

INCREASE IS \$3,000,000

ASSESSOR LEE COMPLETES THE
1909 TAX ROLL

CITY ASSESSMENT DOUBLE

The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company
Will Pay Nearly One-Tenth of
the Taxes in County

Assessor J. P. Lee and deputies today completed the 1909 assessment roll. The total assessments for the county are \$10,557,958, which is an increase of over \$3,000,000 from last year.

Klamath Falls shows an assessment of \$1,668,582, or nearly double the assessment of last year. Merrill property is valued at \$136,277, while Bonanza has \$125,175. Whitelake City has a total of \$22,470. The taxes on each of these lots will barely pay for the labor of listing them on the roll.

The Weyerhaeuser company's assessment amounts to \$1,018,664. Notes and accounts total \$239,977. Horses and mules are valued at \$201,605, and cattle at \$176,206. The total assessed acreage of the county is 1,072,780, of which 88,729 acres are tillable. The value of the cultivated land is placed at \$1,191,729. The timber, marsh, brush and desert lands aggregate 984,051 acres, and are worth \$6,178,775.

Assessor Lee and his deputies have worked hard and conscientiously to make a good roll since early in July, and they feel that they have succeeded in putting out a better and more satisfactory tax roll than has yet been turned over by a Klamath county assessor.

The amount of taxes to be collected will be fixed by the county commissioners at their January term, when the county levy will be made.

WEST SIDE SITE SELECTED

The biggest vote ever cast in a school election in this city was polled Saturday afternoon, when 151 votes turned out to decide the question of the location of the new school building. The west side was decided on by a substantial majority of 21, the vote standing 86 for and 65 against, and it will be on the site donated by the Moore Bros. that the magnificent new structure will be erected.

The interest manifested surprised everyone, even though it was admitted that there would be a big vote out. The best of good fellowship prevailed, and the result is accepted as being the best thing to be done. Those who were opposed to the location of the school on the west side, preferring that it be placed in the northeast part of the city, are glad their ideas did not prevail, for they now realize that it will only hasten the day when a new school will be erected in that section, and in a location that will, at that time, better serve the purpose than if built now. The growth of the city is so rapid that another year will see as great a demand for another school as there is for the one to be erected on the west side.

Now that the matter of a site has been decided upon, the school board will push with all possible vigor the erection of the building, in order to relieve at as early a date as possible the crowded condition of the present school building. Nearly 100 pupils are now crowded into outside rooms and in the basement, and this one fact alone shows the great need for the new building.

J. J. Hassin came in from Lakeside on the stage Monday.

WILL STAY IN SCHOOL

Very few boys have the chance before finishing High School to refuse a position offering steady employment and a good chance for rapid promotion. Fewer still have the courage or the good judgment to refuse such a place when its acceptance would mean an end to their school days. And yet this is what actually occurred this week when Augustus Goodrich, who is a Senior in the High School, was offered the position of stenographer under Mr. McArthur, secretary of the wholesale dairy produce exchange of San Francisco, at a salary of \$60 per month to begin on, to be raised to \$75 in three months. Augustus has already demonstrated his ability to do this class of work, both in school and out of it, but he is certainly to be commended for the wise choice he made in deciding to stay with his studies yet a little while before beginning the active duties of life.

Young Mr. Goodrich bids fair to become the first graduate of the full commercial course, which was established in the High School nearly four years ago. Like all schools offering work in the commercial branches, of the many who begin a course few ever remain to complete it. Many students either find the work more difficult than they had expected and drop out, or leave school to take some position which they can fill before reaching that high standard of efficiency which is so necessary to real success. And so like all the other departments of the school, few ever complete a full course. Our High School offers as complete instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, commercial arithmetic, commercial English, penmanship and spelling as any business college, and when the people of Klamath county come to realize that and the further fact that the student has all the advantages of High School association, school activities and culture, no boy or girl from this county will patronize a business college. Through the agency of Mr. Faught, who is a certificated teacher of shorthand, the High School offers its graduates what few business colleges can offer: The amanuensis certificate, issued by the Phonographic Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, which ranks as one of the highest among the shorthand certifications of America.

CHAS. LEWIS IS INJURED

Loaded Lumber Wagon Passes Over
His Body—Ribs Broken and Internal Injuries Feared

What may prove to be a fatal accident occurred at the corner of Second street and Klamath avenue Monday, when Charles Lewis was thrown from the top of a load of lumber, falling in such a manner that the rear wheel passed across his body. The accident was due to the shifting of the lumber. Believing that the road was level enough to dispense with the necessity of binding the load, Lewis failed to take this precaution. Striking a chuck hole the top boards skidded so as to hit the horses, scaring them, and they bolted. The sudden lurch threw Lewis from the wagon, his serious injury following.

Dr. White was summoned and found that two ribs were broken and that other internal injuries were sustained. How serious the latter future developments will have to determine. He was removed to his home, and last reports are to the effect that no serious symptoms have so far developed.

Chas. Lewis spent a good night last night. Dr. White feels confident that no serious complications will set in, and is pleased with the outlook. The patient is, however, suffering from a slight cold which he contracted before the accident, and this adds a little to his suffering.

