

## TELEGRAPH WIRE HERE

### WESTERN UNION LINE HAS ARRIVED IN THIS CITY

### HANDLES COMPANY BUSINESS

#### District Superintendent Expected in a Few Days, When Location of Uptown Office Will Be Made.

But a few more days remain until Klamath Falls is on the telegraphic map. The Western Union wire has reached the city, and an office has been opened in the railroad freight warehouse, where messages pertaining to the company's business are being sent over the line. Whether commercial business will be handled before the uptown office is opened has not been announced, and no decision will be reached on that question before District Superintendent May again visits the city, which will be within the next few days.

It is not definitely known where the uptown office will be located, but it is semi-officially rumored that it will be in the same office with the Wells-Fargo Express company. Some have suggested that it be located in the room belonging to the Klamath County bank, located between that institution and the Klamath County Abstract company, but it is doubtful if the bank could spare it, as it is now used as a storeroom for its stationery and other printed matter. A number of other locations have been suggested, and these would undoubtedly receive the indorsement of the public. Superintendent May will settle the question when he arrives.

In the equipment of the office it is the intention of the Western Union to install the most modern instruments and appliances, as it anticipates that this city will be one of the best business centers in the state. It realizes that the future of Klamath Falls will justify an investment here far in excess of what the present population would warrant, although the business originating in this city will exceed that of any office of a similar size on the Coast.

### COURT NOTES

The jury in the case of the State vs. O. E. Anderson, charged with subornation of perjury, was completed Wednesday and the trial of the case began. The day was spent in hearing evidence for the prosecution. The principal witnesses for the state were Mack Williams, an Indian, and Clyde Martin.

Clay Cann, who was indicted with Jess Copeland and others on a criminal charge against Ethel Ward at Merrill, withdrew his plea of not guilty in the circuit court this afternoon and plead guilty to a charge of simple assault. In view of the fact that he was not one of the most guilty of the parties, and the further fact that a heavy fine would mean a heavy burden on his mother, who insisted on paying the same, Judge Noland imposed a light fine of \$150, after having administered a severe reprimand to the young man.

Joseph Hettlinger of Bonanza, who was indicted for violation of the local option law, was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. His case will be set for trial tomorrow.

Chappel Seamens, charged with gambling, and whose cash bail has been declared forfeited, appeared before the court Wednesday and entered a plea of not guilty. His case was set for trial Thursday.

John Woroch and Charles Woelk, both natives of Germany, were given naturalization papers in court Wednesday afternoon.

The masquerade ball which will be given at the Opera House New Year's eve is attracting great interest. This is the fourteenth annual ball given by Mr. Houston. Each year three prizes of \$10 each are given—one for the most original costume, one for the most comical, and the other for the best sustained.

L. C. Young and his brother, D. E. Young, were visitors in the city from their ranches near Wilson's bridge Saturday.

Condon is in need of houses, reports the "Times." Will Condon fine a man for putting up houses there?

### DAVIS' REPLY TO CHARGES

#### Secretary of the Interior Apparently Gives His Indorsement to Davis' Answer.

Following is the statement issued by Chief Engineer Davis in answer to the charges made before the United States senatorial committee on irrigation during its sessions here. The charges were published in a Chicago paper and were brought to the attention of Secretary Ballinger, who, in submitting Mr. Davis' answer, stated: "There are the facts. Facts are ample answer to any and all charges." "A Chicago paper in its issue of November 16 prints an article headed 'Graft Suspected by Senate Committee,' in which the correspondent makes statements that are calculated to reflect upon the business sagacity and official probity of the late Secretary Hitchcock, Director Charles D. Walcott and Supervising Engineer J. B. Lippincott, who were responsible for the acts called in question, and none of whom are now in the service or in possession of the official documents which would disprove these charges.

"While I have had nothing to do with the particular transactions in question, I am in position to give the facts shown by the records which entirely exonerate the reclamation service from the charges implied by the correspondent.

"The charges concern the purchase of lands for right of way, reservoir sites and water rights necessary to the construction of the project, and the contracts for purchases in question were all approved by the board of directors representing the water users, who are required to pay the cost of the works.

"All these negotiations were in progress for a long time. The particulars were a matter of public discussion at various meetings. They were outlined in a pamphlet issued by the directors, and the purchases were finally recommended by a board of engineers, consisting of Messrs Lippincott, Sanders, Wisner, Jacobs and Ensign, and approved by the officials of the water users' association before being approved by the secretary of the interior.

