

SUGGESTION IS MADE THAT A BETTER ONE BE FOUND

The Old Site Should Be Sold to Partly Meet the Cost of the New Building.

Since the decision was reached to build a new courthouse for Klamath county some business men have discussed the advisability of placing the new structure on the site now occupied by the old building. Their arguments are deserving the serious consideration of the county officials, for in them are many points of vital importance not only to the city but also the county. One man expressed himself as follows, requesting that his name be not used for fear he might be accused of opposing the erection of the new building, or some other equally unreasonable object:

"The placing of the courthouse in the center of the city would be a mistake that future generations would not thank us for. It has been my experience that where such a thing was done it had a tendency to localize the business district, with the result that the growth of the city suffered a severe handicap. If the new courthouse is erected on the Main street block it will only be a matter of time until it is surrounded by business blocks of more or less beauty, the frame thus created detracting materially from the artistic effect that naturally should be a part of a public building. It will give to that locality the appearance of a small country town, and have a tendency to depreciate property rather than enhance its value.

"Another bad effect it will have is the dividing of the business district of the city. Already this effect is apparent to too great an extent. Main street should have an unbroken line of business blocks from the bridge to the Hot Springs addition, and the time will come when this will be a possibility, provided some barrier, such as the courthouse would be, is not thrown across the path.

"It is my opinion, and that of several with whom I have discussed this question, that a site for the courthouse should be chosen on some of the heights of the city, where the building would show off to better advantage than it would if placed on the old site. This can be done now at a comparatively small outlay. Take the High School as an example. I am free to say that it would not have half the effect if it had been placed on lower ground. The same will be true of the courthouse.

"Another matter that should receive the consideration of the county is the amount of money that can be realized from the sale of the courthouse block. It is not necessary to sell it at once. It could be held for a couple of years, when its value will be great enough to go a long way towards paying for the cost of the new building. This money could be turned into the county treasury and in a measure reimburse the taxpayers for the expense incurred in building the new structure. I have never mentioned it to a person who, after looking at it in the same light that I see it, failed to agree with me."

The people of the Christian church met at the bath house Wednesday afternoon to attend to the ordinance of baptism. Three were baptized, and four more are to receive the rite Sunday immediately after the morning services. Mr. Sanderson's kindness in allowing the free use of the bath house whenever needed is very much appreciated by the church. Most excellent addresses are being given every evening at the tabernacle. Come and receive a hearty welcome and hear a very instructive sermon.

George Rounsville and his son from Nevada are busy building four houses in the Hot Springs addition across the railroad track, near J. D. Church's residence. They have an option on twenty-two lots, and are expecting to build on all of them, selling the houses on the installment plan.

The fact that the brick thrown at Premier Asquith at Glasgow, says the Minneapolis Journal, missed him by about thirty feet casts dark suspicion on the suffragettes.

DAIRY DEVELOPMENTS

The first snow of the season fell on the night of October 29th on the sides of the mountains surrounding the valley. And the valley itself was covered by an inch of the "beautiful" on the morning of the 30th. It is doubtful if any climate ever enjoyed a month of better weather than October has been here at an elevation of 4,100 feet. Give Klamath county the palm for fine weather.

Congressman Hawley has recently been visiting his constituents in this portion of the district, and made a pleasant personal impression. If he had voted in congress against the nabobs of New England it is doubtful if there would be any opposition to his renomination and re-election. Even as it is, his pleasing personality may overcome the opposition.

Jesse Drew had the premium wheat crop—for yield—in Yonna-valley, his three acres threshing out 128 bushels, or 42 2-5 bushels per acre. Emil Flackus had the next best yield—with 357 bushels off of nine acres, or 39 2-3 bushels per acre; but he claims that fully 100 bushels were blown into the straw stack by the steam blower. Be that as it may, the yield was not so bad for an off year on a dry hillside. Can the basin, with its irrigation, make a bigger showing?

No schools in the valley next week—because the teachers want to attend the annual institute.

John Jones has been improving his home lately, making his house more comfortable and slightly and building a stable on his homestead near Dairy.

Dave Shook recently sold some 260 head of fat cattle, the result of a year's growth from his herd. I have not heard exactly what he got for the bunch, but if I were to guess it would be about \$32 a head. Such a figure would bring him the neat sum of \$8,320. He also sold to other buyers 28 head of horses and mules, at an average price of \$150 each or more. These animals netted him some \$4,200 or over that. Dave is the most extensive ranchman in the valley—or we'd all be getting rich. But this aggregate of \$12,500 isn't all clear gain, for his help and board and the family expenses—which amounts to several thousand dollars—has to come out of this. On the other hand, that isn't all the earnings of the ranch, by a good figure; because he turns off a neat sum every year for surplus grain, hay, hogs and sometimes apples. Leastwise, it don't look to an outsider as if Mr. Shook was likely to fall—soon.