BOUNDARY IS NOW MARKED

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PLACES
POSTS EVERY HALF MILE

FUNDS SHOULD BE INCREASED

Pearson Chapman Believes That Govern-
ment Should appropriate Ten
Times What Is Now Given

The work of marking the boundary of Crater Lake National park has been completed, and Pearson Chapman, a member of the geological survey corps, who has been engaged in doing the work, left for Portland Sunday.

There has been a great deal of interest taken in Mr. Chapman's work by many in the country, for it has long been their desire to see the boundary properly marked. Under instructions sent out by the department, Mr. Chapman placed iron posts every half mile along the boundary of the park, with cement blocks at the corners and at each entrance.

Of all the visitors to Crater lake this year, none were greater in their admiration of the lake and the surrounding country than Mr. Chapman.

"It's a shame," said he, "that congress only appropriates \$3,000 a year for the development of Crater Lake National park. Ten times that amount should be furnished each year, and one of the least-known wonders of the world should be made accessible to the lover of nature's beauties. Nowhere on the American continent can there be found anything that so nearly approaches the sublime as does Crater lake. Filled with the conceit of centuries, man has come to think himself nearly omnipotent, but no matter how near may such thought come to be a confirmed belief, they will soon take flight after one look over the edge of the precipice that surrounds the lake. A realization of the insignificance of one's self takes possession of the mind.

"Surrounding the lake is a section of country unsurpassed anywhere for its diversity of scenic grandeur, and mark what I say, five years from now will see thousands upon thousands of tourists visiting Klamath county coming only for a glimpse of its richest treasure—Crater lake."

J. W. MCCOY BUYS THE WORDEN RESIDENCE

One of the Finest Homes in the City
Passes Into the Hands of a Fort
Klamath Man.

J. W. McCoy has purchased from Major C. E. Worden "Seven Gables," the beautiful residence on Ewauna Heights, and will take possession November 1st. The consideration, it is understood, was close to \$5,000, and is a fair indication of the great increase in the value of residence property that has taken place in this city during the past three years.

It is the intention of Major Worden to erect a concrete block residence at the corner of Juniper and High streets, one of the slightly locations of the city.

WARNER VALLEY OUTFIT HERE

A ten-horse outfit drove into town Tuesday evening, and is loading up with freight for the Warner Valley Mercantile company over in Plush. They have three outfits on the road now, and are hauling their freight 155 miles.

J. W. McCoy, who recently purchased the Major Worden residence, left for Fort Klamath Tuesday. He expects to return in a few days and occupy his new home.

GREAT SPORT ON THE RIVER

TROUT ARE PLENTIFUL AND
EASY TO CATCH

SALMON ARE STILL RUNNING

Salmon, Trout and Mullet Abound,
and Many Left in Deep Holes
of Government Canal.

Sportsmen are enjoying the excellent fishing in Link river. Trout are plentiful and one need not be a skilled disciple of Isaac Walton to catch a well-filled basket. Salmon are still running in large numbers, and occasionally one gets into shallow water and is snagged by some fisherman.

One of the chief amusements of the Waltonians is to snag the large mullet that abound in the river. In some of the deep holes there are so many of these that one can see nothing but a working mass of fish. The mullets will weigh approximately ten pounds each, and when they get into the swift current the fisherman with a light rod has to exercise considerable skill to save his tackle. Mullet are not considered good to eat, but it does seem that some process of canning the fish might be devised so that they could be made edible.

The water has been shut off in the government canal, with the result that large numbers of fish were left in the deep holes. The boys have been having great sport wading in the water after the big trout and mullet. Thousands of fish will perish by being left in the canal, and there should be some steps taken to prevent this wholesale destruction of fish life.

GREAT IS THE CHANGE

Preparation Being Made to Increase
the Crop Areas and Next Year
Will See Lively Times

The experimental stage has been passed in the Klamath Basin. Lands that only a few years since were considered absolutely worthless even with water available have this season been made to produce abundant crops. Driving through the valley from this city to Merrill one cannot help but be impressed with the possibilities of this section. On one side of a fence is a desolate looking piece of ground covered with a scattering of sagebrush, while on the other is the green alfalfa field and the golden grain stubble. These changes have been brought about in the few years since farming has been made one of the industries of this section. They only foreshadow what the future is sure to bring.

During the past year there has been a considerable increase in the acreage under cultivation. On every hand can be seen the homes of recent settlers. Everywhere there is evidence of development. While the season for clearing additional land is not yet at hand still farmers are getting ready to increase their cultivated areas. Next year the acreage in grain and alfalfa will be greatly increased, as all lands under the government canal will be made to produce in order to make the land pay the water tax. Numerous small contracts are being let for clearing tracts. Among the farmers improvement is the order of the day. The abundant crops just harvested have had a stimulating effect. The possibilities of the Klamath Basin are everywhere in evidence. With this condition prevailing farm lands are coming into their own. Prospective purchasers are coming in larger numbers and the indications are that there will be a lively movement in Klamath county real estate in the next year.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS INCREASE

Klamath Falls Has Secured More
Than Its Share of the Immigra-
tion to the Pacific Coast.