"This man, Abel Ady, afterwards made these charges and the supervising engineer, J. B. Lippincott, demanded an investigation. The accuser was called before the board of directors and questioned regarding his proofs. Whereupon, as shown by a copy of the minutes of the board, Mr. Ady stated that, 'so far as any fraud or intimidation or anything of the kind was concerned, my letters to the secretary of the interior were never intended to be so taken,' that he still maintained that 'the prices to be paid were beyond the real value of the property, but that such property was necessary to the project and that there was no graft connected therewith;' also 'that he would have been willing to have agreed to pay double the amount agreed upon for the canals, etc., to save a year's delay in the construction of the project.'

**Threats Not Made**  
"The statement that the settlers have been deterred repeatedly from pressing these various charges by the reclamation service engineers threatening to divert the funds needed for this project to other sources is absolutely false and without foundation.

"The large physical and financial difficulties which it was necessary to overcome in connection with the Klamath project were indeed a serious objection to its adoption, but the department was required to take up a project in Oregon by the provisions of section 9 of the reclamation act, which provides:

• • • To expand the major portion of the funds arising from the sale of public lands within each state and territory hereinbefore named for the benefit of arid and semi-arid lands within the limits of such state or territory.

"The provisions of this act have always hampered the service in obtaining favorable terms for undertaking any Oregon project, as the owners of the necessary rights of way always have the best legal advice, which is able to assure them that the government must take up work in Oregon under the terms of the act, and is therefore at a disadvantage in making favorable contracts and in selecting projects favorable for irrigation purposes.

"The specific purchases referred to are as follows:

"I. Damsite and reservoir site at

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## WILL CHANGE THE SCHEDULE

### S. P. WILL ARRANGE TO MEET TRAINS NOS. 14 AND 15

### IF ACCEPTABLE TO THIS CITY

#### Leaving Time of Train From Weed Will Be Changed to Five O'clock in the Afternoon.

It is now up to the people of Klamath Falls to decide whether they want change in the train schedule or not. The railroad company wired its local office this morning announcing that it is ready to make a change in the arrival of the passenger train on the California Northwestern so as to admit of a connection with one train on the north and one from the south provided the proposed schedule was acceptable to the people of Klamath Falls. The schedule suggested by the railroad company provides for the departure of the train from Weed at 5 p. m., arriving here at 9:30 p. m. This will allow of connection being made with trains Nos. 4 and 15, and do away with the necessity of the lay-over at Weed. Under the present schedule the train leaves Weed at 1:30 p. m., arriving here at 6 p. m.

This change is offered in response to the demand made by the Portland Commercial club and the Klamath Chamber of Commerce, and if these organizations approve of the proposed schedule it will remove the present cause of complaint.

Those of the business men who were seen this afternoon objected strenuously to the proposed change, giving as their reason that it would bring the passengers into the city from 9:30 to 12, as it recognized that during the winter it will be a difficult matter for the railroad company to keep up its schedule. These gentlemen expressed themselves as favoring the retention of the present schedule until next spring, at which time the change could be made without much inconvenience to the public.

All of them expressed themselves as favoring a change in the schedule of train No. 15, so as to make connections at Weed under the present schedule, but it is doubtful if the railroad company will go so far as to change the schedule of a through train to meet that of a branch.

Wm. McClure was in the city Tuesday from his ranch and said that the frost and snow had greatly improved the roads, though they were still very rough. Bill said that there had been a great change in this section in the 26 years he had been here. In the early days, of course, there were no fields, and one could drive from the city straight across country to the gap. Bill says there is no country like this, and though it looked pretty desolate the first few years he was here, now he is confident that it will rank as one of the greatest farming and ranching sections of the country.

D. B. Campbell left Saturday for St. Thomas, Canada, where he was called by the serious illness of his sister. He will be absent probably about two months in all.

The school library books are now ready for distribution, and may be had by calling at the office of the county school superintendent, J. G. Swan, at the courthouse.

August Buesing, formerly a clerk at Shive Bros' grocery, but now ranching near Merrill, was in the city Thursday and took a cow and some supplies back home with him.

At the meeting of the Woodmen of the World Tuesday night, twenty new members were admitted to the lodge. They will be initiated on the evening of the eighteenth.

Owing to the storms and the condition of the roads the local institute at Bonanza has been postponed until such time as the weather shall clear up.

Two Germans filed naturalization papers at the county clerk's office Wednesday, one John Woroch and the other Charles Woelk.

