rural school building, when the old one is worn out, the teacher should see to it that such an interest will be aroused throughout the district that the conditions will change. Not only should there be a good floor in the school house, but it should also be kept scrupulously clean. The ceiling and the walls should be kept freshly painted, and there should be a harmony of color. Do not use bright glaring colors, as they are injurious to the eyes, and do not make a good background for pictures. Gray, gray-green, or cream color are good for the interior, using a light shade on the ceiling, a deeper shade on the walls, and still a deeper shade on the wood-work. The windows should also be kept clean, especially the wood-work, where the upper and lower casings meet. There should be at least one or two good pictures hung on the walls. Any unframed pictures that have become discolored or soiled should be taken down and destroyed. If your school house is in this condition, it is not inappropriate to hold in such a building exercises that will tend to arouse an interest in keeping the grounds in more perfect conditions.

"From the interest cultivated in setting out trees, rose bushes and shrubbery on the school ground, a child will learn to do more of such work in the garden at home, and quite naturally this will lead up to an interest in the orchards at home. The teacher may make herself valuable to the entire district, if she will learn all about the care of an orchard, including the different insects and diseases that attack orchards and the proper cure for each. Directions concerning this and the different kinds of sprays can be had by applying to the Experiment Station, at Corvallis for bulletins. If the pupils can see any practical benefit from the instructions given them on Arbor Day and in the preparation leading up to the work for that day, it is easy to secure their cooperation."

### TEDDY SAILS FOR AFRICA.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Standing on the bridge of the steamship Hamburg and acknowledging the enthusiastic cheering of thousands of persons who had assembled to bid him good-by, Theodore Roosevelt sailed for Africa to-day. He was smiling happily and showed unmistakably his pleasure at the warmth of the reception accorded him. Beside him stood his son, Kermit, and Captain Burmeister, Commander of the vessel. The big ship left her pier at 11:06 o'clock and slowly made her way out into the stream, amid the cheers that completely drowned the music of the bands which were playing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The distinguished traveler was still on the bridge, watching the scene as the vessel was warped out into the stream and headed down the bay.

Major and Mrs. Chas. E. Worden are expected home soon from their trip to Toledo, Ohio, where they were present during the last illness of Mr. Worden's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Worden are now in San Francisco.

### FORM DAIRY ASSOCIATION.

First Step Taken to Promote Dairy-men's Interests.

One of the most important meetings ever held in Klamath Falls and one from which great results are predicted, was held last Saturday at the office of Frank Ira White, when over thirty of the leading farmers and land owners gathered for the purpose of organizing a dairy association. The greatest interest was manifested by the large attendance which completely filled the office.

Much useful information was given by those experienced in the business, and the interest manifested showed that the farmers of Klamath have awakened to the importance and advantage of promoting the dairy industry in this section. W. H. Helleman, of the Reclamation Service, who was present, gave some very valuable information from his vast knowledge of the soils and climatic conditions of the county. Mr. Helleman stated that the Klamath country was ideal for the dairy herd and predicted that the time was near at hand when this county would produce butter and cheese equal to any section in the United States. He spoke very favorably of the co-operative plan in the creamery business and urged that this movement be not confined to this end of the Klamath Basin, but should cover the entire valley. He stated that the sooner the Klamath farmer added the dairy herd to his farm, the better it would be for the prosperity of the entire county. He explained the particular good points of the Jersey, Holstein, Durham and other breeds, and gave it as his opinion that the Holstein or a cross with the Jersey would be more successful in this climate than the pure blood Jersey, especially as the latter needed very careful attention and would not stand exposure as some of the hardier breeds would.

Another meeting of those interested in the promotion of the dairy business will be held on Saturday, March 27. This is for the purpose of enabling others who were unable to be present at the first meeting to attend. C. G. Merrill stated that he believed that a large number of the farmers of the Merrill country would attend the next meeting.

The following are the officers elected: President, W. H. Helleman; vice-president, Frank Ira White; secretary, J. A. Holcome. A committee consisting of W. H. Helleman, Frank Ira White, J. A. Holcome, C. G. Merrill and O. A. Stearns will report on by-laws at the next meeting.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS.

The ladies of the Grace Episcopal Guild and members and friends of the Episcopal church are very pleased over the news that Rt. Rev. Robert L. Paddock, Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oregon, is expected here from San Francisco on the 25th or 26th inst., and are making arrangements for services while he is here, also a reception on Friday evening at the Baldwin Club room, at which Bishop Paddock will relate some of his experiences while traveling in Europe, particularly in Russia and Turkey.

This reception will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday evening, March 27. An evening service will be held in the Baldwin Club room on Saturday at 8 p. m. Sunday morning services will be held at 10:30 a. m. in the Houston Opera House and Sunday evening services in the Baldwin Club room at 8 p. m. All are invited and will be welcomed.

### BUILD COUNTY HOSPITAL.

A hospital for the use of the county and city of Klamath Falls is to be built on the county poor farm. The specifications for the bids, which have been advertised for, provide for a five room building of one story. The contract was let on Monday and the building is to be erected at once. The expense of the building will be borne by the county and city jointly.

### COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The County Commissioners have let the contract to R. E. Wattenburg for the erection of a county hospital which is to be built on the poor farm. The building will be a small one, and will be one story and contain five rooms. Work is to commence at once and finished without delay.