The best evidence of the phenomenal growth that has been made by this city during the year ending October 1st is the great increase in postal receipts for that period. While every city and town in the state has shown substantial gains, few have equaled the record of Klamath Falls, which would indicate that this city is getting more than its share of the immigration that is changing the map of the Pacific coast.

Following is a statement of the cash receipts, number of money orders issued and letters and packages registered for the period indicated:

Receipts ending September	
30, 1908	\$7,686.14
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30, 1909	9,195.64
Money orders issued Sep- tember 30, 1908	7,004
Money orders issued Sep- tember 30, 1909	8,265
Letters registered Septem- ber 30, 1908	2,198
Letters registered Septem- ber 30, 1909	3,004

Postal receipts is the best barometer of the rise and fall of a community. Few here realize that during the past year the growth of the city has been great enough to effect such a marked change in the amount of business passing through the local office. This is the more remarkable in that this increase has been made during a period when the growth of the city was apparently at a standstill. Following the arrival of the railroad everyone expected a boom—that property would change hands with great frequency and that inflated values would be the order of the day. But these hopes met with disappointment—a disappointment that was keenly felt in some quarters. There has been no boom, and property values have not been infected with unhealthy inflation. The increase in population has been steady, so much so that to the casual observer it was hardly noticeable. Nevertheless great changes have taken place throughout the city. Much of the vacant property has been covered with neat bungalows and the demand for rooms and houses has been so far ahead of the supply as to cause the charging of fancy prices for mere shacks.

While the expected boom did not make its appearance, for which everyone has reason to feel thankful, Klamath Falls is growing. At the present rate of increase the prophesied population for 1915 will not fall far short of the mark.

MINERS ARRIVE IN TOWN

Earl H. Clarke and R. W. Deaner arrived in town Tuesday evening from Plush. They have been working on the Jumbo Chief claim in the Lost Cabin district, eight miles north of Plush in Warner valley. In the Butte mine in the same district they have dug a tunnel which is already 800 feet long, and the prospects seem very bright indeed. In the Jumbo Chief they are at present sinking a shaft.

Clarke and Deaner are bound for Portage, Wis., on a visit to their old home, but they are so pleased with the prospects of this country that they are coming back and intend to bring some of their friends with them.

W. B. Cruthers of Severy, Kas., arrived here Monday to look over the country. He makes about the twentieth resident of Greenwood county to come here, all of those preceding him having purchased land here.

Mr. Sugarman of the Portland Store sent out over 40 letters Tuesday morning containing checks, prizes awarded for the various exhibits at his store last week.

KLAMATH GETS BRONZE MEDAL

WORK OF PUBLIC SCHOOL REC-
OGNIZED AT SEATTLE

CREDIT DUE TO PROF. DUNBAR

It Was Only Through His Efforts
That Klamath County Was Rep-
resented at A.-Y.-P. Fair.

When Superintendent Dunbar began the collection of an exhibit from the public schools of this city to be placed on display at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition he had little idea that it would be the only thing at that fair that would let the people of the country know where Klamath Falls was. Nor did he have any idea that the work would attract sufficient attention to warrant the awarding of a bronze medal for its excellence. But both of these things are true, and Mr. Dunbar has reason to feel considerable pride over the happy outcome of his labors.

The work sent to Seattle was not "exhibition work." No special effort was made to smooth out the rough spots.

The main effort and the only object was the production of a piece of work that as nearly represented the average of the pupils as it was possible to get. Had it been suspected that the work would be entered in a competition for a medal there would be a different story to tell. But no regrets are felt either by Mr. Dunbar or the people of the city. Those who were fortunate enough to see the Klamath county exhibit, and there were a great number of homesekers who sought it out, had a pretty fair idea of the excellence of the schools of this city. The work was a credit to the head of the educational institutions of the city, and the winning of the award is a feather that he should wear in his cap with considerable pride.

THE HEALTH OFFICER INSPECTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dr. Hamilton the city health officer, inspected the children at the public school last Tuesday. He found the conditions there excellent. This inspection is not on account of any disease being present among the children, but as a precaution. Dr. Hamilton wishes this fact to be thoroughly understood by the parents of the school children. It is a precaution against the spread of disease, and not because there is any sickness among the pupils. These inspections will be made every month or every two weeks as seems expedient. In the morning Dr. Hamilton will inspect the two public school rooms in the high school.

Except when notified by the county court the health officer does not inspect the high school, as it is a county institution.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The freshmen chorus class met this morning and practiced the first time with the new song books, which have just arrived.

The class is making good headway and we feel that it will make one of the best singing classes the High School has had for years.

The Freshman chorus class met this morning as usual, and practiced from the new books.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Wirtz discussed with the boys the question of having a boys' glee club, and it was decided to meet again and arrange for the time of practice.

Saturday night the girls that were interested in a girls' literary society met at the home of Miss Myrtle Carter, and elected the different officers of the society.