George Ritter is one of Yonna's successful farmers and cattle raisers. I am informed that he recently sent to market 54 head of fat cattle, netting him some \$1,500. Besides, his granaries are full to repletion of wheat, rye and oats. He knows how to economize and look after things.

Jacob. Rueck is another Yonnaite who is ahead some \$3,000 on the credit side of the ledger from his cattle raising this year, besides a big surplus of grain. Mr. Rueck puts most of his surplus earnings into bank stock.

George Smyth of the Mt. View ranch is erecting a large addition to his residence, which he finds necessary because of the great increase of freighting travel that comes his way. He wants to be able to house as many as 40 travelers if necessary. Prosperity is coming his way, too.

Wm. A. Flackus has taken a gang of helpers to lower Lost river, where he is building a bridge for the county.

Joe Kessel went to the Falls with a load of sheep pelts one day last week. Joe knows a thing or two about handling sheep for the market.

The Republican was wrong in stating last week that all of the shareholders of the Upper Project were present, either in person or by proxy, at the last meeting of the Water Users' association. Some 3,000 acres in Yonna valley were not represented at that meeting.

Misses Kittle Wells, the teacher, and Miss Elsie Oden, an Eighth grade graduate of last year, left Dairy Sunday to be in attendance at the Institute Monday morning. They helped to make up a jolly party on the stage to the Falls that afternoon.

BALDWIN BUILDING ADDITION TO A. O. U. W. BLOCK

May Transform His New Block Into Mammoth Hotel and Make It Best on the Coast

Work has been commenced on a fifty-foot addition to the A. O. U. W. block, the excavation for which has already been completed. Prior to his departure for San Francisco Judge Baldwin stated that he intended making this addition to his building, for the purpose of enlarging the store room formerly occupied by his hardware-store. When asked if this meant that he was to re-occupy the building and convert his four-story building into a modern hotel he refused to state what his plans were.

It is stated, however, on reliable authority that it is the intention of Mr. Baldwin to make a change of this character, provided he can secure the services of a first-class hotel man. His plans along this line are quite extensive, and if put into effect it will give to Klamath Falls a hostelry that will have no equal outside of the cities of Portland and San Francisco. These plans include the conversion of the present store room into a large office, surrounded by a balcony. The fixtures and furnishings will be the very best. An elevator will be put in and space provided for news and cigar stands, with the possibility of a drug store. Later, when the growth of the city will warrant it, an annex will be constructed on the hill in the rear of the building, and the roof of the present structure converted into a roof garden.

It requires no stretch of the imagination to see the advantageous position this building occupies for the carrying out of such a program. It would make it one of the most popular hotels on the coast, and would be certain to secure a patronage that would make it a success. One of the problems that has been confronting the city for some time is hotel accommodations. It has long been recognized that something must be done to provide for the future. The time is not far distant when Klamath Falls will be the mecca for thousands of tourists, and to meet their requirements will necessitate the erection of more than one hotel. If Judge Baldwin makes the change he will have made provision for the next year or two for the caring for the traveling public, and his hotel will be one much sought after by the tourist, whose first consideration is the securing of the best accommodations possible.

ROY BUTLER LEAVES HELP UNPAID AND RENT DUE

And Decides It Is Good Policy to Leave While His Shoes Are in Good Condition.

Sunday morning no little excitement was caused when Roy Butler turned up missing. Butler has been conducting an oyster and tamale parlor in the Central cafe, and when he found that he was losing, decided to leave his bills and the country after he had collected all the money he could. He not only neglected to pay the rent due, but failed to pay his hired help, and so there are a number of persons rather anxious to meet him again and settle their accounts.

Butler drifted in here about a month ago and arranged with J. V. Houston for the rent of the Central cafe, and as he had previously tended bar for Mr. Houston, he had little trouble. Over in Lakeview, Butler had tried the restaurant business, first behind Whorton's saloon, and afterward on the street he put up a stand which he named the "Blue Goose." As neither of the ventures were successful, he decided to try this city, and though he succeeded himself, there are others rather sorry he ever started in.

It had been his habit to get up about eleven o'clock and open the restaurant and so it was quite easy for him to get away on the morning train and have no one miss him until about noon. This he did. Sheriff Barnes phoned to hold him, but too late; he had already passed Weed, and was well on his way.

Just now the grocers and storekeepers are busy finding the answer to that old riddle, "Who's what?"

ENORMOUS YIELD OF GRAIN THIS YEAR

Railroad Facilities Make It Possible to Get a High Price for Cereals.