S. E. Icinbice, clerk of the Pine Grove school district, is in the city and reports that the new schoolhouse is rapidly approaching completion.

## WANT RATE REDUCTION

### BUSINESS MEN INTERESTED IN INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION

### SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE

#### If Contract Is Entered into With the Water Company, Rates Will Be Reduced.

The letter from R. M. Kelly, secretary of the Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau of Portland, which was read at the meeting of the city council Monday evening, copy of which was published in last evening's Herald, has aroused the keenest interest among the business men of the city. It is the consensus of opinion that all reasonable steps should be taken to bring about a reduction of the insurance rates in this city, since it is an admitted fact that they are away too high for the merchants to carry the amount of insurance their risks require.

As stated in a recent issue of this paper, the water company is willing to accept from the city the ordinance formerly signed by the mayor and which it at first refused. It would seem that all that was necessary to meet the demands of the insurance people is to pass this ordinance again and then put it up to the water company to accept or reject. While no official expression has been received from the mayor or members of the council as to what action will be taken should the ordinance be again submitted, the general tenor of their remarks would indicate that it will be acted on favorably.

The reduction of rates, which will amount to 23 per cent of the present rates charged, is sufficient to secure the earnest consideration of the city officials, as well as every property owner and business man within the district affected. It is recognized that if a fire of any size should occur it would entail an enormous loss, for there is not a building or stock of merchandise in the city carrying the amount of insurance necessary to offer at least a pittance of protection from loss. If, through the reduction of the rate of insurance, the business men are enabled to protect themselves within a reasonable limit without any additional outlay, then it becomes the duty of the city to furnish the means that will bring about this much-to-be desired condition. While this city has been very fortunate in the past, it offers no guaranty that such will be the case in the future, and the chances are too great to admit of any risk being taken.

Elmer Newton brought his daughter, Ruth, into the city Wednesday morning to have the arm she recently broke, treated by the doctor.

S. O. Johnson, president of the Hot Springs Development company, left Friday morning for San Francisco with his brother.

Mrs. H. L. Boggs, formerly a resident of this city, was in from the ranch on the Merrill road to do some of her Xmas shopping.

A team was organized at the meeting of the Woodmen of the World Tuesday evening, with Dr. Leonard in charge.

Mrs. Will Humphrey was in the city from the ranch on the Midland road Wednesday, making purchases at the local stores.

William A. Wright is planning to go to Southern California to spend the winter.

"Too much of a good thing," sighed the preacher's wife, as she filed her suit for divorce.

Mike Galarneau is hauling grain from his ranch with two four-horse teams.

C. N. Myers is in the city from his homestead on the Ft. Klamath road.

James Woslow of Merrill was in the city Tuesday transacting business.

J. T. Roberts was in the city from his ranch in the valley Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edsall of Bly are visitors in the city.

### HOT SPRINGS COMPANY STARTS ITS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

#### Sure to Be Productive of Much Benefit to the Entire Klamath Country.

The first step in the campaign that is going to make Klamath county known from coast to coast has been taken by the Hot Springs company, and is in the nature of a topographical map of the section lying between Mt. Shasta and Crater lake and between this city and Medford. It covers a territory approximately 150 miles long and nearly 100 miles wide. It is the work of Gibson Catlett, the scenic artist of Portland, and cost \$500.

The map was received Thursday, and has been on exhibition at the office of the company, where it has been viewed by a large number of people. It was taken to San Francisco on Friday morning by President S. O. Johnson, where it will be placed on exhibition. Several similar maps are to be made by Mr. Catlett, and these will be sent throughout the United States. Accompanying them will be a pamphlet on the Klamath country now being prepared by the Hot Springs company. This publication will be the finest ever issued by any company or city on the Coast.

The topographical map, which will be the leading feature in the publicity campaign, is remarkable for its detail and accuracy. Those familiar with the territory will have no difficulty in finding many points of interest prominently portrayed on the canvas. Farmers throughout the Pacific all have little difficulty in locating their ranches and most of the prominent buildings. It gives the homeseeker a comprehensive idea of the greatness of this section, at the same time carrying with it the impress that the future must hold in store for the Klamath country a development that means wealth for those taking advantage of the opportunities now offered.