The phenomenal yield of grain in Klamath county this year has placed this section up among the grain-producing counties of the state. Estimates as to the number of bushels threshed vary, the most conservative placing it over the million mark. Martin Brothers, who are in a position to form a pretty close estimate, state that about 1,000,000 bushels will cover the amount raised.

"Klamath county has done itself proud this year," said Mr. Martin. "Few realized that there would be such an enormous production this year, and when reports began to come in few could credit them. It is my opinion, however, that 1,000,000 bushels is a conservative estimate, and even this is something of which the people of the county have reason to feel proud. The old cry that Klamath county is nothing but a stock country is effectually disproven by this record, and it may not be surprising that the near future will hear the statement made that it is nothing but a grain section. The price paid for wheat this year is a high one, everything considered. This is mainly due to the railroad. If the same amount of wheat had been produced before the railroad came it would be a drug on the market. Now, however, not only the wheat, but the manufactured product can be shipped out, and the time is not far distant when each will play an important part in the freight tonnage from this city."

Martin Brothers are buying quantities of wheat, as is also T. W. Stephens, whose purchases are for Sacramento people. Martin Brothers are shipping flour, and expect to find an outlet for all of the surplus of their mill this year.

The quality of Klamath county wheat is such as to make it very desirable for mixing with the softer varieties. This is particularly true of the dry land produce, which ranks high to the top of the hard varieties.

MILLS AND HICKSON SECURE AND OPTION FROM SANDERSON

Popular Aquatic Playground Passes Into New Hands, Consideration Being Cloes to \$20,000

Mayor F. H. Sanderson closed a deal Friday that involves the transfer of his natatorium to L. O. Mills and Ed Hickson, and involves a cash consideration in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The deal includes a lease for a term of fourteen months, with an option to buy at the expiration of that time.

The natatorium has been one of the popular pastimes of the men, women and children of the city, and has done much to spread the fame of the hot springs of the city. It was looked on as a dubious investment when Mr. Sanderson announced that he would erect the building, but the results justified his judgment, as it has proven one of the best investments in the city. It is the intention of Messrs. Mills and Hickson to maintain it on the same high plan it has occupied under the management of Mr. Sanderson, and it will doubtless prove a great attraction to an increasing number of devotees of swimming.

When asked as to what he intended to do, now that he was free from the business cares of the natatorium, Mr. Sanderson stated:

"I have made no definite plans for the future. I have nothing on hand at the present time, and am therefore free to devote all of my time to the duties of mayor. There are many important matters now before the council that will demand a great deal of the time of the members and myself and I intend to give all the time necessary to carry to a successful conclusion such business policies as may be decided on by the council."

New York.—That Mrs. E. H. Harriman intends to take an active part in the management of the vast estate left her by her husband is indicated by the fact that she has leased a suite of offices on Fifth avenue.

E. W. GILLETTE & CO.

"Won't you walk into my parlor?"
Said the Spider to the Fly.
"Tis the prettiest little parlor
That ever you did spy."

Of course it was a pretty little parlor, for that Spider was a wise one—wise beyond his generation—and had furnished his pretty little parlor at the store of E. W. Gillette & Co. (Mang Block, Sixth street), where he found that he could get everything that goes to make a home pretty and comfortable at prices that were easily within the means of a Spider that had to do his own drumming up of business. The fable goes on to relate that this particular pretty little parlor was so cozy and "comfy" that Mr. Fly could not resist the temptation to enter, with disastrous results to Mr. Fly, but to the entire satisfaction of the Spider.

The story goes to show that when you want to furnish a house—parlor and all other rooms—if you will hire yourself to E. W. Gillette & Co. you will find that you can furnish it, complete in the most comfortable and attractive manner, and make it so pleasing to the eye that an invitation into your "pretty little parlor" will be sure to be met with pleasure. Another thing about this house is that it doesn't take more to furnish the house than it does to build it. But you will find prices so reasonable that you will wonder why you didn't take advantage of it and have all those nice things long ago. Just drop in some day and get their prices on all house furnishings. You will be surprised. You will find that you can afford that easy rocker; that new carpet; one or two of those pretty rugs or art squares that you have wanted so long to brighten up some particular room. And get the prices on some of the other things that you think you can't afford at present; you'll find that they are not beyond reach after all, but that you can afford them now and not have to wait.

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Spratt Wells, the big cattle man of Bly, and his family and Miss Nellie Simpson have returned from Seattle. Since the 15th they have been visiting with friends and relatives in Ashland. They left for home Friday.

Portland.—The bank clearings here will exceed those of any other year by almost \$50,000,000. The record for the banner year of 1907 was \$250,932,432, while the total for 1909 will easily reach \$400,000,000.