In discussing the proposed advertising campaign to be conducted by his company, he said:

"We came to the conclusion some time ago that instead of doing so much talking, the thing most needed was to get this country before the investor and the homeseeker in a manner that would bring them here to investigate. Accordingly, we employed the best talent obtainable to prepare for use reading matter, maps and photographs of the Klamath country, and are now at work compiling this data into a pamphlet of which everyone here will have reason to feel proud. The one dominating factor in all of the work has been accuracy. Wherever figures are given they can be absolutely relied upon. The facts about this country are good enough, and no exaggeration is needed.

"This publicity plan of ours will take in all of the Klamath country, and one section will be benefited as well as another. I believe that it will result in bringing more people here during the coming summer than have ever been here before, and if Klamath county does not grow it will be the fault of the people here.

"We are willing to go ahead and do all of the heavy work. All we ask is that the people here put their shoulder to the wheel and tell the home-seeker and investor what a fine country this is. There should be no knocking, fault-finding or sectionalism. There will be ample opportunities for all if they only take advantage of them."

### ANOTHER NEW ENTERPRISE FOR THE CITY

Klamath Falls is gradually taking on the airs and graces of a sure-enough city. Now we are to have an exclusive wall paper and decorating firm open up a new store. Bamber & Pears, both experienced and capable painters and paperhangers, have recently stocked their new quarters with the very best and most economical line of goods on the market, from the 10-cent kitchen patterns to the finest of parlor decorations. They carry everything, and the mere fact that the various stores in the city have started specializing and capable men trained in each line are running the establishments is a further proof that this city is really going to be one of the cities of the Coast. Their new store is opposite the Baldwin building.

Wm. Tingley was in the city from his ranch near Midland.

## RICH LAND IN KLAMATH

### MASTEN WRITES A LETTER TO OREGONIAN ABOUT IT

### WATER AN AID TO FARMING

#### Came Here a Year Ago From Southern California—Well Pleased With the Prospects

In a letter to the Oregonian Mr. Masten, a Southern California man, who less than a year ago moved into Klamath county and started ranching, but a further proof that the settlers are pleased with the land and with care and attention may accomplish more in the way of record crops here than anywhere else.

The article as it appeared in the Oregonian discussing Mr. Masten's letter and the letter itself appear below:

The pleasant climate, beautiful natural surroundings, abundant and constant water supply, and the fertility of the soil on the Klamath project in Southern California and Southern Oregon are proving attractive to many farmers in other sections of these states, and a large influx of new settlers has begun.

In this connection it is especially interesting to read the experience of a former farmer from the Imperial valley of California, who took up his home on the Klamath project a little over a year ago. Mr. Masten's experience in Southern California, where irrigation is now practiced so successfully, was doubtless very valuable to him in his new home, but his success must be credited largely to the natural advantages and climate of the Klamath country. Mr. Masten says:

"During my residence of only one year in the Klamath valley we have raised grain, including oats, barley and wheat; also alfalfa. Having a spring of four montas in which to sow crops, the farmer has ample time with a small outfit to put in a large crop. We sow wheat in March, April and May, and our yields average 30 bushels per acre. Oats will make a sure crop if sown as late as July 1. Our average yields per acre this year are as follows: Wheat, 30 bushels; barley, 60 bushels, and oats 60 to 75 bushels. Our alfalfa yielded four tons to only two cuttings, thus making the labor on each very small in comparison to the yields. It sold for \$12 to \$15 per ton baled. Prices received for other crops are as follows: Wheat, 90 cents per bushel; oats, \$1.50, and barley, \$1.25 per hundred weight. The alfalfa yielded us a gross of \$60 per acre, and it is my experience that the labor required to farm Klamath land is about 10 per cent less than in the majority of farming districts of California and elsewhere, where the same crops are harvested. In this section the probable yield of these crops without water is a little less than half that on the irrigated farms. The market value of the ranch on which our crops are grown is \$70 per acre, and it is all under government ditch."

Mr. Masten expresses himself as being well pleased with his change of location and expects to do even better with his land next year.

### BAZAAR A BIG SUCCESS

The bazaar held Wednesday under the auspices of the Women's Guild of the Episcopal church was a success far beyond the fondest hopes of the ladies who have labored so unceasingly preparing articles for the affair. It was a high compliment to the character of the work that it was practically all purchased shortly after the doors were opened, and the regret was general that the supply was so limited. Nearly all those attending took advantage of the opportunity to partake of the tea or coffee and cake that was served. So successful was the affair that plans are already being considered for a greater scope for next year.

J. Frank Adams is in the city from his ranch near Merrill.

Eugene Spencer was in from his ranch at Wampus Friday.

Byron Jackson was down from Ft. Klamath Thursday.